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# PresbEnews

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## Rockhaven Summer Potluck and Vespers



All are invited to join the fellowship at Rockhaven on Sunday. The potluck will begin at 5:30 pm. Please bring a main dish, a side dish, salad or dessert. Come early to enjoy the peace and beauty of Rockhaven. This Sunday evening vespers services begin at 7 pm. with Jody McDevitt and Holly Aloise will be leading the service with this summer's theme, "The Water of Life." Rockhaven is a blessing for the church family, and for friends, too. Invite your friends to experience God's presence at the "thin place" we call Rockhaven.

Rockhaven is located at milepost 67 on Highway 191, on the way to Big Sky. Please come and enjoy the fun and fellowship.

## Presby Cats resumes next week

With the start of the fall semester at MSU, our Presby Cats collegiate ministry begins its regular weekly meetings on Sunday, August 27, right after the 10:30 worship service. Each week, lunch is provided by a church member, followed by a game and Bible study led by student leaders.

Earlier that week, Presby Cats will be at the annual Catapalooza extravaganza on campus enticing students to give us a try. On Saturday, August 26, our Presby Cats will be at Rockhaven in the afternoon for what we're calling PresbyCats-apalooza to get the group fired up for a great year.

Anyone who is interested in Presby Cats can contact Tanner Robison at 406-498-2751 or Dan at 406-223-2557. Also, check out the Presby Cats calendar of activities at our website: <https://fpcbozeman.org/ministries/>

Many thanks to the congregation for its ongoing support of this important ministry to college students and young adults.

If anyone would like to help out with the lunches for the Presby Cats please call Linda at the church at 586-9194.



## *Enhancing Our Conversation With God*

*"...fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."  
Isaiah 41: 10*

## Last Sunday at Rockhaven August 27

The last Sunday of our summer series at Rockhaven is coming up quickly—Sunday, August 27, 2017! Plan to join the all-ages celebration we call Rockhaven Rocks! Come when you can for these activities, fellowship, and worship.



### Free Professional Fly Casting Workshops, 3 – 5 pm

Bill Toone, a Master Certified Fly Casting Instructor, who regularly worships with us, has offered to teach 2 sessions on the Rockhaven hillside. The workshops will accommodate beginners-intermediates. Bring your own equipment, or use Bill's. This is an exceptional opportunity to learn from a pro, who teaches for Yellowstone Fly Fishing School. Session One will begin at 3 pm; session 2 at 4 pm. Up to 10 people can participate each hour, although those who start at 3 pm can continue to practice in the second hour. This is a casting-only, on-land workshop—no license required. If you plan to fish, be sure you have a Montana license. **Class size is limited, and signups are required** to ensure that the needed equipment is there. Indicate whether you will bring your own equipment or will need Bill to supply it for you. Reserve your spot in the church office: [linda@fpcozeman.org](mailto:linda@fpcozeman.org) or 586-9194.

### Dedication of Tree Fort and Low Ropes Course – 5 pm

See a demonstration of what happens on a low ropes course. Watch children climb, slide, and engage in fantasy play on the new tree fort. These amazing new structures were made possible by memorial gifts and donations. A dedication service will remember these special people: Melissa Barnes, Courtney Clark, Marian Cook, Pat Donehoo, Don Frye, Jr., Donna Mandeville, Harry McNeal, and Sally Stanke. Other contributions will also be acknowledged (not by name).



### Dinner with The Montana Brass – 5:30 pm

Bring a potluck dish—ice cream and toppings will be provided by the Rockhaven Operational Board! The Montana Brass is a quintet of trumpets, trombone, French horn, and tuba. Members live from Livingston to Ennis, and practice regularly in our church sanctuary. On Saturday, August 19, they will be playing “1900s Gas-Light Music” at the Torch Theatre in Virginia City. They will regale us with this repertoire as we enjoy dinner on the deck!

### Vespers with the Presby Cats and Riverside Singers – 7 pm in the Chapel

This year's Presby Cats will convene one before August 27, and they are sure to have enthusiastic plans to share as they lead our worship. Joining the celebration will be the Riverside Singers, our pick-up Rockhaven Choir. Jill Brauss ([jillbrauss@peoplepc.com](mailto:jillbrauss@peoplepc.com), 586-0476) is coordinating the music. The Singers will rehearse at 6:30 pm. Come share in the summer theme, The Water of Life!

## Help Wanted (Needed!)

Looking for a way to serve in the church? We are in need of help with Sunday School. Before you stop reading right here, you should know a couple of important things:

Our curriculum is very user friendly, and requires little planning, so it's EASY and FUN.

We only ask you to serve about once a month, so it's not too big of a commitment.

There is a ton of flexibility, ie you sing in the choir? we'll rearrange the anthem so that you can do both. Need to switch dates, we'll help you swap.

All that we're asking for is a willingness to serve the young people of our church. I can promise that they'll bless you greatly. If you have interest or questions, please call/text or email Brent Turner 406-600-8073 or [bettarcamping@gmail.com](mailto:bettarcamping@gmail.com).



## FIRST FRIDAY - September 8

### NOTE: THIS IS THE 2<sup>ND</sup> FRIDAY BECAUSE OF THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

Join us at 5:30 for a spaghetti dinner - movie – popcorn – and ice cream for dessert as we discuss the implications in our lives from a Christian viewpoint of the movie for the month, **The Zookeeper's Wife**. What is a hero? What influence do Christian values have in determining our actions? The author Diane Ackerman states, "We tend to think of heroes only in terms of violent combat...but human beings also perform radical acts of compassion...Antonina's story needs to be told, because it's a tale of the heroic compassion that so called 'ordinary people' rise to, in every era." This movie is from a historical non-fiction novel of events occurring during the Holocaust. The Zabinskis were recognized for their righteous acts and defiant acts in risking their lives to save hundreds of Jews.



The Presby Cats will be joining this evening so we should have a rousing multi generational discussion of the film.

If you will be bringing children, please call the church office to arrange for a sitter and allow us to provide appropriate movies for the younger set.

## Birthdays

8/16 Dick Fish	8/29 John Patterson
Sheryl Hallin	Cameron Poore
8/18 Jim Bratsky	8/30 Dick Lee
8/19 Bob Bradley	Maureen Poremba
8/22 Effie Frye	Austin Braun
8/27 Frances Frye	8/31 Robert Heath
8/28 Gigi Swenson	



## MERRY MUNCHERS OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH September 2017 - June 2018

It's time for the next round of Merry Munchers!! All adults are welcome, whether you are a church member, a friend of First Presbyterian, or visiting in the Gallatin Valley.

THIS IS A POTLUCK WHERE EVERYONE CONTRIBUTES.

HOST PROVIDES THE MAIN DISH.

You do not need to volunteer to be as host to participate.

Name(s)

**GUESTS:** CIRCLE BELOW the dates you will participate. Just sign up. We know this is a year schedule. If you need to drop at a later date, that can be accommodated.

SEPTEMBER 29 \* OCTOBER 27 \* NOVEMBER 17 \* DECEMBER 15

\*JANUARY 19 \* FEBRUARY 16 \* MARCH 16 \* APRIL 20

\* MAY 18 (ALL GROUP PICNIC AT 1 LOCATION)

**HOSTS:** The group meets at your house. The host provides the main dish while others bring side dishes.

**PLEASE VOLUNTEER FOR A DATE TO BE A HOST** (6 guests unless indicated):

\_\_\_\_ SEPTEMBER 29

\_\_\_\_ OCTOBER 27

\_\_\_\_ NOVEMBER 17

\_\_\_\_ DECEMBER 15

\_\_\_\_ JANUARY 19

\_\_\_\_ FEBRUARY 16

\_\_\_\_ MARCH 16

\_\_\_\_ APRIL 20

\_\_\_\_ MAY 18 ALL GROUP PICNIC. All participants will gather at one house. We need one host to volunteer for the **site and beverages**. Everyone else will bring the food.

PLEASE LEAVE THIS FORM IN THE OFFERING PLATE OR AT THE OFFICE.

QUESTIONS: CALL Sally Broughton 585-3544 or email at [hawgeemt@gmail.com](mailto:hawgeemt@gmail.com).

**DEADLINE FOR INCLUSION  
MONDAY, September 18, 2017**

## Holland-days...

by Dan Holland

Summer is a fleeting time in our neck of the woods. Although it may seem like it drags on and on when the valley is enveloped in smoke and kids are sitting around whining, “Mom, I’m bored,” summer always seems to slip by in the blink of an eye. Perhaps it is because we try to pack so much activity into a short span of weeks. Camping, fishing, hiking, gardening, vacationing, not to mention all of the different festivals within a half day’s drive all fill our schedules with fun stuff. It is the reason many of the more routine activities in our lives like choir practice, or committee meetings, or even the publication of this periodical go on reduced or dark schedules during that precious time between Memorial and Labor Days.

Sunday nights at Rockhaven certainly feel the effects of all this other activity. The attendance at Vespers ebbs and flows. Some weeks there are tons of people there while others find hardly anyone in attendance. The pot luck supper before the Vesper service also has its ups and downs. There are weeks when the serving table is set with so many choices of main dishes and sides that one needs to go back four times just to sample it all. Other times, like the Sunday before last, there wasn’t any animal based protein. Don’t get me wrong, I like desserts as much as the next person, but there is a reason they call it pot luck.

I point this out because on August 6<sup>th</sup> there were only fifteen people at the Vesper service and five of them were leading worship. Now Jesus assured us that when two or more are gathered in his name, he will be there in our midst. And on that night Jesus was treated to some phenomenal music. I would imagine many of you have heard Cheryl McNicholas and Joanna Ellison play together at church on Sunday mornings. On August 6<sup>th</sup> they made their Rockhaven debut and unveiled a new name for their collaborative effort, Bluegrass Blessings. Folks let me tell you, it was a magical evening as Bluegrass Blessings played two full length selections as well accompaniment to the closing hymn and a red hot postlude reprise. Although only ten people witnessed this earthshattering event, a bootleg video was secretly made and I am pleased to be able to provide you with a link. I’m sure this is illegal, but if you cut and paste this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/photos/share/RgkmlCGHMIFNfzu7YCo2m6Oatwb9HtrWpCicb65kZku> then you, too, will be able to witness this world premiere. If you are familiar with the Chapel at Rockhaven, then you will know that the angle from which the video was shot means the bootlegger could only be a certain unnamed pianist. I should also point out that the first song is an old Celtic folk song entitled *The Water is Wide*. The second song is an original one that Cheryl and I put together, the words to which appear below:

### **Good Lord Willin’ and the Creek Don’t Rise**

There’s an old, old bridge up in Bryant Gulch; it was built in thirty-nine.  
It moans and it groans when you drive across, only takes one car at a time.  
There’s a Godly woman lives past that bridge; she lives there all alone.  
She prays every day she drives across, and always makes it home.  
Each week I see her after church; I say hope to see you again.  
She just smiles a Godly smile; says I’ll tell you what my friend...  
I’ll be back, I’ll be back,  
I’ll be back, oh me, oh my.  
I’ll be back; don’t be surprised,  
good Lord willin’ and the creek don’t rise.

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by Dan Holland

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Well, that Godly woman each and every year leads the food drive in the fall  
She pleads for the needs of the community, but that ain't nearly all.  
She brings the baskets to the folks, and leaves each with a card.  
She stays and prays with the grateful souls, knows life gets awful hard.  
With thanks the folks receive their food; they say hope to see you again.  
She just smiles a Godly smile; says tell you what my friend...

*Refrain*

One spring it just snowed and snowed, then rained till the cows came home.  
The bridge moaned and groaned then plum gave out, left her all alone.  
So I piled supplies in my trusty old boat, and paddled up to her place.  
I stayed, we prayed till the creek came down; saved she was by grace.  
When I left to float back down that creek, she said hope to see you again.  
I just smiled her Godly smile, said tell you what my friend...

*Refrain*



### **Church Facebook page a source of up-to-date info!**

Even if you're not a Facebook member yourself, you can still access the church's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/fpcbozeman](http://www.facebook.com/fpcbozeman) to get in on regular breaking news. If you'd like to interact with the content and others on the page, click the "Like" button at the top of the page if you're a Facebook member. Facebook—just one more way for us to interact with today's world!