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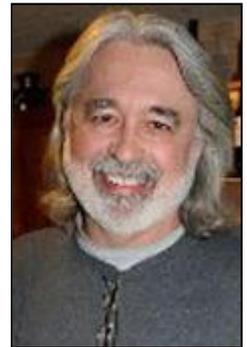


Co-Pastors' Corner... Often, summer is a "down" time for church life.

People go on vacations, as they should. Sunday school takes a summer break. The choir sits in the pews instead of the choir loft. Guest ministers fill the pulpit as ministers take vacation. The session rests. Church activity pauses, a "sabbath" in the calendar year.

One of the gifts of sabbath is the opportunity for rejuvenation, and this summer provided that for our church session. An idea voiced in the late spring, "What if we devote a season to exploring God's call?" took root in the session, and the Spirit nurtured this idea all summer long. When we kick off the fall on September 10 this year, we hope the entire congregation will be paying attention! For we are embarking on a "Year of Call," gathering all aspects of congregational life to examine, discover, and nurture the many ways God calls us.

On "Year of Call Kickoff Sunday," September 10, we will have a special guest speaker in the pulpit. Dr. David Henderson is assistant professor of educational leadership at Montana State University. He won't, however, be here to lecture us, but rather to invite us on a journey to examine our hearts, listen to our stories, and become the persons God is calling us to be. Dr. Henderson leads teachers in graduate programs to discover a more authentic, meaningful, and resilient life in which their inner life is aligned with their outer work in the world. His wisdom and expertise will help us begin our year's exploration. He is affiliated with the Center for Courage & Renewal founded by Parker Palmer, an organization which integrates education, community, leadership, spirituality, and social change.



Listening to Dr. Henderson will be just the start—you will be invited on your own discovery of call in your life this year. Please make an extra effort to be in worship on September 10 to inaugurate this special year!

Enhancing Our Conversation With God

"Prayer is the link that connects us with God. It is the bridge that spans every gulf and carries us safely over every chasm of danger or need."

Streams in the Desert by L. B. E. Cowman

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

On September 11 there will be a training session at our church in room 204 for anyone interested in becoming a Family Promise volunteer.



It will be from 6:30-8:30 and that is the only requirement prior to becoming a volunteer host. As an evening host you would have an opportunity to eat a meal and visit with the Family Promise guests. Food is provided by members of our congregation. The time frame for this hosting is 5:15- 8:30. Those who agree to be overnight hosts arrive at 8:30, sleep on comfortable air mattresses in a classroom, then leave by 7:30 the next morning. This happens to be the easiest hosting but the area where we need more volunteers. We host Family Promise 4-5 separate weeks a year and are fortunate to be partnered with the LDS Church whose members take responsibility for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of each of our hosting weeks.

Our church could not participate in this worthwhile community program without our faithful volunteers, but some people are no longer able to help or have moved to other congregations. Consequently, we are in need of more trained volunteers who can serve as hosts when it fits in their schedules.

Please consider signing up for this training on September 11 from 6:30-8:30. Call Judy Arkwright at 388-2347 for more information or to sign up for the training.

Willson Ave closed on Sunday, September 10

The Bozeman Marathon will take place on Sunday, September 10, and since Willson Ave. is part of the course, it will be closed throughout the morning. To facilitate traffic, there will be police officers at Babcock Ave., Olive St., and Kagy Blvd. who will help those in cars safely get where they want to go. Please allow extra time getting to church on this day. Thank you!

OMBUD: *The person who will listen to your suggestions, concerns, complaints and compliments.*

This quarter our OMBUD from the session is Tom McMakin, he will be happy to answer your questions and listen to what you have to say. You can speak with him personally or contact him by phone (587-1708) or email tcmakin@profitableideas.com. He will follow-up with Session.

2 Corinthians 9:7

“Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

Thank you for giving your time, talents, and financial contributions.
Without your generous support we could not do all the great things we do to Glorify God.
Below is a table showing our financial status as of the end of July 2017

July Income	\$44,943	Year to Date Income	\$292,105
July Expenses	\$60,124	Year to Date Expenses	\$332,891
July Balance	-\$15,181	Year to Date Balance	-\$30,786



Welcome Sunday is September 10

All ages are invited to get together in the Fellowship Hall between the two worship services to kick off the start of the fall.

Come for:

FOOD – provided by the Kids and Families Committee, a light breakfast

FUN – a mixer game for all generations

LEARNING – Find out about what happened in our summer ministries, as well as what's planned for the fall.

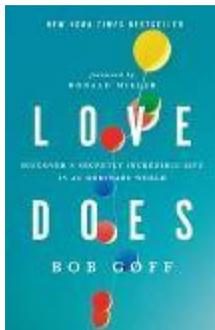
The party will be held from 9:15 – 10:15 am. Please come!

Back to (Sunday) School Party!

Please join us for a cook out in Lindley Park after the late service on September 10th. Lunch will be provided, we just need you and your Sunday schoolers. Please RSVP to Brent at bettarcamping@gmail.com or 406-600-8073.

Like to Read?

The kids and family committee would like to extend an invitation to come downstairs to read the Bible story for the Sunday school lesson to the children. If you'd like to be added to the sign up list, talk to or email Brent at bettarcamping@gmail.com.



Youth Learn that Love Does

Youth Sunday school will be held this fall from 9:30 – 10:15 in the South Tower Room, led by co-pastor Jody McDevitt. Each week, there will be food, a game, and a learning activity around the themes of the book *Love Does* by Bob Goff. This bestselling book was recommended by a member of last year's Confirmation Class who said, "This book showed me what it means to be a Christian, that it's much more than just going to church!" Youth from grade 6 and up are invited to participate.

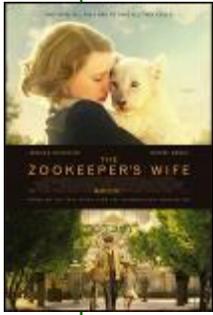
Cardboard Box City is September 23

The annual fund raiser for Family Promise takes place in Bogert Park, where people sleeping in cardboard boxes will play, learn, and serve together in solidarity with those who are homeless in our community. This year there will be even more emphasis on learning about what causes homelessness, even more fun for all ages, and an opportunity to serve families in Family Promise.



Those wishing to join the Cardboard Box City can register at www.familypromisegv.org/events/cardboard-box-city.

Those wishing to sponsor others can do so by staying alert to further announcements, or contacting the church office.



FIRST FRIDAY - September 8

NOTE: THIS IS THE 2ND 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 Zookeepers 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.

Presby Cats are up and running again

With the start of the new academic year at MSU on August 28, our Presby Cats collegiate ministry is back in full swing. We began with a Saturday afternoon at Rockhaven on the high ropes course and a good meal together. On Sunday, August 27, the group had its first regular weekly gathering. We were pleased to welcome 4 new students to our fellowship. Our Presby Cats leadership team is working hard to get the word out across campus about our ministry in order to welcome others as well.



Now that our students are back in town, our Rent-a-Cat fund raising project is back in full swing. The spring break mission trip this year is to Miami, Florida. Please consider this for the odd jobs you have as well as for airport transportation, or anything else where a helping hand is needed. Tanner Robison is once again coordinating Rent-a-Cat, so give him a call at 406-498-2751, or email him at tanner.h.robison@gmail.com.



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, i.e. 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.

What Presbyterian Women Around in Our Church



Some have asked who are Presbyterian Women (PW) and what do they do? Here are some things we do. We understand that scripture asks us to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world. As such, Presbyterian Women provides information about justice and peace and ministry to inform mission and community-building work.

We nurture our Faith through Bible study and prayer. We support the mission of the church in special, caring ways. We work for Justice and Peace by being God's hands in the world. As disciples of Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit we are committed to nurturing and building community in our circles and churches

throughout the world. PW provides an atmosphere that promotes personal growth and develops women's gifts of responsible and visionary leadership.

WOW you say, that is a lot. Yes, but a lot gets done by many and it all starts by our meeting together in small circles! Maybe you could join us for Bible study and find out more about Presbyterian Women. Our circles will be meeting at the following times.

Campus Circle meets generally on the first Monday of the month at 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., for a light supper and Bible study using the *Horizons* Bible study. Additional meeting times are scheduled throughout the school year for a book study. The books are selected by circle members. Interested women should contact Debby Haynes at 406-581-0925.

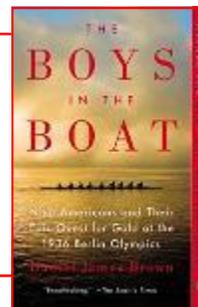
Circle A meets in members' homes at 9:30 a.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of every month during the school year and uses the *Horizons* Bible Study also. Please call Suzanne Bratsky at 406-539-0211 if you are interested.

The Bible Study we will use this year is called a "Cloud of Witnesses, The Community of Christ in Hebrews", by Melissa Bane Sevier. It focuses on Hebrews' emphasis throughout the book that *Jesus, the Christ, is the basis of all our faith and action, individually and as a faith community.*

Presbyterian Women have just opened up a new web page. Please visit us at www.presbyterianwomen.org Contact Suzanne with any questions you may have.

Women's Morning Book Group September 7

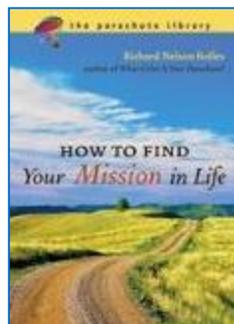
The Women's Book Group will be reading *The Boys in the Boat*, the story of nine Americans and their quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. Please join us on September 7 at 7:30 a.m. in room 204 for good discussion, coffee and a delicious treat.



Birthdays this Month

- 9/2 Linda Best
Tom McMakin
- 9/3 Mark Williams
Laina Hall
- 9/5 Diana Johnson
Helen Bissell
- 9/7 Lee Cook
Rosemary Lee
- 9/8 Karen Kempt
- 9/12 Katherine Martindale
- 9/13 Susan Gibb
Diane Thompson
- 9/14 Kathy Braun
- 9/16 Sally Broughton
Josephine Milburn
- 9/17 Rachel Turner
- 9/18 Kay Newman
- 9/21 Carol Wilson
- 9/22 John Tamminga
- 9/23 Jodi Kleinhans
- 9/24 Sydney Kolwyck
- 9/25 Katie Anderson
- 9/26 Richard Giddings
- 9/29 Holly Aloise

Have you read *How to Find Your Mission in Life*?



Copies of this little book are starting to circulate in the congregation. It's like a chain letter, only friendlier! Ask a session member if you can read their copy, and then after reading, pass it along to another church member.

This short "classic" will be a starting place for our year-long focus on "Call." Get into the conversation!

Food Bank Sunday, September 3



The Gallatin Valley Food Bank is always in need of non-perishable and non-expired items. Bring good items to either church service on Sunday and leave in the basket in the narthex or

bring to the front of the sanctuary.

During the week they can be brought to the church office. For information go to gallatinvalleyfoodbank.com

Giving to First Presbyterian Church

In addition to traditional methods, First Presbyterian Church offers the option of making financial contributions to the church electronically via the web or by texting. Contributions via the web can be made from the online giving link on the church's website, www.fpcbozeman.org or by scanning this QR code with your Smartphone. To give by text, simply text the amount of your gift and any designation to **406-278-6267**. Thank you!





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.

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



Interfaith Forum Resumes September 6

“Holy Tweet?” Today’s communication practices surely must be having an impact on religious practices. Come hear the interfaith panel discuss what they see, and what this means for our faith and our world. The Interfaith Forum began more than ten years ago, and has grown every year since its founding. Regular panelists are Jody McDevitt, Rabbi Ed Stafman (Congregation Beth Shalom), Father Leo Proxell (Holy Rosary Catholic Church) and Ruhul or Shadmani Amin (Islamic Center of Bozeman). Each month additional panelists are added to the table, representing Bozeman’s diverse religious community. A diverse audience listens, poses questions, and offers insights into the question of the day. The forum is held on the first Wednesdays of the month at 12 noon, at Beth Shalom, 2010 W. Koch St. A brochure listing the year’s topics is available at the church in the Babcock narthex.

Love INC partner churches needs your support!

In order to provide better help to our neighbors in need within their own neighborhoods, two additional Personal Care Pantries are opening September 14: one in Belgrade and one in Manhattan. Please prayerfully consider donating personal care items to support our neighbors in need through the ministry of the three Personal Care Pantries. For questions please call 587-6395 or email general@loveincgc.org.

Care products needed:

- PAPER PRODUCTS: toilet paper, tissues, paper towels
- DISH: dish soap
- SOAP: hand soap, bath soap, shampoo, conditioner
- LAUNDRY: laundry detergent
- BABY: bath wash, lotion, wipes, diapers, pull-ups, diaper rash ointment
- LOTION: hand/body lotion
- DENTAL: toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss
- MISC: band-aids, lip balm, deodorant, razors, feminine products, incontinence products

WEBS Fall Session 2017



Fall and winter study of Paul’s letter to the Romans

Suggested Book: *For Everyone Bible Study Guides: Romans* by N.T. Wright

Optional Book: *Paul For Everyone: Romans, Part 1 & Romans, Part 2* by N. T. Wright

Study facilitated by Rev. Valerie Webster with guest Gallatin Valley clergy

FALL: September 11 - November 13, 2017 WINTER: January 8 - February 26, 2018

Mondays from 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (light refreshments at 9:20 AM)

Location: First Presbyterian Church

Sign-up with **WEBS Administrator** Nancy Hopkins nancyhopkins14@yahoo.com or (406) 581-0271

WEBS Pastor Facilitator Rev. Valerie Webster vwebster587@gmail.com (406) 579-3980

* Books available at Bozeman United Methodist Church for \$7.00.

Holland-days...

(by Dan Holland)

Longing for a world filled with peace and reconciliation, I gaze into the mirror and stumble upon the realization I am the one to blame. Me. The center of my very own universe — or at the very least the center of my own solar system around which all of my thoughts and actions rotate. The visage staring back at me in the mirror seems nonplussed at this revelation. The old, familiar face neither laughs nor cries. It just is.

Obviously there are a lot of me's out there. The world longed for peace and reconciliation before I became an official member and I assume it will continue doing so after I escape its gravitational pull. But just because someone jumps off the Brooklyn Bridge doesn't mean I have the moral justification to follow suit. And so it is that those mirror eyes cut a laser hole in the part of me I can't see in my reflection. My soul.

Very truly I say unto myself, this is the day for change. Today is the day of reckoning. But I also know I've had this pep talk before, and despite having read the story of Peter's denial a thousand times in the past, I always manage to stab my Master in the back within minutes of being reminded. It is disheartening to be so confident of my own predictable shortcomings. What can I do? And then a still, small voice responds. The answer does not come from the other side of the mirror. The voice is close yet it is far away and it tells me this: What I can do is what I can do.

Each new day dawns with an opportunity to do what I can do. Will this be the day when I no longer stand idly by as a longtime friend casually drops the n-word into a conversation? Will this be the day when I respond by being something other than uncomfortable when I am told a racist joke? Will this be the day when a shrug of my shoulders is no longer an appropriate response to a news report I hear of calamity striking a half a world away? Or a half a country away? Or a half a county away? Will this be the day?



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 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!



Rockhaven Chapel

First Presbyterian Church



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September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Food Bank Sunday 8:30 am Worship 10:30 Worship 11:45 Presby Cats	4 Labor Day Holiday Office Closed	5 7pm Boy Scouts	6 7 pm Choir @ Reiley's	7 7am Men's Bible Study 7:30 Women's Morning Book Group 7pm Deacons	8 5:30 pm First Friday	9
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