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## Congregational meeting called for Sunday, September 17

The session has called a special meeting of the congregation to be held in the sanctuary on Sunday, September 17, immediately following the 10:30 service. The nominating committee will be presenting a slate of nominees for election as deacons.

### Deacons send aid to Seeley Lake

In the midst of a long and widespread fire season, our church's Board of Deacons felt called at its September 7 meeting to respond. "How can we help? Where is help most needed?"

Within a day, we had an answer. The community of Seeley Lake has been filled with smoke, often hazardous, for most of the last 7 weeks. With emergency shelter and food provided by agencies such as the Red Cross and Montana Food Bank Network, Mountain Lakes Presbyterian Church in Seeley Lake has been working with local health agencies and the senior center to provide HEPA air filters to the most vulnerable in the community who could not otherwise afford them. Elderly persons, infants, young children, and those with heart and/or respiratory conditions are being identified and provided with air filters by the church.

The Deacons authorized \$1000 from the Emergency Assistance budget to be sent to the church for this mission.



Pastor Carrie Benton sent this note of appreciation:

*Dear Mr. Sacklin,*

*Thank you for this amazing gift! What an incredible blessing to this outreach ministry for our community. We look forward to sharing with you how this gift will improve the quality of life for the most vulnerable populations in our community. May you be blessed, as you are indeed a blessing to many.*

*~Pastor Carrie Benton*

It is indeed a blessing to be part of a connectional church, to share God's compassion, and to be faithful stewards of the gifts we have received.

### *Enhancing Our Conversation With God*

*"The man who can wait God's time, knowing that God edits his prayer in wisdom and affection, will always discover that God never comes to man's aid one minute too soon or too late."*

*L. B. E. Cowman, Springs in the Valley*



### **Wanted: Sunday Drivers**

The Deacons currently offer rides for people who want to attend church services and other activities, but are no longer driving or simply do not wish to drive when conditions are snowy or icy. Occasionally no Deacons are available. If you are willing to be a backup driver, please contact Deacon Mary Hektner at 406-223-3252 (cell) or [john\\_mary@q.com](mailto:john_mary@q.com). Thank you.

### **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](mailto:bettarcamping@gmail.com).



### *Birthdays this week*

- 9/13 *Susan Gibb*  
*Diane Thompson*
- 9/16 *Sally Broughton*  
*Josephine Milburn*
- 9/17 *Rachel Turner*
- 9/18 *Kay Newman*

### **Adult Sunday School class begins this Sunday**

On September 17 a presentation and report by the summer adult mission trip to the Ft. Peck Reservation. The class meets in the church library from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.



## 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**

## Kids and Family News

### 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](mailto:bettarcamping@gmail.com).

### **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](http://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.

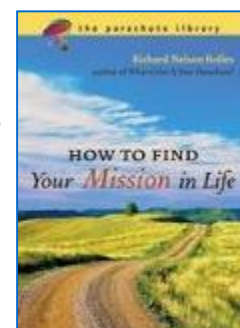
### Presby Cats are up and running again

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](mailto:tanner.h.robison@gmail.com).

### 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!



## Holland-days...

by Dan Holland

God of relief,

Choked by smoke and with problems of our own we watch as disaster piles upon disaster. We feel helpless and hopeless as we watch images of lives lost and lives disrupted by forces we are powerless to stop.

But we can help. We can hope. We do have power.

The same technology that brings those images to our fingertips allows us to provide assistance where it is critically needed. We may not be boots on the ground, but boots cost money and that is something we do have. Even texting ten bucks can help. Ten bucks buys a lot of bottled water, which can mean everything to someone who is deluged with water without a drop of it to drink. And our money can buy food. The Houston Food Bank is dispensing a million pounds of food a day. A million pounds. Of food. A day.

Hope requires no technology. It is hardwired into our souls, but it does require some effort. We must come before your throne, dear Lord, and ask. We kneel in your presence and lift up someone we don't know in Galveston, or Key West, or Oaxaca, or St. Martin and plead that help will find them. It is our hope that there will be an intersection between the despair they are feeling and the relief our help is meant to provide.

The forces of nature possess a power beyond our comprehension, yet you instill in us, sweet Lord, the power to respond. This power is represented in the army of utility workers mobilized across the entire continent and headed down to restore electricity in the southeast. This power is demonstrated when a football player in Texas raises thirty million dollars in a week. This power is flexed when warships are transformed into instruments of relief.

You are faithful, dear God. You hear our prayers. You hear all of our prayers, and even as our hearts are drawn so far away, we know that rain is coming to our region. Thank you.

Amen

### 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](http://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!*

