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## Cardboard Box City September 23-24

Sleep in a box outside to raise funds for Family Promise? Some fearless Presbyterians have made this commitment!

Family Promise provides shelter and opportunities for homeless families. Our church is a host congregation, providing a home for up to 3 families for a week at a time, 4 times per year. These families receive help addressing the causes of their homelessness while they work to improve their situations and get a fresh start.

The Cardboard Box City is this weekend, September 23-24, at Bogert Park. Participants will have a much more enjoyable evening than most homeless people do. There will be food, entertainment, and an opportunity to learn about homelessness by playing "The Game of Life." The pavilion will provide shelter, and the cardboard box homes will likely have warm sleeping bags, pillows, and even sleeping pads.

These people will be participating:

Brent and Rachel Turner, Delia, Jolene, & Arden

Dan Berg, Danielle & Dayna

Martha Aloise

Jody McDevitt

You can show your support by donating to Family Promise of Gallatin Valley. Contact one of those participating, or the church office, to make your pledge.



## Adult Sunday School features report of Patterson's Middle East Trip

This coming Sunday, September 24, during the adult Sunday school class, John and Judy Patterson will be sharing reflections on and photos of their recent trip to Jordan, Israel and Palestine. Their experiences are helpful and illuminating as we seek to better understand this important part of the world. The class meets in the church library from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.

## *Enhancing Our Conversation With God*

*"Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us."*

*Psalms 62:8*

### Membership information gathering on September 30

On Saturday, September 30, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., an information session will be held in the church fellowship hall for anyone who is interested in learning more about First Presbyterian Church. During that morning, we will share more details about our church's history, current mission priorities, commitments and programs, as well as our connection to the larger Christian community. There will be plenty of opportunity for questions and conversation. We'll wrap up our time together with a light lunch together. If after participating in this session any are interested in formalizing their membership in First Presbyterian Church, we'll share the steps taken to that end. Please contact Linda at the church office at 586-9194 or [linda@fpcbozeman.org](mailto:linda@fpcbozeman.org) to sign up for this opportunity.

### CROP WALK October 15

The Gallatin Valley CROP Hunger Walk (a 10 k walk) will be held, rain or shine, Sunday, October 15, at 1:30 p.m., beginning at the Food Bank (602 Bond St.). Donations given to walkers will help to alleviate hunger at home and abroad. 25% of funds raised will support the Gallatin Valley Food Bank and the Community Cafe. The rest will go to Church World Service to be used where needed. This year it is possible for donors to make a digital walk. To set up online fundraising to reach your friends register at: [crophungerwalk.org/](http://crophungerwalk.org/). For more information about the relief work of CWS see their website at: [www.churchworldservice.org](http://www.churchworldservice.org). Contact Judy Mathre at [mathre@q.com](mailto:mathre@q.com) if you have questions.



### Summer mission trip presentation now available on YouTube

The presentation last Sunday to the adult Sunday school class by the summer adult mission trip to Fort Kipp, Montana, is now available on the church's new YouTube Channel, "First Presbyterian Church – Bozeman." The direct link is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=veDE3fXGVrY&t=352s>

### Missed last week

9/14 Kathy Braun

### Birthdays this week

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



### 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.

## A Year of Call

By now we hope you're aware of our church year theme of Call. But what does that mean for each of us personally.....? Well, have you ever asked yourself what's the meaning of my life and work? Are you searching for your purpose in life? Do you feel pulled between work, family and other commitments? Are you wondering where God might be leading you next?

You can join others in the congregation in exploring these questions and more with our upcoming course 'Called to Life.' In October and November there will be four different times during the week when this 8-hour course will be offered. Prayerfully consider completing the registration form and emailing or mailing it back to the church office. We're accepting registrations through the end of September. If you have questions, contact John Patterson, 587-9722.

### 'CALLED TO LIFE' COURSE REGISTRATION



Our 8-hour course, 'Called to Life' will be offered in Oct-Nov 2017, at four different times.

*Child care will be provided as needed.*

You may sign-up on our Facebook page at:  
[facebook.com/fpcbozeman](https://www.facebook.com/fpcbozeman) (click on events)

Please designate which Option you would like to attend:

\_\_\_\_\_ Option 1 – Sunday mornings, 9:30-10:15, October 1-November 19.  
Led by Kelly Meredith, Lloyd Mandeville & David Driscoll

\_\_\_\_\_ Option 2 – Sunday afternoons, 12:15-2:15, October 8-29, lunch provided. Led by Tom McMakin and Brent Turner

\_\_\_\_\_ Option 3 – Monday evenings, 5:30-7:30, October 2-23, supper provided. At Hayne's home, 306 N. Hanley Ave., Bozeman.  
Led by Debby Haynes & Alison Todd

\_\_\_\_\_ Option 4 – Thursday mornings, 9:00-11:00, October 5-26.  
Led by John Patterson & Jenny Beard

Name:

Address:

Phone #:

Receive texts? Y N

Email:

Child care needed? Y N Children's ages:

For fillable registration form go to right side of PDF and click on Fill & Sign

Then email to [linda@fpcbozeman.org](mailto:linda@fpcbozeman.org)

## FIRST FRIDAY - October 6

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, **LION**, a *biographical film which is based on the non-fiction book, A LONG WAY HOME*. Dev Patel, Rooney Mara, David Wenham, and Nicole Kidman star in this film which ends with captions about the real Saroo's return to India in February 2012 . Saroo, a five-year-old Indian boy, gets lost on the streets of Calcutta, thousands of kilometers from home. He survives many challenges before being adopted by a couple in Australia. Twenty-five years later, he sets out to find his lost family. It is a story of hope and courage, love and kindness. The film received 6 Oscar nominations .



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.

## Dr. David Henderson's address now available on YouTube

On Sunday, September 10, Dr. David Henderson was our special speaker as part of our *Year of Call* kick off. You can now see and hear his address on YouTube. It can be viewed at this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SWoJ6iCiX-8&t=29s> or by searching for "First Presbyterian Church – Bozeman, Dr. David Henderson" on YouTube. Many thanks to Tessa Kier, one of our Presby Cats, for donating her time and equipment to make this high quality video.



## Presby Cats fall retreat had a touch of winter!

Eleven students and Pastor Dan enjoyed an overnight retreat at Rockhaven last weekend. The group arrived Friday evening in a snowstorm. Fortunately, the snow was not enough to stop the group from having a great time together. In addition to the study time led by Pastor Dan using the "Called to Life" materials, the group also helped out the camp by more widely distributing the wood chips under the new tree house and low ropes course. On Saturday afternoon, the group did the zipline, which definitely was zippier in the cool, wet weather.

## Holland-days...

by Dan Holland

God of seasons,

Oh how sweet it feels to once again have raindrops falling on our shoulders. How glorious it is to lift our faces to heaven and taste the moisture descend upon our tongues. How comforting it is to finally feel a chill in the air, air that is no longer choked with particulates.

Oh Lord, you are gracious and just. We are grateful for this change in weather. Our applause mirrors the sound of rain falling on our roofs. And though we know the days will become shorter and colder, we also know it is the trade-off for being able to see the snow-capped peaks surrounding our valley.

Truly you have smiled on us, benevolent God, and we burst with thanksgiving. Yet we also know there are places in our region not as fortunate as us. So we ask you, Lord, to spread the rainfall into the Dakotas, eastern Wyoming, the northwest corner of our own state. May all the drought plagued areas of the west experience the relief we have felt. May they, too, splash in the puddles of manna sent from the skies.

Gracious God, it has been said that all politics are local, yet we cannot forget our sisters and brothers far away in the Caribbean as they brace for another onslaught. We pray with all of our strength that the season of hurricanes will dissipate. We lift up those in harm's way and fervently hope they will be spared.

Amen



### **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!