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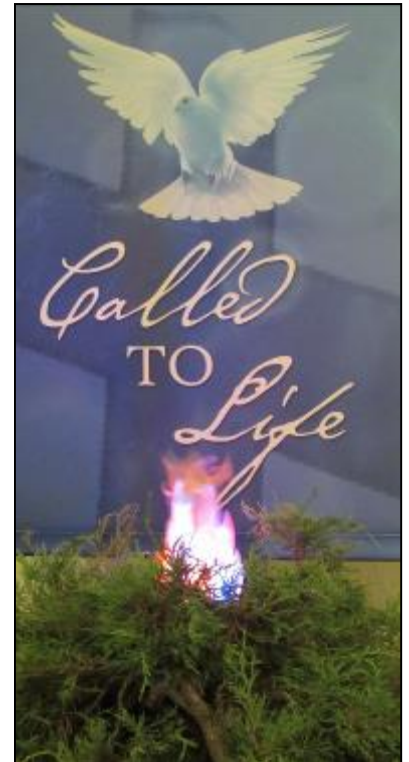


Co-Pastors' Corner... Over the last 3 weeks, our *Year of Call*

emphasis has taken off in a big way. We were blessed to have Dr. David Henderson in our pulpit on September 10 when he gave us much to think about and ponder as we embark on this adventure. If you missed Dr. Henderson's presentation, you can see and hear it on our new YouTube channel, "First Presbyterian Church – Bozeman." Also that day, our new "Called by God" and "Called to Life" banners were unveiled as was our very own burning bush, all to remind us that God is actively calling us today.

The next Sunday, September 17, was the world premiere of a new hymn response written by our very own Maren Haynes Marchesini. "Heed the call, oh people, to boldly follow God today, and show unto this world the promise: Love is on the way!" We'll be singing it regularly in worship this year as a way of declaring our commitment to follow. If you haven't yet heard this lovely piece, you can hear (and see) the choir singing it on our church's Facebook page.

The first of the next 2 steps in our *Year of Call* is the "Called to Life" courses which are being taught at various times and places over the next several weeks. There's still time to sign up if you haven't already done so. Please call Linda in the church office, 586-9194, right away so that you don't miss out.



The other next step is our annual financial stewardship campaign that begins next week as well. The theme of the campaign is "Called to Commitment." Of the various ways that we live out our calling, this call to financial stewardship enables the church here and around the world to facilitate the many other calls we have to follow where Jesus leads us.

We hope that you will join us as we together continue on this journey to discover, or rediscover, where God is calling each of us.

Enhancing Our Conversation With God

" Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His presence continually! Remember the wondrous works that He has done" *Psalm 105: 4, 5a*

" The Lord is righteous in all His ways and kind in all His works. The Lord is near to all who call on Him in truth". *Psalm 145: 17, 18*

Session Notes August 31

The Session convened on August 31 with the main discussion revolving around the "Year of Call" programming that is being undertaken by Session. Pastor Jody brought a first draft of a pamphlet that will outline the themes, the activities, and the special speakers who will address the idea of Call through this coming year. The Session envisions Call as relating to individuals and to the church as a whole. The main activity this Fall will involve having classes offered to congregants to learn more about God's Call. The first set of classes will be offered during adult Sunday School, from 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. each Sunday beginning October 1. This series will span eight weeks. The second set of classes will occur on Sunday afternoons from 12:15 -2:15 with lunch provided, beginning October 8. The third set of classes will be on Monday evenings, beginning October 2, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Haynes residence. The final set of classes will be Thursday mornings beginning October 5 from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. at the church. Each of these sets of classes, spanning about eight hours of instruction, will cover the same material. Congregants may choose to attend one set of classes, or if schedules require, they can mix it up and attend the first two hours at one time and location, and then choose a different time and location for the second two hours of instruction. The sign-up sheets will be offered through the Sunday bulletins, online, or by calling the church office. Session members are very excited to have church members become filled with the Holy Spirit as they learn about their Call to life and to Christ, no matter what their age!

Submitted by
Deborah Haynes, Elder

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

This quarter our OMBUD from the session is Debby Haynes she will be happy to answer your questions and listen to what you have to say. You can speak with her personally or contact her by phone (581-0925) or email deborahc.haynes@gmail.com She 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 August 2017

August Income	\$35,443	Year to Date Income	\$327,548
August Expenses	\$48,361	Year to Date Expenses	\$371,036
August Balance	\$-12,918	Year to Date Balance	\$-43,488

2018 Stewardship

As Richard Bolles says, "...your first mission on this earth is to try to stand hour by hour in the conscious presence of God, the one from whom your Mission is derived." This is indeed a mission we have, alone and together, as the Body of Christ. As such, we will likely be drawn, as Christians, to sharing our resources beyond our own families.

I remember feeling the call to adopt children some 16 years ago. The impulse was to think that life was pretty good, so why bother with extending our family to include children who had not had such advantages? However, there was no doubt in my mind that the children of the world who did not have things so good were in situations they didn't create. Why would we not have some responsibility to share our good fortune? Our good fortune was only because of God's grace.

So it is with contributing to stewardship in our church. We are called to stand hour by hour in the conscious presence of God, and it is our collective mission to support the work of God through our church. We are merely returning a portion of that which God gives us through God's grace. By giving to the church through stewardship, we join together to do God's work in ways that individually, we cannot do. This call to share through stewardship is an important part of the work we Christians do to stand in the conscious presence of God.

Elder Debby Haynes

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.

Welcome to Carsen and McKayla!



Carsen Smith

Two new nursery attendants/child care workers were recently added to our church staff.

Carsen Smith is a second year student at MSU, majoring in hospitality. She is from Great Falls, where she is a member of First Presbyterian Church. Carsen loves kids and has done a lot of babysitting.

McKayla Murphy is a senior at MSU studying business. She also has done a lot of babysitting, and has volunteered for a creative arts day camp held at her Presbyterian Church in Minnetonka, MN. Two members of our session already knew



McKayla Murphy

McKayla (Jenny Beard and Tom McMakin), because she has worked for them in the last couple of years.

We are blessed that Suzanne Galinac, our nursery director, continues to provide child care for young children on Sunday mornings. Kori Robbins, who is now a grad student at MSU, also faithfully serves this role. With the addition of these new staff members, we have more flexibility in providing child care for church events. They will be available for the Called to Life classes, and other events that are scheduled.

Please extend a welcome to Carsen and McKayla, and a thank you to Suzanne and Kori.



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. Church World Service is at work in over 35 countries including the U.S. See Judy Mathre (587-8666) or mathre@q.com for more information, or to pick up a sponsor envelope. **The following people are looking for sponsors: Don Mathre, Joanne Jennings, Suzanne Bratsky, Madelyn Montgomery and Holly Aloise.** For more information about the relief work of CWS see their website at: www.churchworldservice.org.

Eye Glasses, Hearing-aids and cell phone Drop Off

Drop off your prescription and non-prescription eye glasses and dark glasses as well as hearing aids and cell phones in the Bozeman Lions Club collection box across from the bulletin board as you enter the fellowship hall at the east entrance. For more information contact Richard Reiley at 388-7840 or <http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/bozemanmt>.

Birthdays this Month

10/2 Alice Bandy
10/3 Debby Haynes
10/4 Lyndsey Babcock
10/5 Jim Casey
 Cinclair May
 Laurie Hinck
10/7 Bob Hickman
10/10 Kay Smith
 Dayna Berg
10/11 Mike McCormick
10/12 Doris Krebill
10/13 Rodney Aloise
10/14 Marj Williams
10/15 Sherry Bergland
 Kay May
 Carolyn Williams
10/16 Paige Driscoll
10/17 Darlene Haller
 Jim Thompson
10/19 Milt Negus
10/21 Ilene Casey
 Teagan Erwin
10/22 Judy Patterson
 Delialah Berg
10/25 Paul Krebill
10/26 Randy Larimer
10/27 Dan Krebill
10/28 Justin Hickert
 Lloyd Mandeville
10/30 Judy Gregg



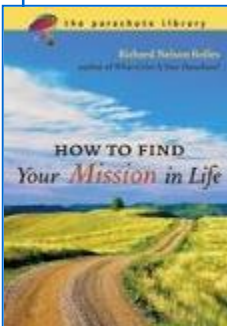
Food Bank Sunday, October 1

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

How to Find Your Mission in Life



Have you read it yet?

Have you signed the bookplate on the title page?

Have you passed it along to someone else in the congregation?

The session is hoping that Richard Bolles' little book, *How to Find Your Mission in Life*, will help us all to be thinking about "call." The

bookplates are designed to help us measure our success. If you haven't read the book yet, ask around. If you have, then pass it on!

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!*



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 to sign up for this opportunity.



Paul and Doris Krebill

Paul Krebill is turning 90!

Please join Paul and his family for an open house on Saturday, October 21, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm. in the church fellowship hall when we'll be celebrating this special birthday and his 90 years of life.

Mainly Music Memorial Concert

On Sunday, October 22 at 3pm. Mainly Music will feature our Memorial Concert honoring those members of our congregation who have passed away during this last year. Music offerings will feature selections from several of their memorial services. Musicians include Alison Todd, Matthew O'Sullivan, Russell Milburn, FPC Worship Choir and First Bells Choir, Larry Growney, Jay Pontius-Backman, and others.





Interfaith Forum October 4

The Protestant Reformation and Interfaith Relations. After 500 years, how are we all doing. 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.

Love INC partner churches needs your support!

FPC partners with 40+ churches in Gallatin County through Love INC (In the Name of Christ) to support our neighbors in need. Demand is especially high this fall for help with personal cares items. Our church has pledged to help with toilet paper, but any of the following items are in dire need of resupply:

- toilet paper, tissues, paper towels
- dish soap
- hand soap, bath soap, shampoo, conditioner
- laundry detergent
- bath wash, lotion, wipes, diapers, pull-ups, diaper rash ointment
- hand/body lotion
- toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss
- band-aids, lip balm, deodorant, razors, feminine products, incontinence products

Salvation Army needs our Help to Help Community Café closing for October 3-17

The Community Cafe will be closed from October 3 - 17, for renovations. That leaves 50 - 80 people going hungry each night. The Salvation Army has stepped up and will be feeding folks for free from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall at 32 S. Rouse, (intersection of Rouse and Babcock) during the closure.

Needed are people, churches or organizations to volunteer to cook, serve and clean up each night. Please volunteer once, several times, or every single day! Please call Kelly Murdock-Billy, Program Manager at the Salvation Army Social Services office, 406-586-5813, or email her at kbilly1@gmail.com if you can help.

If you can't help with Bozeman's immediate needs, they have several upcoming programs where you can certainly be put to use, Coat Drive, Breakfast Program (November 1 - March 31) Thanksgiving Meal Delivery for Shut-ins, Thanksgiving Dinner, Angel Tree, Adopt-A-Family and Christmas Food Boxes. Thank you so much!!

Kelly Murdock-Billy
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The Salvation Army
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Holland-days...

(by Dan Holland)

It is now officially autumn, yet as we luxuriate in our smoke-free skies I can't help but think back to this past summer. Well over a million acres of public and private land burned in Montana and for weeks on end nearly the entire state was blanketed in depressing, if not choking, haze. There are still about a thousand firefighters on the job in the state, but for the most part they are beginning the mop-up phase of their work (although warmer, drier weather may make that a bit tenuous.)

Yes, it was a summer to remember, but there is one innocuous, unrelated thing that has been stuck in my craw. During a Sunday morning worship service back in late July or early August the Psalm of the day came from the 145th chapter. I have reprinted it here:

*The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
The Lord is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.
The Lord upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.
The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.
You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living thing.
The Lord is just in all his ways,
and kind in all his dealings.
The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.
He fulfills the desire of all who fear him;
he also hears their cry, and saves them.
The Lord watches over all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.
My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,
and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.*

This is a beautiful passage, and the thing that initially struck me and has lodged itself in my conscience was the use of the word *all*. This word appears twelve times in these ten verses, and I believe the Psalmist uses it intentionally. It is an inclusive, encompassing word.

There is another word in these verses which appears only twice, the word *call*. In this context the direction of the call is from humans towards God. This year throughout the church we are exploring a call of the opposite direction, from God to us. We will see that God calls each of us. *All* of us. God's call is inclusive and encompassing. May our hearts be open to this call and open to exploring what it means for our lives.



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!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Food Bank Sunday 8:30 am Worship 9:30 Called to Life 10:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School 11:45 Presby Cats 12:15 Called to Life	2 5:30 pm Called to Life	3 7 pm First Bells 7 pm Boy Scouts	4 7 pm Choir	5 7am Men's Bible Study 7:30am Women's Morning Book Group 9 am Called to Life 7pm Deacons	6 5:30pm First Friday	7 11am-1 pm Paul Krebill 90th Birthday Reception
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