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Rabbi Ed Stafman is guest preacher

On Sunday, November 12, Rabbi Ed Stafman of Congregation Beth Shalom will be our guest preacher at both the 8:30 and 10:30 services. Rabbi Ed was invited to speak as part of our "Year of Call" emphasis. His topic will be "Called to Community," helping us understand how the Bible's story shows us God in relationship with the people of Israel, and how important it is to live our faith in community with others.



Rabbi Ed has an interesting life story. He was a trial lawyer in Tallahassee, Florida, whose work included the defense of many persons on death row. Married to Beth Lee, a church organist and daughter of a Presbyterian minister, he identified as a secular Jew for many years. Then he began discovering the Jewish mystical traditions, and his own spirituality was awakened. He began graduate studies in the religion of western antiquity, and completed the coursework for a PhD. He also began an 8-year course of study to be a rabbi. He was ordained in the ALEPH Rabbinic program, part of the Jewish Renewal movement. He moved to Bozeman in 2008 to be rabbi at Beth Shalom.

Rabbi Ed and Beth are parents of two grown children. Beth is now the pianist for the Intermountain Opera Chorus and other organizations, as well as a nationally known calligrapher and book artist.

Enhancing Our Conversation With God

"When we pray in the name of Jesus, we come to God on the basis of Jesus' accomplishment." Guideposts, 2017

"Since we have a great high priest [Jesus] over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith." Hebrews 10:21-22



FIRST FRIDAY - November 10

ALERT --- ALERT

Date change because of Presbytery meeting in our church

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, **WHAT ABOUT BOB?** It is time for us to enjoy a “howlingly funny” “outrageously wild comedy” starring Bill Murray and Richard Dreyfus. Bob is a troubled but lovable therapy patient who fears everything. Bob follows the good doctor to his vacation retreat and becomes the houseguest who just won’t leave endearing himself to the other family members while driving the stressed out shrink absolutely crazy. We will find some serious threads for discussion, but mainly our purpose is just good fun.

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.

Operation Christmas Child—All can help!



For more than 20 years, our congregation has assembled gift boxes for children around the world. Each shoebox-sized box contains practical items such as a toothbrush, washcloth, bar of soap, comb, and school supplies. A small item of clothing or two, and a small toy or two make the box a treasure chest for the child who receives it. A few years ago, one of our Presby Cats who came from Kyrgyzstan showed us the beanie baby she received as a child, and told us how special a sparkly pencil made her feel. When we send a box to an unknown child, we never know the impact the gift might make.

Here are some ways to help:

1. Pick up a box and instructions from the back of the sanctuary and fill it, then return to the church **by November 12.**
2. Bid on an item in the silent auction which is set up in the entry to the Fellowship Hall. This provides funds for year-round purchase for filling many boxes. Or make a contribution to his fund.
3. Contact Joy Ames (586-1854) to help set up the assembly line on **Saturday, November 11.** Volunteer to help children fill boxes during Sunday school on **Sunday, November 12.** Contact Brent Turner, bettarcamping@gmail.com.
4. Children, assemble boxes during Sunday school on **Sunday, November 12.** Youth, assemble boxes following worship on the same day.
5. Contact Joy Ames to help deliver cartons of boxes to Grace Bible Church during collection week, **November 13.**

Many thanks to Joy Ames for organizing this ministry for many years!

Send a Holiday
Wreath to
friends/ family
out of town!



PRESBY CATS are selling CHRISTMAS WREATHS!

The Christmas season is just around the corner! Help us reach our fundraising goal so we can go on our Spring Break Mission Trip to Miami, Florida! We will be selling Christmas Wreaths and Holiday décor now through November 12, 2017. Support your local collegiate group and do some holiday shopping at the same time! Contact a Presby Cat near you for more information! You can also contact Presby Cat Amy Desjardins at amydesjardins@yahoo.com or at 541-815-1608.





The Presbytery of Yellowstone Seeks Stated Clerk

A salaried, quarter-time position
Some travel required (reimbursed)
3-year renewable term, beginning February 2018
Geography includes southern and eastern 2/3 of Montana, with the presbytery office in Bozeman
Desired attributes: servant leader, self-starter, proactive communicator, organized, accountable, technologically literate, mission-focused, and faith-driven
Must be a PC(USA) Ruling Elder or Minister of the Word and Sacrament
Responsibilities include record keeping, meeting coordination, election administration, clergy and congregational polity support and interpretation, general communication and administration

Application is available at www.yellowstonepcusa.org.

Applications will be received until December 15, 2017.

For more information contact Jody McDevitt, jody@fpccozeaman.org

Birthdays this week

11/7 *Dave Arkwright*

Andrew Driscoll

11/8 *Gary Shanafelt*

11/10 *Julie Cunningham*

11/11 *Bob Staffanson*

11/13 *Jim Babcock*

2017 Crop Hunger Walk

The 2017 Crop Hunger Walk was a success this year thanks to those of you who walked and those who sponsored the walkers. It was a beautiful day, and a total of \$17,206 was raised, with \$1,873 from First Presbyterian Church. Three fourths of the funds raised go to Church World Service which provides relief to victims of disaster both here and abroad. One fourth is returned to local hunger relief agencies which this year include the Gallatin Valley Food Bank, Headwaters Area Food Bank, and the Community Cafe.



Items needed for Soft Landing Missoula

As Christians, it is impossible to ignore the suffering of so many refugees worldwide, fleeing from war, persecution and natural disasters. Horrors we can only imagine. We are reminded daily of our many blessings. This past year Missoula has opened their hearts and doors to more than 100 refugees from four countries and have committed to accepting more than 100 per year in the future. This is a tremendous undertaking and the sponsoring organization, Soft Landing Missoula, has requested help. The Gallatin Refugee Connections is hoping that our church, as well as others, may be willing to help. Will you please consider donating one of the following kits, or the items to complete one? You can also partner with friends or any other organizations you know who may be willing to help.

The following are needed:

Cleaning Kit

- Laundry basket
- Broom and dust pan
- Pack of sponges
- Toilet brush and scrub brush
- All purpose kitchen cleanser
- All purpose bathroom cleanser
- Laundry detergent
- Light bulbs
- Dish soap & dishwasher detergent
- Trash bags (13 gallon)
- Paper towels

Plastic tubs will be provided. They are also in need of hats, gloves, warm socks, coats and snow suits. Items may be brought to the church office by November 14. To learn more about the Missoula organization, Google Soft Landing Missoula. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Rote at 219-3154. Thank you.

Holland-days...

by Dan Holland

I missed the Harvest Dinner on Sunday. I heard it was well attended and that Sally Broughton and her crew put on a wonderful spread like always. Besides missing out on all the delectables, I also missed out on the chance to show my appreciation for our pastors. Luckily I have this blank space at my disposal and a word or two for filler, which I hope aligns with your way of thinking about how fortunate we are to have Jody McDevitt and Dan Krebill as our co-pastors.

Thanks-for-Giving

Huzzah,
again we say huzzah.
For the nurturing, the encouraging,
the fostering, the cultivating,
the pastoring.

Ministers they are — but not just
of the Word and Sacrament —
they are also ministers of the giving.
They give of themselves in order to
show us how to give of ourselves.

But the giving didn't start with them,
no, the giving first came from above,
from the one we follow, from the three
we follow, known by many names —
names above all others.
Life, grace, love.

This giving from above showers us
with gifts. It fills us with callings. And they
help us unwrap our gifts; they help us
discern our call. Then like patient gardeners
they tend to us as we sprout and grow
and ultimately bloom where we are planted,
so that we, too, become ministers
of the giving.

Yet they will humbly say,
we only opened your eyes to the truth,
and it is the truth that has set you free.



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!