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Presby Cats leading worship this coming Sunday

Among other activities this fall, our Presby Cats collegiate group has been studying the relationship of faith and science as well as a focus on God's creation. This coming Sunday, November 19, our students will be sharing some of what has been learned as they lead both the 8:30 and 10:30 worship services. Please plan to join in worship that day in order to see our students in action.



Presby Cats wreath sale a success

Many thanks to all those who placed orders for Christmas wreaths as part of our Presby Cats fall fund raiser. Over \$700 in profits has resulted to support our spring break mission trip to Miami, Florida. Wreaths will be delivered the week of December 4-8. Because wreaths are ordered by the case, there will be a few selected wreaths for us to sell when they arrive. So if you didn't get a chance to order a wreath or spray, please contact Amy Desjardins at 541-815-1608 to find out what wreaths will still be available.

Enhancing Our Conversation With God

"How vital, then, that we pray, armed with the knowledge that God is in heaven. Look up at the heavens and see what God has done, and watch how your prayers are energized."

God Is With You Every Day by Max Lucado



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@fpczoeman.org

In Memoriam of Cleo Jones February 11, 1919 - November 8, 2017

Cleo became a member of First Presbyterian Church in 1956 and was active through the years especially in Presbyterian Women. Our prayers go out to her son Paul and other family members. A memorial service for Cleo will be held in the spring.

Birthdays this week

11/15 Diane Stone

11/16 Bill Gould

11/17 Beth Sinnema

Katja Milburn

Rabbi Ed Stafman delivers November 12 sermon on Called to Community

Last Sunday, as part of our Year of Call emphasis, Rabbi Ed Stafman delivered the sermon entitled, "Called to Community," reminding us of our call to connections both vertically with our Creator as well as horizontally with our fellow companions on the faith journey. If you missed it, or would like to hear it again, it's on our "First Presbyterian Church – Bozeman" YouTube Channel. You can access it directly at https://youtu.be/deiRy_YXpmA

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!





Community Thanksgiving Service

St. James Episcopal Church will host the annual Bozeman Community Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday, November 22 at 5:30 p.m. Led by clergy and faith leaders from downtown Bozeman and Congregation Beth Shalom, this service is an annual tradition. Child care will be provided. All are invited.

Deacons Distributing Thanksgiving Baskets



Thanksgiving is once again upon us and the Deacons will be distributing food baskets to needy families in the Gallatin valley on Friday, November 17. Please help in this important church project. Cash donations are also needed to defray the cost of the turkeys. Please make checks out to First Presbyterian Church, memo Thanksgiving basket project. Thanks for your continued support of this most worthy project.

Please call Mike Roser at 580-5818.

Service of Hope December 3

Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service is hosting its annual *Service of Hope*, Sunday, December 3, at 2 p.m. for those wishing to set aside a time to remember a loved one. The service will include a message of encouragement, candle lighting, and a memorial slide show. The service is free and all are welcome. For info please call 587-3184.

To include a photo of your loved one please send by Tuesday, November 28 to info@dokkennelson.com or drop it off at 113 S. Willson.

CROP Walk raises \$17,206

Walkers representing First Presbyterian Church raised \$1873 at this year's CROP Walk in October! Thanks go to ten walkers: Sally Broughton, Trish Garnick, Joanne Jennings, Don Mathre, Celia Wood, Barbara French, Nancy Bast, Holly Aloise, Madelyn Montgomery, and Nita Vaughn. In addition, Kay Newman served as crossing guard, and Presby Cats Maddie Moxness, Kori Robbins, Matt Muehleman, and James Schultz also assisted. Judy Mathre was the organizer of the CROP Walk once again.



One-fourth of the total will be returned to local agencies who help needy people. This year, the local share is divided between the Gallatin Valley Food Bank, Headwaters Area Food Bank in Three Forks, and the Community Café (now rebranded as the Fork and Spoon Café). The remaining 3/4ths will go to Church World Service, the ecumenical agency which works globally, responding to hunger, poverty, displacement, and disaster. CROP Walks are part of a nationwide movement, and in 2016, 120,000 people walked in approximately 100 walks, raising \$10 million for those in need.



Looking for that special Christmas Gift

Visit presbyteriangifts.org for some amazing suggestions for Christmas gifts. The Giving Catalog put out by the Presbyterian Mission is also available in the Babcock entrance.

“Grace and Gratitude: As Presbyterian we are a people rooted in the grace of Jesus Christ. It is our gratitude for God’s grace that moves us to join in God’s mission in the world, with ministries of love and justice, reconciliation and peace. Generous gifts to the Presbyterian Giving Catalog are signs of our gratitude: feeding the hungry, comforting the brokenhearted, and sharing our faith with young and old. By joining our gifts together, however large or small, we expand our witness to God’s gracious and abundant work in the world.” —Giving Catalog

Holland-days...

by Dan Holland

Winter has been with us for the last two weeks. I don't know about you, but I wasn't ready for it. Granted, the temperatures have moderated considerably since last week and the snow is starting to melt. Still, the psychological hurdle of dealing with an extra month of winter can be tough.

When I talk to people in other parts of the country and complain about having to shovel a foot and a half of snow already, they have a tendency to shrug and say sarcastically, "I thought climate change was supposed to be happening."

This week represents the 25th anniversary of the issuance of the *World Scientists' Warning to Humanity*. It was a declaration issued in 1992 by the Union of Concerned Scientists composed of more than 1,700 scientists and including a majority of the living Nobel laureates in the sciences. Their warning specified how humanity was pushing the Earth's ecosystems beyond their capacities to support the web of life. Not surprisingly, their dire declaration was pooh-poohed by many people with a vested interest in maintaining the status quo.

To commemorate the anniversary, these same scientists — now 15,000 in number — have doubled down on their warning by issuing a second notice to humanity. Some of the numbers included in their manifesto are shocking. In the past twenty-five years the human population of Earth has increased by two billion, a thirty-five percent change. Meanwhile all other species have decreased by thirty percent. Greenhouse gases have nearly doubled during this timeframe which has led to a fifty percent increase in dead zones throughout the world. Deforestation and freshwater resources are both on significant downward trends, while the worldwide average temperature continues to increase (despite what we see outside our windows here in the Gallatin Valley.)

This *Second Notice* is a discouraging read. But there is hope. About the only positive news I could find in the warning was that the hole in the ozone layer has dramatically decreased during the past twenty-five years. This is primarily a result of positive human action: we stopped releasing fluorocarbons into the atmosphere. There are also other signs of positive human interaction. Extreme poverty and hunger have been reduced, and in some regions of the world investment in the education of girls has led to a decrease in the fertility rate. We can make a difference, but we have to take action.

The creation story in Genesis tells us that God gave humanity dominion over all the creatures of the earth. We must always remember, however, the caveat posted in Psalm 24:

*The earth is the Lord's,
and the fullness thereof.*



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!