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*Happy
Thanksgiving*

*May Everyone have a
wonderful and very
thankful Thanksgiving*



Community Thanksgiving Service

St. James Episcopal Church will host the annual Bozeman Community Thanksgiving Service this evening 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.

"...be filled with the Holy Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, GIVING THANKS always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.... Ephesians 5: 18b-20

"Called to God's Story" Advent Event

How to get Advent off to a great start—come to the Advent event on Sunday, December 3 and consider how we are **Called to God's Story!**

4:00 pm — Characters from the first Christmas story will lead children of all ages, telling the story of their call and teaching a hands-on activity

5:00 pm — Children will watch an excerpt from "A Charlie Brown Christmas" while the fellowship hall is prepared for supper

5:15 pm — Supper provided for all ages

6:00 pm — "Lighting the Way to Christmas," an annual service of music and story.



This year, the theme will be "Finding Yourself in God's Story," with contemporary persons living the calls experienced by Elizabeth, John, Mary, and Joseph.

This is an intergenerational event, which means that there is something for all ages. If you are a senior, come and be blessed by spending time with children, youth and their parents. If you are a child, come and be blessed by activities designed to help you understand the Christmas story. If you are in-between, come and be blessed by being part of a church family. All are welcome!

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.

Christmas at Rockhaven

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 16, starting at 5 pm. We'll be gathering in the Rockhaven Chapel for our annual "Christmas at Rockhaven" service, followed by a chili dinner in the dining hall.

Think Rockhaven in winter:

- snow on Sheep Rock
- the warmth of a wood stove
- the magic of a crackling fire
- the wonder of singing carols and hearing the story of Christmas
the joy of being together.

Come, and bring a friend to this special time, a respite in a busy season.



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@fpcbozeman.org

A special meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday, December 3, immediately following the 10:30 worship service in the sanctuary for the purpose of hearing the report of the nominating committee regarding the election of a ruling elder.

Birthdays this week

11/24 Dick Rote

Deana Berg

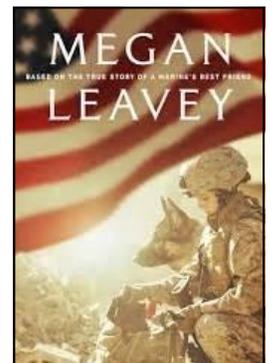
11/25 Betty Knutson

11/27 Kurt Heim

11/28 Larry Ames

FIRST FRIDAY - DECEMBER 1

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, *MEGAN LEAVEY*. The movie is based on the true life story of a young Marine Corporal whose unique discipline and bond with her military combat dog saved many lives during their deployment in Iraq. When she is assigned to clean up the K9 unit after a disciplinary hearing, Leavey identifies with a particularly aggressive dog, Rex, and is given the chance to train him. Over the course of their service, Megan and Rex completed more than 100 missions until an IED explosion injures them, putting their fate in jeopardy.



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.

Holland-days...

by Dan Holland

A wise man told me earlier this week, “This Thursday is Thanksgiving Day, an opportunity for us to praise God and Give Thanks - not that we need a holiday to do those things.” Sadly it seems I often times do need a holiday to comply with this enjoinder, but I guess one day a year is better than no days to tell God the things for which I am thankful.

I am thankful for the Presby Cats. This wonderful ministry never ceases to amaze. Like a college football coach, Dan Krebill lost a number of key seniors to graduation last spring, but he and his leadership team hit the recruiting trail and brought in some five-star recruits. Those of us witnessing Presby Cat Sunday last week were treated to an awesome display of the vitality and love flowing from this disparate group of collegians.

And speaking of football, I am thankful for the Cat-Griz game. Oh sure it’s always fun to gather around friends for a big rivalry game, but of equal importance is the food drive that has been a part of the competition for the last several years. Hundreds of thousands of pounds of food are collected for the respective Food Banks in a game where everyone wins.

And speaking of food, I am thankful for our Board of Deacons. These selfless, hard-working folks have been delivering food baskets to the doorsteps of those less fortunate for as long as anyone can remember. They are an extraordinary example of servant leadership in our community.

And speaking of community, I am thankful for ours. This valley is home to an unprecedented number of not-for-profit and non-governmental organizations many of which have social justice as their *raison d’être*. These groups adopt an attitude to help those less fortunate, to love their neighbors, and this attitude permeates the community even outside the walls of our sanctuaries.

And speaking of love, I am thankful for you, Lord. And I praise your holy name. As we stand on the cusp of the Advent season, may we all rise on tiptoes in anticipation as we commemorate receiving the greatest gift.



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!