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Piety Sunday, January 21



Piety Sunday is this Sunday between the two services and until the pie runs out after second service in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to make a pie, call Rachel Minter at 586-6537 or email at RNMinter@bresnan.net. Peoples' baking skills are fresh from Christmas baking, and their New Year's resolution to lose weight will be ended by January 21! So be sure and join us for some delicious pie.

Rent-a-Cat

The Presby Cats Rent-a-Cat program will once again be in full swing. Please call us for odd jobs, rides to the airport, or whatever else you need help with. Our students will be happy to help out in any way in exchange for a donation to our spring break mission trip fund.

Contact Tanner Robison at tanner.h.robison@gmail.com or call or text him at 406-498-2751.

Eight of us will be traveling to Miami, Florida over spring break to work with a number of local agencies serving needy populations. Also our Presby Cats will be taking orders for Elliotts of Montana frozen cookie dough again this year.

Thanks for your support of Presby Cats!

Enhancing Our Conversation With God

"Through prayer we have access to God at any moment, and God knows what we need before we even ask." Bill Crowder - *Our Daily Bread*

"Prayer is the voice of faith, trusting that God knows and cares."
Our Daily Bread

Ask the Pastor at Adult Sunday School

Is there a question that you've always wanted to ask our pastors—about Christian faith or theology or about the life of faith? Continuing until the beginning of Lent, the adult Sunday school class will be devoted to exploring the questions that you have always wanted to ask. Each week, Pastor Dan will take up to 3 questions that have been submitted ahead of time and address them. Each week will also have the last 10 minutes of class time devoted to on-the-spot questions and responses. Dan is seeking questions to address now so that he can prepare for each class. Send your questions to dan@fpcbozeman.org or text them to Dan at 406-223-2557. Questions can also be sent by postal mail at Ask the Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 1150, Bozeman, MT 59771.

When you submit your question, please indicate if you'd like to remain anonymous as the one who submitted it. The adult Sunday school class meets in the church library each Sunday morning from 9:30 – 10:15.

Birthdays this week

*1/18 Jennifer Frye
1/19 Linda Miller
1/20 Fritz Dickensheets
1/21 Suzanne Galinac
Scott Thompson
Chuck Broughton
Jeffrey Bissell
1/22 Jill Brauss
1/23 Helen Craig*

Offering Envelopes and Per Capita for 2018

Offering Envelopes are available at the back of the sanctuary or at the church office during the week. Envelopes are available for weekly and monthly giving along with quarterly Deacons Benevolence Pledge envelopes. Please note that the Per Capita for 2018 is \$52 each member. The Per Capita goes to the Yellowstone Presbytery, Rocky Mountain Synod and the General Assembly. If you have any questions call Linda at the office, 586-9194.



PRESBYTERIAN SKIERS

Greetings to all FPC skiers at Bridger Bowl. If you are on the slopes on a Monday, we would love for you, family, and friends to meet for some fellowship and lunch at 12:00 at Deer Park Lodge. Just stop and say "hello," warm your fingers and toes, and munch your lunch. Hope to see you there.

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!*



Holland-days...

by Dan Holland

If you have spent much time reading the words appearing in this space, then you know I am inordinately fixated upon the weather. I suspect it is an affliction I share — especially at this point in the year — with many of you. The vagaries of winter weather can have a tremendous impact upon our daily routine. Will my daily commute be affected? Will a quick trip to the store turn into a three hour ordeal? How much extra time should I allow just to clear a path to the car and get it warmed up and drivable?

For the past fifteen years I have maintained a fairly detailed almanac of the weather at our place outside of Belgrade. I have even calculated the averages during this time span, so I can tell you it is more likely than not we will see another seven days of below zero temperatures. I can also tell you we can expect nearly twenty more days of snow.

I will grant you that most of the people reading this live east of me, within the cozy microclimate of Bozeman. Your temperatures are more moderate than in the western part of the valley, and you are accustomed to far more precipitation than we are. So, when I tell you three more weeks of snow days are coming, you probably just shrug your shoulders and wonder what my point is. The point is that we are already at our average depth of snow for the year; everything else is gravy, so to speak.

We have recently passed the worst part of winter. Historically speaking the average daily temperatures begin to rise after the middle of January. We will experience greater fluctuations in our highs and lows. With more snow on the way, this means there will be more thawing and melting. There will be more ice.

The pathway between the backdoor of our house and the front door of our barn is about fifty yards in length and is wide enough for a large wheelbarrow to maneuver. Every linear inch of this path is currently coated with the slickest, nastiest ice I have encountered during my tenure here. To traverse this distance I am now forced to walk like a geisha. My steps are tiny, deliberate, calculated. A mincing gait. I must slow my roll.

As frustrating as it is to walk so measuredly — especially when I am pressed for time — it occurs to me there are life lessons to be learned from this hazard. Oh sure, there are the obvious ones like patience. But there are also subtle teachings. In becoming more attentive to my surroundings, I find myself more receptive to hear God's call. In my normal state of affairs, rushing about, hither and yon, I rarely take any time to listen for that still, small voice. But when I am forced to slow down, I can't help but be a receptive audience. Speak to me, Lord; I'm all ears.



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