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Luncheon & talent show on Sunday promises to be fun

Plan to join in on the fun this Sunday, February 25, when our Presby Cats students will be serving lunch after the 10:30 service that will also include a talent show. The show will include a magic show, taekwondo demonstration, poetry recitation, as well as some musical numbers, both vocal and instrumental. Lynn Bissell will also have a costume jewelry sale going on **throughout** the event in support of Presby Cats. Financial donations made during the luncheon will go to support the group's spring break mission trip to Miami, Florida coming up next month.

Presby Cats to begin offering wintery weather assistance

Beginning this Sunday, February 25, a few of our Presby Cats students will be available on Sundays after worship to help people to their cars from the Babcock entrance. They will be ready to help from the time worship ends for about 15-20 minutes for those who want to attend the coffee hour. Because this first week is the same day as the Presby Cats fund raising luncheon, help will be available after the luncheon as well. This will continue until the snow and ice season dissipates in the spring.

Enhancing Our Conversation With God

" But we should never underestimate the power of prayer, for our loving God hears our pleas. He will move in response to our petitions, but we know that as our Father He longs for us to embrace His love and to trust in His faithfulness."

Amy Boucher Pye, Our Daily Bread

Adult Sunday School to study the Lord's Prayer during Lent



Do you remember the first time you heard the Lord's Prayer? Most of us not only can't remember when we first heard this prayer, we can't remember when we memorized it--because our memorizing was not a conscious effort; it was simply the process of hearing the words until they were part of our very persons. Yet most of us don't know much about this prayer, and we're inclined to recite it without thinking. Martin Luther, with his penchant for saying things directly, described the

Lord's Prayer as the greatest martyr, "for everybody tortures and abuses it." It is mostly, of course, the abuse of familiarity. Because we say it so often and because its words have the flow of poetry, we are likely to speak it without investment of either mind or heart. Jesus warned, "In your prayers do not go babbling on like the heathen, who imagine that the more they say the more likely they are to be heard" (Matt. 6:7 NEB). It's ironic, isn't it, that the prayer Jesus gave us is probably the most frequent instrument of violation for the warning he gave us.

Beginning on Sunday, February 18, and continuing through March 25, led by pastor Dan Krebill, the adult Sunday school class will undertake a thorough study of the Lord's Prayer. The class meets in the church library from 9:30 to 10:15 on Sunday.

Costume Jewelry and Pieces Needed

If you have any no longer wanted or broken costume jewelry please bring it to the box at the church office for Lynn Bissell. Or give him a call at 1-607-432-0633. He would appreciate it before Sunday for his sale at the Presby Cat Lunch and Talent Show.

Birthdays this week

- 2/22 *Emma Galinac*
Terry Nightingale
Daniel Larimer
- 2/23 *Fran Babcock*
Martha Aloise
- 2/25 *Chuck Poremba*
Chuck Swenson
- 2/26 *George McClure*
- 2/27 *Rob Minteer*
Ev Lensink
- 2/28 *Rita Fish*



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.fpcozeman.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!



One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing supports three areas; Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger Program and Self Development of People. Sometimes these activities seem a long way away and not personal to us but this past year saw the PDA helping resolve the horrible accident at Glacier Camp and Conference Center and helping with the wildfires in Montana, Idaho and the northwest and now they are working in California to help the mudslide victims. The monies given in support of these offerings go directly to helping so as we journey through this Lenten Season, give thanks for those working so hard in our name and consider what you might contribute to this work.



They are also working in Flint Michigan with the water crisis, the Hurricanes in the Caribbean and in South Carolina coastline with clean up and rebuilding. The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received on Palm and Easter Sundays.



Love INC Love in the Name of Christ

God is hard at work in our Community through the members of First Presbyterian Church and the members of over 40 other churches in Gallatin County, coordinated by our affiliation with

Love INC.

This Sunday is **Love INC Sunday** at First Presbyterian Church. If you have been or currently are serving as a Love INC volunteer, please plan to attend the 10:30 service this Sunday, as all Love INC volunteers will be commissioned for their service to God and our community at that service.

And remember, we are currently having a TOILET PAPER DRIVE at FPC in support of the Personal Care Pantry, coordinated by Love INC. Toilet paper can be dropped off in the Narthex at FPC any time during the week, or bring a package to church on Sunday.



Deacon's Easter Baskets

Once again the Board of Deacons will be distributing Easter Food Baskets to needy families this year. There is a sign up sheet at the rear of the sanctuary for volunteers who may wish to aid in this great mission. You may help with set-up, delivery or especially donations (or all three!) Volunteers will meet at the Senior Center on March 31 at 1 p.m. to assemble and then deliver the baskets.



FIRST FRIDAY - March 2

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, **GOING IN STYLE**. Oscar winners Morgan Freeman , Michael Caine , and Alan Arkin team up as lifelong buddies Willie, Joe and Al, “ who decide to buck retirement and step off the straight-and-narrow for the first time in their lives when their pension fund becomes a corporate casualty... These stars are such pros, they’re so

enormously charismatic and have such lovely chemistry with each other, it’s hard not to be charmed by their mere presence on screen. They know exactly what do to and how much of it to do, both individually and as an ensemble, every time. They are delightful company.” It will be just plain fun as requested by all!

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.

EQUIPPING YOU & YOUR CHURCH Presbytery Mini-Conference March 2 & 3, 2018 St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Billings

Friday, March 2nd: Building a Culture of Generosity

10am -12N Workshop by Rev. Dr. Rob Hagan, Presbyterian Foundation

12 Noon to 1 Lunch and Fellowship

1 - 5 p.m. Opening Worship & Dwelling in the Word followed by:

Transformed and Mobilized?! Keynote & conversation with Stan Ott, Part 2
WHY learning and living Loved & Called - Gifted - Equipped – Sent actually transforms, motivates, & mobilizes people and churches.

Materials and some video clips @ <http://www.yellowstonepcusa.org/2017PresMeeting.htm>



Choose between 2 workshops:

1. Called to Life: A Year of Call at First Presbyterian Church, Bozeman

2. Christian Discipleship is the relational process by which Christ followers,

6 – 8:15 Dinner (\$8) & Worship, Preaching Joel Schroeder - Whitworth Fellow

Saturday, March 3rd 8am – 10:30am Worship + Workshop for all - led by students:

Growing Young: What’s the secret of churches that are bucking the trend & engaging young people well? Hear latest research findings and ideas from some of our college students!! Bring questions; Join them in large & small group conversations to explore further. Led by: college students from Whitworth University/YP Fellows and Yellowstone Presbytery

Materials 2018 & welcome letter with lodging information is available on the Presbytery website
<http://yellowstonepcusa.org/2018.03.02PresMeeting.htm>

Holland-days...

by Dan Holland

The Still, Small Voice (Part II)

Veronica and Richard Crowley were laughing as they sauntered into Rosa's office. Veronica was first to speak, "We're sorry, but we were actually making progress out in the parking lot."

Rosa affected an air of annoyance, "That's great, but you leave me dangling here. This is our fourth appointment and you've both been late to each one. It leads me to believe that a lack of respect might be a root cause of your problems."

An awkward pause ensued as the three looked at one another. Rosa broke the silence, "Okay, so tell me more about this progress you were making in the parking lot."

Richard answered, "I don't know if it qualifies as progress." He used air quotes to emphasize the word then continued, "But we were civil to each other. We were, uh, talking to each other the way we used to. You know, like before the troubles started"

Richard and Veronica were in their mid-thirties, a good looking couple. He was a software engineer for a hi-tech start-up, she a fundraiser for a local non-profit. They'd met in college and now as they approached their tenth anniversary, their marriage was beginning to unravel. They were currently separated and through a mediator had worked out a schedule to share their two young children, aged five and three.

Trying not to sound too condescending Rosa interjected, "You mean you were treating each other with respect?"

Richard replied, "That's right, wise one." He was always self-assured in these sessions. Rosa feared his lack of remorse was one of the biggest stumbling blocks in her inability to make headway.

"Well, let's keep going with this same thread of conversation," Rosa counseled. "What were you talking about in such a civilized manner?"

"It was the kids," Veronica chimed. "It's always the kids. Whenever we drift too far apart, the kids seem to center us, draw us back together. At any rate Richard was telling me the story, so I'd better let him tell you."

"Yeah, so last night was my night with them," Richard leaned back in his chair seeming to relish that this had happened under his supervision. "We were watching *Blue Planet II*, that nature series on BBC. Are you familiar with it, doc?"

Rosa nodded her head.

"It's quite fascinating. Spectacular, really. The kids love it and we pop some corn, cuddle on the couch. I have to admit I really feel close to them in those moments, even though David Attenborough, the narrator, is doing most of my parenting for me. Anyway, there was this one part about how this fish uses tools to open up shells to get at the meat inside. And then Angela — our oldest — out of the blue she says, 'Dad, did you know on the fifth day God brought forth swarms of living creatures in the waters?' It blew my mind the way she said it so, just, matter-of-factly. And that's what we were talking, and I guess laughing about just now."

Rosa smiled, "That is a great story, and I think we should continue this thread." She paused to collect her thoughts, "That sounds like something she picked up in Sunday school. You had indicated previously you only attended church semi-regularly, but that seems like something she heard recently."

Vanessa answered, "We've been trying to make it a point to get the kids there as often as possible, so we take turns each week. I don't know, it's probably been good for all of us." (*Continued next week...*)