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FUND RAISING FOR YOUTH MISSION TRIP

The Butter Braid sale for this summer's Youth Mission Trip has begun! There are 8 flavors available this year—7 are sweet, and 1 is savory (4 cheese and herb). Each braid is \$14. These youth are looking for customers: Julia Johnson, Graham Overton, Rodney Aloise, Danielle Berg, Kimi Farhat, Adynn Small, Martha Aloise, and Jonas Overton. You can contact them, or call the church office (586-9194) to place your order.



The trip, July 29-Aug 4, will be to Wellpinit, Washington and the Spokane Reservation. We will join Sierra Service Project, and through the Tribal Housing Authority, will help local residents with home repairs. Our group is already learning about the Salish people, their culture and language.

The sale will close on March 18. Butter braids will be available before Easter.
Thank you for your support!



Holy Week Schedule March 25–April 1

March 25—Palm/Passion Sunday 8:30 and 10:30 am

March 29—Agape Dinner and Communion Service 6:00 p.m.

March 30—Good Friday Ecumenical Worship at Noon at Holy Rosary Church

April 1—Easter Sunday

At 6:30 am, Sunrise Service at Rockhaven

At 8:30 am, celebrate the Easter message with communion.

At 9:00 – 10:00 am Easter Breakfast, in the Fellowship Hall

At 10:30 am, celebrate the Easter message with communion

Enhancing Our Conversation With God

"Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer; from the end of the earth I call to you when my heart is faint. Lead me to the rock that is higher than I, for you have been my refuge...."

Psalms 61: 1-3

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.

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.

Mark your calendars for the final Mainly Music before fall.
"An Afternoon with Bach" on Sunday April 22 @3pm.

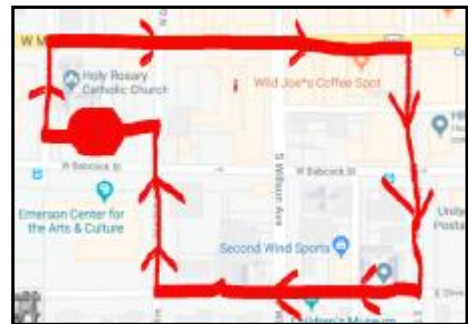
Downtown churches plan Palm Sunday Parade

"Since we all have palm parades in our churches, wouldn't it be fun to have a shared parade around our neighborhood?"

The Downtown Ministers are sponsoring a first-ever Palm Sunday Parade on Sunday, March 25. The sidewalk parade will begin at 9:45 am, assembling in the parking lot at Holy Rosary Church.

Congregations included will be Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Grand Ave. Christian Church, First Baptist Church, Bozeman United Methodist Church, St. James Episcopal Church, and First Presbyterian Church. The parade of people, palms, singers, noisemakers, banners, (and maybe even a donkey) will circle the downtown churches and become smaller as people are "dropped off" at their places of worship.

This will be a grand celebration! Weather permitting, stay tuned for further instructions!



Birthdays this week
3/14 *Ellie Lehrkind*
3/16 *Mattie Hickert*
Shelby Guenther

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!*



One Great Hour of Sharing: Share Your Bread with the Hungry

Najjuma, a 56 year old widow in Uganda grows enough food on eight acres to feed the three children and eight orphaned grandchildren in her care. Then her inlaws ordered her to leave the land she had inherited from her husband. Through a training program in Uganda, Najjuma learned of her rights and was able to keep her land and care for her children and grandchildren. The program officer says that "when widows do not know their entitlements to their property or if the husband doesn't leave a will, many times they are evicted and have nowhere to go." Through the hunger program she not only received help to keep her land but also help in farming so that she is able to help her neighbors too.

This is The Church making a difference in lives so please prayerfully consider giving to the One Great Hour of Sharing which will be received on Palm and Easter Sundays.

Called to Love: An Agape Dinner

We are "changing it up" this year during Holy Week! After many years of gathering for a Seder Dinner and then moving to a Maundy Thursday service, this year the meal and the service will be combined into one. Mark your calendar for our first Agape Dinner on Thursday, March 29, at 6 pm. The meal will be provided, at the low cost of \$5/person or \$10/family.

Agape is a Greek word used in the New Testament to describe the love of God shown in Christ. Our Agape Meal will extend Christ's love to the world through the One Great Hour of Sharing offering.

The evening will be casual and family-friendly. We will begin with singing, prayer, and scripture. During the meal, speakers will share vignettes from the three programs which the One Great Hour of Sharing offering funds: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Self-Development of People, and Presbyterian Hunger Program. Following dessert, we will have communion at the tables, and close with a song.

In coming weeks, you will have an opportunity to RSVP (needed for food and table preparation). For more information or to volunteer your help, contact Charlie Mandeville charlie@charliemandeville.com, 580-7823



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 Friday, March 30 at 1 p.m. to assemble and then deliver the baskets.

It's time to register for VBS 2018!

June 18 – 22, 8:30am-12:00pm

Hosts: Bozeman UMC, First Baptist, First Presbyterian, Grand Ave Christian, Pilgrim Congregational & St. James Episcopal.

All ages—please register NOW if you plan to attend!

- Adult volunteers (for adults of all ages)
(Child care provided for 0-3 year old children of volunteers)
- Youth Assistants (entering 7th-12th gr)
- Children (age 4 – entering 6th)

Fee: \$25 - 1st child, \$10 – add'l children, \$45 family max.

Both Youth and Adults serve as: *Small Group Shepherds, Games Gurus, Craft Wizards
Snack Gatherers & Servers, Carpentry Creators, Theater Nerds, Decoration Fairies, Music Makers*

We need **YOU** to help us plan a week of magic for over 150 children!

Pre-Registration is necessary! Register the whole family today!



Right Click on these links and go to open link.

Adult Volunteer Form: <https://bozemanumc.breezechms.com/form/2e43f08865>

Youth Assistant Form: <https://bozemanumc.breezechms.com/form/2e43f088>

Child Participant Form: <https://bozemanumc.breezechms.com/form/2e43f0>

Rockhaven News:

Registration is open! Visit www.rockhavencamp.org and register for summer camp at Rockhaven.

We are planning some epic messes at camp this summer and we'll need supplies to do it!

Looking for: Large and Extra Large cardboard boxes, acrylic paint, large cardboard tubes (carpet rolls or larger), milk crates, yarn, wool roving, large pvc culvert pipe, large wood cable spools, good clean wood pallets. If you have any of these items and would like to donate them for camp this summer please contact Scott Thrasher at scott@rockhavencamp.org or 600-1891 and he'll be glad to pick them up.



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!

Spring ~~(Splash)~~ "CRASH"

Family Fun Day at MSU SUB Rec Center

Sunday, March 25, beginning at 12:10 pm

Bowling, billiards, table games, and pizza for all

First Families, Presby Kids, and Presby Youth all invited

RSVP to Brent & Rachel, 600-8073 or 570-6750



Rockhaven Summer Staff Opportunities

Rockhaven is still looking for some summer staff and especially a camp cook. Please spread the word and if you or someone you know is interested they can contact Rockhaven Camp Director, Scott Thrasher at scott@rockhavencamp.org or apply on the Rockhaven website.

Holland-days...

by Dan Holland

The Still, Small Voice (Part V)

Rosa sat down cautiously in the rocking chair in the corner of the classroom. Spread out on the floor in front of her was a semi-circle containing a dozen anxious young people, each sitting cross-legged on an assortment of cushions. Standing behind them was their teacher, Camille, who announced to them in an excited tone, "Boys and girls, it is my pleasure to introduce you to Rosa this morning. Miss Rosa is going to read you our Bible lesson."

And with that the floor was Rosa's. Her nervousness was apparent as she said to them, "Good morning, I'm glad to be here with you. Our lesson this morning starts on page..." As she looked down to find the page number the book slipped from her trembling hands onto the floor. The room erupted in laughter. As Rosa bent over awkwardly to pick up the Bible, the peals of laughter seemed to have a calming effect on her. She began to laugh herself, and as she thumbed back to the page, continued in an exaggerated voice, "As I was saying, our lesson starts on page ninety-one. Can everyone find that page in your Bible?" The older children easily found it while Camille helped a couple of the younger ones. Rosa began to read, "One day Jesus was walking along the shore of a lake. He walked by some fishermen who were fixing their nets. Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.'"

As Rosa read the rest of the story, its words gripped her with a power she hadn't felt for a long time. She could almost detect a flush rise in her face as she finished reading and Camille gathered the children back around their tables. Rosa remained seated in the rocking chair and reread this simple children's story silently. She was amazed, and in a sense almost embarrassed, that a story clearly written for children just beginning to be able to read could have such an impact on a highly educated adult. Rosa was so absorbed that she almost didn't feel the tug on her sleeve from a young boy.

"Excuse me, Miss Rosa, can you come over and help me?" the boy asked.

Startled, Rosa looked up. Camille was busy helping the class fashion nets, fish, and people from the materials they'd assembled before class. "Sure," Rosa replied. She followed the boy over to the tables and sat down in one of the tiny chairs, her knees wedged against the underside of the worktable. "So, what's your name?" she asked the young towhead.

"I'm Simon. And that's Simone." He nodded toward a darker complexioned girl sitting next to him. "We're working on this together."

"Wait," Rosa exclaimed, "You're Simon and Simone? That's crazy." They both shrugged as if Rosa had just told them the sky was blue. She continued, "Do you remember the name of one of the disciples in the story we just read? It was Simon. Simon Peter. So it's like you're both disciples." Again they both shrugged and busily began cutting craft paper with safety scissors. Rosa picked up a pair of the small scissors herself and joined the other two as they studiously followed the pre-measured diagram.

Rosa was so preoccupied she didn't notice Camille at the other end of the classroom. Camille, too, had tiny scissors in her hands and was surrounded by children busily following her directions. But Camille had been sneaking glances at Rosa and her two young charges. She had also noticed the change in Rosa's demeanor as she read the story earlier. Camille sighed contentedly. She knew first hand that children weren't the only ones to be taught lessons in this room. *(Continued next week)*