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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS IS THIS SATURDAY NIGHT, MARCH 10

If you forget to change your clocks, you will be one hour late!

ECUMENICAL LENTEN PRAISE SING

Come join us! Wednesday, March 7th, Grand Avenue Christian Church is hosting an ecumenical Lenten Praise Sing at 5:30 p.m. for 45 minutes of fun and easy songs. This is a family-friendly event. Let's praise the Lord with song! It doesn't matter if you sing well. Appetizers at 6:15 p.m. provided by Grand Avenue members.

Office News for March

As our church office administrator, Linda Best, prepares to move to a new home, she will be on vacation for much of the month of March. Kathy Braun will be filling in for her. The office hours for March 1-23 are Monday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Tuesday - Thursday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Friday 9a.m. to 12p.m.

Enhancing Our Conversation With God

"...I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way."

1 Timothy 2:1-2

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.

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 side-walk 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!

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.

Birthdays this week

3/8 Kelly Vange
3/9 Logan Cunningham
3/11 William Carlson
3/14 Ellie Lehrkind

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

Our Offerings at Work. The Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People continues to work with low income communities across the United States. Projects focus on literacy, worker-owned cooperatives, advocacy, youth-led initiatives, skills development, farming, works rights, immigration/refugee issues and capacity building.

These projects include a cooperative owned farmers group in Atlanta to promote locally grown farm products, an afterschool program in Alabama to meet the challenges of living in a severely depressed county and a project in Oakland, CA to disrupt the School to Prison pipeline. In 2016 over \$150,000 in grants were awarded to groups such as these.

Presby Cats off to Miami for service, learning and fun



On Saturday, March 10, seven students and Pastor Dan will leave for Miami, Florida for a week-long mission/study trip. We'll be working with DOOR Ministries Miami. Each day, we'll work with a different agency having to do with homelessness, human trafficking, immigration issues or hunger. Each evening during the week, we'll post an entry to our blog so that you can see what we're doing. You can follow our blog at: <http://presbycats.wordpress.com/> Please keep us in your prayers. We look forward to sharing more about our experiences when we get back.

This photo is from the commissioning on March 4.

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.

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. Please contact Mike Roser at 406-580-5818 for any further information.

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.



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, returned to God and extended to others. It is the highest form of love, love which is selfless and passionately committed to the well-being of others. When Paul wrote about Love in 1 Corinthians 13, he was describing *agape*. When John wrote, “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,” he used the word *agape*. An Agape Dinner, also known as a Love Feast, is a Christian fellowship meal recalling the many times Jesus broke bread with his disciples.

Maundy Thursday takes its name from the Latin word for “commandment,” for at the last meal Jesus shared with his disciples, he said to them, “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.” (John 13:34) Christian love is boundless, reaching out beyond family, friends, and church family to include the world God loves. 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



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!

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 – **addt'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>

Holland-days...

by Dan Holland

The Still, Small Voice (Part IV)

Rosa drummed her fingernails on the surface of her desk, summoning the courage to dial her phone. She had spent the previous night subscribing to and then thoroughly analyzing two different online Sunday school curricula. She had been amazed at the depth and the breadth these resources provide to church staff and their **volunteers. The subscriptions weren't cheap, but Rosa had justified the expenditures** as necessary professional development for her therapy practice. Or perhaps she was on a wild goose chase. Either way, she knew she had to make this phone call, so she swallowed hard, cleared her unclogged throat and dialed the number.

A cheery, recorded voice guided Rosa through the lengthy church directory. Finally she heard what she thought would be the extension she was looking for, **director of children's ministries. Rosa punched in the number.**

"Hello," a woman answered.

"Hello," Rosa began, hesitantly, "I attend your church on occasion, and I was wondering if it might be possible to observe one of your Sunday school classrooms?"

The other voice paused for a moment. "I'm sorry, did you say you wanted to help out with teaching?"

"No, not exactly," Rosa began to second guess herself.

"Oh, then you have children you're thinking of sending to class? You're always welcome to sit in the class with them. And we're always looking for volunteers to help, so I'm sure the teacher would be glad to let you assist."

"No, it's not that either. I don't have any children. It's just that I..." Rosa collected her thoughts. "I am a psychologist and I am researching the effect that lessons learned in Sunday school have on a child's home life. I thought it might be useful from a clinical perspective to observe what went on in a classroom."

There was a pause, then the other voice responded, "I've been in this position for about ten years now — long enough, I thought, to have heard it all. But this is the first time I've heard something like this. How about we do this, I'm sorry, what did you say your name was?"

"Rosa."

"Okay, Rosa, well I'm Leanne and I'd like to meet you for coffee. Would that be okay?"

"Sure, I'd love that."

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The following Sunday morning Rosa sheepishly opened the door to room 107 in the education wing of the church. An older woman was busy organizing art supplies along a counter in a corner of the room. She looked up and smiled, "Are you Rosa?"

"Yes, yes I am."

"I'm glad to meet you. I'm Camille. Leanne told me you might be popping in. You might as well roll up your sleeves. The kiddos will be here in a couple of minutes and I still need to separate that pile of craft paper into the different colors."

"I can probably handle that," Rosa said, warming to the task. "What's today's lesson about?"

"The disciples, when Jesus made them fishers of people. Hey, I know, you can read them the passage from their story Bible." Rosa's eyes got wide. (*Continued next week...*)