

A mid-week newsletter of First Presbyterian Church - Jody McDevitt & Dan Krebill, co-pastors
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Co-Pastors' Corner... 2000 years into its story, the Christian church has a heritage from which generations can learn. 35 years ago, Tom McMakin's mother was leading courses designed to help Christians discover their calling, gifts, and ministry in a loving community. She wrote a book, *Doorways to Christian Growth*, sharing the content of these courses. As our church enters the last two months of our "Year of Call," Jacqueline McMakin's insights provide yet another angle on understanding and discerning our call.

A question she asks is "What piece of God's vision is mine?" God's vision is huge compared to our limited sight, but the combination of who we are and what we experience helps us each grasp some portion of God's *shalom*, the love and justice which is God's intention for the world. She writes, "Vision is seeing or believing something; call is doing something. Vision is often fairly consistent over long periods, even perhaps for a lifetime, whereas call changes with circumstances. Vision is seeing the big picture; call is the way we can implement the vision in a particular time and place."

Maybe your piece of God's vision is that children and youth will grow up knowing the love of Jesus, and you implement that by welcoming young people in the life of the church, teaching Sunday school, supporting the camping ministry at Rockhaven, and hosting youth events. Maybe your piece of God's vision is reconciliation between groups long estranged, so you volunteer for the mission trip to the Ft. Peck reservation. Maybe your piece of the vision is caring for the homeless poor—you can answer that call through Family Promise. Maybe your piece of the vision can be fulfilled through an existing ministry of the church, or maybe you have a vision and a calling to start a new ministry and invite others to join you.

In this Easter season, when we explore how we are called to new life (April's theme) and called throughout our lives (May's theme), consider the question, "What piece of God's vision is mine?" And then step out in faith to name and answer your particular call.



Holy Week Schedule

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

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

"The main purpose of prayer is not to make life easier, nor to gain magical powers, but to know God. I need God more than anything I might get from God."
 Prayer by Philip Yancey

Congregation to elect officers on April 8

A meeting of the congregation will be held in the sanctuary on Sunday, April 8, immediately after the 10:30 service for the purpose of acting on a report of the nominating committee which is presenting a slate of nominees for the election of elders, deacons and members of the nominating committee.

Session Notes March 22

The Session met with and was delighted to receive for church membership Joann and Roger Robbins, Mary and Aaron Demro and Kori Robbins. Jody McDevitt presented the co-pastors' report which included planning for Holy Week, Presby Cats Sunday, April 8 and planning for this summer's Adult and Youth Mission Trips. She also reported there is a candidate being proposed for election as the Presbytery Stated Clerk. The Session and Deacons will share their Annual Joint Dinner Meeting on April 26. We discussed sharing more of the 'Sailboat Church' activities of the Committees of Session. The Session was updated on the status of our church security planning; received a report on the February Presbytery meeting; heard an update on plans for the rest of our 'Year of Call' and started a discussion of how we might help equip some of the various FPC ministry leaders through educational courses and conferences.

Submitted by,
John S. Patterson, Elder

OMBUD: *The person who will listen to your suggestions, concerns, complaints and compliments.*

This quarter our OMBUD from the session is Debby Haynes she will be happy to answer your questions and listen to what you have to say. You can speak with her personally or contact her by phone (581-0925) or email deborahc.haynes@gmail.com She will follow-up with Session.

2 Corinthians 9:7

"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Thank you for giving your time, talents, and financial contributions.

Without your generous support we could not do all the great things we do to Glorify God.

Below is a table showing our financial status as of the end of February 2018

February Income	\$29,607	Year to Date Income	\$115,551
February Expenses	\$39,294	Year to Date Expenses	\$95,719
February Balance	-\$9,687	Year to Date Balance	\$19,832

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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. Our first Agape Dinner is on Thursday, March 29, at 6 pm. The meal will be provided, at the low cost of \$5/person or \$10/family. Call the church office for reservations by Thursday afternoon, 586-9194.

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.

To volunteer your help, contact Charlie Mandeville charlie@charliemandeville.com, 580-7823

Easter Sunrise Service



Join us at Rockhaven to greet the Day of Resurrection, Easter morning! The chapel will be warmed up for our Sunrise Service at 6:30 am. The service will be led by Dan Krebill, Dan Holland, Martha Krebill, and members of the Rockhaven

Operational Board. A special treat this year will be an adult baptism—not in the river!—of long-time Presby Cat Kori Robbins.

Following the service, there will be a continental breakfast in the dining hall. Come and celebrate Easter, watching for the sun to rise over Sheep Rock!

Presby Cats lead worship on April 8

Members of our Presby Cats collegiate ministry group will be leading both Sunday morning worship services on April 8. A part of that service will include the group sharing their experiences in Miami during their recent spring break mission trip. It's always a joy to see and experience the faith of this younger generation of our church.

Sunday school kids get ready for Easter

On Palm Sunday, children learned the story of Jesus' road to Jerusalem by making a mural and enacting the drama with hand puppets—literally, their hands! Shown here are Martha Aloise, Natalie Hoffman, Delialah Berg, Bella Wilfling, Louise Milburn, Delia Turner, and Dayna Berg.



Deacon's Easter Baskets

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.

Birthdays this Month

- 4/1 *Isabelle Harris*
Gene Renner
Aaron Demro
- 4/2 *Dylan LeBlanc*
- 4/5 *Sandy Archer*
Lori Ingrum
Tyler Martindale
- 4/7 *Rena Easton*
Gerri Lewis
- 4/9 *Bill Anderson*
- 4/12 *Maggie Kleinhans*
- 4/13 *Carol Julien*
- 4/14 *Bernice Meyer*
- 4/21 *Ted Williams*
Mary Armstrong
- 4/22 *Harriet Tamminga*
Chris Shanafelt
- 4/23 *Judy Harrison*
- 4/25 *Jenny Beard*
- 4/26 *Kristen Martindale*
Brent Turner
- 4/28 *John Hodges*

Church member news

Long-time church member, Bob Staffanson has moved to Brookhaven Springmeadows. His new address is 3175 Graf St., Apt. 111, Bozeman, MT 59715. His email continues to be twocirclesrobert1@gmail.com. Bob loves to receive mail and email.

Easter Breakfast Casseroles

Can you cook a casserole for our church's annual Easter Breakfast? This celebration of the resurrection takes place between the 8:30 and 10:30 services on Easter, April 1. For the past several years, we have enjoyed a delicious array of home-cooked casseroles as the main course. Please sign up for this by calling the church office 586-9194 or emailing linda@fpbozeman.org. Signups are important so we have the right amount!



Bells of the Bridgers Spring Concert, "Yellowstone: Eternity's Timepiece"

Featuring the home concert premier of a piece commissioned by Bells of the Bridgers in 2017. Bells of the Bridgers member and harpist Melody Lindsay will be showcased with handbells in "Dance and Air in C" by Arnold Sherman. "Sweet Hour of Prayer", "My Shepherd's Amazing Grace" and more will be presented on 5 octaves of handbells and chimes. The concert is free; a good-will offering will be received.

Sunday, April 22, 3:00 p.m. Bozeman United Methodist Church, 121 So. Willson, Bozeman.

Interfaith Forum April 4

What is the soul? Do all our faiths share this concept? How do we speak of this?

Come hear the interfaith panel discuss what they see, and what this means for our faith and our world. The Interfaith Forum began more than ten years ago, and has grown every year since its founding. Regular panelists are Jody McDevitt, Rabbi Ed Stafman (Congregation Beth Shalom), Father Leo Proxell (Holy Rosary Catholic Church) and Ruhul or Shadmani Amin (Islamic Center of Bozeman). Each month additional panelists are added to the table, representing Bozeman's diverse religious community. A diverse audience listens, poses questions, and offers insights into the question of the day. The forum is held on the first Wednesday of the month at 12 noon, at Beth Shalom, 2010 W. Koch St. A brochure listing the year's topics is available at the church.



On Sunday, March 25, We welcomed these people into membership

Roger and Joann Robbins: Roger's life has made a complete circle. He was born in Bozeman, graduated high school in Manhattan, had a career in north central Montana, and has retired to Bozeman. Along the way, he met his wife, Joann, from Laurel, and they grew their family with daughter Sarah, husband Tyler, and two grandchildren and son Nicholas and partner Brandon. Roger and Joann met in college and are happy to once again be spectators at MSU athlete events. Roger is an educator, serving 26 years as a teacher and administrator at Cascade and eight years as principal at Holy Spirit Catholic School in Great Falls. Joann is a nurse practitioner and midwife and enjoyed delivering babies at Benefis Healthcare in Great Falls. Her children's admiration for her profession is expressed with Sarah being a nurse consultant in Bozeman and Nicholas working as a nurse in a neuro trauma unit in Portland. Roger and Joann are looking forward to becoming actively involved here as they were in the First Presbyterian Church of Great Falls.
Contact information: 3188 Fen Way, Unit B, Bozeman 59718; 406-404-1201; joannrogerr@netscape.net.
The Robbins' church hosts are Dick & Nancy Rote.



Aaron and Mary Demro: When Aaron exited from the Army in Georgia, he and Mary found their way to Bozeman for careers and to be outside. Aaron grew up in Plymouth, MN and met Mary on an airplane when they were both returning home for spring break. Perhaps someday we will hear "the rest of the story." Mary is originally from Gardiner and is currently completing graduate work in the field of architecture at MSU. Aaron is with commonFont, a high tech Bozeman company. Being outside to Mary and Aaron means fishing and cross country skiing. They attended a Presbyterian church in Georgia and quickly felt at home in our church through Mary's mother, Christina Cote-Reinhart.
Contact information: 316 E. Peach St., Unit 1, Bozeman 59715; 763-516-0513; aaron.demro1007@gmail.com (Aaron); 406-579-2486; amdemro3@gmail.com (Mary).
The Demro's hosts are John Sacklin & Mary Hektner.



On Easter Sunday, at the Rockhaven sunrise service, a fifth new member will be received by baptism

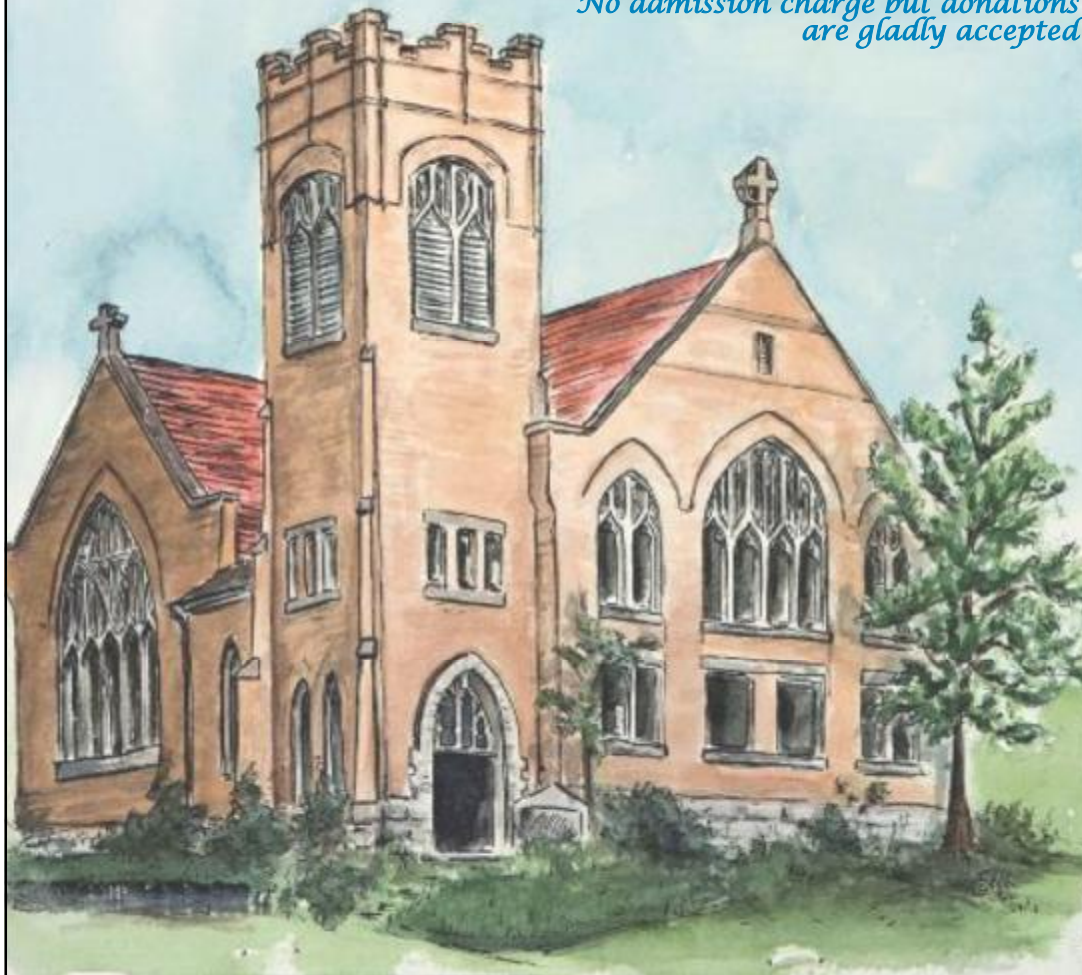
Kori Robbins began attending youth group at age 13 where she met the first of her two mentors, Mary Davis, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Anaconda. In 2012, Kori became a founding member of Presby Cats, because, as she says, Dan would not quit emailing her. In the ensuing years, Dan has become her second spiritual mentor. Her faith journey will continue when she is baptized and becomes a member of our church at Rockhaven on Easter morning. Kori wanted her baptism to be in a small setting and because Rockhaven is one of her most favorite world places, it is perfect for her. Kori is currently a full time MSU graduate student in the American Studies Program, focusing on representations of gender and sexuality in museums. She also works full time in the Departments of Sociology, Anthropology, and Political Science. The current love of her life is her cat Benjamin. When she is not at her paid job or studying, she volunteers at the Museum of the Rockies or with her sorority Alpha Gamma Delta and loves to read if she has a spare moment. Kori has been on all the Presby Cat mission trips and believes they are an important way to become better acquainted with the other Presby Cats. She wants everyone in our congregation to know how much she appreciates the help and support provided to her over the years as she has worked to become an integral part of the congregation.
Contact information: 2019 W. College, Apt. 103, Bozeman, MT 59718; 406-560-5548; kori.robbins@hotmail.com.
Kori's host is Holly Aloise.



*First Presbyterian Church Mainly Music
Free Concert Series
Sunday, April 22 at 3pm
“An Afternoon with Bach”*

*Second String Orchestra Ensemble with Mary Kothman
Matthew O'Sullivan, organ
Bridger Brass Quintet
Thomas Lee, trumpet
Holly Aloise, organ
Lukas Graf & Jessica Graf, vocal duet
Larry Growney & Ashley Driscoll, flute
John Schlender, violin
Noah Certalic, violin
Tristan Hernandez, cello
Brooke Marshall, vocalist, and other musicians*

*No admission charge but donations
are gladly accepted*



FIRST FRIDAY - April 6



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, WONDER. “Based on the New York Times bestseller, WONDER (staring Julia Roberts) tells the inspiring and heartwarming story of August Pullman. Born with facial differences that, up until now, have prevented him from going to a mainstream school, Auggie becomes the most unlikely of heroes when he enters the local fifth grade. As his family, his new classmates, and the larger community all struggle to find their compassion and acceptance, Auggie’s extraordinary journey will unite them all and prove you can’t blend in when you were born to stand out.”

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.

Preplanning Discussion with Dokken-Nelson

Most people plan for many of life’s big events. But have you really planned for everything? Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service invites you to join them for lunch and a pre-planning discussion after church on Sunday, April 15 , at 12:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall to discuss the emotional and financial benefits of making funeral plans in advance. Topics covered will include funeral pre-planning, benefits for veterans, and planning for nursing home care. Attendees will receive a free planning guide titled “Getting Your House in Order,” along with other helpful materials. For questions or to register please contact the church office at 586-9194 or Dokken-Nelson at 587-3184.

Registration is requested by Wednesday, April 11, to ensure enough food and materials.

Food Bank this Easter Sunday, April 1



It may be April Fool's day on Sunday, but it's no fooling that the Food Bank needs donations! Last month we gave 85 pounds of food, let's see if we can make it over a hundred pounds this Easter Sunday! Bring your donations to the church any time and leave them in the basket by the office or bring on Sunday.

The Souper Bowl Challenge also brought in \$169 that was given to the Food Bank. Thank you to the youth and for all those that gave and that have brought in food donations.



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 – 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>

Warming Center

The Deacons supported the Warming Center with a donation to help keep the center running. This winter the warming center has had 11 children staying for a total of 360 nights, 44 seniors for 1162 nights and 1 in 4 guests are women. They have exceeded capacity 77% of the nights and Christ the King has opened their church to take women and families so that no one has been turned away. Please prayerfully consider what you and we as a church can do to help those less fortunate to stay warm in the cold next year.

Hello Love INC Church Partners,

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed Easter. He is risen! Alleluia!!!

Here is the update on the inventory/**need** of personal care items this week.

Care products **low on:**

- Lotion - hand and/or body
- Body wash
- Feminine products
- Diaper size 2-4

Thank you and have a peace-filled week.

~Christine

Christine Sommers-Austin

Adult Mission Team to Ft. Peck Forming

Are you interested in learning more about Montana's Native people? Would you like to build relationships with Presbyterians on the Ft. Peck reservation in northeastern Montana? Do you have a heart for serving others, with others? Then consider joining the adult mission team which will travel to Poplar, Montana, May 29-June 2, 2018 for a fourth year of partnering with Dakota Presbyterians.

This year our work will be focused around the Red Eagle Memorial Cemetery in Ft. Kipp. Last year we began the work of documenting the graves so that family members can find their loved ones and ancestors. We think we can complete this job this year, providing the local church and community with a notebook and digital files detailing the 700+ graves. You don't need to know how to do this yourself—Mary Hektner and John Sacklin, members of our team, will show you how. Other jobs will likely include mowing and clearing the cemetery. We are always happy to accommodate physical limitations—you can be a photographer, recorder or snack host, depending on your abilities.



Local hosts Patrick and Sudi Pipe always arrange cultural learning opportunities for us. These have included learning about local plants and their healing properties, visiting the tribe's buffalo ranch, meeting a Sun Dance priest, seeing the tipi rings of Sitting Bull and his people, and hearing the legend of a boulder known as the "weeping grandmother."

Evening meals are provided by members of local churches, providing opportunities to build friendships and understanding. Our team spends time together in reflection and worship each day. We stay in the dormitory of Ft. Peck Community College (they do not charge us anything) and prepare our own breakfasts and lunches in the common room. Costs (breakfasts, lunches, and gas) are divided between team members.

The team is forming now, and we will have several orientation/planning meetings in April and early May. If you are interested, contact Charlie Mandeville (580-7823 or charlie@charliemandeville.com) or Jody McDevitt (586-9194, jody@fpcbozeman.org).

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ROCKHAVEN FIRESIDER

www.rockhavencamp.org - 406-586-9194 Ext. 267



From our Camp Director

Recently, at the World Economic Forum in Davos there was a meeting to discuss the importance of play for kids. The "Real Play Coalition" was formed by IKEA, the LEGO Foundation, National Geographic and Unilever, with the goal to: *"create a movement that prioritizes the importance of play as not only something that lets kids be kids, but as something that sparks the fire for a child's development and learning."*

How is it that we've come to the point that it's an international crisis where kids don't get to play enough and just be kids anymore? How is it that according to a study in the UK that shows that three quarters of kids in the UK spend less time in the outdoors than prison inmates? How is it that prisoners here in a U.S. maximum security prison are guaranteed 2 hours of outdoor time daily, however 1 out of 2 kids worldwide spends less than an hour outside! There is no wonder then that 1 in 5 youth have a serious mental illness, 20% of youth 13-18 live with a mental health condition, 11% have a mood disorder, and suicide is the 3rd leading cause of death in youth 10-24. We then see tragedies involving our youth on the news and we scratch our heads and wonder why.

So as you might have guessed, the World Economic Forum didn't call and ask me to speak about Rockhaven, UnCamp, and how a tiny church operated camping ministry in Montana has stood squarely on the front lines of this movement for a long time; by being open to the nudging of the Holy Spirit and creating a peaceful space for kids to just be kids. Oh well... I'm sure they'll call next time.

Gods will however is certainly being done at Rockhaven in a Simple, Peaceful, **PLAYFUL** and Faithful way.

~ **Scott "Captain" Thrasher, Camp Director and Chief Mess Maker**

Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children play IS serious learning. Play is the work of childhood." Fred Rogers

Rockhaven Board

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Jody McDevitt, Co-Pastor

Mission Statement

Rockhaven supports the ministry and mission of First Presbyterian Church of Bozeman by providing a welcoming outdoor experience for the church family and the wider community. We do this by nurturing spiritual growth and renewal, building relationships, encountering God, realizing Christ's presence, and witnessing the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.

ROCKHAVEN...SIMPLE, PEACEFUL, PLAYFUL, FAITHFUL

SUMMER CAMP 2018!

Times are changing and more and more parents are using the internet to schedule and register for camp. Last year I think we only had 4 campers who didn't use our website and online registration. So this year we decided to save a little on printing and not have a full brochure like in past years. This year, I created a postcard that we hope will provide general information about camp and then direct you to the Rockhaven web site and our online registration. You can find these postcards around the church and please feel free to pick up a few and distribute them to friends and family. Spread the word. Registration is open and camps are already on their way to filling up again this season. If you want more information or would like to talk about the program please contact me at 586.9194 Ext. 267. Otherwise... register online today and we'll see you at camp!

Rockhaven Wish List:

Every year there are things that we either need or could use at Rockhaven that you may either have sitting around or would like to donate. Over the next few months stay tuned for additions to our growing Rockhaven wish list. Many of the items that you might currently find on this wish list are materials for a new Mud Kitchen play area and a loose parts play space. Stay tuned for more on that soon.

Refrigerator Box(s)	Yarn
Large appliance box(s)	Clean wooden Pallets
Newspapers	Patio shade umbrellas for deck
Carpet Squares	Tipi (wouldn't that be fun?)
Park style benches	4x4, 6x6 lumber (Scrap or new)
Stainless steel kitchen sink	Large plastic barrels
Large industrial wood spools	Camping style Tarps
Large Culvert Pipe / PVC	Plastic milk crates
Paint tarps or canvas	Plastic kitchen utensils
Kids Garden Tools (shovels, etc)	Primary Color Acrylic Paint
Kids wagon or cart	Large sit-able Logs
New or reasonably new Laptop Computer for camp management	



SPECIAL EVENTS:

April 14 at Rockhaven

Spring Clean Up

April 1st at Rockhaven

Easter Sunrise Service

May 20 at Rockhaven

Session Retreat

June 17th at Rockhaven

Father's Day Pig Roast

August 12th at Rockhaven

Family Campfire Vesper

August 26th at Rockhaven

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ROCKHAVEN
Creating awesome messes
and Epic Memories

Holland-days...

(by Dan Holland)

The Still, Small Voice (Conclusion)

Rosa zipped up her jacket clear to the folds of skin below her chin as a brisk, spring wind buffeted her face. It was chilly but bearable. One of the things Rosa appreciated about being outside during this time of year was though the air always seemed to be moving rapidly, it was clean and fresh.

Recently Rosa had taken to walking along this suburban parkway rather than jogging. She found that walking allowed her greater opportunity for reflection, to better enjoy the scenery, and she figured she already got enough exercise during her visits to the gym.

The snow had for the most part all melted, even though many nights still registered a hard freeze. It was the time of year when each day was noticeably longer than its predecessor, so it was still fairly pleasant in the early evening, especially when the sun peeked out from behind the busy clouds.

Rosa looked up at the ash trees lining the pathway and the taller cottonwoods behind them along the creek that occasionally intersected the path. They were still dormant, not yet fooled into exposing their green buds yearning to be unfurled. She lowered her eyesight to ground level, here and there a fresh tendril, but by and large the grass, too, was still hibernating.

She began to replay some of the day's events in her mind. She recalled her appointment with the Crowleys. They were late again — some things you just can't change. But Rosa felt she'd been making real progress with them. She'd even asked them to bring their five year old daughter. Normally Rosa didn't like to involve the children in these joint sessions, but the way they both talked about Angela, Rosa figured she might be able to make even greater inroads. Besides after teaching Sunday school for a couple of months and working further on her new pet project, Rosa had thought it was time for the rubber to meet the road.

Rosa wouldn't label the session an unqualified success, but it wasn't a disaster, either. Angela had been precocious and insightful. She'd even provided Rosa with fodder for future sessions. More than anything, Angela had provided Rosa with hope. Hope that the Crowleys were headed toward reconciliation. Hope that Rosa's project could be developed into a tool to help other Crowleys. And hope that this new path Rosa was walking in her life would be as fulfilling as it seemed.

She reflected back on the last few tumultuous months. She was now a contributing member of a vibrant church family; she was a full-fledged citizen of God's kingdom. She'd accepted that leadership position, and now her days were far busier than they'd been before. But now when she knelt beside her bed each night to pray, quite often exhausted, her prayers were filled with thanksgiving.

Rosa thought back to the beginning of her transition period. What had started it? What was it that had pushed her toward this radical transformation? She tried to reconstruct all of the events that led to where she was at this particular moment, but she couldn't pinpoint any singular circumstance.

Perhaps, she concluded as she glanced up at the pale sky, God had been there all along, nudging her, shepherding her, waiting for her.

An old, familiar sound danced into her ears. It was a melody she hadn't heard for a long time — the first meadowlark of the year. Rosa looked up and saw the bird clutching the uppermost limb of a nearby tree and thought she noticed a barely perceptible wink.

The End



Rockhaven Chapel

First Presbyterian Church

April 2018



First Presbyterian Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 EASTER 6 am Rockhaven Easter Sunrise 8:30 am Worship 9:15 Easter Brunch 10:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School	2	3 7pm First Bells 7 pm Boy Scouts	4 7pm Choir	5 7am Men's Bible Study 8 am Women's Morning Book Group 5:00 pm Deacons	6 5:30 pm First Friday	7
8 8:30 am Worship 9:30 Adult/Youth Sunday Schools 10:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School 11:45 Presby Cats	9	10 7 pm First Bells 7 pm Boy Scouts	11 7pm Choir	12 7am Men's Bible Study 8 am Women's Morning Book Group	13	14
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