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Congregation to elect officers this Sunday, 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.

Thank You
For supporting our 2018
Presby Cats Spring Break
Mission/Study Trip to Miami!



DOOR
See the face of
God in the City



Please join us in worship at both services on Sunday, April 8, when we will be leading worship and sharing our faith as we reflect on the encounters with God we experienced during our week in Miami. We'll have pictures to share during the fellowship time that follows the service.

Hope to see you there!

Enhancing Our Conversation With God

"And it is my (Paul) prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ to the glory and praise of God."

Philippians 1:9-11

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).

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!*





Judy Arkwright, Debby Haynes,
Sally Broughton and Rachel Minter

Presbyterian Women Honorary Life Memberships Given

The many years of service to Jesus Christ of Judy Arkwright, Debby Haynes, Sally Broughton and Rachel Minter were recently honored with the award of Honorary Life Memberships from Presbyterian Women. They have served faithfully with the gifts of worship, education, service and community. What a love of God these four women have shown for our congregation, community and wider world! Each honoree received a certificate plus a pin in the design of a butterfly with elements of caring hands, dove, leaf, globe and cross.

Adult Sunday school resumes this Sunday

After a 2-week hiatus for Palm Sunday and Easter, the adult Sunday school class will resume its study of the Lord's Prayer, led by Dan Krebill, on Sunday, April 8, at 9:30 a.m. in the church library.

Birthdays this week

4/5 *Sandy Archer*
Lori Ingram
Tyler Martindale
4/7 *Rena Easton*
Gerri Lewis
4/9 *Bill Anderson*

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.

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 heart-warming 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.

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 – addtl 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>

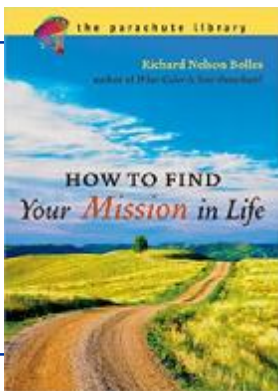
Rockhaven Summer Staff Opportunities

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.

Safety Ministry

The Session decided to charge a Safety Ministry with safeguarding the congregation's well-being during church services. The goal is to train a small group of volunteers in how to best react to issues that might arise during a service including medical, fire or environmental emergencies as well as unwelcome disruptions. This group would be comprised of people willing to intervene as necessary, but primarily be people who would be responsible for calling in appropriate outside resources.

If this is something you would be willing to do, please contact Elder Tom McMakin at tmcmakin@profitableideas.com or at 570-5929.



How to Find Your Mission in Life

Have you read this little book? Is there a copy at your house you'd like to return? In the back of the sanctuary, there is a basket with several copies available for borrowing. Please take and read a copy (no sign-outs needed) and then return it for someone else to experience it. This was one of the ways we kicked off our "Year of Call," and it could be just what you need now as we look toward the conclusion of the year in May.

Deacons help Blackfeet Nation Winter Storm Relief

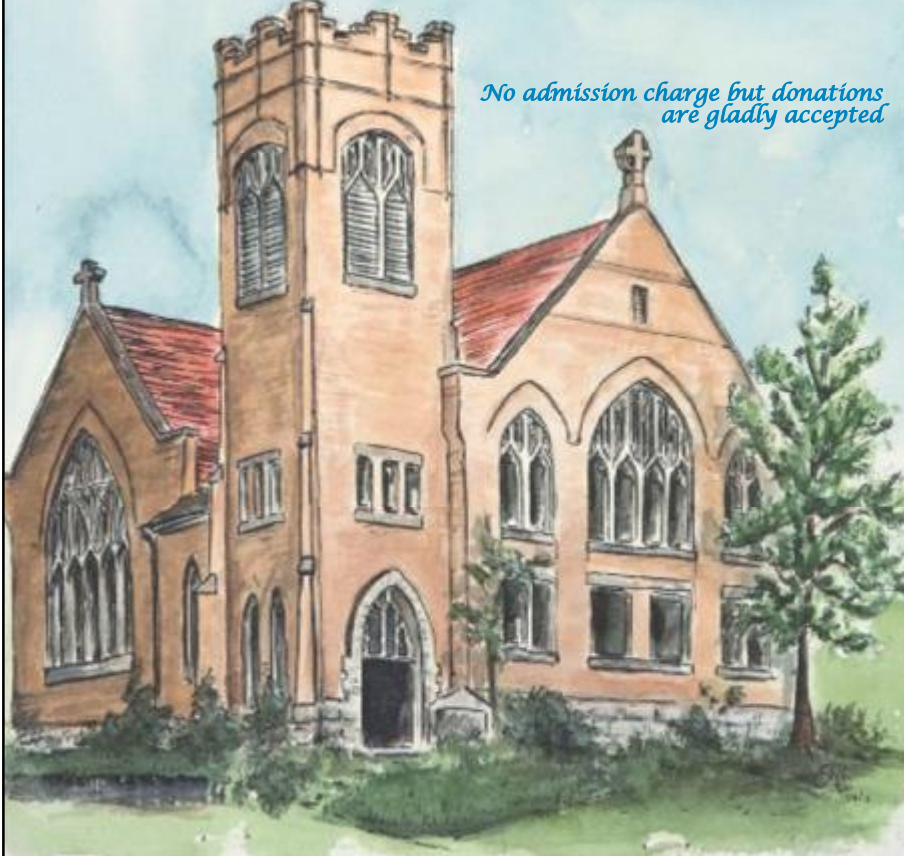
Although we have had record-approaching snow here in Bozeman this winter, many of you know it has been much worse in other parts of the state. Perhaps hardest hit by the continuing storms has been the Blackfeet Nation, in the vicinity of Browning, Montana east of Glacier National Park. The area has experienced an unrelenting series of snowstorms, gale force winds and subzero temperatures, which drained emergency resources on the Blackfeet Reservation. The Yellowstone Conference of the United Methodist Church is one of the organizers of relief, and in early March, the Board of Deacons approved \$500 in support for the Methodist Church's efforts.



*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*



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!

Holland-days...

by Dan Holland

Given the unsettled weather of the last week, I realize any mention of gardening is borderline heresy. But I can dream, can't I?

Call of the Dirt

Can you hear them?

Listen.

They're calling.

The microbes.

You know — microbes — God's tiny, tiny
beneficial creatures.

They're calling.

They've been hibernating all winter, well,
not really hibernating, but moving real slow,
and now as the frost line is pushing back up
towards the surface they're starting to become more
active...

and hungry.

And they're chanting, in unison,
feed me, Seymour, feed me.

So as time allows and the weather permits,
I will oblige them. It's been a long time since I've felt dirt
under my fingernails, but soon I will be busy mixing in
a buffet with five different entrees for them to choose from:
five different compost piles — there's the horse pile,
and the goat pile, and the kitchen pile, and the chicken pile,
and new this year, those hungry little beneficial critters
will get to eat duck mud,
all in an effort to create fertile soil
so that seeds will sprout,
and plants will flourish,
and people — people — will eat.

I realize Jesus was a carpenter by trade,
but he knew a thing or two about
planting seeds in fertile soil.

And then Jesus told Peter,
and then he told me,
well, he really told all of us,
to feed his sheep.
Perhaps he was speaking metaphorically,
but I'm not taking any chances.