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## Rockhaven Clean up this Saturday, April 28

Rockhaven Work Day Saturday April 28 from 9:00-3:00. Come during any or all of that time, bring a sack lunch and equipment you'll need for indoor and/or outdoor cleanup projects. It will be a beautiful day and a great opportunity for fellowship and to get Rockhaven ready for the season! Questions? Call John Patterson 587-9722.

## Adult Mission Team to Ft. Peck Organizational Meeting Tonight

Those interested in learning more about this year's trip to the Ft. Peck Reservation in northeast Montana are invited to an informational meeting on Wednesday, April 25, at 6:30 pm at the church. If you have participated in this adventure before, please come to share your thoughts and experiences. If you have not been before but are interested, please come to ask your questions. The trip will be May 29-June 2, and we are hoping for clarity on who is able to participate so we can set future meetings and plan our trip.

If you are interested, contact Charlie Mandeville (580-7823, [charlie@charliemandeville.com](mailto:charlie@charliemandeville.com)) or Jody McDevitt (586-9194, [jody@fpcbozeman.org](mailto:jody@fpcbozeman.org)).

## Can't Go on the Mission Trip, But Want to Help?

One of the delightful parts of the mission trip is when the young dancers come and perform for the group. In the past we have given them a financial donation, but this year they have asked that we help by providing them with fabric and notions for them to create their costumes with. They need plain colored cotton fabrics, bells and other decorative items, ribbon and they said buckskin too. Gary Shanafelt is donating a hide for us to take to them, and if you have any fabric, bells or other items that would lend themselves to the costumes, please let Jody McDevitt or Charlie Mandeville know or drop off at the office.

*Enhancing Our Conversation With God*

*"May our loving Lord strengthen us to generously give the gift of prayers for others today."*

*James Banks, Our Daily Bread, March 14, 2018*

## VBS Snacks Coordinator Needed

Could you help feed 300 hungry people a snack each day during VBS week, June 18-22?

It's easier than it sounds. With 6 participating churches, volunteers are already being identified who can serve the snacks and clean up. In many previous years, the leadership roles have been filled by various volunteers from Bozeman United Methodist Church. This year, it's our turn to identify someone (or a team of 2) to be Snacks Coordinator for our ecumenical downtown VBS.

Menus have been planned and we even have the shopping list prepared. Here is the job description:

1. Purchase food (paid for by VBS budget)
2. Organize the snack volunteers for the snack rooms, making sure each location is covered each day
3. Distribute the food with instructions for serving

If you are interested, or want to know more, talk with Suzanne Bratsky (539-0211) or Jody McDevitt (551-3262). You will receive the gratitude of 300 people times 5 days!

### 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 6<sup>th</sup>)

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!



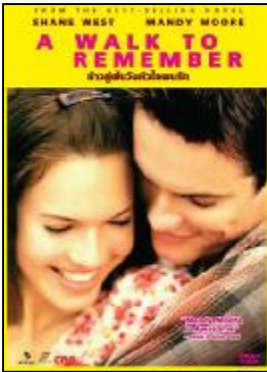
Right Click on these links and go to open link.

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>

### FIRST FRIDAY - May 4



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, **A WALK TO REMEMBER**. (Our faithful member, Paul Krebill, selected this movie especially for us.) It is a story by the popular author, Nicholas Sparks which is set in North Carolina in 1959. We will be able to discuss the topics of rebellion, bullying, redemption, self-acceptance, and reconciliation.

#### Butter braids Still Available

Did you miss the opportunity to purchase butter braids from our youth last month? We have a few which were not sold which are available for purchase. Original price was \$14; you can buy these for \$10 each. Flavors available are Raspberry, Apple, Strawberry Cream Cheese, Cinnamon, and Caramel Rolls. Contact the church office to place your order. ([linda@fpcbozeman.org](mailto:linda@fpcbozeman.org) or 586-9194)

#### Adult class pauses on April 29 & finishes up on May 6

The Adult Sunday School class is finishing up with a couple of "Ask the Pastor" sessions this spring. Last Sunday the class focused on what it means to "worship in spirit and in truth," a phrase that shows up in the gospel of John. The class will finish up the year on May 6 with a focus on "Jesus' work on the cross and from the tomb." *Please note that there will be no class on April 29 since co-pastor Dan will be in Hamilton for the Big Sky Handbell Festival.*

#### *Birthdays this week*

*4/25 Jenny Beard  
4/26 Kristen Martindale  
Brent Turner  
4/28 John Hodges*

#### MERRY MUNCHERS AND FRIENDS

##### Save the date

Our May activity will be an all group picnic on May 18. Please save the date. You need not be a member to participate. Please invite friends and family to join us for this fun evening. De-

#### 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, [fpc-bozeman.org](http://fpc-bozeman.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!*



## Cookies for Coffee Hour

Coffee hour after church service is enjoyed by all. If you still have cookie dough from the Presby Cat sale or you want to make your own dough, please think about baking and sharing some of your cookies. Our supply is getting low. Thank you for your help.



### Yellowstone Presbytery Mini-Conference 1:00 pm May 4th - 12:00pm May 5th, 2018 Federated Church of Harlowton



#### How can we develop our “People Eyes” to see others *as Christ sees them*?

Get ready by watching this brief video: Under ‘Video clips’ click *People Eyes* @ <http://www.yellowstonepcusa.org/StanOttMaterials.htm>. Then reflect: What are your reactions to this video? What would you have to change in your life for you to develop your “People Eyes”? In the video, the young man approaches a neighborhood boy first. Who would be the first person you might approach?



#### How can we listen the way Jesus listens to us?

Deepen your listening skills to listen better to

- the Holy Spirit and Scripture,
- your families and friends,
- your neighbors, community, and circumstances.



#### How can we better practice *Paying Attention as a spiritual discipline*?

Many of us live distracted lives, or are pulled in too many directions—so much so that we don’t see the presence or work of God in our midst. Yet, God is waiting to meet us; God is trying to get our attention, inviting us to grow, to join in Christ’s mission. Let’s learn how to better pay attention to the presence and promptings of God -in our lives and in the communities where God calls and sends us.



#### If Christ is sending us out into our communities - Why? Where do I/we start?

Some tools for your toolkit:

“Toto, I’ve a feeling we’re not in Kansas anymore.” Oz is our new reality - how can we better understand and adapt as disciples, pastors, and churches!

How to learn more about your community and find the community demographic information you need. What is really going on? “My mama told me to never talk to strangers.” Let’s learn how to start a conversation with, listen to, and learn from people who are not like us or with people we don’t know. What kinds of questions might I ask my neighbors and community leaders?

For info: [www.yellowstonepcusa.org/20180.05.04PresbyMeeting.htm](http://www.yellowstonepcusa.org/20180.05.04PresbyMeeting.htm)

To register - 406-586-7706

## Holland-days...

by Dan Holland

Last September 10<sup>th</sup> our congregation embarked on a year-long exploration of the theme, *Called to Life*. There are only a few more weeks remaining in this journey, because the term ‘year-long’ refers more to a school year than a calendar year. Still, for nearly nine months this theme has permeated much of our church based activity. So if we are living a healthy, examined life, we should ask ourselves if this experience has changed us.

I suspect for some of us the answer is yes. Some of us not only have heard a call, but have answered it. Perhaps it was to respond to a specific task, to fill a particular vacancy, or to step outside of our comfort zone and try something new. In my case it was answering the call for children’s Sunday School teachers. In your case it might have been answering a totally different call.

In any case, I got to thinking about all this when I stumbled across an article in the latest issue of *Presbyterians Today*. The article was entitled *Death Café* and it recounts a movement I had previously been unfamiliar with. It is actually less a movement and more a loosely knit bunch of discussion groups throughout the country that get together to discuss, well, death. And life. And most anything in between. It sounded somewhat intriguing, but it also got me to thinking about something Dr. David Henderson told us about back on September 10<sup>th</sup>. In his opening address to us as we started this Year of Call, David used a paraphrase of an old G.K. Chesterton quote: “We now have a strong desire for living combined with a strange carelessness about dying. We desire life like water and yet are ready to drink death like wine.”

I don’t know if I am there yet — at least not the second part. I desire life like water, but I don’t know if I am ready to drink death like wine. Perhaps that is because I have not yet completed the rest of the journey Dr. Henderson described. I have not embraced the sixteen inch trip I need to take from my head to my heart. That is where Jesus is calling me to go.



### 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](http://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!