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Congratulations to 2018 Graduates!

From Bozeman High School:



Laina Hall, daughter of Jim & Kris Hall. Laina will attend Montana State University in the fall.

Elliot Johnson, son of Todd & Diana Johnson. Elliot will attend the University of Montana in the fall.

Logan Kleinhans, son of Randy & Jodi Kleinhans. Logan will attend Montana State University in the fall.

Wilson McMakin, son of Tom & Mary McMakin. Wilson will attend Columbia University (New York City) in the fall.

Lenka Swenson, daughter of Chuck & Gigi Swenson. Lenka will be taking a gap year to travel and work in Europe.

From the University of Montana:

Martha Krebill, daughter of Dan Krebill & Jody McDevitt and granddaughter of Paul & Doris Krebill. B.A. in Psychology and B.A. in English (Teaching)
Martha will student teach at Billings Senior High School in the fall.

We extend our condolences

Tom Halpin, the husband of Evelyn Halpin, died on Saturday, May 19 after a period of illness. Evelyn served as church secretary from 1997-2009. She continues to live in Bozeman and is a member of St. James Episcopal Church.
"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They will rest from their labors, and their deeds follow them." (Rev. 14:13)

Enhancing Our Conversation With God

*"Lord, open my eyes to recognize every event --- even times of suffering
--- as an invitation to grow in my love of you and my neighbor."*

Upper Room Disciplines 2015

Love INC News

Love INC is offering a **FREE** summer class: **Love Your Kitchen** starts on June 19 through July 31. In this class you will learn about cooking and eating healthy on a budget.

To register for this class or to volunteer as an ally (coach), help with childcare or provide needed ingredients, call Jane at 587-6395 or email changeyourlife@loveincgc.org by June 5. Childcare and transportation are available.

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

Care products **low on**: (When possible, please donate unscented personal care products.)

- Baby wipes
- Body wash
- Lotion - hand and/or body
- Hair conditioner
- Band-aids
- Dish soap
- Laundry detergent

Birthdays this week
5/23 *Marjorie Hickman*
5/24 *Gigi Prunty*
Mimi Roser
Julia Johnson
5/25 *Kay Gannon*
Kyndra Campbell
5/26 *Mary McMakin*
5/28 *Bob Olsen*
5/29 *Nancy Rote*

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, 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!*



Vacation Bible School 2018 Rolling Down the River June 18-22, 2018

8:30*am – Noon *(please arrive early on Monday @ 8:15am to check in and get your t-shirts)

- Sponsored financially and guided by leadership from Bozeman UMC, First Baptist Church, First Presbyterian, Grand Avenue Christian, Pilgrim Congregational & St. James Episcopal.
- Our main program is for children 4 years old – entering 6th grade in Fall 2018.
- Childcare with VBS activities is provided for our volunteers' children 0-3.
- Youth entering 7th – 12th grades are a part of our Youth Assistant Team.
- Adults of all ages are our Adult Volunteers.

REGISTER ONLINE @ www.bozemanumc.org/vacation-bible-school

If you need assistance getting registered online please contact the church office.

Adult and Youth Volunteer Information

All Youth (7th grade - 12th grade in fall 2018) and Adults of all ages are invited to volunteer for the Downtown Bozeman VBS – it's a great opportunity to get to know children and other volunteers in the Gallatin Valley! VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR:

Stories and Drama: Teach and act out the Bible story of the day with dramatic scenery, props and songs!

Craftivities: Crafts & Science! Help kids make creative projects and experimental learning!

Games: Lead games and activities in small groups at Emerson Field. Fun & physical activities with a point!

Shepherds 1st – 6th Grade: Reflect the love of Jesus by leading one age group of children to each rotation activity, assist in the activity, and provide encouragement and fun.

Preschool & Kindergarten Rooms: Teach our youngest children in one building through rotating classrooms of music, games, crafts, science and stories. Ages 4-6 years old.

Nursery: Care for children of our adult volunteers in the BUMC nursery. Ages 0-3 years old.

Carpentry: Building carpentry projects that highlight the VBS theme with ALL ages.

Snacks: Help prepare and serve fun, delicious snacks in one of 3 locations. Some pre-VBS week prep required.

Decorations: Make VBS theme come alive through creative decorating of sanctuary and snack rooms.

T-shirts: Iron on decals and organize t-shirts for distribution to kids and volunteers!

Youth Assistants: Youth can sign up to help our adults in any of the areas above. (Adults can help coordinate our YA Team's daily check in and Tuesday/Wed Fun Day for YA's.)

Check In & Gatekeepers: Help with the daily check-in table from 8:15-8:45 each day! Also need door volunteers to greet and direct guests to the large group sanctuary.

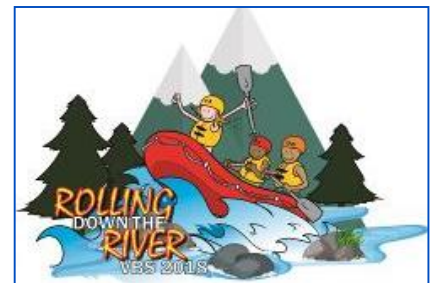
VBS Kickoff Orientation Wednesday June 6th (event 5:30-7:30pm): **VBS Intro @ 5:30, Dinner/Orientation/Breakout groups 6-7:30.**

New Youth Assistant Training: Monday June 11th – 12pm **Must Register Online!**

VBS Prep Week (Decorations and Setup): Monday June 11th - Thursday June 15th 12am -3pm and a **special set-up day on Friday June 16th from 12-3pm Lunch Provided!**

All-Hands on Deck VBS Set Up Day: Sunday June 17th – Noon - 2pm

VBS Picnic: Friday June 22nd – Noon **Volunteers Needed – Contact Misti Davis.**



Questions? ... ASK JODY MCDEVITT or SUZANNE BRATSKY

Holland-days...

by Dan Holland

Graduation season is once again upon us. Towards that end I offer this story written for a past graduate. It will appear in two parts.

Changing Tides (Part I)

Jonathon squinted into the early evening sun as it danced leisurely across the waves in the bay in front of him. Soon schools of fish would come in to feed and Jonathon would be ready for them. Standing perfectly still in the waist deep water adjacent to the edge of the reef, he slowly shifted his weight from one leg to the other just as his uncle had taught him. It was the ancient way of reef fishing, remaining motionless and allowing the fish to come within easy striking distance. It was art. Jonathon's dark skin had been painted white by his mother to mimic the color of the reef. She even painted the traditional loincloth he wore and the belt that held the tools of the trade.

The endless waiting also gave Jonathon ample time to think. He thought about his future. In a few short weeks he would be making the long journey to New Zealand to attend college, the first of his family to do so. It was a daunting prospect. The teachers at his Jesuit school had long encouraged him to study abroad and expand his horizons beyond the archipelago he called home. Classwork had always come easy for Jonathon, something not many of his classmates could claim. He thought about them, his friends he would be leaving behind. Some of them called him a sell-out, others, he knew, were jealous. But there were a few that were honestly rooting for him to succeed so he could come back and pave the way for the next generation. Those were the dreamers, and it was those he was most afraid of disappointing. What if he washed out? What if he was so overcome by a fear of the unknown that he had to come slinking back home, a failure?

He shifted his weight again in an attempt to change his line of thinking, but it was no use. An unknown future ebbed and flowed in Jonathon's mind just like the gentle rollers breaking over the reef and pulsing toward the white sand beach. Life would be comfortable if he stayed. No, comfortable wasn't the right word. It would be familiar. He could be a fisherman like his uncle, or a cop as his father had been before the heart attack. One thing he knew for certain, though. He couldn't allow himself to become like the men who sat down at the dock everyday drinking and complaining about the lack of opportunity.

From the corner of his eye Jonathon saw a shadow emerge from the reef. Then another. Grouper. Remarkably, they swam right toward him. He was tempted to take one of these tasty fish right now and be done with it. But that wasn't his task today. No, his grandmother had given him specific instructions. She wanted to eat Blue Trevally or nothing. It was her favorite fish and nothing else would do. Jonathon's uncle warned him the Trevally were always the last to show up. Lazy fish, he called them. They waited until the more industrious fish had worn out the schools of bait fish. Just then a school of Damselfish darted out from the safety of the reef. Jonathon watched in amazement as they swam back and forth between his motionless legs. Next to come were the Butterfly Fish, followed by Angelfish, then Surgeons and Soldiers. As the tide shifted more and more fish came out of hiding in order to strut their stuff. Then came some bigger fish, Parrotfish and Goatfish, even a Wrasse. Occasionally one of the larger breeds would snack on a smaller one, but for the most part they swam in harmony, like skaters on a skating rink. ...continued next week