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Wear Red this Sunday!

Pentecost Sunday is May 20 this year, and we are inviting everyone to WEAR RED!

May 20 will also be our Celebration of Call Sunday, the conclusion of our Year of Call emphasis. On that day, both services will include celebratory music. At the 10:30 service, we will also ordain and install elders and deacons, and commission the entire congregation for ministry. It will also be the concluding Sunday of the Sunday school year, so Bibles will be given to graduating 3rd, 8th, and 12 grade students.

Why red? On Pentecost we remember the "tongues of fire" which descended on the disciples gathered in Jerusalem, a sign of the Holy Spirit. Red recalls the fire and is a symbol of the Holy Spirit. We will see red banners and paraments decorating the sanctuary, but the Holy Spirit rests on people, not buildings, so wearing red shows that we are Christ's Spirit-filled people!



Year of Call celebration

This Sunday, all are invited to a special fellowship time between worship services celebrating the conclusion of our Year of Call. There will be donuts, fruit, and cheese in the Fellowship Hall. This is also a time to thank First Bells and Worship Choir members, and see a slide show describing all we did this year for the Year of Call. Please come!

Enhancing Our Conversation With God

*"Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him;
God is a refuge for us."*

Psalms 62:8

If you would like to help out in the church office for a few hours as a receptionist while Linda is moving on Monday, May 21 please call Linda or Jody at the church office, 586-9194. Thanks!

Spring means graduations

We would like to recognize all who are graduating from high school, college, or with advanced degrees. Please send news of your family's spring graduates to PresbEnews@fpcbozeman.org so we can congratulate all.



MERRY MUNCHERS AND FRIENDS 2018 Picnic and Gathering

Our May activity will be an all group picnic on May 18. Because of the size of our group, we have selected a local park as the gathering spot. We will meet at Bozeman Ponds in the covered pavilion. There are clean restrooms on site. This city park is located just west of the Gallatin Valley Mall and Owenhouse Hardware. The entrance is located off Fowler Street.

Our picnic will begin at 6:00 p.m. Guests are asked bring any potluck dish to share. Plates and utensils plus the main dish will be provided. Friends, family and all others are welcome to join us. This is a child friendly area with plenty of play equipment so all are welcome. You do not need to have been a member of the Munchers this year. Please join us for this fun event.

Birthdays this week

5/18 McCabe Overton

5/20 Craig Miller

Ian Hoffman

5/21 Betty Boxmeyer

5/22 Frank Schurz

Madelyn Montgomery

5/23 Marjorie Hickman

5/24 Gigi Prunty

Mimi Roser

Julia Johnson

5/25 Kay Gannon

Kyndra Campbell

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 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 tshirts)

- 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

Last week the 14th annual Farm Fair was held on the Brainard Ranch just east of Manhattan. Over the course of three days 1,200 area fourth graders are bussed out there to learn about sixteen different aspects of agriculture. It is a phenomenally successful program which requires obtaining significant grant funding and utilizes thousands upon thousands of volunteer hours. Each year thirty of those hours are mine as I host the dairy goat station along with willing volunteers from the 4-H ranks and some conscripted help from the Amaltheia Dairy.

I use the word ‘conscripted’ because no animal in their right mind would willingly raise their hoof and volunteer to spend three days allowing strangers to manhandle them as much as we do. Yet Amaltheia always graciously allows us to borrow a doe (a lactating female goat) and two kids — and those critters are always compliant, cooperative, and in the case of the babies heart-melters.

This year the goat kids we employed were quite young, only a couple of days old. As a result they weren’t as spirited as normal as they primarily just allowed everyone to hold and cuddle them. Of course that is precisely what we want them to do, so it worked out perfectly.

You may have seen the feature on the local ABC news documenting Farm Fair last week. The reporter’s final edition highlighted a couple of different stations and included a couple of pertinent interviews with the event’s main organizers. What you didn’t see, though, was what ended up on the cutting room floor. The reporter spent quite a bit of time in the dairy goat station holding both of the kids and trying to explain how these newborn animals were ambassadors for the program — except she kept losing her composure. The reporter was so overcome with joy, that she was unable to maintain her focus. As I witnessed her attempts, it was at once hilarious and heartwarming.

The reporter wasn’t the only one unable to maintain last week. Over the years I have seen so many different fourth grade classes that it almost becomes predictable. Each class it seems has a brainiac or two, some socializers, the shy types, a few jocks, teacher’s pets, and of course the ‘too cool for school’ types. This year I was also able to witness a couple of these James Dean wannabes get transformed by the power of baby goats. At first they couldn’t be bothered to even acknowledge the existence of these little cuties, but once we foisted the babies into their arms, like the reporter before them, they couldn’t stop fawning over how soft and cuddly the goats were.

Jesus said, “Everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled,” and the prophets voiced similar sentiments before him. They also predicted that one day the lamb will lie down with the lion. In a sense that happens every year at Farm Fair.



Church Facebook page a source of up-to-date info!

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