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Rockhaven Summer Kicks off June 17 with Father's Day at Rockhaven!



All are invited to join the festivities at Rockhaven on Sunday, June 17, for our annual Father's Day "Pig" Roast. The Rockhaven Operational Board will host dinner, providing pulled pork sandwiches and beverages. Please bring a potluck dish to share with others. The meal will begin at 5:30 pm. Come early to enjoy the peace and beauty of Rockhaven in June—when the river really runs through it! Look for the new tree fort, low ropes course, mud kitchen and tipi and for those less mobile, take a golf car ride across the bridge to enjoy the east side of the river.

Sunday evening vespers services begin the same night, at 7 pm. Pastor Jody McDevitt will start this summer's theme, "Wild Thangs." Musicians will include the Riverside Singers and accompanist Holly Aloise. Come raise the roof of the Rockhaven Chapel with your singing and praising God. This will be the first of 11 weeks of Sunday evening potlucks (5:30) and vespers (7:00) at Rockhaven. Plan to be there! Rockhaven is a blessing for the church family and for friends, too. Invite your friends to experience God's presence at the "thin place" we call Rockhaven.

Enhancing Our Conversation With God

"Creator God, We thank you for the family of faith into which You have called us. Keep us close to one another, and may our prayers be deep and real. Through Christ. Amen"

From "Words for Thinking and Thoughts for Meditation" by Paul Krebill

Birthdays this week

6/2 *Cherie Olsen*

6/5 *Jane Hodges*

New Email

Dave and Judy Arkwright have a new email address:

jabaker1941@gmail.com



Food Bank this Sunday, June 3

Gallatin Valley Food Bank Sunday is this Sunday. Please bring any nonperishable and non-expired items to the front of the sanctuary or in the baskets in the narthexes.

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.

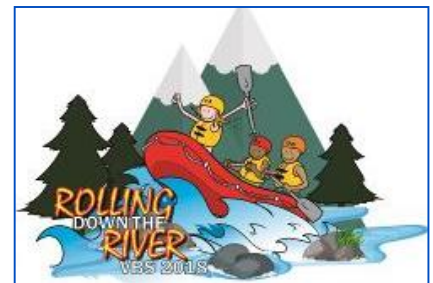
VBS Kickoff Orientation Wednesday June 6th (event 5:30-7:30pm): **VBS Intro @ 5:30, Dinner/Orientation/Breakout groups 6-7:30.**

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

Changing Tides (Part II)

As the sun sank lower in the horizon Jonathon noticed a change in the behavior of the marine life. They became more chaotic; the smaller fish seemed panicked. Then Jonathon saw what brought about the change: larger predators were starting to make an appearance. A small Mako shark swam unhurriedly fifty yards away. Other large fish began to get busy with their nutritional requirements. Three shadows caught Jonathon's eye as they emerged from the reef. They swam on the outskirts of the activity, picking off anything that happened into their path. Jonathon tensed; these were the Trevallies, meaty blue vessels each about twenty-five inches long and in the eight to ten pound range, exactly as his grandmother preferred them. His right hand tightened the grip on his spear as he intently watched his quarry. They didn't suspect a thing as they continued to circle on the periphery. A swarm of Damsels hovered between Jonathon's legs and they caught the Trevallies' eyes. The trio turned back behind Jonathon and shot like missiles toward the unsuspecting prey.

Jonathon knew that once the Trevallies were in attack mode their guard would be let down. Still, he mustn't turn to get a better view; he would have to wait until they swam through his legs. He looked down and could see their shadows steaming straight toward him. He took a deep breath and when he saw the first flash of blue emerge from between his legs, he pounced. Deftly the spear transected the first fish below its shoulder and gleamed as it came out the other side. In seemingly the same motion he guided the spear toward the next fish, which seemed oblivious to the commotion right next to it. This thrust, too, was true and entered the fish in its midsection. Jonathon continued his motion until the spear hit the sand below and secured the two prizes. At the same moment, Jonathon's left hand entered the fray and swooped in with the landing net attached to his loincloth. The third Trevally swam right into it along with three or four Damsels. Instinctively Jonathon lifted both the net and the spear out of the water and began to run toward shore.

As he churned through the surf Jonathon looked back and noticed the Mako was making a beeline for him. Still running, Jonathon shifted the net over to his right hand. He reached into the net with his left hand and grabbed a couple of the smaller fish. He flung them into the path of the shark. Miraculously it did the trick, as the Mako's attention was diverted long enough to allow Jonathon to make his way through the gentle waves breaking onto the wide, flat beach. Exhilarated, he laid his bounty on the sand and raised his arms in triumph. He began to dance around crazily, then reached into the net and grabbed the still wiggling Damsel fish. He threw the tiny fish back into the surf, laughing uproariously. He sat down, breathing furiously as he contemplated the nearly thirty pounds of fish next to him. As he sat there his right calf began to cramp viciously, which caused him to roll on to his back. Despite the intense pain, Jonathon laughed insanely as he rolled around in the sand. Before long the cramp subsided and he unsteadily rose to his feet.

Jonathon picked up the fish and began limping home. It was a long walk, but he was buoyed by the knowledge of how he would be greeted when he arrived. His grandmother would rejoice and cook a feast that would last two days. His uncle would beam with pride that the old ways had been successfully passed to another generation. His mother would cry as she would see her boy was now a man. Ha, Jonathon thought confidently, they haven't seen anything yet. ... *The End*