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Rockhaven Summer Kicks off this Sunday, June 17 with Father's Day



All are invited to join the festivities at Rockhaven this 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

"Prayer is the hand of faith on the door handle of your heart. We speak. He listens. He speaks. We listen. This is prayer in its purest form."

Max Lucado

Matthew O'Sullivan Concert June 24

On Sunday June 24th at 4.00 Matthew O'Sullivan will give an informal organ recital at Hope Lutheran church in Bozeman. The program will be a preview of Matthew's set for an episode of '11th & Grant with Eric Funk' on Montana PBS, which Matthew will be recording in July. All are most welcome to come and hear an eclectic program of music ranging from the 15th century right through to the present day. Entry is free, with a free-will offering taken. The program will last an hour, and will be followed by refreshments.

For those who are interested, the full program is:

Trumpet Tune in C - David N. Johnson

Fantasia in C - William Byrd

Serenade, op.10 no.3 - Dezső Antalffy-Zsiross

O intemerata virginitas - Anon. (from the Buxheim Organ Book)

Master Tallis's Testament - Herbert Howells

Twilight at the Shahr-e-Zindah (from 'Samarkand Suite') - Georgy Mushel

Prelude & Fugue in D major, BWV 532 - Johann Sebastian Bach

Desert Streams; Sacred Song - Matthew O'Sullivan

Pastorale in C - Louis James Alfred Lefébure-Wély

Passacaglia - Daniel E. Gawthrop

Birthdays this week

6/14 Julie Small

6/15 Danielle Berg

6/16 Mike Marjanen

6/17 Scott Thrasher

6/18 Dwayne Arcscott

Hello Love INC Church Partners,

"But be sure to fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you."

1 Samuel 12:24

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

Care products **out of or low on:** (When possible, unscented personal care products please)

- Liquid hand soap
- Body wash
- Lotion - hand and/or body
- Hair conditioner
- Men's and women's deodorant
- Toothbrushes
- Dental floss
- Diapers sizes 4,5, and 6
- Pull ups
- Diaper rash ointment
- Laundry detergent

KORI'S GOING TO NEW YORK!

LIVING AND SERVING IN NEW YORK CITY AS PART OF THE YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTEER (YAV) PROGRAM

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

PRAYERS - FOR AN OPEN HEART AND STRENGTH

FUNDING - CHECKS CAN BE MADE OUT TO PRESBYTERY OF NYC. KORI WILL BE COLLECTING DONATIONS AS WELL!

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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!*



The 2018 General Assembly will meet June 16-23 in St. Louis, where the police shooting of unarmed black teenager Michael Brown in nearby Ferguson, Missouri, in 2014 ignited a season of fierce community activism on matters of racism, poverty and systemic injustice.

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OPEN THE DOORS AND LOOK OUT.

by Leslie Scanlon,
Outlook national reporter

The 538 commissioners and more than 180 advisory delegates will take on matters of concern inside the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), including a proposal to significantly raise General Assembly per capita and concerns about #MeToo in the church.

But J. Herbert Nelson, the PC(USA)'s stated clerk, is encouraging Presbyterians to also look out at the world — particularly at a faith-based response to structural inequity. The assembly's theme is "Renewing the Vision: Kingdom Building for the 21st Century," from Matthew 6:25-33 — and the business will range from addressing climate change to hopes for peace in Korea.

Here's some of what this assembly will take on.

The Way Forward. A committee with this name will begin meeting a day early (on June 15) to consider recommendations from the Way Forward Commission and All Agency Review Committee, and an interim report from the 2020 Vision Team. This committee will discuss recommendations ranging from improving translation services to the role of the stated clerk. It also will try to sort through a complex disagreement involving a proposed restructuring of the PC(USA), A Corporation — a matter in which the Way Forward Commission and All Agency Review disagree with the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board in a dispute that involves power, differing visions and control of more than \$560 million of A Corporation net assets.

Per capita. The Committee on the Office of the General Assembly and the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board are proposing a substantial increase in per capita: from \$7.73 per member in 2018, to \$10.71 in 2019, and to \$11.45 in 2020. Nelson contends the increase is needed for the PC(USA) to do the work God is calling it to do; some mid council leaders have raised concerns about the impact on congregations and presbyteries. An overture from the Presbytery of Newton calls for initiating a review of the per capita funding system.

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Climate change. As happened in 2016, the assembly is being asked to consider competing proposals for responding to global warming — including an overture from Hudson River Presbytery (with 39 concurrences) that the PC(USA) divest from fossil fuel companies. Mission Responsibility Through Investment (MRTI) is recommending a continued process of corporate engagement, using a new set of metrics for measuring progress. Other overtures focus on support for alternative energy sources and reducing Presbyterians' carbon footprints.

Leadership. Two teams are standing to serve as co-moderators of the 2018 assembly: Bertram Johnson from the Presbytery of New York City and Eliana Maxim from the Presbytery of Seattle, both ministers; and Vilmarie Cintrón-Olivieri, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Tropical Florida, with Cindy Kohlmann, a minister from the Presbytery of Boston. A third choice: Chantal Atnip, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Carlisle, standing for moderator with vice moderator candidate Ken Hockenberry, a minister from the Presbytery of Chicago. The assembly also will be asked to confirm the election of Diane Givens Moffett as the new president and executive director of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

Racial and economic injustice. This assembly will have a clear focus on racism and poverty — including times to learn about and even participate in community activism. The Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy is presenting a set of recommendations called "A Gospel from St. Louis: Lessons from Congregations Seeking Racial and Economic Justice." Also coming up: recommendations regarding racist nationalism, the language the PC(USA) uses to refer to people of color and disparities experienced by black women and girls.

Middle East. Presbyteries have sent overtures addressing the ongoing disputes in Israel-Palestine and the humanitarian crisis in Syria. Overtures call for truthful dialogue with Israel, affirming the human rights of all and an examination of a call for ecumenical solidarity for justice for Palestinians.

Public policy. Overtures address a breadth of contemporary issues — including immigration policy, the death penalty, gun violence, drug policy, nuclear disarmament, a call to affirm the dignity of people of all gender identities and concerns in South Sudan, Central America, Madagascar and Yemen.

Church matters. The assembly also will consider issues affecting the church — including parental and family leave policies, a call for confession regarding sexual misconduct in the church and a report from a special committee on Christian education. Also of interest: an overture seeking to amend the PC(USA) constitution to provide more flexibility for new worshipping communities and immigrant fellowships to designate as leaders ruling elders who have been individually commissioned.



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Holland-days...

by Dan Holland

Psalm 121 is one of the most beloved Psalms. The first two verses are especially powerful and read as follows:

*I lift up my eyes to the hills —
from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.*

The last time I heard this Psalm read out loud was this past Saturday. I was sitting on the deck at the Deer Park Chalet at Bridger Bowl. The chalet is about half way up the mountain so it sits somewhere around seven thousand feet in elevation. I was facing the top of the mountain and the person reading the scripture (spoiler alert — it was Jody McDevitt) was facing away from the top. As a result, when Jody read the passage my eyes were naturally drawn to the top of Bridger towering above us at nine thousand feet.

You may recall that the weather on Saturday was spectacular. Thursday had been overcast and drizzly. Sunday brought a winter weather advisory. In between the two, though, it was beautiful. Perhaps even a little too hot down in the valley, but on Saturday at elevation it was a near perfect seventy-five.

The snow had all melted off the ski runs only a couple of weeks prior and the grass was making up for lost time; it was verdant and thriving. There was still a little bit of snow left at the top of the ridge and in the couloirs and it helped offset the crags of the peaks against the cobalt sky.

I wasn't the only one facing the top of the mountain on Saturday; there were about a hundred and fifty other guests at the wedding ceremony we were attending. Nor was Jody the only one facing away from the mountain; the wedding party stood alongside her. Well, technically not all of them were standing. One of them, my daughter, Katie, was perched on a stool.

It has been eleven and a half years since a random accident changed Katie's life and many of you reading this lifted up your eyes to the hills back then to ask where Katie's help would come from. All this time later we know her help came from the Lord — the same Lord who made the mountain I was watching. But I doubt if Katie was thinking about any of that, and I know she wasn't looking where I was. No, Katie's gaze was fixed on her soon to be husband, George.

Lord, your love is too wonderful for me.