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"Rolling Down the River - Downtown Bozeman VBS 2018

This June we were reminded that God loves us, that we are called to care for all of God's Creation and that we belong to an awesome community!

As we rolled down the river our cheer was "Say Yes! Take the Plunge! Amen!" We learned about Moses as a baby, God's people entering the Promise Land, the healing of Naaman, saving Paul From the sea and then Jesus' Baptism. Our Bible Verse for the week centered us in the word and gave us strength: "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you." (Isaiah 43:2)

We collected money in a river race to raise enough for 9 disaster relief clean up buckets, played water games and dry land games, we made beautiful cedar bird houses, sang, danced and acted our way through the adventurous week!

This ecumenical VBS (partnered with our friends at Bozeman UMC, First Baptist, First Presbyterian, Grand Avenue Christian, Pilgrim Congregational and St. James Episcopal) wouldn't be possible without the over 6 months of preparation by the AMAZING leadership team members from the 6 churches. We want to thank ALL of our youth who came early to help put the decorations and t-shirts together. And finally, to all of the church members who donated supplies, Christmas trees and more, gave snack donations and hours of time to making VBS a success: We are grateful to you for your commitment each year! We have the best community EVER!

Thank you everyone... for a week of deep blessings and endless streams of love!

VBS 2019 will be here before we know it - we will start our planning meetings beginning in January. If you enjoy planning, building, creating and working as a team: please join our team! We need game builders, storytellers, craft and science makers, snack leaders, carpenters, group shepherds, nursery care leaders and musicians again next year!

--The Downtown Bozeman VBS Leadership Team--

Enhancing Our Conversation With God

"Ask Jesus to give you a heart for Him so that you will know Him as He longs to be known."

Mornings With Jesus, May 2, 2017

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

6/20 Nancy Rutkowski

Paula Thomsen

6/21 Dolly Smith

Gayle Hickert

6/22 Sarah Thrasher

6/26 Jonas Overton

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!



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!

FOLLOW ME - FOLLOW MY BLOG AT [HTTPS://BEAUTYANDABOOK3.WORDPRESS.COM](https://beautyandabook3.wordpress.com)

My name is Kori Robbins, and I grew up in the small community of Anaconda, in the southwest corner of Montana. I earned my Bachelor of Arts in History at Montana State University in 2015, and as of 2017, have been working towards my Masters in American Studies. I am a founding member of the Presby Cats. It's been one of the best groups I could have been a part of during my collegiate years, and I've been even luckier to be a part of it even after graduation. Each day I get to spend with the Presby Cats, regardless of what we are doing, strengthens my faith.



In August, I will be moving to New York City to pursue a year of service as a Young Adult Volunteer with PC(USA). I'm trading in my mountains for skyscrapers and wide-open spaces for the concrete jungle. I'm looking forward to serving in a community different from my own!

It costs about \$22,000 to support a YAV during their year of service. Each YAV is asked to raise a portion of that amount; this year it is \$4,000. This money goes towards housing, transportation and other costs. This YAV year isn't just about me. It's about making connections, and creating a community of people who share experiences and help each other grow. It's about creating a support network who will walk with me during this year. I am asking each and every one of my friends, family and faith community to support me during my year. If you can give money, great!

Donations can be sent to the following address:

Presbytery of NYC, Attn: James Tse, 475 Riverside Dr., New York, New York 10027

Checks can be made out the Presbytery of NYC. Please make sure "Kori Robbins – YAV" is written in the memo line. Kori will also be collecting donations to mail herself if you would like.

Holland-days...

by Dan Holland

On Sunday we celebrated the kick-off of the summer camping season at Rockhaven with the annual Father's Day pig roast. The event was somewhat muted, however, due to the weather that day. In stark contrast to past Father's Days, Sunday brought a day-long light drizzle and attendance was lower than what it normally is. As a result people were confined to the dining hall, which actually made it feel more crowded than normal. Typically folks will spread out on the deck and the lawn in addition to the dining hall, but that wasn't an option this year. So despite the limited turnout, the energy generated by the event was on par with any other year since the participants were concentrated into a smaller area.



The new "Rockhaven Shuttle" golf cart brings folks down to the dining hall. From left, Joe Hodgson, Jody McDevitt, Paul Krebill and driver Scott Thrasher.

Mark Twain once said that climate is what we expect, but weather is what we get. There is an old Yiddish saying along those same lines: Man plans, and God laughs. And there is yet another variation on this theme adapted from a Robert Burns poem, "The best laid plans of mice and men often go awry."

Much of my life has been spent measuring bottom lines. I am wired to value quantity over quality, the subjective above the objective. I rarely stop to view life's events through the filter Jesus would have used.

Last month I attended a Presbytery meeting where a portion of our time together was spent developing our "People Eyes", or seeing people the way that Jesus sees them. It was a fascinating exercise, but one that I am woefully neglectful in implementing. Far too often I judge people based on their appearance and their circumstances. If I were to look deeper into their inner selves I would be far less likely to judge them at all and would be more inclined to exhibit the love and compassion Jesus implores us to shower upon our neighbors.



Riverside Singers