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# PresbEnews

*Good News Edition - July 2018*

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*Co-Pastors' Corner...* Could it really be here? Could it actually be summer?

There's so much to do in the short Montana summer, that it's a good thing there are more daylight hours. Gardening, yardwork, and home fix-up jobs keep us busy close to home. Camping, hiking, swimming, fishing, biking, boating, rock climbing, and visiting that local sight you've not seen in a long time take us outside our usual routines, if only for a day. Many families also plan a summer vacation trip. And of course, there are the summer visitors who want to share in the wonders of our beautiful state. Before we know it, summer will be over and we'll be saying, "where did the time go?"

Summer teaches us to set our priorities, plan ahead, and value our time. It also teaches us to seize the moment, be spontaneous, and appreciate the unexpected. When the lake (mountain, stream, trail, garden, etc.) is calling, and you must go—do it! When a late afternoon thunderstorm spoils a cookout, remember to look for the rainbow as the sky clears. When you have a chance to attend a show, a concert, or a barbeque, forget the TV or the meal you had planned and instead, make a memory with family or friends. When the wildflowers are blooming, the elk are grazing in a nearby meadow, or the sunset is spectacular, cherish the blessing of living in glorious part of a miraculous world.

"To everything there is a season," the writer of Ecclesiastes said, and summer in Montana is a season not to be taken for granted or missed. We gather as a church family three times every Sunday in the summer, which gives flexibility for summer activities. Worship at 8:30 am, and be out and about by 9:30 am. Sleep in a bit, and worship at 10:30 am for a relaxed Sunday. Come to Rockhaven after a day of outdoor play, and thank God for the gift of the day at 7 pm Vespers. Time is precious. Time is a gift from God. Remember who gave us life, and worship God.

We have all the time we need to do the most important things, nurture the most important relationships, and be who God calls us to be. Stay centered in our source, and summer will be rich in blessings.

## *Enhancing Our Conversation With God*

*"But truly God has listened; He has attended to the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God, because He has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!"*

*Psalm 66:19-20*



### How Can I Help?

There always seems to be so many groups or projects that could use a little help, and some of them are not monetary! Extra garden produce, think of the Food Bank and if they can't use it all, they will take it over to the Fork and Spoon to be made into meals. Extra groceries or want to help out the Food Bank, remember this Sunday is Food Bank Sunday again and so bring your non-perishable food to church on Sunday and it will be

picked up by the Food Bank. Our church members have been generously giving about 80 pounds a month, shall we try for a 100?

Old eye glasses, there is a box in the north narthex to collect those to go to the needy. Have a gift card you aren't going to use? Think about giving it to Haven. Prayers are always appreciated (and free except for your time) for our Mission Co-workers. John McCall serves in Taiwan who is working to bring peace and understanding with Asian pastors and their churches.

Enjoy the fellowship at Rockhaven and wish to see others learn about God, consider the scholarship fund to help another child experience the love of God.

A big thank you to all that so generously donated to the Pentecost offering! \$784 was received and one fourth of that will go to fund Rockhaven scholarships. The remainder funds youth and young adult programs throughout the entire church.

**OMBUD: *The person who will listen to your suggestions, concerns, complaints and compliments.***

*This quarter our **OMBUD** from the session is Debby Haynes she will be happy to answer your questions and listen to what you have to say. You can speak with her personally or contact her by phone (581-0925) or email [deborahc.haynes@gmail.com](mailto:deborahc.haynes@gmail.com) She will follow-up with Session.*

### 2 Corinthians 9:7

**“Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”**

Thank you for giving your time, talents, and financial contributions.

Without your generous support we could not do all the great things we do to Glorify God.

Below is a table showing our financial status as of the end of May 2018

May Income	\$27,425	Year to Date Income	\$223,271
May Expenses	\$43,199	Year to Date Expenses	\$218,258
May Balance	\$-15,774	Year to Date Balance	\$5,013

## Summer Vespers at Rockhaven



A variety of speakers and musicians will be leading the Vespers services at Rockhaven this month.

Come join these worshipful opportunities!

July 1 Worship leader and speaker – Holly Aloise

Piano – Martha Krebill

July 8 Worship leaders Chuck Beck, Mike Roser, and Jay

Pontius-Backman sharing stories of service to our country, coordinated by Dan Holland

Piano – Holly Aloise

Flute – Larry Growney

July 15 Worship leader – Dan Holland

Musicians – Holly Aloise, Joanna Ellison, Cheryl McNicholas

July 22 Worship leader – Dan Krebill

Piano – Holly Aloise

July 29 Worship leader – Kelly Vange

Piano – Martha Krebill



Sally Stanke estate gave money to purchase the golf cart for Rockhaven so appropriately a purple skunk decal is on the side. The golf cart can give rides across the bridge.

## Wildflowers at Rockhaven

A wet winter and a wet spring have combined to make a spectacular showing of wildflowers this year. On Sunday, July 1, Mary Hektner and Jody McDevitt will explore the wildflowers in the meadow on the east side of the river at Rockhaven. (Mary is a botanist, retired from the National Park Service.) Anyone who would like to join us is welcome. If you have a wildflower identification book, bring it along. Closed-toe shoes and a sunhat are recommended. This will not be strenuous, but the ground is uneven. We'll meet at the bridge at 4 pm.



## Meet the Rockhaven Summer Staff



Rockhaven staff were commissioned at the opening vespers service on June 17. When you see them at Rockhaven, take time to greet them and show your support!

From left:

- Scott Thrasher, camp director, beginning his 13<sup>th</sup> summer.
- Keelin Monaghan, a senior at Manhattan High School and many-year veteran of Rockhaven Camps
- Sarah Thrasher, a senior at Belgrade High School, daughter of Scott and Emily, has lived at Rockhaven for 12 summers. This is her second summer on staff.
- Connor Burns, a senior at Bozeman High School and many-year veteran of Rockhaven Camps
- Travis Giedroc, a recent graduate of Lock Haven University in Pennsylvania, with a degree in Outdoor Recreation Management. This is Travis' second summer at Rockhaven.
- James Niva, a senior at Belgrade High School and many-year veteran of Rockhaven Camp. This is his second summer on staff.
- Catherine Pierce, a junior at Belgrade High School. This is Catherine's second summer on staff. She is Rachel Turner's youngest sister.
- Faith Arnett, a sophomore at MSU. Faith is from southern California, and she is a Presby Cat.
- Lora Pierce, Rockhaven Day Camps Bus Driver. This is Lora's second summer driving the bus for us. She lives in Belgrade, and is Catherine and Rachel's mother.
- Holly Redmond, a sophomore at MSU. Holly is from Durango, CO, and she is a Presby Cat.
- Sierra Kamplain, not pictured, a graduate student in speech pathology, who has been part of the Rockhaven staff for several different summers, is serving as cook this year.

# YOU ARE INVITED

## BorderLinks\* Workshop



### WHEN

**Saturday, July  
21, 2018  
8:30 am-5 pm**

### WHERE

## Shepherd of the Hills

11500 W. 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Lakewood, CO 80215  
\$20 (includes lunch)

An Experiential Day of Exploration around immigration with experts from BorderLinks\* facilitating our process. We invite you to experience a broader understanding of the complicated issues.

**REGISTER ON-LINE AT [DENPRES.ORG/EVENTS](http://DENPRES.ORG/EVENTS)**

\*A PC(U.S.A) supported non-profit organization that has been facilitating educational immersion trips for delegations in the Arizona-Sonora region and beyond the border to Chiapas. Their mission is through dynamic educational experiences. BorderLinks connects divided communities, raises awareness about the impact of the border and immigration policies, and inspires action for social transformation. \*[www.borderlinks.org](http://www.borderlinks.org)



The Presbytery of Denver Immigration Task Force invites you to an Experiential Exploration of the Immigration Issues

**Why Don't People just come into the Country Legally from Mexico?**

In today's climate people are asking the following questions:

- Why do people migrate?
- What happens during the migrant journey?
- How do policies impact people?
- Why don't people just become US citizens?

We are honored to have the expertise and facilitation skills of these experiential explorations. This is for the entire Denver Presbytery, members of churches, clergy, elders, anyone interested in exploring these issues in an engaging environment.

Scholarships are available. Bi-Lingual



### Love INC Seeks Executive Director

Love INC is looking for an executive director, a full-time position providing direction and leadership toward the achievement of the mission and vision of Gallatin County Love In the Name of Christ. He or she will implement the strategic goals and objectives of Love INC and help enable the board of directors to fulfill its governance function. A complete job description is available in the church office.

### Graveside service for Cleo Jones

Cleo Jones was a long-time member of First Presbyterian Church and passed away in November. Her family and friends will gather for a graveside service here in Bozeman on Saturday, July 28, at 11 am, followed by a lunch at the Jones' home in Bozeman. Cleo's church family and friends are warmly invited to both gatherings.

### *Birthdays this Month*

7/2 *Pat Dickensheets*  
*Rich Brauss*  
*Debra Jackson*  
7/3 *Vern Svensrud*  
*John Lewis*  
7/4 *Rachel Minter*  
7/6 *Billie Jean Marion*  
*Mike Hoffman*  
7/7 *Lynda Reiley*  
7/8 *Bella Wilfling*  
7/9 *Rachael Thompson*  
7/11 *Owyn Campbell*  
7/12 *Mary Lensink*  
7/14 *Doris Heckerman*  
7/16 *Wilson McMakin*  
*Miriam Frye*  
7/18 *Natalie Hoffman*  
7/19 *Laurel Schlegelmilch*  
7/20 *Jean Travis*  
7/22 *Glenn Welch*  
*Carl Lehrkind*  
*Michael Lehrkind*  
7/23 *Carol Shellenberger*  
*Gail Weingart*  
*Brad Garnick*  
7/24 *Jolene Turner*  
7/25 *Caralyn Hodgson*  
7/28 *Louise Milburn*

### Summer Publications of the PresbEnews

With summer upon us the PresbEnews and Good News issues will publish every other week in July and August. The publication dates are:

July 11 PresbEnews  
July 25 PresbEnews  
August 1 Good News  
August 15 PresbEnews  
August 29 Good News

If you have any articles please send them to [presbenews@fpcbozeman.org](mailto:presbenews@fpcbozeman.org) on the Monday by noon before publication on Wednesday.

### Downtown VBS a roaring success!

Maybe it was the theme of water—Rolling Down the River—that made for the wettest VBS in recent memory, but that didn't dampen the enthusiasm for learning about five Bible stories of rivers and seas! An update to the Mission Project of the week—more than \$1800 was collected to supply flood relief buckets! (24 buckets @\$75 each) Many thanks to all First Presbyterian Church volunteers who made it happen, for the many, many children of six churches who enjoyed last week's VBS.

Lyndsey Babcock - Craftivities  
Suzanne Bratsky - Leadership Team and Craftivities  
Sally Broughton - Craftivities  
Ashley Driscoll - Preschool Shepherd  
Alyce Larsson - Youth Assistant, Shepherd and Music Team  
Mitchell Larsson - Youth Assistant, Games and Music Team  
Mike Marjanen - Carpentry  
Jody McDevitt - Leadership Team and Shepherd  
Sammylu Parsons - Snacks  
Roger & Joann Robbins - Snack Coordinators for the entire VBS  
Emily Thrasher - Leadership Team and Stories & Drama Coordinator



# RENEWING THE VISION: *Kindom building for the 21<sup>st</sup> century*

by Leslie Scanlon, *Outlook* national reporter

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**The 223<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**  
St. Louis, Missouri - June 16-23, 2018

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**Presbyterians took to the streets at the 2018 General Assembly, with hundreds marching from the convention center to the City Justice Center with \$47,200 in donations - money the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) collected during opening worship, and which was used to bail out people incarcerated for minor offenses who could not afford to pay their fines or make bail.**

It's a "passion for ministry and the love of Jesus that drives us out of the church and into the streets," J. Herbert Nelson, stated clerk of the PC(USA), said during a midweek rally.

This was a General Assembly that felt viscerally linked to the news of the day: climate change, immigrant parents being separated from their children at the borders, gun violence.

Over and over, this question came up: ***How to put faith into action?***

Floretta Barbee-Watkins, pastor of The Avenue Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, preached that it's easy to get discouraged, but Jesus, faith and love move people forward even when they are weary. The PC(USA) has "made some bad biscuits," Barbee-Watkins said, but confession and a willingness to "deal with the urgent needs of our siblings and the church" propel Christians to action. She challenged: "Beloved, rise up, let's make some new biscuits."

**Climate change.** The assembly voted 332-178 to continue corporate engagement with oil and natural gas companies, working through the denomination's Mission Responsibility Through Investment Committee, rather than to divest the PC(USA)'s holdings in fossil fuel companies. This was one of the hardest-fought issues at the assembly, with 40 presbyteries supporting an overture for fossil fuel divestment, saying the church has waited long enough to act to protect the earth, and with others contending it's better to stay at the table and use the investments as leverage to push for industry changes.

**Family separation.** The assembly voted 484-34 to approve a resolution calling for an immediate end to the government's policy of separating parents from children as migrants attempt to cross the U.S.-Mexico border. It calls for federal authorities to promptly reunite parents and children who have been separated, and to place families "under the care of the community," rather than in detention.

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**Per capita.** The assembly approved a General Assembly per capita rate of \$8.95 per member for 2019 and \$8.95 for 2020 – up from \$7.73 per member in 2018. That was a source of constant tension during this assembly: How to meet urgent ministry needs, from drug addiction to mental health to ministry with small churches, while not raising per capita so high it raises resistance from mid councils and congregations?

**The Way Forward.** The assembly approved a report from the Way Forward Commission, which the 2016 General Assembly created to consider changes needed at the top levels of the denomination. The action will mean a new, more equitable governance structure for the PC(USA), A Corporation (a secular corporation used to conduct church business). Also part of that proposal: a financial sustainability study and a commitment to translate PC(USA) resources into languages other than English.

**Leadership.** Taking four ballots to do so, the assembly elected as its co-moderators Vilmarie Cintrón-Olivieri and Cindy Kohlmann, an educator and a mid council leader, a ruling elder and a minister, two “audacious, spirited, bold, unapologetic women,” as Cintrón-Olivieri put it. She is a native of Puerto Rico, for whom Spanish is her first language.

**Race and inequality.** From preaching to marching to overtures, the need to confront structural racism and systemic inequality echoed through this gathering. As a sign of that commitment, the assembly voted 352-160 to begin the long process of adding Martin Luther King Jr.’s “Letter from Birmingham Jail” to the PC(USA)’s Book of Confessions.

**World concerns.** The assembly spoke to concerns around the world — including in Yemen, Korea, South Sudan and Nicaragua. One tangible example: The assembly agreed to make the PC(USA) a partner with a Salvadoran church working to reduce gang-related violence in Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador — violence that’s causing people to flee for their safety.

**#MeToo.** The assembly voted 474-19 to have the PC(USA) confess its failure to listen to survivors of pastoral sexual misconduct; to report annually the number of sexual misconduct charges brought in the denomination; and to set up a task force of survivors of sexual abuse.

**Social justice.** This assembly felt pulled to public advocacy. It called for a moratorium on imposing the death penalty. It asked Presbyterians to pray for a movement of the Spirit to end gun violence. It voted to affirm the dignity and humanity of people of all sexual orientations. Time and again, the assembly acted to tell the world, “This is what Presbyterians stand for.”

Visit [pres-outlook.org](http://pres-outlook.org) for more.

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## Holland-days...

(by Dan Holland)

### Wild Thing

Untamed she is —  
save for the accoutrements,  
and the infrastructure,  
and the humans transecting the place  
as they buzz through the canopy  
or stroll joyously at ground level.

But it's not all that difficult  
to find a corner where the raging river  
has absorbed all the sounds of  
civilization and the overwhelming fragrance  
is produced by burgeoning pine needles  
and lupine flower heads which conspire  
amongst the carpeted meadow to distract  
one's eyesight from noticing any  
of the leasehold improvements.

And that's all this really is, isn't it —  
a borrowing of a place? No one  
can own a neck of the woods,  
can they? The dotted line on a deed  
at the county assessor's office could  
just as well be signed by a bear's paw or  
a moose's hoof or the dust from a rock  
standing sentry over the whole affair  
ever since the ninth verse of Genesis.

At best we can only hope to own  
a moment, but what a glorious moment  
it can be. Stripped of our arrogance,  
devoid of pretense, clothed not in pride  
but in humility, we can pierce the veneer  
between creation and Creator and in that  
precious instant feel the calling.



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

Even if you're not a Facebook member yourself, you can still access the church's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/fpcbozeman](http://www.facebook.com/fpcbozeman) to get in on regular breaking news. If you'd like to interact with the content and others on the page, click the "Like" button at the top of the page if you're a Facebook member. Facebook—just one more way for us to interact with today's world!




Rockhaven Chapel

# First Presbyterian Church

## July 2018



First Presbyterian Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>8:30 am Worship 10:30 Worship</p> <p>Rockhaven 5:30 pm Potluck 7:00 Vespers</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	 <p>Office closed</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7am Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
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<p>22</p> <p>8:30 am Worship 10:30 Worship</p> <p>Rockhaven 5:30 pm Potluck 7:00 Vespers</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>25</p> <p>PresbEnews</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7am Men's Bible Study</p> <p>7pm Session</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>11am Cleo Jones Graveside Service</p>
<p>29</p> <p>8:30 am Worship 10:30 Worship Youth Mission Trip Rockhaven 5:30 pm Potluck 7 pm Vespers</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Youth Mission Trip</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Youth Mission Trip</p> <p>7 pm Boy Scouts</p>				