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Rockhaven this week

All are invited to join the festivities each Sunday throughout the summer at Rockhaven Camp. At 5:30 p.m. please bring a potluck dish to share with others and stay for vespers at 7:00 in the chapel. Vesper leaders are Kelly Vange and on piano Martha Krebill. Rockhaven is located at milepost 67 on Highway 191, towards Big Sky.

Youth travel to northeast Washington

On Sunday, July 29, 8 youth and 3 adults of our congregation will travel to the Spokane Reservation, northwest of Spokane, for a week of service, learning, and Christian growth. Under the direction of Sierra Service Project and working with the tribal housing authority, the group will work on various home repair projects, building wheelchair ramps, decks, and staircases. With 5 other youth groups and their adult counselors in attendance, there will be plenty of opportunity to make new friends, learn new ways of expressing faith, learn about a different culture, and have a great time.

Please keep this group in your prayers July 29-Aug 4!

Youth: Julia Johnson, Dani Berg, Kimi Farhat, Graham Overton, Rodney Aloise, Adynn Small, Martha Aloise, & Jonas Overton

Adults: Holly Aloise, Dan Berg, Jody McDevitt



From *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian* by Sherman Alexie, which takes place on the Spokane Reservation

Enhancing Our Conversation With God

"Dear Lord, thank You for knowing us so well and for providing what we need most. Give us eyes to see You and a heart to understand Your word."

Robert Cull, *Our Daily Bread*

Funds for Kori Robbins

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.

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!

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.

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 is just \$750 short of her overall \$4,000 goal and anything over the remaining \$750 will go to support the Young Adult Volunteer program in New York City.**

Kori will also be collecting donations to mail herself if you would like or bring them to the church office. Thanks to everyone who have contributed!



Birthdays this month
 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*

ROCKHAVEN 'WEED WHACKING' OPPORTUNITY

Several people have helped with once-a-week 'weed whacking' at Rockhaven during May-July and there are still opportunities during the month of August. If you would be willing and available to help one of the weeks during August, please contact John Patterson at 587-9722 or jspatterson972@gmail.com.

Come, bring your family and enjoy some time at Rockhaven this summer!



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!*



Memorial Service for Shirley Sedivy

In memoriam of Shirley Sedivy January 31, 1938 - July 9, 2018. A memorial service will be held in the sanctuary on August 4th at 3 p.m. Shirley was a member since 1965 and was very active in getting elevators in our church. Our prayers go to her husband Ed, who has been a life long member and their family.

Graveside Service

Cleo Jones, a long-time member of First Presbyterian Church, passed away in November. A grave side service will be held here in Bozeman this 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.

In Memoriam of Robert Heath

In memoriam of Robert Heath August 31, 1927 - July 21, 2018. Bob was a member of our church since 1957. No services are planned. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Margaret and their family.

Former Secretary Evelyn Halpin

Word has been received that Evelyn Halpin passed away on Monday, July 23. Evelyn was our church secretary for 10 years starting in 1997. A service is pending.



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 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!

LOVE INC Needs

Timely Request! We've had an increase in requests from clients for personal care products recently - thus our pantry shelves here at the Love INC building are very low. Care products **out of or very low on:**

- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Body wash
- Lotion
- Liquid hand soap
- Men's and women's deodorant
- Dental floss
- Feminine products: tampons and pads
- Diaper rash ointment/cream
- Laundry detergent
- Paper towels
- Dish soap

Also needed are sets of twin and queen sheets

Thanks much!!! Have a peaceful and joyful week.

In Him,

Help the City of Bozeman Department of Parks and Recreation and Bozeman Sports Parks Foundation build a playground in partnership with KaBOOM! and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana!!!

When: Saturday, August 18, 2018 from 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Where: Bozeman Sports Park: [4600 Baxter Ln, Bozeman, MT 59718](http://www.bozeman.net/4600-Baxter-Ln-Bozeman-MT-59718)

Who: A total of approximately 200 volunteers from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana, the City of Bozeman Department of Parks and Recreation, Bozeman Sports Parks Foundation and KaBOOM!.

Work is available for volunteers of all levels of skill and ability.

Parking: All volunteers must park in the Chief Joseph Middle School parking [lot, 4255 Kimberwicke St, Bozeman, MT 59718](http://www.bozeman.net/4255-Kimberwicke-St-Bozeman-MT-59718), and walk to the park. Drop offs may be made at the Sports Park parking lot on Baxter prior to 8:00 AM.

What's Provided: Breakfast, lunch and water will be provided. Gloves and other safety materials will be provided for the projects that require them. All volunteers will receive a T-shirt to wear during the project.

What to Wear: The playground build will happen rain or shine. Please come dressed for the weather. Closed-toe shoes are required; sneakers or work boots that you don't mind getting dirty are advisable. Please leave valuables at home as secure storage is not available on site.

Please refer to the project webpage for more information: <https://www.bozeman.net/government/parks/top-trails-open-space-and-parks-program/kaboom-project>



SUMMERFEST

Games* Kiddy Pools* Inflatable
Waterslide* Slip n Slide

AUG. 12TH | 11:30AM-2:30

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL UCC, 2118 SOUTH THIRD

* Join us for an afternoon of fun!

* This free event is open to the community



Holland-days...

by Dan Holland

I have long been a regular blood donor. I also know that many of you reading this are reliable providers of blood supplies as well. Those of us familiar with the process of giving a pint realize the interview preceding the actual donation can occasionally be quite an ordeal. The organizations collecting the blood must insure the person donating is not adversely affected. In addition they must prevent transmitting blood borne pathogens to the recipients of the transfusion. There is a lengthy list of questions the donor must answer as well as physical tests the phlebotomist or nurse administers. Among those tests is examining the donor's skin for evidence of intravenous needle use.

It is this last test that has me a little rattled. I may have to delay my next donation, because my arms and hands — even the delicate skin in between my toes — are riddled with tell-tale puncture marks. That's right...we have a new puppy.

To say that a new dog upsets the balance of life in a household is a major understatement. In the five days since Luka (an eight-week-old yellow Lab named for a Croatian footballer) joined our family I have enjoyed far less sleep than I am accustomed. I have also been forced to change the way I walk. Luka is constantly underfoot and follows me everywhere, but always on the side opposite of where I think he is. As a result when I stop to insure he is indeed following me, I invariably turn the wrong way and either step on him or punt him into the air.

Like most dogs, Luka was born with an innate shoe fetish. He has resurrected shoes we forgot we even owned and hidden the ones we planned to wear in the immediate future. His attention disorder is monumental, if not typical. One second he will be furiously playing with a chew toy, and the next he will be fast asleep.

Needless to say our schedules have been torn asunder by the beast. A simple and spontaneous trip to the post office must now be planned to the nth degree. Before putting Luka in his crate, I have to be sure he's had enough time outside to accomplish any business on his agenda. And sometimes it's easier to just not go anywhere — which explains my absence at church on Sunday.

Of all my routines the lad has turned topsy-turvy, perhaps the most upsetting is my morning stretching ritual. I spend about fifteen minutes on the floor each day in an orchestrated series of maneuvers that are normally quite relaxing and contemplative. No longer. Young Luka sees fit to attack me mercilessly. In addition to gouging any exposed skin, he delights in grasping the back of my shirt collar and choking off my breathing tube nearly to the point of asphyxiation. And all the while his warm and sour puppy breath tickles my neck. He is both vicious monster and cuddly lover.

If only my thoughts could be as devoted to God as they are to this eleven pound kraken.