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Good News Edition - August 2018

A mid-week newsletter of First Presbyterian Church - Jody McDevitt & Dan Krebill, co-pastors

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Co-Pastors' Corner... One day, in the middle of Jesus' ministry, after he and his disciples had been through a particularly busy time, Jesus said to his disciples, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest awhile." (Mk. 6:31)



It is the sentiment in this verse that is part of the reason why Presbyterian pastors are provided 2 weeks of study leave each year, in addition to vacation time. Study leave is that opportunity to go away to a deserted place and find some time and space for rest and renewal. As your pastors, we are very grateful for this benefit that we receive each year.

This year, we recently spent a week of our study leave in New Mexico at a Presbyterian conference center called Ghost Ranch (www.ghostranch.org).

This is the third time that the two of us spent a week there together. It is a stirringly beautiful place that gives definition to Jesus' "deserted

place" phrase. While there, in addition to the courses we took, we took advantage of the opportunity to do some hiking in the area.

The most memorable of those hikes this year, was our hike to Chimney Rock that we took before and during sunrise one morning. Because the afternoon heat had been producing threatening lightning storms that prevented hiking, we decided to beat the heat and go at first light. Every step of that 3½-mile roundtrip hike was sacred as we enjoyed the cool air and delighted in the landscape colors changing as the sun appeared and then began its climb across the clear sky. When we reached the turnaround point overlooking the top of Chimney Rock as well as over the expanse below of the Piedra Lumbre (Spanish, "Shining Rock") land grant, we enjoyed a simple breakfast of granola bars, trail mix and refreshing water. It was a sacred moment in which our souls and spirits were renewed. Thank you, God!

Our hope and prayer for each one of you in our church family, is that rest and renewal are part of your summer as well. There are still a few more weeks of summer ahead, which means there's time yet to come away to a deserted place. As we have heeded Jesus' words, we encourage everyone else to as well.

Enhancing Our Conversation With God

"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

Hebrews 4:16

Church office hours change for August

During the month of August, the church office will not be open on Friday. The regular office hours for the month are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. If you need access to the church on Friday, please let Linda know ahead of time, (linda@fpcbozeman.org or 586-9194), and she will make arrangements to have the building open.

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 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 June 2018

June Income	\$27,088	Year to Date Income	\$250,347
June Expenses	\$48,972	Year to Date Expenses	\$267,230
June Balance	-\$21,884	Year to Date Balance	-\$16,883

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, www.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!



August at Rockhaven



All are invited to join the festivities each Sunday throughout the summer at Rockhaven Camp. At 5:30 p.m. please bring a pot-luck dish to share with others and stay for vespers at 7:00 in the chapel. A variety of speakers and musicians will be leading the Vespers services at Rockhaven this month. Come join these worshipful opportunities!

- August 5 Worship leaders - Dan Holland and Holly Aloise
- August 12 Worship leaders - Scott Thrasher and Holly Aloise
- August 19 Worship leaders - Jody McDevitt and Holly Aloise
- August 26 Rockhaven Rocks! Worship leaders – Dan Krebill & Presby Cats and Holly Aloise and Riverside Singers

Rockhaven is located at milepost 67 on Highway 191, towards Big Sky.

Youth Mission Trip to northeast Washington

On Sunday, July 29 the youth started out on their trip 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!



Pictured: Julia Johnson, Adynn Small, Dani Berg, Kimi Farhat, Graham Overton, Jonas Overton, Jody McDevitt, Rodney Aloise, Martha Aloise, Holly Aloise, and Dan Berg.

**Mark your calendars for the first Mainly Music Concert of this season.
Matthew O'Sullivan, Organist, Sunday September 16 @ 3pm.**

Kori Robbins to be commissioned on August 5 as a Young Adult Volunteer

Church member and charter member of Presby Cats Kori Robbins will begin her work as a Young Adult Volunteer in New York City later this month. She will be working there for the next year coordinating social media for the Presbytery of New York City as well as doing hands on work at Presbyterian churches in the city in the area of kids events, food prep and work in a food pantry. We are sending her with our blessing, by commissioning her for her year, at the 10:30 service on August 5. Many thanks for your support of prayers, NYC tips, and financial contributions. Kori is most grateful for the outpouring of support. We look forward to hearing from her during the coming year. There are several ways you can keep in touch with Kori. She can be found on Facebook, WordPress and Instagram! Blog: beautyandabook3.wordpress.com, Instagram: [beautyandabook3](https://www.instagram.com/beautyandabook3). If you'd like to get her monthly email update, sign up at:



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SUMMERFEST

Games*Kiddy Pools*Inflatable
Waterslide* Slip n Slide

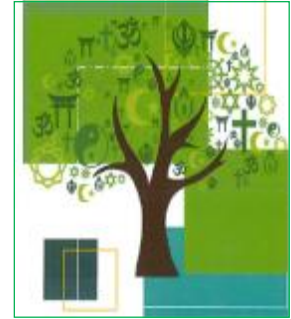
AUG. 12TH | 11:30AM-2:30
PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL UCC, 2118 SOUTH THIRD

* Join us for an afternoon of fun!
* This free event is open to the community



Interfaith Forum Starts September 5

Science and Religion with Charles Kankelborg, associate professor of physics. He researches the solar corona and develops novel instruments for this work. Come hear the interfaith panel discuss what they see, and what this means for our faith and our world. The Interfaith Forum began more than ten years ago, and has grown every year since its founding. Regular panelists are Jody McDevitt, Rabbi Ed Stafman (Congregation Beth Shalom), Father Leo Proxell (Holy Rosary Catholic Church) and Ruhul or Shadmani Amin (Islamic Center of Bozeman). The forum is held on the first Wednesdays of the month at 12 noon, at Resurrection University Catholic Parish at 1725 S. 11th Ave. A brochure listing the year's topics is available at the church.



Birthdays this Month

8/1 Donna Beck
John Harrison
Arden Turner
8/2 Howard Boxmeyer
8/3 Jim Jarrett
Travis Campbell
8/6 Jay Pontius-Backman
Pam King
Amber King
8/7 Judy Mathre
Emily Thrasher
Wyatt Guenther
8/8 Celia Wood
George Haynes
8/9 Joanne Jennings
8/11 Chuck Beck
8/13 Vince Poore
Bill Frye
8/16 Dick Fish
Sheryl Hallin
8/18 Jim Bratsky
8/19 Bob Bradley
8/22 Effie Frye
8/27 Frances Frye
8/28 Gigi Swenson
8/29 John Patterson
Cameron Poore
8/30 Dick Lee
Maureen Poremba
Austin Braun

Summer Publications of the PresbEnews

With summer upon us the PresbEnews and Good News issues will publish every other week in August.

The publication dates are:

August 1 Good News

August 15 PresbEnews

August 29 Good News

If you have any articles please send them to presbenews@fpcbozeman.org on the Monday by noon before publication on Wednesday.

Darlene Haller is moving back to Texas

Her new address is:

4220 Cotton Gin Rd. #9402

Frisco, TX 75034

WEBS Fall 2018

WHEN: Mondays from 9:30-11:30 AM

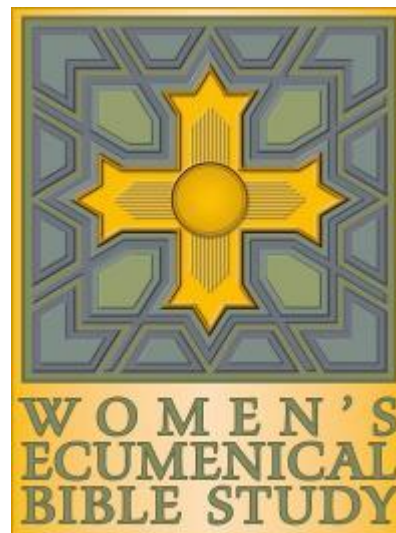
September 10th – November 12th

WHERE: Bozeman United Methodist Church
121 S Willson Ave., Bozeman

WHAT: *Reading, Singing, & Meditating Upon the Psalms*, we'll engage our hearts, minds, and souls in this Psalms Study.

WHO: Each featured speaker will consider the psalms through a specific lens – as literature, as prayed or sung in their faith tradition, and more. Then we'll gather in small groups to read and reflect upon specific psalms.

RSVP: Sign-up with **WEBS Administrator**
Nancy Hopkins nancyhopkins14@yahoo.com or
(406) 581-0271



Optional Books: Walter Brueggemann's Praying the Psalms &/or
Eugene Peterson's A Long Obedience in the Same Direction

WEBS, (Women's Ecumenical Bible Study), has been gathering, on a rotating basis, at Bozeman United Methodist, Christ the King Lutheran, First Presbyterian, Hope Lutheran, and St. James Episcopal Churches for over ten years. We've appreciated having theologically trained deacons, pastors, priests, and rabbis as featured speakers. The mission of WEBS is to build connection; as we explore God's story, we share our stories. WEBS offers Seekers and Christians, who enjoy the perspectives of other women, a safe, engaging environment to nurture their faith through Bible Study and in relationship. WEBS provides both a spiritual and scholarly environment in which each woman can live her own spiritual journey in community.

WEBS Pastor Facilitator Rev. Valerie Webster vwebster587@gmail.com (406) 579-3980

Gallatin Valley Ecumenical Taizé Prayer 2018-2019

Since World War II, Roman Catholic and Protestant Christians, inspired by the Taizé Community (<https://www.taize.fr/en>) in France, have come together around the world for ecumenical worship and fellowship. In this spirit, a community of churches in the Gallatin Valley gather amidst quiet, icons, and candles – to pray, read Scripture and sing for about 50 minutes the second Sunday of each month at 7 PM. The music emphasizes simple phrases, often from Psalms or other passages of Scripture, sung as a chant. This year's host church is **St. James Episcopal Church**, 5 West Olive Street (*on the corner of Olive and Tracy Streets*). At 7:00 PM on the 2nd Monday of the month October – May, *except March*, a different church leads. A calm, life-giving way to begin your week, we invite you to come.

Questions: Contact either 2018-2019 Taizé Point Persons:

Rev. Deacon Connie: campbell.connie54@gmail.com

Rev. Valerie Webster: vwebster587@gmail.com 406-579-3980



Our call as Christians includes caring for 'the least of these,' our Montana neighbors, who are most affected by flooding, drought, crop failure, and fires [<http://montanaioe.org/mca>].

You are invited to attend the FSCA conference. Connect with people of faith and science. Build community. Leave with tools and resources for adapting to and mitigating climate events that impact your neighbors – from advocacy to outreach.

For information and to register:
www.fscconference.org
Contact: The Rev. Connie Campbell-Pearson info@fscconference.org
406.333.1851
facebook.com/fscconference

Since last August, a group of scientists and faith leaders from around the state have been developing a plan to bring faith and science together around care for our common home. This fall's planned conference is the first result. National and regional leaders will speak and present practical workshops. Networks will develop. Participants will return to their home communities and congregations with motivation and plans for action.

All of this will be based at the Emerson Center, with breakout workshops happening at local churches (First Presbyterian, Bozeman United Methodist, First Baptist, Grand Avenue Christian, and the Catholic Community Center) Speakers and workshops will be videotaped so these vital presentations can be shared in other places in our state.

The conference's keynote speakers are:

- The Rev. Canon Sally Bingham, Episcopal priest and founder of Interfaith Power and Light
- Dr. Katharine Hayhoe, atmospheric scientist at Texas Tech University, and an evangelical Christian
- Dr. Bruce Maxwell, MSU professor, co-director of the Institute on Ecosystems, and a principal author of the newly released Montana Climate Assessment

Workshops will address climate change impacts on human health, faith-led advocacy, solar infrastructure, food security and social justice, and motivating congregations for action.

Registration is open. For more information, or to volunteer to help, contact Jody McDevitt.

Holland-days...

(by Dan Holland)

In a sure sign that summer is a fleeting season, this week marks the final session of summer camping at Rockhaven. The week features elementary overnight campers, and their first night was Sunday. Although starting on Sunday night is hectic and chaotic for the hardworking camp staff, I have always appreciated seeing the campers when we convene for the Sunday evening potluck and Vespers. There is a vitality and energy in the air that adds to the Rockhaven experience.

I even knew one of the campers. You may recall Kylie, too, as she conspired with me back in February (along with her younger sister) to give a Minute for Mission during church for Rockhaven. I know Kylie from 4-H and I know her to be a dedicated and conscientious young woman. I also know her to be a hugger, so it was no great surprise when she saw me and immediately ran over and gave me a big hug. Just as suddenly, though, she was gone — off to the make believe world of the tree-fort, whose bounds are defined only by the limits of Kylie's considerable imagination.

The most recent edition of National Geographic features a story about sleep, or more precisely the lack thereof. Human beings sleep far less than they used to, and this study concludes the greatest contributor to this deficit is the microprocessor and the screens that illuminate its output. We exhibit slavish devotion to social media, and newsfeeds, and on-line gaming, and any other application keeping our heads bowed to our devices. We don't know how to turn the switch off; we have forgotten how to unplug.

Scott Thrasher has long used the phrase "Disconnect to get connected" to describe the benefits of attending camp at Rockhaven. Kids like Kylie get it. They may not know any of the psychological theory behind it, but they know they feel freer and more connected to God and creation when their devices are left at home and their minds are allowed to wander under the watchful eye of Sheep Rock and the soothing song of the Gallatin River.

I had another brief conversation on Sunday at Rockhaven. Ted William's daughter, Celinda, brought her father as well as her brother, Loren, down there for the potluck. Celinda was showing her brother the dedication plaque on the tree fort which indicated the construction of the structure was a result of funds received in part from their sister, Melissa Barnes', memorial. Melissa died tragically one year ago, and this was the first time Loren had seen the tree-fort. He commented how sturdy the structure appeared. Strong enough to hold a child's imagination.



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!



Rockhaven Chapel

First Presbyterian Church

August 2018



First Presbyterian Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:30 am Worship 10:30 Worship Rockhaven 5:30 pm Potluck 7:00 Vespers			1 Youth Mission Trip	2 7am Men's Bible Study Youth Mission Trip	3 Office Closed Youth Mission Trip	4 Youth Mission Trip 3pm Shirley Sedivy Memorial
5 8:30 am Worship 10:30 Worship Rockhaven 5:30 pm Potluck 7:00 Vespers	6	7	8	9 7am Men's Bible Study	10 Office Closed	11
12 8:30 am Worship 10:30 Worship Rockhaven 5:30 pm Potluck 7:00 Vespers	13	14 7pm Boy Scouts	15	16 7am Men's Bible Study	17 Office Closed	18
19 8:30 am Worship 10:30 Worship Rockhaven 5:30 pm Potluck 7:00 Vespers	20	21 7 pm Boy Scouts	22	23 7am Men's Bible Study 7pm Session	24 Office Closed 1pm Hal Hall Memorial Service	25
26 8:30 am Worship 10:30 Worship Rockhaven 5:30 pm Potluck 7 pm Vespers	27	28 7 pm Boy Scouts	29	30	31 Office Closed	