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

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Co-Pastors' Corner... Learning and Living God's Love, Together

Where are we going as a congregation? What is our call from God?

Over the summer months, the session has been pondering these questions and planning ways we can live out our congregational call. God has called us as individuals, in small groups, and as a congregation, and we believe the call can be described with these words: **Learning and Living God's Love, Together.**

Just as we did with our "Year of Call" emphasis, this theme will run through our church's life in the coming year. Four sub-themes will animate this exploration: God is Love, God Loves, Love God, and Love Others. For the youngest to the most senior, we hope to deepen understanding and commitment to living God's expansive, boundless Love.

On the surface, Love may seem simple, but anyone with any life experience knows that's not the case. **Learning** God's Love is a challenge for a lifetime. We are a learning community, always needing to grow in our understanding. This fall, we are offering many opportunities to learn God's love. Children will begin their Sunday school year with lessons around 1 Corinthians 13, the "Love chapter." Youth will read and talk about *Everybody, Always: Becoming Love in a World Full of Setbacks and Difficult People* by popular author Bob Goff. Adults will be able to Learn God's Love on Sunday morning AND at other forums. Look at the information in this newsletter about the Sept 23 workshop on "Roots of Injustice, Seeds of Change" and sign up for this limited enrollment exploration of building better relationships between cultures and people. Learn how to love the Earth and its inhabitants better by signing up for the ground-breaking conference on "Faith, Science, and Climate Action" which will be held in Bozeman Oct. 12-13. And in October, plan to attend a 6-week Wednesday evening series which will include a simple supper. Its first topic is still to be decided, but whatever it is, the focus will be on **Learning God's Love.**

Of course it's not enough to Learn God's Love without also Living God's Love. As our understanding grows, so will our living. You are invited to make this commitment with our church family, and we hope you will accept the invitation.

Enhancing Our Conversation With God

"You will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart."

Jeremiah 29: 13

Session Notes August 23

- The Presby Cats will lead the last Rockhaven vesper service of the summer on Sunday, August 26. Next Spring the Presby Cats will journey to Louisiana to re-build houses that were flooded several years ago. They have several events, including the annual Christmas wreath sale, planned to help them raise funds for this mission trip.
- Jody shared information regarding upcoming seminars that the church will host or participate in: "Roots of Injustice, Seeds of Change" will be held on September 23 at the church and "Faith, Science, and Climate Action Conference" will be held October 12-13 at the Emerson Center. Look for more details on both in the coming weeks.
- Dan and Jody recounted memories of their vacations (Grand Canyon and Tetons) and shared the ideas and inspirations they gained from continuing education at the Ghost Ranch in mid-July.
- Allison Todd will be the Elder liaison to the Deacons during September-December, replacing Debby Haynes.
- New Elder Kris Hall will replace Debby Haynes as Ombud, starting in September. Kris will continue this role through the end of the year.
- Kori Robbins, former Presby Cat, successfully raised \$4,000 to participate in the PCUSA Young Adult Volunteer Program. Her year of volunteering in New York City began with initial training in Westchester County, NY.
- The Youth Mission Trip took place between July 29-August 4 at an Indian reservation in Spokane, WA. The 8 youths that participated were accompanied by Elders Dan Berg and Holly Aloise and Co-pastor Jody McDevitt.
- A report from the Safety Ministry was provided following the July 9 meeting held at the church with a representative from the Bozeman Fire Department and a representative from the Gallatin County Sheriff's Department. New Elder Nancy Bast will continue this ministry and organize follow-up training in the coming months.
- The Session discussed plans for the coming church year with a focus on "Learning and Living God's Love, Together". This theme will touch all aspects of the church, including such things as sermons, Sunday school lessons, and new opportunities for fellowship and discussion. Details of the upcoming year are still under development. Stay-tuned!!

Submitted by Elder Nancy Bast

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

*This quarter our **OMBUD** from the session is Kris Hall 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 (586-6996) or email kris@hallcontrols.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 July 2018

July Income	\$68,819	Year to Date Income	\$319,166
July Expenses	\$68,555	Year to Date Expenses	\$335,785
July Balance	\$264	Year to Date Balance	-\$16,619

THE PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

PEACE AT ALL TIMES, IN ALL WAYS

Now may the Lord of peace... give you peace at all times in all ways.

— 2 Thessalonians 3:16



Sometimes it feels the world is coming at us so quickly that we don't know which way to turn, where to look, what to do next. In a chaotic world, we find strength in knowing that God is always near. Today, we are joining in Paul's prayer that God grant us "peace at all times, in all ways." Peace. For our world, our family, our community, our church and ourselves — peace at all times, in all ways. When the peace treaty was signed between Egypt and Israel in 1979, President Jimmy Carter quoted the journalist Walker Knight, saying "peace is active, not passive; peace is doing, not waiting ... peace, like war, is waged." The Peace & Global Witness Offering our church supports provides the tools and resources for us as we join together as active peacemakers.

During the month of September we will be focusing on this offering to be taken on World Communion Sunday on October 7. How we all wish for peace throughout

the world and in people's lives, this begins with small steps and projects which you will be hearing more about and will then be celebrated as our brothers and sisters in Christ celebrate communion together.

Think and pray about what you how you would like to be involved and contribute.



Food Bank Sunday

September is here and gardens are producing and yet there are people needing help to make their food budget stretch. If you have fresh produce to share, please take it to the Food Bank but if you have canned goods to share, please bring to church on Sunday and place in the front of the church or in the narthexes. Let's see if we can get 100 cans of food to donate! Thank you in sharing with neighbors in need!

FIRST FRIDAY - September 7

FELLOWSHIP HALL – FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Join us at 5:30 for a spaghetti dinner - movie – popcorn – and ice cream for dessert as we discuss the implications in our lives from a Christian viewpoint of the movie for the month, **PLACES IN THE HEART**. Sally Field won the Oscar and the Golden Globe Award for best actress in this emotionally affecting film which takes place in the 1930's about struggling through adversity and living with hope in the midst of extreme racism, forgiveness, grace, faith, trust, friendship, sacrifice, and love, "The story ends with communion and in the midst of prayer. In a highly symbolic and imaginary scene, communion is passed among the assembled congregants at the church, hand to hand and mouth to mouth, between both the living and the deceased. ...the lambs and the wolves, the wronged and the wrongdoers, the betrayers and the betrayed in a statement about hope."

If you will be bringing children, please call the church office to arrange for a sitter and allow us to provide appropriate movies for the younger set.

Welcome Sunday!

What happened in the summer? What's up for the fall?

Please join the church family (ALL AGES!) for a between-services gathering on **Sunday, Sept 9, from 9:15-10:15 am**. There will be food and fellowship, of course. There will also be a screening of the brand-new Rockhaven Summer Camp video, in which campers and counselors reflect on their experiences and tell why Rockhaven is transformative in their lives. Come to see your friends and catch up, to learn about VBS and the youth mission trip, and to hear plans for the coming months. SPONSORED BY THE KIDS AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE –for everyone!



Sunday school plans a picnic

On **Sunday afternoon, Sept 16**, families are invited to a lunch picnic at Belgrade's new "Central Park." Located in a new subdivision off of Jackrabbit Road (south of Valley Center Rd), the park has a great facility for a cookout and large play area. The Turner family would like us to see their new neighborhood and share its delights!

RSVPs are very helpful for planning the food, which will be provided. Contact Brent at 406-600-8073.

Youth share their summer mission

SSP! SSP! SSP!

It stands for Sierra Service Project, and the youth of our church who traveled to the Spokane Reservation in Washington this summer want to share their enthusiasm for the mission they joined with SSP, a mission of building community and faith through service. On **Sunday, Sept 23 in worship**, they will tell some stories and show some slides to help the church family understand this "summer camp with a purpose," the many friends they made, the home improvements they built, and the faith that grew in them this summer.

You will be hearing more about SSP in the coming months, because our youth are excited about continuing this adventure. Come support their learning and living God's love!

Sunday school –can you help?

We have a good team of teachers and helpers for our children's Sunday school, but more are always welcome to assist. Sunday school teachers sign up for the Sundays they are available (usually about once/month) and the age group they'd prefer to lead (age 4-grade 2 or grades 3-5). Helpers work alongside teachers. The curriculum is online and downloadable from home, and offers many options for teachers to choose from. If you could be a helper or a teacher, contact Brent Turner at 406-600-8073. We'd love to add more to the team!



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!

Clean Kitchen

The Deacons would appreciate your help with keeping the kitchen clean and orderly. If you put food in the refrigerators please label it so others can use it or throw away, all unlabeled food will be thrown out or used by September 16. If you have left food for Family Promise or cookies for fellowship hour please be sure to pick up your containers and pans. If you have extra dishes or pans please do not just leave them in the kitchen.

Questions or comments?

Please call Deacon Mary Hektner, 406-587-4321. Thank You.



Coffee hour after church service is enjoyed by all. Please think about baking and sharing some of your cookies. Our supply is getting low. Thank you for your help.



Christian Action Compelled by Faith

Do you see something in your city or state you would like to change?

Learn how to share your moral message through media, how to communicate with lawmakers and be inspired to work for justice.

MAC Connect 2018

Saturday, November 10 · 10 am-3pm

First Christian Church · 311 Power St, Helena

\$15 includes lunch, travel reimbursement available

Register Online: www.macmt.org



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!



First Presbyterian Church Organ Concert

Sunday, September 16 at 3pm

*Featuring Bozeman Organist
Matthew O'Sullivan*

*Presenting a colorful program of French and American organ masterpieces.
Widor's famous Toccata*

*Symphonic Works by French Romantic masters Vierne and Saint-Saens,
American composers Daniel Gawthrop's suite "Sketchbook One"
....a boogie-woogie arrangement of "What A Friend We Have in Jesus"*

*No admission charge but donations
are gladly accepted
For more information call
586-9194 or Kathy at 539-3491*



**MERRY MUNCHERS
OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
September 2018 - June 2019**

It's time for the next round of Merry Munchers!! All adults are welcome, whether you are a church member, a friend of First Presbyterian, or visiting in the Gallatin Valley.

THIS IS A POTLUCK WHERE EVERYONE CONTRIBUTES.

HOST PROVIDES THE MAIN DISH.

You do not need to volunteer to be as host to participate, but it would be helpful.

Name(s) _____

GUESTS: CIRCLE BELOW the dates you will participate. Just sign up. We know this is a year schedule. If you need to drop at a later date, that can be accommodated.

SEPTEMBER 28 * OCTOBER 26 * NOVEMBER 16 * DECEMBER 14

***JANUARY 18 * FEBRUARY 15 * MARCH 15 * APRIL 19**

*** MAY 17 (ALL GROUP PICNIC AT 1 LOCATION)**

HOSTS: The group meets at your house. If you would rather not host at your home, the church can be scheduled for the meal - let Debby Haynes know to set it up with the church office. The host provides the main dish while others bring side dishes.

PLEASE VOLUNTEER FOR A DATE TO BE A HOST (6 guests unless indicated):

____ SEPTMBER 28

____ OCTOBER 26

____ NOVEMBER 16

____ DECEMBER 14

____ JANUARY 18

____ FEBRUARY 15

____ MARCH 15

____ APRIL 19

____ MAY 17 ALL GROUP PICNIC. All participants will gather at one house. We need one host to volunteer for the **site and beverages**. Everyone else will bring the food.

PLEASE LEAVE THIS FORM IN THE OFFERING PLATE OR AT THE OFFICE.

QUESTIONS: CALL Debby Haynes at (406) 581-0925 or email at DeborahC.Haynes@gmail.com

**DEADLINE FOR INCLUSION
MONDAY, September 17, 2018**

Rent-a-Cat is back with the students

Now that our students are back in town, our Rent-a-Cat fund raising project is back in full swing. The spring break mission trip this year is to Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Please consider this for the odd jobs you have as well as for airport transportation, or anything else where a helping hand is needed. Contact cards are on the bulletin boards throughout the church and at the office.

James Schulz is the new coordinating Rent-a-Cat, so give him a call or text him at 509-822-0866, or email him at Jkschulz2731@gmail.com

Birthdays this Month

9/2 *Linda Best*
Tom McMakin
9/3 *Mark Williams*
Laina Hall
9/5 *Diana Johnson*
Helen Bissell
9/7 *Lee Cook*
Rosemary Lee
9/8 *Karen Kempt*
9/12 *Katherine Martindale*
9/13 *Susan Gibb*
Diane Thompson
9/14 *Kathy Braun*
9/16 *Sally Broughton*
Josephine Milburn
9/17 *Rachel Turner*
Wally Thomsen
9/18 *Kay Newman*
9/21 *Carol Wilson*
9/22 *John Tamminga*
9/23 *Jodi Kleinhans*
9/24 *Sydney Kolwyck*
9/25 *Katie Anderson*
9/26 *Richard Giddings*
9/29 *Holly Aloise*

Rockhaven Fall 'Work Day' Opportunity!

The Rockhaven Board is inviting all of you to join us on Sunday afternoon September 9, starting at 1 p.m. for a 'Work Day' at *your* Rockhaven Camp. There are a number of cleanup and painting projects that are best done this time of year and opportunities for everyone to help! Bring your favorite tools, lawn care and cleanup supplies. Join us for an afternoon of fellowship and service. Questions? Call John Patterson 587-9722

Rockhaven Documentary Online Now!

Check out the new Rockhaven Documentary about UnCamp from our summer camp 2018 season.

Visit the link on YouTube at

<https://youtu.be/1g63xR02aqE>

Recyclers Needed

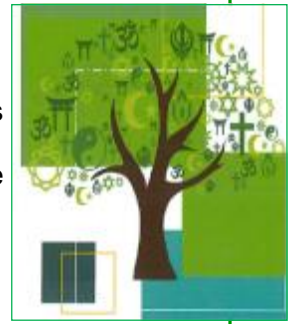
The church is in need of someone who can pick up the recycling about once a month. Please call the church office if you would like to do this, 586-9194.

Interfaith Forum Starts Wednesday, 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.



Love INC Needs

Care products that Love INC is out of or very low.

Conditioner and Shampoo

Men's and women's deodorant

Dental floss

Band-aids

Body wash (reminder: no bar soap needed)

Lotion

Liquid hand soap

Feminine products: tampons and pads

Men's and women's razors

Kid's toothpaste

Laundry detergent

Paper towels

Toilet paper

WEBS Fall 2018

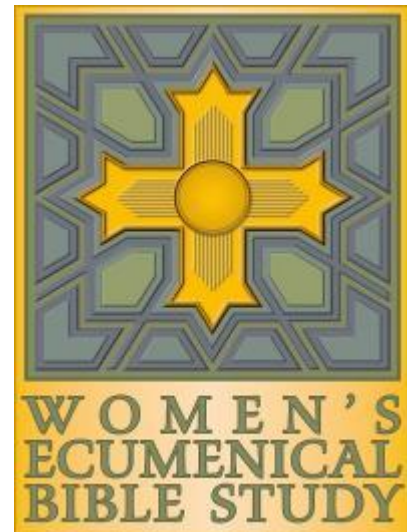
WHEN: Mondays from 9:30-11:30 AM
September 10th – November 12th

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

Faith, Science, and Climate Action Conference: Ten Reasons to Sign Up Now

1. You care about a healthy environment for yourself.
2. You care about a healthy environment for generations to come.
3. You don't understand what climate change means but you want to learn more.
4. You are scared about climate change and you want to change fear into hope.
5. You are motivated by compassion for the poor, hungry, and vulnerable people of the world.
6. You believe that God has entrusted the stewardship of the Earth to us.
7. You want to hear what scientists are forecasting for Montana's climate and its implications.
8. You want to collaborate with other people of faith.
9. You want to hear national speakers (scientists and faith leaders) explain why this is so important.
10. It's so convenient—right here in Bozeman—and won't make a big carbon footprint!

Go to www.fscconference.org to learn more about this amazing opportunity, Oct 12-13, based at the Emerson Center. Sign up now. Talk to your friends, and encourage them to sign up also. For more information, talk with Jody McDevitt.



Roots of Injustice, Seeds of Change

Are you troubled by the history of relations between the various groups of people who live in our nation? Are you concerned that we have not successfully overcome history to make our country one of liberty and justice for all? On Sunday afternoon, September 23, you will have an opportunity to join others with similar concerns, learning more about the Doctrine of Discovery and working together for reconciliation.

The Rev. Duffy Peet of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bozeman will facilitate this workshop, which was developed by a Quaker meeting in Colorado. Many denominations, including the PC(USA), are emphasizing the need to learn more about the Doctrine of Discovery, the 15th century justification for the European subjugation of non-Christian people. The workshop's goal is to raise our level of knowledge and concern about the impacts of this Doctrine, recognize them in ourselves and in our institutions, and explore actions towards "right relations."

The event is sponsored by the Gallatin Valley Interfaith Association.

The event will be at First Presbyterian Church. Enrollment is limited. To register, contact Duffy at minister@uufbozeman.org, or 406-586-1368.

For more information, talk with Jody McDevitt.



Holland-days...

(by Dan Holland)

Last Sunday's New Testament reading from the Revised Common Lectionary was a passage from the final chapter of the book of Ephesians. If you attended worship on Sunday you heard verses ten through twenty of chapter six read out loud. It is a fairly familiar passage wherein Paul urges the reader to put on the full armor of God.

This same reading was the focus last week of the Thursday morning men's bible study. There was one verse in particular that stuck with me from our discussions. The New Revised Standard Version (the translation found in our pew bibles) presents verse eighteen as follows:

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

I have to admit it rarely occurs to me to pray for all the saints. And as long as I'm being honest, I should confess to having a hard time even keeping alert. I often times neglect to pray for the people I do know, much less saints I have never met.

The word 'saint' can have many different meanings. In the Roman Catholic tradition the word has a much narrower scope than in Protestantism where I understand it to mean any member of the Body of Christ. In that broader context, my prayer for all the saints would encompass a missionary in Kenya, a Sunday School teacher in Poughkeepsie, as well as the person sitting across the aisle from me next week in worship.

There is no doubt in my mind that Fran Babcock was a saint. Likewise I firmly believe when she passed through the veil last week separating this life from the next she was welcomed into the presence of the very same Jesus she spent her entire life serving.

I have many fond memories of Fran. If there was such a thing as a Hall of Fame for the PCUSA she would be a first ballot inductee. I was privileged to work under her tutelage in the Yellowstone Presbytery's Council as well as the Montana Presbyterian Convocation. Fran also held many other posts in the denominational hierarchy, but perhaps the trait I most admire about her was her willingness to take chances. This is best exemplified by an event down at Rockhaven several years ago shortly after the zip-line was installed. The course operator allowed anyone in our church to ride the zip-line for free that day. I couldn't summon the nerve to take advantage of the offer, but there was Fran, a dignified eighty-year-old saint, zipping through the canopy and living this life to the fullest.

So today I lift my prayers for Fran and for her husband, Jim, no less a saint. And I pray for her family — those she is related to and those with which she shares a love for Christ.



Rockhaven Chapel

First Presbyterian Church

September 2018



First Presbyterian Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8:30 am Worship 10:30 Worship 11:45 Presby Cats	3 Labor Day Holiday Office Closed	4	5	6 7am Men's Bible Study 5 pm Deacons	7 5:30 pm First Friday	8
9 8:30 am Worship 9:15 Welcome Sunday 10:30 Worship 11:45 Presby Cats	10	11 7pm Boy Scouts	12 7pm Choir	13 7am Men's Bible Study 8 pm Women's Morning Book Group	14	15
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