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A mid-week newsletter of First Presbyterian Church - Jody McDevitt & Dan Krebill, co-pastors
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Adult Sunday School class begins this Sunday, September 16, with a Bible Study

Pastor Dan Krebill will lead a 5-week Bible study called, "The Things that Make for Peace." As part of our denomination's attention on peace and global witness each fall, this study focuses on the inner and outer paths to peace as foundational to faithful discipleship. As always, there will be plenty of opportunity for class discussion each week. Please join us in the church library on Sundays from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.

Sunday school picnic this Sunday, September 16

This Sunday afternoon, September 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.

Rockhaven Thanks

The Rockhaven Board sincerely thanks those who helped make the Rockhaven 'Work Day' last Sunday so successful and fun.....!

Lloyd & Charlie Mandeville, Scott Argrew, Scott Thrasher, Chuck Beck, Gary Shanafelt, Dan and Christine Holland, Bill and Katie Anderson, John Sacklin and Mary Hecktner, Jim Hall, Laurel Schlegelmich, John Patterson, Brad and Trish Garnick and George Haynes.

Enhancing Our Conversation With God

"We do not pray to tell God what He does not know, nor to remind Him of things He has forgotten. He already cares for the things we pray about.....He has simply been waiting for us to care about them WITH Him."

From Prayer by Philip Yancey; "Letter from Tim."

Opportunities to Live God's Love, Together (LGL)

We have been called as a congregation to live and learn God's love together. Are you interested in participating in events specifically identified by session as opportunities for us to live out our congregational call? Below is a schedule of events we hope to attend TOGETHER, listing dates, how to sign up, event contacts, First Presbyterian Church (FPC) Pastor and/or FPC Living God's Love (LGL) committee member who will be attending.

SEPTEMBER

Roots of Injustice, Seeds of Change Workshop – Sept. 23rd 2:30-4:30pm at First Presbyterian Church

To sign up, contact Rev. Duffy Peet minister@uufbozeman.org or call 586-1368

FPC Pastor Jody McDevitt will be attending.

OCTOBER

Interfaith Forum – Politics & Religion, Oct 3rd, 12pm Resurrection University Catholic Parish – 1725 S. 11th Ave.

FPC Pastor, Jody McDevitt, is a regular panelist.

FPC LGL committee member attending - Kris Hall kris@hallcontrols.com 586-6996

Faith, Science & Climate Action 2018 Conference, Oct. 12th, 4pm - Oct 13th, 5pm. Emerson Cultural Center
111 S Grand Ave.

To register - <https://www.fscaconference.org>

Cost to cover dinner on Oct 12th & breakfast & lunch on Oct 13th is \$60 through Oct. 5th and \$76, thereafter.

Questions? Email The Rev. Connie with questions at info@fscaconference.org

FPC LGL committee member attending - Kris Hall kris@hallcontrols.com 586-6996

FPC Pastor Jody McDevitt will be attending.

Gallatin Valley Crop Hunger Walk Oct. 21st registration 1:30pm, walk 2:00pm

Gallatin Valley Food Bank, 602 Bond Street

Register to walk or donate online - <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/bozemanmt>

Make sure to list your organization as First Presbyterian Church Bozeman

Walk Contact Judy Mathre – mathre@q.com or

FPC Living God's Love committee member Kris Hall kris@hallcontrols.com 586-6996

NOVEMBER

Interfaith Forum – Agriculture & Religion, Nov. 7th, 12pm Resurrection University Catholic Parish 1725 S. 11th Ave.

FPC Pastor, Jody McDevitt, is a regular panelist.

FPC LGL committee member attending - Kris Hall kris@hallcontrols.com 586-6996

Thanksgiving Baskets for Community - FPC Deacon's

Stay tuned for details to come on helping the FPC Deacons fill baskets for families in our community who might not otherwise have resources to have a traditional Thanksgiving dinner.

Love INC Opportunities

The Love INC pantry shelves are fairly low this time of year. The requests for care products have been increasing with the population growth in our communities. The three Love INC Personal Care Pantries in Bozeman, Belgrade, and Manhattan have 80 slots collectively per month for individuals and/or families to receive a box with any or all of the 20+ pantry items that they may need. For example, this means every month Love INC is potentially being asked and giving out 80 containers of laundry detergent, 80 bottles of body wash, 80 bottles of shampoo/conditioner, etc to neighbors in need. The requests are continuous and, presently, the demand seems to outweigh the supply.

Thank you for your prayers and support of this ministry.

Care products especially needed:

*** asterisk indicates what products we are out of presently.**

*Laundry detergent, *Conditioner and Shampoo, *Body wash (reminder: no bar soap needed)
*Dental floss, *Band-aids, Lotion, Liquid hand soap, Dish soap, Men's and women's razors
Baby wipes, Paper towels, Toilet paper



Temporary address for Fritz and Pat Dickensheets

While Fritz is undergoing cancer treatment, Fritz and Pat are living with their son and daughter-in-law, David and Ann. If you would like to send a card, here is the address:
514 Lexington Dr.
Bozeman, MT 59715

For more information, contact the church office.

Church Office Hours

The regular office hours are:
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Mondays
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday through Thursday.
Closed on Fridays

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.

Birthdays this week

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

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):

____ SEPTEMBER 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**

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, September 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!

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



For many of us, it is easy to see the violence around us and hear of the violence across the globe and feel as though it is a wilderness we are abandoned to. In the stories shared here, we hope you see just a few of the ways that God spreads a table of peace where the world offers violence and division. They serve as reminders of times when people have been brought together at “tables” of all types. From tables where hard conversations have taken place, to tables where people sat in protest against injustice, to tables where seemingly intractable hate was transformed into compassion and community. All these tables are God’s. Even in our doubts, our fears, or suffering, God can spread a table of peace for all to share. We see it in these stories, and it is revealed anew at the communion table.

On World Communion Sunday, people are joined from all over God’s earth, looking at our world and our lives and asking, “Can God spread a table even in this wilderness? Even in my wilderness?” To which God responds and says, “Come to the table of peace.” Our congregation’s support of the Peace & Global Witness Offering helps invite others to the table, both near and far.

During the month of September we are focusing on this offering to be taken on World Communion Sunday on October 7.

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!*



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

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 at 2:30 p.m. on 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.



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!

Holland-days...

by Dan Holland

Summer doesn't officially end for another week-and-a-half, but all around us are subtle signs autumn has begun to make its presence known. Shorter days are the most obvious indicator, and this curtailing of sunlight is responsible for a few trees starting to don a sprig or two of variant color. Obviously school being back in session and fall sports in full swing also lend to the sense that the seasons they are a changin'.

The weather, though, is still pretending it is August, and the forecast calls for the trend to continue. Mother Nature is begging us to take full advantage of these delicious morsels and last Sunday I took her up on the offer.

A great crew turned out at Rockhaven that afternoon to participate in clean-up activities. The summer camping season puts a lot of wear and tear on our crown jewel and there was plenty of trench digging, eve painting, wood-chip spreading, fort dismantling, weed-whacking, and general cleaning to go around. It was a glorious day and the convivial mood of the workers made me realize what a treasure we share — not only with this slice of heaven we call Rockhaven, but also with the fellowship we call church.

The last chore I performed was to examine the vent on the roof of the chapel. For some time it had been leaking a bit when the wood stove gets used in the winter and its heat melts the snow on the roof. We didn't get it fixed, but at least we figured out a plan of action. And while Scott Argrew and I balanced precariously on the roof, we were treated to a little extra dose of God's creation.

Sweet, Sweet Summertime

It's no wonder the bears come from miles around to occupy the very same perch I now find myself occupying, one arm wrapped around the stove's chimney and a foot wedged into the support board below. I lie back for a moment and gaze up at the cobalt sky, except it is nearly blotted out by a daylight constellation of apples dangling inches from my face.

For a moment I neglect the task at hand and pluck one of the beauties from its vine. A blush of red covers about half its green skin, hinting it might be perfectly ripe in a week or two. But I am here now so I take a healthy bite and the familiar crunch sends its sweet-tart juice dribbling down my chin. I discard it and grab another. Same thing. Then another.

Thank you, God, for this bounteous harvest.