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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 this **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 –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!

Rockhaven Fall 'Work Day' Opportunity!

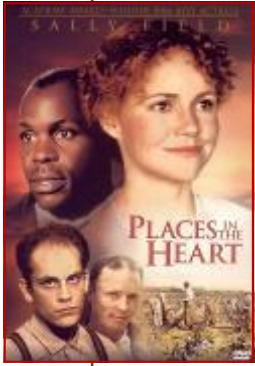
The Rockhaven Board is inviting all of you to join us on Sunday afternoon September 9, starting at 1 p.m. for a 'Work Day' at *your* Rockhaven Camp. There are a number of cleanup and painting projects that are best done this time of year and opportunities for everyone to help! Bring your favorite tools,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

Questions? Call John Patterson 587-9722

Enhancing Our Conversation With God

"May we never grow so "holy," may we never be so "mature," may we never become so "religious," that we can see the footprints of evil and stay calm."

Max Lucado God Is With You Every Day



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 community 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.

Thanks to our new Recyclers

Mary Hektner and John Sacklin have volunteered to pick up the recycling for the church. Give them a big pat on the back and say thank you to them! Thanks from the office Staff.

Birthdays this week

- 9/5 Diana Johnson*
- Helen Bissell*
- 9/7 Lee Cook*
- Rosemary Lee*
- 9/8 Karen Kempt*

Love INC Opportunities

- Be a phone friend. Love INC is looking for volunteers who care about helping people by being a phone receptionist in our Clearinghouse. A couple hours a week. Training provided. Call Kelly at 406.587.6395 or kelly@loveincgc.org.
- Volunteers needed who can swing a wrench. Love INC's Car Clinic Ministry is recruiting mechanics for the 3rd Saturday of the month. Contact Rob at ministry@loveincgc.org or 406.587.6395.

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!*



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):

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____ 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**

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!

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



The Peace & Global Witness Offering draws Presbyterians together and provides education and exposure to those who show us how to do this work well. It allows us to create resources for dealing with conflict and nurturing reconciliation, and stand in support of our global sisters and brothers, because the peace of Christ belongs to people everywhere. It has helped support our church partners in Madagascar recover from years of destructive development. Scriptural resources helped congregations, like the one in Old Bergen, New Jersey, find common ground with neighbors of many faiths, bringing their children together to learn from one another and to build a peaceful future. And the whole church joins together, through this Offering, to work for an end to all forms of human trafficking, specifically, the sin of child soldiers. As we work to share Christ's peace with one another, let's share that peace with those beyond our doors. Twenty-five percent of this Offering will go to our mid council, joining with other congregations in our area to support peacemaking work in our region. The second 25 percent of this Offering stays with our congregation, so that we can commit ourselves to active peacemaking. Our 25% goes to Family Promise and the final 50% goes to support peace-making efforts throughout the entire world.

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

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, 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.

Closed streets next Sunday, September 9

Willson Ave will be closed next Sunday, September 9 with Bozeman Marathon taking place. To facilitate traffic, there will be police officers at Babcock Ave., Olive St., and Kagy Blvd. who will help those in cars safely get where they want to go. Please allow extra time getting to church on this day. Thank you!



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

This past weekend I had an opportunity to play God. I suppose I should start at the beginning — the genesis, if you will.

Last year some friends over in Whitehall mentioned they were starting a commercial pheasant raising operation. It sounded like a lot of hard work, but my friends are industrious folks, so I wished them well and told them to keep me informed of their progress. You see, their conversation had planted a seed with me.

My family has some property and a cabin over on the Big Hole River. We primarily use it for fishing expeditions, but our extended family also includes a number of bird hunters. The only problem is that there aren't many ducks and geese on the Big Hole, and there aren't any pheasants on our section of the river. None. Ever. The conventional wisdom holds that the climate is just too harsh and the altitude too high to sustain a population of ring-necks. But I started to think perhaps climate change would make the habitat a little more adaptable, a tad more suitable.

Then last month my friends called and said their first batch of pheasants were ready to be released. I told them I was interested, but I needed some time to run the idea up the family flag pole. Most of the folks I contacted were dubious, but they said if I wanted to go to all that trouble they wouldn't stop me.

The next step was to contact the Montana FWP. My friends are licensed through FWP and they require any transactions to be approved by FWP. So I filled out all the appropriate paperwork which included providing the coordinates for the release point on the Big Hole. The FWP approved it; I was legal. So on Labor Day I set out to play God.

As you might expect, when humans try to play God things don't always go so well. Since I was the first 'customer' for my friends, none of the logistics had been attempted before. There were issues catching the birds. There were issues caging them. There were issues transporting them. By the time we were done with everything, only three adolescent ring-necked pheasants got released — all of them female.

The most important gender of any species is by far the female, but you do need at least one male in order to propagate the population. I guess we'll have to wait a while for that to happen. Fortunately my friends and I weren't too discouraged by this initial foray. It might take several more years for this experiment to be completed.

The natural world is full of examples of we humans playing God. Bucket biologists have transformed the fish populations in entire water systems by introducing non-native species. Ornamental plants brought over from Europe and Asia comprise some of our most noxious of weeds. Heck, even pheasants aren't native to North America, as they were introduced from China and Korea a little over a century ago.

I'm sure God shakes his head and cringes at some of the endeavors I undertake. This was just the latest one.