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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.

This **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!



New Ushers/Greeters

Are you new to the church or interested in getting more involved? We are in need of a few new ushers/greeters for both the 8:30 and 10:30 AM Sunday services. The commitment is approximately one time per month. If you are interested in more information or would like to join the group, please feel free to contact me by phone at 610/716-2330 or email, nancy.bast28@gmail.com.

Elder Nancy Bast

Enhancing Our Conversation With God

"Let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water."

Hebrews 10:22

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.

AMEN Bozeman Free Health Clinic, Oct 19th & 21st 8:00am-4:00pm

Gallatin County Fairgrounds, 901 N. Black Ave., Bozeman

Volunteer health providers as well as general volunteers needed

To register - <https://earthangels.net/amen-bozeman-2>

For questions email bozemanvolunteers@gmail.com

FPC LGL committee member attending – John Patterson jspatterson972@gmail.com 587-9722

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.

You are invited!

WHAT: Faith, Science & Climate Action Conference

WHERE: Emerson Cultural Center, 111 S. Grand Avenue

WHEN: October 12 (starts 4 pm) – 13 (ends 4 pm) 2018

WHY:

To facilitate discussion among MT faith leaders, scientists, & citizens to address climate change. Attendees will receive tools and resources to empower effective climate action.

WHO:

- The Rev. Canon Sally Bingham – Interfaith Power & Light
- Dr. Katharine Hayhoe - Texas Tech
- Dr. Bruce Maxwell – MSU
- Various presenters in breakouts

WHAT ELSE:

- Meals & Snacks Included
- **To purchase tickets, click on “Register Now”**

www.fscconference.org

- Childcare available Saturday & some homestays available

- Contact: The Rev. Connie Campbell-Pearson

info@fscconference.org 406.333.1851



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

9/21 *Carol Wilson*

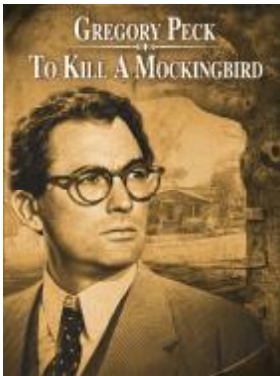
9/22 *John Tamminga*

9/23 *Jodi Kleinhans*

9/24 *Sydney Kolwyck*

9/25 *Katie Anderson*

**FIRST FRIDAY - October 5
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, **TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD**. The movie starring Gregory Peck, was released in December 1962 and is currently listed as the 29th best film of all time by Internet Database. Focusing on the coming of age of three young children, it sees good and evil of the world through the eyes of a child. It is set in 1932 in a small town in Alabama and uses the time as a backdrop for the portrait of a brave white liberal. The concepts of segregation, prejudice, justice, forgiveness, and equality will be topics for discussion.

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.

**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

Peacemaking, what can I do?



Here are three ways we can learn more about how to be better equipped to help.
» **Ten Things You Can Do to Stop Sexual Violence** As followers of Christ, we honor and celebrate the image of God in all people. As Presbyterians, we are called to open spaces in our hearts, families, communities, and churches to promote healing and reconciliation for those most at risk and marginalized. As children of God, we recognize that remaining silent about sexual violence is no longer an option. Learn more at pcusa.org/stopsexualviolence. **Courageous Conversations** resources Join Presbyterians in launching Courageous Conversations during the month of October to address violence against women and children and, in particular, to stop sexual violence. Learn more at pcusa.org/courageousconversations. »
» **Human Trafficking Toolkit** In the fields, in mines, in raw materials processing, in hotels, in the supply chain, down your street, in the U.S., and around the world, slavery is flourishing in a new form.

Our church is working to stop it. You can help. Download the Human Trafficking Toolkit at pcusa.org/traffickingtoolkit.

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!*



Courage or Comfort?

Posted on September 17 by Kori Robbins

Despite it's size, Montana is a very small place. Growing up in a small town, everyone knew everyone, and if I didn't know someone, chances are they knew me, or at least knew my parents. Once I went to college, my world became a little bigger, but still it was generally the same, with not much diversity. I took similar classes, went to similar lectures and other events and didn't have (or seek out) much opportunity to be different.

Coming to New York City has been incredible. Everywhere I turn, there are flyers, Facebook posts, billboards and marquees advertising all sorts of events, lectures, speakers and so many other things. There are events for everyone and everything, no matter your interests.

Recently, I've had the opportunity to step outside my comfort zone and attend some of these events. I'm reminded of a quote by Brene Brown, "you can choose courage or comfort, but you cannot have both." This year is about being courageous, about taking leaps and stepping outside the box. It's about saying yes to new experiences. It's why I chose my blog title, Say Hello to New York City. Here I am, and I'm saying yes to all of it.

On Thursday, September 13th, I attended Publishing American Sign Language Poetry, hosted by the Center for the Humanities at CUNY. We saw a variety of performances by deaf poets, and spoke about written ASL. Here is a quick video that explains a little bit about ASL poetry.

I know a little bit of sign, enough that I can ask basic questions, but not enough to really understand it. I sat down in my chair, towards the front, with a long line of empty seats next to me, and looked around. You know that sound in a auditorium, when everyone is talking, and the volume swells and it's hard to hear yourself think, let alone the person next to you talking? That wasn't happening in this space. Everywhere I looked, people were signing. Without being rude, I tried to catch glimpses of the conversations happening around me. I was not successful.

During this event, I felt very much like a minority, despite the fact that I also identify as deaf, and wear hearing aids in both ears. I also felt like a bit of an imposter, masquerading as someone who can sign. People would tap me on the shoulder and sign words to me. I could understand a few words, mainly "can" and "sit." Using my brilliant deduction skills, I guessed they were asking if they could sit in the empty seats beside me. I always nodded yes, and made a sweeping "go ahead" motion with my hands. It got the message across.

Stepping out of my comfort zone was a really big step for me. This was a 30-ish minute subway ride away, and I went by myself. It was a last minute, split second decision, but I'm glad I went. The poetry was wonderful, and the visual aspect of ASL, and sometimes spoken word was beautiful in a way I didn't know it could be. I very much look forward to becoming a part of this community.

The other experience I had this week was spiritual in nature. We've been encouraged to explore different worship spaces while we are here in New York. I love worship music, both contemporary and traditional and was looking for a worship space that was music based. My site coordinator suggested trying Hillsong, a church that originated in Australia. They've also released albums featuring traditional hymns made new, and even their own original songs. I thought, "Why not give it a try?"

I took the subway to the Hammerstein Ballroom, and though I got a little lost coming out of the subway station, I found what I was looking for pretty quickly, due to the long line that was starting to form and the people outside asking if I was there for church. Services started at 12:30, and I'm glad I got there early! By the time 12:00 hit, the line was almost around the block. Hillsong holds 5 services in Manhattan every Sunday, each with about 1,500 people. I sat near the front and two women sat next to me and quickly introduced themselves. We got to talking and I really appreciated that they took the time to talk to a stranger, and make me feel welcome.

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The music was beautiful! It felt a bit concert-like, and I could feel the beat throughout my entire body. They had the words to the songs on a screen that also portrayed the stage, so it was easy to follow along. It was Hillsong Channel Sunday, and we heard from the Global Senior Pastor who spoke from Australia about this tv channel that Hillsong had launched a year ago. The point of sharing this information about the channel was so that we could go out and spread the news and get people interested in learning more about Jesus. While I am less comfortable with this part of religion, and have no desire to convert others, it was an interesting message. It was about meeting people where they are, which I think is so necessary when working with communities. We can't barge in demanding change if we don't first become a part of the community.

That's what I'm trying to do here, create community. Not just with the other YAVs, but with my work placements, the city, and the world. Thank you for being a part of my community, for following me on my journey, for supporting me and walking with me during this year.

Stay tuned!

Kori

If you would like to read more of Kori's blogs go to:

<https://beautyandabook3.wordpress.com/2018/09/17/courage-or-comfort/>

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? This 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. For more information, talk with Jody McDevitt.

Holland-days...

by Dan Holland

Last Sunday the church officially unveiled its worship theme for the next eight months: Learning and Living God's LOVE, Together. I was privileged to serve as liturgist during the second service and the New Testament passage I read will be one of the keynote scriptures in support of this theme. Romans 5:1-5 states in part, "...because God's love has been poured into our hearts." I have to confess, though, I did not spend much time contemplating the importance of these words from the Apostle Paul prior to Sunday morning. Quite frankly I had been too busy.

For several days leading up to Saturday I had been intimately involved in the planning, preparation, and carrying out of Belgrade's signature community event, Fall Festival. I realize most of you reading this have never attended Fall Festival, but it is not unlike many other community gatherings. Among other activities there is a parade on Saturday morning, followed by a free barbecue, a car show, and lots of different things to do in the park. It is estimated that upwards of ten thousand people line the streets for the parade, so for a smaller community like Belgrade it is a big deal. It is also a lot of hard work, but that is also the case for events in other communities like Manhattan's Potato Festival, Bozeman's Sweet Pea Festival and Christmas Stroll, and Livingston's Roundup.

Although these events are all secular affairs, they exist because of love. There is truth in the old axiom, "Everyone loves a parade." It is equally true that everyone loves to get together. We humans are social creatures and we thrive in settings of community.

Far more often than not the weather during Fall Festival is perfect and such was the case last Saturday. As I watched the massive line of people waiting to eat the food we had worked so hard to prepare, I noticed everyone was happy. They were all smiling. Hundreds upon hundreds of people all in a great mood...because God's love has been poured into our hearts.



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!