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

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## Learning God's Love, Together:

### Wednesday Supper and "Courageous Conversations" Series starts tonight

You are invited to supper! Tonight, Wednesday, October 10, at 5:30 pm, this is the first in a series of simple suppers to be served in the Fellowship Hall for the church family. Gathering around tables is one way we learn love together—we love one another.

The supper will be immediately followed by one hour of "Courageous Conversations" for adults and "Kids' Club" for kids. Each week, adults will hear from a knowledgeable person on a challenging topic, while the kids will engage in hands-on community service projects. Our goal is to learn about current issues, discussing these together in a safe, non-judgmental environment, with an eye to developing our Christian response to these issues. What might we do together to bring forth God's love in the world?

The topics and scheduled speakers are:

Oct 10 "Refugees 101" Chelsea Eddy, Gallatin Refugee Connections

Oct 17 "Human Trafficking—Here? In Montana?" Sarabeth Rees, Haven

Oct 24 TBA

Nov 7 "Gun Safety—At Home, in Schools, in Churches" Scott McCormick, Bozeman Police Dept.

Nov 14 "Housing the Homeless" Connie Campbell-Pearson, Deacon, St. James Episcopal Church

If you are able to help with simple meal preparation, cleanup, or with the Kids' Club, contact Jody McDevitt - [jody@fpcbozeman.org](mailto:jody@fpcbozeman.org), Alison Todd - [alison@fpcbozeman.org](mailto:alison@fpcbozeman.org), or Debby Haynes - [deborahc.haynes@gmail.com](mailto:deborahc.haynes@gmail.com)



## Harvest Dinner and Pastor Appreciation this Sunday



Please plan to attend our annual Harvest Dinner – Pastor Appreciation luncheon immediately following the 10:30 service this Sunday. Lunch will be served about 11:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for some delicious food, great entertainment, and a chance to say "Thank You" to all our pastors who so faithfully

serve our church. There will be a suggested donation of \$7 per person and \$14 for a family for the meal. No reservations necessary.

## Enhancing Our Conversation With God

*"Lord, open our hearts to all people who enter our lives, showing them Christlike love and godly hospitality. Help us to make everyone we meet feel the warm welcome of Jesus's love." From Our Daily Bread, October 7, 2018*



### Stewardship Campaign

Please be sure to return your pledge card before the Stewardship campaign pledge dedication on Sunday, October 28. If you need a pledge card contact the church office at [linda@fpcbozeman.org](mailto:linda@fpcbozeman.org) or call 586-9194. Thank you!

*God's love has been poured into our hearts. (Rom. 5:5)*

### First Friday changes to November 9

The First Friday dinner and movie in November will be the second Friday, November 9 because of the Presbytery meeting being held at our church that weekend.

### First Bells has a new director

Matthew O'Sullivan, who has been our regular guest organist, has been hired as director of our *First Bells* handbell choir. Matthew comes to us with extensive experience in the field of church music both here in the US, where he has lived since 2015, as well as in the UK. Matthew began his musical education as a boy chorister, before winning an organ scholarship to Christ's College, Cambridge. While gaining his degree in Music at Cambridge University, he accompanied and directed the college choir in services, a live BBC broadcast, two commercial CD recordings and several foreign tours. From 2002-2012 he was Director of Music at the church of St. John the Divine in Richmond, near London. Matthew is also active as a composer for choir and organ, and received the Air France Prize in the first international composition competition for cathedral choirs in Amiens, France. He also enjoys the opportunity to sing, and can be found regularly performing in the bass section of the Bozeman Symphonic Choir. We're delighted to welcome Matthew to our church music staff.



### Mainly Music Memorial Concert

Sunday, October 21 at 3:00 pm

Honoring members of our congregation who have passed away during the last year and a special part of this program will honor Veterans.

Please invite your friends and family.

Concert is free and open to the public.

# Presby Kids Club

where kids learn and live God's love

Begins Wednesday, Oct 10!

Continues Oct 17 & 24 and Nov 7 & 14

5:30 Church family supper  
6:00 Presby Kids Club for Kids  
Courageous Conversations  
for grown-ups  
7:00 Head home!!

*Each week, the Presby Kids Club will  
"make and do" for others,  
learning God's love in the church family,  
living God's love through hands-on  
service.*

For more information contact Jody McDevitt, [jody@fpcbozeman.org](mailto:jody@fpcbozeman.org)



## Family Promise Hosts 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Cardboard Box City Oct 13



First Presbyterian Church has been represented at Family Promise's fund raiser every year since it began, and 2018 is no different.

Spending the night in Bogert Park under the pavilion, learning about homelessness from those who have experienced it, enjoying games and pizza, and competing in categories such as "best slogan," "most artistic," and "most pledges made," the event is both educational and fun. If you want to support Family Promise but would rather spend your night in your own bed, you can sponsor one or more of the following youth and adults.

Youth: Martha Aloise, Danielle Berg, Dayna Berg, Kimi Farhat, Graham Overton, Jonas Overton, Adynn Small.

Adults: Dan Berg, Jody McDevitt, Rachel Turner

You can send an email to Jody([jody@fpcbozeman.org](mailto:jody@fpcbozeman.org)), who will assign your donation to one of the youth.

(Children also participating: Deliala Berg, Delia Turner, Jolene Turner, Arden Turner)

## Love INC needs

Love INC is needing caring volunteers to be **phone receptionists** in our Clearinghouse. Serve for a 2 hour or 4 hour shift once a week. Training provided! Call Kelly at 406.587.6395 or [kelly@loveincgc.org](mailto:kelly@loveincgc.org).

Share your **mechanical abilities** and make a difference by volunteering at Love INC's Car Clinic Ministry.

Mechanics are greatly needed for the 3rd Saturday of the month. Contact Rob at [ministry@loveincgc.org](mailto:ministry@loveincgc.org) or 406.587.6395.

## 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.

### OCTOBER

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

To register - <https://www.fscconference.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@fscconference.org](mailto:info@fscconference.org)

FPC LGL committee member attending - Kris Hall [kris@hallcontrols.com](mailto:kris@hallcontrols.com) 586-6996

FPC Pastor Jody McDevitt will be attending.

**AMEN Bozeman Free Health Clinic**, Oct 19<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:bozemanvolunteers@gmail.com)

FPC LGL committee member attending – John Patterson [jspatterson972@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:mathre@q.com) or

FPC Living God's Love committee member Kris Hall [kris@hallcontrols.com](mailto: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.

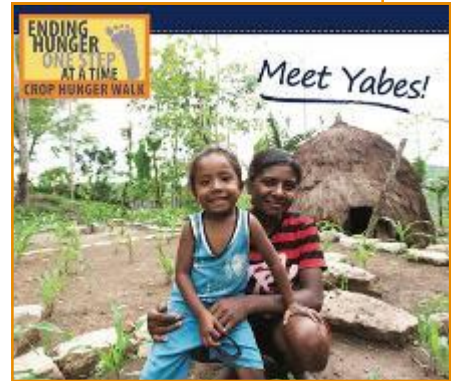
FPC LGL committee member attending - Kris Hall [kris@hallcontrols.com](mailto:kris@hallcontrols.com) 586-6996

**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.

## CROP Hunger Walk October 21

The Gallatin Valley CROP Hunger Walk (a 10 k walk) will be held, rain or shine, Sunday, October 21, at 1:30 p.m., beginning at the Food Bank (602 Bond St.). Donations given to walkers will help to alleviate hunger at home and abroad. 25% of funds raised will support the Gallatin Valley Food Bank and the Fork & Spoon Cafe. The rest will go to Church World Service to be used where needed. Church World Service is at work in over 30 countries including the U.S. See Judy Mathre (587-8666) or [mathre@q.com](mailto:mathre@q.com) for more information, or to pick up a sponsor envelope. The following people are looking for sponsors: Don Mathre, Joanne Jennings, Dan Krebill, Suzanne Bratsky, Sally Broughton, and Holly Aloise. For more information about the relief work of CWS see their website at: [www.churchworldservice.org](http://www.churchworldservice.org).



This year it is possible for donors to make a digital walk. This year the church has two online teams, one for the church and the other for the Presby Cats. To donate to the teams go to [crophungerwalk.org](http://crophungerwalk.org). Then page down to the Bozeman location on the map to take you to the Gallatin Valley Crop Hunger Walk webpage. The teams are listed. Click on the team you would like to support and follow the instructions for donating online.

## *Birthdays this week*

10/10 Kay Smith

Dayna Berg

10/11 Mike McCormick

10/12 Doris Krebill

10/13 Rodney Aloise

10/14 Marj Williams

10/15 Sherry Bergland

Kay May

Carolyn Williams

10/16 Paige Driscoll

Jim Thompson

## 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](mailto:nancy.bast28@gmail.com). Elder Nancy Bast



## Holland-days...

*by Dan Holland*

Last week I received two unwelcome phone calls. Each call was from women I have known for at least twenty-five years and each call was to inform me they brought their husband home from the hospital because the doctors could no longer stave off the ravages afflicting them.

In one case it was a ten year battle with cancer. In the other it was a shorter struggle with a rare neurological disorder. One of the men is a devout Jew, the other a life-long Christian. Each of them have lived full, rewarding lives, and in each case the voice I heard on the other end of the line was composed, compassionate, and resigned to accepting the will of God.

Our congregation is no stranger to end-of-life issues. Let's face it, our demographics skew to the grayer side, which is something I have long embraced. Our pews are filled with wisdom in addition to faith, hope, and love. Still, it is encouraging when signs of young life are seen in the sanctuary, and such was the case at Sunday's early service.

Three babies and three young parents attended on Sunday. It may have been the case the nursery was closed, because each small child sat through the entire service. It was also communion (World Communion for that matter) and it was my honor to help serve. All three of the parents brought their babies with them up front to receive the elements. As I served their parents, I couldn't help but focus on these tiny children and be struck by the appropriateness of the song we had sung earlier in the service, "Jesus Loves Me."

Last week the Men's Bible Study worked through a familiar passage from Mark wherein Jesus admonishes his disciples to, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs." Ironically we decided to meet at a retirement home so a member of our congregation could join with us. We had a fruitful and lively discussion. At the conclusion of the meeting, the resident closed with a prayer. As I listened to this ninety-year-old pray, I was moved to tears by his voice which was at once vulnerable yet filled with assurance.

God is good, Amen.



### **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](http://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!