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# PresbEnews

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## Mainly Music Memorial Concert

Mainly Music at First Presbyterian Church presents a Memorial Concert with a time to honor Veterans on Sunday, October 21 at 3:00 pm. Musicians include: Matthew O'Sullivan, Jessica & Lukas Graf, Reggie Mead, Russell Milburn, Larry Growney, Jay Pontius-Backman, Thomas Lee, Alison Todd, Holly Aloise, Sara Boom and others. The concert is free and open to the public.

## Learning Love Together –

### Wednesday evening suppers and Courageous Conversations

About 50 people came to the first of our "Learning Love Together" series on October 10. Chelsea Eddy and Amanda Cater of Gallatin Refugee Connections spoke on the topic of refugees. The Presby Kids Club made a fleece blanket for a child in need. Jenny Beard put together a delicious dinner, aided by Charlie Mandeville and Suzanne Bratsky. And volunteers cleaned up! It was a great start to the series.

Upcoming evenings are the following. Please note changes from previously published plans.

- October 17 Tara Bradford of Haven - Human Trafficking in Montana
- October 24 Katie Loveland, State of Montana - Suicide in Montana
- November 7 Connie Campbell-Pearson, Deacon, St. James Episcopal Church - Housing the Homeless
- November 14 Scott McCormick, Bozeman Police Dept - Guns and Safety

Supper begins at 5:30, the program at 6 pm, and dismissal at 7 pm.

## *Enhancing Our Conversation With God*

*"Generous God, help us never to take for granted all that comes from You. Give us generous hearts as we serve others in your name."*

*Joy Freeman Buff, Upper Room, 10/15/18*



## Stewardship Campaign

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

This church means a lot to me. And not just the cookies. Church is a chance to spend time with my Grandma and to grow my faith. Church is a time to see all of my fellow members and join in the fellowship. Church is a chance to give back to God when he has given so much. When I was asked to think about stewardship, my first thought was about money. But then I realized, I am a teenager, and I don't have any money. Then I remembered that stewardship is about much more. Stewardship is about giving your time and talents to make sure that the church can go on and become a special place for other kids like me. Whether it is Vacation Bible School or confirmation classes, it takes all of us giving from what we have to keep the church going. As you all know, I love to sing and expressing my faith through music is one way I can be a steward of the church. When I sing in the congregation, with the choir, or as a hymn leader, it's not only because of my love for music. It is because I hope to be an example to the younger people in the church, as someone who can give to the church even if it isn't money. So, I hope that this serves as a call for everyone. Firstly, as a thanks to those who give so much to the church to keep it running, and most importantly, I hope it is a call to those who may think they can't give back to the church, when in fact, there are so many ways to give back.

Ruling Elder, Mitchell Larsson

*(Mitchell is a senior at Bozeman Senior High)*

## Stewardship question answered

*The pledge card has two pledge lines, one for general support and one for an additional pledge to the Deacons Benevolence Fund. Please explain.*

All members and supporters of First Presbyterian Church are asked to make a financial pledge of general support. This pledge supports all aspects of the church's work, from paying the utility bills, to supporting the mission of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in this country and around the world. It supports the pastoral staff as well as the music and worship staff and support staff. It covers the cost of our educational ministry in town and at Rockhaven. When you make a general pledge, you're participating in supporting every aspect of the church's ministry, including that of the Deacons.

Over the years, there has been much enthusiasm for the wonderful local ministry and mission carried out by our Board of Deacons. Those who want to bolster this ministry are given the option of making an additional pledge of support for the work of the deacons.

All pledgers are asked to first make a pledge of general support in proportion to what they have in the way of financial resources. And, if desired, those who wish to be a direct supporter of the Deacons can make an additional pledge to the Deacons Benevolence fund.

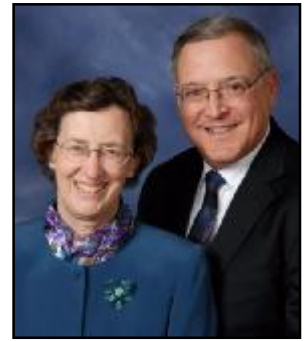
Please submit your completed pledge cards by Sunday, October 28.

Thank you for your commitment.

### Thank you from Dan and Jody

Thank you to all for the kind and generous words and the thoughtful gift of a gift certificate at Country Bookshelf. We will enjoy finding new books to read. This month may be called "Pastor Appreciation Month," but it always has the effect of reminding us how much we appreciate this congregation. You are the best!

Fondly,  
Dan and Jody



### The Deacons and Living God's Love

The ministry of the Deacons helps embody the church's emphasis this year on ***Learning and Living God's Love, Together***. Our mission and all the actions we take are intended to share God's love, within the congregation, in the community, and outside the Gallatin Valley.

Church history tells us that the Deacons were formed to assist the pastor(s) in visiting church members. That basic, person to person connection is a simple, yet powerful way of Living God's Love. The work of the Deacons is a combination of "hands on" (such as, visitation, helping meals, and providing rides to the church), "leading" (for example, the warm clothing drive and Thanksgiving and Easter baskets), and "supportive" (for instance, the Warming Center, Food Bank, the Fork and Spoon, the Housing First Village, HRDC's Blueprint Homeless Youth Home, and the Gallatin County Sheriff's Chaplain).

We have also reached beyond the Gallatin Valley to help others in need, which in recent years has included Rocky Mountain Medical Ministries (supplies for Mexico medical trip), the Blackfeet Nation Winter Storm Relief in early 2018, and the Mountain Lakes Presbyterian Church in Seeley Lake, Montana to purchase HEPA filters for people in their community affected by the extended period of dense smoke from the 2017 forest fires.

If you are looking for examples of how First Presbyterian "Lives God's Love," look no further than the work of the Deacons. Your support makes this possible.

Thank you.



### FPC Wins Prize at Cardboard Box City

Presbyterians are generous!

We took the prize this year at Family Promise's annual Cardboard Box City for the most money raised by a group --\$2,834. Thank you to all who contributed. Thanks also go to those who braved a very cold night in Bogert Park to raise funds and awareness of homelessness.

Adults: Dan Berg, Jody McDevitt, Rachel Turner

Youth: Martha Aloise, Danielle Berg, Dayna Berg, Kimi Farhat, Jenny Farhat, & Adynn Small

Children: Deliala Berg, Delia Turner, Jolene Turner, & Arden Turner

### Advance Care Planning Workshop October 28

"When it comes to end-of-life care, talking matters." That's the motto of the Conversation Project, a nationwide effort to encourage families to talk about their wishes for end-of-life care. On Sunday, October 28, Hospice of Bozeman Health will provide lunch and an introduction to this movement for members of First Presbyterian Church in our Fellowship Hall.

The workshop will be led by Debbie Butz, BSN, RN, and Community Educator as well as the Rev. Tim Spring, hospice chaplain. All adults should consider attending, learning more about advance care planning for parents, self, and others. Come learn about the Montana Advance Health Care Directive, a legal document which can help care providers and family members with health care choices. A Christian congregation is an ideal setting for talking about decisions which must be made regarding advancing age and the possibility of serious illness, because we affirm that in life and in death, we belong to God.

RSVP to the church office by October 22.

### NOTE: DATE CHANGED DUE TO PRESBYTERY MEETING IN OUR CHURCH



### FIRST FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 9

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, **COCO**. This animated movie "draws heavily on Mexican folklore and traditional designs...catchy music, a complex but comprehensible plot and bits of domestic comedy and media satire." " It assumes a non-American point-of-view on spirituality and culture" which should lead to a lively 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.

## 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

**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.

## 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](http://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!*



## 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*

10/21 *Ilene Casey*

10/22 *Judy Patterson*

*Delilah Berg*

### 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





## 2018 Welcome Kits for Refugees coming to Missoula

In our first Courageous Conversations we heard from the Gallatin Refugee Coalition and that ten refugee families are coming to the Missoula area from the Congo in November. These are refugees that have spent time in camps and have gone through a two to five year process to become immigrants to the United States. In Missoula the Coalition will help them how to use appliances and operate household equipment, help them find employment, help with language and walk along side of them as they begin their new lives.

Upon arrival they are given \$1000 for each member of their family to set up housekeeping, find a home, pay a rental deposit, pay rent, find a job and pay back the government for their plane fare. To help they set up their homes, the Coalition is doing a Welcome Kit drive to help. On pages 8 and 9 of the PresbEnews is a list of the items they are requesting. They are coming with very little and are really stepping into a new culture, a new climate and a new world. This is one way that we can help them by helping them furnish their homes and keeping their money for rent, utilities and food.

There will be a collection basket outside the church office until October 28th to collect items (new or gently used) that you could share or if you would prefer to give money, please make the check to First Presbyterian Church with a note saying Welcome Kit and between October 28th and November 4th we will purchase the items to fill out the kits and deliver them to the Fork and Spoon from where they will be taken to Missoula. If you have items for several kits types, please bring and we will put the kits together so we have complete kits to send.

Remember that the pillows must be new!

Included is a children's activity kit for families with children so that they might want to put together a kit for another child to share.

Also if you have gently worn coats, mittens and scarves for adults and children, they are also being collected as they will not have those upon arriving.

**Let's practice God's love!**

**If you have questions, please call Nancy Rote at 219-3154 or Charlie Mandeville at 580-7823.**

# IRC KIT TYPES



Please remember that the IRC Missoula kits should be your first priority, as they ensure that refugees get the essential, required items that they need.

*\*Unless otherwise noted, please purchase one of each item.*

## CLEANING KIT

Laundry Basket (Place your items in here; no tub needed!), Broom and Dustpan, Mop, Pack of Sponges, Toilet Brush & Plunger, All-purpose Cleaner, Scrubbing Bubbles, Toilet Bowl Cleaner, Mr. Clean (or something similar to mop the floor) Laundry Detergent, Light Bulbs, Liquid Dish Soap, Dishwasher Detergent, Paper Towels, Pens/ Pencils (2-4), Notebook

## TOILETRY KIT

Toothbrushes (4 minimum), Toothpaste (2), Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant (2 men's, 2 women's), Bars of Body Soap (2-4), Package of razors (1 package of men's, 1 package of women's), Shaving Cream, Body Lotion, Q-Tips, Feminine Hygiene Pads (no tampons please)

## BATHROOM KIT

Small Trash Can, Bath Towels (4 minimum), Washcloths (4 minimum), Hand Towels (2 minimum) Shower Curtain, Shower Liner, Shower Rings (for curtain and liner), Bath Mat, Hand Soap, Toilet Paper (6 rolls or more)

## KITCHEN KIT #1

Plates and Bowls (4 minimum), Cups/Glasses (4 minimum), Tea Cups / Mugs (4 minimum), Small Paring Knife, Large Carving Knife, Set of silverware (4 minimum), Silverware Tray (for drawer)

## KITCHEN KIT #2

Large Skillet/ Frying Pan, Small Pot with Lid, Large Pot with Lid, Baking Dish (9x13) Baking Sheet, Wooden Spoon, Spatula, Deep Mixing Spoon, Can Opener, Oven Mitts, Trivet, Dish Drying Rack, Drying/Dish Towels

## KITCHEN #3

Tall Trash Can (please store items in tall trash can), Tea Kettle (safe for stovetop), Mixing Bowls (2-3), Cutting Board, Plastic Tupperware (3-6 pieces), Dish Towels, Liquid Dish Soap, Trash Bags (13 Gallon)

## QUEEN BEDDING KIT

1 Queen Sheet Set, 2 Pillow Cases (if not included in the set), 2 New Pillows (\*Required to be purchased new), 1 Queen-Size Blanket, 1 Queen-Size Comforter

## FULL BEDDING KIT

1 Full Sheet Set, 2 Pillow Cases (if not included in the set), 2 New Pillows (\*Required to be purchased new), 1 Full- Size Blanket, 1 Full-Size Comforter

## TWIN BEDDING KIT

1 Twin Sheet Set, 2 Pillow Cases (if not included in the set), 2 New Pillows (\*Required to be purchased new), 1 Twin-Size Blanket, 1 Twin-Size Comforter



# SLM KIT TYPES



These kits are a bit more fluid. Feel free to get creative and use the items below as suggestions.

## LADIES KIT

Lotion, Deodorant, Feminine pads (not tampons), bra, underwear, ethnic hair care products (coconut oil, etc), nail polish, curling iron/straightener, tweezers, nail clippers, nail files

## JUNK DRAWER KIT

Stamps, pens, pencils, thumb tacks, notebooks, notepads, scissors, scotch tape, pencil sharpener, post-it notes, packing tape, glue, picture hangers, calendars, highlighters, wall clocks, alarm clocks, batteries, envelopes, small screwdriver set, small flashlight

## BABY KIT

Diapers, thermometer, blanket, bottle, wipes, pack of onesies, baby socks, baby hat

## CHILD ACTIVITY KIT

Crayons/colored pencils, coloring books, small puzzles, small toys and stuffed animals, books

## SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR KIT

Various sizes and shapes

## CLEANING KIT

Laundry detergent, dish soap, sponges, window cleaner, toilet cleaner, paper towels, Lysol wipes

## INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

Mogogo Grill (can be found on Amazon: <https://amzn.to/2NkWTUV>), diapers and wipes, toilet paper, picture dictionaries

## GIFT CARDS

Walmart, Target, Albertsons, Costco Memberships, gas cards, etc.



## HOW TO ORGANIZE YOUR WELCOME KITS

- Please place all kit items into a clear plastic container with a lid. (For select kits with larger items such as a trash can, you can use that as the container, but please still ensure that a label is attached.)
- Print the corresponding label for your chosen Welcome Kit onto plain white paper. (See included templates at the end of this document.)
- Write down the quantity of each item on the label and include any notes, if necessary.
- Secure kit labels to the container with clear packing tape.

## Holland-days...

by Dan Holland

The weather forecast for the next ten days promises us a stretch of glorious daytime highs in the low sixties, nighttime lows at or above freezing, ample sunshine, and no precipitation. It is an extended period like this — a mini Indian summer — that gives credence to many people’s claim of October being their favorite month of the year. What’s not to like? The crisp air accentuates spectacular autumn colors and mountains poke their way into cloudless skies.

Historically speaking this upcoming stretch of weather is quite similar to our long-term averages. What was not average, what was in fact out of character, was the previous two weeks. And Saturday.

I didn’t spend Saturday night in a cardboard box like some people in our congregation did, but I still woke up on Saturday morning with a sense of dread. I was scheduled to referee a football game at nine o’clock that morning and the first thing I saw when I peeked out my window was sideways snow. I dressed appropriately, but the entire time I cautiously drove to the game site, I kept hoping I would receive notification the game was cancelled. No such luck.

There was a good four inches on the ground when I arrived, and the white stuff continued to come down the entire game. The field was a solid blanket of snow, the only discernable landmarks orange traffic cones set up every ten yards. And those kids probably had more fun than they’ve had all year.

I’m not sure I’ve heard more giggling in a football game before. Granted these were young kids, fifth and sixth graders, but it still must have been a shock to get tackled and have your face buried in the cold, wet snow. Yet each time they bounced right up, eager to do it again. I’m sure it will be a game they will each remember for a long time.

There was one kid in particular that caught my eye while they were playing. He was the center, the position that starts every play by hiking the ball between his legs to the quarterback. It is an important position, but this kid seemed somewhat unprepared for the responsibility. His technique was such that the exchange with the quarterback was often muffed resulting in lost opportunity. In the second half of the game another kid came in and took over that position. The new kid was bigger, more confident, and had far better technique.

A couple of days later I ran into one of the assistant coaches from that kid’s team. I asked him why the one kid was the starter rather than the reserve. He told me that kid’s father had just been released from an extended stay in jail and the coaching staff decided this would be a way they could help buoy the kid’s confidence in addition to giving a down-on-his-luck dad something to celebrate.

I couldn’t help but think that team truly loved its neighbor.



### 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!