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Learning Love Together – Wednesday evening suppers and Courageous Conversations

Thank you to those who have cooked, set up and cleaned up our supper series! The Kids' Club has made two fleece blankets for children, which were donated to Haven. This week they will make pet toys for Heart of the Valley. All are invited to join the table fellowship and opportunity to learn about God's world and our Christian response in our community.

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

- Oct 24 Katie Loveland, State of Montana - Suicide in Montana
- Nov 7 Connie Campbell-Pearson, Deacon, St. James Episcopal Church - Housing the Homeless
- Nov 14 Scott McCormick, Bozeman Police Dept. - Guns and Safety

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



Enhancing Our Conversation With God

"Lord, all I have is from You. Help me to always use what You've given me to help others. God provides for His people through His people."

Our Daily Bread, October 19, 2018



Stewardship Campaign

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

There's an old song by the Imperials called No Shortage. It talks about how basically there's a shortage of everything. Everything, that is, except God's love. How true that is! No matter what we're going through, God is always there, loving us through it. And he uses all of us to spread that love. This church is a prime example. I've felt loved here since day one, when Jody introduced me to Suzanne Bratsky, who promptly said, "Ooh, let us be your new church family!".

There hasn't been a minute that I haven't felt loved by this church, and that has gotten me through some rough times. I can't imagine going through the stuff I've gone through without the love of my church families, both here and in Boston.

I've been really impressed by how much this church does to share God's love with the outside community, too. We have a lot of volunteers who spend a lot of hours helping people who need a little boost right now. It's great to see the generosity of all of the church members who make these programs a reality, from Family Promise to Love, Inc. to Operation Christmas Child and more. Let's keep the love flowing!

Ruling Elder, Holly Aloise

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



Birthdays this week

10/25 Paul Krebill
 10/26 Randy Larimer
 10/27 Dan Krebill
 10/28 Justin Hickert
 Lloyd Mandeville
 Nancy Bast
 10/30 Judy Gregg
 Mitch Overton
 Joann Robbins

Turning the World



When they could not find [Paul and Silas], they dragged Jason and some believers before the city authorities, shouting, "These people who have been turning the world upside down have come here also..." (Acts 17:6)

Upside Down

Yellowstone Presbytery Workshop First Presbyterian Church, Bozeman MT November 2-3, 2018 Friday noon (lunch provided) - Saturday noon

Do you know:

- A small number of suspect and persecuted Christians grew from 5,000 to 5,000,000 in 250 years?
- How God used a few disciples to "turn the world upside down"?

Let's join together to learn more about:

- Living first as citizens of God's realm/kingdom in our polarized and divisive time.
- Being used by God to "turn the world upside down" like those first Christians were used.

Be inspired, challenged, and equipped by three scholar/pastors who have studied the Christians who turned the world upside down.

Learn to hear what God is saying and then demonstrate it in our own lives and church communities.

Explore practices and ways of cooperating with the Holy Spirit to turn the world upside down in our communities today.

For more information, see Yellowstone Presbytery's website:
<http://www.yellowstonepcusa.org/2018.11.02Presbymeeting.htm>
(Pre-workshop with Mark Fry of the Board of Pensions from 10:30-noon on Friday)

“Serving the Servants of the Church: Caring for Your Church Employees”
Workshop

Led by the Rev. Mark T. Frey, CEBS, RPA – Church Consultant,
The Board of Pensions (PCUSA)
November 2, 2018 – 10:30 am
First Presbyterian Church – Bozeman

Every congregation has an opportunity to be intentional about how they care for those who serve faithfully as employees in their church, including those who may be employed for even a few hours each week. This workshop will provide an opportunity to reflect on how we think theologically and practically about caring for church employees. What beliefs and values guide us? How do we embody a wholeness-producing approach in employment practices? What are some of the ways we can demonstrate our care for employees through benefits? In what ways do our employment practices teach others about healthy care for employees in settings outside of the church? How can we get started, or take the next steps, in developing a plan for caring for our church employees? What are some of the key components of an intentional employee care program? What options are available through the Board of Pensions to assist you as you care for your valued employee or employees? How do we honor God and strengthen our church community through the care we provide for church employees? This workshop is intended to assist the ministry and mission of your congregation by helping you to strengthen your practice of effectively caring for your faithful employees.

Love Inc Pantry Needs

But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:31

These are the products especially needed at this time for our neighbors in need:
body wash (no bar soap needed), dental floss, bandaids, baby cream/ointment, baby wipes, lotion, conditioner, **liquid** hand soap, dish soap, men's and women's deodorant, men's and women's razors, adult and children's toothbrushes, children's toothpaste, toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent

Thank you for your prayers and support of the Personal Care Pantries ministry!

Christine Sommers-Austin
Gallatin County Love INC

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!*



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.

NOVEMBER

Interfaith Forum – Agriculture & Religion, Nov. 7th, 12pm

Resurrection University Catholic Parish – 1725 S. 11th Ave. Bozeman

FPC Pastor, Jody McDevitt, is a regular panelist.

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

Deacons Distributing Thanksgiving Baskets

Deacons will be distributing food baskets to needy families in the Gallatin valley on Friday, November 16. Please help in this important church project by signing up to help with set up, clean up, and most important, delivery teams. Cash donations are also needed to defray the cost of the turkeys. Please make checks out to First Presbyterian Church, memo Thanksgiving basket project. Signup sheets are located at the back of the sanctuary. Thanks for your continued support of this most worthy project. Please call Mike Roser at 580-5818.

All the World's A Stage

Posted on October 12, 2018
by Kori Robbins



Sometimes, it feels like traveling in the city is one big production. It always takes a while to get where I'm going, and if there are subway delays or I get lost, then it only takes longer. Because it takes time to get places, I always try to maximize my time, trying to accomplish as many tasks as I can before I come home, especially if I'm headed downtown. Because of that, leaving is also a production. I pack my backpack with the things I might possibly need, like water, an umbrella, a jacket, possibly my camera, library books to return, extra phone charger, the list goes on.

At home, it can be very hard to get places if you don't have a car. Public transportation is unreliable and in some places, non-existent. It's very easy to get places, and for the most part, rather quick. I carry my umbrella, jacket, camera, and whatever else, but with one difference, I can carry them in my car, not in a bag to be carted through the whole city. Traveling suddenly becomes much easier and faster.

On a typical Wednesday, I take the train to Midtown for an appointment with my therapist. After that, I typically try to run errands that I didn't get to on Tuesday (I have afternoons off). This week, I got my flu shot and went to Bed, Bath and Beyond to get a reading light for my bed. After that, I return home to work.

Sometimes I go to a coffee shop or the library to work but it depends on the day. This past Wednesday, I had the opportunity to go to First Presbyterian in Jamaica, Queens to meet with a pastor there to discuss international mission opportunities (see [Work Placements](#)).

It was an hour subway ride and I had to switch trains twice (the first time was because I got on the wrong train!) I finally made it to Queens, had a fantastic meeting and I'm looking forward to going back to explore the area a little more. However, I left for Queens at 3:00 pm, and didn't get back to Manhattan until about 6:45, which made for a very long day, though well worth it.

I love exploring this city. As I take the bus or walk somewhere, I make notes about the places I see and the places I want to come back and take the time to explore. I mark restaurant names, and shops, side streets and the many brownstones that line the walk. Fall has arrived in New York City, and it is beautiful. The city is large, stinky, and sometimes I find gross things on the sidewalk, but despite those imperfections, I've fallen in love with New York.

This first month and a half have flown by! Now that I have a bit of routine, things are a little easier. I stress less about getting to work on time. I know how to use the subway system, and while getting lost is frustrating, it's been happening a little less. There have been some friendly faces in the city, and I've so enjoyed getting to know people. I'm looking forward to the rest of the year

If you're interested in learning all the ways you can support my year as a Young Adult Volunteer, please see my [Support](#) page!

Want to make sure you get my blog updates? Sign up [here](#)!

If you're interested in getting a postcard from me (and New York City!) send me your address at kori.robbins@hotmail.com.

Stay tuned for my next adventure!
Kori



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

Last year Christine and I volunteered to be a Sunday School teaching team and since then we have taken our monthly turn teaching the lower elementary class. As it turns out, though, I find myself learning from these young children just as often as I teach them. Last Sunday was an example of this.

Attendance was low in both the lower and upper elementary classes so we decided to combine the two. The upper elementary teacher, Erica Hoffman, recently instituted a new activity for her class to engage in — a bible passage memorization game. The scripture is selected based on the theme they are studying for the week and it is posted on the wall. The kiddos read it out loud and then work on it during the rest of the lesson. At the end of class time they then demonstrate their proficiency and are rewarded by selecting a prize from a treasure box.

The passage Erica selected for last week's lesson comes from Philippians 4:6 and read as follows: *Do not be anxious about anything, but through prayer and thanksgiving present your requests to God.*

This passage ties in to the lesson we were teaching about Joseph and his brothers wherein Joseph found himself praying to God about the problems caused by his dreams and the favoritism shown towards him by his father, Jacob. It is a wonderful reminder about the power of prayer, but it also contains some tricky words. I was a little skeptical about the ability of the younger kids to master words like 'anxious' and 'requests'. As we worked our way through the other activities it dawned on me that getting the younger kids to simplify the passage to a more readily understandable paraphrase might also be a good exercise. So by the end of the class young Ian and I came up with this: *Don't worry, just pray.*

I point this out because many of us in the congregation have been anxious about the rapid onset of health issues faced by Fritz and Pat Dickensheets. They have long been stalwarts in our church and witnessing such an abrupt change in their health has been disheartening. But on Sunday Ian taught me what I need to do.

God of anything,

Please give Fritz renewed strength. Allow the chemo to work its cruel magic so he can be Pat's anchor in the stormy seas tossing her about.

We thank you for the light emanating from these two beacons and we pray they will continue to shine.

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 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!