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## Learning Love Together – Wednesday evening suppers and Courageous Conversations Tonight

Wednesday evening suppers, Courageous Conversations, and Presby Kids Club continue tonight, November 7 and 14. On November 7, The Rev. Connie Campbell-Pearson, Deacon at St. James Episcopal Church, will speak about "Housing the Homeless." Connie has been actively developing plans for a Housing First Village in Bozeman, featuring tiny homes for the chronically homeless. This is based on the philosophy that all the other issues which come with homelessness, including physical and mental health, can be addressed if the person has a safe, secure home.

On November 14, Scott McCormick of the Bozeman Police Department will address "Guns and Safety." Scott has experience as a school resource officer and he is now a detective. He will address concerns about guns in homes, schools, and public places such as churches, with an emphasis on how to keep people safe.

5:30 Supper  
6:00 Courageous Conversations and Kids Club  
7:00 Adjourn



## *Enhancing Our Conversation With God*

*"I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance."*

*Ephesians 1:18*

### Adult Sunday School Class

The adult class on Sundays, November 11 and 18, Dan Krebill will be sharing his reflections on his experiences at the Parliament of the World's Religions that he is attending in Toronto, Canada, November 1-7. Please join us in the church library on Sundays from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.

### Kitchen Cleanup is Saturday, November 10

The Deacons will be cleaning the kitchen this Saturday morning, November 10. Please pick up any food storage containers you may have left behind (most are next to the microwave), or the Deacons will dispose of them. Also, make sure any food in the refrigerators are labeled. Unlabeled and expired items will likely be tossed.

### Thank You to All Who Helped with the Refugee Collection

We have an amazing congregation!!! Thanks to the generosity of both small groups and individuals, our church family donated 16 completed kits and many miscellaneous items used to complete kits at the distribution center. We also had many donations of coats, sweaters, hats and other pieces of warm clothing. In addition, we were able to provide gift cards as well. Seventy seven refugees are arriving in Missoula from the Congo and Eritrea and will find homes ready to greet them, thanks to the kindness and love shown by so many!

### *Birthdays this week*

*1/7 Andrew Driscoll*

*11/8 Gary Shanafelt*

*11/10 Julie Cunningham*

*11/11 Bob Staffanson*

*11/13 Jim Babcock*

### 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!*



**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. 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. Bozeman

FPC Pastor, Jody McDevitt, is a regular panelist.

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



**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!



### **Operation Christmas Child—All can help!**

If you are filling a box, please include the following: washcloth, bar of soap, toothbrush, comb, school supplies (appropriate to age group), article of clothing, and a small toy or two.

**DO NOT INCLUDE:** candy, toothpaste, used items, war-related items, seeds, chocolate or food, liquids or lotions, breakable items, aerosol cans, vitamins.

Pick up a box and instructions from the back of the sanctuary and fill it, then return to the church **by November 11.**

Bid on an item in the silent auction which is set up in the entry to the Fellowship Hall. This provides funds for year-round purchase for filling many boxes.

Or make a contribution to this fund.

Volunteer to help children fill boxes during Sunday school on **Sunday, November 11.**

### **Fighting Against Human Trafficking "Made for Freedom" event hosted by Presbyterian Women**

This event consists of the sale of beautiful hand crafted items made by survivors of sex trafficking and by young women lifting themselves out of poverty which is a significant reason they were lured into the trafficking situation.

On Saturday, November 17th in the Fellowship Hall starting at 9:30 am a victimized survivor will speak of her experience followed by snacks, & beverages while shopping, makes for great Christmas gifts.



Invite a friend or two! For more information call Donna Beck 587-4087 or 539-0917.

### **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

## Holland-days...

by Dan Holland

Regular readers of this space know that I often devote its contents to espouse the connectional nature of our denomination. Those connections were on full display within the confines of our sanctuary and fellowship hall this past Friday and Saturday when our church hosted the Yellowstone Presbytery's fall meeting.

Geographically speaking, the boundaries of Yellowstone's jurisdiction comprise roughly two-thirds of Montana's land mass, stretching from the Big Hole valley in the southwest to the plains of Roosevelt County in the northeast. Despite this huge area, the actual number of Presbyterians within its boundary is only about sixteen hundred, making it one of the least populated Presbyteries in the denomination.

Any gathering of our Presbytery always reminds me of the parking lot at the state all-class volleyball tournament (which MSU will once again host this week.) I say this because I love to observe all of the different license plate numbers that are parked around whichever church hosts the meeting. I see 'eighteen' plates and 'forty-five.' There are 'thirty-three' plates, 'seventeen', 'twenty-nine', and 'forty-four'. There are always a bunch of 'threes' and sixes' but also 'eights', 'fourteens', 'twenty-eights', and 'forty-sixes'. Throw in a 'thirty', a 'one', a 'twenty-five' a 'fifty' a 'thirty-six', or a 'forty-seven', and we represent a significant cross-section of this vast landscape.

But connections are more than just license plates on cars. It is the people inside the building that create this connectivity. Our congregation worked hard to create a warm, friendly atmosphere last week and Nancy Bast, Suzanne Bratsky, Charlie Mandeville, Donna Beck, Debby Haynes and the rest of the crew are to be commended for doing just that. All of their hard work allowed the participants to focus on being the Presbytery.

It has been my privilege to have been active in the inner workings of our Presbytery for several years now. I have been around long enough to have seen many changes in the folks that participate. Pastors have come and gone, as have elder-commissioners and standing committee members. What has remained consistent throughout my tenure, though, is the willingness of everyone in attendance to get to know one another. We accomplish this through small rotating groups that sit and pray for each other during the course of the gathering. It has allowed me to make connections between a smiling face and those license plates parked outside the building.

It has been widely reported that the average age of a member of the Presbyterian Church in our country is sixty-two. I have some good news to report in response to that potentially discouraging demographic. The two newest members of our Presbytery are both twenty or thirty somethings and recently accepted pastoral calls in Dillon and Miles City. They and their spouses are breathing fresh life into their congregations, their communities, and the Presbytery. It was my privilege to get to know them, to break bread with them, to pray with them. And they are praying for us.