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

Wednesday evening suppers, Courageous Conversations, and Presby Kids Club finish up tonight, November 14.

Tonight 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



## Presby Cats leading worship this Sunday

Members of our Presby Cats collegiate ministry group will be leading both the 8:30 and 10:30 worship services this coming Sunday, November 18. They will be sharing their perspective on the church's year-long theme of "Learning and Loving God's Love, Together," as it relates to the Bible study on Family that they have been studying this fall. Please join us as we are led in faith by this young generation of Christians.

### *Enhancing Our Conversation With God*

*"So I'm praying a new prayer these days: "I am open." It's a prayer small on words and big on hope."*

*Susanna Foth Aughtmon, Mornings With Jesus, Sept 27, 2017*

### Adult Sunday School Class

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

### Last chance to buy Christmas wreaths

The Presby Cats wreath sale ends this week, with the last opportunity to order this coming Sunday, November 18, right after worship. If you'd like to order a wreath by phone, please call Andrew Chauvin at 425-328-5765. Thanks for supporting our Presby Cats spring break mission trip to Louisiana next March!



### *Birthdays this week*

*11/15 Diane Stone*  
*11/16 Bill Gould*  
*11/17 Beth Sinnema*  
*Katja Milburn*  
*11/19 Suzanne Bratsky*  
*11/20 Rod King*

### 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!*



### Donut Fellowship this Sunday, November 18

Do you like donuts? I like donuts! I will be serving donuts between the two services on November 18. It will be a time for first service congregants to visit with the second service congregants, as we tend not to see each other as much as we want to. So, come and enjoy the donuts and each other!

Elder Debby Haynes



### 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

#### Deacons Distributing Thanksgiving Baskets

Deacons will be distributing food baskets to needy families in the Gallatin valley on Friday, November 16 at 1pm at the Senior Center. 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. Thanks for your continued support of this most worthy project. Please call Mike Roser at 580-5818.



### 2018 CROP Hunger Walk

The 2018 Crop Hunger Walk was a success this year thanks to those of you who walked and those who sponsored the walkers. It was a beautiful day, and a total of \$16,212 was raised, with \$1,797 from First Presbyterian Church. Three fourths of the funds raised go to Church World Service which provides relief to victims of disaster both here and abroad. One fourth is returned to local hunger relief agencies which this year include the Gallatin Valley Food Bank, Headwaters Area Food Bank, and the Fork & Spoon Homestyle Cafe.

Thanks you, Judy Mathre



## Operation Christmas Child—Auction Items

The silent auction for Operation Christmas Child is downstairs in the fellowship hall, please considering bidding on the items which will benefit OCC. The deadline for the silent auction is noon on Monday, December 3. Thank you! If you have any questions please call Joy Ames at 586-1854.

## 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.



## Build Something Great

Volunteer with Habitat for Humanity of Gallatin Valley and help our neighbors in need through our Critical Repair Program. We make needed home repairs and improvements for low income people in our community.

No experience is needed, just a desire to learn. Our volunteers are from all backgrounds. We have openings on our Thursday crew and would love to answer any of your questions. For more information please call our volunteer coordinator, Jill Elwood at our business office (406) 388-8225 or email us at [habitatbozeman.org](http://habitatbozeman.org)

## Holland-days...

by Dan Holland

God of relief,

Bad winds are blowing, Lord — winds from the bowels of wherever bad things emanate. And we watch in horror, helpless, as regular folks, people like you and me, are burned to death in their cars trying to escape this tsunami of flame that decimated an entire community in the blink of an eye.

The numbers are staggering, precious Lord. At first there was ten, then twenty, then thirty, now forty people have perished, and there's still more unaccounted for. And even if they survived there's nothing to go back to, thousands upon thousands of homes are reduced to smoldering piles of ash.

Homes, Lord, the very places where we fragile humans feel the safest — our sanctuaries — have been transformed into columbariums, sacred now because of the ashes and memories the wind continues to stir.

Oh Lord, help those people, and help us to help them. Until last week I had never heard of Paradise, California, and now paradise is truly lost. And it's not like Paradise suffers alone; it is but one of dozens of active fires up and down the coast. And it's not like this year is an anomaly. Every year it seems like we hear of a new community buried in grief. So while we pray in earnest for Malibu, Thousand Oaks, and Butte County, we can't forget Santa Rosa and others that are just now putting their lives back together and are reminded of the horror when that same wind blows through their rebuilding communities.

And Lord, give strength to the responders. There are thousands of them on the front lines, witnesses to the carnage and devastation. May they also bear witness to your mercy.

Amen



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