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Welcome Advent Church Family Event – "Love Came Down"



All are invited to celebrate the beginning of the Advent season on Sunday, December 2. Kids and families will enjoy afternoon crafts and activities. All ages are invited to supper prepared by Sally Broughton. And at 6 pm a family-friendly service of story and music will take place in the sanctuary, concluding with the lighting of the outdoor Christmas tree.

This year's theme is "Love Came Down." In Advent, we learn of the gifts of Hope, Joy, Peace, and Love which help us understand and appreciate the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ.

4:00 pm Kids and families activities in the Fellowship Hall
5:15 pm Supper for all ages in the Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm "Love Came Down" service in the sanctuary
Tree-lighting at conclusion

Enhancing Our Conversation With God

"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

Hebrews 4:16

Winter Clothing Project


Thanks to the generosity of our congregation to the Deacon's Benevolence Fund, we were able to give warm coats, snow pants, and boots to 73 deserving children.

JC Penney saved us thousands of dollars with their generous discounts and therefore the children received both their first and second choice item. This included Gallatin Gateway School, Monforton School, and Bozeman High School homeless. We encourage you to patronize JCPenney.



Thank you for your support in this important project of our church Deacons.

John and Judy Harrison
Project Chairs



Decorating for Christmas November 29
On Thursday, November 29, 2018, from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM members of the congregation will be decorating the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall for the Christmas season. We would love to have you join us. Email, call or just show up.

Nancy Bast, nancy.bast28@gmail.com, 610/716-2330

Birthdays this week

- 11/24 *Dick Rote*
Deana Berg
- 11/25 *Betty Knutson*
- 11/28 *Larry Ames*
- 11/29 *Hans Swenson*
- 11/31 *Oscar Mendoza*

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.

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!*





The flame shall not consume you

*When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you. (Isaiah 43:2)*

Your hearts, like ours, have been broken as the devastation wrought by wildfires in California continues to increase in severity. The cost to lives and community has been unprecedented, in addition to the destruction of land. The town of Paradise has been leveled; at this writing, more than 80 people have been confirmed dead and thousands more are unaccounted for. Unhealthy air quality and risk of mudslides are both widespread concerns.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) has been working closely with leadership in the affected presbyteries, which have released emergency grants to meet the urgent needs of their neighbors. PDA has deployed national response teams to American Red Cross shelters to provide disaster spiritual care and to support the presbyteries in their assessment and response as they help their neighbors begin their lengthy recovery.

The needs for the response will be great. God's people are once again called on to stand in the "GAP"—Give. Act. Pray.

Yes, I want to help!

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Service of Hope December 2

Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service is hosting its annual *Service of Hope*, Sunday, December 2, at 2pm for those wishing to set aside a time during the holidays to remember a loved one. The service will include a message of encouragement, candle lighting, and a memorial slide show*—the service is free and all are welcome. For info please call 587.3184.

**To include a photo of your loved one please send by Tuesday, November 27 to info@dokkennelson.com or drop it off at 113 S. Willson.*

Love INC - Volunteer for Change Your Life classes

Do you have a heart for serving and looking for an opportunity to impact lives for Christ in our community? Our Love INC ministry is looking for caring VOLUNTEERS to walk alongside participants who will be working to improve their financial situation and relationships in the spring classes, Faith & Finances and Resolving Everyday Conflict, starting mid-February 2019. The VOLUNTEER opportunities include being an ally/coach, providing childcare, and helping provide meals. Please contact Jane at 587-6395 or email changeyourlife@loveincgc.org by December 15 to learn more about these opportunities and be part of this amazing ministry.

Holland-days...

by Dan Holland

More Things for Which I Am Thankful

The sheer excitement and giddiness of my wife knowing all of our children will be home for this holiday.

The anticipation of checking flight arrival times and waiting for cars to pull into the driveway.

The sensory overload emanating from a kitchen containing far too many cooks and just enough good cheer.

The joy of attempting to listen to five different conversations at the same time and hearing laughter from each one.

The memories stirred by eating the same meal with the same people and remembering those no longer with us.

The familiar voices we hear on telephones passed around the table when loved ones too far away call to join the festivities.

The knowledge that this same scene is repeated up and down our street and all throughout our vast country.

The assurance of our gracious God being present in the midst of every one of those gatherings and hearing us give thanks.



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!