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## Christmas wreaths to arrive today, December 5

The wreaths and other holiday items purchased from the Presby Cats are scheduled to arrive by the end of today. You can pick up your order this evening from 7-8 p.m. in room 104 while the church is open during choir rehearsal, or on Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you'd like your order delivered, please call the church office at 586-9194, and we'll see that your order gets to you promptly. There will be a few extra wreaths available on a first-come-first-served basis. Thank you for your support of Presby Cats.

## Special Services during the Christmas Season

Please join us for all the celebrations

Saturday, December 15	5 pm Christmas at Rockhaven
Sunday, December 16	3 pm Messiah Community Sing
Monday, December 24	5 pm Christmas Eve Family service
	8 pm Christmas Eve Traditional service
	11pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion
Sunday, December 30	10:30 am Blessing of the Animals (one service)

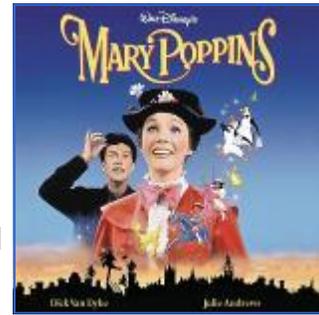


## *Enhancing Our Conversation With God*

*"The Lord has heard my plea; the Lord accepts my prayer." Psalm 6:9*

**FIRST FRIDAY - DECEMBER 7**  
**FELLOWSHIP HALL – FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**MARY POPPINS**

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, *Mary Poppins*. Mary visits a dysfunctional family in London and employs her unique brand of lifestyle to improve the family. The film was released in 1964 and received a total of 13 Oscar nominations. In 2013, the film was selected for preservation in the United States by the National Film Registry and the Library of Congress as being "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant". It is most appropriate that we watch the "jolly holiday" story, as on December 19, a sequel will be released.



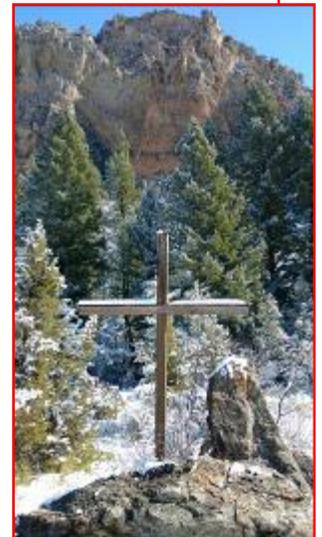
If you will be bringing children, please call the church office to arrange for a sitter and allow us to provide appropriate movies for the younger set.

**Christmas at Rockhaven, Saturday, December 15**

A tradition for more than 20 years, gathering in the chapel at Rockhaven during December is magical! If you have attended many times before, you know how special it is. If you have never attended, plan to make this the year you do. The service will begin at 5 pm, and will include scripture, story, and Christmas carol singing. Afterwards, a chili supper will be served in the dining hall. Families are encouraged to bring sleds and snow gear.



Little Martha Krebill about 2006, playing in the snow. Right, the cross on the other side of the river.



**Adult Sunday School to study the promise of love to come**

In keeping with our churchwide theme of "Learning and Living God's Love, Together," the adult Sunday school class, during the four Sundays of Advent, will focus on the promise of God's love to come as we encounter it in the words of the Old Testament prophets. Pastor Dan Krebill will lead the study with a focus on the 21<sup>st</sup> century context in which we live and how the complexities of present day life make this promise of love as important as it's ever been. Please join us for any or all of these classes on Sunday mornings, December 9, 16 and 23, from 9:30 to 10:15 in the church library.

# *First Presbyterian Church Messiah Community Sing*

*Sunday, December 16 at 3pm*

*Lukas Graf, Director*

*Soloists: Erin Equall, Mandy Bowker,  
Logan Henke and Joseph Kilen*

*Organist: Matthew O'Sullivan*

*Community Choir rehearsal is  
Saturday, December 15  
from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.*



## Christmas Joy offering

During this Christmas and Advent Season, we celebrate leadership; past, present and future through support of the Christmas Joy Offering. We do so because church leaders greatly impact our lives of faith, walking with us down the path to be more like Jesus. We want those church leaders and their families who find themselves grappling with a critical financial need to have the resources they need which are provided through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions. We also support the offering to help our future leaders in the church and world, like those educated at our Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. Supporting these students helps the whole church develop leaders who reflect the wideness of God's intended diversity.

For those supported through the Christmas Joy Offering, this help is truly a gift from above. May our gifts, and the leaders who receive them, point us always to the truth of the one whose birth we celebrate, Jesus Christ — the truly perfect gift.



### *Birthdays this week*

- 12/5 *Dan Holland*  
*Delia Turner*
- 12/7 *Jan Peace*
- 12/8 *Lenka Swenson*
- 12/9 *Henry Erwin*
- 12/10 *Bruce Pontius Backman*  
*Kris Hall*
- 12/11 *Marcia Jarrett*  
*Jillian May*  
*Blake Babcock*

### Coloring nurtures peace

Coloring (by all ages) has been described as “a creative meditation,” “exercise for the mind,” and “an easy way to relax and have some simple fun.” In this hectic season, why not enjoy this easy way to reduce stress and find your creativity?

Each Sunday during Advent, coloring sheets from “Illustrated Children’s Ministry” will be available for all ages at the coffee hour after the second service. Enjoy!



### 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!*



## Advent Season



At the December 2 "Love Came Down" Advent event, artists of all ages began coloring the 6-foot Christmas banner. The banner and coloring markers are on a table in the Fellowship Hall, and will be available throughout December. Add your colors to this all-church project at coffee hour or another time!



The Christmas tree on Willson Ave. was lit at the conclusion of the Advent event and service. Thanks to all our decorators, inside and out!



### Lunch at Bridger Bowl

Join us at Bridger Bowl Deer Park Lodge every Monday at 12 noon for lunch and fellowship throughout the season.

## The Gift of Thrive

There is no gift more precious than making a difference in the life of a child. Thrive partners with Bozeman Public Schools to match students in grades K-12 with an adult mentor. The students meet with their mentor once a week for an hour during the school day. Mentors provide academic support, enrichment or a supportive friendship. Some mentor relationships last a couple of years, others may continue through graduation. The CAP mentor program has been impacting students and mentors for 30 years; 600 mentor relationships happen every school year. We have many children waiting for mentors this year, please consider making mentoring a part of your week. Launch your new year early by going to [allthrive.org](http://allthrive.org) or call 587-3840.

### Love INC - Volunteer for Change Your Life classes

Do you have a heart for serving and are looking for an opportunity to impact lives for Christ in our community? Our Love INC ministry is looking for caring VOLUNTEERS to walk alongside those who will be working to improve their financial situation or 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. If you are interested and would like to know more, please contact Jane at 587-6395 or email [changeyourlife@loveincgc.org](mailto:changeyourlife@loveincgc.org) by December 15.

## Holland-days...

by Dan Holland

### Advent — urous

Christmas will be here in a few short weeks,  
though sometimes it seems to take forever.  
Tis comfort and joy that a person seeks,  
but compare it to the first endeavor.

A lowly servant from a backwoods town  
was chosen by God for the royal birth.  
For nine long months she sheltered the crown,  
a savior that brought peace to all the earth,

Can you imagine the stress she did bear?  
Was she both weary and heavy laden?  
Yet she offered up a thanksgiving prayer,  
a humble act by this simple maiden.

O Mary, Mary, bearer of mercy mild,  
we praise you, mother of God's own child.



#### 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!