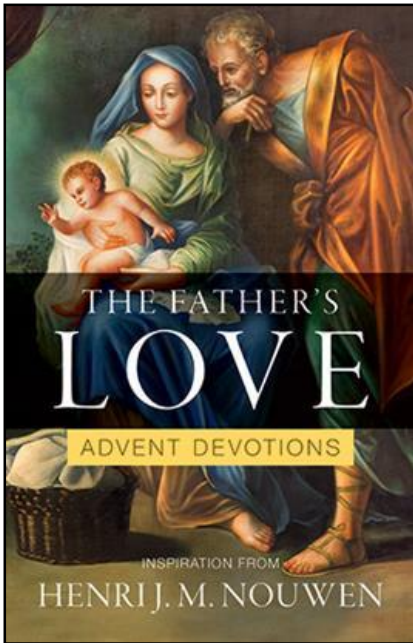


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Co-Pastors' Corner... How often have you wished for more time?



Perhaps it was more time to finish a project, or more time to spend with a friend. Maybe you wanted more time for vacation, or more time to get a good night's sleep. The Christmas season often feels like a time pressure cooker. Some of its expectations come from the culture, and some we impose upon ourselves. Cards, cookies, decorations, gifts, parties, events, and church services—in this month of short days, it seems there's not enough time to do everything!

Thankfully, the meaning of the season offers a counterbalance to the pressure. We hear the prophets speak of God acting in due time, and the coming of Christ according to God's time. Luke's gospel reminds us of the timing of every event: "In the days of King Herod," "In the sixth month," "The time came." All time is God's time. So all time is God's gift. Though it may seem hard to believe in these weeks when time is pressing upon us, we have all the time we need to do what God asks us to do.

Special Services during the Christmas Season Please join us for all the celebrations

Sunday, December 2	4 pm Advent Celebration
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

"When we think our prayers are weak or too short, His Holy Spirit helps us by speaking through us to the Father. He yearns for us to talk with Him in prayer."
Our Daily Bread, October 9, 2018

Session Notes November 15

Dan and Jody reported on their trip to the Parliament of the World's Religions in Toronto.

Dan gave the stewardship campaign update.

Debby reported on the Courageous Conversations dinner on five Wednesdays which were well attended. Debby and Jody arranged some excellent speakers on a variety of topics.

Dan reported on the Presby Cats' mission trip to Baton Rouge which will be over spring break.

A new members class was held on November 17th with 11 attending.

Debbie Ernst discussed the budget and a session budget meeting is set for December 12th.

A community Thanksgiving service was held at Holy Rosary on November 18th.

Charlie Mandeville gave an update of the Presbytery meeting which First Presbyterian Church hosted on November 2 & 3.

There will be an advent family event on Sunday, December 2nd with kids' activities starting at 4:00pm followed by dinner at 5:15 pm and a service and tree lighting at 6:00 pm.

Submitted by Ruling Elder Alison Todd

OMBUD: *The person who will listen to your suggestions, concerns, complaints and compliments.*

*This quarter our **OMBUD** from the session is Kris Hall she will be happy to answer your questions and listen to what you have to say. You can speak with her personally or contact her by phone (586-6996) or email kris@hallcontrols.com She will follow-up with Session.*

2 Corinthians 9:7

"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Thank you for giving your time, talents, and financial contributions.

Without your generous support we could not do all the great things we do to Glorify God.

Below is a table showing our financial status as of the end of September 2018

October Income	\$66,905	Year to Date Income	\$455,086
October Expenses	\$39,308	Year to Date Expenses	\$456,351
October Balance	\$27,597	Year to Date Balance	-\$1,265

Welcome Advent Church Family Event – “Love Came Down”



All are invited to celebrate the beginning of the Advent season on Sunday, Dec. 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



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!

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.

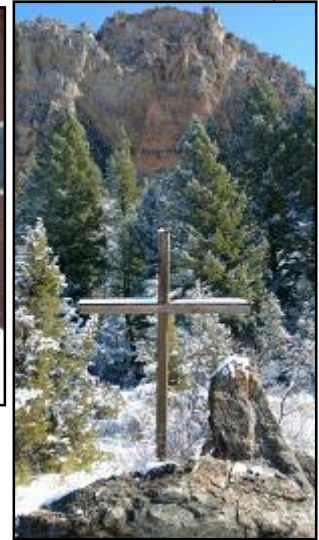
Christmas at Rockhaven, Saturday, December 15

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.



Missoula says Thank you to Bozeman

Last week, Gallatin Refugee Connections held their 2nd annual drive for the International Rescue Committee and Soft Landing Missoula to collect Welcome Kits that provide new and like-new household supplies and warm clothes for refugees arriving in Missoula.

Bozeman showed up in huge numbers and provided Missoula's refugees with a 20' truck and a 12' trailer FULL TO THE BRIM with over 200 Welcome Kits!!!! We are still in awe and shock at how kind and generous the residents of Bozeman are.

Once the entire truckload of items arrived in Missoula, the IRC, SLM, and members of the St Francis Xavier church got to work and hauled everything up 5 flights of stairs where the incredible members of St Francis are allowing us to store them. This amount of Welcome Kits could last the International Rescue Committee up to a

year!! The winter clothing donated all came to Soft Landing and refugee families are now able to grab the needed items to keep toasty warm this winter.

Thank you to the IRC, St Francis church, Gallatin Refugee Connections, and the incredible people of Bozeman. We are so grateful for the growing community of kind and welcoming people here under the Big Sky.

Thank you, thank you, thank you.

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.*





Presby Cats wreaths to arrive next week

The Christmas wreaths and other holiday items that you ordered from the Presby Cats will arrive at the church next week, December 3-7. When they do, you'll receive a phone call or email letting you know that you can pick up your items at the church. Or, if you'd prefer, the Presby Cats can deliver them to you. There will be a limited number of wreaths for sale for those who didn't order ahead of time. If you have questions, contact Andrew Chauvin at 425-328-5765 or archauv@gmail.com.

Again, thanks for your support of the Presby Cats upcoming spring break mission trip.

Any apartment or room for rent?

Presby Cats leader James Schulz is looking for an apartment or room to rent beginning in January. The place he is living this semester was sold out from under him so he has to be out by the end of December. If you have any leads he can follow up on, please contact him at 509-822-0866 or jkschulz2731@gmail.com. Thanks!



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 21st 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 2, 9, 16 and 23, from 9:30 to 10:15 in the

Christmas Decorating

On Thursday, November 29, 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

Giving Opportunities

Do you have hard to buy for friends and family? Consider Heifer International or the Presbyteriangifts.org! Through Heifer International you can buy a flock of chicks for \$20 or Honeybees for \$30 or a llama for \$150 (or a share of a llama for \$20). Through Presbyterian gifts you can supply a kitchen kit for \$24, a refugee food basket for \$50 or a container garden for \$40 or sewing machine for \$50. These are just a few of the items available for purchase that will make a difference in the life of someone. Shop on line or pick up a copy of the catalog in the Babcock narthex. Heifer.org/faith or presbyteriangifts.org



Christmas Joy offering

During the Advent and Christmas season, the Church's response to God's generosity takes on the very character of our Savior. Jesus came to lead God's people, pointing to God through love and justice, peace and compassion, forgiveness and humility. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) reflects God's gift to us, through the Christmas Joy Offering, with generous gifts supporting church leaders among us, retired, present and future, who have pointed us to God. For church workers in need of financial help, whether due to declining health or a catastrophic event, such as the Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico, Christmas Joy provides for those needs through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions. Even as we support our current and former church leaders, God is calling new leaders for our Church and world, through the ministry of Presbyterian-

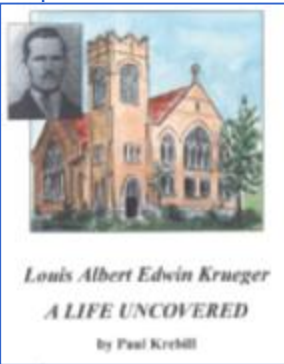
related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. For students receiving scholarships and support at Menaul and Presbyterian Pan American secondary schools, and Stillman College, a Historically Black College, the generosity of Presbyterians means a brighter future and enhanced opportunities to use their talents and skills to serve God, the Church and the world for years to come. We can never match God's perfect gift in Jesus, but through the Christmas Joy Offering, we can testify to who we have known God to be. Our perfect gift comes from above. Our gifts reflect our generous God. Our gifts support leaders in our Church and world — past, present and future.

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, www.fpcbozeman.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!*



A BIT OF OUR HISTORY HAS COME TO LIFE



A little over a hundred years ago, before our church building was completed, a sixty-eight-year old bricklayer came down into the unfinished basement when it had begun to rain. He shook off the rain from his clothing and prepared to wait out the rain before continuing his brick laying on the north wall of the building. He climbed a ladder so that he could look out the window facing Babcock street to see when the rain stopped enough for him to resume his brick work. The window was not fully framed yet so that the raw wood around the pane was exposed. He took his carpenter's pencil and signed his name on the inside stripping.

Louis Krueger 1909 Bozeman

It was about a hundred years later when Chuck Beck removed the window framing in the course of his remodeling of the basement. And under the framing he found Louis Krueger's long covered signature!

His signature can now be seen in a plaque in the fellowship hall on the wall between the Babcock street windows along with our own Chuck Beck's signature.

In response to this discovery, the Session has suggested that a life story of Louis Krueger be written. With the help of Rita Ng, Krueger's great grand daughter, and others, his life has been written in a booklet entitled "Louis Krueger—A LIFE UNCOVERED" which is available in the back of the sanctuary.

Bells of the Bridgers Concert December 21



Bells of the Bridgers presents their annual holiday concert "O Come All Ye Faithful", in Bozeman, Friday December 21st, at 7:00 p.m. at Resurrection University Parish at the corner of 11th & Kagy.

Favorite holiday selections include "Joy to the World", "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen", "The Holly and the Ivy", "Jingle Bells", "Dance of the Sugarplum Fairies" from the classic Tchaikovsky ballet "The Nutcracker", "What Child is This", and more. Special guests include Lynn Kirtley, organ, Tim Lockie, percussion, and Melody Lindsay, harp. Joining with handbells will be the Resurrection University Parish vocal ensemble in "How Quietly", an original composition woven together with "Away in a Manger".

The concert is free; a good-will offering will be taken.

Interfaith Forum Starts Wednesday, December 5

Music and Religion, With Eric Funk, composer, performer and faculty member in the School of Music. He is artistic director and host of "11th and Grant". The Interfaith Forum began more than ten years ago, and has grown every year since its founding. Regular panelists are Jody McDevitt, Rabbi Ed Stafman (Congregation Beth Shalom), Father Leo Proxell (Holy Rosary Catholic Church) and Ruhul or Shadmani Amin (Islamic Center of Bozeman).

The forum is held on the first Wednesdays of the month at 12 noon, at Resurrection University Catholic Parish at 1725 S. 11th Ave.

A brochure listing the year's topics is available at the church.



Thank you!

A HUGE thank you to the Deacons who came out Saturday, November 10th and helped clean the church kitchen. The first wave consisted of Mary Hektner, Craig Miller (who washed all the walls!), and myself. The second wave consisted of Mike and Mimi Roser, with Bernie Mitchell stopping by to give encouragement. Both refrigerators were cleaned (please mark your food in the fridges!), the walls were washed, and multiple drawers were cleaned out as well as the Cooks' Pantry and Deacons Pantry organized. Our intrepid Jim Mitchell polished the stainless steel. Can't wait to see it! Thank you, and we will think about another day in January to tackle the standup freezers. Please help out the deacons keeping the kitchen looking beautiful.

Rachel Minter, Kitchen Committee

Birthdays this Month

12/2 Joy Ames
 Lauren Robison
12/3 Jim Mitchell
12/4 Tom Hinman
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
12/13 Logan Kleinhaus
12/15 Mary Hektner
12/16 Larry Growney
12/19 Ashley Hickert
12/23 Rhoda McCormick
 Ed Sedivy
 Mike Roser
 Debbie Ernst
 Heather Overton
12/25 Ruth Steele
 Doug Babcock
12/26 Terry Schaplow
 Mary Demro
12/27 Elliot Johnson
12/29 Joanna Ellison
 Kelly Meredith
12/30 Jim Hall
12/31 Sammylu Parsons

Lunch at Bridger Bowl



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

Food Bank Sunday December 2



Gallatin Valley Food Bank Sunday is this Sunday. Please bring any non-perishable and non-expired items to the front of the sanctuary or in the baskets in the narthexes.

Operation Christmas Child Auction

The silent auction for Operation Christmas Child is downstairs in the Fellowship Hall, please consider 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.

Holland-days...

(by Dan Holland)

This past Sunday Jody delivered a brilliant sermon in which she compared love to forces at work in the physical world. Well, I should say that I assume the sermon was brilliant, because it was way over my head.

I mention this because later that same day I received a request from my brother out in Tacoma. His son, my nephew, an inquisitive junior at a Jesuit High School, was embarking on a spiritual retreat next weekend, and my brother was requesting I send him a short note of encouragement to be read during the retreat. With Jody's sermon still fresh in my head, I thought it would be good for the lad to see how love could be explained using the Newtonian principles of centripetal and centrifugal forces. I summarized my short message to him with the following haiku:

*Love the Lord your God.
Physics helps theology.
Then love your neighbor.*

I then realized it has been a while since any five-seven-fives have appeared in this space, so with the advent of Advent upon us I offer a few for your consideration:

*Black Friday had deals.
Cyber Monday had less stress.
Giving Tuesday rocks.*

*Christmas Stroll this week.
Beginning to look like it.
Break out the décor.*

*The days are shorter
Snow and ice make us shiver.
Warmth in God's bosom.*

*Lowly servant girl.
Prince of Peace inside her womb.
Mary, did you know?*

*We stand on tip-toe.
Light points us to a manger.
We peer in at love.*



Rockhaven Chapel

First Presbyterian Church

December 2018



First Presbyterian Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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