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## Youth plan summer mission trip



FPC Youth (also known as Presby Youth) will travel to Imperial Beach, CA, (San Diego area) this summer for a week-long mission service trip with Sierra Service Project. Travel dates are July 13-21, which includes 2 days of driving each direction. Nine youth and four adults are excited about taking this adventure together, joining the SSP organization and youth groups from California and other states as we did in 2018 at the Spokane Reservation in Washington.

SSP focuses on service, community, and faith development. Service involves carpentry, painting, and minor home repair work for homeowners and community organizations. Christian community and faith development happen in shared living (no cell phones for a week!), meals, team building, recreation, spiritual programming, and morning and evening devotionals. At the Imperial Beach site, programming exposes the youth to issues of **poverty**, **immigration**, and the **environment**.

Thank you to those who pledged to the church's 2019 budget—you have provided the foundation for funding this important experience for our youth. A second layer of funding will come from families whose youth are participating. The remainder will be raised in coming months, beginning in the congregation on **Feb 24** when the Presby Youth will join the Presby Cats in hosting the **church's talent show luncheon**. Please plan to join us!

## *Enhancing Our Conversation With God*

*"Give ear to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace. In the day of my trouble I call upon you, for you answer me."* *Psalm 86:6,7*

**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 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 or FPC LGL committee member who will be attending.

**January**

**Family Promise Volunteer Training** - Monday, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> 7:00-8:30pm  
First Lutheran located at 225 S. Black Ave. in downtown Bozeman  
Volunteers for direct service with our families must complete orientation.  
FPC Contact Judy Harrison 1-406-350-1298

**February**

**Interfaith Forum** – Education & Religion, Wed., February 6<sup>th</sup> 12pm  
Guest speaker, Tricia Seifert, associate professor and department head of adult and higher education, who researches how people come to understand their purpose and calling.  
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

**Bozeman Schools' Homeless Students** - February 7<sup>th</sup> 6pm.  
Anna Edwards, Homeless Coordinator for Bozeman School District #7 will present.  
Location: FPC Church – Deacons' Meeting, John Sacklin, Moderator  
FPC Pastor Dan Krebill will be attending.

*Birthdays this week*

- 1/22 *Jill Brauss*
- 1/23 *Helen Craig*
- 1/24 *Jim Gannon*
- 1/25 *Bruce Wilson*
- 1/27 *Stephanie Breen*
- 1/30 *Margaret Heath*
- 1/31 *Dan Archer*

**New Rockhaven Website!**

Please check out our completely redesigned Rockhaven website! The link can be found on the FPC website or visit [www.rockhavencamp.org](http://www.rockhavencamp.org). Registration for our summer camp season is now open. Click the "Register Now" link on our website to register for camp. Also, follow the Amazon Wishlist link on the website to view our list. You can now support the Rockhaven ministry by purchasing items on our Wishlist to help prepare for another great camp season.

**Seeking Camp Counselors**

Rockhaven is now hiring summer staff. If you or someone you know is interested in a great summer job please apply on our website or ask Scott Thrasher at [scott@rockhavencamp.org](mailto:scott@rockhavencamp.org) for further details.



**Lunch at Bridger Bowl**

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

## FIRST FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 1, 2019

### 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, ***SAME KIND OF DIFFERENT AS ME***.

It is based on the New York Times bestseller inspiring true story of international art dealer Ron Hall (Greg Kinnear), who befriends a homeless man (Djimon Hounsou) in hopes of saving his struggling marriage to Debbie (Renée Zellweger), a woman whose dreams will lead all three of them on the most remarkable journey of their lives. Jon Voight plays Hall's father, with whom he reconciles thanks to the revelations of his new life.



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.




### Volunteer for Family Promise

A sincere thank you to all of you who give of your time and

volunteer for Family Promise. Your kindness helps diminish the hurt of homelessness. Being without a safe, warm place to sleep, eat, and care for children; being without the security of familiar people and belongings – this is homelessness. The loss of a home is a crisis for anyone, but especially for families.

There may be many individual reasons for a family's homelessness, but the root cause is the lack of affordable housing. Low-income renters are often only one paycheck or calamity away from homelessness. The loss of a job, an increase in rent, the onset of sudden illness, the absence of family support – any one of these can drive a family into homelessness.

Fortunately, here in Bozeman, we have Family Promise. The interfaith hospitality of the congregations provide shelter, meals, and hospitality. The success of this depends upon the efforts and enthusiasm of our volunteers. Enjoy the rewarding experience by volunteering for Family Promise.



### Love INC Winter Clothing Drive

For the next three weeks, we will be holding a winter clothing drive to support Love INC's Clothes Closet program. The particular needs are: Snow boots, Socks, Hats, and Gloves. Please bring new or lightly used items to be placed in the basket in the Sanctuary. Thank you.



## Community Film Screening

*THIS IS HOME* TELLS THE STORY OF FOUR SYRIAN REFUGEE FAMILIES ARRIVING IN AMERICA AND BEGINNING TO REBUILD THEIR LIVES.

**Bozeman Public Library | February 7th | 5:30 pm**

**MSU Procrastinator Theater | February 10th | 7:00 pm**

**FREE ADMISSION**

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## Holland-days...

by Dan Holland

This week I have been reminded of the stark contrast in weather patterns experienced by those of you residing in south Bozeman and those of us in the more westerly portions of the valley. On Monday morning, for example, we westerners awoke to about an inch of slush while you southern Bozemanites were greeted with as much as six inches of the white stuff. I know this because I had occasion to visit your climes later in the day and witnessed the freshly snow-blown driveways and sidewalks with the residue piled high in your yards. By the time I returned to the dryer end of the valley, our roads had already melted and subsequently evaporated. There were still portions of my yard where grass could be seen poking up through the snow, as has been the case throughout this winter.

By the time you read this, more snow will have fallen on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning. As a result the grass might finally be covered in my yard, affording the first opportunity so far this winter to ski at my place. This, in turn, is a far cry from last winter at this time when my yard had already seen a foot of snow sitting on it for nearly three months.

Okay, Holland, you may be asking yourself, why this need for a weather report? Well, as you may be aware I am a bit of an obsessive-compulsive when it comes to tracking weather at my place. For instance I can tell you that the fifteen year average for snowfall here is fifty-eight inches and so far this winter I have only recorded seventeen. In addition I can also state that my station typically records twenty-one days of below zero temperatures and thus far I have only seen five.

Okay, again, it's been a mild winter, so what? Don't we deserve a break for once? After all last winter was the wettest in almost a century and the winter before was the coldest in forty years. Can't we just enjoy the reprieve and pray for some late season storms to make up the deficit?

Ah, there's the key word — pray.

God deputized us to be stewards of good, old terra firma, and God also longs to be in communion with us. So, let's do both simultaneously. Let's talk to God and ask for ways to be better stewards. I'm sure God has some great ideas; we need only discern them.

And perhaps these conversations could be as simple as praying through the Snotel site map. A check of it this morning shows that Bridger and Big Sky are both in good shape, but basins south and west of us are not. It also shows the coastal ranges in Oregon and Washington are in dreadful straights. We are all stewards of the whole shooting match, not just what we can see with the naked eye. And we are all connected, so even though summer is a long way off, it is more likely to be a smoky one when there is drought to our west.



### 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!