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Annual Meeting coming up on February 10

The annual meeting of the congregation is on Sunday, February 10, following a luncheon in the fellowship hall after the 10:30 worship service. This meeting will include highlights from our ministry in 2018 as well as provide a look at what is coming up in 2019 in town and at Rockhaven. Included in the meeting will be the approval of the terms of call for our co-pastors in 2019. Printed copies of the 2018 Annual Report will be available on Sunday, February 3, as well as online on the church's website at www.fpcbozeman.org.



Co-Pastors' Corner... One of the things that makes our church so vital and

energetic is the wide variety of ages of people who call our church home. As one of the very oldest Christian congregations in the area, we are blessed by those seniors who have been part of this church for their entire lives, or for most of their lives. It's always fun to talk with such folks about the many changes that have taken place in both the church as well as in the larger community. We're also blessed by the younger children and youth and their families who are in our church family. It's so much fun during the late service on Sunday to see how many children will come running down the aisle to be part children's time before they scamper off to Sunday School. Many of the younger families have come into our church family over the last few years as they have decided to make the Gallatin Valley their home. Then during the school year, the addition of 8-10 college students in worship on Sundays is a great source of energy as well. When we add all of these groups to everyone else, we get this great variety of people who make up the body of Christ in this place.

As a mission-minded congregation, it is exciting that opportunities abound for engaging in hands-on projects. For the second year now, there are 3 mission trips in the works. Our Presby Cats collegiate group is traveling to Baton Rouge, Louisiana in March to work with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Our youth are traveling to southern California in July to work with the Sierra Service Project. And our adult mission trip will once again be heading to northeast Montana at the end of May to work with folks on the Fort Peck Reservation. All of this mission work is on top of what happens on a regular basis right here at home through our Deacons' projects, Love In the Name of Christ, and Family Promise.

As your pastors, we feel blessed to serve alongside this wonderful mix of people who are engaged in mission in so many ways. As we continue on into 2019, we look forward to seeing all that God has in mind for our church.

Enhancing Our Conversation With God

"Heavenly Father, thank You for miraculous moments that reveal Your presence and inspire us to keep going. Amen.

Sabra Ciancanelli, Daily Guideposts, 12-29-2018

Session Notes January 24

Kris Hall led the devotion and opened the meeting in prayer.

The annual meeting on Sunday, February 10 at 12 pm organization was reported.

On February 7 at 6 pm Anna Edwards, Homeless Coordinator for Bozeman School District #7 will present a program at the Deacon's meeting.

The Living God's Love Together work team reported.

Brent Turner reported on Kids and Family.

Charlie Mandeville reported on Mission and Outreach.

Debby Haynes reported on Hospitality for the annual meeting.

Kris Hall reported on Leadership and Personnel.

John Patterson and Dan Holland presented the Rockhaven budget for 2019.

Submitted by,
Frank Schurz, Ruling Elder

OMBUD: *The person who will listen to your suggestions, concerns, complaints and compliments.* This quarter our **OMBUD** from the session is Holly Aloise 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 (451-4630) or email hollyaloise@gmail.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 December 2018

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| December Income | \$72,182 | Year to Date Income | \$556,604 |
| December Expenses | \$43,096 | Year to Date Expenses | \$548,337 |
| December Balance | \$29,086 | Year to Date Balance | \$8,267 |

Presby Cats are selling cookie dough

To raise funds for the 2019 spring break mission trip to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, our Presby Cats collegiate group is taking orders for locally produced Elliotts Cookie Dough as well as a range of other products. Cookie dough varieties are Country Chocolate Chip, Peanut Butter Pleasures, Snickerdoodles, Oatmeal Raisin Chews, Cookie Jar Gingersnaps, Macadamia White Chocolate Lace, Chunky Chocolate Heath, MMM Monster, and Triple Chocolate Chunk. Each 3-pound tub sells for \$17 and makes 48 1 oz. cookies. There are dry baking mixes that sell for \$14, pasta and sauce mixes that are 3 for \$15, and trail mixes for \$16. The last day to place an order is Sunday, February 10. Watch for Presby Cats with order forms in hand after worship. Whether or not you purchase a tub of cookie dough for yourself, please consider purchasing a tub or more to donate to the deacons for the weekly coffee hours.

For more information, contact Presby Cat Andrew Chauvin at 425-328-5765 or archauv@gmail.com

Fund-raising luncheon and talent show on February 24

The annual luncheon and talent show in support of mission trips this year is being expanded to include both the Presby Cats mission trip to Louisiana in March, as well as the Presby Youth's mission trip to San Diego in July. That means there will double the energy at this event. Join us after the 10:30 service on Sunday, February 24, in the fellowship hall for an all-you-can eat spaghetti luncheon with a super-duper talent show following. Donations received at the luncheon will be divided between the 2 mission trips. In addition to the talent that will be shared by our youth and college students, please consider sharing your talent as well. Contact Shalani Gentry from Presby Cats at 417-321-5485 or musician.in.me@gmail.com if you'd like to be in the show's line up.

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.

February

Interfaith Forum – Education & Religion, Wed., February 6th 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. 11th Ave. Bozeman

FPC Pastor, Jody McDevitt, is a regular panelist.

FPC LGL committee member attending - Kris Hall kris@hallcontrols.com 586-6996

Bozeman Schools' Homeless Students - February 7th 6pm.

Anna Edwards, Homeless Coordinator for Bozeman School District #7 will present.

Location: FPC Church Room 204 – Deacons' Meeting, John Sacklin, Moderator

FPC Pastor Dan Krebill will be attending.

Love Inc. Training - February 17th Immediately following 10:30am worship

Location: FPC Church Library

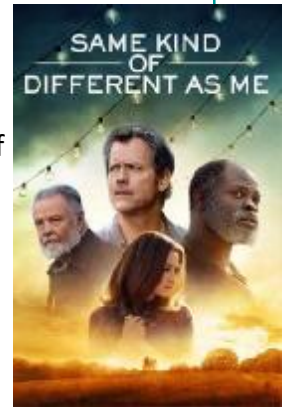
Bill Anderson, FPC Love Inc. Liaison, wqanderson99@gmail.com, (284) 961-7170

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.

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. 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 for further details.

Interfaith Forum Wednesday, February 6

Education & Religion, 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.

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.





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 February 3

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.



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!

Birthdays this Month

- 2/1 Ruth Welch
Laurie Kolwyck
Roger Robbins
- 2/2 Antoine David
Bill Prunty
- 2/5 Linda Hinman
Joyce Armour
- 2/8 Tricia Thompson
Algerim Haynes
- 2/10 Joe Kolwyck
- 2/11 David Driscoll
- 2/13 Richard Reiley
- 2/14 Anna Kolwyck
- 2/16 Randy Kleinhans
David Spencer
- 2/17 Linda Svensrud
- 2/18 Barney Hallin
- 2/20 Mary Thompson
- 2/22 Emma Galinac
Teri Nightingale
Jeff Davis
- 2/23 Martha Aloise
- 2/25 Chuck Poremba
Chuck Swenson
- 2/26 George McClure
- 2/27 Rob Minter
Ev Lensink
- 2/28 Rita Fish

Learning God's Love On Wednesdays, Together

Beginning Wednesday, February 13, plan to join the church family in a 5-week series of Wednesday suppers and conversations to help us "Learn God's Love Together."

Following the pattern established in the fall, we'll gather for a simple supper at 5:30 pm. "Courageous Conversations" will take place for adults from 6-7 pm, while children participate in "Kids' Club" doing hands-on service learning.

This semester, we plan Courageous Conversations on four issues of concern, plus an Ash Wednesday service. We are still finalizing the schedule with desired speakers. Watch this space for more complete information coming soon!

Feb 13 -

Feb 20 -

Feb 27 - Rabbi Ed Stafman, "Eyewitness at the Mexico Border, December 2018"

Rabbi Ed is Rabbi Emeritus of Congregation Beth Shalom, where he served for 10 year. He joined a group of rabbis who traveled to the Mexico side of the border, where they volunteered with a Jesuit (Catholic) mission which serves people who have been deported from the U.S.

Mar 6 – Ash Wednesday service following supper

Begin the season of Lent with the observance of Ash Wednesday, 6:15 – 6:45 in the church library.

Mar 13 – The Rev. Roxanne Klingensmith, "Ministry at the Gallatin County Detention Center"

Roxanne is Archdeacon for the Episcopal Diocese of Montana. She has visited the Detention Center on a weekly basis for many years, and has formed relationships with countless jail inmates. She knows the people, the programs, the problems, and the positive aspects of our county's corrections system.

Alison Todd is coordinating the meal preparation—contact her if you can help.

(alison@fpbozeman.org)

Jody McDevitt is coordinating Kids Club—contact her if you can help. (jody@fpbozeman.org)





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

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Holland-days...

(by Dan Holland)

To the best of my knowledge I have only skipped church a handful of times in the past fifteen years. Normally it takes some really good fishing or an extended vacation to wedge me out of the pew, but this past Sunday it was something far less fun that kept my name from being called during worship's roll call. I was sick.

I rarely get sick, but for some reason this year those long odds are catching up with me. A couple of weeks ago a persistent cough and a gurgling chest finally convinced me to pay the doctor's office a visit (well, to be honest, it was at the behest of my dear, sweet wife.) Lo and behold the NP informed me that I had managed to contract community acquired (walking) pneumonia. I immediately started on an antibiotic protocol, and the meds quickly did their magic. I felt great...for about a week.

By the time you read this I will have paid the doc another visit, and I am confident I will be told I have the flu. I am exhibiting a few of the classic symptoms: lethargy, chills, aches, pains, and just generally feeling crummy. My self-diagnosis must be spot on, because when I take over-the-counter daytime flu medication I feel okay for a couple of hours. Then it wears off and I crash.

I estimate it has been at least twenty years since I've been sick like this. Oh, sure, I get an occasional cold and my voice will turn hoarse for a day or two, but nothing like this year. In fact I had even gotten to the point where I thought I was above it all. My secret, I would tell people, was goat milk and jalapenos. My diet, I figured, exposed me to so many probiotics that I had become impervious to the maladies that afflict mere mortals. And then, even if a bug managed to sneak past my fortified immune system, I would just burn it out with hot sauce.

Self-reliance can only take a body so far. It's the same way with our walk of faith. Far too often I have told God, "Don't worry, Lord, I got this. There's folks out there that need your help way more than I do." Now while the last part of that statement may be true, it misses the point entirely. God is big enough to walk with all of us, all at once, all the time. I need to remember this truth more than just once every twenty years.



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!



Rockhaven Chapel

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February 2019



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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 3 Food Bank Sunday 8:30 am Worship 9:30 Adult & Youth Sunday School 10:30 Worship 10:45 Children's Sunday School | 4 | 5 7pm Boy Scouts 7 pm First Bells | 6 7pm Choir | 7 7am Men's Bible Study 6pm Deacons | 8 | 9 |
| 10 8:30 am Worship 9:30 Adult & Youth Sunday School 10:30 Worship 10:45 Children's Sunday School 11:45 Presby Cats 12:00 pm Annual Meeting | 11 | 12 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm First Bells | 13 7pm Choir | 14 7am Men's Bible Study  | 15 6pm Merry Munchers | 16 |
| 17 8:30 am Worship 9:30 Adult & Youth Sunday School 10:30 Worship 10:45 Children's Sunday School 11:45 Presby Cats 12:00 pm Love INC Orientation | 18 | 19 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm First Bells | 20 7pm Choir | 21 7am Men's Bible Study | 22 | 23 |
| 24 8:30 am Worship 9:30 Adult & Youth Sunday School 10:30 Worship 10:45 Children's Sunday School 11:45 Presby Cats & Youth Lunch and Talent Show | 25 | 26 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm First Bells | 27 | 28 7pm Session | | |