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## Learning God's Love On Wednesdays, Together

Join the church family in a 5-week series of Wednesday suppers and conversations, beginning Feb. 13, to help us "Learn God's Love Together." 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 (see Page 4).

Feb 13 – Will Wright, "Solar Energy for Church Buildings"

*Will is a doctoral student in environmental history at MSU and a member of Resurrection University Catholic Parish's Creation Care Team. With his leadership, Resurrection Parish has received a grant from Northwestern Energy for a solar project to be installed in 2019.*

Feb 20 – Dr. Katey Franklin, "Opioid Addiction"

*Katey is the program leader for the addiction counseling online post-baccalaureate certificate program at Montana State in the Department of Health and Human Development. She has taught most of the courses in addiction counseling and has worked with students across the state of Montana, especially trying to attract and work with students from Montana's tribal communities.*

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 years. 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.*

Thank you to those who have volunteered to prepare suppers: Judy Harrison, Charlie Mandeville, Jenny Beard, Suzanne Bratsky, and Sally Broughton. Kids' Club will be led by Carsen Smith and Kayleen Hager, our nursery attendants.

## Enhancing Our Conversation With God

*"God, help us to hear Your voice when You speak to us. Give us the courage to use our voices to share Your message of love to a hurting world. Amen."*

*Upper Room Disciplines, 1-28-2019*

# Presby Talent Show


**Sunday, Feb 24, 2019, 11:30 am**  
**Spaghetti Dinner AND Entertainment**



*Benefitting Presby Cats & Presby Youth  
2019 Mission Trips*

*Got talent to share? Contact Connie @ 206-909-9070*



**Bozeman organist Matthew O'Sullivan is to appear on Montana PBS's show '11<sup>th</sup> & Grant with Eric Funk',** the first time in 13 seasons that the show has featured the organ. The show was recorded using a Rodgers electronic organ supplied by Dean Mack in Helena. The program spans from the 15<sup>th</sup> century, via Bach's Prelude and Fugue in D and Widor's Toccata, to the present day. It will be shown on PBS at the following times: Thursday Feb 21<sup>st</sup> at 1900, Saturday Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2149, and Monday Feb 25<sup>th</sup> at 0200, and will be available to watch following broadcast at <https://www.montanapbs.org/programs/11thGrantwithEricFunk/>. There will also be a preview screening at Hope Lutheran Church, 2152 Graf St., Bozeman, the night before the first broadcast i.e. on Wednesday Feb 20<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6.30pm. Everyone is invited to attend: the Montana PBS crew will be bringing their big screen in and it's sure to be a wonderful experience, so please do come along if you can.



## National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution

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Mount Hjalite Chapter  
Daughters of the American Revolution  
Together with  
Scout Master Mike O'Donnell,  
Boy Scout Troop 649 and Girl Scout Troops 3764 and 3757

Cordially Invite You to a Flag Retirement Ceremony.

February 22, 2019  
6:30 pm (Dusk)  
Rockhaven Camp  
66850 Gallatin Road  
Gallatin Gateway

~Refreshments to follow~

~This will be an outdoor event, so please dress appropriately~

~The Ceremony should last about 45 minutes~

~Seating will not be provided~

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# Presby Kids Club

where kids learn and live God's love

Starts again Wednesday, Feb 13!

Continues Feb 20, 27 and Mar 6 & 13

5:30 Church family supper

6:00 Presby Kids Club for Kids  
Courageous Conversations  
for grown-ups

7:00 Head home!!

*Each week, the Presby Kids Club will  
"make and do" for others,  
learning God's love in the church family,  
living God's love through hands-on  
service.*

*Led by MSU students Carsen Smith and Kayleen Hager!*

For more  
information  
contact Jody McDevitt  
[jody@fpcbozeman.org](mailto:jody@fpcbozeman.org)

## Help Wanted – VBS Administration

\*Quarter Time Seasonal position with our Downtown Bozeman Ecumenical Vacation Bible School. We are looking to hire an energetic individual for 5-10 hrs a week to help with organizing and coordinating duties for our large ecumenical VBS now thru the end of June. Increased hours possible June 3-21.

Must be at least 18 years old. Experience with Computers, Excel, Word, PowerPoint is a must – will make phone calls and send emails to teams as well. Hourly wage is \$12/hr DOE. Please contact [Janna@bozemanumc.org](mailto:Janna@bozemanumc.org) if you are interested in more info or would like to apply.

## LOVE INC Needs

Thank you for your continual support of the Linen and Personal Care Pantries ministries! *Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.* Luke 6:38

These are the products needed at this time for our neighbors in need: Twin sheet sets, Dish soap, Shampoo and Conditioner, Lotion, Toilet paper, and Laundry detergent

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:musician.in.me@gmail.com) if you'd like to be in the show's line up.

## FIRST FRIDAY - MARCH 1, 2019 FELLOWSHIP HALL – FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH THE GREAT GILLY HOPKINS



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, **THE GREAT GILLY HOPKINS**. “It is based on Katherine Paterson's book about 12-year-old Galadriel "Gilly" Hopkins. A foster kid who's been in and out of lots of places, Gilly is now put in yet another home, this time under the care of kindly, devout Mrs. Trotter ([Kathy Bates](#)). Trotter has another foster child, the young W.E. , and a good friend and neighbor, Mr. Randolph ([Bill Cobbs](#)), who's blind. Despite being a strong student, Gilly alienates others, is unfair to her new foster family, and obsesses over reuniting with her birth mother. And then, just as Gilly begins to settle in and warm up to Trotter, W.E., and Mr. Randolph, someone (Glenn Close) arrives who changes everything.” Bullying, role models, empathy, communication, character, the foster child system, and the meaning of family are a few of the topics we can discuss.

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.



## Holland-days...

by Dan Holland

Lord of everyday,

I know that you cherish the moments when we engage with you in regular conversation, but sometimes we hesitate to do so when we are discussing trivial matters. And perhaps trivial isn't the proper word to use here. What I have in mind is far from trivial, but it does seem like something that would be beneath the dignity of your mighty throne.

Okay Lord, the thing that is bothering me today is the political divide within our country. It is a morass, a chasm, a bottomless pit in which hurtful insults are hurled by each side and echo through this deep ravine for all of eternity — or at least until the next news cycle.

A case in point is the attempts this week to avert the looming government shutdown. Why, we ask you, O God, are there even shutdowns in the first place? And why is there this insistence that someone owns a shutdown? It seems to me that the only person to own a shutdown is the person prevented from doing their job, the person no longer allowed to practice their vocation, the person denied the resources to pay their bills, the person forced to swallow their pride and accept assistance from others.

Sure, Lord we applaud the heartwarming stories of organizations and individuals reaching out to the affected government workers in their time of need, but it shouldn't happen in the first place. We implore you, gracious God, to change the hearts of our leaders. Allow them to listen to you rather than their partisan doctrine that considers compromise to be a dirty word.

Despite all of the lip service politicians pay to reaching across the aisle, rare is the time when they actually do it. So perhaps you are saying, precious Lord, it is up to us to reach for them. Not until we change our mindset will we elect leaders that will change theirs. Not until we loosen our preconceived notions will politicians loosen theirs. Not until we practice the ministry of reconciliation will our leaders feel the need to join in the same mission.

Oh, King of Kings, change my heart and encourage me to direct all of my conversations to you.

Amen



### 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!