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A mid-week newsletter of First Presbyterian Church - Jody McDevitt & Dan Krebill, co-pastors

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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, continuing tonight, February 20 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 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

*"Lord Jesus, thank you for helping us grow when we pray. Help us to be sensitive to what You want for our lives today. In Your Name.
Amen."*

Our Daily Bread 2-18-19

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 '11th & 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 15th 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 21st at 1900, Saturday Feb 23rd at 2149, and Monday Feb 25th 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 20th, 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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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

Wednesday 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
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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

Presby Talent Show – February 24th 11:30am, immediately following worship
Location: FPC Church. Join us for lively, fun entertainment and a spaghetti luncheon.
Event will help fund Presby Cats' spring break mission trip to Baton Rouge, LA to help rebuild after the hurricane & Presby Youth's summer mission trip to the CA/Mexico border to learn about immigration issues & assist in relief.

March

Interfaith Forum History & Religion - Wed., March 13th 12pm
Holly Grether, Asst. Teaching Prof. of religious studies – Buddhism, Hinduism & ritual.
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

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.

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 view-point 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.

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!*



Holland-days...

by Dan Holland

God of lesser months,

February. It seems so inconsequential. Perhaps it is because it has ten percent fewer days than the more substantial months. Oh sure, it has Valentine's Day and the Presidents holiday, but even those seem somewhat manufactured.

No, February seems more of a month to be hurriedly endured. Its passage marks the hope for warmer, longer days ahead. And so we trudge through its symmetrical (most of the time) four weeks.

This year, Lord, February seems as dreary as ever. I suspect no one other than skiers and water managers will mourn its end. Or is that the key to surviving — perspective? It's sort of like that modern day proverb: when life gives you lemons, make lemonade.

The long range forecast shows us that the thermometer may not register above freezing until the beginning of Lent. There will be plenty of opportunity during that time. Opportunity for me to change my demeanor. Opportunity for me to embrace this month that gets such short shrift. An opportunity to strap on the skis and take a quick spin around the pasture, an opportunity to drive over the bridge and marvel at the ice on the river, an opportunity to gaze up at the Spanish Peaks and thank you for all of the acre-feet of water conveniently stored for use later in the year.

Lord, forgive me for being such a negative Ned. Just this week I heard the Psalmist tell me it is you that made me, fearfully and wonderfully. And not only that, but you have already marked all the days of my life — even in those months when there are only twenty-eight of them.

Amen



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