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Good News Edition - March 2019

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

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AHEAD**

DON'T FORGET TO SET
YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD
ONE HOUR SO YOU
WON'T BE LATE FOR
CHURCH!



Co-Pastors' Corner... More than half-way into our year of "Living and Learning God's

Love, Together," it feels like we have barely scratched the surface. In a world where violence, hatred, greed, and suffering grab headlines and infiltrate our lives, there are plenty of places where God's love is needed. So it makes sense that learning, and living, the love God gives us in Jesus Christ is a lifelong process.

This month we enter into the season of Lent. Today, March 6, Lent begins with the observance of Ash Wednesday. Just as we do each Sunday early in our time of worship, we admit our sinfulness and our need for forgiveness. Sin is often understood as moral wrongs we commit personally. But those moral missteps are better understood as symptoms of a disease of the soul, not the disease itself. A better understanding of sin is "separation or disconnection from our true identity." Our true identity is found in God's love, for we are made by love, for love, and to love. We are God's beloved children, related to all others by God's love. Sin is not recognizing this truth, and then living as if disconnection is our reality.

The tradition of Lent encourages a time of self-examination in preparation for hearing the good news of Easter, that God in Christ has conquered sin and death and reconciled the world to Godself. We prepare to believe more deeply the simple announcement of the song written by South African Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu, "Goodness is stronger than evil, love is stronger than hate, light is stronger than darkness, life is stronger than death." In Lent, we admit that we have acquiesced to evil, hate, darkness, and death—and reclaim the truth that God's love is greater than all these.

The last part of our theme statement is very important. We do all this in the company of others. We do it Together. Join with us on this journey of rediscovering who we really are, God's beloved people in God's precious world.

Enhancing Our Conversation With God

"Lord, help us always be mindful of what You truly want us to do, and help us do it with the humility You desire. In Your name. Amen.

Daily Guideposts 2019

Session Notes February 28

Frank Schurz led devotions with a psalm and a prayer.

Moderator, Jody McDevitt, announced that Judy Gregg had passed away, noting her strong commitment to our congregation's children by faithfully working many years in our nursery.

Pastor Dan Krebill reported that \$1,375 was raised at the talent show which will support the Presby Cats & Presby Youth mission trips this spring and summer.

The Presbytery meeting will be March 8 & 9 in Billings, with our Pastors and Kris Hall representing our congregation as a commissioner.

Mary Thompson gave the Deacon's report noting that they are evaluating options for charitable giving, but have not yet made a major decision. Nancy Bast, Elder rep. to Deacon's meetings added that the Deacons are in need of donations of cookies for fellowship hour.

Session voted to approve the formation of a Mainly Music Team to support the Mainly Music program and advise the Special Music Coordinator. Session approved the solicitation of underwriters/advertisers to support the administration and paid performers at Mainly Music concerts. Freewill offerings will be collected at Mainly Music Concerts, however a "suggested" donation will be publicized for each concert.

A Personnel issue was addressed.

Debby Haynes thanked everyone who brought delicious homemade soup for the Annual Meeting.

Charlie Mandeville & Kris Hall reported that the new property manager for 24 S. Willson is in place, rents have been raised and there is interest by existing tenants for any space that will soon be vacated.

Respectfully Submitted by
Elder Kris Hall

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

Every 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 January 2019

January General Operating Income	\$60,718	Year to Date Income	\$60,718
January General Operating Expense	\$45,014	Year to Date Expense	\$45,014
January General Operating Balance	\$15,704	Year to Date Balance	\$15,704
January Rockhaven Income	\$4,155	Year to Date Income	\$4,155
January Rockhaven Expense	\$4,110	Year to Date Expense	\$4,110
January Rockhaven Balance	\$110	Year to Date Balance	\$110

Presby Cats off to Louisiana for spring break mission trip – you can help!

Nine college students and Pastor Dan are heading to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, March 17-23. While there, they will be working with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to aid in the rebuilding effort following a massive rainstorm that devastated the area in August 2016, when more than 10 feet of water flooded the region. The group will be hosted by the University Presbyterian Church in Baton Rouge, adjacent to Louisiana State University.

The Presby Cats mission team is very grateful for all of the support the congregation gives to these mission trips by way of Rent-a-Cat, buying Christmas wreaths and frozen cookie dough, as well as through our recent fundraising luncheon and talent show. Without this support, these mission trip opportunities would not be possible.

There are 3 more ways that you can support this mission trip:

1. Please pray for good health and stamina for the mission team. You can follow the progress of the group by reading its blog which will be updated daily during the trip. You can access it at: <http://presbycats.wordpress.com/>.
2. We need 3 or 4 drivers to pick us up at our homes early Sunday morning, March 17, to be at the church by 5:30 a.m., and then off to the airport at 5:45 a.m. We also need 3 or 4 drivers to pick us and take us to our homes up upon our return on Saturday evening, March 23, when we're scheduled to arrive at 8:45 p.m. If you can help out as a driver, please contact Dan Krebill at dan@fp zbozeman.org or by phone or text at 406-223-2557.
3. We are still looking for someone to prepare lunch for us at our regular Presby Cats gathering after the 10:30 service on Sunday, March 24, the day after we return. If you can help out with that, please contact Linda at linda@fp zbozeman.org or at 586-9194.

Again, thank you for your support of Presby Cats!

Cookie dough orders are at church

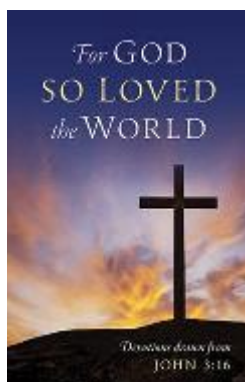
The frozen cookie dough and other products that you ordered to support the Presby Cats are at the church. Please stop by and pick them up at your convenience. Dan or Linda can assist you during the week. You can also pick your orders up Wednesday evenings as well as on Sunday mornings after worship. If you'd like your order delivered, please contact Andrew Chauvin by phone or text at 425-328-5765. *Thanks for your support of Presby Cats!*

FIRST FRIDAY - MARCH 8 (NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)

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, **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](#)). Bullying, role models, empathy, communication, character, the foster child system, and the meaning of family are a few of the topics we can discuss.



Resources for Lent

One of the ways Christians prepare for Easter is by intentionally adding disciplines during Lent, spiritual practices of prayer and action. Our church has two resources for your use this year. One is a traditional devotional booklet with daily scripture, reflection, and prayer. The second resources focuses on actions we can take to care for the earth and its inhabitants. Find these at the sanctuary entrances, take them home, and put them to use.



Learning God's Love On Wednesdays, Together

Plan to join the church family for Wednesday suppers and conversations to help us "Learn God's Love Together."

We 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.

Ash Wednesday service is tonight March 6, 6:15 pm

"Learning God's Love Together" supper continues this week at 5:30 pm to-night, March 6. We will then gather in the church library at 6:15 pm for a simple, meaningful Ash Wednesday service, remembering our identity as "frail children of dust" who are at the same time "beloved children of God." The service will conclude before our 7 pm choir practice. All are welcome.

March 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.*



Presby Kids Club

where kids learn and live God's love
Wednesday March 6 & 13

5:30 Church family supper
6:00 Presby Kids Club for Kids
Courageous Conversations
for grown-ups
7:00 Head home!!

Led by MSU students Carsen Smith and Kayleen Hager!

For more information contact Jody McDevitt jody@fpcbozeman.org

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.



Lunch at Bridger Bowl

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

The Deacons are in need of cookies for the fellowship hour. Please help out and bring some cookies to the kitchen labeled and dated. Thank you!!

AED/CPR Training

On March 23 at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall Dan Archer from the Bozeman Fire Department will be giving a 30-45 minute bystander AED/CPR training from Montana Heart Rescue. This training is open to all members of the congregation and recommended for ushers/greeters. If you plan to attend the training, please let Nancy Bast know in advance via email: nancy.bast28@gmail.com or by phone: 610-716-2330. If the number of attendees is too large, we will need to break the training into two sessions.



Birthdays this Month

3/3 Russell Milburn
Adynn Small
3/4 Earl Peace
Stuart Cunningham
3/5 John Shellenberger
3/8 Kelly Vange
3/9 Logan Cunningham
3/14 Ellie Lehrkind
3/15 Oliver Campbell
3/16 Mattie Hickert
Shelby Guenther
3/21 Ron Vaughn
Lynn Bissell
3/22 Nancy Williams
Trish Garnick
3/24 Jim Craig
3/25 Jody McDevitt
3/27 Jacob Kleinhans
Graham Overton
3/29 Zephaniah Small
3/30 Ben Sinnema



Church Facebook page a source of up-to-date info!

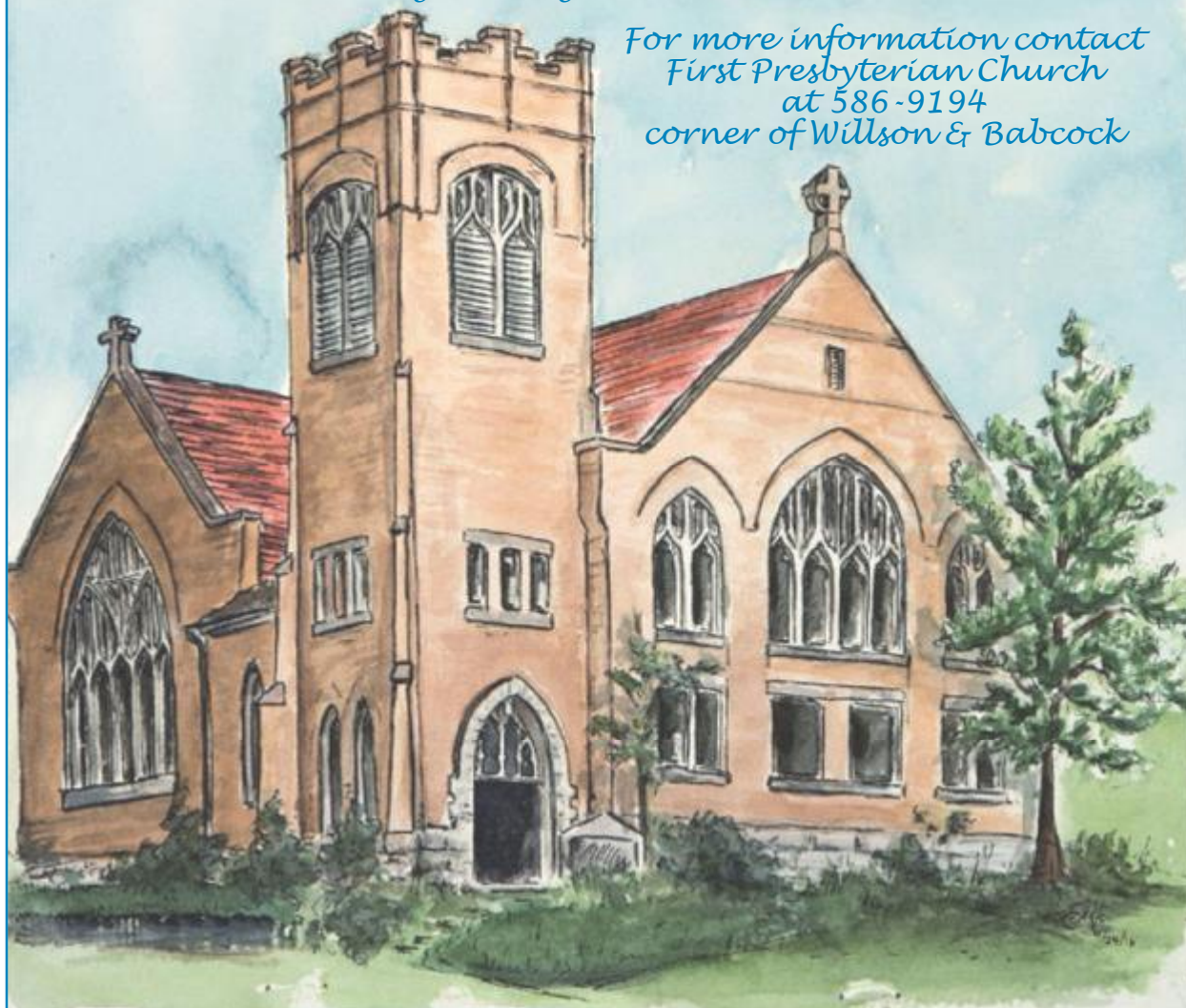
Even if you're not a Facebook member yourself, you can still access the church's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/fpcbozeman to get in on regular breaking news. If you'd like to interact with the content and others on the page, click the "Like" button at the top of the page if you're a Facebook member. Facebook—just one more way for us to interact with today's world!

*First Presbyterian Church
Mainly Music
Free Concert Series
Sunday, March 10 at 3pm
“A Broadway Afternoon”*

*Featuring music performed by Local Symphonic
Choir Members and Other Community Musicians*

*Selections from: Fiddler on the Roof, West Side Story, Oklahoma,
Man of La Mancha, Sound of Music, Wicked, Les Misérables, the
Great Magoo, Song and Dance, Camelot*

*For more information contact
First Presbyterian Church
at 586-9194
corner of Willson & Babcock*



Downtown Ecumenical VBS Fuels Rockets "To Mars and Beyond!" June 17-21, 2019 (mornings)

There's something for everyone at this VBS. Registration opens March 8!
Our main program is for children 4 years old - entering 6th grade in the Fall of 2019.

Childcare in the BUMC Nursery with VBS Activities is provided for our VBS Volunteers' children 0-3.

Youth entering 7th - 12th grades are part of our Youth Assistant Team.

We need adults of all ages to be Small Group Shepherds, Preschool/ Kindergarten Teachers, Craftivities Leaders, Games Leaders, Stories and Drama Leaders, Carpentry Leaders, Snack Servers - no experience needed.



Contact Suzanne Bratsky 539-0211, suzbratsky@gmail.com) or Jody McDevitt 586-9194 x203, jody@fpcbozeman.org) if you have questions.

Community English Class looking for help

Want to make a difference in someone's life? A ministry which started at Pilgrim Congregational Church needed more time. No experience is necessary. See the following announcement.

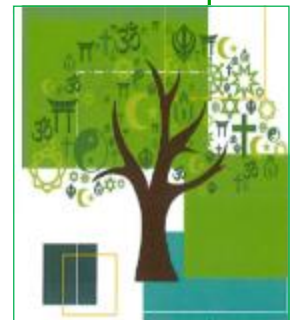
Join the Community English Team in hosting ESL (English as a Second Language) classes Mondays 7-8:30pm at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bozeman. and Thursdays 7-8:30pm at Pilgrim Congregational Church. We need individuals with prior experience in teaching or ESL as well as those with interest as classroom assistants. Volunteers rotate among ourselves so the typical volunteer attends once a month or so. Classes are small, rewards are great!
Questions? Contact Ita Killeen ikilleen@bridgergeoplan.com or Cathy Cooper rastahorse55@gmail.com

Interfaith Forum Wednesday, March 13 (next week)

History and Religion with Holly Grether, assistant teaching professor of religious studies. She studies Buddhism, Hinduism and ritual. 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, except this month, 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.



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www.rockhavencamp.org - 406.586.9194 Ext. 267



From our Camp Director

Have you considered donating to the Rockhaven Campership Fund? Our annual campaign is underway and the Rockhaven operational board has set the goal at \$5000. Giving to the Campership Fund is a great way you can spread the blessing of Rockhaven camp to others. As our summer camp season is approaching, more and more registrations are arriving daily. Along with them are many requests for financial support. It is because of our donors that we can fulfill our commitment to never turn away a child from attending a week at summer camp. I invite you to be a part of this ministry by making a gift to the Rockhaven Campership Fund. Your gift of \$25, \$50, \$100, \$1000, whatever you can give, will directly impact the lives of children who will now have the opportunity to come to camp because of your generous support.

The Campership Fund isn't the only way you can support this exciting camping ministry. We will be having at least two spring work days where your help will be greatly appreciated. Keep an eye on the church calendar for these dates coming in April and May. Rockhaven is forever growing and there will be plenty of projects and preparations to get the camp ready for spring. Please help us spread the word by distributing our summer mailer to your circle of friends, family or coworkers. Mailers can be picked up at the church office. Also, we are hoping to expand some spring and fall use at Rockhaven for rental and retreat services or team building with our high ropes course. If you know of teams, groups, schools, or businesses that could take advantage of Rockhaven please pass on the word or contact camp director, Scott Thrasher at scott@rockhavencamp.org

~ Scott "Captain" Thrasher, Camp Director and Chief Mess Maker

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Vision Statement

Rockhaven: Simple
Peaceful, Faithful... Playful!

Rockhaven provides an intentionally simple and peaceful, natural space where all of God's children can make connections with each other, God, and creation.

ROCKHAVEN...
SIMPLE, PEACEFUL,
PLAYFUL, FAITHFUL

"We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing."
George Bernard Shaw

SUMMER CAMP 2019!

NEW Website!

Visit www.rockhavencamp.org and check out our completely redesigned website.

Registration is open! Follow the "Register Now" link found on our website. If you want more information or would like to talk about the program, please contact Scott Thrasher at 586.9194 Ext. 267. Otherwise... register online today and we'll see you at camp!

NEW - Rockhaven Amazon Wish List:

Visit our website and follow the Amazon Wish List link. Now you can support Rockhaven by purchasing and gifting items on our Amazon wish list.

Other Wish List Items:

- Large snow blower
- Hand tools – screwdrivers, wrenches, pliers, etc.
- Power tools – Cordless drills, saber saw...
- Air Compressor
- Large food processor
- Camp vehicle – SUV or Van
- Large cardboard boxes (appliance size)
- Carpet squares
- Yarn... always yarn
- Firewood

NOW HIRING FAITHFUL AND PLAYFUL PEOPLE

If you or anyone you know would like to be a summer camp counselor, please find the staff application on our website or contact Scott Thrasher to learn more.

Social Media:

Please help spread the Rockhaven word by connecting with us on Social Media. Sharing or "Liking" our posts helps our online presents. We can be found on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Pinterest.

Connect with Rockhaven on Social Media



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ROCKHAVEN...SIMPLE, PEACEFUL, PLAYFUL, FAITHFUL



Rockhaven Schedule

June 10-16 Staff Training
June 17-August 9 Summer Camp
June 16 Father's Day Pig Roast

ROCKHAVEN
Creating awesome
messes and Epic
Memories



Holland-days...

(by Dan Holland)

Today marks the ninth time that Ash Wednesday has served as the launching point for the series of fictionalized accounts you will find appearing in this space. Like the previous eight Lenten journeys, this year's edition has only a vague notion of the place it is headed. As yet I have only formulated a few brief character and plot notes and the rest I will let come as they may. I will allow the Spirit to fill in the blanks over the course of the next six weeks, and as always I am open to your thoughts as we travel towards the promise of the cross, together. Those of you that heard Jody's sermon on Sunday will know God has already provided initial confirmation of the general direction in which we will embark.

Trail of Fears (Part I)

Raul stirred as the first hints of morning trickled through the window above his bed. He stretched, careful not to wake his young brother still breathing softly next to him. Quietly, Raul rose from the mattress and watched as the margin of the day slowly unfolded outside. His window faced the foothills to the west, but Raul always fancied this perspective. He loved the way these early traces of light reflected off the dense vegetation in those hills and he always envisioned the creatures in the jungle awakening along with him, stretching in concert with him, and then squinting back at him through the rising sun.

"Mijo, are you awake?" Raul heard his mother whisper on the other side of the curtain that cordoned off the boys' section of the bedroom.

"Si, mama," Raul sighed in reply. He stared back out the window desperately trying to memorize every detail of this familiar landscape being revealed to him for perhaps the last time.

Raul lived with his family in a small farming village outside the city of Santa Ana in the northern part of El Salvador. As a fifteen year old Raul's responsibilities were already greater than most people his age. It had been a year and a half since the accident that claimed his father's life and left his uncle, Eduardo, severely injured. So the care of their family plot had fallen on Raul's shoulders. With little choice Raul had dropped out of school and toiled in the fields every day. He eked out a subsistence that supported his younger brother, his two younger sisters, his mother, Uncle Eduardo, and his abuela — his grandmother.

For much of his childhood Raul felt insulated from the violence, *la violencia*, which plagued the larger cities throughout El Salvador and Central America in general. His family watched news reports of gang turf wars, but for the most part those reports seemed like they were from another planet. In the past year, though, the tentacles of evil began to stretch out into the countryside. Pick-up trucks full of tattooed members of the 18th Street gang, or *diez y ocho*, made forays to their village demanding tribute from Raul and others in order to provide protection. At first Raul complied, giving them a percentage of his harvest, but soon they began to pressure Raul to join their swelling ranks.

One night at the kitchen table, as Raul briefed his family on the latest episode, his mother quietly remarked, "Raul, my love, you must go. You must go north — *con los migres*." Reluctantly Raul bowed his head and replied, "Si, mama." ...continued next week



Rockhaven Chapel

First Presbyterian Church

March 2019



First Presbyterian Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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