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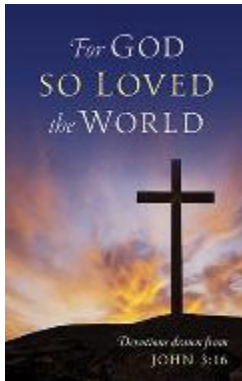
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## Learning God's Love On Wednesdays, Together Tonight

Join the church family tonight for supper and conversation 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.

## 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.*



## 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 resource 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. Also available tonight at the Learning God's Love Together.



## Enhancing Our Conversation With God

*"I'm seeing that prayer is a part of every little thing, Lord. Keep us trusting You every step of this life-changing journey."*

*Roberta Messner Daily Guideposts 2019*



**In memoriam of Ted Williams April 21, 1927 - March 9, 2019. A memorial service will be held in the sanctuary on Thursday March 21 at 1:00 p.m. Ted became a member of our church in 1957 and was very active in our church as an elder, clerk of session and clerk of the Presbytery for many years. Our prayers go out to his family.**

### Adult Mission Trip

Interested in Adult Mission Trip? Mark your calendars for Memorial Day week and also for March 27th at 5:30 there will be an information meeting with soup and bread dinner for those attending. We will be working with the New Life Mission in Poplar to repair the building (so those handy with hammer and nails are needed) and also helping to serve the noon meal for about 70 people. We will stay at the College there, so great beds, warm showers and happy smiles will greet us! Come and see how you can make a difference.

### Keep up with the Presby Cats mission trip

Please keep our Presby Cats mission trip in your prayers during their time away in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, working with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, March 17-23. They will be posting a daily blog at <http://presbycats.wordpress.com/> as a way of sharing their experience.

### 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 when he is back from the mission trip.

*Thanks for your support of Presby Cats!*



### Lunch at Bridger Bowl

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

## One Great Hour of Sharing



As Lent begins, we also embrace the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. The offering is divided into three components.

### **PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA)**

- ✦ Works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters, and support for refugees.
- ✦ Receives 32% of funds raised.

### **PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM (PHP)**

- ✦ Takes action to alleviate hunger, care for creation, and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed.
- ✦ Receives 36% of funds raised.

### **SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE (SDOP)**

- ✦ Invests in communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these issues.
- ✦ Receives 32% of funds raised 4 presbyterianmission.org.

Please carefully consider what you can do to help support these outreach programs. The offering will be received Palm and Easter Sunday, but if you would like to donate earlier, just mark your check OGHS.

## 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](mailto:suzbratsky@gmail.com)) or Jody McDevitt 586-9194 x203, ([jody@fpcbozeman.org](mailto:jody@fpcbozeman.org)) if you have questions.



### 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](mailto: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 week*

3/14 *Ellie Lehrkind*  
3/15 *Oliver Campbell*  
3/16 *Mattie Hickert*  
*Shelby Guenther*

### Adult Sunday School off for spring break

The adult Sunday school class will take a 2-week break and not meet on Sundays, March 17 & 24. The class will resume on Sunday, March 31, from 9:30-10:15 in the church library. At that time, Pastor Dan Krebill will continue the Bible study, *The Verse After the Verse*.

### Snowed-out evening rescheduled

Rabbi Ed Stafman, rabbi emeritus of Congregation Beth Shalom, will join us on Wednesday, April 3 to share his recent experience volunteering with a Jesuit mission on the Mexico side of the U.S.-Mexico border. The mission provides care for people recently deported from the U.S. Rabbi Ed was there with a group of U.S. rabbis to learn firsthand about one aspect of current border issues.

The evening will begin at 5:30 pm with supper. Rabbi Ed's program will begin at 6 pm and conclude before 7 pm choir practice. Plan to join the fellowship so we can learn and live God's love together.

### 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, [fpc-bozeman.org](http://fpc-bozeman.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

**Trail of Fears (Part II)**

Raul paced nervously along the cobblestone in the plaza adjoining *Iglesia del San Juan Bautista*, the Church of St. John the Baptist. The first traces of dawn were visible in the eastern sky and Raul had not yet seen a soul. His instructions had been to meet in front of the church where he and other hopeful members of *la caravana*, the caravan, would gather and depart at first light. But there was no one here, and Raul was beginning to panic. Would he have to begin this 3,400 kilometer journey by himself?

Finally, in an act of desperation, Raul knocked quietly on the massive wooden door of the church. Father William, the parish priest, opened the door and greeted Raul in his familiar Irish brogue, "Oh good, you are here. Everyone else is inside."

Raul followed Father William into the sanctuary and found a dozen other people furiously stuffing backpacks with provisions. "We received a shipment yesterday from the diocese," the priest explained. "People from all over the world are sending supplies. There will be similar opportunities all along the route. *El Cristo* will be with you every step of the way."

Raul saw a few familiar faces and nodded in recognition. He joined with the others and slipped a few more things into his bag. An elderly man threw an empty backpack in Raul's direction. "Don't be shy," he said with a smile, "you can't take too much. And make sure you take extra socks and ointment, *por los pies*." Raul returned the smile, gratefully.

Father William stood up on a stool and announced, "Okay everyone, it is time. It is a four hour walk to your first checkpoint in the next village. There will be about five more people joining you there. A bus has been arranged to carry you over the hills to the church in San Gabriel where you will spend the night. Beyond that someone else will be coordinating, so I can't tell you what to expect. But I have given Eduardo a phone to check in with us periodically. Please know that we will be praying for you without ceasing. *Vaya con Dios*."

And with that the group took their first steps on an impossibly long journey.

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The church in San Gabriel was chaotic with activity. Another hundred migrants were waiting when Raul's group arrived. Local parishioners had prepared food and many of the people were helping themselves to the steaming pots of rice and soup. Raul was overwhelmed, but he knew he should eat something. He remembered his mother's last words to him, "Eat when you can, and always give thanks." So he ladled some soup into a bowl, grabbed a piece of bread, and thanked an older woman standing behind the table.

Raul found a vacant spot along the wall and carefully sank down to the floor. At first he just savored the smell of the soup, but then he dipped the bread into the bowl and ate a bite. Realizing he was hungrier than he thought, he wasted little time in devouring the rest of it. He wiped his chin on his sleeve and apprehensively looked around. Raul was embarrassed to find that a young woman sitting four feet from him had been watching him eat. She smiled warmly as Raul hung his head. ...continued next week

**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!