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Scam Alert – Beware!

At least two churches in the area have been scammed lately in emails purporting to be from their pastors. The email asks for a reply, and then asks for money. Several people have fallen prey, and given money to this scammer.

First Presbyterian Church pastors and staff will not ask you for money in an email.

If you receive an email, look closely at the address. Our church staff email addresses are simple: (staff person's [name](mailto:staffname@fpcbozeman.org))@fpcbozeman.org. Do not reply to a suspicious address, but please call the church office to report anything questionable you may receive.

Presby Cats Hard at Work in Baton Rouge



On their first work day in Baton Rouge, the Presby Cats installed insulation in Virginia's home, and began installing sheetrock. She has been living in a FEMA trailer on her property since her home was flooded in August 2016. On April 30, the FEMA trailer will be removed.

Presby Cats are getting the job done!

Please keep our Presby Cats mission trip in your prayers March 17-23. They will be posting a daily blog at <http://presbycats.wordpress.com/> as a way of sharing their experience.

Enhancing Our Conversation With God

Lord God, as we travel this Lenten road help us to understand the love and grace we find at the foot of the cross of Christ. In His name, Amen.



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.

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.

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.

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



One Great Hour of Sharing Offerings are at work through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance with two national projects and one internationally.

National Aid: 28 states received help from PDA following natural and human-caused disasters, including flooding in Montana, Ohio, Maryland, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Hawaii and more; tornadoes in Alabama, Virginia and Iowa; wildfires in California, and Colorado; ongoing response to Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria as well as Superstorm Sandy and Hurricane Matthew; and various public violence incidents.

Fall 2017 Hurricanes: PDA has established a three-year \$10.4 million budget for Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria as of August 2018. Over \$2,500,000 in grants have been disbursed to 2,743 PDA volunteers who served disaster impacted communities in Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico, supported host sites; 50 deployments of 132 National response Team members totaling more than 1,000 days in the field.

Internationally in South Sudan: PDA is working with the Presbyterian relief and development Agency which is the humanitarian arm of the Presbyterian church of South Sudan. They provide large-scale emergency relief projects for South Sudanese displaced persons and refugees, as well as supporting livelihood and food security, a peace building, and education for civil society.

Our Presby Cats are working with PDA this week to help restore homes lost in the disasters in Louisiana and Montana received funding for help with the forest fires. When we can reach out, we touch others that we

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.



AED/CPR Training

On March 23 at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall Dan Archer formally 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.

Birthdays this week

- 3/21 Ron Vaughn
Lynn Bissell
- 3/22 Nancy Williams
Trish Garnick
- 3/24 Jim Craig
- 3/25 Jody McDevitt

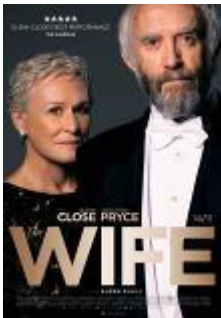
Adult Sunday School off for spring break

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*.

First Friday April 5

Fellowship Hall - First Presbyterian Church

The Wife



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 WIFE*. Glenn Close won the Golden Globe Award, Screen Actors Guild Award and Critics' Choice Movie Award for Best Actress for her performance, and was nominated for the Academy Award for Best Actress and the BAFTA Award for Best Actress. "She thinks of everything: where his glasses are, when it's time to take his pills, what he should eat for lunch. After three-plus decades together, the wife anticipates the husband's needs and meets them before he even realizes he has them—and certainly long before she'd ever consider tending to any needs of her own."

"It's an efficient if unhealthy dynamic that's kept their marriage humming along through two kids and a grandkid on the way, through bouts of infidelity, through the husband's spectacular and longstanding literary success and up to his crowning achievement: winning the Nobel Prize. This should be a joyous occasion for them both, a chance to take a breath and assess with pride the life they've built together. Instead, it becomes an opportunity for the wife to confront some uncomfortable, deeply suppressed truths"

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.



MARCH

AED/CPR Training – Saturday, March 23rd 10am

Dan Archer formally with the Bozeman Fire Department will be giving a 30-45 minute bystander AED/CPR training from Montana Heart Rescue. Contact to register nancy.bast28@gmail.com or 610-716-2330

Adult Mission Trip Information Meeting – Wednesday March 27th 5:30pm

A Soup & Bread Supper will be shared.

LGL Contact - Charlie Mandeville charlie@charliemandeville.com 580-7823

APRIL

Interfaith Forum - Wednesday, April 3rd 12pm

Resurrection University Catholic Parish – 1725 S. 11th Ave. Bozeman
Anthropology and Religion with Amanda Hendrix-Komoto, assistant professor of history. FPC Pastor, Jody McDevitt, is a regular panelist.
FPC LGL committee member attending - Kris Hall kris@hallcontrols.com 586-6996

Agape Feast – Thursday, April 18th 6pm

Combined Dinner & Maundy Thursday Worship Service with Communion – Cost \$6
LGL Contact - Charlie Mandeville charlie@charliemandeville.com 580-7823

MAY

Endowment Legacy Giving Workshop – Sunday, May 5th following 10:30 worship

Workshop & Luncheon presented by PSUSA Foundation, Rev. Rob Hagan
Please register with LGL contact Kris Hall kris@hallcontrols.com 586-6996

Adult Mission trip to Poplar, MT – Tuesday, May 28 - Friday, May 31st

LGL Contact - Charlie Mandeville charlie@charliemandeville.com 580-7823

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 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 III)

“What’s your name?” the young woman asked Raul.

Now Raul was not only embarrassed but was tongue-tied as well. How could this girl, who appeared to be a year or two older than Raul, have the bravado to initiate a conversation with a male? Granted, she was clearly a peasant, *el campesino*, just like Raul, but this was the first time Raul could remember talking to a girl that wasn’t a member of his own family. He was clearly flustered.

“Okay,” she tried again, “My name is Carmen. But everybody calls me Carmella,” she quickly added.

Gradually the flush left Raul’s face as he took a deep breath and softly replied, “Raul. My name is Raul.”

“See, that’s not so hard, Raul,” Then she pressed on, “When did you start?”

“Just this morning,” Raul answered. It was getting easier for him.

“Ah, this is my second day,” Carmella said smiling, “so I have twice as much experience as you.”

Raul sighed. “I think we both have a lot of days ahead of us.”

“*Si, es verdad*, true, true,” she said with a sigh of her own. “But my mother told me to take one day at a time, one step at a time.”

Raul nodded, “Your mother is wise,” he paused, “like my mother. She told me every step is a prayer.”

“Then we will be saying many prayers, you and I, Raul.” They both smiled.

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It didn’t take long for *la caravana* to gain momentum. By the time they crossed into Guatemala they were three hundred strong. Two days later they were joined by a group from Honduras that doubled their size. Fortunately the weather cooperated and they were able to make good time. Most days they averaged fifteen miles, but the slow pace frustrated Raul. He felt they could easily double their distance each day.

“What’s your hurry, *el conejo*?” Carmella would tease him. “You are like the hare, and we are the turtles, *las tortugas*.”

Then Raul would slow down and look at the sheer size of the entourage. There were mothers pushing babies in strollers, as well as a few older people that walked slower and slower as the heat of the day descended. It was then Raul would remember to slow down and pray as he took each step. He would visualize his mother’s kind face, his brother, his sisters.

One night as they camped beside a church in a small village the organizers spoke over a bullhorn to make an announcement. They were two days away from the capital, Guatemala City, but when they got there they would be staying for a week. Everyone groaned. “Why must we stop?” someone shouted. The organizers explained they were waiting for yet another group that would double their size again. The group would be able to camp inside the national *futbol* stadium, and then in a week buses had been arranged to carry everyone to the Mexican border. A cheer erupted. The buses alone would save them two weeks and countless blisters...*continued next week*