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## Adult Mission Trip Meeting Tonight

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.

## 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.

## *Enhancing Our Conversation With God*

*"Loving Father, give us the courage to push beyond our fears and dive headfirst into the promises You have for our lives. In Your Son's name."*

*Amen*

*Erin MacPherson, Daily Guideposts, 3/21/19*

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 long-standing 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"

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.



Mark your calendar for April 18, Maundy Thursday, when we will celebrate with an agape feast and worship combined with a delicious chicken meal. We will begin at 6 pm with dinner, program and worship combined. The One Great Hour of Sharing prongs of support will be featured in the program with the Presby Cats telling us about how Presbyterian Disaster projects work. A film clip from the Self Development of People will be shown. The cost of dinner will be \$6.00 with one dollar of each meal going to support the Presby Cat mission trip to Cuba next spring break.

A free will offering will also be taken for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Please call 586-9194 or e-mail [linda@fpcbozeman.org](mailto:linda@fpcbozeman.org) at the church office with your reservations.

**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.

## One Great Hour of Sharing



### Our One Great Hour of Sharing Offering at Work

Presbyterian Hunger Programs works to alleviate hunger and eliminate its root causes.

#### *More and Better Food*

\*As a part of this mission, PHP gave over 125 grants totaling more than \$1.1 million, impacting communities across the United States and 21 other countries in 2017.

- 23 Hunger action advocates served 1,600 congregations in presbyteries around the country, providing food relief to more than half a million people
- 126,610 pounds of local, organically-grown food distributed across the U.S.
- 19 granaries and peasant homes built internationally
- Nearly 2,000 pounds of native, quality seeds distributed to

*Solidarity with People* • congregation-Based community Organizing (cBcO) groups helped to generate \$20 million in Louisville and Knoxville for affordable housing

- In Ohio and D.C., nearly 2,000 housing units built for homeless veterans and low-income citizens
- four cleaning workers recover \$2,400 in stolen wages.

#### *More Livable Environment*

\* More than 1,000 congregations ordered eco-palms and 834 Presbyterians purchased nearly \$150,000 of fair Traded coffee

\*94,804 trees and seedlings planted around the world

- 51 water catchment systems, wells and hand pumps for food production and food security

Please carefully consider what you can do to help support these outreach programs. The offering will be received Palm and Easter Sunday's 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.

**Butter Braids are coming!**



As a fundraiser for this summer's Youth Mission Trip to San Diego, youth are again taking orders for Butter Braids. These come in 8 different flavors, including caramel rolls and a 4-cheese and herb variety. Each costs \$15. They are frozen, ready to be thawed and baked for a delicious treat for the family or for company. Orders will be taken until April 7, with delivery the following weekend (in plenty of time for Easter). You can call the church office(586-9194) to place your order, or text your order to Dan Berg (406-599-1539),

**Deacons Distribute Easter Baskets**

Once again the Board of Deacons will be distributing Easter Food Baskets to needy families this year. There is a sign up sheet at the rear of the sanctuary for volunteers who may wish to aid in this great mission. You may help with set-up, delivery or especially donations (or all three!). Volunteers will meet at the Senior Center on Friday, April 19 at 1 p.m. to assemble and then deliver the baskets.



**Sunday Worship Flowers**

Would you like to brighten up the sanctuary during April or May? If so, the congregation is in need of people to arrange for flowers for the sanctuary in April and in May. Two bouquets are purchased for each Sunday and placed on either side of the pulpit by 8:15 a.m., in time for the first service. Please bring the receipts to the church office and you will be reimbursed. Many people remark how the flowers add to the service and the beauty of the sanctuary. If you would be willing to take one or both months, please call Debby Haynes at 581-0925.

***Birthdays this week***

- 3/27 Jacob Kleinhans*
- Graham Overton*
- 3/29 Zephaniah Small*
- 3.30 Ben Sinnema*

**Love INC Fundraiser**

Love INC will hold its 24th "Plant the Seed" Fundraiser/ Dinner on Monday, April 8, 2019. The event will be held at the MSU SUB Ballroom from 5:30 to 8:30. Our own John Patterson will be the keynote speaker. Tickets are available at [www.loveincgcg.org](http://www.loveincgcg.org) or call the office at (406) 587-6395. Tickets are \$50, or buy a table of 8 for \$350 and bring some friends to learn about Love INC and promote a good cause helping people in our community.

## ROCKHAVEN SPARK

### Lighting the UnCamp Fire

#### **Rockhaven Wish List:**

Visit our Amazon Wishlist link at the top of our website homepage and help us with supplies for Rockhaven! Program, maintenance, and improvement items can be viewed and purchased right from the wish list.

#### **Camp Transportation Needed:**

The Rockhaven operational board is searching for either a gifted or loaned camp vehicle for summer staff to use during summer camp. The perfect vehicle would be a SUV or Van to transport up to 7 people.

#### **Other Items we are searching for:**

- Large appliance size cardboard boxes
- Large Snow Blower
- Hand Tools – screwdrivers, wrenches, etc.
- Power Tools – Cordless drills, saber saw...
- Air Compressor
- Firewood
- Yarn

#### **Hiring Summer Staff:**

If you or someone you know would like to be a summer camp counselor, please apply on [www.rockhavencamp.org](http://www.rockhavencamp.org) or contact Scott Thrasher at 406.600.1891 or [scott@rockhavencamp.org](mailto:scott@rockhavencamp.org). We are still looking for male counselors!

#### **Register Now For Summer Camp!**

Camps are filling fast! Register online now and support this exciting FPC ministry. Dates and session description can be found on the Rockhaven website.

#### **FILL OUR FALL!!**

Did you know that Rockhaven can host retreat group and team building programs for churches, schools, religious organizations, sports teams, scout troupes, weddings, family retreats and even businesses? We need your help to spread the word! Our spring and especially fall is the perfect time to book these types of groups and activities which help to support our ministry. If you know of groups or businesses that could benefit from a retreat or a team building event at Rockhaven please send them to our website or put them in contact with our camp Director Scott Thrasher, [scott@rockhavencamp.org](mailto:scott@rockhavencamp.org). **Help us fill our Fall!**

## 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

**Adult Mission Trip Information Meeting** Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm

A Soup & Bread Supper will be shared.

LGL Contact - Charlie Mandeville

[charlie@charliemandeville.com](mailto:charlie@charliemandeville.com) 580-7823

### APRIL

**Interfaith Forum** - Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> 12pm

Resurrection University Catholic Parish – 1725 S. 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:kris@hallcontrols.com) 586-6996

**Agape Feast** – Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 6pm

Combined Dinner & Maundy Thursday Worship Service with Communion – Cost \$6

LGL Contact - Charlie Mandeville [charlie@charliemandeville.com](mailto:charlie@charliemandeville.com) 580-7823

### MAY

**Endowment Legacy Giving Workshop** – Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> following 10:30 worship

Workshop & Luncheon presented by PSUSA Foundation, Rev. Rob Hagan

Please register with LGL contact Kris Hall [kris@hallcontrols.com](mailto:kris@hallcontrols.com) 586-6996

**Adult Mission trip to Poplar, MT** – Tuesday, May 28 - Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>

LGL Contact - Charlie Mandeville [charlie@charliemandeville.com](mailto: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](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!*





**Yellowstone Presbytery Pre-Meeting Workshop**  
**Friday, March 29, 2019 at**  
**First Presbyterian Church in Billings**  
**10:30 am – Noon**  
**Rob Hagan, Presbyterian Foundation**

Rob Hagan from the Presbyterian Foundation  
will be with us to present a workshop on:  
Best Stewardship Practices

“People give to Vision and People give to people”!

Today’s landscape of giving and stewardship is changing rapidly. Generations view money differently and why they give and how they give is crucial for churches to know. How to engage your givers i.e. the gifted giver, the thoughtful giver, the casual giver, the reluctant giver is a crucial and essential endeavor in parishioner’s faith walk and trusting in his provision.

With 50% of people in attendance on Sunday morning giving nothing it becomes a spiritual issue which churches/pastors/elders need to address. It is essential in today’s world to build into the church a Culture of Generosity. It is not about the church receiving but the giver giving for impact for Christ’s Kingdom! The workshop will address:

**Best Stewardship Practices**

**Engaging your givers**

**Generational Giving( if we have time!!)**

## Holland-days...

by Dan Holland

### Trail of Fears (Part IV)

One by one the members of *la caravana* walked through the old-fashioned turnstiles and onto Mexican soil. It had taken two-and-a-half days for government officials to process the paperwork of the migrants, now numbering upwards of fifteen hundred.

Raul allowed himself a broad smile as he walked past the sign declaring, *Bienvenido a México*. Even the imposing presence of the heavily armed federal agents, *los federales*, couldn't deter his giddiness as he turned to watch Carmella walk past the sign. "Welcome to Mexico," Raul blurted out to her.

"Welcome to Chiapas," was her enthusiastic reply.

"What is Chiapas?" Raul asked.

"Chiapas is the state we are now in," Carmella explained. "We have many more states to pass through before we reach the border with *los Estados Unidos*. Many more."

Raul thought back to the lecture the caravan organizers had presented two nights ago. Raul hadn't paid much attention to it, but he remembered how Carmella had been taking notes in her journal. He vaguely recalled the organizers telling them how their northward journey would take them through various states in Mexico, most of them vastly larger than the entire country of El Salvador.

"The only state I care about is Iowa," Raul declared playfully, repeating the name of the place where he had heard many Salvadorans had found work in a meat processing plant.

"Don't get too far ahead of yourself," Carmella cautioned, "We have a long way to go."

"*Sí, sí, es verdad*," Raul set his chin and began walking north, always north.

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The rain beat down mercilessly on the tin roof above them. They had crossed the border from Chiapas into the state of Vera Cruz only two days prior and the rain had been incessant. Raul picked up a handful of the mildew and manure laden straw that lined the floor of this abandoned livestock shed and allowed it to sift through his fingers. "Ay," he murmured as he surveyed the forty or so people huddled in the shelter, "We'll never make any progress at this rate."

"Easy, my friend," came Carmella's soothing reply. "Breathe," she counseled as she mimicked taking a deep breath, then suddenly she leaned over and began to retch.

"Are you okay?" Raul asked, concerned.

"I think it has passed," she answered, not entirely sure.

It was just in the last week that Carmella had begun to share her story with Raul, the dark, dark story that propelled her northward. Just like Raul's village, her small town had also begun to feel the strong-armed tactics of a big city criminal gang. In her town's case it was MS-13, and Carmella had revealed to Raul how several members of the gang had raped her. Now she found herself pregnant and on a perilous journey with an unknown destination. "Thank you for being my friend," she whispered.

"*Siempre*," Raul replied as he awkwardly hugged her, "always." ...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!