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Co-Pastors' Corner...

It was nearly 7 years ago that a MSU student who worshiped with our congregation approached Pastor Dan in late August with an idea of a collegiate ministry that our church could offer to MSU students. She suggested that we could have a group for college students that meets on Sundays after worship. That way students who wished to worship with us could do so, while students who wanted to (or needed to) sleep in on Sunday could do so and still make it to the meeting. She said we could perhaps have lunch and that she would then lead a game, followed by a Bible study, with the whole thing wrapping up by 1 o'clock. After she presented this suggestion, I offered the idea that there were certainly church members who would be willing to provide lunch, knowing that they were contributing to an important ministry to college students. Even though this idea was coming up less than 10 days before the start of the fall semester, she and I decided to jump right in and give it a try. With the help of Linda in the church office, volunteers were lined up to provide weekly lunches, and after stumbling on the idea of a name for the group, Presby Cats began meeting on the first Sunday of the fall semester in 2012.

It was surely a Holy Spirit-inspired idea that is supported by our church as well as the Presbytery of Yellowstone, because our Presby Cats collegiate ministry hasn't missed a Sunday during the academic year during the 6½ years that have followed. Numerous social events, retreats, and a spring break mission trip have been added to the calendar each year. The group has seen dozens of students affected and influenced by this vital and important Christian ministry. The presence of many of these students in the midst of our life as a congregation has been inspiring. Their presence has aided us as a congregation in staying better connected to and informed by this generation of young adult Christians.

Presby Cats has been around long enough now that those who were part of it in its earliest years have graduated from MSU and have begun their careers and/or graduate studies elsewhere. Many of them have gone on to positions of church leadership. Emily Keegan, the above-mentioned student who had the initial idea for what became Presby Cats, was elected and then ordained as an elder in the church. At least one other of our graduates is also serving on the session of a local church. Another has been hired as a youth director in her church. Many of them have found church homes to continue their Christian spiritual journeys, after moving from MSU, Presby Cats, and our congregation. Most recently, one of our graduates, Kori Robbins, became a member of our church a year ago, and has now been accepted to begin studies in seminary this coming fall in preparation to become a pastor.

This coming Sunday, April 7, the students currently participating in our Presby Cats ministry will be leading the Sunday morning worship services (8:30 & 10:30), giving them an opportunity to share their faith, and as an expression of gratitude to our church for fostering and supporting this collegiate ministry. Please join us as we continue praise God for this blessing in our midst.

Enhancing Our Conversation With God

"God of love, sometimes we forget that we bear your name. We act in ways that divide rather than reconcile. Forgive us, and help us joyfully proclaim your love in how we act, what we say, and how we think about others. In Jesus' name. Amen"

Upper Room Disciplines 2019

Session Notes March 28

The youth will be presenting the production of "The Tales of Three Trees". Watch for time and date.

The Presby Cats will conduct the service and communion on April 7th.

Lent and Easter events: Maundy Thursday Service/Agape meal and Communion April 19th 6PM; Ecumenical Good Friday Service at the Bozeman United Methodist Church April 19th at noon; Rockhaven Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. on April 21st.

The planning of the youth mission trip to San Diego (July 13-21) and the adult Mission trip to Poplar (May 28-31) is progressing.

A thorough discussion of the Child and Youth Protection Policies was held and a revised draft will be presented at the next meeting as well as Rockhaven portion of the policy.

The Rockhaven Ropes Course will be getting new and replacement equipment to insure it's safety.

Rev. Dr. Rob Hagan of the Presbyterian Foundation will present a Culture of Generosity workshop May 4th (8:30am -12:30pm). On May 5th after the 10:30 service, he will present a seminar on "Legacy Giving" - watch for more information.

Respectfully Submitted by
Donna Beck, Clerk

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 February 2019

February General Operating Income	\$32,414	Year to Date Income	\$95,996
February General Operating Expense	\$40,429	Year to Date Expense	\$85,442
February General Operating Balance	\$-8,015	Year to Date Balance	\$10,554
February Rockhaven Income	\$7,329	Year to Date Income	\$11,484
February Rockhaven Expense	\$7,362	Year to Date Expense	\$11,473
February Rockhaven Balance	\$-33	Year to Date Balance	\$11

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. "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."

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.

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.

**Snowed-out evening
rescheduled to TONIGHT**

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.

Birthdays this Month

- 4/1 Isabelle Harris
Gene Renner
Aaron Demro
- 4/2 Dylan LeBlanc
- 4/5 Sandy Archer
Lori Ingram
Tyler Martindale
- 4/7 Rena Easton
- 4/9 Bill Anderson
- 4/12 Maggie Kleinhans
Griffin Frazier
- 4/13 Carol Julien
- 4/14 Bernice Meyer
- 4/21 Mary Armstrong
- 4/22 Chris Shanafelt
- 4/23 Judy Harrison
- 4/25 Jenny Beard
- 4/26 Kristen Martindale
Brent Turner
- 4/28 John Hodges

LEGACY GIVING



SEMINAR:

- The passion of legacy giving, What is your personal vision?
- The joy of giving
- Giving now and giving later

Later

- Wills
- IRA
- Insurance

Now

- DAF
- Trusts
- Endowments



Reverend Dr. Rob Hagan

Ministry Relations Officer
Presbyterian Foundation

Rob loves to work with the church to help it flourish and grow through stewardship and generosity. He works with pastors and church leaders to cultivate generosity and promote stewardship within their congregations.

Estate planning offers the opportunity to make an enduring statement of one's charitable priorities and faith. This act of stewardship can leave an indelible mark on others in the future. It is exciting to begin to see the possibilities of preserving your passion for generations to come and bless those who come after you.

When:

May 5th after the 10:30 worship service.
Pastor Hagan, preaching

Lunch Provided

RSVP to Kris Hall kris@hallcontrols.com
or 586-6996.

Where:

Fellowship Hall, First Presbyterian Church,
26 West Babcock

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!



Holy Week Schedule

April 14—Palm Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 Worship
At 9:45 am Downtown Palm Parade
April 18—Agape Dinner and Communion Service 6:00 p.m.
April 19—Good Friday Ecumenical Worship 12:00 p.m.
at Bozeman United Methodist Church
April 21—Easter Sunday
At 6:30 am Sunrise Service at Rockhaven
At 8:30 am, celebrate the Easter message with communion.
At 9:00 – 10:00 am Easter Breakfast, in the Fellowship Hall
At 10:30 am celebrate the Easter message with communion.



Downtown Bozeman Palm Parade

On Sunday morning, April 14, the churches of downtown Bozeman will join in the second annual Palm Sunday Parade. This outdoor festivity brings all ages from six different churches together to celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Each church supplies its own palms and people. Together, we will sing and parade in a public witness to our faith. As last year, a donkey will be part of the celebration.

Instructions: Gather in the parking lot at Holy Rosary Church to begin walking at 9:45 am. The sidewalk parade will go east on Main St., south on Tracy, then west on Olive St. Presbyterians can drop out of the parade at Willson and head to First Presbyterian Church for the 10:30 service, or to their cars if they worshiped at 8:30 am. Plan to join the fun!



On April 18, Maundy Thursday, 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 and there will be a film clip from the Self Development of People. The cost of dinner is \$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 church office linda@fpcbozeman with your reservation to attend.

Easter Breakfast Welcomes All

Christ is risen! Easter is a time for worship, and a time to strengthen the bonds of fellowship in our church family. Our Easter breakfast tradition began many years ago. We share the effort of hosting the event, with leadership from the families of our youth. How can you help? We need 12 people to provide breakfast casseroles. If you would like to be one of those 12, please contact Linda in the church office (linda@fpcbozeman, 586-9194). Thank you!





One Great Hour of Sharing
One Great Hour of Sharing at Work
SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE (SDOP)

The Presbyterian committee on the Self-development of people continues to work with low-income communities across the United States to overcome oppression and injustice. In 2018, National SDOP has entered into partnerships with projects focused on advocacy, youth-led initiatives, skills development, farming, worker rights, immigration/refugee issues and capacity building. Through your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, over 5,000 projects in economically poor communities in the United States and around the world have had an opportunity to develop solutions to their own challenges since SDOP inception.

One of the international projects is Small Scale Sustainable Development West Africa Initiative, Liberia, Sierra Leone, (a collaborative initiative with Presbyterian disaster assistance, Presbyterian Hunger program and various ecumenical partners). The initiative seeks to improve the food security and economic status of communities, families and individuals through technical training, follow up technical support and small grants for project activities. 32 percent of the funds raised through the One Great Hour of Sharing goes to support this and other programs like it 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.



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.

**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.



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

Easter Food Baskets – Friday April 19 at 1 p.m. at the Senior Center
The Board of Deacons will be distributing food baskets to needy families.
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.

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 – Saturday June 1st
LGL Contact - Charlie Mandeville charlie@charliemandeville.com 580-7823



Thank You

For supporting
our 2019 Presby
Cats Spring
Break Mission/
Study Trip to
Baton Rouge,
Louisiana!

Please join us in worship at both services on Sunday, April 7, when we will be leading worship and sharing our faith as we reflect on the encounters with God we experienced during our week in Baton Rouge. We'll have pictures to share during the fellowship time that follows the service.

Hope to see you there!

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).

Flavors: Four Cheese & Herb w/Marinara; Caramel Roll w/ caramel glaze; Apple; Blueberry & Cream Cheese; Cherry; Cinnamon; Raspberry; Strawberry & Cream. Cheese.



Spring "CRASH" Family Fun Day at MSU SUB Rec Center

Sunday, April 14, beginning at 12:30 pm

Bowling, billiards, and pizza for all

First Families, Presby Kids, and Presby Youth all invited

RSVP to Brent & Rachel, 600-8073 or 570-6750

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

There's something for everyone at this VBS. Registration opened 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.



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 or contact Scott Thrasher at 406.600.1891 or 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. **Help us fill our Fall!**

Adults Travel to Poplar May 28-June 1



Q. What do all these people have in common?

Judy Arkwright, Chuck Beck, Suzanne Bratsky, Chris Boroughs, Larry Growney, John Harrison, Judy Harrison, Mary Hektner, John Hodges, Jane Hodges, Jim Jarrett, Marcia Jarrett, Charlie Mandeville, George McClure, Jody McDevitt, John Patterson, Judy Patterson, Jay Pontius-Backman, Mary Ann Poteat, John Sacklin, Carol Shellenberger, John Shellenberger, Matt VanSchenk Hof, Paige VanSchenk Hof, and Nita Vaughn

All have been part of First Presbyterian Church's mission partnership trip to Poplar, MT, an annual venture since 2015. That's 25 people who have learned and served together, building relationships with Presbyterians living on the Ft. Peck Reservation in northeastern Montana. This year will be the fifth year of this ministry.

Our team is currently forming, and plans for what we will do this year are being organized. Thanks to Pastor Susi Ennis of First Presbyterian Church of Poplar, we have learned that the New Life Mission in Poplar is in need of building repairs. The Mission, which provides social services to local people, serves 60-75 hot lunches each day to people in need, and they are also happy to have help doing this.

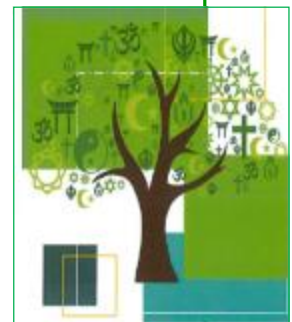
Our friends in the Dakota Presbyterian churches and at First Presbyterian Church of Poplar look forward to our annual visit. Each year we have also learned more about the cultural traditions of the Sioux and Assiniboine people who live on the reservation. If you are interested in participating this year, contact Charlie Mandeville (580-7823, charlie@charliemandeville.com) or Jody McDevitt (586-9194, jody@fpcbozeman.org).

Interfaith Forum Wednesday, April 3 (today)

Anthropology and Religion with Amanda Hendrix-Komoto, assistant professor of history. Her research interests include the American West and religion. 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 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.



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!

Holland-days...

(by Dan Holland)

Trail of Fears (Part V)

As Raul walked along the long ribbon of highway his thoughts turned back to the tropical rains *la caravana* had encountered as they made their way through the state of Veracruz nearly five weeks ago. Progress had been slow since then; there had been many stops and starts. Now, though, excitement buzzed through the group as they were only two days outside of the shimmering promise of Mexico City.

Then Raul reflected upon an encounter he had with a volunteer just last week. He couldn't even remember her name — Sister Something — but she was with a Catholic aid charity from somewhere in the US. She had spoken to a small group gathered at a rest stop about what she called portable thin places. Her theory, she explained, is that we all have a place in our memory where we have encountered the presence of the divine, where we have experienced God's Spirit. She then led the group on an exercise wherein they recalled all of the details of that encounter: what the weather had been like, the smells they remembered, the faces of the people that had been there, specific colors. She then assured the group that this distinct memory could be recreated wherever they were, no matter the circumstances.

Raul thought back to the scene he had selected. It was the livestock shed in Veracruz when Carmella had first disclosed to him that she was with child. For Raul it seemed as if all of his life prior to that moment had been lived solely to prepare him for that point in time. For it was in the smelly barn, each detail of which he could vividly recall as he walked up towards Mexico's capital, that he realized his mission, his purpose, was to protect Carmella.

"A peso for your thoughts," Carmella interrupted Raul's walking trance.

Raul glanced at his friend and the now very visible bump in her midsection. He smiled and thought, "if only you knew." Carmella returned the smile as if to say she did know, and all was well.

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La caravana had spent the past week camped at the fairgrounds just outside of Mexico City. As the organizers weighed different options, relief organizations had provided meals and new supplies. Some members of the group wanted to take the shortest route, to southern Texas, while others argued for the longer yet safer journey to California. The group began to splinter as smaller contingents of fifty or so would find transportation and continue north.

As Raul and Carmella waited for a hastily organized worship service to commence one evening, they discussed their own plans. "We should go northwest," Raul declared. "The drug cartels along the gulf coast make it too risky to take the eastern route." Carmella nodded in agreement as the worship service began.

A young Mexican priest read a passage from the thirteenth chapter of John, "Jesus got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet." As he read the passage several other priests and volunteers carried basins into the crowd of migrants. An older woman knelt in front of Raul and reached for his feet. He recoiled, but the woman gently whispered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me."...continued next week



Rockhaven Chapel

First Presbyterian Church

April 2019



First Presbyterian Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 7pm Boy Scouts 7 pm First Bells	3 5:30 pm Learning God's Love 7pm Choir	4 7am Men's Bible Study 6pm Deacons	5 5:30 pm First Friday	6
7 8:30 am Worship 9:30 Adult & Youth Sunday School 10:30 Worship 10:45 Children's Sunday School 11:45 Presby Cats Lunch & Study	8	9 7pm Boy Scouts 7 pm First Bells	10 7pm Choir	11 7am Men's Bible Study	12 Presby Cat Retreat at Rockhaven	13 Presby Cat Retreat at Rockhaven
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