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Downtown Bozeman Palm Parade

This 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 be received 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 at the church office (linda@fpcbozeman.org, 586-9194). Thank you!

Enhancing Our Conversation With God

"You will pray to Him, and He will hear you." Job 22:27

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.



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



Butter Braid Delivery this weekend

Thank you to all who supported the Youth Mission Trip to San Diego by purchasing Butter Braids. They will be delivered this weekend, and you will be able to pick them up on Sunday.

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.

Contact Mike Roser for more information, 580-5818.



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.

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, 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!



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!**

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

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

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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

Islamic Center of Bozeman Holds Open House

Are you curious about the Islamic Center of Bozeman? The Muslim community wants to answer your questions and welcome the community into their space, the only masjid (mosque) in Montana. Come see the beautiful carpet which points worshippers toward Mecca. Come learn more about Islam, from those who practice this second-largest world religion. Learning is part of our Christian calling as peacemakers in the world.

The Open House will be Saturday, April 13, at 11 am. The Islamic Center is at 301 N. 15th in Bozeman.

Holland-days...

by Dan Holland

Trail of Fears (Part VI)

Raul stared out of the slightly chipped window of the bus he had been sitting in for the past ten hours. The dark film on the outside of the window was peeling and a tiny piece of it flapped somewhat annoyingly in the wind resistance created by the bus's northwestward movement, but Raul barely noticed it. Instead his gaze fell upon the mountain range rising on the western horizon. When *la caravana* first left Mexico City the mountains had been all around them, but as the bus traveled north a plateau emerged separating the eastern branch from those on the west. As the topography became slightly more arid, the eastern range disappeared from view and now only the western range was visible.

Raul did not know these were the Sierra Madre Mountains, nor did he know they were the southern part of the backbone of North America and that he could follow them all the way to the farthest reaches of Canada. All he knew was they reminded him in this moment of the hills he would stare at from his bedroom window back home in El Salvador. Carmella stirred slightly in the seat next to him, but her light snoring continued after she buried her head a little deeper into Raul's shoulder. She hadn't vomited for a couple hours, but the sweet smell emanating from the plastic bag at their feet was a constant reminder of her struggles with motion sickness and the life growing in her womb.

For a moment Raul's thoughts turned back to the worship service in Mexico City last week. As the woman had washed their feet, Raul recalled the wonder he'd felt stirring in his soul; how, in the act of being served, of being loved, he then felt the need to serve, the need to love.

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The bus hissed to a stop for the first time in nearly four hours. The migrants, though orderly and polite, were anxious to stretch their legs so wasted little time in exiting onto the midday street of the small town in northern Durango, just south of the border with Chihuahua. *La caravana* had discovered each Mexican state was anxious to expedite the migrants' passage through their state and had provided transportation at each border. Raul's group would board another bus in a couple hours to continue northwest toward Tijuana.

Carmella tugged on Raul's sleeve and motioned in the direction of the cobblestoned square in the center of the town where a few booths of what appeared to be a farmer's market were being set up. "Let's explore," she begged. Raul shrugged and lightly held Carmella's elbow as she waddled toward the market.

The first booth displayed a pile of fruit that Raul guessed were apricots as well as some soaps and cheeses. "How much?" he asked the kindly old couple sitting behind the table. As they replied, Raul just smiled knowing whatever the price it was a luxury he couldn't afford.

"Wait," the man implored, "how would you like all of this?" as he swept his hand across the table and the adjacent cart. "We are old and we are looking for a young couple to help us run the orchard and goat farm the Jesuits own in the mountains over there." Raul looked at Carmella. She looked at him. Then her water broke...*continued next week*