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Holy Week Schedule

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.



Easter Sunrise Service

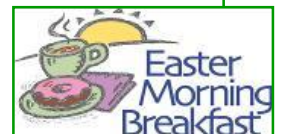
"Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark. . . ." (John 20:1)



Join us at Rockhaven to greet the Day of Resurrection, Easter morning at 6:30 am! Members of the Rockhaven Operations Board will rise in darkness to warm up the chapel. Official sunrise is at 6:28 am; watch to see when it actually crests Sheep Rock, east of Rockhaven. The service will be led by Dan Holland and friends.

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. We need one more breakfast casserole for the Easter Breakfast this Sunday. Please contact Linda at the church office (linda@fpchozeman.org, 586-9194). Thank you!



Enhancing Our Conversation With God

"Lord, thank You for reminding us to seek and approach You always with a humble spirit. In Christ's name. Amen"

Marcí Alborghetti, Daily Guideposts, 2019



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. We have room for 15 more so come even if you haven't made a reservation.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



As we celebrate the love that God with the gift of Jesus Christ, we too can share our love with others who don't enjoy all the blessings we have! We join with the United Church of Christ and the Methodist Church in helping those that are in dire needs. Whether it's through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance or Hunger Program or Self-Development of People,

lives are being enriched. Please prayerfully consider how you can help. Offering envelopes are in the pews or denote on your check or electronic giving. Thank you from all the people you will touch with your gift.

Congregational Meeting Sunday, April 28

Congregational meeting coming up on Sunday, April 28, in the sanctuary right after the 10:30 service. The Nominating Committee will be presenting a slate of nominees for elders, deacons, and at-large members of the Nominating Committee.

Please plan to attend this brief but important meeting.

Deacons Distribute Easter Baskets this Friday

The Board of Deacons is distributing Easter Food Baskets to needy families on Friday. 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.



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!



LEGACY GIVING



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- 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

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.

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

Deacons Distribute Easter Baskets - Friday, April 19 at 1 pm

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.

MAY

Interfaith Forum - Art & Religion, Wednesday, May 1st 12pm

Resurrection University Catholic Parish – 1725 S. 11th Ave. Bozeman

Sara Mast, Prof. of Drawing & Painting FPC Pastor, Jody McDevitt, is a regular panelist.

FPC LGL committee member attending - Kris Hall kris@hallcontrols.com 586-6996

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

Jocelyn Hagen's The Notebooks of Leonardo da Vinci

MSU Choirs & Chamber Orchestra on April 25 at 7:30pm at Hope Lutheran Church. Tickets are \$10, \$5 for students (ticketpeak.com/msumusic or at the door)

The Montana State University choirs and chamber orchestra will give the Northwest Premiere of a new work by North Dakota native Jocelyn Hagen to commemorate the 500-year anniversary of the death of Leonardo da Vinci. The twenty-minute piece for voices and various instruments is accompanied by a film of da Vinci's work, prepared in partnership with the Leonardo3 Museum in Milan. The composer will be in Bozeman for the premiere and will introduce her piece before the performance. Other choral favorites

Holland-days...

by Dan Holland

Trail of Fears (Conclusion)

Alfonso and Elisa sat on the porch in adjoining rocking chairs peacefully observing the valley spreading out before the old, stone ranch house. The bundle Elisa balanced in her lap began to stir and Alfonso yawned and said, "How can that baby be hungry again? He just ate three hours ago."

Elisa rolled her eyes. "Ay, *mijo*, your old Alfonso doesn't understand that's what babies do. They eat. So maybe your old Alfonso will drag his old bones into the kitchen and warm up a bottle for our little *preciosa*."

As Alfonso sighed and rose from his chair, they could see the first traces of dust rising from the road at the far end of the valley. "*Mijo*," Elisa exclaimed, "your family is coming."

"The bus must have been on time for once," Alfonso observed. "I guess I don't need to warm up a bottle now."

"Don't be silly, *viejo*, you old man." Elisa scolded. "Carmella won't want to feed him right now, not with all the excitement of so many new guests. Let's give him a few drinks before they pull up. It will take them a few minutes to get here anyway."

Alfonso grumbled insincerely and shuffled to the kitchen where he quickly warmed up the last bottle Carmella had left for the old caretakers. He handed it to Elisa and she fed half of it to the baby and was gently burping him on her shoulder when the dusty ranch truck pulled up in front of the porch.

Carmella bounded out of the passenger side of the truck and ran excitedly to Elisa who carefully handed the baby over to her mother. "Come my little man," Carmella exclaimed, "There are many new people you have to meet."

She first went to the back of the truck where Raul's brother and two sisters had been riding. One by one she introduced the baby to Raul's siblings, whom she referred to as his aunts and uncle.

Then her attention shifted to the cab of the truck. Raul was the first to exit. "You already know your *papa*," Carmella said matter-of-factly.

As Raul helped his mother down out of the cab, Carmella told the baby, "This is your number two *abuela*, your second grandmother." And then Raul helped another woman out of the cab.

"And this, my little one," Carmella said as tears began to stream down her cheeks, "is my mother, your number one *abuela*." Carmella's mother carefully took the baby from her daughter and began to profusely kiss his plump cheeks.

Then it was Raul's turn to make introductions. "Everyone," he announced loudly pointing towards the porch, "this is Alfonso and Elisa. They are the reason we are here. They are the reason you are here. Next week we will begin building a new house over there," he pointed to a clearing next to the apricot orchard, "and that is where we will all live. In the meantime Alfonso has agreed to officiate our wedding this week."

Raul stared down at his shoes for a moment and then continued, "God has led us to this place. Our long journey is over, and now, through God's grace, our new life has begun."

The End