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Co-Pastors' Corner... Stewardship is a 365-day-per-year practice for Christians.

Sometimes we fall into the habit of thinking of stewardship as a season of the church year, like Advent or Lent or Easter. In the fall, when we are planning budgets for the coming year, we promote financial pledges. But that's not stewardship. Stewardship means responsible use and care for all that God gives us—and since "the earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it," (Psalm 24:1), that means EVERYTHING.

This weekend our church will have an opportunity to learn more about stewardship, thanks to the presence of the Rev. Rob Hagan of the Presbyterian Foundation. Already I can imagine readers dropping off, thinking "I'm not able to give any more," or "Endowment giving is for rich people." But Rob will not be here to raise money. Rather, he will be here to share the joy of generous living. Generosity is one of the fruits of the Spirit, along with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (Galatians 5:22-23)

Generosity can be expressed in so many ways. We all can give more time to others. Consider who might be lonely, who might be hurting, or who might be in need of companionship on life's journey. Being generous with one's time is its own reward, when we slow down and truly connect with someone else.

We all can be better stewards of the earth. Consider how many times we drive when we could walk or bike or share a vehicle. Consider how much plastic we use and throw away. Think about those who will come after us, the next generation and the next. Caring for the earth reconnects us with earth's life-sustaining gifts.

And we all can be good stewards of our money. Rob Hagan will provide us with resources for planning ahead, understanding that our lives are finite but God's gifts are infinite. Please plan to learn and live God's love this weekend by participating in one or more of the events offered (see p. 4). Saturday morning's "Culture of Generosity" focuses on church leadership (Session and Deacons). Sunday afternoon's Legacy Giving seminar is for anyone. And if you can't make these, plan to listen well to his sermon on Sunday morning.

Enhancing Our Conversation With God

"God's counsel is trustworthy and wise. Lord, help us seek and heed Your counsel even when it's against our desires or popular thought."

Our Daily Bread, April 5, 2018

Session Notes April 25

- Dan Krebill announced he is now serving on the Love INC board. Also the last Presby Cat gathering for the semester on April 28.
- Jody McDevitt and Kris Hall attended the Presbytery meeting in Billings on March 29/30.
- Debbie Ernst, Kris Hall and Dan Krebill along with our other First Bell members attended the Big Sky Handbell Festival in Billings last weekend.
- Deacons reported that 60 Easter baskets were delivered on Good Friday.
- Learning God's Love dinners and conversations were well received and attended, and talk of continuing it next year.
- The session retreat is on May 19 at Rockhaven, to further ideas for upcoming themes.
- Session delayed action for child protection policy.
- Mainly Music program is seeking underwriters to financially support it.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Berg

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 March 2019

March General Operating Income	\$60,925	Year to Date Income	\$156,921
March General Operating Expense	\$29,636	Year to Date Expense	\$114,028
March General Operating Balance	\$31,289	Year to Date Balance	\$42,893
March Rockhaven Income	\$9,106	Year to Date Income	\$20,590
March Rockhaven Expense	\$6,303	Year to Date Expense	\$17,777
March Rockhaven Balance	\$2,803	Year to Date Balance	\$2,813

*First Presbyterian Church
Mainly Music
Free Concert Series
Sunday, May 5th at 3pm
"A Percussion Afternoon"*

Formed in 2000, PercOrchestra performs a wide range of literature including: contemporary marimba ensembles, percussion ensembles, ragtime and world music.

The group is also a part of the Bozeman Symphony's Far Afield outreach program of nine chamber music ensembles. Established in 1992, the Far Afield groups travel to rural communities to present free performances and share their musical perspectives. Far Afield enables the audience to see, hear and feel the music being created live instead of through the media of television or radio.

Members of PercOrchestra are: Mark Brown, Kristofer Olsen, Stephen Versaevel and Jeffrey H. Vick. Also performing is the First Presbyterian Church First Bells

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at 586-9194
corner of Willson & Babcock*



Mainly Music program moves into new funding phase

Five years ago, the session launched a new music ministry program that built on the success of our annual Messiah Community Sing. This became the Mainly Music concert series. Using program funds from our Fruitfulness Campaign, Kathy Braun was hired to serve as our Special Musical Events Coordinator. In the intervening years, this program has hosted over 20 concerts in our sanctuary in which folks from across our community have enjoyed beautiful and inspirational events.

With this program firmly established, the session is now looking to ensure the long term continuation of Mainly Music. It has formed a Mainly Music Team of church members Nancy Bast, Jane Hodges and Chuck Poremba, along with Kathy Braun and Dan Krebill. Support is now being sought from financial underwriters within our church and the larger community—from individuals, businesses, and organizations. In addition to major underwriters who contribute \$250 or more annually, donations from supporters in any amount are being requested. If you would like to be among those who support this wonderful outreach program as an underwriter, please contact Kathy Braun (kmbraun66@gmail.com or 406-539-3491), or Dan Krebill (dan@fpcbozeman.org or 406-586-9194) for details.

If you'd like to make a gift directly, you can do so by simply indicating that such a gift to First Presbyterian Church is designated for Mainly Music. Thank you for ensuring the continuation of this wonderful program.

FIRST FRIDAY - MAY 3

FELLOWSHIP HALL - FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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, **GREEN BOOK**. It is inspired by the true story of a 1962 tour of the Deep South by the African American classical and jazz pianist Don Shirley. When Tony Lip (Viggo Mortensen), a bouncer from an Italian-American neighborhood in the Bronx, is hired to drive Dr. Don Shirley (Mahershala Ali), a world-class Black pianist, on a concert tour from Manhattan to the Deep South, they must rely on "The Green Book" to guide them to the few establishments that were then safe for African-Americans. Confronted with racism, danger-as well as unexpected humanity and humor-they are forced to set aside differences to survive and thrive on the journey of a lifetime.



GREEN BOOK won the People's Choice Award at the Toronto International Film Festival, the National Board of Review award for the best film of 2018, and was also chosen as one of the top 10 films of the year by the American Film Institute at the 91st Academy Awards. It won Best Picture, Best Original Screenplay, and Best Supporting Actor for Mahershala Ali. 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.

NOTE: THIS IS THE LAST FIRST FRIDAY UNTIL SEPTEMBER. HAVE A GOOD SUMMER.

In memoriam of Bob Staffanson November 11, 1921 - April 27, 2019.

A memorial service will be held on June 8 at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Bob became a member in 1973 and was active through the years.

Our thoughts and prayers go to his family.



Birthdays this Month

5/2 *Lori Larimer*
5/4 *Edie Renner*
5/7 *Marilyn Lockhart*
Alyce Larsson
Barbara Mackie
5/10 *Bernie Mitchell*
5/11 *Brooks Lehrkind*
5/12 *Marjorie David*
Jen Poore
Ashley Driscoll
5/13 *Nancy Giddings*
5/14 *Fran Bradley*
5/18 *McCabe Overton*
5/20 *Craig Miller*
Ian Hoffman
5/21 *Betty Boxmeyer*
5/22 *Frank Schurz*
Madelyn Williams
5/23 *Marjorie Hickman*
5/24 *Gigi Prunty*
Mimi Roser
Julia Johnson
5/25 *Kay Gannon*
Kyndra Campbell
5/26 *Mary McMakin*
5/28 *Bob Olsen*
5/29 *Nancy Rote*

Presby Cats seventh year finishes with a flourish

Presby Cats, our church's collegiate ministry that is financially supported in part by the Presbytery of Yellowstone, is finishing up its seventh year as the spring semester at MSU comes to a close this week. The group this year, that included 14 regular participants, with a number of others involved more sporadically, enjoyed weekly meetings after worship on Sunday, 3 weekend retreats, a spring break mission trip to Louisiana, leading worship twice, and many social events throughout the year. We are most grateful to the church for providing this ministry through financial support, office support, pastoral support and food support. Our weekly meetings include a delicious meal that is lovingly provided by a different church member each Sunday. Many thanks to these wonderful cooks: Bernie Mitchell Debby Haynes, Debbie Ernst, Nancy Giddings, Nancy Rote, Jill Brauss, Linda Best, Pam King, Donna Beck, and Maureen Poremba

Food Bank this Sunday, May 5



Gallatin Valley Food Bank Sunday is this Sunday. Please bring any nonperishable and non-expired items to the front of the sanctuary or in the baskets in the narthexes.

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!



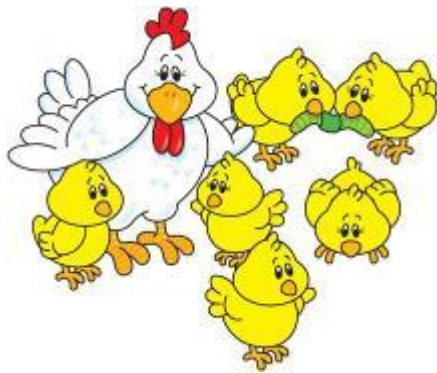
Downtown Ecumenical VBS Fuels Rockets "To Mars and Beyond!" June 17-21, 2019 (mornings)

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.



First Families and Presby Kids visit the "Farm"

On Sunday, May 19, Christine and Dan Holland will welcome FPC children and their families to their "farm" in Belgrade, beginning at 12:30 pm. Spring babies—goats and chicks—are sure to delight the human "kids." Contact Brent Turner to see what you can contribute to the lunch, 406-600-8073.

Spring means graduations

We would like to recognize all who are graduating from high school, college, or with advanced degrees. Please send news of your family's spring graduates to PresbEnews@fpcbozeman.org so we can congratulate all.

Interfaith Forum Wednesday, May 1 (today)

Art and Religion with Sara Mast, professor of drawing and painting. Her work includes "artscience", bring divergent fields together. 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.

This is the last forum until September.



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.



MAY

Interfaith Forum - Art & Religion, Wed., 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 – Saturday June 1st LGL Contact - Charlie Mandeville charlie@charliemandeville.com 580-7823

First Presbyterian Legacy Society



Jim and Suzanne Bratsky joined the First Presbyterian Church Legacy Society by making a gift to the church endowment fund. They received thanks from the Endowment Board and the congregation for their many years of service and commitment to the church, as well as their gift for the future of the congregation. Endowment board members far left, Kelly Meredith and far right, Kris Hall made the presentation to the Bratskys in the 10:30 service on April 28.



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!

ROCKHAVEN SPARK

Lighting the UnCamp Fire

Spring Work Days

Rockhaven work day is set for May 11th with a tentative second day on June 1st. There will be plenty of grounds work and some cleaning and organizing. All hands welcome.

Jobs on our to do list:

Painting: play gym, graffiti board, picnic tables, office, craft tables, and floors.

Deep Cleaning: bathhouse, kitchen and bunkhouse rooms.

Lawn and Grounds: mowing, weed-whacking, raking, and clean-up.

Wood splitting and stacking

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.

Other Items we are searching for:

Yarn

Large appliance size cardboard boxes

Milk Crates

8, 10 or 12 foot fiberglass step ladder

Hand Tools – screwdrivers, wrenches, etc.

Cordless drill

Air Compressor

Firewood

Carpet Squares

Food Processor

Cornhole boards

Lumber – 2x4, 2x6 and 4x4

Park benches

Snow Blower

We'll have some tools and supplies on hand for most jobs. If you have rakes, weed eaters, and trimmers bring them along.

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.

Holland-days...

(by Dan Holland)

Back in March Jody McDevitt mentioned during her Sunday remarks a phrase from the Book of Jeremiah wherein the prophet was consumed with the word of God and described it as follows, *“within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in and I cannot.”*

When Jody quoted the prophet we were just coming out of the depths of the most miserable February and March weather on record. We were all yearning for spring like a fire burning in our bones. We’ve been blessed with a few bluebird days since then, but we’ve also experienced some not so nice days regarding which a friend posted this week, “I forgot about second winter.”

Despite these setbacks, our fires still burn, and spring will eventually unfurl in all its glory. Today is, after all, the first of May, so in its honor I reprint something that first appeared in this space six years ago to the day.

May Day

“Hooray, hooray, the first of May,”
thus did I hear yon meadowlark say.
Its song did fill my ears with joy,
and warmed my heart with its ploy.

“Hooray, hooray, the first of May,”
said lamb and kid in merry play.
With lifted spirit do they prance,
in honor of the Lord of Dance.

Hooray, hooray, the first of May;
outdoor wonders start today.
The blush of spring opens the earth,
fertile grounds for verdant birth.

Hooray, hooray, the first of May;
in green, green pastures may we lay.
Alive, alive what once was dead;
beside cool waters are we led.

Hooray, hooray, the first of May,
goodness and mercy every day.
Anointed heads bow down low
as cups of grace overflow.

Hooray, hooray, the first of May,
outdoor endeavors start today.
Accompanied by the bird’s sweet chord,
we pause to thank our bounteous Lord.



Rockhaven Chapel

First Presbyterian Church

May 2019



First Presbyterian Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 7am Men's Bible Study	3	4 8:30am Creating a Culture of Generosity
		7pm Boy Scouts 7 pm First Bells	7pm Choir	6pm Deacons and Session Meeting	5:30 pm First Friday	
5 Food Bank Sunday 8:30 am Worship 9:30 Adult & Youth Sunday School 10:30 Worship 10:45 Children's Sunday School 12:00pm Legacy Giving 3:00 Mainly Music Percussion Afternoon	6	7	8	9 7am Men's Bible Study	10	11 9am Rockhaven Work Day
		7pm Boy Scouts 7 pm First Bells	7pm Choir			
12 Family Promise 8:30 am Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 10:45 Children's Sunday School	13 Family Promise	14 Family Promise	15 Family Promise	16 Family Promise 7am Men's Bible Study	17 Family Promise	18 Family Promise
		7 pm First Bells			6pm Merry Munchers	
19 8:30 am Worship 9:30 Sunday School Celebration 10:30 Worship 10:45 Children's Sunday School 12:30 pm Session Retreat 12:30 Farm Visit	20	21	22	23 7am Men's Bible Study	24	25
		7 pm Boy Scouts		7pm Session		
26 8:30 am Worship 9:30 Adult & Youth Sunday School 10:30 Worship 10:45 Children's Sunday School	27	28 Adult Mission Trip	29 Adult Mission Trip	30 Adult Mission Trip	31 Adult Mission Trip	
		7 pm Boy Scouts				