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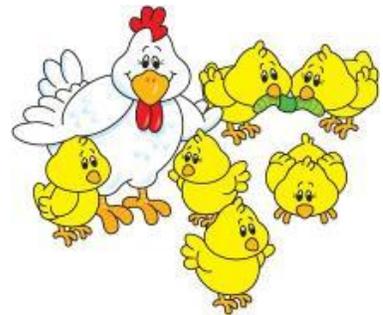


Rockhaven Work Day

Rockhaven Work Day is this Saturday, May 11th from 9 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Come and help get our church camp ready for the summer season. Indoor and outdoor projects with something for everyone! Come for part or all day. Bring your favorite cleaning supplies, and/or outdoor equipment and a sack lunch. Great fun and fellowship guaranteed!

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.



Enhancing Our Conversation With God

"Thank You Lord for helping us see that the life You give each of us is filled with purpose. Help us to keep using the gifts You give."

Patricia Lorenz, Daily Guideposts, 2019



College Graduates

McKinley Hall will graduate from George Washington University with a Bachelor of Business Admin. (International Business) degree. McKinley accepted a position as a business consultant associate with Capco, in Washington D.C., starting in August.

Aidar Haynes graduated May 5 with a B.A. in Political Science from Montana State University.

Travis Miller graduated May 5 with a Certificate of Applied Science, CNC Machine Technology from Gallatin College.

Spring means graduations

We are recognizing 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 by May 15 so we can congratulate them all.

Birthdays this week

- 5/10 *Bernie Mitchell*
- 5/11 *Brooks Lehrkind*
- 5/12 *Marjorie David*
Jen Poore
Ashley Driscoll
- 5/13 *Nancy Giddings*
- 5/14 *Fran Bradley*

Pentecost Special Offering

THE PENTECOST OFFERING HELPS OUR YOUTH BEGIN LIFE WITH A STRONG START—A SOLID FOUNDATION OF FAITH FORMED IN THE FIRST THIRD OF LIFE, FROM CHILDHOOD THROUGH YOUNG ADULTHOOD.



Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. The Holy Spirit remains with us still, connecting us with the church of the past, continuing to inspire the church of today, and pointing us to the church of the future. Each year, this celebration is marked by receiving the Pentecost Offering which nurtures the faith of those who are the church to come — children, youth, and young adults.

The offering is divided 60/40 with the 40 percent staying here in our church which goes to support Rockhaven camper scholarships.

Prayerfully consider what you can do to support the next generation of our world.

Can you help with VBS Supplies?

Here are some of the materials needed for this year's "To Mars and Beyond" VBS. Please bring your donations to the church office. Thank you!

Baby wipes
Rick Rack (craft/sewing)
12 oz empty pop bottles with lids
Single switch light switch covers
Aluminum foil
Random coins of various sizes or currency

Check with Janna (janna@bozemanumc.org) if you could help with the following items:



A robot puppet
4 rolls gray duct tape
20 lb bag of flour
6 large bottles of baby oil
3 round cake pans
1 large bag of river rock
3 sets of dry measuring cups
4 small bags of mini marshmallows

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.



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.

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

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 as well as some cleaning and organizing. All hands welcome.

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!**

Holland-days...

by Dan Holland

Graduation season is once again upon us. A number of years ago I wrote a story to celebrate the accomplishments of a then recent graduate. It is reprinted here and will appear in three installments.

The Blacksmith's Son (Part I)

Yoshii pumped the bellows on the fire as a blast of hot air whooshed across his face. It told him that the desired level of heat had been reached, so he slipped the iron rod into the flames.

As he waited for the rod to absorb the heat, he watched the sun finish rising over Mount Fuji. The village was coming to life, and this was Yoshii's favorite time of the day. As the village blacksmith, Yoshii took great pride in his craft. He was attentive to every detail. In the early morning, though, the pace was slow enough that he had time to ponder. On this morning his thoughts turned to Naguno, the new warlord of the Samurai in his village — Naguno, a man the same age as Yoshii.

Yoshii thought back to their childhood. How he and Naguno had grown up together, Naguno the son of a Samurai and Yoshii the son of a blacksmith. Like every boy in the village they both dreamed of growing up to be Samurai themselves. They played with sticks as their swords and reenacted famous battles. Naguno always won these skirmishes. Yoshii remembered going home at night with stick marks on his face where Naguno had demonstrated his superiority. His father would console him with a few kind words. Then one day as the boys approached adolescence, Yoshii came home wearing more marks and bruises than normal. His father once again consoled him, then asked Yoshii to walk with him to his blacksmith shop

"Son, you were not born to be a Samurai." The words stung Yoshii like the blows from Naguno's stick. Then his father grabbed Yoshii by the shoulders and the boy felt the strength in his father's hands. His father looked deep into Yoshii's eyes and told him, "I will show you how to be the best blacksmith," he paused for a moment then said solemnly, "A Samurai cannot become great without a great blacksmith."

From that moment on, Yoshii devoted himself to learning his father's craft. He learned how to pump the bellows to create the proper heat in the fire. He learned that there was one temperature for horseshoes, another for arrowheads, yet another for swords. He learned how to swing the heavy hammer and forge the rods of steel into the different shapes. He learned the finesse of the smaller tools used to make the more delicate adjustments and to give the finished product an artistic flair.

As he developed his skill, Yoshii's father gave him more and more responsibility, and Yoshii thrived. Finally one day his father told Yoshii that a local farmer had asked him to make a new plow. "Son, I told the farmer that you will make it," his father said to his beaming son.

(continued next week)



Church Facebook page a source of up-to-date info!

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