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# PresbEnews

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## Deacons Helping the Community

At their May, 2019 meeting, the Board of Deacons approved the following six projects for one-time support from the Deacons Benevolence Fund. The available money in the Benevolence Fund comes from the annual transfer of money from the Pat Donehoo Investment Fund to the Deacons Benevolence Fund. Also, last year's expenses were less than budgeted. The Board supported the following, for a total of \$3,700:

Rockhaven Scholarships: \$500

Rocky Mountain Medical Ministries (medical mission in México): \$500

Bozeman School District Homeless Students Program: \$1,000

Bozeman Police Child Safety and Drug Prevention Program: \$500

Gallatin County Sheriff's Department Chaplain: \$700

Liberty Place (which helps those with traumatic brain injuries): \$500

The Deacons reviewed and discussed eight written proposals for the funds, and used a number of questions to evaluate the proposals before deciding to fund the six projects, while holding a reserve of \$2,400 in the Benevolence Fund. These one-time projects are in addition to many of the regular community support projects the Deacons help each year, such as school nursing program, warm clothing, emergency assistance, the Warming Center, the Fork and Spoon, and Thanksgiving and Easter baskets.

None of these would be possible without the continuing help of the congregation.

Thank you!

## *Enhancing Our Conversation With God*

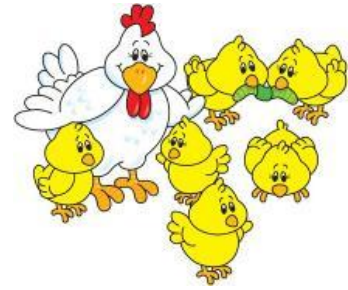
*"Lord, help us to find concrete ways to embody your promised end of time reality so that we may be a more loving and just presence in the world today."*

*Upper Room Disciplines, May, 2019*

## 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.



## 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](mailto: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

## 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](mailto:suzbratsky@gmail.com) or Jody McDevitt 586-9194 x203, [jody@fpcbozeman.org](mailto:jody@fpcbozeman.org) if you have questions.



### Invitation to Mission Trip to Zambia

Sara Thompson, a former Presby Cat and the daughter of the Rev. Dave Thompson of First Presbyterian Church, Billings, is sharing the following invitation.

Dear Yellowstone Presbytery,

Hi all, I am reaching out to spread the word about the Yellowstone Presbytery's 2020 mission trip to Zambia. We have opened this trip up to anyone and everyone keeping in mind that it will be a work trip. We will be working with the organization Arise Africa in an orphanage where we will be completing a variety of projects including building, education, and medical projects.

We are looking for young adults, adults, retirees, pastors, or anyone interested in mission work to join us for this trip we have 25 spots available. The cost will be roughly \$4,000 + an optional \$700 for a safari if you choose. The deadline to commit to this trip is June 15, so a little over a month away.

For those interested or those who have questions, they can either call, text, or email me: [sarathomp96@gmail.com](mailto:sarathomp96@gmail.com) or 406-696-5380.

Thanks,  
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### *Birthdays this week*

*5/18 McCabe Overton*

*5/20 Craig Miller*

*Ian Hoffman*

*5/21 Betty Boxmeyer*



**WHERE: PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF JACKSON HOLE, 1251 SOUTH PARK LOOP ROAD, JACKSON WY, 83001**

**COST: \$75/ PERSON (HOTEL AND MEALS PROVIDED)**

**PRE-EVENT WITH VILMARIE - 5:00PM**

**BEGINS WITH DINNER ON FRIDAY, 6:00 PM AND ENDS SATURDAY, 3:00 PM.**

**A VARIETY OF MOTIVATIONAL BREAKOUTS**

**REGISTRATION BEGINS: APRIL 8, AT [PCJH.ORG](http://PCJH.ORG)**

**MORE DETAILS TO COME SOON!**

## "WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR?"

MAY 31-JUNE 1, 2019

A Special Equipping Event  
Open to all seeking to follow Christ.

Featuring:  
VILMARIE CINTRÓN-OLIVIERI,  
CO-MODERATOR OF THE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA



JOIN US IN  
BEAUTIFUL  
JACKSON HOLE  
FOR  
FELLOWSHIP,  
INSPIRATION,  
AND IMPACT!

Let's gather together to discover how we might become better neighbors in our communities!

"We love because God loved us first."

1 John 4:19

Sponsored by:

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For more information go to [www.yellowstonepcusa.org](http://www.yellowstonepcusa.org) and at the bottom of home page or call the church office 586-9194 or email [linda@fpczoeman.org](mailto:linda@fpczoeman.org)

### 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, [fpczoeman.org](http://fpczoeman.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.

### 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

### 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](mailto:scott@rockhavencamp.org). Help us fill our Fall!

## Holland-days...

by Dan Holland

### The Blacksmith's Son (Part Two)

Yoshii spent the next two weeks working feverishly on the plow his father had promised to the farmer, and not once did his father assist him. He meticulously crafted the points on the blades as well as the proper curve on the arms. Several times he found that he didn't like a particular aspect of the product and so he would start over and make adjustments until he was satisfied with the result. Finally Yoshii determined that the plow was as complete as he could make it. He showed it to his father, and he said to Yoshii, "Son, you have done well. This is a plow that will dig many fields. Much food will be grown in those fields. It has great function, and yet you have also given it your personal touch." Yoshii beamed as he and his father loaded the plow onto their cart to deliver it to the farmer.

At the farmer's house, the farmer, too, expressed his appreciation for such a finely crafted implement. As Yoshii bowed to accept the farmer's gratitude, he noticed a young girl peeking through the doorway of the farmer's house. His eyes met with hers and Yoshii's stomach began to churn. Six months later Yoshii and Hiroku were married. He was only fifteen and she fourteen as they exchanged their vows and moved into a small room adjacent to his father's blacksmith shop. But they were happy and they both worked very hard.

About the same time Naguno was also taking a wife under similar circumstances. He had joined the ranks of the local warlord's Samurai force and one of his first tasks was to apprehend some highwaymen that had been harassing local farmers. Naguno was stellar in his performance and he, too, caught the eye of one of the farmer's daughters as praise was being lavished on him. And so it was that Naguno started his family at the same time as Yoshii.

As the years went by Naguno became a great warrior, as well as a great husband and a great father. Yoshii became a great blacksmith and took over for his father. Yoshii loved Hiroku and they, too, raised a wonderful family.

Throughout this time Yoshii and Naguno were friendly, but not friends as they were in their youth. Their stations in life made it somewhat awkward to be very close. Yoshii, though a dedicated and tremendous craftsman, was still beneath Naguno who was the heir apparent to become the next warlord.

As Naguno was set to take the reins, a rival warlord was also rising to prominence in a nearby village. A clash against this rival was becoming increasingly inevitable. It was all anyone in the village could talk about.

One day as Yoshii ate his midday meal in his blacksmith shop Naguno paid him a visit. "Greetings, Yoshii-san, my old friend."

Yoshii bowed to the daimyo and replied, "I am honored, my lord. How may I be of service?"

"As you know our rivals have upset the balance of power in this region. Although no one wants to see this happen, we must go to war to protect our holdings. I must ask you to increase our stockpile of weaponry."

"My lord, I will do whatever is necessary." Yoshii paused for a moment, "My lord, I once battled with you when we were but children. I would be honored to once again draw a sword by your side." ...*(continued next week)*



### 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](http://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!