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Wear RED for Pentecost!

This Sunday, June 9, is Pentecost Sunday. To remind us of the "tongues of fire" of Acts 2, and the Holy Spirit in our lives, we encourage everyone to WEAR RED! (And if you have your Dove pin from last year, wear it, too!)

Pentecost 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. OUR MEMBER KORI ROBBINS WRITES ABOUT HER EXPERIENCES.

The first time I heard about the Young Adult Volunteer Program was the spring of 2015, when Pastor Jody McDevitt suggested that I look it up. I thanked her for the information, looked it up briefly on the Internet, but essentially thought that the program was not for me.

Flash forward a few years, and things had changed. Many of my friends had moved on, to graduate school, and other new places, and many of the Presby Cats were in the process of doing the same. I was feeling a little burnt out by my job, and the feeling that everything and everybody in my life was moving forward but I wasn't. I kept thinking, "I'll be happy when...", and "My life will start when..." It took a Presby Cats mission trip to Miami to realize that I needed to make a change in my life instead of waiting around for something new and different to magically appear.

I got home from the 2018 Presby Cat Mission Trip to Miami, and that evening started an application. I left Bozeman in August and have been living in New York since then. I have two work placements: the Presbytery of New York City and the Church of the Living Hope in El Barrio (East Harlem). With the Presbytery, I'm compiling information about domestic and international mission work the Presbyterian churches in the city do. This includes outreach, partnerships, and financial gifts. For the Church of the Living Hope, I do a little bit of everything, but primarily I'm doing community outreach through a variety of different projects. More information can be found on my blog: www.beautyandabook3.wordpress.com. Continues on page 2

Enhancing Our Conversation With God

Loving Christ, as we come to the end of our Easter celebration we thank and praise You for the sacrifice of Your life to save us and assure us of our forgiveness of our sins and the promise of eternal life. As we approach this coming Sunday we thank and praise You for the gift of the Holy Spirit --- our guide, our comforter and our teacher. In your name. Amen.

Pentecost Offering continued

What do you think of when you think of mission? Converting the masses? Soup kitchens? Youth going on trips to faraway places? Building houses and painting fences? A problem to fix?

This is how I always thought of mission. It was my job to swoop in and save the day, to fix every problem that every marginalized community had. Only I and (and the groups I was with) could handle it.

However, I don't have the most impressive qualifications. I don't know how to build anything, and I have no upper body strength to speak of. I'm uncomfortable with evangelizing. Of that list I just named, the only things I've got going for me is that I'm a good cook, and I love to travel. Not exactly a picture perfect missionary.

My motto this year has been: Do justice. Love mercy. Walk humbly. (Micah 6:8)

Do Justice.

During my year in New York City, I've been finding my voice, learning to use it when it matters, and stepping back to listen when it's not my turn to speak and share experiences. This year has been about leaning into the discomfort of knowing that I live a life of privilege. Sometimes I can use that privilege to make sure others voices are heard.

Love Mercy.

The greatest part of New York City is its people. There is so much diversity in the streets: different faces, different languages, different abilities. It's a lot to take in sometimes. I've learned that mercy begins by opening yourself up to everyone, and learning that everyone has something to offer. It doesn't end there but those small acts of understanding can lead to life-altering experiences of love.

Walk Humbly.

Walk humbly is something I'm still working on. Not just with God, but with others as well. I'm a pretty smart person, knowledgeable on many topics, but I'm not the smartest. As much as I hate to admit it, I don't know everything. Sometimes, the best thing I can do is close my mouth, open my mind, and listen.

For me, mission this year has been: leaning into the discomfort of being in new places, sometimes where I don't speak the language. Learning that spirituality means something different to everyone. Learning that mission isn't always the large, grand gestures or something I need to post about on Instagram.

Learning that I'm not needed to "fix" anything. Learning that I'm wanted anyway.

Feel free to follow along on my adventures in New York City! You can add me as a friend on Facebook (Kori Robbins), follow me on Instagram (@beautyandabook3), or follow my blog at www.beautyandabook3.wordpress.com.

Rockhaven Summer Season Begins June 16

Mark your calendars for our annual Fathers' Day "Pig" Roast at Rockhaven! The Rockhaven Operations Board will host dinner, providing pulled pork sandwiches and beverages. Please bring a potluck side dish or dessert to the supper, which starts at 5:30 pm. Our summer Vespers series will start at 7 pm in the chapel. Dan Holland will be our first preacher/worship leader, with pianist Holly Aloise and special music provided by the Riverside Singers. This summer's theme, following the camp theme, is "Peace Works."

Invite the whole family, and friends, too. Come out early to play and enjoy Rockhaven's peace. We are so blessed to have Rockhaven as our church's special ministry. Plan to join us whenever you can on Sunday evenings from June 16 – Aug 25.

ROCKHAVEN WORK DAY SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 9-4:00. We need your help!

Come for part or all day to help get Rockhaven ready for the camp season. Bring your favorite tools for indoor or outdoor projects and a sack lunch. Plenty of sunshine and fellowship along the Gallatin! Questions? Call John Patterson 587-9722 or Scott Thrasher at Rockhaven 763-4212.

We would like to congratulate our High School graduates for 2019

Wyatt Guenther, son of Lance Guenther, graduating from Bozeman High School and will attend University of Montana.

Mitchell Larsson, son of Laura Larsson graduating from Bozeman High School and will be taking a gap year.

Sarah Thrasher, daughter of Emily and Scott Thrasher graduated from Belgrade High School in December 2018 will be working (including Rockhaven Camp this summer).

Charlie Poremba, grandson of Chuck and Maureen Poremba graduating from Ridgefield High School in Ridgefield, CT and will attend W.P. Carey School of Business at ASU in Tempe, AR.

Aiden Reinhardt, grandson of Jim and Ilene Casey from Bozeman High School.

VBS Snack Donations

Can you help nourish the VBS community by providing money for healthy snacks? Your contribution of \$5, \$10, \$20, or whatever you can give will help the VBS team purchase the fruit, yogurt, cheese, popcorn, pretzels, etc. need to feed a community of nearly 300 people each morning. Please mark your donation clearly for VBS Snacks.

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:

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| 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 |

Birthdays this week

6/5 Jane Hodges

6/7 Dan Berg

6/10 John Sacklin

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

Spring Work Days

The next Rockhaven work day is Saturday, June 8. 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

Regular readers of the words in this space know that goats are often mentioned here. A good portion of every day of my life for the past fifteen years has centered around these gentle creatures, so it only makes sense they would be featured in observations I make about our common walk through God's kingdom.

One result of this symbiotic relationship (I feed the goats and they provide me with food for thought) is that friends and acquaintances ask me about goats. This isn't really an earth-shattering revelation; after all the friends of a farmer will ask about farming, the friends of a quilter will ask about quilting. It just means I am normally not surprised when someone asks me about my goats. Well, that is until the Sunday before last.

Prior to the beginning of the early worship service on that Sunday one could hear the typical muted conversations floating from among the pews. Included in this was my greeting of a couple I had not seen in church for quite some time. Upon seeing me the woman commented I did not have a goat draped across my shoulders. At first I laughed along with the woman and her astute observation. And then I cried.

Beginning late last summer life has presented a particularly cruel twist for the Dickensheets family, faithful and longtime members of our congregation. Simultaneous with Fritz' diagnosis with cancer, Pat began a rapid descent into the haunting specter of dementia.

It had been several months since I had visited Pat at the memory care facility where she now resides, so I didn't know what to expect when I greeted her in church. My spirits were immediately buoyed when I saw her same easy smile and heard her same easy laugh. And then when she made the goat comment, I knew God's Spirit was very much present.

The Holy Spirit continued to have a powerful presence during the worship service as Jody's sermon, entitled *Love Stirs the Waters*, focused on the uncomfortable topic of Alzheimer's. At its conclusion we sang a hymn I had not previously heard. *When Memory Fades* is a beautiful prayer set to music and the first stanza reads as follows:

*When memory fades and recognition falters,
when eyes we love grow dim, and minds, confused,
speak to our souls of love that never alters;
speak to our hearts by pain and fear abused.
O God of life and healing peace, empower us
with patient courage, by your graced infused.*



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 Camp

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 8:30 am Worship 10:30 Worship	3	4 7pm Boy Scouts	5	6 7am Men's Bible Study 6pm Deacons	7	8 9-4 Rockhaven Work Day 2pm Bob Staffanson Memorial Service
9 Pentecost Sunday 8:30 am Worship 9:30 Safe Church Training 10:30 Worship	10	11 7pm Boy Scouts	12	13 7am Men's Bible Study	14	15 2pm Judy Gregg Memorial Service
16 Family Promise 8:30 am Worship 10:30 Worship 5:30 pm Father's Day Pig Roast at Rockhaven 7pm Rockhaven Vespers	17 Vacation Bible School	18 Vacation Bible School	19 Vacation Bible School	20 7am Men's Bible Study Vacation Bible School	21 Vacation Bible School	22
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