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Sunday School begins September 8

Welcome back! After a summer of VBS, Rockhaven Camps, Youth Mission Trip, and family time, Sunday school will resume on September 8. Adults will meet at 9:30 am in the church library. Children ages 4 through 6th grade will meet during the 10:30 service, following Children's Time. Youth (grades 7-12) will begin a confirmation class this fall, but will not meet on Sept. 8.

Following the church theme of "Dimensions of Love," the children will begin this fall learning from Bible stories of justice, compassion, and truth.

This fall we will be making a special effort to ensure that all children and youth are safe in our church ministries. Parents, teachers, and any others are invited to learn more about our newly adopted Child Protection Policy. All teachers and youth leaders are required by this policy to be trained in safe church procedures. Background checks are also required. We will be offering two training opportunities in September, during which child care will be provided.

Sunday, Sept 15, 12 n – 12:45 pm

Sunday, Sept 29, 9:30 -10:15 am

The information provided is helpful for parents in any setting, whether church, school, or extracurricular activity.

Youth lead services Sept 15

SSP! SSP! These three letters have become very important to the youth of our church in the last two summers. They stand for Sierra Service Project, the organizing community which sponsors the service "camps" we have joined for our summer mission trips. Come learn more about SSP and its impact on our youth and adult leaders on September 15 at both the 8:30 and 10:30 services. You will be inspired!

Founded in 1975, Sierra Service Project was modeled after Appalachian Service Project. Originally founded by several United Methodist Church ministers, SSP is now an ecumenical non-profit organization. SSP's youth program is centered around youth groups from a variety of churches. SSP believes that young people develop a strong and deep understanding of God's gifts and God's grace through the direct experience of being in service to others. With 5 service sites and 7 summer weeks, over 1500 youth and adult volunteers completed 68 community and home repair projects this summer. Our group was in San Diego this summer.

Enhancing Our Conversation With God

Lord Jesus, bless the students, teachers and administrators who are beginning a new year of education. Give the teachers confidence and patience and the students clear minds ready to learn. We ask in your name. Amen



I am surely blessed with being part of this church as a member and office administrator. Thank you all for the needed time off, caring meals, cards, and prayers during my recent illness. Thank you, Linda Best.

Birthdays this week

9/5 *Diana Johnson*

9/7 *Lee Cook*

Rosemary Lee

9/8 *Karen Kempt*

Love INC

Love INC is about to start its Change Your Life classes, and they are looking for more coaches/allies to assist the people in the classes. The coach/ally is expected to attend weekly evening meetings with the person to whom they are assigned (ranging from 8 to 12 weeks) depending on the class. If you are interested in being a coach/ally please contact:

Molly Wilmington Gap Ministry Manager
At Gallatin County Love INC

ministries@loveincgc.com 406-587-6395

Family Promise of Gallatin Valley

As some of you know, and for those of you who don't know, our church has played a big role in Family Promise for many years. As time goes on many of our faithful volunteers cannot participate any longer. I'm reaching out to you with encouragement to participate in this wonderful interfaith hospitality program. After volunteering just one time you will want to participate again and again. As quoted by a dad in the Family Promise Program, "Nobody prepares you on how to be homeless. The volunteers made being homeless manageable. I was proud to graduate and extremely thankful to all the churches for their help and support."

On Sunday, September 15 at noon in the library, Jill Yoder, Volunteer and Outreach Manager for Family Promise, will be at our church for an introduction/training. It will take about an hour. Please sign up with Judy Harrison at 406-350-1298 or contact the church office at 586-9194.

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!*



First Presbyterian Church Mainly Music Concert Series

*Sunday, October 20 at 4:00pm
Matthew O'Sullivan Organ Concert*

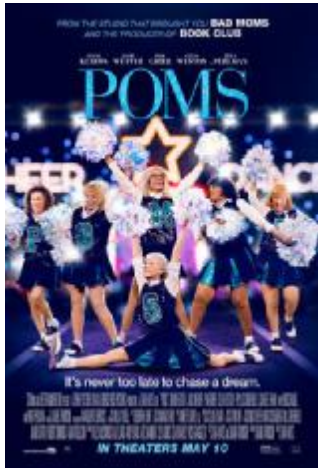
*Sunday, November 10 at 3:00 pm
An Afternoon with Bach*

*Sunday, December 22 at 3:00 pm
Messiah Community Sing*

*No admission charge but donations
are gladly accepted
For more information call 586-9194
or Kathy at 539-3491*



First Friday September 6 in the Fellowship Hall



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, *POMS* starring Diane Keaton, Jacki Weaver, Pam Grier, Rhea Perlman, and Bruce McGill.

POMS is an uplifting, just plain fun comedy about a group of women in a retirement community. Martha is an introverted woman who moves to the community that has shuffleboard, golf, bowling and other activities. Hoping to be left alone, she meets Sheryl, a fun-loving neighbor who insists that they become best pals. After coming out of her shell, Martha and her new friend decide to form a cheerleading squad with their fellow residents. As the two women hold auditions, they soon learn that it's never too late to follow your dreams, even when the odds are stacked against you. The surprise ending will delight you.

If you will be bringing children, please call the church office to arrange for a sitter and allow us



WEBS Fall 2019 & Winter 2020 Bible Study of the Gospel of Matthew:

Learning to See Scripture the Way Jesus Did

Mondays September 9 - November 18 from 9:30-11:30 am

Thanksgiving, Christmas, & New Years Break

Mondays January 6 – February 26 from 9:30-11:30 am

Hope Lutheran Church

9:15-9:30 am **Coffee & Conversation**

9:30-10:30 am **Large Group Opening**

10:30-10:40 am **BREAK**

10:45-11:20 am **Small Group Bible Study & Sharing**

11:20-**11:30** am **Large Group Closing**

RSVP to WEBS Administrator, Ann Schrader aschrader54@gmail.com

Questions ask Facilitator, Pr. Valerie 406-579-3980 or vwebster587@gmail.com



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!

Time of Taize Prayer

Numerous Christian Churches would like to invite you to
an ecumenical night of prayer.

2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm
(September 9, 2019 – April 13, 2020)

Christus Collegium
714 S 8th Avenue – near MSU
All are welcome!



Participating Churches & Ecumenical Group

All Saints in Big Sky – shared Episcopal & Lutheran
Bozeman United Methodist Church
Christ the King Lutheran Church
First Presbyterian Church
Hope Lutheran Church
St. James Episcopal Church
Resurrection University Catholic Parish
WEBS, Women's Ecumenical Bible Study

Facilitator: Rev. Valerie Webster vwebster587@gmail.com 1-406-579-3980

Pianist: Heidi Hornung

www.facebook.com/Taizeprayergallatinvalley

For the Taize Community www.taize.fr/en

Holland-days...

by Dan Holland

I think everyone reading this is familiar with the phrase 'Circle of Life'. Are you also acquainted with the phrase "Circle of the Bread of Life"? Probably not, since I just made it up, so allow me to elucidate.

At the risk of revealing some of the secrets of our religious tradition, I would like to take you behind the scenes of one of our most sacred customs, the sacrament of communion.

The liturgy accompanying the holy meal we celebrate on the first Sunday of every month is based on the words Jesus spoke to the disciples at the last supper they shared together. The elements we consume at our celebrations are essentially the same ones shared in the upper room over two thousand years ago, namely bread and juice from the grape. These aren't particularly revelatory statements, as we are all privy to this information in our new members' classes. But now I am about to take you behind the curtain.

About three years ago I was honored to be asked to take over helping to serve communion at the early service. As a part of that transition my wife, Christine, took over preparing the elements from Charlie Mandeville. As a result the first Sunday of every month has become somewhat of a sacred routine in our household. I am also now ready to tell you that these holy, holy elements come from, well, the grocery store. That's right folks, the loaf of sourdough you might very well have squeezed the day before while it sat on the shelf is transformed into this symbol of Christ's atoning sacrifice.

But what happens after communion? What is to become of this ordinary bread that has taken on such lofty status — that has become the bread of heaven, the bread of life? Does the mundane which became sacred, then again become mundane? In a word, yes. There are always leftovers, and so the secret I am revealing to you today is that those leftovers are brought home and fed to our chickens. There I said it. The bloom is off the rose; but our story doesn't end there.

Our chickens are laying hens, and we consume the eggs they lay. We use those eggs in innumerable ways. One such way is to make ice cream in the gelato style. One such batch of gelato was served recently at the final potluck at Rockhaven, where roughly sixty people celebrated the end of the summer season by eating ice cream made in part from the eggs nurtured by bread from the communion table shared by those same people. But my gelato recipe only calls for the yolks of those eggs, so I am invariably left with egg whites galore. Among the many things you can do with egg whites is make macaroon cookies, cookies that can be served during the fellowship hour at church. So if you happen to eat one after church some week, you can reflect about how it was indirectly a part of our blessed sacrament and has now become a part of the Circle of the Bread of Life.

But still our story isn't quite finished. Christine and I aren't the only ones to repurpose the leftovers. Sometimes Nancy Bast, our elder in charge of worship, will also take bread home to feed the ducks and geese that frequent her yard. Nancy shared with me how one time a young neighbor child ran over and scared the birds away while they were eating these once sacred morsels. Nancy advised the child to be kind — a teaching from the one whose body that bread represents.