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## Peace and Global Witness Offering



Last Sunday the Youth challenged us to invite someone to the table. Most of us don't get any mail except for what? Bills and junk. But once in a while, now and then, a pretty envelope, perhaps hand written comes. An invitation!

It's something different and it feels good. It feels good to be invited. Sometimes we think about the work we do as an obligation or a duty. We start thinking about sign-up sheets and the time requirements the money and...but try to remember the invitation instead. Every time we are asked to give of ourselves, our time, our talent and our treasure, it helps to think of it as an invitation to Christ's table...

Christ invites, and we also offer ourselves in the pursuit to end violence and bring reconciliation through the Peace and Global Witness offering.

It is one of the ways we RSVP 'yes' to Christ's invitation and offer, 'peace at all times, in all ways. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

Envelopes are in the pews, bring or mail to the church office, or give online. Please mark your offering as peacemaking. Our local portion of the offering helps us carry our mission of Family Promise.

Prayerfully consider how you can help extend the invitation to others.

Elder Charlie Mandeville, Mission

*Enhancing Our Conversations With God*

*"Lord, thank you for reminding us You hear every prayer."*

*Our Daily Bread*

## Keeping Kids Safe

With a new Child Protection Policy in place, we want to have all parents and teachers trained in safe church procedures. Please join us on Sunday, September 29 at 9:30 am for a 45-minute training. Let Jody McDevitt know if you will be attending. The room will be announced.

## Help Wanted in the Nursery

We have openings in our Church Nursery for paid attendants to assist the Nursery Director in providing a welcoming, safe space for children ages 0 - 4 on Sunday mornings. Anyone interested should contact Jody McDevitt at 406-551-3262.

FIRST FRIDAY OCTOBER 4

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, *ON THE BASIS OF SEX*.

“The university’s victory song extols the triumph of the Harvard men, as a sea of dark suits and wingtip shoes walk up the law school’s steps. There is one turquoise dress, one pair of stockings with seams down the back. It was only the sixth year since women were admitted to Harvard Law School and there were just nine women in the class. At a “welcoming” dinner, Dean Erwin Griswold (Sam Waterston) asks each of them to explain why she was taking a space that could have gone to a man. Ruth Bader

Ginsburg (Felicity Jones) explains that her husband is in the second-year class and studying the law will help her “be a more patient and understanding wife. The film tells an inspiring and spirited true story that follows young lawyer Ruth Bader Ginsburg as she teams with her husband Marty to bring

a groundbreaking case before the U.S. Court of Appeals and overturn a century of gender discrimination. The feature premiered in 2018 in line with Justice Ginsburg’s 25th anniversary on the Supreme Court. 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.

## Gallatin Valley Interfaith Association joins climate rally

The GVIA is joining other area groups in speaking up for climate action at the Climate Strike and Rally this Friday, September 20. The rally will begin at Cooper Park at 1 pm, and those gathered will walk to Bogert Park where several speakers will address the gathering. The Rev. Valerie Webster, an Episcopal priest and past president of Montana Association of Christians (MAC) will offer a religious perspective on climate activism.

Those wishing to walk with the GVIA contingent can come to First Presbyterian Church on Thursday, September 19 at 7 pm to make posters, or simply join up with the GVIA at Cooper Park at 1 pm on Friday.

The GVIA was founded in 2002, and it includes a diverse array of Christian and non-Christian religious groups.



## MERRY MUNCHERS OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 2019 – May 2020

It's time for the next round of Merry Munchers!! All adults are welcome, whether you are a church member, a friend of FPC, or visiting in the Gallatin Valley. Do you enjoy food, beverage and the company of others? Do you enjoy lively conversation, meeting new people and sharing the fellowship of a meal with friends new and old in the comfort of a home setting? Sign up for a merry munchers date and enjoy hospitality as only Presbyterians can offer!

THIS IS A POTLUCK WHERE EVERYONE CONTRIBUTES.  
HOST PROVIDES THE MAIN DISH.

You do not need to volunteer to be as host to participate, but it would be helpful.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

GUESTS: CIRCLE BELOW the dates you will participate.

SEPTEMBER 29 (lunch provided meet and greet at church for all munchers)

OCTOBER 25 \* NOVEMBER 15 \* DECEMBER 13

JANUARY 17 \* FEBRUARY 21 \* MARCH 13 \* APRIL 17

MAY 16 (ALL GROUP PICNIC AT ONE LOCATION)

HOSTS: The group meets at your house. If you would rather not host at your home, the church can be scheduled for the meal – Call the church office to see if the church is available. The host provides the main dish while others bring side dishes.

PLEASE VOLUNTEER FOR A DATE TO BE A HOST

(6 guests unless indicated):

\_\_\_\_ OCTOBER 25

\_\_\_\_ NOVEMBER 15

\_\_\_\_ DECEMBER 13

\_\_\_\_ JANUARY 17

\_\_\_\_ FEBRUARY 21

\_\_\_\_ MARCH 13

\_\_\_\_ APRIL 17

\_\_\_\_ MAY 16

ALL GROUP PICNIC. All participants will gather at one house.  
We need one host to volunteer for the site and beverages.  
Everyone else will bring the food.

PLEASE LEAVE THIS FORM IN THE OFFERING PLATE OR AT THE OFFICE.

QUESTIONS: CALL the church office at 586-9194

or email [linda@fpcbozeman.org](mailto:linda@fpcbozeman.org)

**DEADLINE FOR INCLUSION  
MONDAY, October 7, 2019**

## Holland-days...

by Dan Holland

### Luke 15 (Part I)

Recently several members from the local bible study decided to enjoy a meal at the town's soup kitchen. They occasionally gather there to demonstrate their financial and spiritual support for this vital community ministry. As they sat down at their table one member of the group noticed Jesus was eating at the adjacent table along with a group of what could be called regulars of the establishment. The bible study member waved at Jesus and said to him, "How are you doing, Jesus? We were just talking about you at our meeting the other day."

Jesus laughed politely at the member's comment and replied, "Yes, I know."

Then another person from the study group looked over at Jesus' table and said, "Umm, Jesus, I don't know if you realize this or not, but I saw the guy sitting across from you earlier today. He was flying a sign on a street corner over by the shopping center. I had some free time, so I decided to park my car and watch him for a while. His sign said, 'Passing through. Need gas, Anything helps.' I watched for a couple hours and quite a few people gave him money. I estimated he took in about ninety bucks, and then he walked about a block and got into an older pickup with local plates. I followed him and he drove over to the gas station, put five dollars of gas in his rig and then bought a couple of forty ounce malt liquor bottles and drank one of them as he sat in his truck. I just wanted to be sure you were aware of that."

Jesus smiled patiently and said, "Yes, I know."

Another member of the group piped up, "Oh, and Jesus, I recognize that woman that's sitting on the other side of you. A few years ago she had a great job as the bookkeeper for a local construction company. She was out mountain biking one day and messed up her shoulder pretty bad. After the surgery they put her on pain killers and evidently those meds really grabbed a hold of her. Before long she was addicted and broke, so she started funneling money out of the company and told herself she would pay it all back. But she couldn't, so she took more money and started hitting the casinos so she could win it back. But that didn't work either and by the time the company figured it out the paper reported she owed the company thirty grand."

Again Jesus smiled and said, "Yes, I know."

Then a third member of the group added, "You're probably aware of this, Jesus, but the guy sitting on this side of you had three kids with three different women in three different states and hasn't paid child support in quite some time. I guess you could say he's on the lam now, hustling odd jobs here and there."

And again Jesus smiled, telling the group, "Yes, I know." He slurped a big spoonful of soup, savored it, then wiped his mouth and added, "I love you all. Seriously, I love all of you with all of my heart; you are the pillars of the community. The difference between you all and the folks at this table might only be a run of bad luck, some bad choices, squandered opportunities. But there are similarities between you, too. You see, all of your souls were made by my Father. It's the same fabric, knit together by the Creator. We just don't have to worry so much about you as we do these folks."

Jesus looked adoringly at the people seated at his table. He took in another spoonful of soup and sighed contentedly. "The Italian wedding soup is really good tonight." He smiled at the bible group and added, "I'd like to tell you a story."

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