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## *Learning God's Love, Together* Supper and "Courageous Conversations" Fall 2019

Please join us for these Wednesday suppers and opportunities to learn more about these important subjects. Learn God's love, so that we can live God's love, together!

Supper is at 5:30; conversations are from 6 – 7 pm.

Kids' Club provides meaningful activities during the conversations.

**October 16 "Local Farming, Global Good"** Matthew and Karin Broughton, of Three Fiddles Farm in Bridger Canyon. How does a local organic farm contribute to a sustainable food future?

### **October 23 "Dismantling Racism"**

Heidi Jones Magee, of St. James Episcopal Church and a Deacon candidate of the Diocese of Montana. How can the covenant of baptism help us dismantle the sin of racism?

**October 30 "Health Care on Montana's Reservations"** Laura Larsson, of MSU College of Nursing. What are the sources of health disparities in reservation communities? How can these be addressed? Dr. Larsson is currently supervising an innovative oral health prevention and education program in American Indian communities in Montana.

**November 6 "Refugees 102"** Amanda Cater, of Gallatin Refugee Connections. An updated presentation on the global refugee crisis and Montana's response to the crisis.

**November 13 "A Sustainable Food Future"** Mary Stein, of MSU's College of Health and Human Development. What we eat and how we get our food have impacts on our planet as well as our health. Dr. Stein will help us understand the big picture of food systems.

### *Enhancing Our Conversations With God*

*"Dear Lord, please forgive us when we are tempted to doubt. Just as leaves are stirred by unseen winds, stir our hearts with the breath of Your very real presence."*

*Erika Bentsen, Daily Guideposts, 6-4-19*

## Glenn and Ruth Welch Honored at Bobcats Game



At the MSU-Northern Arizona game a few weeks ago, Glenn and Ruth Welch were honored as "Highgate Senior Living Seniors of the Game." First Presbyterian Church members were pleased to see Glenn and Ruth's photo on the giant screen, and proudly listened as the following was announced:

GLENN WAS BORN IN BOZEMAN IN 1935 AND WENT ON TO OWN & OPERATE THE SHOE DEPARTMENT AT CHAMBER FISHER DEPARTMENT STORE FOR MANY YEARS. RUTH WAS BORN IN BOZEMAN IN 1927. SHE GRADUATED FROM MONTANA STATE COLLEGE IN 1948, SHE LATER GOT HER PHARMACY DEGREE AND WAS A PHARMACIST IN DOWNTOWN BOZEMAN FOR MANY YEARS. BOTH ARE LIFETIME BOZEMAN NATIVES WHO ARE FEATURED IN THE LEGEND OF BOZEMAN BOOK AND HAVE BEEN MARRIED FOR 51 YEARS! CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SENIORS OF THE GAME!

Ruth has been an adult member of the church since 1944, longer than any other living person. Glenn joined the church in 1961. They were married in our church on June 15, 1968, by the Rev. Malcolm McCullough. After many years living in the home in which Ruth grew up, they now live at Highgate Senior Living.

## Wreath sales begin this Sunday

Beginning on Sunday, October 20, our Presby Cats will be taking orders for Christmas wreaths as a fund raiser for a spring break mission trip to Cuba next March. Like the last 2 years, a variety of wreath styles and sizes will be available. The live wreaths come from northern Minnesota and have been well received in the past. Some people have reported that the wreaths remained on their outside doors until February and still looked gorgeous! Orders will be taken through Sunday, November 3. If you have questions, contact Presby Cat Andrew Chauvin at [archauv@gmail.com](mailto:archauv@gmail.com) or 425-328-5765. Thank you for your support of Presby Cats!

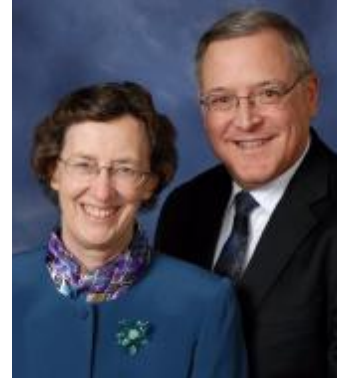


## Giving to First Presbyterian Church

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, [www.fpcbozeman.org](http://www.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!*



*Thank you to the most wonderful congregation!*  
*We are very grateful for your cards, expressions of gratitude, and the splendid Harvest Dinner we enjoyed on Sunday with so many of you. Thank you also for the pretty flowers and the gift card you gave to us. We feel very blessed to serve as your co-pastors, and we love you!*  
*In Christ,*  
*Dan Krebill and Jody McDevitt*



## FIRST FRIDAY NOVEMBER 1 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, the classic, ***The Grapes of Wrath***. “For author John Steinbeck, the grapes of wrath represent the growing anger within the souls of oppressed migrants. ... God, Steinbeck hopes, will trample out the conditions that produce the grapes of wrath. The ending of ***The Grapes of Wrath*** offers hope to all of us. No matter how hard life is. No matter what happens to us, strength and love can sustain us.” In the times we face, this movie is very relevant.

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.



### Thank You From Family Promise

A sincere thank you to all who have given their time volunteering for Family Promise. Your kindness helps diminish the hurt of homelessness. Fortunately, here in Bozeman, we have Family Promise. This is the interfaith hospitality of the congregations who provide shelter, meals, and hospitality. The success of this depends on the efforts and enthusiasm of our volunteers. Enjoy the rewarding experience by volunteering for Family Promise. Consider it your local mission. On Sunday, October 20 at 12:30 p.m., Jill Yoder, Volunteer and Outreach Manager for Family Promise, will be at our church for an introduction and training. It takes about an hour of your time. Please sign up by e-mailing Judy Harrison ( [johnjudyharrison@yahoo.com](mailto:johnjudyharrison@yahoo.com) ) or calling her at 406-350-1298, or call the church office, 586-9194. You'll be glad you did.

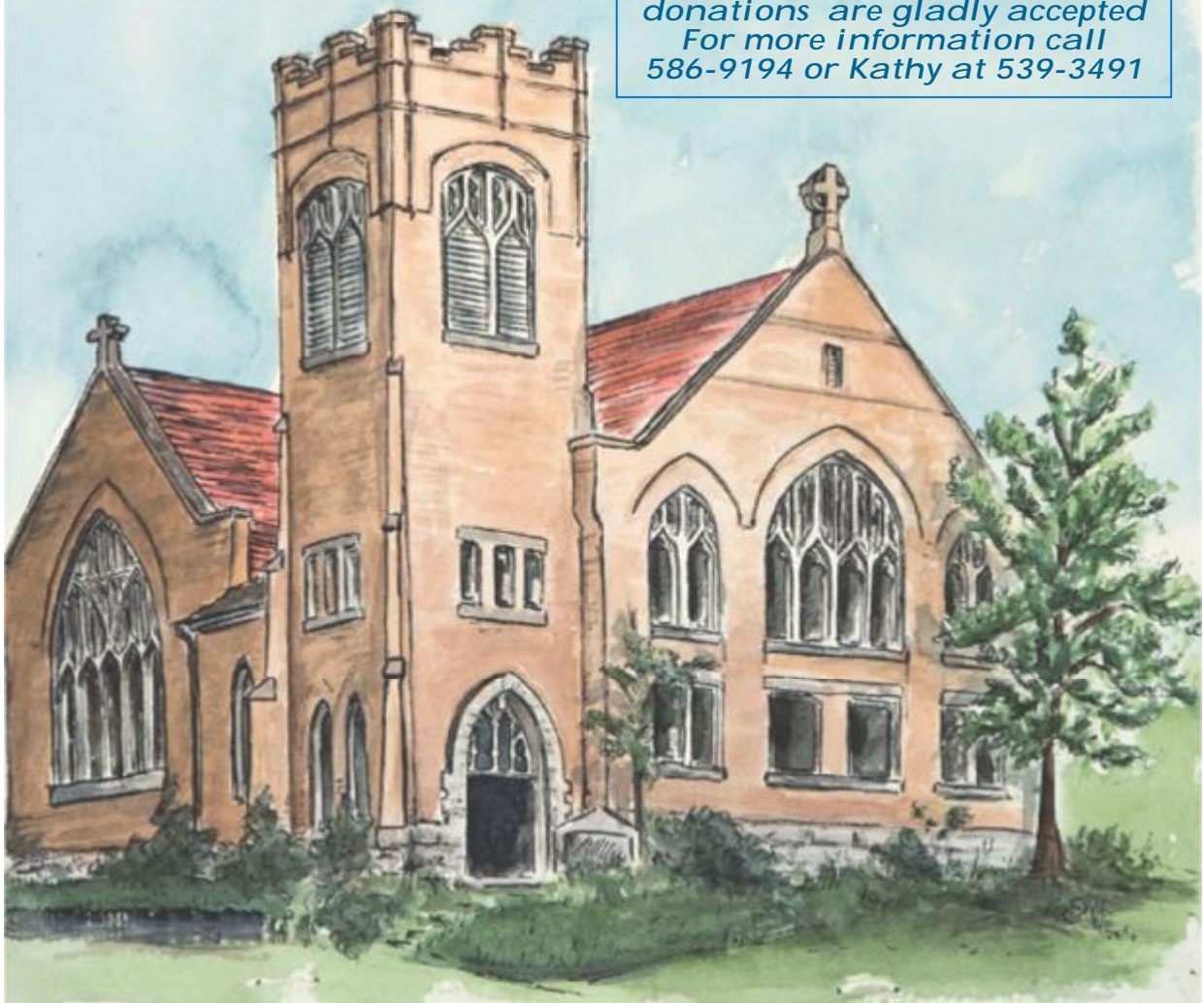


*First Presbyterian Church  
Mainly Music  
Organ Concert  
Featuring Bozeman Organist  
Matthew O'Sullivan*

*Sunday, October 20 at 4pm*



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



## Meet Our New Nursery Attendants

Welcome to our new Nursery Attendants, recently hired to assist long-time Nursery Director Suzanne Galinac in caring for our littlest ones!

Catherine Pierce is a familiar face to any who have followed our Rockhaven summer camping ministry staff. A senior at Belgrade High School, she started out as a camper, became a Counselor in Training, then a full-fledged counselor. She is also the youngest sister of church member Rachel Turner.



Catherine Pierce



Hanna Nyquist

Hanna Nyquist is a freshman at MSU and a new Presby Cat. She comes from Billings, where she attended Billings Senior High School. She also lived in Norway (her father is Norwegian) and graduated from high school there. She is majoring in biological engineering, has a lot of babysitting experience, and worked for two summers at a camp in Norway.

Please stop by the nursery and say hello!

## Operation Soft Landing

November 2 is just a couple weeks away and if you are gathering a kit for the drive, please have it to the church as soon as possible. Thank you for those who have already brought their kits in. We do have partial kits for the bedroom (blanket) and for the kitchen (pots and pans and dishtowels) so if you have items that would help fill in those kits, please leave by church office. Warm coats, hats and mittens are also requested and they can be lovingly used. Questions, ask Nancy Rote 219-3154 or Charlie Mandeville 580-7823

## *Birthdays this week*

*10/16 Paige Driscoll*

*10/17 Jim Thompson*

*10/21 Ilene Casey*

*10/22 Judy Patterson*

*Delialah Berg*

*Katie Whisenand*

## Trick or Treat for the Warming Center

Thank you to all that have donated briefs and panties and disposable briefs. If you are considering helping with this project, men's small and medium briefs and any size women's briefs are still needed. Baskets are in north narthex and next to church office. Halloween is last day for collection and we will deliver on the first of November.





### CROP Hunger Walk

The Gallatin Valley CROP Hunger Walk will be held, rain or shine, Sunday, October 20, at 1:30 p.m., beginning at the Food Bank (602 Bond St.) and proceeding to the new Story Mill Park. Donations given to walkers will help to alleviate hunger at home and abroad. 25% of funds raised will support the Gallatin Valley Food Bank. The rest will go to Church World Service to be used where needed. Church World Service is at work in 61 countries including the U.S. See Judy Mathre (587-8666) or [mathre@q.com](mailto:mathre@q.com) for more information, or to pick up a sponsor envelope. The following people are looking for sponsors: Dan Krebill, Presby Cats James Schultz, Andrew Chauvin and Faith Arnett. Also Jody McDevitt, Sally Broughton, Barbara French, Suzanne Bratsky, Kristin Griffin and Don Mathre. For more information about the relief work of CWS see their website at: [www.churchworldservice.org](http://www.churchworldservice.org).

This year it is possible for donors to make a digital walk. We have an online team. We invite you to join the "Presby Cats" team of hunger fighters for the Gallatin Valley CROP Hunger Walk. Simply copy and paste the following URL into your web browser to sign up: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/bozemanmt/Team/View/120641/Presby-Cats>.

### Rockhaven's First Annual Fundraiser / Bake-Off / Dinner/ Auction



**Where:** Gallatin Gateway Community Center

**When:** Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup> – 4:30pm Baked goods drop off / 5:00pm Dinner and Judging / Auction to follow dinner with Lloyd Mandeville – Auctioneer

Please mark your calendars for the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Rockhaven Fundraiser on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> and plan to attend this exciting Rockhaven event! This is sure to be an evening of fun and fellowship for the whole family. Enter your favorite baked goods and help Rockhaven plan for the future!

Baking Categories will include: Pies, cookies and bars, cakes and cupcakes, decorating, savory treats and breads.

Drop of your entry off between 4:30-5:00pm and then enjoy a spaghetti dinner, entertainment and an auction. All proceeds will go to the Rockhaven operation al budget. See you there!



## Holland-days...

by Dan Holland

Despite some of the trees in valley transitioning directly from summer to winter, we are still fairly early in autumn, and it reminds us there are several other seasons that take their cue from this part of the calendar. The football season is well under way, for example. Various hunting seasons have started or are set to begin soon. And stewardship season has now officially begun.

In our tradition stewardship refers to the dedication back to God of three specific gifts we have received from God, namely time, talent, and treasure. Of these three gifts, treasure gets most of the focus during these seasons, or campaigns, of stewardship. In a practical sense this is only logical, because an organization such as God's church relies on the monetary gifts of its congregants to keep its lights on and pay the wages of its staff. But the work of the church is evidenced by far more than just a bunch of monetary transactions in its bank account.

God wants us to dedicate our intangible gifts to the kingdom of heaven in addition to the gifts that can be precisely measured in a year end letter of acknowledgement. Think about that for a moment. What if the letter we receive from the church office each January not only detailed every payment we made to the church coffers throughout the year, but also itemized each segment of time we spent serving God? What would that look like? There might be an hour each week for choir practice, an hour or two for circle meetings, hours spent each month in committee or governing body meetings. There would also be credit given for time spent in worship services, Sunday school, and mid-week programs. There might even be a separate column for the time offered up in ministry projects such as cooking a meal for Family Promise, delivering food baskets, responding to a task request from Love INC, or mowing the grass down at Rockhaven. There might also be a column to monitor time dedicated to God that no one else knows about, like in prayer or in personal devotion practices.

This acknowledgement letter would then allow each recipient to tabulate the total amount of time spent each year dedicated to God and compare it to the total number of hours God has graciously granted to us during those twelve months. Again, we are faced with the question: What would that look like? Well. I know what the total is; there are 8,760 hours in a year. That number seems like a lot, and yet by the same token like hardly any. To put it in perspective, a full time job requires us to spend roughly 2,000 of those hours earning a paycheck. That represents less than 25% of the total hours in the year. A full night's rest will typically utilize 33% of God's gift to us. In this scenario there are still well over 40% of the hours available to be spread among the other things that comprise our busy lives like family and recreation. And God.

Could this letter of acknowledgement also measure the utilization of our talents? I suppose it depends on what we label as talent. Certainly being a world class soprano or an accomplished baker would make this measurement easier. But what if we include energy and enthusiasm as a talent? Likewise the ability to organize or the willingness to follow? There are multiple talents or spiritual gifts we each possess to varying degrees and then it's just a matter of determining how they are being used to serve God.

Yikes, this year end letter is now apt to be a hundred pages long. It will be more like a book — the book of life.



### 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!