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Congregational meeting called for election of officers

The session has called a special meeting of the congregation to be held on the Zoom platform on Sunday, June 28, immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. The sole purpose of the meeting is to act on a report of the Nominating Committee to elect a slate of nominees for elder and deacon positions. Church members are encouraged to attend this meeting online or via telephone. Zoom access information for this meeting will be sent out next week.

Congregational Get-together 7 PM Wednesday, June 24

During these weeks of physical separation, we are "gathering" by Zoom for connection and a short devotional. All are welcome to join, to see and touch bases with our church family.

Choose one of these methods to join:

1. Join Zoom Meeting (from your computer) at this link: <https://zoom.us/j/105970704>
2. One tap mobile (from your cellphone) +16699009128,,105970704#
3. Dial from any phone (669) 900 9128 and enter this meeting ID when prompted: 105-970-704. No participant ID is needed.

Enhancing Our Conversations with God

Lord, in spite of all that we are dealing with these days keep us mindful of the beauty and joy we have at our fingertips because we have You. Keep us grateful, Lord. Amen.

Pandemic Report by John Patterson

- As you've heard, our target date for at least a 'soft' reopening for in-person as well as continuing online worship services is now July 5th.
- Last Wednesday's PresbEnews included a summary of the 6/10 Congregational Town Hall meeting Questions and Answers as well as a summary of the results of the Congregational Poll regarding reopening the church for worship. 104 people responded to that Poll. We really appreciate having the input from the Town Hall meeting as well as the results of the Poll.
- In response to one of the Poll questions, although 24% responded they would likely attend worship services in-person, 76% responded they would not, with the majority of those planning to continue online worship. So, it will obviously be very important for us to be able to provide concurrent quality online as well as in-person worship.
- Over the next couple of weeks, we'll continue to work on reopening protocols as well as the technology involved. That technology includes new camera equipment that should arrive soon as well as working out the details to allow 2-way Zoom to be available to those who will attend in-person services since some of our worship leaders will still be leading from home.
- We really encourage you all to read the weekly PresbEnews when it arrives at your email in-box and the monthly print version that is sent to those who don't receive the weekly electronic version. Likewise, we encourage you to read the late week church emails relative to that upcoming Sunday's church service. If you haven't been receiving PresbEnews or the weekly church emails and would like to, please contact Linda at 586-9194 or linda@fpcbozeman.org.
- Meanwhile, continue to stay abreast of the latest COVID19 guidelines, especially at HealthGallatin.org. The three keys are handwashing regularly, 6' physical distancing and wearing a mask when you can't always physically distance.
- We wish you all **good health** and encourage you to **stay safe** and **stay connected** with one another and with God, knowing his watchful eye is on us.



Goat Names Selected

During the children's message in our worship service a couple of weeks ago suggestions were requested for two of the as yet unnamed goat kids at Holland Farms. After an overwhelming response and intense deliberation the name selection task force (yes, that's a thing) selected these names (from left to right): Pixie, Pied (pronounced pee-ay), Sleeve McQueen, and Corazon. Thanks to all who participated.



In memoriam of Lynda Reiley who passed away on Saturday, June 20. Lynda was a member of our congregation since 2008. Our prayers are with her husband Richard and family.

Birthdays this week

6/26 Jonas Overton

6/27 Mitchell Larsson
Brenna Babcock

6/29 Todd Johnson

New Directory Summer 2020

A new directory is available by email or hardcopy. If you are interested in having this directory please call Linda at 586-9194 or email linda@fpcbozeman.org

WEEKLY WEED WHACKING AND/OR MOWING



Weekly, beginning this week, June 14, we need volunteers to help with weed whacking and/or mowing. Below is a link to 'SignupGenius' where you can sign up one or more times to either weed whack and/or mow sometime during the week. If you need to change your signup date you can change that on 'SignupGenius', hopefully having contacted another volunteer to swap weeks. Many of you have done weed whacking or mowing at Rockhaven before, so you know the drill. For the 'newbies', don't hesitate to sign up to help. You can bring your own equipment or use the equipment at Rockhaven. It would be helpful if you would contact Scott Thrasher, Camp Director, if you can before arriving to verify work needs to be done and to let him know

when you are coming to the Camp. And, check in with him on arrival. Cell: 406-600-1891.
Rockhaven: 406-763-4212

Here is the link, please click on the word rockhaven:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4baaf2ea0fd0-rockhaven>

If you have any questions, please contact either Scott Thrasher, Camp Director, (406-600-1891, 406-763-4212) or John Patterson, Rockhaven Elder. (406-581-9767, 406-587-9722)



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!

Youth Mission Trip Becomes Week of Local Service

For the week of June 29 – July 3, eleven youth and four adults have committed to service with local organizations, following the model of Sierra Service Project (SSP). The week will be based at the home of Dan and Deana Berg, where lots of outdoor space will be conducive to both physical distancing and fun. Each day the group will partner with a local organization to serve our community.



Monday – Family Promise

Tuesday – Construction of garden boxes (carpentry is central in SSP tradition)

Wednesday – Love INC

Thursday – City of Bozeman Forestry Division, planting trees

Friday – Completing projects from earlier in the week/Recreation afternoon

The youth who will be participating are:

11th grade: Dani Berg, Alyce Larsson, Graham Overton

10th grade: Adynn Small

8th grade: Dayna Berg, Linden Hanson, Jonas Overton

7th grade: Gabe Gilbert, Zeph Small

6th grade: Gabe Eilers, Delia Turner

Adults are: Dan Berg, Deana Berg, Julie Small, and Jody McDevitt

The group is also registered to participate in 1-1 ½ hours of SSP online programming each day.

The youth thank you for all your support!

Financial giving during this time

Since we will not be meeting in person for worship in the coming weeks, please continue to support the church through your financial gifts, pledges and offerings. You can mail checks to the church at P.O. Box 1150, Bozeman, MT 59771. Or consider making your contributions through our church's online giving platform. Simply go to www.easytithe.com/fpcbozeman and choose the "Give Now" option to make a one-time gift, or chose the "Sign In" option if you'd like to be a regular user. The drop down "Fund" menu allows you to direct your gift to a specific fund. The first option, "General Church Budget," is the one to which Sunday offerings go. You can give by credit card, debit card, or by electronic funds transfer from your bank account. You also have the option to make recurring gifts on a schedule you choose.

Smartphone users may scan this QR code to access the online giving portal.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our church.



Holland-days...

by Dan Holland

When I was in junior high in the late 1960s I had a version of the Bible entitled *Good News for Modern Man*. Lately I have been thinking perhaps this space should have its title changed to *Bad News for Modern People*, because for the past sixteen weeks I have been reporting primarily bad news regarding the pandemic and this week's is the worst yet. The weekly case count (my measurements are taken each Tuesday morning) surpassed one million for the first time — 1,063,666 to be precise.

Back in late March I mentioned that all pandemics are local. At the time the case count in Montana and Gallatin County were spiking, but then we went through a seven week period during which the curve was flattened. For the past two weeks the curve has resumed an upward trajectory. Some folks contend it is an inevitable consequence of resuming normal activity. Others suggest that we can simultaneously open up society and keep a flat curve by following protocols. Late last week the State of California mandated facial coverings in public. Earlier this week the city of Miami, FL did the same. I don't much care for wearing a mask, but I do it anyway despite being in a distinct minority.

In Praise of Masks

Moses hid his face from
the Lord. He was afraid. And now
so, too, am I.

My fear is of a microscopic virus
that can only reproduce if its
spiked proteins can come in contact
with cells contained in my
respiratory system. Or at least that
is what conventional wisdom tells me,
so it seems prudent for everyone
to minimize the ability of this thing
called SARS COV-2 to hitchhike
among unwitting hosts via
saliva droplets.

But we human creatures are a
vain lot. We scoff at unwieldy regulation,
we revolt at the usurpation of perceived
rights, we bristle when individual freedoms
are trampled.

Jesus once told me his yoke
is easy and his burden is light,
so I will lean on Jesus when I
wear my mask — and hopefully it is a
fashionable one that doesn't fog up
my glasses.



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June 21- July 11, 2020



Rockhaven Chapel

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In these changing times the events on the calendar have changed too. Until further notice all the services, group meetings and events will be by Zoom until we find it safe to come back together. Please contact the leaders of the group meetings for instructions on how to get on Zoom for the meetings. We will update this calendar each week in the PresbEnews and on the church website as more meetings and events are scheduled. Stay Healthy.