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## Pandemic Report by John Patterson

- Most of you are aware that although we would otherwise be ready to reopen the church to in-person services, given the increasing number of Covid-19 cases in Gallatin County, we don't feel we can safely do that. Thank God for the technology to be able to attend services and connect with one another virtually.
- During the continued Pandemic many church-related things can't and won't be the same. So, your Pandemic Response Team's focus is now on reimagining being the church in new ways.
- We've been brainstorming our congregation's usual (and possibly new) ministries. For each ministry we're considering how essential it is, who is reached or included, how much reimagining it requires, who will take leadership, when it would happen and how much priority it should receive. To give you an idea of the scope of our brainstorming, we spent an hour just listing our church's existing and possibly new ministries!
- Our hope is that by early September we'll have a better idea how the Lord wants us to be his church in this Covid-19 world.
- In other news, several outdoor 'mini-gatherings' have been and are going to take place over the next few weeks while the weather is good. Some hosts have already been lined up to invite others. If you haven't been contacted but would like to host or make sure you are part of one of the 'mini-gatherings', call church member Sally Broughton, 585-3544 or contact the church office.
- You likely read in the 'Good News Edition' of PresbEnews last week that, after four weeks of successful camps, Rockhaven Camp was closed this past week of July 27-31, following someone testing positive for Covid-19. Health Department policies would have allowed camp to continue, but camp leadership decided to take a more cautious route. Now, Rockhaven will be opening for its last camp of the summer beginning Sunday, 8/2.
- Planning continues for a Rockhaven outdoor fly-casting seminar by professional instructor Bill Toone. It's a great opportunity for first-timers or those needing a refresher. Look for updates on when that will occur and how to register.
- Remember, Rockhaven is available to church members and friends of the church on for informal outdoor get-togethers with appropriate physical distancing. Staying connected, in general, during this time is so important. Don't forget to reach out to others, whether by phone or Zoom or in-person. As Jody said on Sunday, as Christ's people we are each other's business.
- Remember to stay safe by **washing your hands, watching your distance and wearing your mask.**

## *Enhancing Our Conversations with God*

*"Make us willing instruments of Your work, O Lord. Open us to possibilities even at the risk of our health. Give us the courage to trust in Your grace. Amen."*

*Upper Room Disciplines, 6-23-2020*

### Congregational Get-together 7 PM Wednesday, August 5

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:



### Future Rockhaven Camper Models Summer Mask

Huey Holland-Lacey, 1, of Las Vegas, NV hopes to one day beat the desert heat by spending time at Rockhaven Camp. For the next few years, however, he will have to be content wearing an official Rockhaven buff (which serves as both a mask and neck

cooler) and by hanging out in the bathtub (which is evidently the coolest place to be when it's a hundred and ten outside.)

### Birthdays this week

- 8/6 Jay Pontius-Backman  
Pam King  
Amber King
- 8/7 Judy Mathre  
Emily Thrasher  
Wyatt Guenther
- 8/8 Celia Wood  
George Haynes
- 8/9 Joanne Jennings
- 8/11 Chuck Beck

### 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.easytithethe.com/fpcbozeman](http://www.easytithethe.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.





75TH COMMEMORATIVE REMEMBRANCE OF  
**HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI**  
INTRODUCING THE HIROSHIMA / NAGASAKI ACCORD

August 6 and 9, 2020



**Matsui Kazumi**  
Mayor of Hiroshima,  
President of  
Mayors for Peace



**Mikhail Gorbachev**  
Former President  
of the Soviet Union



**George Shultz**  
Former United States  
Secretary of State



**Taue Tomihisa**  
Mayor of Nagasaki,  
Vice President of  
Mayors for Peace

The webinar commemorates the 75th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on August 6 and 9, 1945, honoring the lifelong achievements of former President Gorbachev and former Secretary Shultz with regard to nuclear disarmament.

**Broadcast Times:**

**Thursday, August 6, 2020:**

6 AM, 1 PM, 6 PM MDT

**Saturday, August 8, 2020**

6 PM MDT

**Sunday, August 9, 2020**

1 PM MDT

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## Holland-days...

by Dan Holland

This week marks an anniversary of sorts. Exactly ten years ago this space was first occupied by the misguided musings, malapropisms, and mangled syntax of your humble correspondent. Roughly five hundred PresbEnews editions have come and gone since then, which I have filled with dangling participles, typographical errors, and run-on sentences. The archive file of all those previous columns contains over two hundred thousand of my words, most of which were poorly selected, ill-conceived, or utilized solely to fill space and manufacture gerund clauses.

Nonetheless acknowledgments are in order. First to Dan Krebill, because PresbEnews was his brainchild, and he is most responsible for our ability each Wednesday morning to read all the news that's fit to print. I am relatively certain Dan would be quick to point out that his real genius was in finding someone willing to pick up the ball after he got it rolling. Initially that person was Deb Griffin, our original esteemed editor. Deb invited folks to contribute to this on-line forum and after a couple of months I took the bait. Deb was actually the one who came up with the handle for the words appearing in this space (although her erstwhile husband, Pat, briefly gave it a more appropriate title: *holland...daze.*)

After a couple years at the helm, Deb handed the reins to Nancy Giddings and then to Linda Best, and she has remained our esteemed editor ever since. Linda has been able to call on folks for assistance from time to time, like Nancy Giddings and Kathy Braun, but for the most part it has been Linda steering this vital ministry for the past eight years. I am indebted to all the aforementioned, as well as to you, gentle reader. Without readers these words would be no more than trees falling in a forest void of people. So I am indeed grateful to you and the feedback you provide — both positive and negative. An example of the latter response came in a message a year ago which said in part, "Each week when I read your writings I quite often have nothing to say. They don't move me. Sorry...But today your words brought joy to my heart."

One out of five hundred isn't a very good percentage, but it does provide a glimmer of hope. Speaking of glimmers, the COVID-19 case count in the US decreased ever so slightly during the past week (there were 'only' 423,000 new cases recorded.) The same cannot be said worldwide, which saw a little over 1.8 million carriers added to the roles. Among the more troubling spots throughout the world is South Africa, which finds itself fifth in the world with over a half million cases of its own. And it is to South Africa I would like to turn your attention by commemorating the past decade I have spent with you. The following will appear in a couple of installments and was first uttered from the pulpit at Rockhaven last summer when the theme was *Peace Works*.

### Ubuntu (Part I)

Welcome. Welcome, sisters and brothers. Welcome to my story. My name — my English name is Cecil. My Zulu name is Umlandisi Wezindaba. But please you can call me Cecil.

Today I would like to teach you another Zulu word, and that word is Ubuntu. Can you say this word out loud with me? Ubuntu. Good, good. Now Ubuntu can mean many different things. It can mean community. It can mean we are all connected. But sometimes it is easier to describe a word than to give a definition. So I can describe Ubuntu this way, "I am because we are." Or even this way, "I am who I am, because of who we all are." ...*continued next week*



# First Presbyterian Church

## July 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.