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Easter at Rockhaven Celebrates Resurrection

The 70 degree weather wasn't the only thing to make this Easter memorable—an outdoor service at Rockhaven in the afternoon welcomed 70 people to celebrate the resurrection. The service was held in the meadow on the east side of the river. There were many guests and many children present. The service culminated in "flowering the cross," creating a symbol of new life and hope from the dry wood of the cross. The flowered cross is currently in front of the church on Willson Avenue, sharing beauty and joy with our community. We may have started a new tradition!



Enhancing Our Conversations with God

"Loving Christ, as we come to the end of our Easter celebration we thank You and praise You for the sacrifice of Your life to save us and assure us of the forgiveness of our sins. In Your name we pray. Amen."

Sunday School

Special Easter Video for Children Any time

Watch as a family and imagine what the people are saying: [Holy Moly - Easter Day - YouTube](#)

Jaki's Sunday School Older Elementary/Middle School Any time

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qGzkw0Q9Q4f_oV_5bppmANebLoKdVwp2/view?usp=sharing

Presby Cats

Collegiate Study & Fellowship 11 am Sunday

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83107541301pwd=VDBRNldSdUNTOTFRa1JZbnh6eWpEZz09>

Meeting ID: 831 0754 1301 Passcode: GOCATSGO

One tap mobile:

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Bozeman Health vaccine clinic link

Here is the link for the Bozeman Health vaccine clinic. Just click on it and it will take you to the web site. If you need help with this, contact John Patterson at 587-9722.

<https://www.bozemanhealth.org/about-us/covid-19-information/covid-19-vaccine-information>

Congregational Get-Together Fellowship, Tuesday April 13 at 7pm

The Tuesday evening "Congregational Get Together," is an informal zoom meeting with a devotion and prayer time. A passcode has been added to this meeting, following zoom security requirements.

Congregational Get-Together

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/105970704?pwd=b2JObXRhazFFWTVsNXV5RFQ2Tmk2UT09>

Meeting ID: 105 970 704 Passcode: Fellowship

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Vacation Bible School – New week, new format, same fun spirit!

The Downtown Ecumenical Vacation Bible School will move from June to July this year. Mark your calendars for **July 26-30** for “Discovery on Adventure Island.” Plans are underway for BOTH an online and an in-person experience for all ages, with children ages 4 through 6th grade at the center of attention.

Check out this website for an explanation of the plan and to register:

[Vacation Bible School 2021 - Bozeman UMC](#)

Children, youth assistants, and adults can register now! (Early registration will greatly help the planners. Thank you.)



Birthdays this week

4/9 Bill Anderson

4/12 Maggie Kleinhans

Griffin Frazier

4/13 Carol Julien

Kitchen Elves

The Presbyterian kitchen elves were busy creating Easter surprise bags of cookies, candies, breads, muffins, and peeps which were delivered to 51 households of our church family on Saturday, April 3.

Thank you to all of the elves:

Marcia Jarrett, Suzanne Bratsky, Donna Beck, John and Judy Patterson, Trish Garnick, Rachel Minter, Mary Hektner and John Sacklin, Susan Gibb, Jim and Ilene Casey, Mike and Mimi Roser, Joanne Robbins, and Chuck and Sally Broughton.

Financial Giving

Please 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 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

Seventy. That is the number I will report to you this week. It represents the number of degrees above zero on the Fahrenheit scale the air was surrounding the meadow on the east side of the Gallatin River at the foot of Sheep Rock this past Sunday afternoon. Seventy was also the number of people that gathered in that meadow to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

This Easter gathering was the first time in over a year we have officially met as a congregation. Oh sure there had previously been occasions where we may have bumped into one another, seen each other in the flesh, heard one another's voices unfiltered by the internet, but this was the first time it was sort of like good old, regular church.

It still wasn't quite the same because we all sat at a distance from each other and we all wore masks. But it was the same, because people introduced guests they brought, and there was laughter, and there were young people running around.

It wasn't quite the same because we were in the meadow and not in the chapel so we were at the mercy of the wind (and although it wasn't blowing seventy miles per hour, there were gusts that may have been half that.) But it was the same because every time I looked up at Sheep Rock I was overwhelmed with its majesty and made myself more than a little dizzy.

It wasn't quite the same because the music was prerecorded and played over a speaker system. But it was the same because the Alleluias we sang from *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* were just as familiar.

It will undoubtedly be a while until everything is entirely the same, but there are vestiges of hope. Last week the US averaged fewer than one thousand COVID-19 related deaths per day for the first time since November.

Earlier this week it was reported the Governor of Montana had contracted the virus. That struck a chord with me, because, like me, he had received his first dose of the vaccine last week. It is not the only thing we share in common. In his first attempt to win the governorship back in 2016, he and his wife visited our church one Sunday. It was communion Sunday and I served the cup of salvation to the governor.

I look forward to the day when we can all taste the bread and the cup of our Lord in communion with one another. The thought makes me tremble.



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!



Rockhaven Chapel

First Presbyterian Church

April 4-30, 2021



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>4</p>  <p>Easter</p> <p>9:30 am Worship Zoom 2pm Easter at Rockhaven</p>	<p>5</p> <p>4 pm Pandemic Response Team</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7pm Congregational Get Together</p>	<p>7</p> <p>12:15 pm Worship Team</p> <p>7pm Choir</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7am Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>9</p> <p>11:15 am Worship Tech Rehearsal</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p> <p>9:30am Worship Zoom 11 am Adult Sunday School 11am Presby Cats</p>	<p>12</p> <p>4 pm Pandemic Response Team</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7pm Congregational Get Together</p>	<p>14</p> <p>12:15 pm Worship Team</p> <p>7pm Choir</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7am Men's Bible Study</p> <p>6pm Deacons</p>	<p>16</p> <p>11:15 am Worship Tech Rehearsal</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p> <p>9:30 am Worship Zoom 11 am Adult Sunday School 11am Presby Cats</p>	<p>19</p> <p>4 pm Pandemic Response Team</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7pm Congregational Get Together</p>	<p>21</p> <p>12:15 pm Worship Team</p> <p>7pm Choir</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7am Men's Bible Study</p> <p>7pm Session</p>	<p>23</p> <p>11:15 am Worship Tech Rehearsal</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p> <p>9:30 am Worship Zoom 11 am Adult Sunday School 11am Presby Cats</p>	<p>26</p> <p>4 pm Pandemic Response Team</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7pm Congregational Get Together</p>	<p>28</p> <p>12:15 pm Worship Team</p> <p>7pm Choir</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7am Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>30</p> <p>11:15 am Worship Tech Rehearsal</p>	

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.