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Pandemic Response Team Report by John Patterson

It was uplifting, as always, to worship together last Sunday. Young Andrew Driscoll's solo piece on cello was quite a hit. Thanks, and congratulations, Andrew!

Your Pandemic Response Team continues to meet by Zoom weekly on Mondays at 4:00. You are encouraged to join us anytime -or- to let us know if you have something you would like us to discuss. We serve under the direction of Session and for the whole congregation.

The 7-day rolling average of Covid-19 cases here in Gallatin County was 43.6/100,000 people last Thursday. Although that number of cases still precludes us from resuming in-person services we are optimistic about the increased availability of the Covid-19 vaccines, anticipating that the number of cases should start to significantly decline soon. We encourage you, and hope you encourage others, to receive the vaccines as soon as you can to protect yourselves and others. We're all in this together!

After more than a year, our church's Boy Scout Troup has resumed Tuesday evening meetings in the Fellowship Hall/Library and in Rooms 102-104, following our church Covid-19 Guidelines.

For those using the church building, we've discontinued use of the "sign in and out" procedure. This decision was based on the CDC report confirming that Covid-19 is almost completely transmitted by air. With this information, it becomes less important to know where people have been in the building since the need to clean surfaces is no greater during this pandemic than it was before. The "sign in and out" procedure was also designed for contact tracing should someone develop Covid-19. At this point we believe that anyone diagnosed with Covid-19 should be able to list for contact tracing those who they might have exposed.

A task group is continuing work to optimize our hybrid worship and hybrid meeting experiences. Some new equipment will be needed. Having been considered for years, they are looking at how to optimally use AV screens in the sanctuary and they are considering the portable technology needed for hybrid meetings using Zoom in places like Rooms 203-204 or the Fellowship Hall. It's all exciting!

Remaining connected as a church family remains so important. Continue to reach out to one another in whatever ways you can. For those who have been completely vaccinated, the CDC tells us it's OK to start meeting again in small groups. And, even with those who have not yet been vaccinated, consider meeting in small groups outside, like we did last Fall. See page 2 for Zoom meeting instructions.

Enhancing Our Conversations with God

"The heart is the seat of prayer."

Henry Nouwen, You Are the Beloved

Pandemic Response Team meetings, Mondays 4 – 5 pm Congregation members welcome

1. Join Zoom Meeting

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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 27 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.

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

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Outdoor Worship at Rockhaven May 2

Mark Sunday afternoon, May 2, at 3 pm for an outdoor worship gathering at Rockhaven! Our Easter worship service was a wonderful celebration of resurrection, a change to see one another in a safe setting while we hope and pray for an end to high infection rates. There will be an activity for children following the service. Plan to be there!

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Sunday School

Jaki's Sunday School for Older Elementary Kids Any time

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mpjHzcJovoaH-bOghtOKGK_DJRSayP_r/view?usp=sharing

Adult Sunday School Studies “The Most Joy-filled Book of the Bible”

Adult Sunday School – The Letter to the Philippians 11 am Sundays

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81926086294?pwd=WmhWcUYrbHgwWTFaL0N0SIB4L0xhdz09>

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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

4/21 Mary Armstrong

4/22 Chris Shanafelt

4/23 Judy Harrison

4/25 Jenny Beard

4/26 Brent Turner

Shalani Gentry

4/28 John Hodges

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.easytithes.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

Last week in this space I reported the world experienced its worst week since the beginning of the pandemic in terms of total positive cases during a seven day period. Unfortunately this week is worse. Five point four million humans contracted the virus during the most recent seven day period, an 11.3% increase over last week's record.

In many respects Gallatin County is a microcosm of the world. New cases in our valley have been on the rise for the past five weeks, and though the percentage increase each week is only in the single digits, it still makes us an outlier in the state where Gallatin carries the distinction of being home to fully one-third of all active cases in Montana.

Although I have yet to contract COVID-19, I fear I have developed a related obsessive-compulsive disorder as witnessed by the following:

The Letter V

Virus — that's the starting point — but soon it went viral, circumnavigating the globe in a vicious cycle permeating every aspect of every life.

Vaccines were developed in record time, providing bright hope, but vaccinations have already begun to wane allowing variants to fester and mutate and become virulent of their own accord.

Vanity of vanities, we ignore the voices of those crying out in the wilderness, and seek vindication in our own human endeavor.

Victory seems a mirage, yet we can abide in the one true vine who cultivates us to bear fruit for the vintner, whom we implore to be thou our vision.



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 21-May 8, 2021



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18 9:30 am Worship Zoom 11 am Adult Sunday School 11am Presby Cats	19 4 pm Pandemic Response Team	20 7pm Congregational Get Together	21 12:15 pm Worship Team 7pm Choir	22 7am Men's Bible Study 7pm Session	23 11:15 am Worship Tech Rehearsal	24 11am Memorial Service for Karen Kempt
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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.