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Pandemic Team Report by John Patterson

Greetings from your Pandemic Response Team! As everyone, we're pleased that the number of Gallatin County Covid-19 cases remain low – with a 7-day rolling average of 2.1 cases per 100,000. We'd like to think the PRT will soon be out of a job!

As you're aware, for our services we're continuing our masking and physical distancing requirements and are still refraining from congregational singing, but we've suspended the RSVP system and no longer feel the need to take attendance for contact tracing. In the Covid world, that's progress!

The PRT is discussing when can we feel confident to further loosen our current Covid and still protect the unvaccinated and those immunocompromised among us? What are the health metrics we should be looking at? Using schema from various health authorities our discussion will continue. If you have ideas or would like to be part of the decision making you are welcome to join us as we continue to meet by Zoom on Monday afternoons at 4 p.m.

Session will be meeting in person this Thursday for the first time since the beginning of the Pandemic shutdowns. A hybrid meeting is planned, utilizing a conference phone for audio and computers for video while we research further how to best have hybrid meetings. We're looking forward to seeing each other again. Speaking of technology, another step the church is taking is looking into replacing our old phone system with a new cloud-based system which would work well with the fiber optic connection we now have. It's part of our planning for the future.

The Youth Mission trip to the Crow reservation will be June 28-July 2 with 8 youth and 4 adults planning to go. We all know what spiritual growth experience youth mission trips are. But how can you have a mission trip while Covid is still active? Well, fortunately the CDC has provided summer camp advisories the group will be following. We pray that our team will have a healthy and meaningful experience and be a blessing to and be blessed by those they'll serve.

There are still a number of Rockhaven work projects you are all encouraged to help with at the Camp. If you have some free time and could clean some windows, do some painting or other things, simply contact Scott at Rockhaven (763-4242) or on his cell phone (600-1891) to see how you can help. You're also welcome and encouraged to drop in at Rockhaven through the week while the summer camps are in session to witness for yourselves the fantastic experience the kids have. Check in with Scott when you arrive so he knows you are there.

Enhancing Our Conversation With God

"Holy Spirit, when we feel troubled, alone, or afraid give us Your peace.

Lead us in Christ's way. Amen."

Upper Room Disciplines, 4/30/16

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

1. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/994593614?pwd=amRWVytZNOV3ajNLaGIGSmJyakNYdz09>

Meeting ID: 994 593 614

Passcode: 255160

2. One tap mobile

+13462487799,,994593614#,,,,,0#,,255160# US (Houston)

+16699009128,,994593614#,,,,,0#,,255160# US (San Jose)

3. Dial from your phone

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

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Housing First Village Celebration Date Changes

The celebration of the giving of the community's faith groups will take place on **Friday, June 25, at noon.** (earlier announcement was Wed, June 23). Come join others at the Housing First Village site, 2015 Wheat Drive, to see the construction progress, hear thank-you speeches, learn more about the big plan this is a part of, and enjoy a provided lunch. HRDC is sponsoring the celebration, to which media and local officials will be invited.

First Presbyterian Church has given \$68,831. Come find out the total giving toward this amazing project of housing our community's most vulnerable people!

Rockhaven Gathering



As we ease back into our beloved church activities, the Rockhaven Board will host a afternoon gathering this Sunday, June 27 at 5p.m. All are invited to enjoy being with our church family outdoors at Rockhaven!

An outdoor worship service will begin the gathering at 5 pm on the east side of the river. Following the worship, everyone is encouraged to bring their own picnic supper to eat outdoors. There are picnic tables and tables on the dining hall deck, as well as lots of seating on the ground for the adventurous.

Plan to join the gatherings on June 27, July 18, July 25, August 15, and August 22.

Coffee Hour is Back!

Those who attended worship in-person on June 13 were able to enjoy coffee and cookies on the lawn for the first time in all these many months!

To keep this tradition going, I'm asking current Deacons to please contact me about volunteering to make and serve coffee on upcoming summer Sundays. And for anyone who'd like to bake cookies, your donations will be much appreciated.

I will have a signup sheet with me on Sunday, or you may call me at 539-1959 to help with coffee service. You may bring cookies any Sunday, as well, and we'll store them in our kitchen freezer.

Thank you on behalf of all who enjoy visiting after church!

Rosemary Lee

Birthdays this Week

6/26 Jonas Overton

6/27 Mitchell Larsson

6/29 Todd Johnson

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.



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!

Holland-days...

(by Dan Holland)

One of the positive developments from the ongoing pandemic was the Tuesday night fellowship zoom gatherings. These informal meetings concluded a month or so ago, but during the year in which they were regularly held, they were a steady buoy in a turbulent ocean. The attendance at these meetings wasn't always enormous, but there were a few regulars as well as occasional attenders like myself. If there were fifty total gatherings, then I would guess I may have zoomed in fifteen times. I was always treated to great socializing, some fascinating stories, and Jody normally wrapped it all up with a poignant devotional. I regret not tuning in more often, and it was one of the times I did not that leads us to today's subject matter. I was tasked *in absentia* by a certain regular attender (let's call her MJ) with shining light on the remarkable story of a young student.

Rodney Aloise is the seventeen year old son of Holly Aloise, an elder and jack-of-all-trades staff member at the church. I have known Rodney for years, but I didn't really know him until we engaged in an hour long phone call last week that was as impressive as it was fascinating.

Rodney will be a senior at Bozeman High this fall, but he already has a life plan. For the past year-and-a-half he has been deeply involved in the Civil Air Patrol (or CAP.) Over the course of those eighteen months the CAP has transformed Rodney from a reticent teenager into a bold and confident young man.

The Civil Air Patrol is a governmental organization that is best understood as the auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force. The official mission statement of CAP reads as follows: Supporting America's communities with emergency response, diverse aviation and ground services, youth development, and promotion of air, space, and cyber power. Rodney has immersed himself in all of it and can wax poetic about it anywhere, anytime. In fact, if you are involved in an organization looking to engage a confident, young speaker to pontificate about a little known subject and demonstrate the optimism we should have about the next generation, then you should look no further than Rodney.

Rodney has long sought to pursue a career in emergency medical services (EMS) and plans to obtain an Associate's degree in paramedicine after graduating from high school. But it is through the auspices of CAP that his plans became more definitive and I will devote the balance of this week's space as well as the next to sharing Rodney's description of CAP.

The Civil Air Patrol came into existence before the USAF, as it was founded a week prior to Pearl Harbor as a part of the Army Air Patrol. There are three main aspects of CAP: emergency services, aerospace education, and the cadet program. Just like in the military CAP maintains a ranking system and all new participants start out as Cadet Airmen. Rodney has progressed through the ranks quickly and is now a Cadet Chief Master Sergeant. He also serves as Squadron First Sergeant as well as the Emergency Services NCO. The local squadron has 36 cadets and fifty total members (and more can be found out about it at gallatin.cap.gov.)

Next week we will take a deeper dive into the specifics of the three main departments of CAP, but I will leave you this week with one of the key words I heard Rodney speak, followership. Starting out at the lowest rank can be humbling, but it is also instructive. One must learn to follow before one can learn to lead. That sure sounds like something Jesus may have said, and just as Rodney has learned the art of followership in the CAP, he is also learning how to follow Jesus.



Rockhaven Chapel

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June 20-30 2021



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
20 9:30 am Worship Zoom and In-Person 5pm Father's Day Rockhaven Gathering	21 4 pm Pandemic Response Team	22 7pm Boy Scouts	23 12:15 pm Worship Team 7pm New Members Class	24 7am Men's Bible Study 7pm Session	25	26
27 9:30 am Worship Zoom and In-Person 5pm Rockhaven Outdoor Gathering	28 Youth Mission Trip through July 2 4 pm Pandemic Response Team	29 7pm Boy Scouts	30 12:15 pm Worship Team			

Some of the activities on the calendar are on Zoom; some are in-person; some are hybrid. Please check with the leaders of each group to know how to attend.