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A mid-week newsletter of First Presbyterian Church - Jody McDevitt & Dan Krebill, co-pastors

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## Rockhaven Outdoor Worship this Sunday, July 25

This summer's camp theme, "Creation Speaks," is a perfect fit for our outdoor worship. The meadow on the east side of the river allows worshippers to view Sheep Rock, with the sound of the river nearby. Many folks bring lawn chairs; some bring blankets; some sit or stand amid the grasses and sage. The healing power of God's good creation is all around us.



For those with mobility concerns, the Rockhaven golf cart provides comfortable transportation. Following the service is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship—bring your own picnic, and enjoy eating and conversing at the picnic tables near the dining hall, or wherever else you choose.

The Rockhaven Operations Board is hosting these gatherings twice per month this summer. Many thanks to the team for all the logistical support.

The schedule of worship leaders is:

July 25 Dan Krebill

August 15 Dan Holland

## Enhancing Our Conversation With God

*"Lord, it is easy to hold those who lead our lives to a standard we could never live up to ourselves. Help us to see these women and men as You see them, just as dependent on You as we are. Thank you for the reminder that we need Your help as we carry out our own duties this day. In Jesus's name. Amen. "*

*Prayer, NRSV Study Bible, 2nd Chronicles:5.*

**PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!**

A Retirement Celebration

honoring

**PASTORS JODY McDEVITT & DAN KREBILL**

Sunday August 29<sup>th</sup>

10:45 a.m. - Noon

Fellowship Hall

FORMAL INVITATION TO FOLLOW

### Rental for Jill and Rich Brauss

Jill and Rich Brauss are looking for a cabin, apartment or small house to rent in the Bozeman area for 2-4 weeks mid-August - mid-September.

Please contact:

Jill - 406-579-2461 Rich 406-579-4680 [jillbrauss@peopleoc.com](mailto:jillbrauss@peopleoc.com)

### Birthdays this Week

7/22 Glenn Welch

Carl Lehrkind

Michael Lehrkind

7/23 Gail Weingart

Brad Garnick

7/24 Jolene Turner

7/25 Caralyn Hodgson

The Church office hours are  
Mondays 10am - 3pm and  
Tuesday-Thursday 10am - 4pm

### Bozeman Lions Club Drop Off Box

Drop Off your prescription and non-prescription eye glasses, dark glasses, hearing aids, and cell phones, damaged ok, in the collection box at the entrance of the fellowship hall downstairs. Contact Richard Reiley at 388-7840 for more information.

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



**THE MIGHTY  
SPORK  
FOOD TRUCK**

**Join Us for Brunch!**

**Dokken-Nelson Parking Lot  
Sunday July 25, 10:30 AM-12 PM**

**Open to the public! All proceeds benefit our  
mission to fight food insecurity in  
Southwest Montana.**

Offering healthy, locally sourced meals for  
all ages.  
We set the menu, you set the price.



The increasing cost of living and for housing in Gallatin County has many individuals and families only one unexpected bill, like a car repair or medical bill, away from a true crisis. Your Gallatin County Love INC receives between 500-700 calls per month from our neighbors who are reaching out for help. One need that has continued to be requested is home repairs. To meet this growing need, Love INC is forming a Home Repair Ministry that will be staffed with our partner church volunteers under the guidance of skilled contractors. Prior to launching this ministry later this month, we must gather the tools they will need to successfully complete these home repair projects. We would love for you to partner with us to provide this care for our community. Any contribution that you donate to this effort would be greatly appreciated and will be a tremendous benefit to our neighbors in need. Contact Love Inc at <https://loveincgc.org/>

## Holland-days...

(by Dan Holland)

Ouch. The pandemic took a turn this week — and it wasn't for the better. Worldwide there were 3.7 million positive cases during the last seven days, the most since mid-May. The trend within our nation showed a similar uptick as positive case counts last week exceeded 200,000 for the first time in two months. Even the county-wide tally of 36 last week represents the highest weekly total in the past six weeks.

Nine weeks ago this space reported that the world had just surpassed 1.5 billion vaccine jabs. Today that total stands at 3.6 billion, or an average of 33 million doses per day. Sadly very few of those are being administered within our borders as our vaccine curve has nearly flattened out. Sadder still is the fact that our northern neighbors, Canada, just surpassed the US in terms of percentage of eligible citizens getting vaccinated. Just as our own church sanctuary re-instituted health and safety protocols for Sunday worship, it appears many locales will now be headed back towards distancing and masking requirements.

There were no protocols in place for the Vesper service at Rockhaven this past Sunday, although it wasn't difficult to maintain distance as there were only seven people in attendance. The seven included Scott Thrasher, who led the service in his own unique style. Part of that uniqueness was where Scott decided to hold the service to beat the hundred degree heat. Throughout this summer camping season Scott has been holding the daily worship time in a shaded grove of junipers and fir trees tucked away on the other side of the river. He figured if the space was suitable to help young campers avoid the heat, then it would also do likewise for we older folks. He was right, and between the shade and a slight breeze it seemed ten degrees cooler than out in the meadow. This secluded spot was also more suitable for the message Scott delivered, namely how we are part of creation.

Scott's words have been churning within me for the past couple of days. Too often I am guilty of thinking that nature is out there — something I visit from time to time or view from behind my windshield.

### I Am Nature

Nature called today,  
but it wasn't a long distance  
call. It came from within, over  
the intercom. Hey, it said,  
it's your brother, the lodgepole,  
your sister, the river,  
your cousin, the hummingbird.

We love you, nature said,  
we are you. We are all cut from the  
same cloth, made by the same  
hands.

We love you, it said again,  
we are you.



Rockhaven Chapel

# First Presbyterian Church

## July 18-30



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18 9:30 am Worship Zoom and In-Person 5pm Rockhaven Outdoor Gathering	19 Office Hours 10am-3pm	20 Office Hours 10am-4pm  7pm Boy Scouts	21 Office Hours 10am-4pm  12:15 pm Worship Team	22 7am Men's Bible Study  Office Hours 10am-4pm  7pm Session	23	24
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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.