



PresbEnews

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Presby Cats share N. Ireland experience as they lead worship this Sunday



After an amazing spring break mission/study trip to Northern Ireland, our Presby Cats are eager to share the wonderful experience they had. Members of the mission trip delegation will be among those leading worship at both the 8:30 and 10:30 services this Sunday, April 10. Please plan to attend one of these services to hear how our group experienced God's love and grace in this small, but important part of God's creation.

Also the Hospitality Committee is hosting a fellowship time between services on April 10, 9:15 a.m. to 10:20 a.m. with coffee, tea, milk, donuts, rolls, etc. This is a time for first service and second service worshipers to enjoy the fellowship of each other PLUS a time to visit with the Presby Cats and learn about their mission trip to Northern Ireland. There will be no adult Sunday School this day or coffee after the first service upstairs.

Everyone is welcome. Please plan to stay late or come early and join us.

Giving to First Presbyterian Church

In addition to traditional methods, First Presbyterian Church offers the option of making financial contributions to the church electronically via the web or by texting. Contributions via the web can be made from the online giving link on the church's website, www.fpcbozeman.org or by scanning this QR code with your Smartphone. To give by text, simply text the amount of your gift and any designation to **406-278-6267**. *Thank you!*



One Great Hour of Sharing

Thank you to all who contributed to our special offering at Easter. \$1,444.00 was received and will help support the many programs of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People. Disasters never seem to end and there are always hungry souls out there but we can help and your contributions will do just that.



SPECIAL OFFERINGS
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If you were not here on Easter Sunday but would still like to help just send in your donation to the church and be sure to let Linda, our church secretary, know that is for OGHS.

Adult Mission Trip Organizational Meeting

The Fort Peck Reservation Adult Mission Trip Organizational Meeting will be held tomorrow, Thursday, April 7 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 204 at the church. If you are unable to attend, please let Marcia Jarrett at 388-6314 or Jody at 586-9194 know. The dates for this year's trip will be May 31-June 4, 2016.

Men's Bible Study on Thursdays Mornings

A Men's Bible Study group has been formed, and all men are welcome to join us. The group meets weekly on Thursday morning from 7:00-8:00 a.m. in the church library. We follow the church lectionary which is based on the church year and normally is the Scripture on which the upcoming Sunday sermon will be based. We are self-led, very informal, rotating weekly leadership among our attendees. No prior Bible experience or knowledge is needed. We are all learning. Regular attendance is not required. Start any time and come when you can. For now, we are using a curriculum published by Westminster John Knox Press, a publishing arm of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), but we are open to exploring other resources, or other studies. If you have any questions or would like further information about this group, contact Bill Anderson at 624-6118, or just show up on Thursday morning!

Birthdays This Week

4/7 *Rena Easton*

Gerri Lewis

4/9 *Bill Anderson*

4/11 *Vern Bandy*

4/12 *Maggie Kleinhans*



The Mainly Music Concert series will have a special **Patrick Donehoo Memorial Concert** featuring Organist Mark Anderson on Sunday, May 1st at 3:00p.m.

Mark is a native to Bozeman whose father, the late Rev. Lad Anderson and mother, Lois, served our Church in the 1960's.



Mark is currently the Director of Music at Shadyside Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, PA.

The concert will be a Hymn Festival with organ, brass and timpani.

There is no charge for admission, but donations are gratefully accepted.

Spring Splash! First Families and Presby Kids Pool Party

On Sunday, April 24, families and kids are invited to a pizza and pool party at the Holiday Inn from 12 noon – 2 pm. Bring swimsuits and towels; the hotel's public restrooms are right next door to the pool and serve as changing rooms. Let us know you are coming so we can order the right amount of pizza! Contact Don Frye (580-4973) or Jody McDevitt (586-9194 x203).





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Rockhaven Work Day

This Saturday we are holding a spring work / clean-up day at Rockhaven. This time of year there is a lot to do to get ready for upcoming rental groups, church events and of course summer camp! After this Saturday we have events booked almost every weekend until summer camp begins! So, come on out and be a part of this exciting and growing ministry of First Presbyterian Church. Work time will run from 9:00 to 3:00. Bring a packed lunch and we'll supply some bottled water, soda and lemonade! Bring some gloves and appropriate attire to work in.

Primary Projects – depending on weather will include; deep clean the Kitchen, mop and paint craft room floor, paint craft tables, clean each dorm room, wash all windows, police camp of broken sticks, rocks and trash, brush trimming and burning, repair and rebuild archery range and haul away some trash. If you have garden tools like rakes, trimmers or cutters we could always use a few. Any questions call John Patterson at 587-9722 or Scott Thrasher at 600-1891.

Register for camp now!

Registration is in full swing and we are crushing records! Camps are filling fast and Day Camp Session #2 is full and now has a waitlist. So, if you haven't registered... now is the time! Last summer we had great attendance from our FPC families and we're hoping to do it again. Brochures are available at the church and online registration can be found on the Rockhaven website rockhavencamp.org. Registering online is the quickest and preferred method and will allow for online discounts!

Come see us at our booth at the Gallatin Valley Mall this Thursday from 3-7pm for the Summer Activities and Camp Round-UP!



If you have questions, ideas, or are interested in volunteering at Rockhaven please contact Scott Thrasher at scott@rockhavencamp.org or give him a call 406-600-1891

Rockhaven Operational Board

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Ecumenical Good Friday Service Reaches Out

A very meaningful service at Grand Avenue Christian Church on Good Friday filled the sanctuary with community members. Directed by Kathy Braun, an ecumenical choir added worshipful music to the service remembering Christ's death. The day's offering, given directly to Energy Share of Montana, totaled \$730. Energy Share of Montana administers a fund which is used to pay heating bills for households in need. Somewhere in our community there are folks who will be very grateful for this generosity!

Rhapsody Spring Concert

The Montana State University Rhapsody will have their Spring Concert next Friday, April 15th at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary here at the church. Rhapsody is a student-led a cappella group comprised of 15 MSU undergraduates who delight in bringing you exciting renditions of popular contemporary music. Please come for an evening of choral music.

There is no charge for admission, but donations are gratefully accepted.

Love Inc News

Personal Care Pantry Needs Your Help!

In addition to needing toilet paper which First Presbyterian usually donates, the Personal Care Pantry has filled a lot of needs recently and has put out a call for the following items. If you can help by donating any of these, it would be much appreciated!

Toilet paper - women's deodorant - toothpaste - paper towels - dish soap - lip balm - feminine products - dental floss - pull ups - size 6 diapers.

Love INC's Plant the Seed Dinner is Coming Up!

Love INC partners with 44 churches in the Gallatin Valley to mobilize church volunteers and match them with our neighbors in need. The annual Plant the Seed Dinner & Silent Auction -- Love INC's main fundraising event for the year -- will be at the MSU SUB Ballroom on Monday, May 2. Tables can be reserved for 8 people, for \$350, and registrations are being taken for limited spaces through April 20, so plan your group now! More details will follow in the next few weeks.

Loaves of Love

As a partner church with Love INC, we plan to once again donate Loaves of Love for the Plant the Seed auction. This is a great opportunity for anyone at First Presbyterian to participate with just a little time and effort -- you bake and wrap a loaf or loaves of whatever bread you like, and drop them off at church on Sunday, May 1. We'll take them to the dinner and our loaves of bread sell like hotcakes at the auction! (Sorry, couldn't resist that...) We hope you'll participate -- details to follow in the next few weeks!

If you have any questions please contact Teri Nightingale at 570-2105 or Gayle Hickert at 587-1161

Holland-days...

(by Dan Holland)

It has been quite a while since I have dabbled in Haiku on this page.
So I guess it's about time I dropped a little five-seven-five on y'all.

The tomb was empty.
Lord of the dance among us.
Easter lily blooms.

Sing praise and rejoice.
Exult in a risen Lord.
Joy of Eastertide.

The King lives again.
Paradise open for us.
No sting now for death.

Crocus and robin.
Green sprouts in furrowed fields.
Songs of salvation.

Flash in the pan doubt.
Focus on things eternal.
Faith in the unseen.