



PresbEnews

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Home Visitation Training Offered

One of the most meaningful and important ways the church can show compassion and love is to visit those who are less able to participate in church activities due to age or health reasons. And what could be more rewarding than a special friendship with a person who is no longer "busy?" The ministry of presence goes both ways. Learning to be present with one another teaches us awareness of the presence of Christ.

On **Monday morning, April 18, at 10:30 a.m.**, a training session will be held for deacons and any others who would like encouragement in this ministry. Led by Jody McDevitt with the assistance of Fran Bradley and Bernie Mitchell, those attending will learn both practical tips and some underlying wisdom for home visitation. So that we can plan appropriately, please let the church office know if you plan to attend by emailing linda@fpcbozeman.org or call 586-9194.

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!*



Adult Mission Trip to Ft. Peck Reservation



The adult mission team at the cemetery near the Makaicu Presbyterian Church in 2015

Sixteen people have expressed interest in an adult mission trip to the Ft. Peck Reservation in northeast Montana this spring. We will travel by car on Tuesday, May 31, returning Saturday, June 4. The trip will continue the relationship started last year with Dakota Presbyterian congregations on the reservation. Patrick and Sudi Pipe are coordinating the work projects, cultural opportunities, and friendship opportunities based in Poplar.

Preparation for a mission trip is very important, and the group will devote several sessions in the coming weeks to learning more about Dakota Presbyterians, our approach to mission and relationships, and becoming the group we need to be in order to have success in this mission. Our next meeting will be **Wednesday April 20 at 2:30 p.m.** in room 203–204. If you missed the first meeting but are interested in participating, please contact Jody McDevitt (jody@fpcbozeman.org, 586–9194).

Membership information gathering on Saturday, April 23

Are you interested in learning more about First Presbyterian Church? For example, did you know that our church is the oldest continuing Presbyterian church in the state of Montana? Are you interested in learning more about the larger denomination of which we are a part? Do you have questions about the church and your place in it? These questions and many more will be covered at an informational gathering that will be held at the church on Saturday, April 23, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (lunch included). At this meeting will be our pastors as well as current church members to give an overview of what it means to be a member of First Presbyterian Church. While it is certainly not required that all who attend will become church members, it is nevertheless an important step for those who would like to formalize their church membership here. Please contact Linda at the church office at 586–9194, or at linda@fpcbozeman.org, by Wednesday, April 20, if you plan to attend, or if you want more details.





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.

Birthdays This Week

4/13 Carol Julien

4/14 Bernice Meyer

4/19 Kay Breen

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 p.m. Bring swimsuits and towels; the motel'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).



Ecumenical Taizé Prayer Service

All are invited to an Ecumenical Taizé Prayer Service - Monday April 25th 6:45 p.m. Resurrection University Catholic Church at 1725 South 11th Avenue, lasting about 50 minutes. The worship-space atmosphere will be beautiful and inspiring, and your heart will undoubtedly be touched by it!

Is the increasingly hectic pace of life drowning out God's voice in your life, or clouding your vision of Christ? Please join us for an evening to quiet our minds and hearts, and intently *listen* to God. Started in France after WWII, Taizé prayer is a beautiful practice to open ourselves towards God, through singing basic chants (accompanied by instruments), Scripture readings, times of quiet and petitionary prayer, as well as short periods of silence.

Rhapsody Spring Concert

Rhapsody, an a capella group of MSU Students will present their Spring Concert this Friday, April 15 at 7:30 p.m. in our sanctuary. Their aca-magic with contemporary music from multiple genres is very entertaining. No admission charge but donations are gratefully accepted.

Love INC Pantry

Love INC is in need of toilet paper for the pantry. Anyone who would like donate some may leave it in the large wicker basket in the north narthex.

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

I was reminded this past week that I get a little too absorbed in my own problems and fail to notice what is going on around me — like this fabulous weather. Granted, it will probably be raining when you read this on Wednesday, but even that will be a welcome spring drenching.

Lord of the dance,

Thank you for the ability of others to help me lift my eyes to the hills and recognize from whence my help comes. It comes from you and your creation.

Thank you for the changing seasons and the beauty inherent in each transition. Thank you for the first meadowlark song of the year, for the first critter dragged into the house by the cat, for the first wriggling worm on the wet morning pavement, for the first pair of shorts, for the first bunch of chatter out on the diamond.

Thank you for the grandeur in which you have placed us. We are surrounded by snow logged peaks as we breathe cobalt air and feel the ground slowly greening beneath our feet.

Thank you for the shaking of lambs' tails, the cavorting of calves, the racing of foals, the bouncing of kids. Thank you for the unfettered joy they resound with as they attack each new day, each new discovery.

And thank you, Lord, for the enduring joy of Eastertide. May it last through every season. May we sing *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* every day.

Amen



Church Facebook page a source of up-to-date info!

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