



# PresbEnews

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## Youth Plant Tree at Church

Over the past few years, several of the trees on the church property have died, diminishing the beauty of the landscape. Last fall, after learning about Christian responsibility for the care of the earth, the youth decided to plant a tree on the church grounds. On Sunday, April 17, we planted an ornamental plum tree (should have blossoms, but no fruit) in the front of the church on Willson and dedicated it to God's glory.



From left, Dan Berg, Martha Aloise, Rodney Aloise, Danielle Berg, and behind Larry Growney, Holly Aloise

The dedication prayer:

*God, you made all that is on earth and in the heavens.*

*We praise you, Creator God.*

*Today we thank you for trees, for their beauty and their gifts to the earth:*

*that they give a home to birds, insects, and other living things,*

*that they provide food for animals, including us,*

*that they give shade and clean the air of carbon dioxide,*

*and that they convert sunlight to usable energy.*

*That you for photosynthesis!*

*We dedicate this tree to your glory.*

*May it remind us of your goodness.*

*May it remind us to be good caretakers of the earth.*

*May it remind us to set our roots deep in your living water,*

*and lift our limbs to praise you.*

Take a minute to stop and say hello to our new tree!



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 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).



### Love INC Plant the Seed Dinner Update

We've been notified that our planned Loaves of Love bread unfortunately won't be allowed this year, due to some new health code regulations limiting bake sales. You can still support Love INC by attending the dinner (reservation deadline is 4/20/16), volunteering your time, and/or donating directly to Love INC.

if you'd like, donations can be made online, or can be mailed to:

Gallatin County Love INC  
PO Box 7117  
Bozeman, MT 59771

### *Birthdays This Week*

*4/21 Ted Williams  
Mary Armstrong  
4/22 Harriet Tamminga  
Chris Shanafelt  
4/23 Judy Harrison  
Nathaniel Cutler  
4/25 Jenny Beard  
Clair Cutler  
4/26 Kristen Martindale  
Brent Turner*

### 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.

## Holland-days...

by Dan Holland

Almost without exception the words you find assembled on this page are written very early on Tuesday morning. It is somewhat of a self-imposed deadline in order to provide our esteemed editor with enough time to perform her slicing and dicing before the PrebEnews hits the newsstands on Wednesday morning. By the same token I almost never write anything prior to Tuesday morning. As a result, this narrow window of opportunity during the wee hours is devoted to, well, devotion.

For the most part my approach has worked. Despite starting with a blank slate each week, I somehow find enough strokes on the keyboard to occupy space on this page and hopefully turn our collective thinking in God's direction for at least a couple of minutes during the middle of the week.

That is until this week.

Every year during the third week of April, I throw myself a completely self-indulgent party. I celebrate me. The party starts at 5pm on the last day for filing tax returns, and commemorates the previous one hundred days I have spent preparing those tax returns. This year that day was Monday, the day before yesterday.

Normally the day after the last day of tax season is a Sabbath day. A day of rest. A day of not working for the first time in a hundred days. A day to sleep in. I always buy my fishing license on this day, although I never get around to actually using it. I also play around in the garden for the first time (if the weather cooperates) and feel the soil dirtying my too-soft, office-bound hands.

In short, I don't do much of anything.

But this year the day after falls on a Tuesday.

At 5am my eyes blinked open and I could not close them. I tossed and turned for a while, but couldn't find that sweet spot. So I got up. I fed. I read the paper. Then I remembered it was Tuesday.

I put a blank piece of paper in the typewriter. I tossed and turned. I hemmed and hawed. What will I write about?

Nothing.

I will write about nothing. And there you have it, gentle reader: very little ado about nothing.

Thank you, God. You never let me down.



### 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](http://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!