



# PresbEnews

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## Pentecost Sunday

Next Sunday we will be receiving the Pentecost Offering. Helping young people to grow closer to God and build a faith that lasts a lifetime is what the Pentecost Offering is all about. Ministries supported by the Pentecost Offering help guide our young people as they prayerfully ask themselves, "What is God calling me to do?" and "Who is God calling me to be?"

Youth who grow up in churches with active mentorship and community service opportunities are 3 to 4 times more likely to remain faithful as adults. Of the young adults who've served as Young Adult Volunteers, 32% go on to become ordained church leaders, and 66% go into a life of service.

Please plan to support our youth and give generously to the Pentecost Offering.



*The Board of Deacons cordially invites you  
to the Annual Tea*

*Honoring Senior Members and Friends  
of First Presbyterian Church*

*On May 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.*

*At First Presbyterian Church  
Fellowship Hall*

*For Transportation and to R.S.V.P.  
call Jay Pontius-Backman at 924-6135*

## 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](http://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!





### *Eagle Scout Elliot Johnson*

*All are invited to an Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Elliot Johnson this coming Sunday, May 15, at 4:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Elliot has been a member of our church-sponsored Troop 679 since 2011, and he would like to share this celebration with his church family. A casual dinner reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.*

### *Birthdays this Week*

- 5/12 Marjorie David*  
*Jen Poore*
- 5/13 Nancy Giddings*
- 5/14 Fran Bradley*

### Rockhaven Work Day June 4th

The Rockhaven Operational Board is planning another Rockhaven Work Day for Saturday, June 4th to get Rockhaven ready for summer camps and church potlucks/vespers. We had a great turnout for the April 9th workday and really appreciated all the help. It was a fun day! The focus this time will be on outside projects - mowing, weed eating, and brush cutting, needing a dozen folks to help. 9:00 a.m. until done, bring your own lunch. Able to help? Sign up with John Patterson, [tdbear972@aol.com](mailto:tdbear972@aol.com) or 587-9722.



### Pig Raising to Support Women Pastors?

What and where and why?

Find out from Mission Worker, Ruth Brown, on Tuesday, May 24 at 7:00 p.m. in room 204.

Ruth will share where some of our money goes when given to One Great Hour of Sharing or the PW Thank offering. Ruth is a mission worker with PCUSA and will be with us for coffee, dessert and fellowship to share her experiences. She says "I simply want to thank churches for their already existing part in PC(USA)'s partnership with the Presbyterian Church of Congo (CPC) and to provide more understanding our work for development in Congo.

When church members have given to Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering and to One Great Hour of Sharing, they have supported communities in Congo! In the past 6 years, the CPC has been a recipient of 4 grants from Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering and 2 grants from Presbyterian Hunger"

Ruth was appointed as a mission co-worker to serve as a development specialist with the leadership of the Presbyterian Community of Congo (CPC) focusing on food security issues. Ruth works with the CPC development staff as they expand existing development services and collaborates closely with ecumenical organizations with similar goals. Central and West Africa area.

Please come and learn more about where your dollars go for those in need!

## Holland-days...

*by Dan Holland*

We had a lot of fun in church this past Sunday celebrating camps in general and our own camp, Rockhaven, in particular. Rockhaven's director, Scott Thrasher, spoke briefly during the service about the concept of 'uncamp,' and I would like to devote this space to expanding upon this notion.

As I understand it, Uncamp (I will capitalize the word for emphasis here) is a very intentional method of allowing children to develop their own imaginations outside the constraints of minute by minute programming. Uncamp is more than just unfettered free time, though. It has at its roots a notion not unlike the Montessori concept of instruction, or other educational methods developed recently that force children to think rather than train them in rote memorization.

One of the advantages Scott has in employing the concept of Uncamp is that he does so at Rockhaven, one of the crown jewels of God's creation. Rockhaven is perfectly situated to inspire creative urges, to foster the desire to see what God is up to, to explore the limits of one's imagination. Rockhaven is unique in its ability to play host to Uncamp.

As you may be aware, the Rockhaven Operations Board has been working on developing a long range master plan for Rockhaven. This process is complicated and has taken a long time, but it is starting to gain traction. One of the consultants the Board utilized in its deliberations observed that the meadow on the east side of the river would be the perfect place to build a groomed soccer field and host soccer camps. That would be the opposite of Uncamp. Rockhaven may very well end up with some sort of playing field on that side of the river, but it will be uniquely Rockhaven. It will be an Uncamp field.

My children have all flown the nest, but it wasn't so long ago that I have forgotten how scheduled their lives were. My wife and I were 'shuttlers.' We shuttled them from one practice to another, one lesson to another, one meeting to another. To be sure some of that structure helped them develop into who they are today, but so did their down time. Their free time. The time they had to be free, to find out who they were, to find out who God wanted them to be.

Perhaps someday Scott will write a position paper on Uncamp and explain it much better than I have here, but in the meantime I know that I will take him up on his invitation for all of us to go down to Rockhaven this summer and observe Uncamp in action. I hope you'll join me.