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Co-Pastors' Corner... A sense of gratitude filled the room on Thursday last week

during our May session meeting. Perhaps because of our setting in a university town, our church leadership year follows the academic calendar. That means deacons and ruling elders are completing their terms of service in May. So we took some time to thank the ruling elders who are "graduating" this year. All 4 of them are established fixtures in our church. In fact 3 out of the 4 are life-long members of our faith community: Suzanne Bratsky, Don Frye, III, and McKinley Hall. The 4th, Joanna Ellison, might as well be a lifer as well, since she has been in our church since the 1970s. Gratitude was expressed to each of them as we noted how their commitment and contributions have enriched the life of our church during their terms of service. Because they are firmly established here, we look forward to their continued involvement and participation in the ministry of our church.

The session was further inspired with gratitude as it accepted a gift from Chuck and Donna Beck that symbolizes the very deep roots of our church in this community. Chuck presented a shadow box with 2 pieces of construction timber. The first is a piece that Chuck found during the renovation and modernization of our church that he oversaw and led 10 years ago. It is inscribed with carpenter's pencil, "Louis Krueger 1909 Bozeman." Chuck found out that Krueger, while not the general contractor, was one of the builders of the original church building. Chuck speculated that Krueger was probably waiting for the weather to clear one day during the construction and made the inscription and left it to be found someday by someone like Chuck Beck. The second piece of wood is a newer piece engraved with, "Chuck Beck 2006 Bozeman." While we have this piece in the shadow box, rumor has it that there is another similar piece hidden in the new construction to be discovered someday. This beautiful shadowbox will soon be mounted in a place where all can see it.



For those who have been in our church for more than 10 years, it's hard to believe that it was 10 years ago that we were nearing the completion of the major building renovation project. What a wonderful moment to celebrate as we ponder the many ways that our building has been used to carry out the mission of Christ's church, welcoming hundreds and hundreds of people into this place of Christian worship and service.

As is often asserted at graduations this time of year, we celebrate those who have brought us today as we look to the bright future ahead. For ruling elders and deacons who have served, for builders in 1909 and in 2006, and for the inflowing of the Holy Spirit today, we give our praise and thanks to God!

Session Notes May 26

Session met May 26th with six excused absences mostly due to being out of town over the long weekend. Our church received an invitation to join the Presbyterian Historical Society which was turned over to Sally Broughton to investigate. Chuck Beck presented Session with a shadow box containing an original piece of wood on which was inscribed the name Louis Krueger and the year 1909 (the year the original church construction was completed). Chuck added a piece of matching wood with his name and the year 2006 inscribed to represent the remodeling. This was intended to provide another piece preservation of our church history. The Pastors Report highlights are as follows: VBS will be starting June 20th, Summer camps for Rockhaven are full, the Father's Day pig roast will be June 19th, Dan and Jody will be on vacation June 9-12 and on a study leave June 21-26 when they will attend General Assembly in Portland, OR. Jody has been invited to conduct a workshop which will be on an Interfaith Panel in Communities at the Association Church Education Denver in 2017.

Session approved the ordination and installation of new Ruling Elders and Deacons. Our retiring Ruling elders were thanked for their dedication and service and will be going off of Session this month: **Suzanne Bratsky, Don Frye, Joanne Ellison and Youth Elder McKinley Hall.**

Session was given an update on 24 South Willson which included the ongoing work of the committee. The listening sessions have been postponed until fall when the congregation and committee will be back from vacations. The several options and their financial consequences are being researched in detail.

Submitted by,
Donna Beck, Clerk

OMBUD: *The person who will listen to your suggestions, concerns, complaints and compliments.*

This quarter our OMBUD from the session is Marcia Jarrett, she will be happy to answer your questions and listen to what you have to say. She will be available in the library after Sunday services or you can contact her by phone (388-6314) or email marciajarrett@littleappletech.com. She will follow-up with Session.

2 Corinthians 9:7

“Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

Thank you for giving your time, talents, and financial contributions.

Without your generous support we could not do all the great things we do to Glorify God.

Below is a table showing our financial status as of the end of April, 2016

April Income	\$39,208	Year to Date Income	\$158,328
April Expenses	\$37,186	Year to Date Expenses	\$166,143
April Balance	\$2,022	Year to Date Balance	(\$7,815)

Rockhaven Vespers Begin June 19



One of the best things about summer in Montana is being able to worship God at Rockhaven. Our tradition of summer Sunday evenings in the Rockhaven Chapel is dear to many. All are invited, so if this is something you have yet to enjoy, put it on your calendar and make this the summer you take advantage of this special aspect of our church's life.

This summer we will explore the theme "All Things New," from Isaiah 43:18-19. Summer preachers will be Dan Krebill, Jody McDevitt, Dan Holland, and Brent Turner. In addition, our summer camp staff, led by Scott Thrasher, will lead the service twice. New this summer, the overnight camp weeks will begin on Sunday afternoons. Campers will be part of the Vespers services those weeks (June 26 and July 31), and camp staff will lead services which are all ages-friendly!

If you would like to share your music at a service this summer, let Jody know. Thank you to Holly Aloise, Martha Krebill, and the Riverside Singers for already being on board. We begin the summer season on June 19 with a Father's Day "Pig Roast," featuring pulled pork provided by the Rockhaven Operational Board, at 5:30 pm. Bring a side dish or dessert, and stay for the Vespers service at 7 pm. On most other Sundays, the entire potluck depends on those attending, always starting at 5:30 pm. At the end of the summer, we will host the third Rockhaven Rocks! event.

Rockhaven Camperships Help Kids

With over 250 campers registered, we are at capacity for our summer camps. *God is good!* Thanks to generous donors, we have sufficient funds to provide camperships to all who have requested financial assistance. *God is good, all the time!* It is heartwarming to hear parents talk about the growth that camp gives to their children. Many kids look forward to camp all year long. Thank you to our generous congregation for investing in kids this way.

Rockhaven Work Day

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, weedeating, and brush cutting, needing a dozen folks to help. 9:00 a.m. until done, bring your own lunch. Able to help? Show up anytime and we'll have something for you to do.

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!*



Well done, good and faithful servants!

Each year on June 1 our newly elected deacons and ruling elders begin service. That means that there are those who are completing their terms of service. Deacons completing their terms are Joanne Jennings and Bob and Cherie Olsen. Ruling elders completing their terms are Suzanne Bratsky, Joanna Ellison, Don Frye, III, and McKinley Hall. Thank you for your commitment to Christ's church and for faithfully leading its ministry.



Elders Joanna Ellison, Suzanne Bratsky, and Don Frye III.
Not pictured McKinley Hall

Congratulations to the following Bozeman High School 2016 graduates

Peyton Guenther, son of Lane Guenther. Peyton will be attending Carroll College (Helena)

McKinley Hall, daughter of Jim and Kris Hall. McKinley will be join the Elizabeth Somer's Women's Leadership program, studying International Business at George Washington University.

Hans Swenson, son of Gigi and Chuck Swenson. Hans will be attending Montana State University (Bozeman)

Congratulations to the following College/University graduates

Alice (Krebill) Asleson, daughter of Dan and Jody. Master of Library and Information Science Dominican University, River Forest, IL

Alice will be a librarian at Billings Senior High School

Paul Asleson, son-in-law of Dan and Jody. Master of Arts in Teaching Dominican University, River Forest, IL
Paul will be an elementary school teacher in the Billings school district.

Michael Haynes Marchesini, son-in-law of George and Debby Haynes, Juris Doctor University of California, Berkeley, School of Law. Michael will be clerking for Montana Supreme Court Justice Beth Baker (as an appendix-free, newly minted attorney! Graduation weekend he had an emergency appendectomy!)



Calling all shutterbugs!

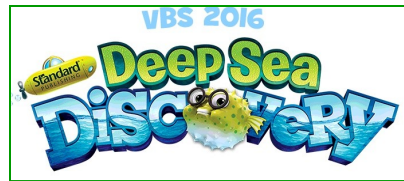
Do you have digital pictures of church activities you would be willing to be part of the church's re-vamped website? If you do, send them to Dan Krebill at dan@fpcbozeman.org. In particular, we are looking for high-resolution close ups of kids, holiday events, Rockhaven, mission trips, Sunday school, blessing of the animals, holiday productions, music events, etc.

Thank you!

The website committee

Birthdays this Month

- 6/2 Cherie Olsen
6/5 Carl Spring
Jane Hodges
Harley Erwin
6/7 Dan Berg
6/8 Amber Wilson
6/9 Tim McNicholas
6/10 John Sacklin
6/12 Charlie Mandeville
Martha Krebill
6/14 Julie Small
6/15 Danielle Berg
6/17 Scott Thrasher
6/18 Dwayne Arscott
6/19 Linda Gorman
Brooks Hallin
Ellie Lewis
Chandler May
6/20 Nancy Rutkowski
Paula Thomsen
6/21 Dolly Smith
Gayle Hickert
6/22 Sarah Thrasher
6/24 Myrtle Leuschen
6/26 Jonas Overton
6/27 Nathan Milburn
Brenna Babcock
6/29 Dale Bergland
Todd Johnson



Vacation Bible School 2016 June 20 – 24th

Deep Sea Discovery God is With Me Wherever We Go!
Our **VBS** is an experience of God's love, grace, and joy for over 140 children and 150 youth & adult volunteers. It is where our larger Christian family can come together to learn about and celebrate the unconditional love of Jesus Christ.

Our main program is for **children 4 years old - entering 6th grade** in the Fall of 2016 and can register here:
<https://yellowstone-reg.brapp.com/BozemanVBS2016child>

Childcare with VBS Activities is provided for our volunteers' children 0-3

Youth entering 7th - 12th grades are part of our **Youth Assistant Team** and can register here:
<https://yellowstone-reg.brapp.com/BozemanVBS2016youth>

Adults of all ages are our **Adult Volunteers** and can register here:
<https://yellowstone-reg.brapp.com/BozemanVBS2016adult>

Childcare with VBS Activities is provided for our volunteers' children 0-3

**8:45am - Noon Please arrive at 8:15am on
Monday June 20th
Pre-Registration is necessary!
Register the whole family today!**

The Men's Bible Study group continues this summer and all men are welcome to join. We meet weekly on Thursday morning from 7:00-8:00 a.m. in the church library. Contact Bill Anderson at 624-6118 for more

Holland-days...

(by Dan Holland)

Career Change Conclusion

Lacey looked up at the mountain peak towering above them, its last few patches of snow glistening in the summer sun, as if to confirm it had indeed been calling her. “Yes, sir,” she said.

“Okay, then,” Merle shifted into an even more instructive tone, “our objective here today is natives. We need a hard count on them, but the non-natives you can estimate. I suspect it’ll mostly be adolescents and sometimes it’s hard to distinguish them when they’re that small. Just take your time and be systematic and thorough.” As he pulled a battery out of his backpack he added, “And have fun. This is why you answered that ad.”

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Lacey knocked softly on the heavy door and slowly pushed it open. “Merle?” she said, barely more than a whisper.

Merle opened his eyes and a faint smile flashed across the creases of his face. His right hand found the controls and deliberately pressed the button to raise the bed into a more comfortable speaking position. As he did this Lacey placed a small vase with flowers in the windowsill and sat down in the chair beside the bed.

“You didn’t have to do that,” Merle’s speech was slightly slurred, but as long as Lacey concentrated she could decipher it.

“Yeah, and you didn’t have to take me under your wing for all those years,” Lacey moved forward to the edge of the chair to reduce the distance between them.

An awkward silence ensued. Lacey almost asked how he was doing, but thought better of it. This strong, strong man seemed so weak and vulnerable now. She concentrated on not allowing any traces of pity or remorse to be discernable on her face. Finally Lacey asked, “Do you remember the first time we worked together?”

Merle gave a slight nod. Then he almost seemed to drift off before smiling and saying, “You were so green, but you always asked the right questions. I could tell you were going places, and now you’re the boss. My boss,” Merle swelled with pride. Then his practical side took over and he asked, “How’s it going with the legislature?”

“I just got back from some committee meetings. Those conservatives are really stonewalling us.” She paused then added, “You’re probably not going to get that new truck you wanted.” They both laughed and the tear Lacey had been trying so desperately to hold back now trickled down her cheek like a creek from an unnamed alpine lake.

The End



Rockhaven Chapel

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June 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 7am Men's Bible Study 7:30 Women's Morning Book Group	3	4 9am Rockhaven Work Day
5 8:30am Worship 10:30 Worship	6	7 7pm Boy Scouts	8	9 7am Men's Bible Study 7:30 Women's Morning Book Group 6pm Deacons	10	11
12 8:30am Worship 10:30 Worship	13	14 7pm Boy Scouts	15	16 7am Men's Bible Study	17	18
19 8:30am Worship 10:30 Worship 5:30 pm Rockhaven Father's Day Pig Roast 7pm Vespers	20 Vacation Bible School Week	21 7pm Boy Scouts	22	23 7am Men's Bible Study	24	25
26 8:30am Worship 10:30 Worship 5:30 pm Rockhaven Potluck 7pm Vespers	27	28 7pm Boy Scouts	29 1:30pm Bob Mathis Memorial Service	30 7am Men's Bible Study 7pm Session		