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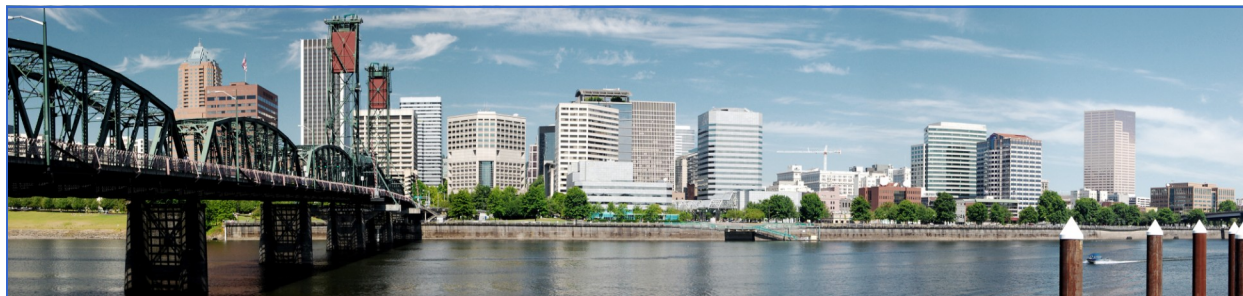
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## General Assembly meets in Portland, June 18-25



Every 2 years the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) meets to plan, coordinate and carry out the ministry of our denomination. It acts on hundreds of items of business, which it receives through the reports and recommendations of various assembly entities, and through overtures from synods and presbyteries. This year's assembly will gather in Portland, Oregon, June 18-25. The assembly is made up of voting commissioners with equal numbers of ruling elders and teaching elders (also known as ministers of word and sacrament). Each presbytery has at least one of each representing it at the assembly. Larger membership Presbyteries have proportionally more commissioners. Each presbytery also sends one Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD) to bring the perspective of the emerging generation into the discussion. This year our Presbytery of Yellowstone teaching elder commissioner is the Rev. Lanny Rounds from Butte. The ruling elder commissioner is Emily Keegan who is currently a member of the Community Presbyterian Church of Treasure County in Hysham (she is moving to White Sulphur Springs later this summer). Our YAAD is Tanner Robison who is a member of First Presbyterian Church in Butte. Both Emily and Tanner have been or are currently part of our Presby Cats collegiate ministry. Interestingly, they won't be the only Presby Cats at the assembly. Kaycee Cronk from Harlem, Montana, also currently part of Presby Cats, is the YAAD from the Presbytery of Glacier (the other Montana presbytery).

Up to date information about the work of the assembly will be available throughout the meeting at <http://oga.pcusa/ga222>. Also at this link will be the place to view the live-streaming events that will be presented throughout the meeting. The first of those will be the opening worship service on Saturday, June 18, at 12:00 noon (Mountain Daylight Time).

While there are about 750 or so official voting commissioners and delegates, there are another 1200 or so visitors and guests who attend to observe the proceedings. Co-general presbyter Kathy Goodrich and stated clerk Debbie Blackburn will be attending the assembly as corresponding members. Among the visitors this year will be our co-pastors, Jody and Dan, who will be attending the second half of the meeting, June 22-25.

Please keep the work of our church's General Assembly in your prayers as it seeks to faithfully follow the leading of the Holy Spirit as it goes about its work.

### **Congregational Meeting this Sunday, June 19**

The session has called a meeting of the congregation this Sunday, June 19, immediately following the 10:30 service for the purpose of electing a ruling elder to serve on the session in the class of 2019. Church members, please plan to attend this important meeting.

### **Special prayer service Saturday, June 18**

In response to the tragedy in Orlando on Sunday, we will host a prayer service in our sanctuary on Saturday, June 18, at 7 pm. The service will consist of prayers, music, and readings. It will include interfaith leadership. All are welcome.



### **Rockhaven Father's Day this Sunday**

We begin the summer season at Rockhaven this Sunday, June 19 with a Father's Day "Pig Roast," featuring pulled pork sandwiches provided by the Rockhaven Operational Board, at 5:30 pm. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert, and stay for the Vespers led by Dan Krebill, Holly Aloise, and the Riverside singers at 7 pm.

This summer we will explore the theme "All Things New," from Isaiah 43:18-19. Rockhaven is located at milepost 67 on Highway 191, on the way to Big Sky. Please come and enjoy the fun and fellowship.

### **Rockhaven Summer Staff at Camp**

On Sunday, June 12, the summer staff for Rockhaven's camping ministries convened for a week of training in preparation for our biggest summer ever. Some of the topics covered this week are child development, learning styles, Christian community building, disciplining kids at camp, sharing faith, camp health and safety procedures, high ropes facilitation, games, songs, first aid, and CPR. At the same time, the staff members are getting to know one another and becoming a team. Camp Director Scott Thrasher is leading this week's training. Returning as a counselor is Katrina Kinnan. New this year are Jacklyn (one of our Presby Cats), Riley, Mackenzie, Andrew, and Xan. Our new camp cook is Kim McNab. Watch upcoming issues of PresbEnews for more complete introductions.

Camp begins next week, with the first day camp for grades K-5, accompanied by a Leader in Training day camp for grades 6-9.

## LEAVE THE DRIVING TO US!!

Are you missing church or other church activities because you have given up driving or you don't want to drive? The Deacons have a cadre of folks who would be glad to be your door-to-door chauffeurs. Call the church office 586-9194 or Deacons John Sacklin and Mary Hektner (406- 223-3251) anytime to make arrangements.

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## *Birthdays this Week*

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*

## 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. Also needed is liquid hand soap, men's deodorant, tampons, hand/body lotion, lip balm and razors.

## 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!



## Holland-days...

*by Dan Holland*

I spent last Friday and Saturday in Miles City attending the Yellowstone Presbytery meeting. It was the first time I had been to the church over there, and like ours it is a magnificent structure. It sits right on the corner of one of the busiest intersections in town, and its front doors open up right onto the sidewalk along Main Street.

We had a wonderfully productive and spirit-filled meeting, and prior to the formal worship service on Friday night, one of the local congregants forewarned me to keep an eye on the west-facing stained glass window that covers one whole side of the large sanctuary. Sure enough, the sun cooperated and added a note of awe-inspiring reverence to the service.

I got back home Saturday night and got up early Sunday to attend the 8:30 service. I had enough time to read the Chronicle before church started and was blessed to read the eloquent tribute Don Frye, III wrote for his father, Don, Jr. I read how Don, Jr. loved to sit in our own sanctuary and watch the light play through our stained glass windows as he communed with God.

The early service on Sunday was as crowded as I've ever seen it. Besides a whole bunch of Fries in attendance, there were all kinds of other folks as well. It was a wonderful service, with lots of energy, but I found myself at times fixated upon the stained glass windows. I wondered if Don, now in his eternal rest, has a different view of those windows.

I suspect we all have a picture in our minds of what heaven is like, and perhaps stained glass windows give us a foretaste of that glory. More importantly, though, is the ability of these ornate pieces of art to bring us into communion with our God. And that foretaste is the most delicious of all.



Cyn and Don Frye