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Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is responding in West Virginia

*Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can floods drown it.—Song of Songs 8:7*

Our hearts, prayers and thoughts go out to the people of West Virginia in the wake of catastrophic flooding. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has deployed the National Response Team to support the Presbytery of West Virginia and Synod of the Trinity as they begin outreach to those affected.



Mark Bowes, of White Sulphur Springs W. Va., makes his way to the road as he cleans up from severe

Give: Share your financial blessings by designating gifts to DR000191—Disaster Relief—U.S. Flooding. Gifts can be made online, by calling (800) 872-3283, or by mailing a check to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700. You can also text PDA to 20222 to donate \$10. Or you may leave a check at the church and make sure the memo says: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Act: Stay informed: Subscribe to receive PDA Rapid Information Network emails to keep aware of current responses and urgent needs that you can share with your congregation, and like us on Facebook.

Pray: Please pray for those who suffered loss of loved ones and for those who are working tirelessly to provide rescue, humanitarian aid, and spiritual and psychological support.

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!*





Rockhaven this Sunday, July 3

We continue services at Rockhaven this summer with potlucks at 5:30 pm. Please bring a main dish, a side dish, salad or dessert, and stay for the Vespers led by Dan Holland and Holly Aloise at 7 pm. This summer we are exploring 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.

Thank you to VBS Volunteers

Every day this week, close to 300 children, youth, and adults are descending to the bottom of the **deep** blue **sea** to **discover** that “*God is with us wherever we go!*” It’s the annual Downtown Ecumenical Vacation Bible School, and about half of that number are youth and adult volunteers. Many thanks to this year’s volunteers from First Presbyterian Church:

Youth Assistants

Danielle Berg
Shelby Guenther
Wyatt Guenther
Laina Hall
McKinley Hall
Alyce Larsson
Mitch Larsson
Lenka Swenson

Adult Volunteers

Suzanne Bratsky
Kathy Braun
Sally Broughton
Judy Gregg
Martha Krebill
Mike Marjanen
Jody McDevitt
John Patterson
Nancy Williams

Birthdays this Week

6/29 *Dale Bergland*
Todd Johnson
7/1 *Chris Asher*
7/2 *Pat Dickensheets*
Rich Brauss
Debra Jackson
7/3 *Vern Svensrud*
John Lewis
7/4 *Rachel Minter*

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Presents an album release performance by pianist:
Heidi Osgood-Metcalf
Friday July 1, 2016
7:00pm-8:00pm
ADMISSION is by donation to the church

Holland-days...

by Dan Holland

Is it just me, or do the days seem like they are getting shorter? I sometimes posit that question in the week or so following the summer solstice more to be a smart-aleck than anything else. The reality is that the change in the amount of daylight right around either solstice is barely perceptible; otherwise we might get too depressed by concluding summer is over just as it was getting started.

On the contrary, this summer may well be a long and unforgiving one. June is not yet over and the weather station at the airport is reporting a moisture deficit of two and a half inches. The station at MSU shows over three inches. Brutal heat waves have already been highly publicized throughout the west (standing in stark contrast to the deadly flooding in West Virginia.) Our lawns are showing dry spots that normally don't appear until July and August. The river gauges I monitor are registering levels below the twenty-fifth percentile. Sadly, it won't be long before the FWP begins considering river closures. It could well be the earliest ever.

If my alarmist language sounds familiar, it is because I have written similar strains in summers past. I dug back through the archives and found several references to drought and heat in this space. And it was just one year ago that I recommended beating the heat by beating a path down to Rockhaven.

We are blessed in our neck of the woods to have many different types of sanctuary. It doesn't take very long at all to be in the shade of a tree beside a mountain creek. However, there is another type of sanctuary that doesn't require us to even leave the comfort of our own home. The word of God is a refuge in times of trouble; it is an oasis in the desert of our lives. And after dwelling in God's word, we can offer our own words. A Psalm a day and a prayer a day. That and an ice-cold Arnold Palmer are a prescription for a healthy summer.