



# PresbEnews

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A mid-week newsletter of First Presbyterian Church - Jody McDevitt & Dan Krebill, co-pastors  
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**Calling all Musicians:** Whether you play an instrument or sing, you are invited to begin rehearsing in a new group. Our first rehearsal will be Wednesday July 20 @ 6:30 pm. We will be leading a praise song during the 10:30 service and then singing once a month at the early service. If you have questions, ask Alison Todd, Holly Aloise, Monica Whitaker, (Presby Cat) or Kathy Braun. Come join the fun!

## Presby Cats enjoying summer

This summer we are enjoying the presence and participation of a good number of students from our Presby Cats group who are in Bozeman. They've been in worship on Sunday mornings as well as at Rockhaven vespers. Always having a good time together, Dan and Jody hosted Presby Cats for a cookout at their home last week. In addition to gobbling up some good summer cooking, the group also enjoyed some games together, including croquet (which only one of them had ever played).

While the full complement of students is not here in the summer, there are a half-dozen or so who are around and therefore available for hire through the Rent-a-Cat fund raiser. The spring break mission/study trip in 2017 is being planned now and will have the group traveling to Chicago for work in the inner city. Contact Tanner Robison at 406-498-2751 or [tanner.h.robison@gmail.com](mailto:tanner.h.robison@gmail.com) with odd jobs or airport transportation. Your donations will go to support the Chicago mission trip. Thanks!





### Rockhaven this Sunday

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 at 7 pm led by Jody McDevitt, Tim and Cheryl McNicholas and Martha Krebill. On Sunday, July 31 Scott Thrasher and the Rockhaven Summer Staff will lead the vespers.

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.

### Flowers in the Sanctuary

Many thanks to Joy Ames, Gail Weingart, and Nancy Rote who have volunteered to be our flower ladies on Sunday mornings. If you wish to have a bouquet in the sanctuary to commemorate a loved one or a special event, please contact the church office at 586-9194 or email [linda@fpcbozeman.org](mailto:linda@fpcbozeman.org) by the Wednesday before to put something in the bulletin. Also please remember that there is a sign up flower calendar inside the north narthex.



### *Birthdays*

*7/20 Bruce Visser  
7/21 Barbara Wertz  
Whitney Larimer  
7/22 Glenn Welch  
7/23 Carol Shellenberger  
Gail Weingart  
Brad Garnick  
7/24 Jolene Turner  
7/25 Caralyn Hodgson  
7/28 Frank Blakely  
Madelyn Carlson  
Louise Milburn*

### Love INC volunteers needed!

Do you like helping people? Do you have two hours available? Love INC would love to speak with you! Love INC is looking for volunteers who may be interested in serving in our Clearinghouse. We have immediate opportunities to serve as the initial contact for those of our neighbors who are reaching out for help. Training will be provided and staff will mentor and support all that volunteer for the positions. Contact Gayle Hickert at 587-1161 or Rob McCormack, Gap Ministry Manager at Gallatin County Love In the Name of Christ at 587-6395.

**Love INC is offering two FREE classes:** Finding Financial Freedom and Resolving Everyday Conflict, both starting on August 23, 2016. To register for either class or to volunteer as a coach, call Jane at 587-6395 or email: [changeyourlife@loveincgc.org](mailto:changeyourlife@loveincgc.org) by August 2. Childcare and transportation are available.

## Holland-days...

*by Dan Holland*

During vespers at Rockhaven on the Sunday before last, Jody McDevitt gave everyone in attendance a homework assignment. In keeping with my school-age proclivities, I am handing in my assignment late.

### **Psalm of Wow**

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

I sit on my porch shelling peas,  
and am astounded by the scene set before me.  
A mid-summer storm has coated the mountains with snow,  
an inch of rain has soaked into the thirsty soil.  
The air is clear and vibrant;  
the sky is cobalt blue;  
leaves fairly burst with newfound moisture.  
Then heaven and nature begin to sing;  
it is a song of praise to their Creator.

My dog and I run down a country road  
in the first few moments after dawn.  
The sun has not yet crested the mountains to the east,  
but there is soft light to guide our journey.  
On one side of the road is a field of spring wheat,  
on the other a cottonwood grove leading to the river.  
We startle a whitetail doe eating breakfast in the field;  
she is fattening herself on the sour, green heads of grain.  
Our presence causes her to long for water,  
and she lithely bounds across the road.  
Before disappearing into the trees she stops;  
she smiles knowingly and waves goodbye.

An evening foray onto the river after vespers —  
sandals, shorts, and a number sixteen Adams.  
As the sun slides behind the Spanish Peaks  
it drags the heat of the day with it.  
The river rushes between my toes;  
I fill my lungs with the intoxicating air.  
A small rainbow gets fooled by the fly;  
valiantly it struggles to be brought to hand.  
As it is gently released, it gives me a defiant look,  
as if it is the most magnificent fish in all of creation.

Bless the Lord, wow my soul.