

PresbEnews

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Co-Pastors' Corner...

Never short on food for thought when it comes to money and possessions, Jesus was always ready to share in his preaching and teaching thoughtful and challenging words for those who sought to follow him. This summer we have been working our way through the middle of the Gospel of Luke in our Sunday worship services. From the parable of the good Samaritan to the teaching of the Lord's Prayer, and from the story of Mary and Martha to the parable of the rich fool, Jesus consistently challenges us to keep our lives in balance. The back story to injunctions for balance is that Jesus' hearer's lives were likely out of balance. Maybe ours today are too—at least some of the time.

In a nutshell, the balance Jesus calls for is to resist the temptation to focus on that which turns us away from devotion to God and away from care for one another. This affects the choices for how we spend our time and how we allocate our resources. Am I spending time that builds up and supports others? Am I using my money and possessions in such a way that there is a notable benefit to others? When we can answer these questions in the affirmative we are demonstrating devotion to God.

One of the best parts of living in Christian community with fellow disciples of Jesus, is the opportunity we have to be inspired by others who set an example for us. One such disciple in our midst is now among the saints in heaven—Pat Donehoo. Anyone who knew Pat in and out of church knew him to be one who loved to serve others. The allocation of his time was an inspiring picture of the joy one gets from helping. At the hospital, the senior center, the Community Café, the church's Board of Deacons, and in many other places, Pat was always serving with a smile.

In his estate planning, Pat also demonstrated his focus on others as well through his very generous estate gift to our church, with no strings attached. Two projects underway this summer, funded by his estate gift, are a testimony to that. Within the church Pat's estate gift is paying for the repainting of the church's exterior wood trim. And in the community, Pat's gift is paying for a large portion of a new project of the Gallatin Valley Food Bank and the Community Café—the construction of a coffee hut in the parking lot of the Community Café where patrons will be able to purchase coffee drinks and other beverages along with homemade baked goods, with all profits supporting food and nutrition programs of HRDC. Pat's generosity and discipleship are once again in full view in death as they were in life.

May each of us be challenged by Jesus' teaching and inspired by disciples like Pat, to live our lives in balance so that our devotion to God can be clearly seen in our love for one another.

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!*



There are two faces you may recognize in this picture.

1. The internationally known face of the spiritual leader of Tibet, His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama
2. Valerie McMakin of First Presbyterian Church of Bozeman, just over his left shoulder



Come find out more about this picture, and about other adventures Valerie had during a semester in India!

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 7
9:30 – 10:15 AM
LIBRARY
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Valerie McMakin, a student at Emory University, traveled to India for a semester to study Tibetan language, philosophy, and language. Some of the highlights of the experience were living in the Himalayas, meeting the amazing Tibetan people, and an audience with the Dalai Lama. She will share slides and stories at this special Sunday morning presentation. All are welcome!

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

This quarter our **OMBUD** from the session is Dan Berg, he will be happy to answer your questions and listen to what you have to say. He will be available in the library after Sunday services or you can contact him by phone (556-7156) or email constructorberg@gmail.com. He 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 June, 2016

June Income	\$30,693	Year to Date Income	\$237,615
June Expenses	\$49,724	Year to Date Expenses	\$252,972
June Balance	\$(19,031)	Year to Date Balance	\$(15,357)



Rockhaven in August

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.

On the following dates the Vespers will be led by:

August 7 Dan Krebill

August 14 Brent Turner

August 21 Dan Holland

August 28 Dan Krebill and the Presby Cats

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.

Sanctuary Flowers

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 by the Wednesday before for putting it in the bulletin. Also please remember that there is a sign up flower calendar inside the north narthex.



Search Committee seeks music staff

Our church is seeking to fill two positions on our church music staff, beginning this fall. If you are interested, please submit a resume and letter of intent to John Patterson, committee chair, by August 15. (jspatterson972@gmail.com) Please share this information with others who might be interested.

Bell Choir Director – This person will direct weekly rehearsals and monthly performances of the handbell choir in worship. Responsibilities include care of the handbells, music, and equipment, managing the bell choir’s music budget, and coordinating bell music within the church’s overall music planning.

Early Service Musician – This person will plan, lead, and perform music throughout the 8:30 service, in collaboration with the co-pastors, managing the budget to include supplemental musicians and volunteers.

Complete job descriptions are available from John or in the church office. Members of the Search Committee are [Pat Dickensheets](#), [Pam King](#), [Alison Todd](#), [John Patterson \(chair\)](#), [Dan Krebill](#) & [Jody McDevitt \(co-pastors\)](#).



Church Facebook page a source of up-to-date info!

Even if you’re not a Facebook member yourself, you can still access the church’s Facebook page at www.facebook.com/fpcbozeman to get in on regular breaking news. If you’d like to interact with the content and others on the page, click the “Like” button at the top of the page if you’re a Facebook member. Facebook—just one more way for us to interact with today’s world!

Birthdays this Month

8/1 Donna Beck
Barbara Van'tHul
John Harrison
Arden Turner
8/2 Howard Boxmeyer
8/3 Jim Jarrett
Travis Campbell
8/6 Jay Pontius-Backman
Pam King
Amber King
8/7 Judy Mathre
Emily Thrasher
8/8 Celia Wood
George Haynes
8/9 Joanne Jennings
8/11 Chuck Beck
8/12 Eleanor Townsend
8/13 Vince Poore
Bill Frye
8/16 Dick Fish
Sheryl Hallin
8/18 Jim Bratsky
8/19 Bob Bradley
8/22 Effie Frye
8/27 Mary Katherine Erwin
Frances Frye
8/28 Gigi Swenson
8/29 John Patterson
Cameron Poore
8/30 Dick Lee
Maureen Poremba
Austin Braun
8/31 Bob Heath

BACK TO SCHOOL:

This time of year can be exciting for kids and parents, but for many families in the Gallatin Valley living paycheck-to-paycheck, juggling monthly bills and buying school supplies can be stressful, even

burdensome. This is why Family Promise, The Salvation Army, and Bozeman United Methodist Church are teaming up to provide Tools for School, a program that aims to collect school supply donations to provide kids with the tools they need to be successful.

We need your help!

School supply donations such as backpacks, lined paper, pencils, pens, scissors, crayons, colored pencils, and glue sticks are needed. Donations bins will be provided for your convenience at Bozeman United Methodist Church from now until the week of August 22nd. Or drop them off here at the church office before that.

All donations are greatly appreciated!

For more information about this program, please contact Kevin at Family Promise: ksylvester@familypromisegv.org or 406-582-7388.



Summer Publications of the PresbEnews

With summer upon us the PresbEnews and Good News issues will publish every other week in August. The publication dates are:

August 3 Good News

August 17 PresbEnews

August 31 Good News

If you have any articles please send them to presbenews@fpcbozeman.org the Tuesday by noon before publication on Wednesday.

OCC Beanie Babies

Your Beanie Babies are needed for Operation Christmas Child boxes, bring to the box outside the church office. For more information contact Joy Ames at 586-1854.



October Concert in Memory of Loved Ones

Our Mainly Music Series will begin a new tradition on October 23 at 3 pm. The concert will be dedicated to the memory of church members and loved ones who have passed away. This year the concert will include the Second String Orchestra, Thomas Lee on trumpet, a vocal quartet with violin, an organ solo and a piano solo.

In its first year, the Annual Memorial Concert will remember church members who died in 2015 and 2016. Thereafter, we will remember those who died in the year preceding the concert. In addition, church members and friends are invited to submit names for the program of those they wish to remember, regardless of the year of death. Please contact the church office if you have a family member or special friend you would like to remember this way.

Painting project; another Donehoo legacy

This week the Brinkman Painting company has begun a much-needed trim painting job at the church. While the church building is brick, there is a surprising amount of wood trim. This trim, of course, needs periodic attention. Thanks to the generous estate gift that was given to the church by the late Pat Donehoo, this painting project is fully funded. Be on the lookout for painters and scaffolding during this project. And when you see it, remember Pat and his faithful discipleship lived out through membership in our church.





A Walk with Sam: An Interfaith Journey in Bozeman

A Walk with Sam is an Interfaith event being held in memory of Sam Edelman on Friday afternoon, August 19. Sponsored by the Gallatin Valley Interfaith Association (GVIA), its purpose is to promote acceptance and understanding of different faiths in the Bozeman community and beyond. Several different places of worship have agreed to open their doors to tell you a bit about their faith and answer any and all questions you have surrounding it.

In a world where the media focuses too often on the negative extremism of religions, it is important for people to see the positive things that can come from it as well. This event is an opportunity to learn about and become closer to your neighbors. It is being held in memory of Sam Edelman, a member of Bozeman High School's class of 2015, who was very involved in the interfaith community before his death. He had a passion for social justice and, growing up in both a Catholic and Jewish home, strived to spread understanding and religious tolerance among his peers.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME AND WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!

Choose your route! Places listed in the first column are open for one hour; those in the second and third columns are open for two hours, giving you plenty of options.

TIME	PLACE	PLACE	PLACE
3 pm	Holy Rosary Catholic Church 220 W. Main St.	Bozeman Dharma Center 1019 E. Main St.	
4 pm	Protestant Churches @ First Baptist Church 120 S. Grand Ave. Includes Methodist, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Baptist, & Episcopal	Bozeman Dharma Center (Home of Bozeman Insight Community, Bozeman Zen Group, and Bozeman Dharmata Sangha)	Namdroling Tibetan Buddhist Center 747 Hidden Valley Rd
5 pm	Congregation Beth Shalom & Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bozeman @ Beth Shalom 2010 W. Koch	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter- day Saints Stake Center 2915 Colter Ave.	Namdroling
6 pm		Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints	

Help promote this event!

If you are on **Facebook**, go to A Walk With Sam (An Interfaith Journey) event page and "Like," Comment," or "Share" it so your friends will also see it!

Getting there:

Bozeman Dharma Center (second floor, 1019 E. Main St.) is on the north side of Main, between the Jackpot Casino and the Buggy Car Wash, set back behind the parking lot. Please enter through the main entrance and come up the inside stairs or elevator.

Holy Rosary Catholic Church (220 W. Main St.) has a large parking lot in the rear, off W. Babcock St. Please enter the church through the rear door.

First Baptist Church (120 S. Grand Ave.) On the corner of Olive and Grand, across the street from the Emerson.

Namdroling Tibetan Buddhist Center (747 Hidden Valley Rd.) From downtown Bozeman, take N. 7th Ave. north past I-90 until it becomes Frontage Rd. (Or from East Main, take I-90 to Turn left onto E. Valley Center Rd, travel west to the second left, which is Hidden Valley Rd. The temple is 0.6 mile down this road. (It's worth the trip!)

Congregation Beth Shalom (2010 W. Koch St.) From downtown Bozeman, take Main Street west to the 19th Avenue intersection. Turn left (South) onto 19th Avenue. Go two blocks south to West Koch Street. Turn right (West) on West Koch St and go one and one half blocks. The temple parking lot is on the left. If the parking lot is full, please park on the street.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (2915 Colter Ave.) From downtown Bozeman, follow the S. Willson Ave. detour signs to rejoin S. Willson. After crossing Kagy Blvd, the street is called S. 3rd. In about ½ mile, turn left on Henderson, then a quick right onto Colter to enter the parking lot.

Holland-days...

(by Dan Holland)

In baseball parlance, we are now entering the dog days of summer. I'm sure that Chrysti the Wordsmith would tell me that the term 'dog days' has nothing to do with baseball. Rather it is probably Latin in origin and no doubt has something to do with a certain constellation appearing in the night sky at this time of year.

Despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary, however, this feeble mind will still attribute 'dog days' to our national pastime. I will continue to wax nostalgic for the grand old game and scour the box scores in the paper every morning (except, of course, on Mondays.) I realize it is just a game (despite the outrageous compensation its participants receive) but it never fails to transport me back to my youth. And even late in my sixth decade of existence, I still find myself mimicking the mannerisms of the players I watched as a youth: Bob Gibson's wind-up, Stan Musial's batting stance, the Say-Hey Kid's basket catch.

The dog days refer to that point in the season when the game becomes less of a game and more of struggle. The season, after all, lasts well over half the year, and it is only natural when a player steps on to the field for yet another game in Kansas City, or Arlington, or Chicago, and the ambient temperature is a hundred something, that they lose focus.

The dog days can also affect our faith life. We encounter periods of time throughout the year (it doesn't happen only in the summer) when we lose focus on God; when we are just going through the motions; when we are playing out the string. It is only natural; we are, after all, only human.

Last Sunday at Rockhaven Scott Thrasher spoke about how important a passage from scripture had become to him this summer. The verse comforted him, and allowed him to regain his focus.

Scott is obviously not the first person to ever utilize scripture to fend off the dog days, nor are biblical passages the only means to do so. Some folks might hum a favored hymn, for others it might be a visit to a particularly spiritual place. The point is that we needn't be stuck in the doldrums. There are many ways we can regain our focus and get back in the game. We need only knock and the door will be opened.



Rockhaven Chapel

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August 2016

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