



# PresbEnews

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## Rockhaven this Sunday

Join us for services at Rockhaven with potluck 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 Dan Holland, Jennifer Frye and Martha Krebill.

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.

## Bluegrass group completes Rockhaven summer season

To conclude a wonderful summer season of fellowship and worship at Rockhaven, we are pleased to host the Tobacco Root Mountain String Band, which includes our own Joanna Ellison, on August 28. Most of us know Joanna as an accomplished organist, but she has also been playing mandolin in this group for several years! Our final vespers service will welcome back the Presby Cats, our collegiate ministry group.

The evening will look like this:

- 5:30 Potluck Supper (always an abundant table!)
- 6:15 Tobacco Root Mountain String Band
- 7:00 Vespers, in the chapel, led by Dan Krebill and the Presby Cats

Come enjoy the beauty of Rockhaven and the warmth of Christian fellowship, and bring your family and friends!

**Baroque music to be featured at 10:30 service this Sunday**

Baroque Music Montana and the Bozeman Symphony are holding a period performance workshop at our church this weekend. Students, amateur, and professional players of violin, viola, cello and guitar will be working with professional musicians as they explore original sources (manuscript scores and first editions, iconography, writing) and their clues for today's performers. As part of their weekend at our church, a number of the musicians will be sharing their music with us during the 10:30 service on Sunday, August 21. If you enjoy good Baroque music, plan to be in worship that day.

**Community Café**

Looking for a mini mission project? Our church continues to provide volunteers every second Monday of the month to serve dinner to those looking for a good meal. We need 11 people each time, 9 to serve from 4:30 to 7:30 PM and 2 to serve from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. New volunteers are always welcome. It's a great way to serve the Lord and work along side your fellow church members. Please contact Judy Patterson if you like to give it a try some month. Judy's contact information – Ph: 587-9722, email: [tdbear972@aol.com](mailto:tdbear972@aol.com).



***Birthdays***

- 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*

**Fall Directory**

A new directory will be coming out in mid September. If you haven't notified the church office please send an email to [linda@fpcbozeman.org](mailto:linda@fpcbozeman.org) or call 586-9194 if you have any changes in your address, phone number or email address.

**Housing Needed**

The daughter of a member of First Presbyterian Church in Butte is in desperate need of a 1 or 2 bedroom apartment in the Bozeman area. If you have any leads, please contact Dan Krebill who can be in touch with the family.

**FIRST FRIDAY - September 9**

The Presby Cats will be joining us at 5:30 for a spaghetti dinner, movie, popcorn and ice cream for dessert as we discuss the implications in our lives from a Christian viewpoint of the movie for the month, **THE INTERN**. Labeled the best comedy of the year by AARP, this is a timely story of a bored retiree (Robert DeNiro) who becomes an intern to a hard-charging young internet executive (Anne Hathaway). These two characters learn to like and respect each other – flaws and all. If you will be bringing children, please call the church office to arrange for a sitter and allow us to provide appropriate movies for the younger set.



Planning ahead with your busy schedule? You might add the following dates to your calendar to the coming year for First Friday  
September 9 with Presby Cats, October 7, November 4, December 2 with Presby Cats, February 3, March 3, April 7, and May 5.



**MERRY MUNCHERS  
OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FALL 2016**

It's time for the next round of Merry Munchers!! All adults are welcome, whether you are a church member, a friend of First Presbyterian, or visiting in the Gallatin Valley.

THIS IS A POTLUCK WHERE EVERYONE CONTRIBUTES. HOST PROVIDES THE MAIN DISH

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**Guests:** Circle dates you will participate.

**SEPTEMBER 23    OCTOBER 21    NOVEMBER 18    DECEMBER 16**

**HOSTS: PLEASE VOLUNTEER FOR A DATE** (6 guests unless indicated):

- \_\_\_\_\_ SEPTEMBER 23
- \_\_\_\_\_ OCTOBER 21
- \_\_\_\_\_ NOVEMBER 18
- \_\_\_\_\_ DECEMBER 16

PLEASE LEAVE THIS FORM IN THE OFFERING PLATE OR AT THE OFFICE.  
QUESTIONS: CALL Sally Broughton 585-3544 or email at [hawgeemt@gmail.com](mailto:hawgeemt@gmail.com).

**DEADLINE FOR INCLUSION  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

Planning ahead with your busy schedule? You might add the following dates to your calendar to the coming year for Merry Munchers: September 23, October 21, November 18, December 16, February 17, March 17, April 21, and May 19

**Interfaith Walk – Thank you to FPC volunteers!**

The idea began at the May session meeting, when McKinley Hall, 2015-16 youth elder, put forth her idea. “People of my age get the impression from the media that religion is about closed minds and discrimination. Wouldn’t it be great to have our community’s houses of worship open for a day so that people could visit and ask questions and find out that religions teach love and inclusion?” The idea snowballed, a small committee formed, and plans were coordinated with the Gallatin Valley Interfaith Association. This Friday, August 19, Bozeman’s first-ever Interfaith Journey will take place from 3 – 7 pm. (see schedule below)

The event will honor the memory of Sam Edelman, a 2015 Bozeman High School student who was very committed to interfaith understanding and wrote his senior project on that topic. The Sam Edelman Memorial Fund, administered by the GVIA, will cover the small expenses of this event.

Many thanks to McKinley for spearheading this event. Assisting with planning, Martha Krebill prepared the informational brochure which will be available at the hosting sites. Karl Spoerl designed the poster. Representing First Presbyterian at our table will be Jody McDevitt and Debby Haynes.

You are invited to participate, and to spread the word about this opportunity!

**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	

## A Timely Interfaith Bible Study in Our Community

One of the most frequent injunctions in the Holy Scriptures is “Do not fear.” Isaiah (41:10a) continues “for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God.” Yet we are living in a challenging time of escalating fear – especially about the other. In the media the loudest “religious” voices, sadly, seem to be the most reactive, violent, and fear-filled.

As people-of-the-Book, we are challenged, “What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8, b) What timeless truths might the sacred Word have for us today? Presenters, Rabbi Ed Stafman, of Congregation Beth Shalom, and Pastor Stephen Schmidt, of Hope Lutheran Church, are offering an *Interfaith Bible Study* focused on Exodus 1-15, the Book of Ruth, and Matthew 2, titled:

### **Fleeing Oppression: The Story of the Israelites, Ruth, Baby Jesus’ family, & the Refugee**

Bringing Jewish and Christian scholarship, as well as their faith perspectives, to this interfaith study, Rabbi Ed and Pr. Stephen, will examine passages and themes, pose questions, and reflect on an ancient truths for contemporary times. Facilitated by the Rev. Valerie Webster, President of MAC (2016) and an Associate at All Saints in Big Sky, **Fleeing Oppression** will include presentations on focus passages, discussion questions, and additional resources.

A FREE offering sponsored by **WEBS**, Women’s Ecumenical Bible Study of Bozeman, **GVIA**, Gallatin Valley Interfaith Association, Hope Lutheran Church, and Congregation Beth Shalom this Bible Study offers THREE OPTIONS:

Offered **LIVE on Tuesday evenings 6:30-8:00 PM at Hope Lutheran Church 2152 Graf St.**

September 6 – November 1 (*except Yom Kippur 10/11*)

*Sunday 6:30 PM Nov 6 – watching & discussing **The Visitor***

Free Childcare offered

Offered **for WEBS as a DVD presentation with Live discussion on Mondays 9:30-11:15 AM at St James Episcopal Church, 5 East Olive St.**

September 12 – November 7 (*10/10 Advance Care Directives*)

*Nov 6 Sunday 6:30 PM – watching & discussing **The Visitor***

Offered **FREE On-Line for individuals, groups & Houses of Worship across MT & beyond**

Starting October 2016 at [www.macmt.org](http://www.macmt.org) and possibly at other websites.

### **LOGISTICS for Fleeing Oppression**

**Registering ahead is ideal**, but if you cannot register ahead just come.

**To Register** ahead contact Nancy at [nancyhopkins14@yahoo.com](mailto:nancyhopkins14@yahoo.com) or 406-581-0271.

She will get you the reading plan with focus passages & more.

**Other questions** call study facilitator: Rev. Valerie Webster, All Saints-Big Sky, [vwebster587@gmail.com](mailto:vwebster587@gmail.com)  
or 406-579-3980

Or come early (6:00-6:20 PM) Tuesday Evening, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> at Hope Lutheran (read Exodus 1-3)

Or come early (9:00-9:20 AM) Monday Morning, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> at St. James Episcopal (Ex. 1-3)

## Holland-days...

*by Dan Holland*

On March 24, 2013 the Community Café served its first meal to the public here in Bozeman. Since that day, this brainchild of the HRDC based in the former Frontier Pie location on North Seventh, has provided a nutritious meal to anyone walking through its doors regardless of their ability to pay for that meal.

I have never owned a restaurant, but I have been involved enough with them over the years to know that the two biggest expenses for a food service enterprise are food cost and labor cost. The beauty of the Community Café model is that much of their food comes from the Food Bank and much of their labor comes from volunteer organizations. From the outset, First Presbyterian has been a part of that volunteer labor. On the second Monday of every month we have provided the Café with a crew of at least seven people to plate the food, and serve the diners, and bus the tables, and wash the dishes. The average work shift is about three hours, so at minimum wage we are subsidizing this effort to the tune of about \$170.00 per night. During the course of a month this works out to just over \$5,000 of labor provided by the community.

It is probably somewhat crass to boil down such a noble endeavor to mere dollars and cents, but these are some of the details the HRDC has had to examine of late as they have recently announced a major change to their service model. Beginning in September the Café will no longer be open on Saturdays in an effort to contain its cost overruns. By my reckoning that will end a streak of having served meals for 1,258 consecutive days. At an average of seventy-five people served each evening, that translates to over 94,000 full bellies. Chew on that for a second.

Last week, during our regularly scheduled second Monday, volunteers from our church served 103 people and it seemed like they all came during the first half hour. We were overwhelmed for a while, and I can honestly say I was exhausted after working my shift. Of the forty-one months our church has provided a work crew I suspect I have worked at least half of them, and I always enjoy it. I walk away each evening with a feeling of immense satisfaction. This feeling is less a sense of my own accomplishment and much more a sense of wonder at what a community is able to do when it sets its mind toward a worthwhile purpose.

The Community Café is a decidedly secular affair. Presbyterians serving atheists, and atheists serving Presbyterians. No questions are asked in the same manner that nothing is ever charged for the meal. But I have to think that Jesus is ever present. It's the kind of place where he would be a regular.