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A mid-week newsletter of First Presbyterian Church - Jody McDevitt & Dan Krebill, co-pastors

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Co-Pastors' Corner... A few years ago, our denomination's offices in Louisville

decided to put together a curriculum to teach youth about stewardship. Now, you might be wondering, "Youth don't have much money to give to the church. What was the motivation behind the curriculum?"

If that's the definition of stewardship you've learned in church, we apologize. What we do with our money is part of stewardship, but far from the whole thing. In this case, the curriculum provided learning activities for eight dimensions of stewardship: choices, creation, community, gifts and talents, body/mind/spirit, time, money, and spiritual life.

The curriculum was entitled "Choices," which is always a good topic for teenagers. But "choices" really does capture the place of stewardship in our lives. For instance, think about the stewardship of time. We are each given 10,080 minutes per week, a gift from God to use and manage. The best weeks are when we can look back and see that our time was used productively to improve the lives of our families and the world around us, that we kept a healthy balance between work and play, and that we remembered God in the use of our time. Stewardship of time depends on the choices we make each day.

Similarly, stewardship of our whole personhood, body/mind/spirit, depends on making choices which lead to wholeness of life. Our body/mind/spirit is a gift from God, and health is God's desire for us. The choices we make to care for ourselves—exercise, nutrition, rest, healthy relationships—are stewardship choices.

Think about the choices you make in relation to community, to your gifts and talents, to creation, to money, and to your spiritual life. Are they choices which express gratitude to God for all these gifts? Are they choices which are guided by Christ's example and the teaching of scripture? Are they choices which demonstrate good stewardship?

We hope the lessons of stewardship will help us all become more like Christ, and more like the persons God created us to be.

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!*



Session Notes September 22

The session met on 9/22 and had a chance to really visit over the life of the church. The young people of our congregation are especially doing exciting things. The confirmation class will have just finished a retreat that was assisted by our Presby Cats.

In other news, the church website is still coming along. Expect big things to come with the roll out some time in November. A lot of work has gone into this to increase our impact and communication.

The largest task at hand for the Session currently is the unpacking of the comments from the listening sessions regarding the 24 S Willson property. If you didn't have a chance to attend one, or still have comments that need conveying, please find a session or task force member. We covet your wisdom, ideas, and concerns regarding this issue in the life and future of our church.

Submitted by,
Elder Brent Turner

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 August, 2016

August Income	\$25,656	Year to Date Income	\$332,252
August Expenses	\$45,853	Year to Date Expenses	\$349,165
August Balance	\$(20,197)	Year to Date Balance	\$(16,913)

Birthdays this Month

- 10/2 *Alice Bandy*
10/3 *Debby Haynes*
10/4 *Lyndsey Babcock*
10/5 *Jim Casey*
Cinclair May
Laurie Hinck
10/6 *Elizabeth Kruz*
10/7 *Bob Hickman*
10/10 *Kay Smith*
Dayna Berg
10/11 *Mike McCormick*
10/12 *Doris Krebill*
10/13 *Rodney Aloise*
10/14 *Marj Williams*
10/15 *Sherry Bergland*
Kay May
Carolyn Williams
10/17 *Darlene Haller*
Jim Thompson
10/19 *Milt Negus*
10/21 *Ilene Casey*
Teagan Erwin
10/22 *Judy Patterson*
Defialah Berg
10/25 *Paul Krebill*
10/26 *Randy Larimer*
10/27 *Dan Krebill*
10/28 *Justin Hickert*
Lloyd Mandeville
10/30 *Judy Gregg*

Confirmation class learns about Christian discipleship

Who is Jesus Christ, and who is he to me? What is my place in his church? These are the questions which drive a confirmation class. This year's class of 7th-10th grade students recently spent an overnight at Rockhaven. Entertainment was provided by a bear and her two cubs. Sunday morning worship took place atop Sheep Rock, near the cross.



Pictured are: (top to bottom, left to right) Wyatt Guenther, Mitchell Larsson, Graham Overton, Rodney Aloise, Danielle Berg, Annie Kolwyck, Alyce Larson, Shelby Guenther, Evan Spoerl, Presby Cat Aidar Haynes, Co-pastor Jody McDevitt, student assistant Wade Spoerl, Julia Johnson, and Presby Cat Kori Robbins.

Adult Sunday School studies basic beliefs

The Adult Sunday school class will begin a series on Sunday, October 2, that will examine some of the basic Christian beliefs from our reformed Presbyterian heritage. Of course, one of the hallmarks of our Christian faith is that it is solely by God's grace given through faith in Jesus that puts us in right relationship with God. Our beliefs and theology do not save us. That said, our Christian perspective has a bearing on many aspects of how our lives and our faith intersect. Each Sunday the class, led by Co-pastor Dan Krebill, will examine one of those beliefs. Topics such as sin, salvation, reconciliation, baptism, communion, and others will be among the topics covered. While each class will stand on its own, those who take in most or all of the classes this fall will gain a good overview of Christian Theology-Presbyterian Style.

The class meets each Sunday in the church library from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.

Why I Give to First Presbyterian Church by Elder Holly Aloise

This time of year, you hear a lot about why you should give to the church. We do important things here. We do God's work. But it takes money. We need your hard-earned dollars to keep the lights on and pay our cherished pastors and dedicated staff. We need money for mission work. There are a lot of very good reasons to give to First Presbyterian Church.

My main reason for giving is a little more personal. I give out of faith. I'm telling God that I will obey His command to give the first 10% of all that I get, and that I will trust Him to provide for my needs. And He always has. When I followed God's call to move to Boston, He provided a job, a church, and an apartment. When my husband had his stroke and was unable to work, God provided for us. The church gave us money, as did a lot of our friends and family. Everything we needed was provided in one way or another. And God continued to provide for us after my husband died. When the money started to run out during my job search (in the middle of the recession), God moved some friends of ours to offer us space in their house until we got back on our feet, which thankfully happened pretty quickly.

Whatever you're facing this year, you can trust God to provide all you need. I challenge you to make tithing a spiritual practice. Give God the first 10% and then trust Him to take care of the rest. You just may be surprised at how close you grow to Him and how well He provides.



FIRST FRIDAY - OCTOBER 7

Join 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 Lady in the Van*.

The movie tells the true story of Alan Bennett's strained friendship with Miss Mary Shepherd, an eccentric homeless woman whom Bennett befriended in the 1970s before allowing her temporarily to park her van in the driveway of his home. She stayed there for 15 years. Maggie Smith has been praised for "subtly conveying the emotional pain and desperation of an addled old woman...".

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.



October Concert in Memory of Loved Ones

Friends and Family of First Presbyterian Church:

Sunday October 23, 2016 we will begin a new tradition here at First Presbyterian Church.

Our first Memorial Concert as part of the Mainly Music Series will be held in the sanctuary at 3 p.m. This musical offering will be held each year in honor and memory of those members of the congregation who died during the past year. This year we will honor those who died in 2015 and 2016 as well as other members and friends of our congregation. We are honored to play a significant role in honoring the memory of the many individuals named in the program through our efforts, our music and our love. Through music we become a part of one another's lives in deeply meaningful and personal ways. Questions can be directed to the Church Office.



Crop Walk October 16

The Gallatin Valley CROP Hunger Walk (a 10 k walk) will be held, rain or shine, Sunday, October 16, at 1:45 p.m., beginning at the Food Bank (602 Bond St.). Donations given to walkers will help to alleviate hunger at home and abroad. 25% of funds raised will

support the Gallatin Valley Food Bank. The rest will go to Church World Service to be used where needed. Church World Service is at work in over 80 countries including the

U.S See Judy Mathre (587-8666) or mathre@g.com for more information, or to pick up a sponsor envelope. For more information about the relief work of CWS see their website at: www.churchworldservice.org.

DEEP APPRECIATION FROM DORIS AND PAUL KREBILL

We send our deep appreciation to the congregation for the loving support you have given us over the last months during Doris's surgery on each of her knees and her successful periods of recovery in both cases. We thank you for your prayers and your expression of love through your visits, cards and phone calls. We especially want to thank the Deacons for their faithful support through delicious meals they provided us during our periods of returning home in each case. Truly God has enriched our lives in countless ways through First Presbyterian Church over so many years!

*Love In Christ,
Doris and Paul*



Love INC Pantry

The Love INC pantry getting low or completely out of the following items in the personal care pantry: women's deodorant, feminine pads, tampons, hand/body lotion, razors, and tissues. They are also totally out of queen size sheet sets and twin size sheet sets. Also could also use some bath towel sets (with washrags, etc). Please place items in the Love INC basket in the north narthex.

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.



Interfaith Forum Begins October 5

“Gender, sexuality, and faith” will be the topic for discussion at this month's Interfaith on Wednesday, October 5 at noon at Temple Beth Shalom. The four regular panelists, Rabbi Ed Stafman, Shadmani Amin (for Ruhul Amin, who is on sabbatical), Jody McDevitt, and Father Leo Proxell. In a world growing smaller, in a nation growing more and more multi-religious, in a community becoming more diverse, the Interfaith Forum is an opportunity to understand our neighbors and build peace.



The Interfaith panel is also on the radio, resuming its schedule of the second Tuesdays of the month from 8:00-8:30 am on Sept 8. Tune in to KMMS, 1450 AM, to hear more interfaith dialogue.

Workshop Led by Maren Haynes Marchesini

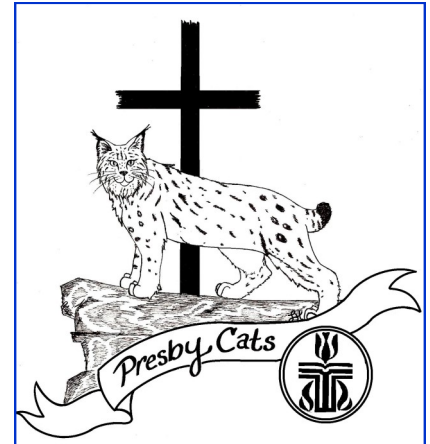
Join Maren Haynes Marchesini for a workshop in paperless singing! Maren will lead conversation, workshops, and a creative worship service designed to enrich and expand your repertoire of sung prayer and praise. Maren will teach old and new spiritual songs by ear from around the world, spanning from South Africa to France to the American South. Together we'll explore new ways to build community, connect with God, and express our theological convictions through congregational music.

Maren is a long-time member of FPC Bozeman. She has served as a music minister for eight years in Lutheran and Presbyterian churches, and most recently directed chapel music at Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, California, innovating new approaches to worship, song, and media. Maren holds a BA in music from Whitworth University, and is currently completing a PhD in Ethnomusicology at the University of Washington with a focus on American sacred music.

The workshop will be held on Saturday, October 29th, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Workshop fee is \$25, and includes lunch. Scholarships available. Questions? Please contact Maren at marenhaynesmarchesini@gmail.com.

Rent-a-Cat back in full swing

With the successful start of the new academic year, our Presby Cats collegiate ministry once again has a core group of about 18 students. They are eager to help you with whatever you need—from raking leaves, to changing furnace filters, and from washing windows to providing airport transportation. All that's asked in return is a donation to the Presby Cats mission trip fund. The trip this year is to inner city Chicago in the middle of March. Call, text or email Tanner Robison at 406-498-2751 or tanner.h.robison@gmail.com to arrange for the help of our Presby Cats.



Thanks for your support!



Drop off your prescription and non-prescription eye glasses and dark glasses as well as hearing aids and cell phones in the Bozeman Lions Club collection box across from the bulletin board as you enter the fellowship hall at the east entrance. For more information contact Richard Reiley at 388-7840 or <http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/bozemanmt>.

Email Articles for the Good News or PresbEnews

Please email all articles for the Good News or PresbEnews to presbenews@fpccoeman.org If you forget there is a link on the first page at the top of every issue. We receive so many emails we don't want articles to get lost and not get published.



Food Bank Sunday, October 2

The Gallatin Valley Food Bank is always in need of non-perishable and non-expired items. We have had several very expired items left recently. Please be sure to check the dates and if they have expired throw them away. Bring good items to either church service on Sunday and leave in the basket in the narthex or bring to the front of the sanctuary. During the week they can be brought to the church office.

For more information go to www.gallatinvalleyfoodbank.com

Holland-days...

(by Dan Holland)

The Thursday morning men's Bible Study had a unique experience last week. Let me back up a bit first, though.

A little over a month ago, one member of our group sent out an e-mail requesting prayers for a good friend of his that had been involved in an accident and had been airlifted to Billings. At the time the details were vague, so all the rest of us knew was the friend's name, David, and that he had sustained head trauma while riding his bicycle on the Norris road.

I suspect most of us have received e-mails, or texts, or phone calls similar to that one. It might be from a prayer chain, or a family member, or an acquaintance. There is always a sense of urgency in the message mixed with desperation and vulnerability. But there is also assurance. Assurance, because the one sending the message knows that by reaching out to their sisters and brothers, they are making the right call. A call to action. A call to prayer.

Dutifully we drop what we are doing and begin to pray. Right. Then. And. There. We don't always know many details, but we know we must pray. It is as if a flood is coming and each prayer is a sandbag we are adding to the berm.

And we all have our own style of praying. Some of us have a prayer shawl to wrap ourselves in while praying. Others have a rocking chair. Still others drop to their knees. In the silence these prayers are deafening.

Sometimes the prayers don't seem to work. The cancer spreads, the disease progresses, the injuries prove fatal. We tell ourselves it was God's will. But other times — often enough — the prayers work.

David was one of those times.

Last Thursday David came to our Bible Study. None of the rest of us had ever met him before. We welcomed him like a long lost brother. We laughed with him and we cried with him. We studied our scripture passage with him. We rejoiced. He is answered prayer.



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!



Rockhaven Chapel

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