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Moment for Stewardship by Ruling Elder John Patterson

My wife, Judy, and I have been long term members of First Presbyterian Church. We have been so very blessed by the worship, Christian Education and fellowship of the church, our Christ-filled pastors and staff and the opportunity to have grown spiritually through many of the ministries provided through the church – from serving on the Board of Deacons and Session, participating in the Spiritual Gifts Program, Church School, choir, our Rockhaven Camp, the Community Café, Family Promise, PW Circle, Bible Studies, VBS, mission trips and more. We were able to raise our sons in the church family and feel they were well grounded in their faith having had opportunities through Sunday School, youth groups, church camp, Rockhaven, confirmation classes, mission trips and the 'extended family' of the church.

I mention these things because it has been through the stewardship of the time, talents and finances of many over the years that we have been so blessed through the life of the church—the Body of Christ. We will continue to remain actively involved in the ministries of the church and pledge annually not only as part of our own spiritual growth but also to help 'pay it forward' for others.

I encourage you to become actively involved in the life of the church and to give generously of your time, talents, and finances. It's 'guaranteed' you will personally grow in your faith and be a blessing to others along the way!

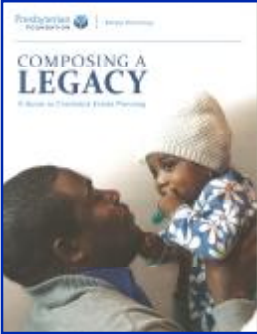
Valerie Webster will be our Guest Preacher and lead the Adult Class this Sunday

The Rev. Valerie Webster, an Episcopal priest who lives in Bozeman, will be our guest preacher this Sunday, October 16. Valerie is currently the president of the Montana Association of Christians (MAC), an ecumenical association to which the Presbytery of Yellowstone has held a long commitment. (Dan Krebill is a past president.) She also serves as associate priest at All Saints in Big Sky, an Episcopal/Lutheran congregation based at Big Sky Chapel. In addition, she is on the spiritual care team at Bozeman Deaconess Hospital as a chaplain. Her ecumenical leadership gives her an important perspective for us to hear regarding faith and social justice issues in Montana.



Valerie was also chosen as an Episcopal delegate to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. This commission works towards a just and sustainable future for all, standing against violence and discrimination against girls and women, and advocating for quality education, decent work, decent decision-making power, and access to health services. She will share a presentation about this important work in the adult class at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday.

We are privileged to host Valerie.

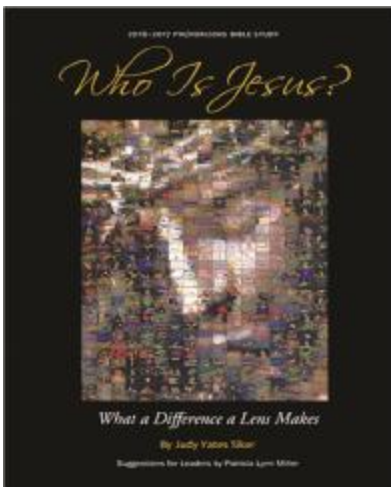


Legacy Giving Seminar on October 22

You're invited to a Legacy Giving Seminar that is being hosted by our church's Endowment Board of Trustees at the church on Saturday, October 22, at 4:00 p.m. Led by the Rev. Rob Hagan, a Ministry Relations Officer for the Presbyterian Foundation, this seminar seeks to help participants think through their vision for serving Christ now as well as after their passing. Estate planning guidance will be provided. Included in this event will be information about the Endowment Fund that our church has maintained since the church's 125th anniversary in 1997.

Our church is full of faithful disciples of Jesus who continue to live out their commitment through the ministry of our church in town as well as at our Rockhaven Camp and Retreat Center. As the oldest continuing Presbyterian church in Montana, our church's ministry has been a blessing to thousands of people over its 144 year history. Support of faithful members across the decades have enabled that ministry to be bold and transformative. As we look to the next 144 years, we all want to ensure that this witness to Christ's love will continue.

Plan now to attend this opportunity to help us think ahead to the amazing things God has in store for our church. Please contact Linda in the church office to let us know that you'll be attending. You can call her at 586-9194 or email her at linda@fpcbozeman.org. If you have any questions about this event, please contact co-pastor Dan at the church number or at dan@fpcbozeman.org.



Horizons Bible Study 2016-2017

All women are cordially invited to join the Presbyterian Women's *Horizons* Bible study this year as we look through various lenses at *Who is Jesus?* In addition to New Testament scriptures we will study early Christian writings about Jesus written slightly Later and also explore Jewish and Muslim approaches to the identity of Jesus. Using lenses of cultural backgrounds different from ours we attempt to understand how their vision of Jesus was formed. Most importantly, we will explore what Jesus means to us individually and as communities of faith.

Our study guide is published by the PW award-winning *Horizons* magazine.

Campus Circle meets the first Monday of each month at 5:15 pm, with a light supper served followed by the Bible study at the church in the Fellowship Hall. They also plan to meet the third Monday of each month to for a special religious/book study.

Campus Circle contact:

Debby Haynes at 406-581-0925 deborahc.haynes@gmail.com

Please join us!

First Presbyterian Church
Mainly Music
Free Concert Series
Sunday, October 23 at 3pm
Memorial Concert
Remembering our friends & family members

*Second String Orchestra Ensemble
First Bells Hand Bell Choir
Vocal Quartet*

*Solos: Matthew O'Sullivan, Organ
Melody Lindsay, Harp
Thomas Lee, Trumpet
Bruce Kenney, Clarinet
Larry Growney, Flute
Monica Whitaker, Flute*



Deacon Thanksgiving Baskets

Thanksgiving is once again upon us and the Deacons will be distributing food baskets to needy families in the Gallatin valley on Friday, November 18. Please help in this important church project by signing up to help with set up, clean up, and most important, delivery teams. Cash donations are also needed to defray the cost of the turkeys. Please make checks to FPC, memo Thanksgiving basket project. Sign up sheets are located at the back of the sanctuary.

Thanks for your continued support of this most worthy project. For questions, please call Mike Roser at 580-5818.

Birthdays this week

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

SACRED SONGS EVERYBODY FOR:

A Workshop in Paperless Community Singing

Join Maren Haynes Marchesini, guest artist at First Presbyterian Church of Bozeman, 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. Learn 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.

Saturday October 29th at 9a.m.- 3p.m.

\$25 cash/check at the door includes lunch

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Sign up at tinyurl.com/SacredSongsforEverybody

Scholarships available.

Questions? Please contact Maren at marehaynesmachesini@gmail.com

MAC Connect 2016
An Invitation to Social Justice in Montana
October 20-21, 2016
Butte, MT



Montana Politics & the Values of Matthew 25:40

ALL ARE WELCOME!

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

COME BE INSPIRED.
LEARN HOW TO LOBBY & ADVOCATE FOR
JUSTICE AND COMPASSION.

<p>Join us for our Thursday evening reception with</p> <p>Keynote Speaker, <i>Wilmot Collins</i> & Guest Speaker, <i>Greg Gianforte</i></p>	<p>Friday, join in the discussion with our panel of legislators & Enjoy a catered lunch with</p> <p>Guest speaker, <i>Governor Steve Bullock</i></p>
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Matthew 25:34-40

³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Registration is Now Open
Please visit macmt.org to register or to
learn more about MAC Connect!



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!

Holland-days...

by Dan Holland

Earlier this year I was asked to take over the duty of helping to serve communion at the early service. I had only helped serve a couple of times in my entire life prior to that, but I have received communion countless times and for the most part it has always been a deeply spiritual affair. I will admit that there has been a time or two when receiving the elements was a perfunctory act, so when I agreed to take over the serving duty I wondered if I would ever treat it as a mundane task.

At the early service there is only one serving station. As a result every single person in the sanctuary wishing to receive the elements does so with me and whoever happens to be the teaching elder on that particular first Sunday. Sometimes there are upwards of fifty people at the first service, so the line stretches back to the rear of the sanctuary. It is my privilege — a sacred privilege — to offer each and every one of those people either the bread of life or the cup of salvation.

Sometimes I get a little nervous when I am serving. Other times I get a little emotional (my wife would contend I get too emotional.) Still other times I am so absorbed I don't pay enough attention to my surroundings and make it too difficult for someone like Shirley Sedivy to receive their element. Regardless of my state of mind, though, I am always aware of the connection this age old ritual provides between each soul and their savior. Each and every soul.

Like many of us I grew up receiving communion in the pew. Trays of cups and plates of bread were passed back and forth along the rows. It wasn't until I was a young adult that I experienced intinction for the first time. It was a revelation; it opened my eyes to the sanctity of what had previously been an ordinary event. Most communions I attend at other locations these days are performed by intinction, but I have to say that when I do happen to encounter an old style passing of trays in the pews, it is no less powerful of an experience.

I don't know how long I will continue serving the elements. The selfish part of me wants to do it as long as I possibly can. The more caring part of me knows that sharing this sacred trust with others would help pass the torch of joy I feel when I am serving. In any event I will always cherish my duty, for it is in this simple act that we are stripped of all pretense and we are all just souls aching to be in communion with Jesus who is the Christ.