



PresbEnews

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Moment for Stewardship by Ruling Elder Marcia Jarrett

Starting in 7th grade, I grew up in this church – enjoying youth group led by Clark Welch (long time member Glenn Welch's brother), summer camps at Rockhaven, youth Sundays in the pulpit of this beautiful sanctuary and youth Sundays at Soldiers' Chapel in Gallatin Canyon. Jim and I were married by Rev. McCullough at Soldiers' Chapel June 8, 1968. Jim's career took us away from Montana for 35 years, but we were always happy to return to visit our families. We moved back to Bozeman in 2003, and re-joined the church. I have been involved in the church as a deacon, serving on the Family Promise Committee, serving at Community Café and now on the session. Maybe you can connect with some of my experiences in our church.

I love the extensive history of this church and imagine it continuing for many years. I am called to return a portion of my gifts to continue God's work. I ask each of you to consider your pledge of financial stewardship for the coming year to continue the work of First Presbyterian Church.

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. Information about the Endowment Fund that our church has maintained since the church's 125th anniversary in 1997 will be included. 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. 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 at 586-9194 or email 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.

Enhancing Our Conversation With God

Over the next several months a new item will appear in the PresbEnews to help all of us consider where we could enhance our conversation with God.

*Be always joyful; pray continually; give thanks whatever happens;
for this is what God in Christ wills for you.*

1st Thessalonians 5:16-18

*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
Holly A loise, Piano*



No admission charge but donations are gladly accepted

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.

SACRED SONGS EVERYBODY FOR: A Workshop in Paperless Community Singing on October 29

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 Sign up at tinyurl.com/SacredSongsforEverybody Scholarships are available.

Questions? Please contact Maren at marehaynesmachesini@gmail.com





First Families & PresbyKids invites you to:

A Pumpkin Patch Afternoon

Sunday, October 23, 2016

(Potluck Lunch for kids & parents at church, Chili is provided, then head out to the pumpkin patch!)

Come spend some time outdoors with others of your church family at Rocky Creek Farm. They have hay rides, straw forts, a petting zoo, a 2-acre corn maze, and a pumpkin patch. The only cost is whatever you may buy in pumpkins. They're expecting us!

Directions to Rocky Creek Farm:

Located East of Bozeman, Montana. Take Frontage Road about 5 miles to the Rocky Creek Farm sign (on left side of road). Cross the rail road tracks & park at the small house.



Birthdays this week

10/19 Milt Negus

10/21 Ilene Casey

Teagan Erwin

10/22 Judy Patterson

Delialah Berg

10/25 Paul Krebill

Operation Christmas Child – Helpers Invited!

Can you help set up for filling Operation Christmas Child boxes? Every year our children and youth fill hundreds of boxes, thanks to the year-long organizing work of Joy Ames, who collects and purchases items for an assembly line of hygiene items, toys, school supplies, and clothes. This year the Sunday school will fill boxes on Sunday, November 6. That makes set-up day **Saturday, November 5, from 10 am – noon.**

If you can help, contact Joy at 586-1854.

Boxes will also be available for families and individuals to fill. The last day to return the boxes will be Sunday, November 20.



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>

KAYCEE TAKES PICTURES SOMETIMES

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Need some photos for your Christmas card? Presby Cat Kaycee and her intermediate photography skills want to help! In exchange for a donation to our Rent-a-Cat fundraiser, Kaycee will gladly take your picture. Contact her at (406) 879-6364 or at kayceecronk@gmail.com.



Holland-days...

by Dan Holland

Last week a seemingly season ending event visited our valley when thermometers hovered in the mid to low teen range on Wednesday morning. In normal circumstances that would have tolled the death knell for our gardens, but fortunately most of us had a thick blanket of insulation covering those delicate vines. If you were like me, you spent Monday scrambling to expedite the harvest, especially since we were forewarned about the precipitous temperature drop but not **about the magnitude of the snow cover that would precede it. I didn't get everything** gleaned, but in the aftermath I have been pleasantly surprised by the resiliency of some of the plants.

Mid-October is about the time we start to shut down our gardens anyway. It's season ending chore time. We ready the beds for next year and catalogue the successes and failures of the one just passed. And we pray.

God of the harvest,

We see your face in the abundant yellow moon shining down on the last vestiges of our labor. It softly illuminates the space where we have spent so much time over the past six months coaxing bounty from your good earth.

We thank you, Lord, for this provision. For this connection you provide between our hands and our stomachs and our souls. For the still warm sun on our necks and a basket of ripening tomatoes. For the ache in our lower back and the dozen jars of pickled produce. For the dirt under our fingernails and the buckets of loamy spuds and sweet carrots.

Lord, we thank you for enough. For more than enough. For sharing. For sharing with friends and with strangers. For crop walks, and food banks, and community cafes. For the abundance in your land being transformed into the abundance in our hearts.

Amen