



PresbEnews

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*Praise God from
Whom all
blessings flow.
Praise Him all
creatures here
below.
Praise Father,
Son, and Holy
Ghost!*

Weekly Schedule

Wednesday

Jan 12, 4:00p—Adult Forum
7:00p—Choir Practice
7:00p—Library Cmte

Thursday

Jan 13, 10:00a—Sunday
Bulletin Deadline
7:00p—Special Session
Meeting, No All
Committee Night

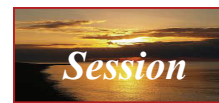
Sunday

Jan 16, 8:30a—Jazz Worship
9:30a—Sunday School
10:30a—Traditional
Worship
10:45a—K-4 Sunday
School

Our Leaders Reflect on 2010

From our pastors:

When we think about all the folks who have played their part in the ministry of First Presbyterian Church in the past year, it is overwhelming! How do we begin to say thank you? We'll start with those who answered the call to church leadership in 2010.



Donna Beck faithfully serves as clerk of session, keeping all the session members (and its moderators) on track. Thank you! Completing terms on session in 2010 were Jim Casey, Charlie Mandeville, Mike McCormick and Tracy Mosley. Thank you, good and faithful servants! Stepping up to take their places in June were Mike Atwood, Suzanne Bratsky, Kathy Braun, Brent Turner, and Holly Sinnema. These new elders quickly have seen where their gifts are needed and are serving with creativity and faithfulness. They joined Chuck Beck, Betsy Crabs, Debbie Ernst, Dick Fish, Nancy Giddings, Deb Griffin,

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Randy Larimer and Chuck Poremba, who lead their committees with grace and generously share their wisdom with the session. There are so many ways that session members keep the church “running” that every session member deserves thanks. Elders, also known as “presbyters,” are a Presbyterian church’s leaders!



And deacons are a Presbyterian church’s hands for ministries of compassion and justice. Completing their terms on the Board of Deacons in 2010 were Joanna Ellison, Paul Visscher, and Lee Wagner. Assuming new places on the board were Pat Donehoo, Bob & Cherie Olsen, Maureen Poremba, Doug & Sue Westphal, and Nancy Williams. And continuing their service as deacons were Judy Arkwright, Lyle & Peg Biekert, Rita Fish, Jim & Marcia Jarrett, Doris Krebill, Rhoda McCormick, Rachel Minter, Jim & Bernie Mitchell, John & Judy Patterson, Richard & Lynda Reiley, Paula Thomsen, Alison Todd, and Dick & Nancy Rote. Keeping so many helping hands working together is Moderator Nancy Rote. Such good work the Deacons do on behalf of our church!! We are grateful.

We would be remiss not to give a public thank you to those who work on our church staff. Thank you to June Dennin, who retired as church secretary and educational ministry coordinator in June. Thank you to Linda Best who picked up the duties of church secretary in July. Thank you to church sexton Larry Growney, who cares for our building. Thank you to church musicians Alison Todd, Russell Milburn, Alan Fauque, Roxanne Fauque, Pat Dickensheets, and Joanna Ellison. Thank

you to church treasurer Sheryl Hallin. Thank you to our nursery workers, Megan Wyman, Jenn Helvey (early 2010) and Suzanne Galinac (newly employed). And thank you to Rockhaven Camp director Scott Thrasher and staff members Mabby Bill, Katrina Kinnan, Whitney Larimer, Bryon McCotter and Jennings Barmore. We have many ministries, facilitated by many capable and committed people. THANK YOU, ALL!



From Dick Fish (Facilities):

I’m extending special thanks for help and guidance to Chuck Beck, who steps in when I’m not around; to Larry Growney, who quietly listens to every goofy idea we might come up with; and especially to my committee members, Fran Dennin and Pat Griffin, for all the hours and effort they put in.

From Nancy Giddings (Spiritual Growth):

Thank you to Dan and Jody for their continuous help and enthusiasm with the several projects I led during 2010. Most were new ground to break, and they are always able to look at something from a different perspective.

I would also like to thank the other Session members for their support on these initiatives, and also for their cooperation on nearly any subject asked of them (not restricted to my area of activity, but including all the others).

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Adult Sunday School Update

After a brainstorming session on January 9, the adult Sunday School class has decided to take three more weeks to continue studying other expressions of faith in Christian churches that are identified as evangelical and fundamentalist. Beginning in February, the focus will switch to a 6-7 week study of Islam. Later in the spring, we will take a more overview look at several other world religions. Pastor Dan Krebill will lead many of the sessions while also making arrangements for occasional guest speakers on the topic at hand. In preparation for this coming Sunday's lesson, study material is now available by following this link:

<http://www.fpcbozeman.org/Adult%20Class/Jan%2016%20Fundamentalism%20Session%201.pdf>

Students interested in receiving the class material by email each week can send an email request to Dan (dan@fpcbozeman.org) asking to be added to the weekly list. Join us each Sunday morning from 9:30 to 10:15 in the church library as we seek to better understand the wide variety of people of faith in our world.

Work Wanted:

Dwayne Arcscott is available for snow removal, home repairs, and odd jobs. Dwayne is also seeking a roommate to share a 3-bedroom home. You can reach him at 581-8355.



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From Chuck Beck (Rockhaven):

Thanks to Lloyd Mandeville, Randy Larimer, and Scott Thrasher for helping with underground power project at Rockhaven.

Thanks, also, to Paul Krebill for his work on Easter Sunrise Service and Lessons & Carols, and to Dan Holland for his poetry at our services.

From Deb Griffin (Hospitality):

I want to thank Diane Stone for sharing committee responsibilities with me, for being so creative on our Pastor's Appreciation gift, and for taking care of all the attendance issues. I couldn't ask for a better partner in this mission.

Thanks to Marjorie David for sending out 500 birthday cards last year, and then signing up to do it again.

Thanks to all of our brunch hosts to date: Linda Best and the women's Thursday morning book study group, the Deacons (twice!), and the Session. I'd also like to thank Marcia Jarrett for heading up Merry Munchers this past year, and for signing up to do it again this year.

A special thanks goes to Nancy Giddings for her help and ideas on the PresbEnews, and to my mother, Anne Mulkey, for her help in proofreading each issue before I send it out. Thanks to each of you who has offered up articles to keep each issue interesting, and especially to Dan Holland for his weekly Holland-days.

Thank you, Glenn & Ruth Welch, for your steadfast direction for, and dedication to, the Prayer Chain. I thank all of you for your prayers for everyone on your lists.

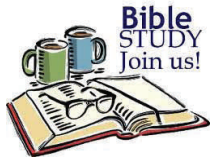


Women's Ecumenical Bible Study

Women's Ecumenical Bible Study (WEBS) begins Monday, January 17, at 10a at Bozeman United Methodist Church. We will study the Gospel of John using N. T. Wright's "John for Everyone," Chapters 11-21. The study will be led by Pr. Dave McConnell.

WEBS is a diverse group of women interested in nurturing faith through Bible study, friendship, and prayer, and welcomes all women in the community.

Childcare is provided. If you're interested, please call Jill Brauss at 586-0476.



MAC Day at the Capitol

The Montana Association of Churches (Dan Krebill, President) invites you to add your voice on Tuesday, January 18, 2011.

- 9:00a Hints on Citizen Lobbying
Old Livestock Building
1310 E Lockey Ave., Room 105
- 10:00a Gathering in the Rotunda, Visit your legislator
- 11:45a Luncheon in the Rotunda, All are welcome
- 1:00p Attend Floor Sessions

Time available to invite your legislator to dinner - reservations are advised.

- 6:30p Ecumenical Celebration
St. Paul's United Methodist Church
512 Logan
Reception to follow

**Uniting by the Power of God's Word for Witness,
Worship, Justice, Education, and Service**

Your help is needed in identifying hospitalized Presbyterians

Visiting church members who are hospitalized is an important ministry of our co-pastors and hospital visitors. Visits are made when the names of our members appear on the list of Presbyterians made available by the hospital. Sometimes, due to a clerical error in the admission procedure, a Presbyterian who is in the hospital may not be listed as such. When this happens, the only way a church visit can happen is if the church is contacted by someone to inform us of the hospitalization. By federal law, the hospital cannot share with us the names of anyone who is not listed as Presbyterian. So please contact the office or Jody or Dan if you know of someone who is in the hospital from our congregation.



Knitters needed!!



A large bag of yarn, suitable for scarves, caps, and mittens, has been donated by The Yarn Shop. Joyce Armour would love to share some with you, in hopes that you'll be able to create some warm accessories for children who don't have any.

Contact Joyce Armour if you are willing to help with this mission.

Holland-days...

Last week I mentioned a tidbit from Dan's sermon, and in the interest of fair play I would like to discuss an item from Jody's sermon from this past Sunday. (It also provides me with an opportunity to demonstrate that I was fully cognizant for at least a portion of two consecutive services.)

The theme for Sunday's worship was baptism, and during her discussion of what we are baptized for, Jody uttered this simple sentence, "We are God's." I understood her point perfectly, namely that we belong to God. For some reason, though, I began to think about that simple declaration with just the slightest of grammar changes. I took out the apostrophe, and found a drastically different meaning: "We are Gods." By removing one single keystroke, we are transformed from possessions to possessors.

It then occurred to me that much of my struggle in life is compounded by my unwillingness to put the apostrophe back into that sentence. I attempt to be the ruler of my own domain, rather than a willing servant in God's kingdom. Perhaps that is why Jody concluded with a reminder about humility.

A Lesser god

The view from my throne
is breathtaking.
A vast empire stretches out,
subservient –
awaiting my beck and call.

I inventory my loyal subjects:
a host of remote control devices,
my precious calendar,
some goats,
a checkbook with just enough money
to last until the next time I get paid.

That's it?

Wait. What happened to my
fortress? And then I see it,
crashing,
crumbling
into a sea
of vanity.
Still, there is nothing new under the sun.

