



# PresbEnews

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## C.A.T.A.P.U.L.T Ministry

Creative, Animated, Theatrical, Artistic, Praise and Unique Liturgy Team

Calling all creative, out-of-the-box thinking, dreamers, to brainstorm ideas and begin talking about a Creative Worship/Liturgy Team. Do you play an instrument, speak well in public, have experience or interest in dance, acting... or clown ministry? Do you like interactive liturgy, puppetry, sign language, hand drumming, praise music, storytelling, intergenerational and experiential ministry... or do you just have a spark of interest in being part of creative, authentic and unique worship styles? If you answered yes to any of these questions then I want to talk to you! It doesn't matter if you think you are creative or talented or inspired... it doesn't matter if you are 5 years old or 95 years old... All you need is some desire and willingness and God's going to do the rest. Contact me now!

Scott Thrasher: 406-600-1891 or [scott@thrasherarts.com](mailto:scott@thrasherarts.com)

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## Post-Christmas Sale

There are a few cookie mixes still available for purchase from the Youth Group, now at 50% off (\$6 for one, \$10 for 2). Contact Linda in the church office or check with a youth group member on Sunday. Proceeds benefit two Youth Group projects—wheelchairs for 2 children in Cameroon and summer mission experiences. Thank you to those who have already supported our youth.

**Prayer Request Line** now available by calling the church at 586-9194. If calling during office hours, requests for prayers on our church prayer chain can be shared with the secretary. After hours, the prayer request line is available by pressing option 6. The recorded requests will be immediately forwarded to our prayer chain coordinators, Helen Craig and Fran Bradley.

### 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](http://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!

### *Pulpit exchange with local rabbi*

In the past several years, First Presbyterian Church has been exploring interfaith understandings in several arenas. Co-pastor Jody McDevitt has been a regular panelist in the monthly interfaith presentations held at Temple Beth Shalom, the adult Sunday school class studied various faith traditions in 2010-11, and on Sept. 11, 2011, we hosted the community interfaith observance of the 10 year anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the U.S. What next steps might we take to learn from our neighbors of different faith traditions? How about a pulpit exchange?

Jody has been invited to be the guest preacher at Temple Beth Shalom on Friday evening, January 27, and in exchange, Rabbi Ed Stafman of Temple Beth Shalom will be our guest preacher at both 8:30 and 10:30 services on **Sunday, January 29**. Rabbi Ed is a very learned person with an interesting background. Prior to eight years of rabbinical study, he was a trial lawyer in Florida specializing in defending death penalty cases. In addition to his rabbinical study and law degree, he holds a masters in Religion and has completed all coursework for a PhD in Religion of Western Antiquity, which includes early Judaism, early Christianity, and Greek & Roman religion. He is an engaging speaker whose commitment to interfaith relations, justice, community, and spiritual growth have made an influence in the Bozeman community since his arrival here in 2008.

Don't miss this "first" at First Presbyterian Church!

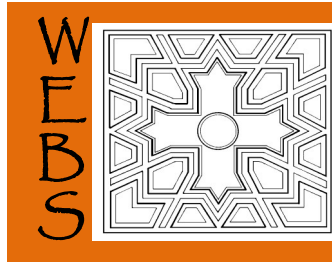
**Say Howdy!!! Greeter/Registrar Volunteers** are needed for the Change Your Life program of Love INC. If you are a people person, this position is easy, easy, easy! Simply greet students and mentors, see that they get their paperwork and sign in. Time commitment is only Tuesday evenings 6:00-6:30pm, located at E-Free church but the service is very important! Call Dawn at Love Inc. 587-6395,

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## **Birthdays**

*1/18 Jennifer Frye  
1/19 Jolene Baldwin  
Linda Miller  
Jan Montgomery  
Robert Dunn  
Kara Baldwin  
1/20 Fritz Dickensheets  
1/21 Scott Thompson  
Charles Broughton  
1/22 Jill Brauss  
Holly Sinnema  
1/23 Helen Craig  
1/24 Jim Gannon  
Jim Monger*

**Project Homeless Connect 2012 Event.** Project Homeless Connect brings volunteers of all ages, backgrounds, and experience levels together to serve people in our community experiencing homelessness. This event is taking place here at our church on Saturday, January 28 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteers are needed for two shifts from 8:45 a.m.- 11:30 a.m. and 11:15a.m.-2 p.m. for this worthy event. For more information call Project Homeless Connect Director Bridget Pitman at 406.582.7388 or [bpitman@familypromisev.org](mailto:bpitman@familypromisev.org) or contact the church office.



## Women's Ecumenical Bible Study

Join us for our Winter/Spring 2012 study of ...

# The Book of Acts

Mondays ~ January 16 – March 26 ~ 10:00-11:45 at First Presbyterian Church

You are invited to join our community wide women's Bible Study starting up again after the first of the year; we would love to have you be a part of the group. The mission of WEBS is to offer women a safe, engaging learning environment to nurture our faith through Bible Study and relationship with others. WEBS also seeks to build connection by sharing our stories as we explore God's story.

Beginning January 16<sup>th</sup>, we'll spend 10 weeks exploring **The Book of ACTS** using **N.T.**

**Wright's Acts for Everyone** (chapters 13-28). For this session, we'll meet Monday mornings from 10:00-11:45 at First Presbyterian Church (Willson & Babcock). Our morning include small group discussions of the Bible text for that week, followed by a gathering of the large group together. Here we seek head and heart understanding by sharing 'insights & inquiries' with a pastor. For this series our pastor will be the Rev. Valerie Webster, ([vwebster587@gmail.com](mailto:vwebster587@gmail.com) or 587-7202), an Episcopal priest, Spiritual Director, & staff chaplain at Bozeman Deaconess Hospital. WEBS is for women from all around our community, so invite your friends! And Remember young moms: we have a fantastic...

and free!... Childcare for your babies & Christian learning activities for your preschoolers. If you have questions or need more information, please call Kay Lansverk at BUMC (586-5413) or Katie Daughenbaugh 570-4146.

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## ATTENTION MUSIC LOVERS

A handbell basics class will be offered at the Methodist church starting this week — Thursday, January 19 at 7:15PM in the music room downstairs in the Methodist Church. Please contact Pat Dickensheets at 388-3423 if you would like to get a feel for what handbell ringing is really like and so we'll have enough copies of music. (If you "just didn't get around to calling," come anyway to the class).

If you want to participate, but cannot attend on January 19, give Pat a call.

*Holland\_days...*

By Dan Holland

This past summer my aunt was digging through some of my grandmother's possessions and stumbled across two copies of an old text published by the Presbyterian Church in the USA. The title of the book is "A Manual of Faith and Life" and was originally commissioned at the 1932 General Assembly in Denver. It did not get published until 1937 as it evidently had to go through the committee approval process first. My aunt thought I would like to have one of the copies and I gladly accepted it. I showed it to Ted Williams at a meeting we both happened to be at right after my aunt gave it to me. Ted thumbed through it and amazingly knew a couple of the authors (I think he may have taught them in Sunday School.) I promptly set the book aside and didn't pick it up again until recently. I would like to share excerpts from this text with you periodically if for no other reason than to demonstrate that folks have been grappling with the same issues for a long time and sometimes it helps to hear things spelled out just a little differently.

The subtitle of this book is "A Guide for Individual Christians" and the following item comes from the chapter called "Revelation."

"The Scriptures are what they are. They contain the sure revelation of God and bear sure witness to Christ. They everywhere point to him. "The Bible," said Martin Luther, "is the cradle in which Christ lies." It is different from all other books in that it leads men into the presence of God, our Father, and is for all men "the only infallible rule of faith and life." No one needs to be morally confused if he has the Bible as his guide. The world cannot destroy it, for it is constantly judging the world. It has been well said that "the world as it now is, and the Book cannot continue together. One of two things must happen: either the world must become other than it is, or the Book must disappear from the world." What will happen we know: the Bible will not disappear but the world will become other than it is. "All flesh is grass, and all the goodness thereof is as the flower of the field. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, because the breath of the Lord bloweth upon it; surely the people is grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; but the word of our God shall stand forever." (Isaiah 40:6-8)"