



PresbEnews

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A mid-week newsletter of First Presbyterian Church - Jody McDevitt & Dan Krebill, co-pastors
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*So, let
freedom
ring.
Let justice
roll.*

(see Holland-days, page 5.)

Weekly Schedule

Wednesday

Jan 19, 4:00p—Adult Forum
Study
7:00p—Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

Jan 20, 7:30a - Women's
Morning Book Group
10:00a—Sunday
Bulletin Deadline

Sunday

Jan 23, 8:30a—Jazz Worship
9:30a—Sunday School
10:30a—Traditional
Worship
10:45a—K-4 Sunday
School

More Leaders Reflect on 2010

From Kathy Braun (Worship):

To the usher captains, Charlie Mandeville, Gene & Edie Renner, Terry Schaplow, Doug & Sue Westphal, and Pam King, and those that usher at the early service under the direction of Bill Brown or volunteer at the late service, we express our gratitude.

Gracias to Charlie Mandeville who sets up communion and Joyce Armour for lining up the liturgists.

To the Worship Choir, Hand Bell Choir, Russell Milburn, Pat Dickensheets, Alison Todd, Joanna Elison, and Alan and Roxanne Fauque, we are blessed to have you in our midst.

Last but not least, to the Worship Committee, thank you for your support of our ministry.

From Brent Turner:

We would like to thank everyone who made us a meal after Jolene's birth and are grateful for all the cards and gifts that

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**When we
think about
all the folks
who have
played their
part in the
ministry of
First
Presbyterian
Church...
How do we
begin to say
thank you?**

New In The Library

Ever wonder what's happening in other Presbyteries or, for that matter, what's going on in the Yellowstone Presbytery? The 2011 Mission Year Book, donated to the library by Doris & Paul Krebill, offers bits of information and prayer dates for all Presbyteries and Synods in the United States and several foreign countries.

You can check out Rocky Mountain Synod and Yellowstone Presbytery on pages 311 and 322 respectively.

For those transplants from other parts of the country, there are pages for your former Presbytery, too. For example, I can see what's up in the San Jose, CA Presbytery by turning to page 278.

You will find the 2011 Mission Year Book displayed on the NEW BOOKS shelf. It can be checked out for two weeks; please fill out a check-out card and place it in the check-out container. And remember: It's important to return this, and all books, to the library by due date so others have the chance to borrow them.

Thank you.



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were given to make her arrival even more special!

~Brent, Rachel, Delia and Jolene

From Donna Beck (Clerk of Session):

One very important thank-you was omitted in the newsletter last week which featured the appreciation of various individual's work:

Deb Griffin has so diligently and creatively put together our newsletter each and every week. It is very attractive and greatly appreciated, Deb!

Thank you for all your hard work.

Feed Your Soul This Winter

Have you heard of the Belhar Confession? Probably not. But if you are interested in what our Christian faith has to say about racism, justice, and poverty, you will be intrigued by this statement of faith written in South Africa in 1986. It is being proposed as an additional confession of faith to guide and instruct the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).



Do you know the faith stories of others in our church family? Would you like to hear them, or share your story? In the busyness of our lives, we don't always take time to hear one another give testimony to how God has walked with us in good times and bad.

Both of these topics will "feed our souls" this winter in two sessions of this well-loved midweek supper and study series. Because the Belhar Confession will be the subject of a vote by the Presbytery of Yellowstone at the end of February, we will gather on Wednesdays, February 2, 9, and 16, for supper at 5:15 (NOTE EARLIER START TIME) and study at 6 pm, concluding by 7 pm. Then we'll take a break for two weeks, starting back up with "Walks of Faith" as our Lenten theme on these Wednesdays: March 9, 16, 23, 30, and April 6 & 13. Linda Best will be our cook; come and enjoy a meal with your church family.

Suggested donation per person per meal is \$3-\$5.

If you are interested in sharing your walk in faith, or if there is a church member whose story you'd like to hear, talk to Jody McDevitt, who will be lining up a few people for each week of the Lenten series.



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.



Project Homeless Connect

Project Homeless Connect is a one-day, one-stop event here at First Presbyterian Church on Saturday, January 29th, from 9a to 2p. It will provide a broad range of free services to people experiencing homelessness or are at risk of becoming homeless.

Free available services will include:

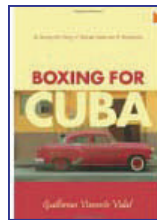
- Medical care
- Mental health assistance
- Clothing
- Hot food and drink
- Housing assistance
- Dental care
- Self-sufficiency programs
- Employment services
- Haircuts, and
- More



For more information, contact Bridget Pitman at 582-7388 with the Project of the Greater Gallatin Homeless Action Coalition.

Thursday Morning Book Group Changes Meeting Time

The Thursday morning ladies book group is now meeting at 7:30a in Room 204. Any women who are interested are invited to join us at this new time.



The next book to be read and discussed is "Boxing for Cuba," an immigrant's story which reveals the enormous struggle, both emotional and economic, which the author and his family were able to overcome. Written by Guillermo Vidal it is a story for anyone who wants to understand the immigration experience.

Love INC is in need of Crib Sheets

Love INC needs crib sheets for the linen closet. Please call Bernie Mitchell at 586-2485 or Nancy Rote at 219-3154 for more information.



Gallatin Valley Food Bank's Senior Grocery Program

The Food Bank's Senior Grocery Program provides monthly supplemental groceries to qualified area seniors living in Gallatin, Park, and Madison County.

Groceries are available for pick-up or delivery. Age and income restrictions do apply. Call the Food Bank at 586-7600 for more information or to request an application.



Help Identify Hospitalized

Your help is needed in identifying hospitalized Presbyterians. Sometimes a Presbyterian who is in the hospital may not be listed as such. In those cases, we need your help, so please contact the church office, Dan, or Jody if you know of someone who is in the hospital from our congregation. Thank you!

Meeting of the Yellowstone Presbytery

At the meeting of Yellowstone Presbytery, February 28 – March 1, 2011, the commissioners will vote on the proposed amendments to the Book of Order. Chief among these amendments is the proposed New Form of Government, which, if approved, would replace the current Form of Government in the Book of Order. This could mean sweeping changes in how our churches and presbytery function. Do you understand the implications? Do you know how you will vote on this all-encompassing amendment?

Paul Hooker, The Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk for the Presbytery of St. Augustine and an author of the New Form of Government will be coming to Bozeman to lead an information session with interested members from Glacier, Wyoming, and Yellowstone Presbyteries.

Date: Saturday, January 22, 2011

Time: 10a to 2:30p

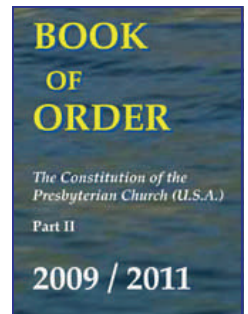
Place: First Presbyterian Church of Bozeman, 26 W Babcock Street, Bozeman, MT 59715

Cost: Just your expenses for travel, lodging and lunch. The costs for Paul's visit are being born by entities in Louisville and by the Yellowstone Presbytery.

Phone: For Yellowstone Presbytery – 406-586-7706;
For FPC-Bozeman – 406-586-9194

Questions? Please call George Goodrich at 406-586-7706 (Yellowstone Presbytery office). And it would be helpful to have a general count of those coming. Please drop an e-mail to

Yellpres@yellowstonepcusa.org.



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...

I once learned that there is a psychological term for remembering where one was when a significant historical event occurred (for example 9/11, or JFK's assassination). I forget what the psychological term is. I just remember where I was.

This week we commemorated Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. I remember the day he was assassinated in 1968. I was in fifth grade and had just returned from a visit to the doctor where I had received a battery of inoculations in preparation for an overseas move. My father was an Air Force pilot and was being transferred to a squadron based out of Okinawa. The typhus and cholera shots I received that day were required before moving halfway around the world. The shots also induced a mild reaction that included fever and hallucinations. It was through that fog I heard the news from Memphis.

Our family spent the next three years in military housing on the island of Okinawa where I befriended a number of African-Americans my age. Life on a military base is somewhat like living in a vacuum. There isn't a whole lot to do other than go to school and play whatever sport is in season. And that is what we did. I remember, though, that each and every one of my friends' homes had the same thing hanging on their living room walls: a bas-relief of the head of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Let It Ring

It rang from Stone Mountain of Georgia,
from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee,
and from sweltering hillsides of Mississippi.
Then it rang from Pacific islands, from swaying
grasses on southeast Montana reservations,
and from a warming center in
Bozeman.

But the thing about bells is
they don't ring of their own accord.
They lose momentum and grow silent
without bell ringers.

So, let freedom ring.
Let justice roll.



~ Dan Holland