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Daylight Saving Time



Pat and I had a discussion on the way to the airport this morning about when Daylight Saving Time ends. It seemed as though the last Sunday in October was the right date. The younger among us may only remember that it ends the first Sunday in November. Some of us are just confused and hope we get the word that it's time to change our clocks before we're embarrassingly early for Sunday School or church.

This is because the rules were changed in 2005 when President Bush signed into law an extension of daylight saving time. This law gave us an extra four weeks of daylight saving time.

All of that was to remind you that you need to turn your clocks back (earlier) one hour on Saturday night, November 6, in order to get that extra hour of sleep and be on time (versus early) for worship and/or Sunday School.

See you there!!

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Our Next All-Church Brunch

Our next all-church brunch is scheduled for the time between worship services on Sunday, November 14th, or at 9:30a or so. The brunches this year have been very well-received, so you won't want to miss this one either!

Your church session is excited to be hosting this brunch.

More news later, but for now, mark your calendars so you can be part of this event.



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Abbreviated PresbEnews

Even as I write this note, I'm sitting in the Denver airport on my way to Reno and Lake Tahoe. Thanks to some very kind folks, including our Yellowstone Presbytery, I'm being sent to the Presbyterian Conference Center at Zephyr Point for a Presbyterian Communications Network conference. I hope to learn all kinds of good things that will make this newsletter a better tool for keeping you informed, as well as ideas about other forms of communications for our church life.

Therefore! This may be a short version of the news. If you feel like you're missing something, please check out the church website (www.fpcozeman.org) to look at last week's PresbEnews.

The Interfaith Forum meets on first Wednesdays at noon. The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 3rd.

For this meeting, the topic is "Sacred Texts." What texts are sacred to us, and how do we approach them?

All are welcome. Bring your lunch (please respect the

Temple and do not bring pork or shellfish products) and a friend, and we'll see you at Temple Beth Shalom, 2010 W Koch Street, in Bozeman (behind Albertsons).

Panel participants include Rabbi Ed Stafman, Dr. Ruhul Amin, Rev. Jody McDevitt, and Rev. Leo Proxell.

For more information, contact Pastor Jody, or ask around to find those who may have attended the first session.

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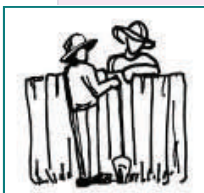
Joint Presbytery Meeting Coming up on **November 5 & 6**, the two Montana Presbyteries (Glacier and Yellowstone) will meet together at First Presbyterian Church in Helena, Montana (406-422-4775).

Registration will begin on Friday, November 5th, at 11:30a.

Presbyteries will meet jointly to hear Linda Valentine, Executive Director of the General Assembly Mission Council, and to worship, then will

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Deacon's Benevolence Fund Thanks!

Thanks to your generous giving to the Deacon's Benevolence Fund, the deacons were able to provide winter clothing to 115 needy children who were referred to us by Monforton and Gallatin Gateway Schools and Thrive. This is an increase of more than 50% from last year! Many thanks to Rita Fish for organizing the project and to Cheri Olsen and Dick Fish for helping Rita in her efforts.



We were very blessed once again to have the help of the staff at JC Penny who allow us a very generous discount on the many jackets, snowpants, and boots we provide. You have made many families very grateful for your generosity!

Silent Auction



The Operation Christmas Child silent auction items are now available for bidding in the south Narthex. Please contact Joy Ames if you have any questions.

Thanks-4-Giving Clothing Giveaway

The 3rd Annual Thanks-4-Giving Clothing Giveaway (open to all) gives an opportunity to reuse and recycle gently worn clothes collected by Bozeman schools.



When?

Saturday, November 20th, from 9:00a to 3:00p, and Sunday, November 21st, from 9:00a to 1:00p, at Wilson School Gym, 404 W. Main Street in Bozeman.

This is a great opportunity to look in your closets and see what clothes and shoes you and your family are no longer using. Gently used items should be sorted and labeled according to gender and size.



Donations will be accepted at individual schools and at Wilson School on November 18th and 19th from 9:00a to 5:00p.

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meet individually to conduct Presbytery business.

For Further Information:

Hotel and registration will be available soon. Go to www.glacierpresbytery.org or www.yellowstonepcusa.org, <http://deepandwide.ning.com>



Feed Your Soul will gather every Wednesday through November 17 at 5:30p for a simple supper, followed by an adult study on “The Bible and Homosexuality” led by our co-pastors from 6 - 7p. All ages are welcome to the supper; activities for children are provided during the study time. All are welcome!



Donate your old eye glasses to the Lions Club. You'll find a collection box in the North narthex ready for your contributions. If you need more information, call Richard Reiley or go to www.LionsClub.org.

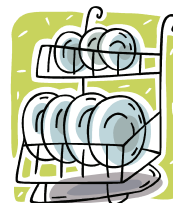
Love INC Personal Care Pantry is in need of bathroom tissue, the item that has been assigned to First Presbyterian. Please bring your donations to the church and we will see that they are delivered to the pantry. Leave in containers in the narthexes.



Missing Something?

Are you missing a dish, casserole, or cookie container? There are a number of empty containers in the kitchen. If you brought cookies for the Deacons or food for Family Promise, one of those containers might be yours.

Help us clean up the kitchen by taking your extra dishes home. Besides, you might need them next time you provide food for an event at the church! ;-)



Love INC - Relational Ministry

Put your faith into action, help your neighbors, and transform lives. Everything from instructors, to drivers, to mentors and more are needed. Come find out what's it's all about on Oct 30 at noon (sack lunch), Nov. 4 at noon (sack lunch), and Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. at Christ the King Lutheran Church's fellowship hall at 4383 Durston Road.



Come to a meeting or call Lee at 587-6395 ext. 110, for more information.

Preparations for Thanksgiving

It's that time of year again when our Deacons organize the preparation and delivery of Thanksgiving baskets to needy families in Bozeman. We anticipate a large number of baskets this year, so we are once again asking for help from the congregation. We need help packing and delivering the baskets on Tuesday, November 23 at 3:30 at the Bozeman Senior Center. We also need donated 10-14 lb. turkeys (or monetary donations). Turkeys should be brought to the church kitchen by noon on the 23rd.

Please consider helping with this special ministry to our community. Last year 67 families enjoyed a Thanksgiving dinner because of our commitment. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary or you can call Dick Rote at 219-3154.



Holland-days...

Juice (Part IV)

The next lightning flash landed a quarter mile downstream just a few feet from the edge of the river. Rock exploded into the air. The shrapnel hit the far canyon wall half way up its face. Instinctively, Mohammad buried his head in the crook of his elbow, but his cheeks still flushed from the electro-magnetic heat that filled the canyon. And the light. Brilliant white, fluorescent blue. Even with his eyes closed, the molten bolt seemed to be seared into his eyelids. Using his right hand as a shield, he slowly opened his eyes to test his blindness. They worked well enough to witness another strike – not ten feet away from the last one. The after-shock sent Mohammad sprawling into the willows. His breath was gone, his heart was racing, and a willow branch had lodged itself between his glasses and his face. He felt powerless to do anything but laugh in amazement.

As he untangled himself from the bush, he felt the rain build intensity. The wind pitched harder. He staggered back underneath the ledge and heard another round of thunder. It wasn't as loud. Though the sky seemed to be alive with sizzling bolts, they were reaching beyond the far side of the canyon. As quickly as the cell had blown in, it was now on its way out. Mohammad fished the small writing pad from his pack and began to document his observations. He cursed his lack of professionalism, the child-like awe and clumsiness with which he had conducted this experiment. Allah had demonstrated his absolute power and majesty again, he told himself, and I was fortunate enough to be in his presence. He chuckled and told himself he needed two notebooks – one for scientific observations and the other for spiritual ones.



Blue sky reappeared overhead. As he stuffed his pack and fastened it around his waist, Mohammad began to plan his next trip. Have to leave earlier, he told himself. And I can bring Nadine. But not Saroung, his oldest. She would never survive the drive out. He sighed and took the first step of the ascent. Immediately he slipped to his knees. The path had become an iceless skating rink. It reminded him of the hilly jungle paths he traversed as a youngster in Bangladesh. He slowly removed his shoes and socks. His toes instantly spread and conformed to the contour of the rock below the slick silt. It was an easy, familiar feeling. He held his ground and confidently completed the rest of the climb without so much as a wobble.

At the top he pulled the prayer rug from the trunk of the Taurus. He pointed it southeast. He was late, but figured Allah would understand. After all, Allah had just been here.

After praying, he took one last look at the remnants of the storm cell dissipating over the peaks to the east. The clouds seemed rather ordinary. As he turned the sedan onto the road, Mohammad gradually accelerated up to forty-five miles per hour.



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