



# PresbEnews

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## This Week's Schedule

### Today, Feb 9:

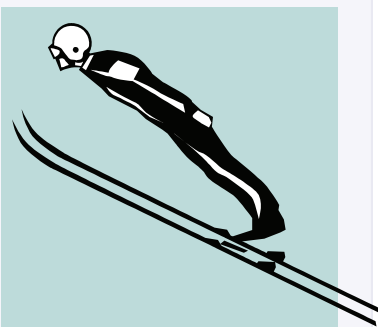
- 4:00p - Adult Study Forum
- 5:15p - Feed Your Soul
- 7:00p - Library Committee
- 7:00p - Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, Feb 10:

- 7:30a - Women's Morning Book Group
- 10:00a - Sunday Bulletin Deadline
- 7:00p - All Committee Night

### Sunday, Feb 13:

- 8:30a - Jazz Worship
- 9:30a - Sunday School
- 10:30a - Traditional Worship
- 10:45a - Sunday School, K-4
- 12:00p - Prayer Chain Meeting
- Family Promise week



# Souper Bowl of Caring Results



Thank you for your generosity to people in need in Gallatin Valley! All proceeds from our Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday are going to the Gallatin Valley Food Bank. We are part of an effort that generated over \$10 million in 2010.

We will keep you posted on 2011 totals as churches and organizations from around the country report their totals to the Souper Bowl of Caring website (or you can check it out yourself at [www.souperbowl.org](http://www.souperbowl.org)).

# THANK YOU!

First Presbyterian Church  
raised:

## \$241.00 and 202 non-perishables

Thanks to your efforts this year, more dollars have been raised, more lives have been changed and the nation has seen the impact of people working together to help those in need. Thank you for working to transform the time around the Super Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.



February 6, 2011

*Tracy Bender*

Tracy Bender  
President and CEO  
Souper Bowl of Caring

## Library News...

The Library Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 9, at 7:00p in the library. Our main discussion will focus on Library Sunday to be held on March 13 this year. You are invited to join the committee and share any ideas you may have for this event.



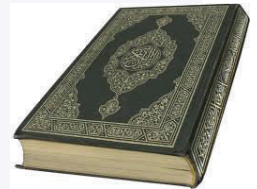
Books, Puzzles, Board Games, CDs, and DVDs are now being accepted for the book sale on March 13. A storage area has been designated in the library for your contributions. Thank you for your participation in this event.

## Adult Sunday School to Study Islam

Last Sunday, the adult Sunday School class began an 8-week study of Islam. Drawing on materials from TheThoughtfulChristian.com and other sources, Pastor Dan Krebill is leading this timely examination.

A Christian perspective on the subject will take into account what the people of Islam say about their faith and will seek humbly to understand how believers in Christianity and believers in Islam can best relate to one another. A couple of class sessions will look more closely at the Qur'an, the holy scriptures of Islam. We'll also be taking a look at the differences between Sunni and Shi'ite Islam.

Dan will be sending out study materials each week in preparation for the Sunday class. If you'd like to be added to this email distribution list, please email him at [dan@fpcBozeman.org](mailto:dan@fpcBozeman.org). Please plan to join this important study each Sunday in the church library at 9:30a.



## Church Directory

We plan to begin work on the office-produced church directory soon (as in "no photos"). If any of your information has changed since the last one (a year ago), please get that information to Linda in the church office right away.



We are especially looking for names, telephone numbers, mailing addresses, email addresses, and the names of family members. Linda can be reached at [linda@fpcBozeman.org](mailto:linda@fpcBozeman.org) or 406-586-9194 ext. 202.

Thank you so much!



*I'd like to thank our family at FPC for all the prayers and support during Cameron's recent Christmas appendectomy.*

*Jen & Vince Poore*

## Bells of the Bridgers - Spring Concert

Bells of the Bridgers will present their Spring Concert on Sunday, February 27, at 3:00p at the Methodist Church. They are directed this year by M. A. Bellingham, who is an experienced handbell ringer and director. She also directs the handbell choirs at United Methodist Church and Pilgrim Congregational Church.

This concert will be very upbeat with traditional music loved by all, and some new "exciting" music you may not be as familiar with.

While the concert is free, there will be an opportunity to donate if you wish. This is the only income the choir has.

For more information, you may contact Pat Dickensheets.



## Feed Your Soul Continues... The Belhar Confession



Feed Your Soul continues tonight and again next Wednesday. Supper is served at 5:15p (please note the earlier start time) with our study beginning at 6:00p, concluding at 7:00p. This is the second of three weeks we will be studying the Belhar Confession. The Belhar Confession originated in South Africa, and is being considered by the Presbyterian Church (USA). All are welcome.



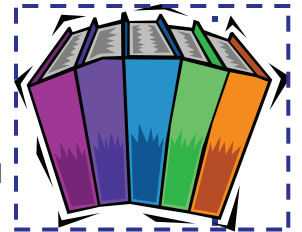
Then we will take a break for two weeks, starting back up with "Walks of Faith" as our Lenten theme on March 9, 16, 23, 30, and April 6 and 13. If you are interested in sharing your walk of faith, or if there is a church member whose story you would like to hear, talk to Jody McDevitt, who will be lining up a few people for each week of the Lenten series.

## Youth Corner...

Have any extra books laying around? Although it is nearing time for our church's annual book drive, the youth are collecting books for the new Gallatin County Detention Center. We need the books by the beginning of March, so please don't delay with bringing in your books!

These are the guidelines for the books:

1. Hardback or paperbacks (no spiral bound or stapled items)
2. Textbooks can be quite popular.
3. Gently used is fine.
4. No Magazines
5. No explicit violence or sexual content.



If you have questions, please contact either a member of the youth group or Jody.

## Office Hours Expanded

Thank you to all those who pledged for 2011! As a result of your pledged contributions, the session has approved the expansion of our church secretary's hours. Linda Best will be in the office from 9-1 on Mondays, and 9-2 on Tuesdays-Fridays.

If you call or come in during these hours, she will be able to help you directly. You can still leave a voice message after hours, or communicate by email at [linda@fpcBozeman.org](mailto:linda@fpcBozeman.org).



## Holland-days...

### Shelby (Part II)

Time changes were especially hard on Shelby. She had now experienced fifty-six of them, but they still created great consternation. Her father was always amazed at the consistency of the internal clocks both Shelby and their family beagle had. And how something as arbitrary as moving external clocks one hour could throw it off kilter. "Oh, the dog," he thought.

"Shelby," he yelled, "did you feed Arnold?"

"Of course, Daddy."

Today was Wednesday, a normal day. Shelby rode the bus to work on Mondays,

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Wednesdays, and Fridays; those were her normal days. Tuesdays and Thursdays her father gave her a ride. Those were the special days; they always stopped at the espresso hut. Ostensibly it was to get a hot chocolate for Shelby, but mostly it was to chat with Vivian. She owned the hut and was Shelby's age. She had always been helpful to Shelby in school and would like nothing better than to hire Shelby. There was only room for one person in the hut, and as accomplished as Shelby was, she still needed supervision.

"Hey, Dad, is today normal or special?" Shelby asked between waffle bites.

"It's normal, but it might turn out to be special later. Vivian called last night after you went to bed. One of her goats is going to have a baby, and she thinks it's going to be today. She wondered if you'd like to go out to her place after work and help her."

"Is it the mean one? I don't like that mean one; she's always trying to knock me down."

"No, it's the brown one with the funny patch on her head. The one you helped her milk last summer when Vivian was on vacation."

"Oh, I like that one. She's nice. Her name's Sugar. Yeah, I'll go."

Needless to say that was all Shelby talked about all day long. She told the bus driver the entire way to work. She told her supervisor at the school district cafeteria where she worked. She told the district employees that came in for lunch. She told the van drivers that hauled the food to the other schools. And she told the superintendent of instruction. The superintendent was a busy, important woman, but she always made time to talk to Shelby. Today, she could tell Shelby was more excited than normal, so she spent a little extra time listening to her. Then Shelby breathlessly told the bus driver the same exact story all the way home.

Her father beat Shelby home and had already changed out of his work clothes.

"You gonna help too, Dad?"

"Thought I might. I called Vivian just now, and she still hasn't kidded. We might get to see the birth."

Shelby dropped her lunch pail. "Let's go. Now."

Vivian lived with her husband and two children on the outskirts of town. Like many smaller cities in the Rockies it was a curious mix of gentrification and agriculture. Nothing represented that blend more than the edge of town – palatial new estates sat next to wheat and alfalfa fields. Cattle and sheep grazed adjacent to alpacas and goats. These new livestock varieties were easier to manage; they allowed people to maintain full-time jobs in town and still cling to some vestiges of rural life. That was how Vivian had come to raise her goats. Her grandparents had farmed here until ten years ago. They sold everything



except the old farmhouse and ten surrounding acres, which they rented to Vivian's family. Her grandmother had suggested starting out slowly with dairy goats. Her herd was now comprised of five does that she milked year round. Her family consumed most of what was produced, but the excess was contributed to a local dairy for their food bank program.

*(to be continued)*

~ Dan Holland