

# PresbEnews - 8/11/2010

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## *Rockhaven Vespers*



Each Sunday through August 29, we'll have a potluck supper at Rockhaven at 5:30p, followed by a vespers service at 7:00p. The vespers services this summer will again follow the theme for our Rockhaven camping program, which this year is "Fearless."

The Bible is filled with stories in which God releases God's people from fear. What an appropriate theme for our world today in which fear is rampant around us. Rockhaven Camp is located on the east side of US Highway 191 just south of mile marker 67, halfway between Bozeman and Big Sky.

**We are in need of hosts** for vesper services on August 15 & 22 for the potluck. Hosting consists of arriving early at 4:30 to 5:00p; opening up the dining hall, making coffee, tea, lemonade; setting up the tables and chairs; putting out the dishes; cleaning up and washing dishes afterwards. If you would be willing to host, please contact Randy Larimer at 586-1666 or [randylarimer@msn.com](mailto:randylarimer@msn.com).

## *Thank You... from Sammylu*



We are overwhelmed by the Christian love our church family has shown us through prayers, cards, words of comfort, and deeds in the passing of our beloved Brown. A special thanks to the ladies who prepared and delivered the special lunch. It was appreciated and also very delicious. His untimely death came so suddenly and as such a shock, that all we can say is Thank You for showing you cared and God Bless you all.

Sammylu Parsons and family

## *Exploratory Handbells Class*

An exploratory class in handbells will be held on two Thursday evenings, August 12 and 19 at 7:00p in the music room of Bozeman United Methodist Church. These are open to all interested adults and older teens. Basic reading and ringing techniques will be taught in a relaxed, informal setting. For those who would like more experience following the two sessions, we will offer options for opportunities for continued ringing. For more information call Wanda Myers, 587-3511, or Gail Haynes, 570-2325. Drop-ins are also welcome.



## Bulletin Board

### The First Presbyterian Church Library

is open whenever the church is open. You are encouraged to browse the shelves where you will find a wide variety of items from which to choose. The self-checkout system is easy to use; procedures are posted in the library. This is your library. Explore and enjoy!



### Rockhaven Ice Cream Social coming up on August 29

The summer Sunday evening program at Rockhaven winds up on Sunday, August 29, with the annual end-of-summer ice cream social. After the potluck supper at 5:30, the Rockhaven Committee will be serving ice cream for dessert. Bring an ice cream topping to share if you'd like, and then we'll gather at 7:00p for the last vesper service of the season. It has been another wonderful summer at Rockhaven. Plan to put a capstone on it at the ice cream social.



### Special Parking Arrangements

On Sunday morning, **August 22**, the City of Bozeman will permit us to use the street parking on both sides of West Babcock alongside the church until 12:00 noon, even though the street will be closed for the Pro-Fitness Three-on-Three Basketball Tournament that day. For those dropping folks off at the Babcock entrance, please use the alley to exit Babcock after unloading. Please do not be dissuaded from using Babcock by the street closure signs.



## Consideration...

Is it just me, or do the days seem to be getting shorter? Unfortunately, our half of the planet has begun its inexorable tilt away from the sun signaling that time of the year when grain farmers begin thinking about harvest, livestock start thinking about breeding, and retail stores devote large areas of shelf space to back-to-school sales. Speaking of school, this year marks the first time in nearly two decades that our family will not have a student in public schools. That's right, we have now officially joined the ranks of empty-nesters.

Before taking our youngest to college last weekend, I spent an afternoon with her hiking up Hell Roaring Creek. It was my first hike of the year, but it didn't take long for God to remind me why spending time in his creation can be a soul nurturing exercise.

### Humor Me, Lord

As I rounded the bend  
I was awed, not by the splendor  
of the meadow unfolding before me,  
but by the fact that the first thing  
that popped into my head was something  
I read as a kid in a joke book:

Q: What should you wear with green and purple  
knee-high socks?

A: Hip-boots.

Here in this five acre clearing were  
the most brilliant purples  
juxtaposed upon the most  
verdant greens. And there were different  
hues and shades of each – some  
riper than others. Luxurious, and royal,  
and stately were the purples. Vibrant,  
and vital, and affirming were the greens.

As we sat and allowed a string of pack horses  
to pass by, I tried to decipher God's  
message. Was this a divine joke? Some sort  
of irony I could never comprehend? No, I  
concluded; this was, in all its glory,  
a wordless Psalm.

~ Dan Holland