

PresbEnews

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Co-Pastors' Corner...

It is the middle of the summer, and Dan and I have just completed a week of continuing education at Ghost Ranch, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) conference center in northern New Mexico. As a Presbyterian minister, I have heard about this special place for many years. But this was my first time to see its stunning setting amid red, orange and yellow rock cliffs and mesas, and its surprisingly green arroyo, the ribbon of trees and shrubs nourished by a thin stream descending from the mountains. At "the Ranch," we were part of a week-long community of about 300 people of all ages and backgrounds—mostly Presbyterians. We attended a course called "Sing Your Heart Out: Community Singing From Around the World," while others explored topics and skills in the arts, spirituality, and current world issues. We worshiped each morning at sunrise, led by internationally known Celtic spirituality scholar John Philip Newell. And we thoroughly enjoyed meeting people from across the country, from diverse backgrounds and vocations, who like us were there to relax and learn and appreciate God.

We thought about Rockhaven often during our week. The parallels are many. Both were given to the church by people of faith who had met God there often and wanted the same for others. Both are places of great beauty and peace. Both require much love and attention to maintain, and both are challenged by changes in society, economics, and culture. Both teach us about stewardship. When we are given magnificent gifts, we are entrusted with great responsibilities. Not only does God ask us to maintain these gifts, but we are also and always asked to add the gifts of our faith and creativity to grow the gifts. God is always at work creating the world. Created in God's image, we are creative beings who God calls as partners—some call that the role of co-creators. Wow—could we be part of God's plan to make the world

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Rockhaven Special This Sunday!

***July 31st at Rockhaven:
Mike and Toni Atwood and
the Rockhaven Committee
will host a fun bar-b-cue
and Vesper service across
the river bridge at the
camp's worship cross.***

***This is not a potluck.
Just bring your smiles and
good spirit and join us for
informal hamburgers,
hotdogs, acoustic music
and worship, in our natural
cathedral under the big sky!
Dinner will be served at
6:00 pm, followed by a
short service.***



A Round of Prayer

Please join other Yellowstone Presbyterians as we pray for, encourage, and equip one another for God's work in our communities.

July 31 - First Church Poplar

August 7 - Rev. Marion Horton, honorably retired,
Deer Lodge

August 14 - First Church Bozeman, Co-Pastors Dan
Krebill and Jody McDevitt

August 21 - United Community Church,
Commissioned Lay Pastor Robert Shy

August 28 - Church of the Big Hole, Wise River,
Pastor Dick Davis

More information is available at
www.yellowstonepcusa.org.

FPC Bozeman is now on Facebook!

That's right - we've joined the social media world. So if you're a Facebook user, simply search for "First Presbyterian Church of Bozeman" and then "like" us.

This page will be a great place to share information, news, photos and to enter into discussions of current events in our church family. The more folks we can get on board, the more fun we'll have.



(Editor's Note: If you missed your PresbEnews this morning, the FPC Bozeman Facebook page was the place to find info about why and where. This is where I'll keep you posted, request articles, and engage in conversations about articles you have read or would like for me to include. Join us on Facebook!)

Church Directory is Ready!

The much-promised Church Directory is ready. Copies can be found at the back of the sanctuary or in the church office. Get yours this week!



Psalms 106:1

*Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
His steadfast love endures forever.*

Thank you for giving your time, talents, and financial contributions.
Without your generous support, we could not do all the great things we do to Glorify God.

Below is a table showing our financial status as of the end of June.

June Income	\$ 27,569.04	Year-to-Date Income	\$213,807.22
June Expenses	\$ 34,844.30	Year-to-Date Expenses	\$218,692.40
June Balance	(\$ 7,275.26)	Year-to-Date Balance	(\$ 4,885.18)

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more beautiful and more peaceful? Yes, says Jesus. You are the ones.

It is an awesome privilege to be God's partners. In the simple and peaceful place that is Rockhaven, we are blessed to have this calling. Few congregations are so richly blessed. Where will our Rockhaven ministry grow next? Talk about this with others, search out where you believe God is calling us, and be prepared to add your gifts to this precious gift and calling!

Want to know more...

...about social media?

Corey Perlman is coming to Bozeman for a 3-hour workshop on helping your company win the online war for attention. He teaches people easy-to-do strategies and techniques to market their business on the web.



Mark your calendar for 8:30 am on Thursday, September 8th. Registration required. Go to www.montana.dalecarnegie.com.

Food Bank Sunday - August 7, 2011

Sunday, August 7, is our next regular monthly **Food Bank Sunday**. This week, the Gallatin Valley Food Bank *Wish List* of immediate needs includes:

- Chicken & Rice Soup
- Pasta
- Fruit Cocktail
- Tomato Sauce
- Tuna
- Peanut Butter



(or check out www.gallatinvalleyfoodbank.org)

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INFORMATION AND NEWS FROM OUR CHURCH LIBRARY

We have a wide variety of books, periodicals, videos, and DVDs which can be checked out and taken home.

There is a reference section with Biblical commentaries, dictionaries, and other books to be studied at our comfortable reading tables.

Some of our major divisions are Bible study, world religions, spirituality, missions, biography, and fiction.

Betty Knutson is our Librarian and she has a committee which assists in maintaining the library. The committee is presently putting our entire collection on the computer.

Paul at the book Nook

Help Needed!

Volunteer Drivers Needed -

The American Cancer Society sponsors Road to



Recovery, a program where local people offer rides to patients in need of transportation to and from area hospitals for their cancer treatment. This is a way for neighbors to help neighbors.

There is an immediate need in Bozeman so please call Britin Cross at the American Cancer Society to volunteer 406-256-7156 ext. 78486. Also check out the posters on the bulletin boards at the church.



Love INC - PCP

Love Inc Personal Care Pantry.

We have been very busy at the pantry the last couple of weeks packing 36 baskets so we are going through the products very quickly! Therefore the pantry is in need of toilet paper from your congregation.



Our sincere thanks for the blessing of this ministry with your generous support.

Thank you, Libby Cameron

Rockhaven— National Guard Kids

The first week of August at Rockhaven our staff will host a camp for dependents of National Guard service people. If you would like to help one of those campers who requested scholarship aid to attend camp this summer, please donate to the Rockhaven Camp Scholarship Fund. Thank you!



Need Help?

Ron Vaughan continues to be available for odd jobs throughout the summer. If you'd like some help, give him a call at 406-548-4863.



Charlie Forsythe is available to help with odd jobs (cleaning, landscaping, moving, hauling, etc.) on a volunteer basis on weekdays. He is a close friend of Dwayne Arscott. Charlie can be reached at 451-3948 or by email at forsythe1charlie@yahoo.com.

Reminder for our weekly readers...

This will be your last PresbEnews until the end of August when the **September Good News Edition** is published. My grandchildren will be here from Minnesota during the month of August, and I plan to give them all the attention they can stand! (Thanks for all your encouragement!)

Please have articles for the September *Good News* to me by Sunday, August 28th.

Deb Griffin



Holland-days...

(by Dan Holland)

Fifty-two weeks ago I opened my big mouth in this publication and told you, dear reader, I would be submitting thoughts herein on a semi-regular basis. I never did get around to making it “semi” regular, because our esteemed editor made the somewhat questionable decision to publish these thoughts in fifty-two consecutive editions of the PresbEnews. I point this out, because I find it truly remarkable that our esteemed editor has had the wherewithal over the course of, not just the past fifty-two weeks but also the fifty-two weeks prior, to assemble, format, proofread, color scheme, accentuate, coordinate, and distribute one of the most unique church-wide communiqués I think has ever been developed.

Deb has earned a much deserved month off from these weekly deadlines, so make sure you give her a big “Hoo-Rah” and we’ll catch you on the flip-flop.

Words

Deep within the soul
an image is formed. It passes
through the heart where it is
dipped in emotion. It is next
transmitted to the brain. It is there,
in the cerebral cortex, that this
image is dressed up. It is associated
with a series of sounds that are
then transmitted to the vocal center.
The audible portion is translated
into a complex set of symbols which
become recognized by the visual
components of this process. Then it
starts all over again. Over and over.

As these words are spoken
and written, they are heard
and read by another and through a
reversal of the process, become
an image in their soul — thereby
connecting one soul to another,
because in the beginning
was the Word.

Editor’s Note: Thanks to Dan Holland for his very kind words. Dan’s weekly submissions have been a fabulous addition to this eNewsletter, by all counts. Many have told me how much they enjoy Dan’s articles, many amazed by his talents. Dan, you have added so much. Thank YOU!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>August 2011</h1>						
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7 Family Promise Week Food Bank Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am Worship 5:30 pm Rockhaven Dinner 7 pm Vespers	8 Family Promise Week	9 Family Promise Week	10 Family Promise Week	11 Family Promise Week 7 pm All Committee Night	12 Family Promise Week	13 Family Promise Week
14 8:30 am & 10:30 am Worship 5:30 pm Rockhaven Dinner 7 pm Vespers	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 8:30 am & 10:30 am Worship 5:30 pm Rockhaven Dinner 7 pm Vespers	22	23	24	25 7 pm Session	26	27
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