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Co-Pastors' Corner...

It's true that Bozeman gets most of its annual rain in the months of May and June, just when we are itching to get outside and tend to gardens, go camping or hiking, and breathe outdoor air. It's also true that without that rain, we would be worrying about crops and forest fires in July and August. A season of rain prepares the earth for a season of productivity and joy.

There are a number of "life lessons" for us in this annual cycle. First, each year we learn again that we are not in control, that the weather will be what it will be and we need to be flexible to fit the weather. The weather isn't going to conform to our expectations, and that is also true of life! Make plans but be ready to adapt as needed. And always be ready to "seize the day," to grab the moment when the sun is shining to get outside and enjoy it. And make that your approach to life.

Second, while we may not be in control, we always have a choice about our attitude. The weather happens despite us; our attitude happens because of us. We can choose to look beyond our immediate disappointment or discouragement and see the long-range picture. We can choose to be angry, or we can choose to be grateful for the gifts of the rain.

Finally, the violent storms, tornados, and flooding which have devastated many places in our country this spring have something to teach us, and that lesson is compassion. Compassion reminds us to help our neighbors, to be looking out for the needs of others, to be planning ahead to prevent disasters. Compassion instructs us to ask why disasters seem most often to strike those in mobile homes, to see that some housing is more vulnerable than others, and to work to upgrade the standard of living of all. Compassion is the trademark of Jesus and his followers, and we can grow in compassion as the grass grows in spring rains, grateful when the sun shines!

Congratulations to our High School Graduates

Melissa Knox,
from Manhattan HS.
Melissa will be looking for employment and plans to be married in 2012.

Chelsey Ross,
from Belgrade HS.
Chelsey will enroll at Montana State University this fall.

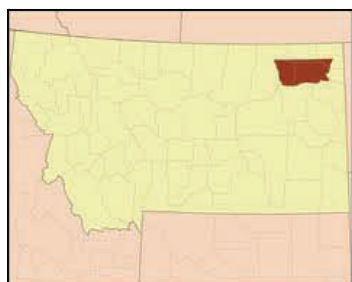
Holly Sinnema,
from Bozeman HS.
Holly will enroll at University of Montana this fall.

Ben Dickensheets
from Bozeman HS.
Ben will be attending Harvard University this fall.
(He is the grandson of Pat and Fritz Dickensheets.)

YOUTH CORNER

Youth travel to Wolf Point

Wolf Point, MT, is both the county seat of Roosevelt County and the largest town on the Ft. Peck Reservation. Its population is about evenly divided between Native and non-Native people. And it has two



Presbyterian (PCUSA) churches—one is a member of Yellowstone Presbytery, and the other is a member of Dakota Presbytery.

On June 26, a joint mission team of our church and the Manhattan Presbyterian Church will travel to Wolf Point at the invitation of the Dakota Presbyterian Church for a week-long mission trip. Staying in the church, the group will lead a Vacation Bible

School for children of the community as well as help the church with some improvement projects. We will enjoy fellowship with church members, learn about Sioux and Assiniboine culture from a church member, attend a pow-wow, see the Ft. Peck Dam and Power Plant, and go to a play at the Ft. Peck Theatre.

On Sunday, July 3, we will worship with the congregation before driving home.

Please keep in prayer these members of the mission team: James Baldwin, Austin Braun, McKinley Hall, Aidar Haynes, Martha Krebill, Holly Sinnema, George Haynes and Jody McDevitt, as well as 7 team members from the Manhattan church.



This Week...

Thu, May 26 -

7:30a - Women's Morning Book Group
7:00p - Session

Sun, May 29 -

8:30a - Jazz Worship
10:30a - Worship

Mon, May 30 - MEMORIAL DAY
(Church Office Closed)

Tue, May 31 -

7:00p - Boy Scouts

(See June calendar attached to this *Good News*.)

Thank you!

I'd like to thank my church family for the prayers, phone calls, and good wishes for a successful knee surgery and recovery. I would especially like to thank Betsy Crabs for walking my dog, Bogey, for these past two weeks.

Diane Stone

2 Corinthians 9:7

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

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 April.

April Income	\$ 38,154.09	Year-to-Date Income	\$ 143,328.80
April Expenses	\$ 34,299.95	Year-to-Date Expenses	\$ 146,715.88
April Balance	\$ 3,854.14	Year-to-Date Balance	(\$ 3,387.08)

A Word From our Co-pastors

As we have shared with you over the last several months, the presbyteries in our denomination have been considering a proposed change in the church's standards of ordination. The vote count on this amendment proposed by the General Assembly has been inching toward passage by a majority of presbyteries this winter and spring. This is the amendment that removes the current wording in the Book of Order explicitly prohibiting the ordination of anyone living outside fidelity in a marriage between a man and a woman or chastity in singleness, and replaces that paragraph with language that ties ordination standards to the ordination questions that are affirmed when elders, deacons and ministers are ordained and installed. On May 10, the 87th vote took place which means that this change will take effect on July 10, 2011. By now various media outlets across the country have carried this news.

While this long-sought change will be welcomed by many across the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), there is a significant portion of the church for which this news will be more than a bit unsettling. It is unclear what effect this may have on the unity of our precious denomination. We urge you to talk about this matter with us and with one another. It is important that we seek to understand those on all sides of this matter and work toward a climate of mutual respect. We encourage you to listen to a message regarding this matter from our General Assembly Moderator Cynthia Bolbach which can be accessed from our church's home page at www.fpcbozeman.org.

May we pray together this prayer for peace in the church from our Book of Common Worship:

God of our lives,
by the power of your Holy Spirit
we have been drawn together by one baptism into one faith,
serving one Lord and Savior.
Do not let us tear away from one another
through division or hard argument.
May your peace embrace our differences,
preserving us in unity,
as one body of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dan & Jody

"Service Plunge" Day Camp for Middle School

July 18-22 is the week when our middle school students (entering grades 6-9) will join students from Hope Lutheran Church and Christ the King Lutheran Church in a "Service Plunge," helping with various community agencies and having Christian fun together.

Students interested in participating in this local mission opportunity should contact Jody McDevitt (jody@fpcbozeman.org or 586-9194 x203) to sign up. Adults who could volunteer for a day with the youth should contact Jody. The week will conclude with a day at Rockhaven on the high ropes course!



College Graduates

Thomas A Broughton,
Master Education in
Curriculum and Instruction
from Concordia Teacher's
College, is the son of Chuck
and Sally Broughton.

David Bratsky,
BS in secondary Education
from MSU Northern at Havre,
is the son of
Jim and Suzanne Bratsky.

Dain Holland,
Associate of Arts degree in
Culinary Arts from
Johnson & Wales University in
Denver, is the son of
Dan and Christine Holland.

Food Bank Sunday - June 5, 2011

Sunday, June 5, is our regular monthly **Food Bank Sunday**.

This week, the Gallatin Valley Food Bank *Wish List* includes:

- Cream of Chicken Soup
- Corn Flakes
- Canned Peaches
- Diced Tomatoes
- Tuna
- Macaroni & Cheese

(or check out

www.gallatinvalleyfoodbank.org)



Rockhaven: Are you ready for summer?

Preparing for a big summer hosting camps and groups, church members and friends have been busy with camp improvements. What has happened?

- a brand-new flagpole installed
- bathhouses dramatically updated
- indoor painting of dining hall and dorm
- a rebuilt crafts room with new shelving
- woodshed refilled with split wood
- lights and batteries replaced and updated
- brush trimmed; grass mowed
- raking, reseeding, restoring build areas
- flowers and garden planted
- lots of general cleaning and maintenance
- preparations for building our own High Ropes Course

In the course of all this work, the need for repairs has become apparent. The commercial refrigerator may be in need of replacement, and this will need to happen in the next couple of weeks. We have many people coming to camp this summer!

Thank you to those who have already helped with Rockhaven improvements: Mike Atwood, Chuck Beck, Rich Brauss, Jim Casey, Fritz Dickensheets, Pat Griffin, Christine Holland, Dan Holland, Ray Knox, Thad Langford, Randy Larimer, Lloyd Mandeville, John Patterson, Nancy Reich, John Shellenberger, Sarah Thrasher, Scott Thrasher, Celia Vandecreek and Larry Vandecreek. Your help is still needed! Contact Scott Thrasher (600-1891) or Randy Larimer (586-1666) to find out how you can help, and when.

Who is coming to Rockhaven?

It is now official—in addition to our own offering of 3 day camps and 3 overnight camps, we will also host (for a second year) a week of camp for Montana National Guard dependents in the first week of August. Another 3-day camp for Military Youth will be held at Rockhaven in the second week of August. You may have seen the list of others planning to be at Rockhaven this year:

- Monforton School Student Council (a big success on May 20)
- Middle Creek Montessori School
- Sacajawea Middle School 8th grade
- Gallatin Valley Girl Scouts
- Ecology Project International
- MSU College of Ag Ambassadors
- Middle School Service Plunge Day Camp (Hope Lutheran, Christ the King Lutheran, FPC)
- Camp Agape (E-Free church)
- Yellowstone Presbytery Fall Youth Retreat
- Several family reunions, weddings, and birthday parties
- Yellowstone Zip/Montana Whitewater



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Rockhaven: Are you ready for summer?

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Are you hoping to enjoy Rockhaven's beauty and peace soon? Plan on it!

Fathers' Day at Rockhaven

June 19, 2011—mark your calendar! Our annual Fathers' Day Pig Roast will take place at Rockhaven. Bring a potluck side dish and a contribution for the roast pork which the Rockhaven Committee will prepare (suggested \$5/person), and bring your friends and families. If the sun and God's providence shine on us, the brand-new High Ropes Course will be up and open for business in the afternoon. The summer camp staff will be available to guide people of all ages in this challenge, or to lead more terrestrial activities such as crafts and games. Supper will be at 5:30p and our opening Vespers service in the chapel at 7p.

Meet our Rockhaven summer staff

Staff training begins on June 15! Please find a way to welcome our summer staff, who minister on our behalf at Rockhaven sharing God's love and Christian caring. An invitation to your home, a meal at a restaurant, expressed interest in how the summer is going—all are ways of supporting and encouraging this vital ministry of our congregation.

Scott Thrasher, camp director—now a year-round, part-time employee of the church, Scott's time ramps up to full time in these months of camp and hosting groups at camp. Scott joined this ministry in 2007.

Mabby Bill, camp cook—has been our chef since 2005, and she keeps kids coming back to camp for her delicious and nutritious meals. Mabby graduated from Colorado State University with a degree in philosophy in December. Her many talents make her an invaluable part of our Rockhaven ministry.

Katrina Kinnan, counselor—began this ministry in 2009, traveling here from Kansas each summer. She is our arts and crafts specialist, as she works on a degree in art education.

Whitney Larimer, counselor—also began this ministry in 2009. Whitney has now completed 2 years at Whitworth University where she is an education major. Of course, she was baptized and has grown up at First Presbyterian Church, so we are very proud of her!

Lindsay Evans, counselor—was part of the Rockhaven ministry in 2008, when she was much loved by campers. She has been in college in her home state of Virginia, but her family has recently moved to Bozeman and so she is returning to Rockhaven this summer.

David Puruolte, counselor—a student at Dordt College in Iowa, David learned about Rockhaven in March when he stayed in our church for a week with Dordt's PLIA (Put Love In Action) Spring Break Mission Trip. David is a native of northeastern India who is majoring in youth ministry.

Davey Johnson, MT National Guard Camp counselor—Davey is an MSU student in Health Enhancement who has served in the National Guard in Iraq. He was a counselor in last summer's National Guard camp. Davey is the middle son of Dianne Schoenfeld, former FPC choir director.

Love INC Linen Closet

The Love INC Linen Closet needs bath towels, hand towels, and wash cloths (in good condition) to serve local residents in need. Donations may be taken to the Love INC office at 443 E Main Street.



Adult Class wraps up study of Hinduism

This winter and spring the adult Sunday school class devoted its focus to the study of both Islam and Hinduism. While the study on Islam was more in-depth, the schedule only allowed for 3 sessions on Hinduism. We were blessed though by the insight and knowledge of three folks living in Bozeman who are from India. In the first 2 sessions we were led by Ms. Vandana Sood who presented a broad overview of Hinduism and its relationship to Indian culture. On Sunday, May 22, the class concluded with a presentation by Mr. Jaydeep Chaudhari and his wife who are local leaders in the Bozeman Hindu Society. As a gift to the class the Chaudharis presented complimentary copies of an abbreviated version of The Bhagavad-Gita containing readings important to Hinduism.

The Sunday school program is now in summer recess. Anyone with ideas and suggestions for class topics for next year can contact Nancy Giddings (ngiddings@bridgeband.com) or Dan Krebill (dan@fpcbozeman.org).



New in the Library

A number of items have been added to the library inventory; among them are selections from the library shelves of Jerry Crabs and Ralph Knutson. A three-part DVD set titled Jesus and the Gospels has been donated by Ev and Mary Lensink. You will find these items on the Recent Acquisitions shelf. Also, a wonderful wall map of the world, from "we don't know who," is now on display. Our thanks to all of you for sharing your literary and geographic bounty with FPC library.

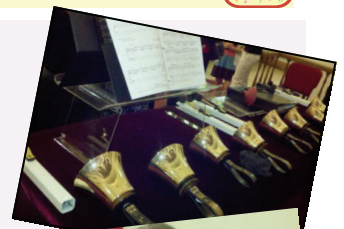
Even though the summer schedule is getting into full swing, the library will be open for your reading pleasure. Please be sure to sign a check out card when taking items with you.



Handbell Choir Provides Music at 10:30 Service

Sunday, May 22, First Bells, our handbell choir at First Presbyterian Church, shared the worship music often provided by the vocal choir. The ringers attended a handbell festival in Missoula the last week-end of April. This is a special event for handbell choirs around the state. They like to share this music as a worship opportunity for our congregation.

Two members of Glory Ringers, from Bozeman United Methodist Church, shared their talents by filling in position that were open due to out-of-town commitments by two of our ringers. Frances Goosy and MA Bellingham were our gracious "Substitutes." MA also played the recorders on the solo portions of the beautiful song, "Heaven's Rest."



MA Bellingham

Holland-days...

(by Dan Holland)

Sagebrush Advice (Conclusion)

The boy was tired, and knew he needed a break of more than the minute or two his taskmaster normally granted. A wry smile snuck across his lips. “So what’s the secret, Grandpa?”

Grandpa turned his head sideways, quizzically, “Secret to what?”

“You know, to life.” The pile driving stopped.

Grandpa gave that a half chuckle, and considered his boots. He then cleared his throat and raised his eyes, “I don’t know much, but what I do know I will tell you...provided you keep poundin’ them posts.”

He lifted one heel up to the bumper of the old Ford pick-up and gradually leaned his back against the grill and the warm hood. He gazed at the sky a moment and began, “Boy, you’re going to be tempted to control life yourself. Don’t. Life is far too wild for a human to tame. It got along just fine without you, and I expect it’ll keep right on doin’ that after you and me are gone.”

He paused, then started again, “There’s a phrase I’ve heard you and your friends use before: ‘Goin’ with the flow.’ I’m not really talking about doin’ that. That’s too, um, passive.” He seemed flustered for a moment. Then a light came on.

“You’re too young to remember this, but I used to do a little rodeo-n’ back when I was your age. Rode the saddle broncs...and got the arthritis to prove it. Well, it occurs to me that life is somewhat like bronc ridin’. Life was buckin’ before you come along, and she’ll keep buckin’ long after you’ve hit the ground. Now, I’ve never thought about it this way before, but a feller could say that the secret is to make your ride count. Make that eight seconds you’re on the mount as glorious as possible. I imagine Reverend Whitmore would even concur with me on that point, on account of he’s forever talking about ‘living to the glory of God.’

“Glory can be defined in different ways, too. Your Grandmother, for instance. Ain’t nobody ever heard of her outside this county, but she’s as glorious a human that’s ever lived. I suppose that some of the ‘secret’ you are so desperately in search of is figurin’ out just exactly what glory is. But that’s your job.

“You don’t have to do it alone, though. You’ve got some tools to help you. Like I was sayin’ about the bronc ridin’ for instance. A rider’s got a saddle; that’s a pretty good foundation. You could say that this saddle was like your education – a good foundation. Of course a saddle don’t stay on by itself; it needs a cinch. And that’s your faith. It keeps everything centered.”

Grandpa seemed pleased with the analogy he was constructing and continued, “God has given you some gifts to get by on. A good rider has good balance. Maybe you get a quick thinkin’ brain. Or smooth talkin’. Or a gentle heart. Some folks get more’n one gift. Other folks ain’t so lucky, but they know where to find help. It’s like the rider that relies on the guys in the chute for help, or once they get in the ring, they know how to seek out the hazer.”

He paused to take a quick gulp from the canvas water bag that hung from the grill of the

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truck. Then he finished, "But you know what makes the best rider? Gettin' bucked off a few times. You can't win the rodeo first time out the chute. Experience. Some call it fear. You could even call it appreciation. Knowin' how hard the ground is helps keep you off'n it. So keep fearin' God, boy. Appreciate him."

Grandpa turned his back to the wind and deftly rolled another smoke. He fished a wooden match from his shirt pocket and lit it on the back of his pant leg. Cupping the flame in his weathered hand, he raised it to his mouth and transferred the energy to his cigarette.

The boy stopped the piston churning of his pile-driver for a moment and gazed at his grandfather. He steeled himself and said, "You know, those things will kill you."

Grandpa exhaled tobacco vapors as a smile leaped from his heart and broadly passed over his lips. "Give 'er ten more, boy."

Raffle Underway for Handmade Quilt

Beginning next Sunday, June 5th, we will be selling raffle tickets for a beautiful, handmade quilt which has been donated by Betsy Crabs. The proceeds will go toward purchasing two defibrillators for the church and Rockhaven. The tickets will be \$2/each or 6/\$5. Please come June 5th and see this magnificent quilt which will be shown at both services. The drawing will be at Rockhaven on June 19th (need not be present to win).

We will be doing additional money making projects this summer so if you like to sew, knit or crochet, please plan to come to Bonnie Blakely's home at 1717 South Willson at 11a on June 7th for a delicious soup and bread lunch along with a brief organizational/informational meeting. Bring only your ideas. Please call Donna Beck at 587-4087 or 539-0917 if you will be joining us. Please call and let me know if you cannot come but would like to be involved as we would love to have you in our plans.



The Summer of Hope

The Summer of Hope, a non-profit organization that brings orphans from impoverished countries to the Bozeman area each summer with the intent of finding them a forever family, cordially invites you to participate in this year's Hope Walk on Saturday, June 11th.

The Hope Walk is a fun, family friendly 6K fundraiser in which participants of all ages are encouraged to collect sponsorships to help fund the airfare for these children. Food, festivities, and entertainment will be provided after the walk at Bogert Park. To receive your Hope Walk packet, contact Jan Druckenmiller at 586-5773.

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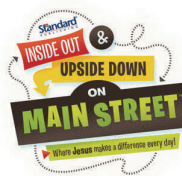
Vacation Bible School 2011

There's a myth going around that everything slows down in June. It's just the opposite!

Vacation Bible School happens June 20-24.

There are still some openings for children in the downtown VBS which will take place in the mornings June 20-24. Register your children now for this spirited experience of learning about Gratitude, Compassion, Forgiveness, Grace, and Faithfulness through the parables of Jesus.

Adults and youth assistants—your help is still needed! If you could volunteer some time to help with snacks, games, crafts, or mission, contact Suzanne Bratsky (587-8847). You will have fun—guaranteed!



Adult Forum Study Group

As you may have noticed in the This Week... section of this newsletter, TODAY is the final meeting for the season.

Wednesday, May 25
at
4:00p



Recycling

Pat and Fritz Dickensheets have volunteered to do the recycling for the church. Thank you, Pat and Fritz!

Bulletin Board to Feature those in Military Service

Do you know someone, or are you related to someone who is serving in the military? To heighten our awareness of those who are serving, we would like to have a bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall with names, addresses, current service information, and a photo if possible.

We need your help in identifying those for whom we can pray and give moral support. Please provide information to the church office. For more information, contact Chuck Broughton.



Mike McGough

Missing: Pie Server

Nancy Williams is still missing a pie server from Piety Sunday. It has a wooden handle and belonged to her mother. If you happened to pick it up by mistake, please return it to Nancy as soon as possible.

Thanks!



Donate Your Used Eyeglasses to the Bozeman 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:

<http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/bozemanMT>.



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