

PresbEnews

Good News Edition - May 2011



A monthly newsletter of First Presbyterian Church - Jody McDevitt & Dan Krebill, co-pastors
Willson at Babcock, PO Box 1150, Bozeman, MT 59771
(406) 586-9194 - www.fpchozeman.org - Deb Griffin, Editor - PresbEnews@fpchozeman.org
To *unsubscribe*, email presbenews@fpchozeman.org and type "Unsubscribe" in the subject line.



Co-Pastors' Corner...

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

This ancient and yet timeless call and response continues to have meaning year after year whenever Easter rolls around. This year is no exception.

What a glorious day we had together on Easter Sunday as we welcomed the long-awaited day of resurrection, both in town as well as up the canyon at Rockhaven. Whether one was at the river or downtown, it was impossible to miss the sense of excitement and enthusiasm that Easter inspires. Glorious singing, inspiring choral and instrumental music, worship filled with hope and encouragement, and sharing fellowship around the tables all fit together to make this most special of all days exactly that. While Easter Sunday is the highpoint of the year for us, the early church had it right when it, from the get go, began to observe a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus each and every Sunday. Of course we have carried on this tradition as we gather for worship every week. It takes a boost like we had on Easter to keep the weekly celebration going for another year. It's just another reason to cherish Easter.

In the seasons of the church year, the Easter season begins on Easter Sunday and continues for 50 days, ending on Pentecost Sunday (this year on June 12). It is the longest of the church seasons. It gives us the opportunity to keep a very sharp focus on the first Easter events and how they have a bearing on each of our lives. We look forward to celebrating with you the amazing gift of God in Jesus' death and glorious resurrection.

In May we have some special worship services planned to give added emphasis to this season of celebration. On May 1 the worship choir is presenting a very special cantata during both the 8:30 and 10:30 services. Two weeks later an intergenerational musical, "The Tale of the Three Trees," will be the centerpiece of worship. Details about these special events can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Plan

**This Sunday, May 1:
Singing to God's Glory
in Memory of
Jerry Crabs**

Our worship choir will be joined by four soloists and many additional singers from the community this Sunday for special musical performances at both services, in memory of Jerry Crabs, a long-time member of the choir. The piece is a creation by Benjamin Britten, entitled "Rejoice in the Lamb."



(Continued on page 2)

Co-Pastors' Corner...

(Continued from page 1)

on these Sundays and on every Sunday you can, to be a time of worship, praising and thanking God for the amazing gift of grace.

May the inspiration of our Easter celebration be a blessing to all who are part of our church family for the coming year.

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!



Easter Basket Delivery

What a congregation!!! Thanks to you, the Board of Deacons were able to provide Easter meals to more than 300 people (71 families)! So many people helped in this effort that it is impossible to thank everyone in print. We had 6 men bring the food from Van's to the Senior Center in their trucks, a dozen members helped to set up, and 19 teams packed and delivered the boxes of food. In addition we had 20 hams donated and contributions made to our Deacon's Benevolence Fund to pay for the groceries.



Special thanks to Marcia Jarrett, Jim Mitchell, and Bob Olsen for helping to organize and map out the areas for everyone before the actual delivery day. A heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated in any way!

FPC Joins Local Lutheran Churches in "Service Plunge Day Camp"

Last year, Hope Lutheran Church launched a new opportunity for middle school students—a week-long day camp focused on service in the community. The campers volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, Love INC, the Food Bank, and in the church.

This year, the "Service Plunge" week will be ecumenical, as First Presbyterian Church and Christ the King Lutheran Church have joined the planning and commitment to this opportunity to learn and serve right here at home. The week will be July 18-22.



Students who are completing grades 5-8 are invited to participate. Contact Jody McDevitt for more information. Adults who could help with planning or who are interested in being involved can also contact Jody.

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 March.

March Income	\$ 34,677.75	Year-to-Date Income	\$ 105,174.71
March Expenses	\$ 29,750.01	Year-to-Date Expenses	\$ 112,415.93
March Balance	\$ 4,927.74	Year-to-Date Balance	(\$ 7,241.22)

YOUTH CORNER

Youth Plan Summer Mission Trip to Wolf Point

Local, state, continental U.S., and beyond—on a four-year cycle, our youth have made summer mission trips a centerpiece of their ministry for many years. This summer will be no exception, with an in-state trip to Wolf Point and the Ft. Peck Reservation departing on June 27. Six youth from our church and five from the Manhattan Presbyterian Church will partner with the Dakota Presbyterian Church in providing a Vacation Bible School and doing fix-up jobs around the church. Led by co-pastor Jody McDevitt, George Haynes, and the Manhattan Church's pastor, Debbie Funke, the group will also find time to visit the Ft. Peck Dam, a pow-wow, and the Ft. Peck Theater. The Ft. Peck Reservation is home to the Nakota (Sioux) and Assiniboine Nations, but many non-Native people also live in Wolf Point. We hope to learn about the cultures and form Christian friendships, as well as have fun and serve in the name of Christ.

The youth who are planning to participate are James Baldwin, Austin Braun, McKinley Hall, Aidar Haynes, Martha Krebill, and Holly Sinnema. In May we will be getting together with the youth of Manhattan to make further plans and become a mission team.



Today's Tidbits...

The link below takes you to **Rich Mullins** singing the Apostles' Creed with dulcimer accompaniment. He calls it "Creed." Nice!

Check it out!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9LR2hFP1yb4&feature=share>



This week...

Wed. Apr 27—

- 4:00p Adult Forum Study
- 7:00p Choir Rehearsal

Thu. Apr 28—

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

Fri. Apr 29—

**Presbyterian Women
Spring Gathering**

Sat. Apr 30—

- 1:00p Cantata Rehearsal

Sun. May 1—

- 8:30a Worship Cantata
- 9:30a Sunday School
- 10:30a Worship Cantata
- 10:45a K-4 Sunday School
- 11:30a **Congregational Meeting to elect Deacons & Elder**

Tue. May 3—

- 6:00p Love INC *Plant The Seed Dinner*
- 7:00p Handbell Rehearsal
- 7:00p Boy Scouts

Wed. May 4—

- 12:00p Interfaith Forum
- 4:00p Adult Forum Study
- 7:00p Choir Rehearsal

Food Bank Sunday - May 1, 2011

Sunday, May 1, is our regular monthly **Food Bank Sunday**. This week, the Gallatin Valley Food Bank *Wish List* includes:

- Tomato Sauce
- Mandarin Oranges
- Peanut Butter
- Spaghetios
- Hamburger Helper
- Cream of Mushroom Soup

(or check out
www.gallatinvalleyfoodbank.org)



Once Upon a Mountaintop...

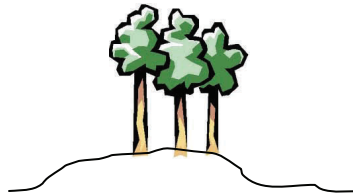
Once upon a mountaintop, three little trees stood and dreamed of what they wanted to become when they grew up.

Join the children, youth, and adults on Sunday, May 15, and find out what they became. We will be presenting this intergenerational musical at both services.

For those participating:

Dress Rehearsal on Saturday, May 14, at 4:30p, followed by a pizza party! This is for all children, youth, and adults that are part of the musical.

If you want to participate, please let Kathy Braun know.
539-3491 - cell



Worship Seminar

On Saturday May 14, from 9:00a-4:00p, First Presbyterian Church in Helena will be hosting a Worship Seminar featuring Tom Kraeuter of St. Louis, Missouri. Mr. Kraeuter is the former editor of Psalmist Magazine and the author of 15 books.

For more information, check out the flyer on the bulletin board across from the church office, or www.worshipseminar.com

Talking with Neighbors: *An Interfaith Forum*

Next Wednesday, May 4, marks our final opportunity to join in the Interfaith Forum this season.

Please join our panel of

*Rabbi Ed Stafman, Dr. Ruhul Amin, The Rev. Leo Proxell, and our own Jody McDevitt,
along with people of all faith traditions, in discussing
"The Afterlife."*

What do our faith traditions teach about life after death?

*Bring your lunch (please be respectful of the Temple and do not bring pork or shellfish products),
and join us at noon at Temple Beth Shalom*

*2010 W Koch Street in Bozeman
(behind Albertson's)*



Worship Committee...

Thank you... to those who ushered, greeted, and served communion during Holy Week. You are true servants!

Also, I need someone to help me line up ushers/greeters for Sundays. If you have a few minutes each week to help, please give me a call.



Kathy Braun
Worship Committee Chair



Our
Library
Committee
will meet
on
Wednesday,
May 11,
at 7:00p.

Election of Elders/Deacons/Nominating Committee

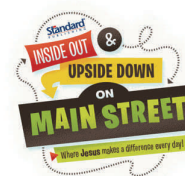
A very brief meeting of the congregation will be held in the sanctuary right after the 10:30 service on Sunday, May 1, for the purpose of electing elders, deacons and congregational members of the Nominating Committee for the coming year. As called for in our church bylaws, the Nominating Committee will be presenting a slate of nominees for consideration at this meeting.

Inside Out and Upside Down - Downtown Ecumenical VBS

Spaces are still available for children in VBS, but don't wait! These spaces fill up. Adult and youth volunteers are still needed, too, so please complete the forms available in the back of the sanctuary.

Adult volunteers and Youth assistants are expected to attend an orientation get-together on:

- **May 22, 5:30-7:30p at Bozeman United Methodist Church**
- **5:30 ... Dinner** provided for you & your family downstairs in the Friendship Room.
- **6:15 ... a large group orientation** to this year's VBS theme
- (all ages together) **6:45... a 45 minute meeting/planning time** for the volunteers in each area (childcare provided).



Calling All Pie Lovers!

On Sunday, May 8th, the Board of Deacons, with the generous help of Session, will be holding our First Annual Piety Sunday. This mouth-watering event will occur between services.



Come have a piece of homemade pie and some coffee, prepared by the bakers of First Pres. If there are pies left over, we will be auctioning them to the highest bidder. All proceeds from the free-will offering and the auction will go to the Deacons' Benevolence Fund.

If you are willing to bake a pie to share, please call Rachael Minter at 586-6537 or Doris Krebill at 586-1183.

Holland-days...

(by Dan Holland)

The Gardner (Conclusion)

Haluk paced back and forth as Namira prepared the morning meal. They both had been distraught for the past two days. The crucifixion of the Nazarene had been a shocking, crushing blow.

"I don't understand. How could they do it?" Haluk muttered for perhaps the hundredth time.

Namira stoked the embers in the fire and quoted an old Palestinian proverb, "There will be a day for the oppressor when he will be crushed like garlic."

"I know you are trying to make me feel better — to make us both feel better," Haluk replied. "But I don't think that is the way he would have us think."

He paced some more, stopped and thought for a moment. Then he said, "My dear wife, the garden can tend itself. Let us go into town and see if there are others as troubled as us."

It was a clean, crisp morning as they made their way through the gate into the Temple Square. The blind beggar was in his customary spot, staring at Haluk.

Haluk approached him and asked, "What news have you, old friend?"

The blind man smiled and responded slowly, "The Messiah has yet another surprise in store for us." He pointed towards the din rising from within the square.

Haluk grabbed Namira's hand and they rushed into the midst of a chaotic scene. Namira recognized a woman along the periphery of the crowd as one of Jesus' followers; they approached her.

"Greetings, sister. What is all of the commotion?" Namira asked.

The woman responded in a breathless, almost dream-like state, "He lives! I tell you that we went to the tomb at daybreak and it was empty. Then on the way back, he appeared to us almost as if he were an apparition. But he spoke to us, and I tell you that the Master lives!"

Haluk and Namira shook their heads, not sure they understood what the woman was saying. Then Haluk began to tell the woman about his encounters with Jesus in the garden. The woman interrupted, "Please, sir, you must tell your story to John. He is one of the twelve." She looked around the square frantically. "I do not see him right now. Can you come with us? We are going north to Galilee. The Master told us to go there and wait for him."



Namira and Haluk looked at each other, uncertain. Though they were young, their lives had always been carefully and methodically planned. There were many compelling reasons for them to stay. Namira's father was not getting younger. The garden was a tremendous responsibility. Everything seemed to be spinning out of control.

Then a tall man approached. Haluk recognized him as the one who had struck the temple guard in the garden with his sword. The woman greeted him, "Cephas, I have asked these two to join us. They tend the garden by the Mount of Olives. He heard the Master's prayer

(Continued on page 7)

Holland-days... (cont'd)

(Continued from page 6)

the night he was betrayed.”

Cephas gently reached out and placed a hand on Haluk and Namira’s outer shoulders. He looked at each of them with compassion and said, “By God the Father’s great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”

Namira and Haluk looked at each other again. They both smiled, set their eyes north, and began a new journey.

PW Spring Gathering

at First Presbyterian Church
26 W Babcock
Bozeman, MT



April 29-30, 2011

12:30p Friday to noon on Saturday

Theme: PW Spring Potpourri

with Guest Speaker: **Gail Heim buck**,

USA PW Mission Exchange: Meeting Our Sisters in the Dakota Presbytery

Gail will also lead a Leadership Workshop

Fun, Fellowship, Crafts, and More

Workshops

Registration:	\$ 5.00
Friday Evening Dinner:	\$ 10.00
Total	\$ 15.00



For Registration, contact:
Judy Patterson
56 Hitching Post Road
Bozeman, MT 59715
Email: tdbear972@aol.com

REGISTRATION FORM FOR PW SPRING GATHERING

Theme: PW Spring Potpourri

Registration begins Friday at 12:30 PM. The event begins at 1:00 PM.

I, _____, plan to attend the PW Spring Gathering.

NAME

I am planning to stay in a motel: Y / N I would like a place to stay: Y / N

Please complete and send with your check made out to “Presbyterian Women” to
Judy Patterson, 56 Hitching Post Road, Bozeman, MT 59715

Judy’s email address is: tdbear972@aol.com

Rockhaven News

Clean-up at Rockhaven will begin on Saturday, April 30, and Sunday May 1, and continue for a few weekends (Saturday, May 7; Saturday, May 14; and Sunday, May 15).

We have a long list of things to do at Rockhaven! It will be posted in the Rockhaven Dining Hall.

This is the last week to take advantage of our early-bird discounts when you pre-register on our website! Pre-register at www.rockhavencamp.org now and receive \$25 off each camp you register for!

Also, if you register for all three day camps you will get them for \$100 each and that's before the early bird discount. So, you could go to camp for \$75 per week... but you need to pre-register this week and from our website. This is the last week to take advantage of our early bird discounts when you pre-register on our website! Pre-register at www.rockhavencamp.org now and receive \$25 off each camp you register for!

Check us out!

www.facebook.com/RockhavenCamp

and

www.youtube.com/user/RockhavenCamp

Follow us on:

www.twitter.com/#!/RockhavenCamp

16th Annual Plant The Seed Dinner

Come and learn how churches in Gallatin County partner together to meet the needs of local residents!



Tuesday, May 3rd

MSU Strand Union Ballroom

Doors open at 5:30p

Dinner Program at 6:30p

Table Sponsors from First Presbyterian Church:

John & Judy Patterson
587-9722

Nancy & Dick Rote
219-3154

Jim & Bernie Mitchell
586-2485

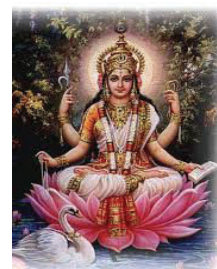
Donna & Chuck Beck
587-4087

Thad and Terry Langford,
call Jill Brauss 586-0476

Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School resumes this Sunday with a multi-week study of Hinduism. Join us for some very interesting discussion at 9:30a.

See you there!



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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>May 2011</h1>						
18:30 Worship Cantata 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship- Cantata 10:45 K-4 Sunday School Rockhaven Clean-up	2	3	4 4:00 Adult Study Forum 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	5 7:30 Women's Morning Book Group 7:00 Deacons 7:00 Compassionate Friends	6	7 Rockhaven Clean-up
8 8:30 Worship 9:15 Piety Sunday 10:30 Worship 10:45 K-4 Sunday School	9	10 7:00 Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 Boy Scouts	11 4:00 Adult Study Forum 7:00 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Library Committee	12 7:30 Women's Morning Book Group	13	14 Rockhaven Clean-up 4:30 Rehearsal Tale of 3 Trees
15 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Youth Sunday- Tales of 3 Trees 10:45 K-4 Sunday School	16	17 7:00 Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 Boy Scouts	18 4:00 Adult Study Forum 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	19 7:30 Women's Morning Book Group 7:00 Session	20	21
22 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 10:45 K-4 Sunday School	23	24 7:00 Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 Boy Scouts	25 4:00 Adult Study Forum 7:00 Choir	26 7:30 Women's Morning Book Group	27	28
29 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 10:45 K-4 Sunday School	30 Memorial Day Office Closed	31 7:00 Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 Boy Scouts				