

# PresbEnews

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*Co-Pastors' Corner...* There's a buzzword in many church circles today—the “missional” church. A “missional” church exists not for itself, but for others. It is engaged in God's mission, going into the world with the ministry of Jesus Christ. In a missional church, members seek to serve, not to be served. Is ours a missional congregation?

By many measures, we have become a church for others. Our members are deeply involved in community ministry. They volunteer in good number through Love INC, in the clothing closet, in the Love INC office, and in innumerable other capacities. We are a Family Promise host congregation, which means that volunteers bring food, visit with families, sleep overnight in the church, and show hospitality to strangers several weeks of the year. We also have a unique ministry at Rockhaven Camp, as stewards of a beautiful and peaceful place that we share with others in summer camps and in retreats and outings throughout the year. Our Board of Deacons serves children and families in need in a wide variety of ways, providing a school nurse at Monforton and Gallatin Gateway schools, winter clothing, mentors, and Thanksgiving and Easter baskets. These four major outreach efforts provide many opportunities for service in the name of Christ. There are more not mentioned.

In addition, we share our facility with the community in important ways. The recent 9/11 service welcomed people from across the spectrum of religious belief. In December we will host the 10<sup>th</sup> Messiah Sing. The Human Resources Development Council (HRDC) uses our Fellowship Hall for workshops helping people with housing security. This week the Intermountain Opera is rehearsing in our space. Suzuki violin lessons and Music Lingua, both rental groups, bring children and their families into our building weekly. And Boy Scout Troop 679 continues to nurture boys under our sponsorship. The campaign to purchase AEDs (defibrillators) includes the hope that downtown businesses and neighbors will know that this life-saving device is nearby, ready for use.

Why all this activity? Because we have been touched ourselves by the love of Jesus Christ, and feel compelled to share his love with others. Because God didn't stay safe and cozy in heaven, but took a risk and became one of us, out of love for us. Because following Christ means following his example of caring for the poor, the lonely, the lost, the least—and living for others. Because we are honored to be part of God's mission in the world.

Yes, I believe we are a missional congregation. There are always more ways to grow, more missional avenues to explore. Maybe God is calling you to a ministry that we are not yet engaged in. There's room here for that, and more. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we are on Christ's way. Praise God!

## What Does the Lord Require?

Maybe you already know the answer to Micah's question. But are we living it? At Feed Your Soul this fall, exploring the question will be followed by stories told by those in our congregation who are faithfully responding to what he Lord requires of us—doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with our God.

Feed Your Soul begins Wed., Oct 12, and continues on Wednesday evenings through Nov. 16. At 5:15 pm, a delicious supper prepared by Linda Best is served. The supper is paid for out of contributions from those eating, who also enjoy the fellowship. Those who share the supper also share the set up and clean up duties. The adult study begins at about 6 pm each week. Child care is provided.

There are two offerings during the adult study time this fall. For the first three weeks, a course in Spiritual Gifts will be taught by John Patterson. Sign up by October 5; call Linda in the church office. At the same time, Dan Krebill and Jody McDevitt will teach "What Does the Lord Require?" Email Dan ([dan@fpcbozeman.org](mailto:dan@fpcbozeman.org)) if you would like to receive the participant's handout before class begins.

Beginning on Nov. 2, the two groups will merge and may be joined by others from the congregation. On Nov. 2, Rockhaven Camp and all its expanding ministries will present a program to bring everyone up to date on all the excitement happening at Rockhaven. On Nov. 9, Tom and Valerie McMakin (father-daughter) will share their story of traveling to Cameroon in the summer to the village where Tom was a Peace Corps volunteer. They saw the school and water points towards which our church contributed funds, and Valerie volunteered in a medical clinic. They tell their stories well! On Nov 16, a third outreach effort of our congregation will be featured.

### 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 July.

August Income	\$28,785.75	Year-to-Date Income	\$ 284,492.82
August Expenses	\$ 29,863.76	Year-to-Date Expenses	\$ 291.947.62
August Balance	(\$ 1,078.01)	Year-to-Date Balance	(\$ 7,454.80)

## ***What are our youth doing?***

Many different things! On Sunday mornings at 9:30 am, our youth are studying *The Story*. The younger youth are led by Jody McDevitt, while the older youth are led by Debby Haynes. The older youth are also using the television series *Glee* as stimulus for discussing the intersection of faith and life in high school.

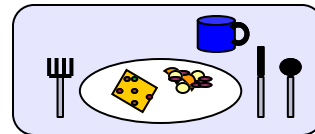
Several of our youth are preparing for the Cardboard Box City benefitting Family Promise, to be held on October 14 in Bogert Park. Those interested in sponsoring a youth can contact Wilson McMakin, Hans Swenson, or Lenka Swenson. Tom McMakin is leading this annual service/learning project.

Fun is in the works for all youth on Wed., Oct 12, as the group travels through the Bozeman Maze under a full moonlit sky. Since this is a Love INC benefit night, youth fun will also result in helping others. Kris Hall is the organizer of this outing.

A number of our youth will participate in the Presbytery of Yellowstone Fall Retreat at Rockhaven on Oct. 20-22. This year's adventure will be on the high ropes course, as our youth join others from our state for a fall camp experience. Jody McDevitt is the contact person for this event.

Additional activities in the works include helping with Operation Christmas Child and a leaf-raking day. If you are needing assistance with leaf-raking, our youth would like to help as volunteers. Contact Gigi Swenson to set this up.

## **THANKSGIVING BASKETS**



It is that time of year again when our Deacons organize the preparation and delivery of Thanksgiving baskets to needy families in Bozeman. This year we anticipate a high number of requests due to the economy, so we are again asking for help from the congregation. We need donated 10-14 lb. Turkeys, or cash donations (please write "Turkey donation" on your check) and help packing and delivering the baskets on Friday November 18th at 2:30 PM at the Bozeman Senior Center. Please consider helping with this special ministry to our community. There will be a sign up sheet in the back of the sanctuary, or you could call Dick Rote at 219-3154.

## **George Goodrich to preach on October 16**

Co-General Presbyter of the Presbytery of Yellowstone will be preaching at both worship services on Sunday, October 16, while our co-pastors are on vacation. George and his wife Kathy (the other co-general presbyter) are regular worshipers with us when they are not on the road attending to their duties in the presbytery. Please join us for worship that day when George will be preaching on "The Holiness of God."

## Membership Inquiry on October 8

Anyone who would like more information about membership in First Presbyterian Church is invited to a membership inquiry class on Saturday, October 8, from 9 am to noon at the church. Co-Pastor Dan Krebill will present an overview of our congregation and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) of which we are a part. There will be plenty of time for questions and discussion. While those attending will be invited to become church members, there is no expectation that this will happen. So even if you just have some questions, please consider attending this class. Childcare will be provided during this event. Please email Dan at [dan@fpcbozeman.org](mailto:dan@fpcbozeman.org) or call him at 586-9194 to sign up and to let him know of your childcare needs.

## Thank you Glenn and Ruth!

After many years of service as the head of our church's prayer chain ministry, Glenn and Ruth Welch are retiring from that post. While they want to assure everyone that they are not retiring from praying, they will be turning over the coordination of this ministry to their successors sometime early in October. Many, many thanks to Glenn and Ruth for their tireless, behind-the-scenes work to keep the ministry of prayer strong and vital in our church. An announcement of who will be taking on this role will be coming early in the month. Anyone who is interested in more information about becoming a part of our prayer chain ministry, or if you have a prayer concern that you'd like added to our prayer chains, please call Linda at the church office at 586-9194, or email her at [secretary@fpcbozeman.org](mailto:secretary@fpcbozeman.org).

**Love INC Benefit Night at the Bozeman Maze** on Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> from 3-8:30 p.m. and on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 6- 8:30 p.m. 50% of the Maze entry and train ride with proceeds going to Love INC. Maze admission is \$6 per person and children 4 and under are free with an adult. Some activities and refreshments are sold separately. Located at the end of Mandeville Lane behind Murdoch's off N. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Bozeman. See [www.BozemanMaze.com](http://www.BozemanMaze.com) for more information.

**Christ the King Lutheran Church is hosting the African Children's Choir** on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the church at 4383 Durston Road. There is no admission to the concert. A free-will offering will be taken to support the Choir's efforts back to Africa.

**SAVE OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup> FOR PASTOR APPRECIATION SUNDAY.**

Please plan to stay for fellowship after the second service on the 23<sup>rd</sup> to express your appreciation for Jody and Dan. The Deacons will serve beverages and cake and there will a short ceremony to honor our pastors. For those who typically attend early service, please plan to stay or come back for this event. Use it as a time to mingle with church friends; use it as a time to say a special thank you to Dan and Jody.

### ***Church Facebook page a source of up-to-date news!***

Even if you're not a Facebook member yourself, you can still access the church's Facebook page at

[www.facebook.com/fpcozeman](http://www.facebook.com/fpcozeman)

to get in on regular breaking news. If you'd like to interact with the content and others on the page, click the "Like" button at the top of the page if you're a Facebook member.

Facebook—just one more way for us to interact with today's world!



## ***HELP SAVE A LIFE.....!***

There is no question that AED'S (Automatic External Defibrillators) save lives and it's important for the congregation and groups who use our facilities to have immediate access to that lifesaving capability. The Session of FPC has approved fundraising for \$4200 to cover the expenses of purchasing AED's for both the church and Rockhaven and to train and Red Cross certify up to 20 people to use them. All of us are encouraged to donate to raise the funds for the AED's and training. Opportunities will be available for donations after the 8:30 and 10:30 services each Sunday beginning Oct. 9th until our goal of \$4200 has been reached. Donors may also send their checks directly to the church office, designating the money for the AED fund.

**Questions? Contact John Patterson, Donna Beck, Bonnie Blakely, Sally Broughton, or Dan Archer**

Help save a life. Donate from (and possibly for) your heart.....!

## **BIRTHDAYS!!**

10/5 Jim Casey, Paul Weingart

10/6 Elizabeth Kurz

10/7 Bob Hickman, Tom Fellows

10/8 Joan Sweet

10/10 Dayna Berg

10/11 Mike McCormick

# **THE BOOK NOOK**



***INFORMATION AND  
NEWS FROM OUR  
CHURCH LIBRARY***

***Surprise!!***

**Did you know that you can find FICTION in our Church Library?!**

**Well—you can! If you face the north shelves, toward the left you'll find fiction-- novels, in fact.**

**One series of novels I find fascinating and informative too, is a group of novels by Beverly Lewis. These feature the Amish folk of Lancaster County, Pa. In a sympathetic way the author takes the reader into the heart of the Amish way of life and community.**

**Other fiction you can find in the Local Authors section. (I'd be proud to have you look at some of these!!)**

***Paul at the book Nook***

## Holland-days...

(by Dan Holland)

Although Dan and Jody's sermon series has shifted back to follow the lectionary, I can't seem to get the notion of environmental stewardship out of my head. Perhaps it has to do with the fact that I have occasion to be outdoors on a more consistent basis this time of year, but in any event I have been contemplating what Jody quoted John Calvin as calling the "workmanship of the universe."

I suspect that most people reading this missive call 59715 their home zip code. This is a fairly obvious observation, as our sanctuary lies smack dab in the middle of the seven-one-five. There are a few of your fellow parishioners, however, that live in more remote corners of our valley. I am one of those outliers, and as such I would like to present you with an even more 'duh' inducing comment: the east end of the valley gets more moisture than the west end.

Now, I have confessed previously in this space to being a serial chronicler of weather data, but if you don't buy into my thesis just check out the almanac in the weather section of the Daily Chronicle. As of Monday, the station at MSU had recorded 14.87 inches of precipitation during the calendar year, while the airport station, a scant ten miles away, received a paltry 9.38. That's a five-and-a-half inch difference — fully fifty percent more in town than on the outskirts — or as the old timers would say, "half again as much."

The farther west you go, the greater the disparity. Golfers know this as well as anyone when they flock out to Three Forks to sneak in a quick round — in December. Then further yet, drive through Milligan Canyon sometime and witness the dry creek beds that stand as arid testimony to the paucity of moisture in the same valley that provides the headwaters to one of the greatest river systems on the planet.

The point of all this? Well, not much other than you don't have to go very far from downtown Bozeman to witness a distinctly different climate. And that's where we were last month as my wife and I walked through a stubble field trying to scare up Hungarian Partridges for young Hugo to chase. Unfortunately, the only things we saw with wings that day were grasshoppers. The lack of success a field provided an opportunity to reflect upon the immensity of this project God charges us with to feed the world. We were on just one section, one square mile, half of it lying fallow, so 320 acres in production this year. The owner said he got forty bushels of winter wheat to the acre, so that's just shy of 13,000 bushels from this dry-land parcel. On average about seventy loaves of bread can be baked from a single bushel, so almost one million loaves of bread will come from this one particular field.

Christine, the dog, and I crested a rise. I looked to the west and saw a million loaves next door. I turned south and saw another million. Likewise east and north yielded similar vistas. As we drove home that day, hands empty but hearts full, I thought about the amber waves of grain stretching far beyond our valley and the mind-boggling number of loaves that are grown just within the boundaries of our Presbytery. Then we drove past a spud field. Yikes, french-fry math was going to be even more challenging.

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