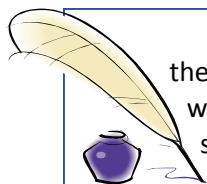


PresbEnews - Good News Edition

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Co-Pastors' corner



One of the characteristics of autumn is the celebration of the bounty of creation from the harvest of produce, to the wealth of resources at our disposal, to the talents and spiritual gifts we have been given. With the transition from the summer to the fall comes a flurry of activity in the church related to local mission concerns.

First - Family Promise: The last weekend in September, 6 youth and 1 adult from our congregation spent the night in Bogert Park with dozens of



others, sleeping in cardboard boxes to raise awareness around the issue of homelessness while at the same time raising funds to support our local community Family Promise ministry. Our delegation raised over \$700 for this cause. The first week in October, many people in our church, in partnership with others from the Belgrade Ward of the LDS church, will be hosting in our building the current guests in the Family Promise ministry, providing homeless families with a safe place to live, meals, and support in moving toward permanent housing.



Second - Love In the Name of Christ: September 26 was our annual Love Awareness Day when the work of Love INC is highlighted, while inviting more to participate in meeting the large number of needs in our community. There are now 41 partner churches in the county

pooling their resources to support this special ministry of matching the needs that people have with the people who have the means and resources to meet those needs. Recently it's been announced that Love INC plans to add a new dimension to its ministry by providing training courses in areas such as finances, nutrition, and household management to name just three. This new relational ministry will seek to address some of the root causes of many of the needs that come Love INC's way.

Third - CROP Walk toward the alleviation of hunger: The annual event this year is on October 3 when community members, including several



Co-Pastor
Dan Krebill

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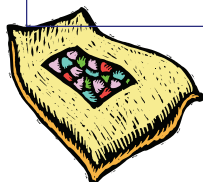
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Beautiful Blankets for Sale



A couple of women from our church have made good use of some huge bolts of wool that were given to the church some time ago. They have bound and embroidered some beautiful blankets to sell for the purpose of raising money for the Rockhaven Facility Expansion Fund.

The blankets are approximately 62 by 72 inches, and have a number of designs to choose from. Many of these blankets will be for sale at church on Sunday. Others may be ordered if you don't find one there that suits you. The cost of each blanket is \$50. They're good for gifts, Christmas, or stadium blankets, etc.

Plan now to buy one of these blankets while supporting Rockhaven!!

Need help with odd jobs?

Ron Vaughn continues to be available for hire to help out around your home. Light cleaning, yard work, cleaning car or garage, painting, or errands are all possibilities. Please call Ron at 548-4863.



God's Promises

*"God makes his people strong.
God gives his people peace."*

Psalm 29:11

(The Message)



Pastor Installation at First Presbyterian—Billings

October

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2010

The installation of Pastor Dave Thompson at First Presbyterian Church in Billings has been scheduled for Sunday, October 10th, at 4:00p. A reception will follow.

All are invited and welcome.



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 August.

August Income	\$28,801.55	Year-to-Date Income	\$259,805.06
August Expenses	\$26,830.30	Year-to-Date Expenses	\$283,335.93
August Balance	\$1,971.25	Year-to-Date Balance	(\$23,530.87)

October 17th - Fall Festival



Mark your calendar now! On October 17th, we will be holding a special Fall Festival at Rockhaven Camp. Come down and experience the beauty and excitement at Rockhaven. We'll have the zip line open and available for anyone who wants to zip, at our special discounted rate

of \$40. There will be many other Rockhaven activities, including a baking contest and auction, potluck dinner, prayer labyrinth, climbing tower, crafts, games, and good fellowship. If you would like to participate in the zip line canopy tour please sign up by October 15th by emailing Scott Thrasher at scott@thrasherarts.com.

Keep your eye on the bulletin and newsletter for more information or to get involved, contact Scott Thrasher at 600-1891.

Feed Your Soul with Fellowship and Bible Study

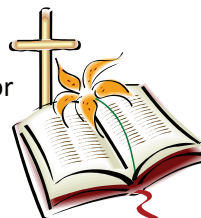
"Feed Your Soul" is FPC's name for our periodic Wednesday evening supper and Bible study series. This fall, we'll gather on 6 successive Wednesdays at 5:30p for a simple supper, followed by an adult study on "The Bible and Homosexuality" led by Dan Krebill and Jody McDevitt at 6:00p. The study

concludes by 7:00p, so that choir members can rehearse. All ages are welcome to the supper; activities for children are provided during the study time. All are welcome!



From gay marriage to "don't ask, don't tell," homosexuality is in the news often. Churches, including the Presbyterian Church (USA), have

debated issues around homosexuality for decades. Our approach in this 6-week series will be to seek Biblical guidance in an atmosphere of respect for different viewpoints. We will spend 2 weeks on the Old Testament, 2 weeks on the New Testament, and 2 weeks discussing contemporary issues. We hope to avoid the polarization which is so prevalent around this issue, listen to differing interpretations, and help participants reach their own conclusions regarding difficult questions. Within the coming year, PC(USA) presbyteries will be asked to vote (once again) on the question of the eligibility of gay and lesbian persons for ordination as ministers, elders and deacons. Our goal is to provide a Biblical foundation for decision-making and our life in the world.



Volunteers Needed:

Do you have a few minutes each week that could be used for calling and lining up ushers for the 10:30 service? The Usher Captains are already assigned — we just need to fill extra slots.



A volunteer is also needed to contact elders and deacons about helping serve communion each month.

Please call Kathy Braun, Worship Committee Elder, to help.

FPC Business Directory

needs your contribution. If you are involved in a business that could be of service to newcomers in our community, please give Nancy Giddings a call with the information she needs to include you in our

Business Directory:

- Contact information (phone, email, physical location), and
- Your business offering

You can reach Nancy with your information for the directory at

ngiddings@bridgeband.com

or

406.585.1387

Holland-days...

Last month I included a Haiku poem as a tribute to our camp at Rockhaven. That format has been gnawing at me of late as it does on occasion. I got to thinking that perhaps a way to combine this simple form of poetry along with regular reading of the Bible (a mark of discipleship that I am quite negligent in maintaining) would be to translate (or more accurately to interpret) some of the parables of the gospels into Haikus. Here we go:

The Wedding Banquet

All are invited.
Be sure to RSVP.
Seats are forever.

The Widow and The Unjust Judge

She still kept knocking.
God's justice never does sleep.
Rolls like a river.

The Pharisee and The Tax Collector

Loud heart on loud sleeve –
The sanctimonious fool.
God hears quietness.

The Lost Sheep

One lamb goes astray.
God leaves the rest to go search.
Joy when he finds it.

The Rich Fool

Storehouse bursts with greed.
You cannot take it with you.
Heavenly treasure.

The Good Samaritan

One by one they pass.
God's love knows no boundaries.
Unlikely hero.

Pastor Appreciation Month/Sunday

October is traditionally "Pastor Appreciation Month," and we'd like to take at least one Sunday to show our pastors just how much we appreciate them: as individuals, as leaders, and as prayer partners.

Please join us for a reception at about 11:30a on Sunday, October 24th, in the Fellowship Hall, where we'll all gather to express our love and appreciation for our pastors, including those in our congregation who are ordained ministers (or teaching elders).



New Children's Packets

Children's Packets are updated with new and fun things to do while your child is in church. Children's bulletins/packets are available at all three entrances to the sanctuary.

Please indicate on the worship registry in the red folders if we need to provide more.



Wednesday Bible Study Group Meets Tonight!

If you're looking for a study group that critically examines the Bible and asks searching questions about it as a way of grounding your faith, the Wednesday Bible study group may be just for you! We investigate aspects of church history and the contemporary religious scene. We'll begin by examining King David.

Our studies for this semester begin **today, Wednesday, September 29** in room 204 at the church at 4:00-5:00p.



Co-Pastors' (other) Corner

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from our church, will be walking to call attention to the issue of hunger and to raise money in support of Church World Service's efforts to fight hunger around the world. A quarter of the proceeds will stay in the community in support of the Gallatin Valley Food Bank.



Dozens of members and friends of First Presbyterian Church are involved in the leadership and carrying out of these important ministries adding vitality to the discipleship lived out among us. If you're already involved in one or more of these ministries we want to thank you. For those who have yet to become involved, we encourage you to consider how you can become engaged in these ministries. Thanks be to God for the bounty with which we have been blessed!

Contemplative Corner

Be in the world, but not of it.

Often this seems an impossible assignment. Contemplative practice allows one to recognize the merit-based, win-lose culture in which we live *and* to refuse to let that culture dominate the exercise of good judgment. Contemplation is a recognition that there is "more than meets the eye" rather than naive ignorance of "reality."



Jesus lived and inaugurated for history a new social order based on grace and not on merit. He called it the *Reign or Kingdom of God*. It is, without doubt, his most common metaphor, so it must be very important. One can learn how to live successfully in this now and not-yet Reign of God through contemplation, which practices accepting but not relying exclusively on the paradigms of contemporary culture.

Adapted from *Jesus' Plan for a New World*, pp. 3 - 4

September 12 Brunch was a huge success!

Thanks to Bob Olsen and the Deacons, our third church-wide brunch was fabulous. Fellowship Hall was crowded with about 100 people. We enjoyed muffins, coffee cakes, and fresh fruit with our coffee and juice. SO good!

In case you're interested, our next brunch is scheduled for November 14th, and will be hosted by the Session.



Food Bank Sunday

This Sunday, October 3rd, is our regular monthly **Food Bank Sunday**. The Gallatin Valley Food Bank is especially in need of:

- Chunky soup
- Stewed tomatoes
- Spaghetti noodles
- Canned chicken
- Oatmeal
- Corn



Bring your donation to church with you on Sunday morning, and we'll place it at the front of the sanctuary for the worship services, and then make sure they get into the hands of those at the Food Bank who will distribute them to those in need.

Gallatin Valley CROP Walk

The CROP Walk is a 10k walk and will be held, rain or shine, Sunday, October 3, at 1:45p, beginning at the Food Bank, 602 Bond Street in Bozeman. Donations given to walkers will help to alleviate hunger at home and abroad. From the funds raised, 25% will go to the Gallatin Valley Food Bank, and the rest will go to Church World Service to be used where needed.

See Judy Mathre (587-8666) for more information, or pick up a sponsor envelope. For more information about the relief work of CWS, see their website at

www.churchworldservice.org.



Session Notes—September 2010

At their meeting last Thursday, September 23, your Session met to conduct the business of the church.

Highlights of the Pastors' Report include:

- Dan and Jody are preaching a series of sermons with the theme, "Thy Kingdom Come."
- Dan, as president of MAC, will attend their Annual Assembly in Great Falls, October 18-19.
- Dan will attend CREDO, and will be gone from September 27 to October 4.
- Dan and Jody will use their final vacation Sunday on October 10th to attend a band competition in Pocatello, Idaho with Martha. George Goodrich will preach that Sunday.
- Jody has been busy planning the fall round of Feed Your Soul, which will begin on Wednesday, October 13.
- Jody is working with Rabbi Ed, Father Leo, and Ruhul Amin on the activities of the Interfaith Forum.
- Jody is working to plan the youth retreat at Rockhaven, October 21 – 23.

Chuck Beck thanked Jody for all her work that went above and beyond what is required of her regarding Rockhaven.

Worship Committee

- Recommended that communion at the 10:30 service be served by intinction during the months of October and November. Session approved. Any questions or comments on this topic should be directed to Kathy Braun, Pastor Jody, or Pastor Dan.
- Presented a request from the American Legion to use our facilities for an organ-concert, fund raising event. The session approved this event and gave permission for a free will offering to be collected. This is a fund raiser for replacing the building that was destroyed by the explosion in Bozeman.

Mission and Outreach

- Reported on the formation of the Montana Organizing Project (MOP). Pay Day Lending will be their first focus.

Hospitality Committee

- The Birthday Card ministry has switched from cards in envelopes to birthday postcards to be sent to each member of our church family. Marjorie David takes care of this ministry.
- We have scheduled Pastor Appreciation Sunday for October 24, 2010.
- Session will host the November 14th all-church brunch.

Rockhaven Committee

- October 17th: Fall Festival at Rockhaven, to include baking contest, zipping, will end with a potluck
- A contractor will do the digging for underground power lines, to include some lighting, at no charge. Other pieces of the project will be paid for by the funds raised during the Capital Campaign to create infrastructure for handicap access at Rockhaven.
- Session agreed to send Scott to PCCCA, a national conference for camp directors. The camp will be held in November in Colorado. Rockhaven Committee will find the money needed.
- Session approved the sale of wool stadium blankets, 100% of which goes to raise money for the Rockhaven facility expansion fund. All materials and labor have been donated. The blankets will be for sale on Sunday mornings.

Jody requested we all check our mailboxes regularly to make sure invoices are paid in a timely manner.

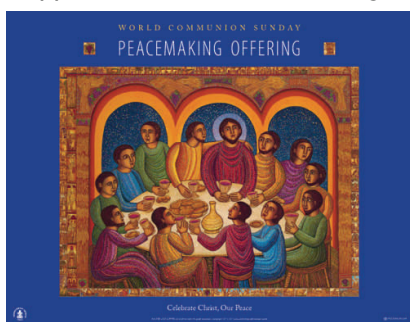
After the break, we discussed the 2010 Stewardship Campaign. Dan led the discussion.

- Stewardship is the responsibility of all active elders.
- Give because we have received, not because of what we'll get in return
- Our pledge is our commitment to God

~~Deb Griffin

Peacemaking Offering

Now is the time for our annual Peacemaking Offering. It is a most important offering which is taken each year. The Presbytery and General Assembly receive a portion of that offering for the Peace initiatives which they support. We receive 25% of the total amount for our own projects. We are using those funds to support the expenses incurred by our hostings during our Family Promise weeks. This covers the groceries for breakfasts and lunches plus the supplies which are used during the week. Dinners are

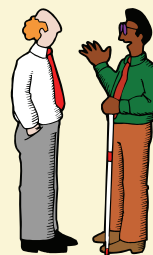


donated by our volunteers who so graciously help feed our families.

Our Peacemaking Account is in need. Please consider giving to this Offering.

Talking with neighbors... The Interfaith Forum for the upcoming school year will meet on first Wednesdays at noon, October thru May.

On October 6, the topic is “*Crusades, Jihad, & Holy War.*” What do our faith traditions teach about war and peace?



All are welcome. Bring your lunch (please respect the Temple and do not bring pork or shellfish products) and a friend, and we'll see you at Temple Beth Shalom, 2010 W Koch Street, in Bozeman.

Panel participants include Rabbi Ed Stafman (Temple Beth Shalom), Dr. Ruhul Amin (Professor of Mechanical Engineering at MSU, and President of the Islamic Center

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MERRY MUNCHERS - FALL 2010

It's time for the next round of Merry Munchers!! This is FPC's version of a rotating dinner group. Guests are matched with hosts, who plan the meal. Guests bring side dishes, and sweet fellowship is enjoyed by all. All adults are welcome, whether you are a church member, a friend of First Presbyterian, or visiting in the Gallatin Valley. The Fridays selected are Oct 15 and Nov 19, 2010. As always, hosts may reschedule as needed. **PLEASE NOTE: *You do not need to be a host in order to sign up as a guest.***

To Participate as a Guest:

Please circle the date(s) you are available to be a guest, the number of adults participating, and your name(s), address, phone number and e-mail address if you have one.

Friday, October 15

Friday, November 19

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone #: _____ Number of adults participating: One Two

E-mail address: _____

To Participate as a Host:

Please circle the date(s) you are available to host and indicate the number of people your home can accommodate.

Friday, October 15

Friday, November 19

Number home can accommodate: _____

Call Marcia Jarrett at 388-6314 with questions. Drop this registration in church offering, by the church office, or e-mail Marcia at marciajarrett@littleappletech.com. **Deadline for registration is Sunday, October 3, 2010.**

Save the Date!

WHEN: November 5th & 6th, 2010

WHAT: Joint Presbytery meetings for
Glacier & Yellowstone Presbyteries

WHO: Our featured speaker will be Linda Valentine, Executive
Director of the General Assembly Mission Council

WHY: To talk with sisters and brothers in Yellowstone and
Glacier Presbyteries as we explore together Christ's calling in
mission...

Grow Christ's Church Deep and Wide

WHERE: First Presbyterian Church, Helena, Montana
406-422-4775

AGENDA: Registration begins on Friday, November 5th at 11:30a
Presbyteries will meet jointly to hear Linda Valentine, and to
worship, then meet individually to conduct Presbytery business.
Adjournment is scheduled for 12 o'clock noon on
Saturday, November 6th.

For Further Information:

Hotel and registration will be available soon.

Go to www.glacierpresbytery.org or
www.yellowstonepcusa.org

Grow Christ's Church

Deep and Wide

Church Phone Extensions

Our church telephone number is 586-9194, and then these
extensions may be helpful:

Linda Best.....	202
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of Bozeman), Rev. Jody
McDevitt, (co-pastor at First
Presbyterian Church) and Rev.
Leo Proxell (pastor of Holy
Rosary Catholic Church).

For more information, contact
Pastor Jody.

Knitters Needed

Winter is just around
the corner and the
children of Monforton
and Gallatin Gateway Schools will
soon be needing warm scarves,
caps, and mittens—especially the
younger students.



PLEASE - all you knitters - help
us keep them warm. If you need
needles, etc. please give me a call
- Joyce Armour, 624-6292 - or
mumsie27@bresnan.net.

The Montana Organizing Project

at First Presbyterian
Church, Sunday, October 3, 12p.
A representative of the Montana
Organizing Project, a
collaborative initiative involving
community organizations, faith-
based groups, organized labor,
and concerned individuals to
address injustice and other issues
selected for action by the MOP
leadership at the founding
convention in June. A light soup
'n' bread lunch will be served.

Of particular interest will be
legislation that will put a cap on
the interest charged for Pay Day
Loans.

Please RSVP at your earliest
convenience. Betsy needs to
know how much water to put in
the soup.

~Jerry Crabs
406.600.8306

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