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Preplanning Discussion with Dokken-Nelson

Most people plan for many of life's big events. But have you really planned for everything Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service invites you to join them for lunch and a pre-planning discussion after church on Sunday, April 15, at 12:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall to discuss the emotional and financial benefits of making funeral plans in advance. Topics covered will include funeral pre-planning, benefits for veterans, and planning for nursing home care.

Attendees will receive a free planning guide titled "Getting Your House in Order," along with other helpful materials.

For questions or to register please contact the church office **TODAY** at 586-9194 or Dokken-Nelson at 587-3184.

Registration is requested by today, Wednesday, April 11, to ensure enough food and materials.

Rockhaven Clean up April 28

The Rockhaven Clean up date has been changed to April 28 instead of April 14 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Please bring your own sack lunch. Call John Patterson at 587-9722 or email jspatterson972@gmail.com for more information.

Also if you can help on April 22 after church let John know.

Enhancing Our Conversation With God

"One of our roles as human beings is to be the priests of creation. Of all God's creatures on earth, we alone can pray and give thanks to the Creator on behalf of all creation...The sacrament of Holy Communion shapes us to offer prayers of thanksgiving every day."

Bruce Rigdon, The Upper Room Disciplines 2015, February 20th

“Spring for Food” Drive a Success



On Saturday, April 7, 12 people (youth and families) from our church participated in the Gallatin Valley Food Bank annual Spring For Food drive. The group collected food from 226 houses on Bozeman’s south side, filling the trunks of 4 cars. Participating youth are preparing for the summer mission trip, practicing service in our own community. It was a lot of fun to help neighbors be generous to neighbors!

Welcome to New Babies

Congratulations to Travis and Kyndra Campbell on the birth of a son, Oliver Campbell, on March 15, 2018. Older brother Owyn welcomes his baby brother, and so does his church family!

Congratulations to church members John and Liz Frazier on the birth of a son, Griffin Stone Frazier, on April 1, 2018. The Easter/April Fool's baby is John and Liz's first child. Welcome to the world!

It’s time to register for VBS 2018!

June 18 – 22, 8:30am-12:00pm

Hosts: Bozeman UMC, First Baptist, First Presbyterian, Grand Ave Christian, Pilgrim Congregational & St. James Episcopal.

All ages—please register NOW if you plan to attend!

- Adult volunteers (for adults of all ages)
(Child care provided for 0-3 year old children of volunteers)
- Youth Assistants (entering 7th-12th gr)
- Children (age 4 – entering 6th)

Fee: \$25 - 1st child, \$10 – addtl children, \$45 family max.

Both Youth and Adults serve as: *Small Group Shepherds, Games Gurus, Craft Wizards
Snack Gatherers & Servers, Carpentry Creators, Theater Nerds, Decoration Fairies, Music Makers*

We need **YOU** to help us plan a week of magic for over 150 children!

Pre-Registration is necessary! Register the whole family today!



Right Click on these links and go to open link.

Adult Volunteer Form: <https://bozemanumc.breezechms.com/form/2e43f08865>

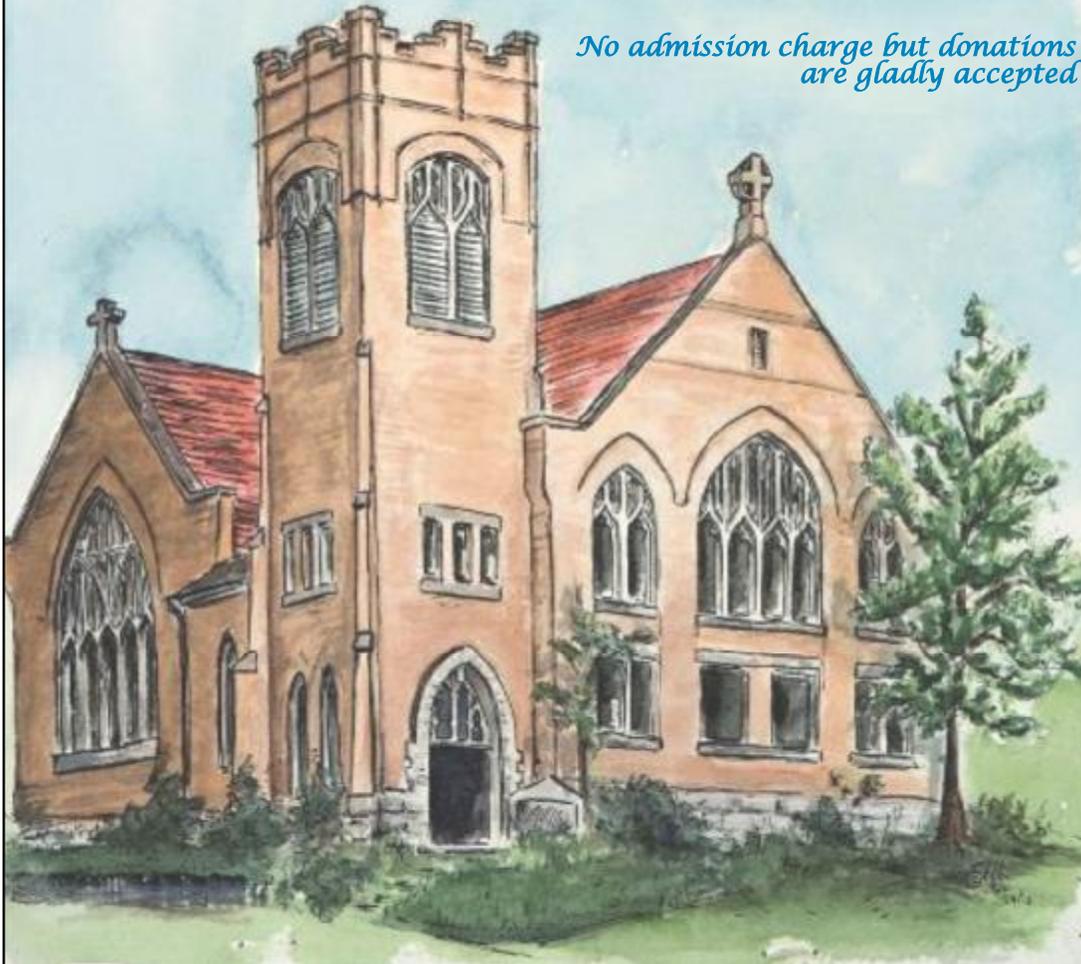
Youth Assistant Form: <https://bozemanumc.breezechms.com/form/2e43f088>

Child Participant Form: <https://bozemanumc.breezechms.com/form/2e43f0>

*First Presbyterian Church Mainly Music
Free Concert Series
Sunday, April 22 at 3pm
"An Afternoon with Bach"*

*Second String Orchestra Ensemble with Mary Kothman
Matthew O'Sullivan, organ
Bridger Brass Quintet
Thomas Lee, trumpet
Holly Aloise, organ
Lukás Graf & Jessica Graf, vocal duet
Larry Growney & Ashley Driscoll, flute
John Schlender, violin
Noah Certalic, violin
Tristan Hernandez, cello
Brooke Marshall, vocalist, and other musicians*

*No admission charge but donations
are gladly accepted*



Rockhaven Summer Staff Opportunities

Rockhaven is still looking for some summer staff and especially a camp cook. Please spread the word and if you or someone you know is interested they can contact Rockhaven Camp Director, Scott Thrasher at scott@rockhavencamp.org or apply on the Rockhaven website.

Safety Ministry

The Session decided to charge a Safety Ministry with safeguarding the congregation's well-being during church services. The goal is to train a small group of volunteers in how to best react to issues that might arise during a service including medical, fire or environmental emergencies as well as unwelcome disruptions. This group would be comprised of people willing to intervene as necessary, but primarily be people who would be responsible for calling in appropriate outside resources.

If this is something you would be willing to do, please contact Elder Tom McMakin at tcmakin@profitableideas.com or at 570-5929.

A Big Thank You to All Who Participated in the Agape Dinner



Thank you to all that attended the Agape Dinner on Maundy Thursday! A special thank you to Suzanne Bratsky, Dan Holland and John Sacklin for sharing their "call" to support the three phases of the One Great Hour of Sharing, Disaster Relief, Hunger and Self Development of People, to the choir for providing beautiful music, to Alison Todd for playing piano and Russell Milburn for sharing his voice and talents with us. Thank you to Dan and Jody for preparing the program. A huge thank you goes out to the people helping prepare the meal, Jill Brauss, Marcia and Jim Jarrett, Jenny Beard, John and Judy Patterson and the Thursday Morning Book group for setting tables. An even bigger thank you goes to those who helped clean up, led by John Patterson--there were so many helpers I don't want to miss one--so thank you all!! You did an awesome job.

Book Group Reading *The Bartenders Tale* by Ivan Doig

The Thursday Morning Women's book group is starting a new book, *The Bartenders Tale* by Ivan Doig. A great American storyteller tells a story of a one-of-a-kind father and his precocious son, rocked by a time of change in 1960 in northern Montana. If you always thought you would read a book by Ivan Doig here is your chance, we have lots of extra books from the Bozeman Public Library book kits. Come join us on Thursday mornings at 8:00 a.m. for good discussion and a light breakfast. If you can't make the group feel free to check out a book or for more information call Linda at the office 586-9194.

Adult Mission Team to Ft. Peck

Are you interested in learning more about Montana's Native people? Would you like to build relationships with Presbyterians on the Ft. Peck reservation in northeastern Montana? Do you have a heart for serving others, with others? Then consider joining the adult mission team which will travel to Poplar, Montana, May 29-June 2, 2018 for a fourth year of partnering with Dakota Presbyterians.



This year our work will be focused around the Red Eagle Memorial Cemetery in Ft. Kipp. Last year we began the work of documenting the graves so that family members can find their loved ones and ancestors. We think we can complete this job this year, providing the local church and community with a notebook and digital files detailing the 700+ graves. You don't need to know how to do this yourself—Mary Hektner and John Sacklin, members of our team, will show you how. Other jobs will likely include mowing and clearing the cemetery. We are always happy to accommodate physical limitations—you can be a photographer, recorder or snack host, depending on your abilities.

Local hosts Patrick and Sudi Pipe always arrange cultural learning opportunities for us. These have included learning about local plants and their healing properties, visiting the tribe's buffalo ranch, meeting a Sun Dance priest, seeing the tipi rings of Sitting Bull and his people, and hearing the legend of a boulder known as the "weeping grandmother."

Evening meals are provided by members of local churches, providing opportunities to build friendships and understanding. Our team spends time together in reflection and worship each day. We stay in the dormitory of Ft. Peck Community College (they do not charge us anything) and prepare our own breakfasts and lunches in the common room. Costs (breakfasts, lunches, and gas) are divided between team members.

The team is forming now, and we will have several orientation/planning meetings in April and early May. If you are interested, contact Charlie Mandeville (580-7823 or charlie@charliemandeville.com) or Jody McDevitt (586-9194, jody@fpcbozeman.org).

Birthdays this week

4/12 Maggie Kleinhans

4/13 Carol Julien

Giving to First Presbyterian Church

In addition to traditional methods, First Presbyterian Church offers the option of making financial contributions to the church electronically via the web or by texting. Contributions via the web can be made from the online giving link on the church's website, www.fpcbozeman.org or by scanning this QR code with your Smartphone. To give by text, simply text the amount of your gift and any designation to **406-278-6267**. Thank you!



Holland-days...

by Dan Holland

Anyone who regularly wastes time by reading the words appearing in this space knows at least a couple of things about me. One is that I am an accountant currently engaged in the busiest portion of an accountant's year, tax season. The other is that I raise goats. Recently those two somewhat mutually exclusive worlds collided.

On the night before Palm Sunday we had a doe kid (for the uninitiated, 'doe' is a female goat and 'kid' in this context is a verb meaning to give birth.) In and of itself that was not an unusual event; we've had numerous kiddings during tax season in the past. We've had kids born on Easter Sunday, Good Friday, and during the Super Bowl. For the most part everything always goes smoothly. We hang around to see if the doe needs any help, we spend a few minutes with the newborns, and then it's back to the office. My luck ran out with this last one, though.

Jinx had always been what's called an easy kidder. During the aforementioned Super Bowl a couple of years ago, I had checked on her before kick-off: she was doing fine; no serious labor yet. When I went back out after the end of the first quarter she had three kids on the ground, had licked them all clean, and was already encouraging them to nurse. It can't get any easier than that. This year Jinx pushed out the first two easy-peasy just like she always had. Then the trouble started. An hour later she started to push again, except it was a breach — the kid was backwards. This rarely happens, but it's why you hang around to help. She didn't want any of my help spinning the kid and just pushed it out backwards.

The first two kids were strong and healthy, but the breech was weak from the get go. It was gone by the next day. Then Jinx started to go downhill. I shot her full of all kinds of meds, but two days later she, too, was gone. We were now the proud owners of two orphans. Two ravenous, clueless orphans. During tax season. Oh, and it snows every other day. What could possibly go wrong?

As it turns out, nothing has gone wrong thus far (well, besides the first part of the story.) Those two little bundles of joy are thriving. Three times a day, for as long as it takes them to drink ten ounces of milk replacer (which isn't very long), I am their world. Sure, they are demanding and loud — really loud — but there is a momentary joy while all my other distractions are set aside and I spend a couple of minutes with two of God's more hilarious creatures.

On Monday the sun was out during their evening feeding, so I decided to feed them outside rather than in the shed. I could feel the warmth gathering in my bones. I could feel the pasture getting ready to explode with new growth. And I knew it wouldn't be too long before these two orphans would be bounding uninhibited through the green grass. And I'll be right there, skipping along beside them.



Church Facebook page a source of up-to-date info!

Even if you're not a Facebook member yourself, you can still access the church's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/fpcbozeman 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!