

FPC NEWS

AUGUST SPECIAL OFFERING: ROCKS PROGRAM

The ROCKS (Raising Our Community Kids Safely) Program has been in existence for 12 years. ROCKS is the only youth development program in the area. The ROCKS Program is sponsored by a Board of Directors and serves children ages 6-12 from all 5 Elementary schools. We provide daily transportation, physical activities, snacks, homework help, computer time and game time and have partnerships with many local resources such as Custer County Art & Heritage Center, the Public Library, Police and Fire Departments, and the area High School athletic and service clubs, among others. These partnerships allow us to offer field trips and other presentations. We also provide a Summer Recreation Program that is an all day, 8 week program, that offers a community hot lunch program.

The Rocks Program is supported by a tuition fee, based on parent/guardian income. We are State licensed which lets us provide care for families that have financial challenges, and we have a scholarship fund that is also helpful. We receive donations from area foundations, businesses, and individuals. We put on fund raisers, and participate in the National "Lights On Afterschool" campaign held every October.

The ROCKS Program has been nationally recognized by the American Community College Innovative Awards Program, and also by the

Governor of Montana as one of the top 3 programs in the State. We have also been profiled in the National Afterschool Advocate newsletter, and on the National Afterschool Alliance website.

I truly believe this program is making a difference in the lives of these children, and we see it when one of them makes the honor roll for the first time, or are able to belong to the BUG (Bring Up Grades) Club. We are also now seeing the staff turn around from being children in the program to becoming staff members, which tells me we are starting to come full circle, and that is very rewarding to the program and to the community.

Joyce Vera
Program Coordinator



**Office hours will be changing slightly
beginning August 15th.**

NEW HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday

8 a.m. - Noon

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Wednesday

8 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Best Wishes to all who are celebrating this month!

- 1 – Sage Mackenzie
- 5 – Betty Bixler
- 6 – Linda Hodgson
- 7 – Florence Burchett
- 8 – Curt Ellingson
- 9 – Thurman Bankey
Carolyn Zimmerman
- 10 – Kara Helland
- 15 – Sue Backlund
Teven Ellingson
Laurel Shook
Curt & Tricia Ellingson
- 23 – Aliene Feuerherm
- 25 – Pat Killen
Gus & Karen Glasscock
- 26 – Mark & Lisa Helland
- 28 – Earl Bennett
- 31 – Ilo Kailey

(If I missed someone, my sincere apologies, please let me know so that you can be added to the list for next year!)



Did you know that monthly newsletters as well as a current church calendar are available online on our website? Visit us online at mc1stpres.org.



Our Worship Services are broadcast every Sunday Morning on KATL, 770 AM. This makes it possible for those who cannot be at services to still worship with us.

If you would like to Sponsor a Broadcast, please contact Jessica in the Church Office to schedule a date. Cost is \$100 per broadcast.



PW Fellowship is held weekly on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.

The PW Coordinating Team will resume their monthly meetings on Monday, August 13th @ 9:30 a.m.

The PW Circles will also resume their monthly groups:

- Elizabeth Circle: Aug. 28 @ 7 p.m.*
- Deborah Circle: Sept. 13 @ 10 a.m.*

Thank You!

Thank you to all who made themselves available to assist Pastor Dave in his last days here with us. And a special thanks to Verna Viall, Eleanor Hartmann, JoAnn Perkins, Mary Lynn & Vern Taylor, Wes Gilbertson, and Don & Arlis Bidwell for being there to help on the moving days! Also to Audrey Watts and JoAnn Perkins who brought coffee and rolls for everyone.

Mission Committee Special Offerings
for 2012

- January: Critical Incident Stress
Management Team of Miles City
- February: CNADA (Custer Network Against Domestic Abuse)
*February also includes the fundraiser luncheon for the Montana Children’s Home
- March: Suicide Intervention of Custer County
- April: One Great Hour of Sharing
- May: Pentecost Offering
- June: Miles City Local Mission
- July: Montana Rescue Mission
- August: **ROCKS (Affordable, low-income child daycare program)**
- September: Theological Education Fund for Seminary Students
- October: Peacemaking
- November: Empty Stockings
- December: Christmas Joy Offering



If you are unable to make it to worship and would like a copy of the bulletin mailed to you, please contact Jessica in the Church office. You can have a bulletin mailed out to you or emailed to you. This can be on a Sunday to Sunday basis or a long term basis.

Western National Leadership Training
“Developing Leadership in Changing Times”

October 3-5, 2012

Presbyterian Church, Jackson, WY

“The annual Western National Leadership Training Event is one of the significant programs offered by the Synod of the Rocky Mountains. Outstanding leaders from across the church provide workshops, plenary events and services of worship for ministers and members of congregations. The dates for the event are October 3 – 5 in Jackson, Wyoming. Please visit www.synodrm.org for more information and registration. The Synod will offer some scholarship assistance for rural churches in the Synod. The Synod of the Rocky Mountains includes eight presbyteries: Denver, Glacier, Plains and Peaks, Pueblo, Utah, Western Colorado, Wyoming, and Yellowstone. Boise and Kendall Presbyteries from the Synod of the Pacific also join in sponsoring this year's event. Please consider attending this important gathering of leaders.”

Information and a registration form are posted on the bulletin board in the East Room and is also available via email from the church office @ mcfpc@midrivers.com .



Please contact Roxy or Jessica in the office by August 15 if you would like offering envelopes for 2013. Also please indicate if you want weekly or monthly envelopes. If you do not wish to use envelopes, a number will be assigned to all contributors and we ask that you put that number on the memo of your check. This aids in the recording process. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Can you help?

It is not time consuming, only a few extra minutes before and after services. It is not a difficult task and training and support will be provided! Please help Wayne Lathrop (and the Church) by volunteering to help run the Sound Equipment. We have had some youth show interest in helping, but are in need of an adult (or two) to help out as well!



Can you push buttons?

If you can, you can do this!

Helpers are needed on various Sunday mornings to help with the power point presentations. No experience needed, we will train! If you would like more information please contact Denise Hartse or Jessica in the office.



Sign-up sheets are located in the East Room to assist the Elder & Deacon of the Month in coordinating volunteers for various jobs. Please prayerfully consider where and when you may be able to help.




The Region 5 Job Service Workforce Centers (Miles City, Glasgow, Sidney and Glendive) in cooperation with Action for Eastern Montana, will be holding the 3rd Annual Veterans Stand Down on August 11th, 9am-3pm in Miles City, MT at the Fairgrounds. For more information on this grassroots, community-based intervention program please contact Cindy Erickson or Ron Nemeck at the Miles City Job Service (406) 232-8340.

- Volunteers are also needed to help make this program a success, please see the correspondence section for more information on volunteering.



Have you noticed the wonderful flower pots outside? Volunteers have spent a lot of time beautifying the outside of the church by planting the flowers. Please help them keep them beautiful throughout the summer by signing up to help water them! A sign up calendar is on the bulletin board in the East Room.

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GUARANTEE FROM GOD

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You know, we've all purchased something that's "guaranteed." A laptop, brake pads, or maybe a sweet juicer that you saw on TV late one night. And it's easy to be skeptical of guarantees because, well, let's be honest, it seems like they always break or wear out... right after the guarantee ends.

Cool thing is, when God makes a promise to save believers and make them into something holy, it is guaranteed. And there is no time limit or catch. (Like my busted juicer!)

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again. God will make this happen, for he who calls you is faithful.

Paul reminded them that God is faithful. Maybe you're in a place where you need to be reminded of that. Well, live your life in the confidence that God is at work in you.

