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2005 Joint Convocation of Glacier & Yellowstone Presbyteries

Journey of Discovery: Living Into God's 's Call

Exploring a Journey of Congregational Transformation

September 25-26, 2005

First Presbyterian Church, Lewistown, Montana
215 5th Avenue South—406-538-3728

Featured Speaker

RAY SCHULTE, Managing Director
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Registration Fee:

Includes Manuals, Materials, 3 meals, breaks

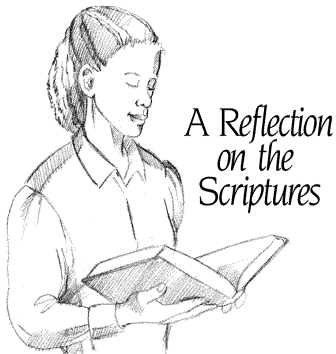
◆ Early Registration: \$35/person (Bring 3, Get 4th free — Early Registration only)

◆ After September 1st: \$40 per/person

Make checks payable to **Glacier Presbytery,**

Don Patterson, 18886 East Shore Route, Bigfork, MT 59911

Struggling with ministry in the 21st century?? Join an e-mail discussion group this summer. Get connected through Convocation Registration or e-mail yellpres@yellowstonepcusa.org



SEPTEMBER SCRIPTURE READINGS

O Lord, ... in whom is the fullness of light and wisdom, enlighten our minds by your Holy Spirit, and give us grace to receive your Word with reverence and Humility, without which no one can understand your truth. For Christ's sake, Amen.
(John Calvin)

SUNDAY—September 4th

Exod. 12:1-14; Ps. 149; Rom. 13:8-14
Matt. 18:15-20

SUNDAY—September 11th

Exod. 14:19-31; Ps. 114 or
Exod. 15:1b-11, 20-21;
Rom. 14:1-12; Matt. 18:12-35

SUNDAY—September 18th

Exod. 16:2-15; Ps. 105:1-6, 37-45
Phil. 1:21-30; Matt. 20:1-16

SUNDAY—September 25th

Exod. 17:1-7; Ps. 78:1-4, 12-16;
Phil. 2:1-13
Matt. 21:23-32

Additions to Church Directory:

Hileman, Leona
1026 Second St.
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862-3215

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83 Wedge Wood Lane
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E-Mail Addresses

We are trying to gather e-mail addresses for members and friends so that we can efficiently pass on information to all of you at super speed. Again, if we can use your e-mail address, put it on the register at church or give it to Milah in the office any day of the week between 8:30 am and 12:30 pm.

Upcoming movies for the entire family in theaters or DVD:

The Adventures of Ocie Nash

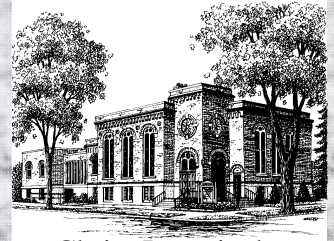
Because of Winn Dixie

The Roach Approach: Don't Miss the Boat! and The Mane Event!

Beyond the Gates of Splendor

If you would like additional information on these titles, or complimentary Church Discussion Guides and Clips from the films, please go to www.foxfaith.com.

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Christ Jesus is the
Chief Cornerstone
Ephesians 2:19-20

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Dear Family in Christ,

Erma Bombeck wrote the following in *"If I Had My Life To Live Over."* It was written in memory of Cindy Main who lost her fight with cancer.

--I would have talked less and listened more.

--I would have invited friends over to dinner even if the carpet was stained the sofa faded.

--I would have eaten popcorn in the "good" living room and worried much less about the dirt when someone wanted to light fire in the fireplace.

--I would have taken the time to listen to my grandfather ramble about his youth.

--I would never have insisted the car windows be rolled up on a summer day because my hair had just been teased and sprayed.

--I would have burned the pink candle sculpted like a rose before it melted in storage.

--I would have sat on the lawn with my children and not worried about grass stains.

--I would have cried and laughed less while watching television and more while watching life.

--I would have shared more of the responsibility carried by my husband. I would have gone to bed when

I was sick instead of pretending the earth would go into a holding pattern if I weren't there for the day.

--I would never have bought anything just because it was practical, wouldn't soil, or was guaranteed to last a lifetime.

--Instead of wishing away nine months of pregnancy, I'd have cherished every moment and realized the wonderment growing inside me was the only chance in life to assist God with a miracle.

--When my kids kissed me impetuously, I would never have said, "Later. Now go get washed up for dinner."

--There would have been more "I love yous," more "I'm sorrys," but mostly, given another shot at life,

I would seize every minute, look at it and really see it, live it, and never throw it back.

Turner Askew gave me a little book of daily sayings entitled *"God Calling,"* here is the one for this day.

"Behold, I make all things new. It is only the earthbound spirit that cannot soar. Every blessing I send you, every joy, every freedom achieved from poverty and worry will loosen a strand that ties you to earth. It is only these strands that bind you. Therefore, your freedom will mean your rising into the realm of Joy and Appreciation. Clipped wings can grow again. Broken voices regain a strength and beauty unknown before. Your power to help other lives will soon bring its delight, even when, at first, the help to yourselves may seem too late to bring you joy. Worn out and tired as you may seem, and pain weary, I say to you, 'Behold, I make all things new.' The promise shall be fulfilled. Tenderly across the years, yet tenderly close and near to your tired noise weary ears, I speak to you---my loved ones, today. 'Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.'"

At the beginning of a stretch of road on the Alaskan Highway, there is a sign which reads; "Choose your ruts well, for you will be in them for the next two hundred miles." Every day presents us with multitudes of choices which can either be interpreted as "bane or blessing." It is amazing to remember that Jesus saw life as it truly was. You can call him a crazy man, a fanatic, and a too sobering social critic, but to be who he is, he has to go to Jerusalem to confront the powers. He has to face death, has to be aware that he will be nailed to a wooden beam, and to breathe and bleed his last. And since we, too, walk with him, we must go all the way. We are with him when he cranks up the role of servant hood. When we try to protect him, we are also trying to protect ourselves, but he takes us all the way to the cross. The brutalities of the authorities will be unmasked in the Holy City, and Jesus will be humiliated in the worst form of torture known to humanity. There will be blood, gore, and death; the entire earth will heave and shake, but he has already made the decision that he will not be kept in a safe place, but he will have a good attitude and a holy love throughout the ordeal. He will make the most of the day! What a challenge to follow this sort of Savior!

The story is told of the old moonshiner who gave his guest some homemade moonshine liquor. "Well," he asked, "what do you think of it?" The visitor replied, "This is just right!" The anxious moonshiner asked, "What do you mean 'just right?'" The visitor replied, "Well, if it were any better, you wouldn't have given me any, and if it were any worse, I wouldn't have been able to drink it."

Rejoice, for this is the day of the Lord! Let us make all our days beautiful and fulfilled, for we will pass this way only once.

Blessings,

THOUGHT YOU'D WANT TO KNOW

Members of Presbyterian Churches often have to review their will or trust documents. Many are considering for the first time the needs of their church and its mission going forward.

Generally a "bequest" to a church or charity comes the form of a percentage (%) of the estate, a residual amount or a stated amount as specified.

Whatever or how it happens is a blessing!

SERRV **(A Greater Gift)**

Presbyterian Women will again be offering the opportunity to purchase beautiful craft and organic food items from around the world at their bazaar. Claire Strickler will be circulating SERRV (A Greater Gift) catalogs during September and October so that you may place orders. PW orders at the wholesale price (if our orders total \$300) and sells at the retail price, making a little money for our mission giving as well as helping people who have few other ways to support their families. SERRV works with their partners to determine the appropriate purchase price for their handcrafts, providing fair pay for their labor, making sure that women and men are treated equally and have reasonable working conditions. They pay adults fairly so children are not forced to work. They also sponsor schools and child care. Their goal is to alleviate poverty and to move people toward self-sufficiency by offering training and design consultation. Please ask Claire to borrow a catalog and discover the wonderful products available to order.

BEAUTIFUL CALENDARS ON SALE NOW

Order your Christian Calendar and a couple more for gifts this year. The calendars have the most gorgeous landscape pictures on them as well as a pertinent Bible Verse. Calendars cost \$6 each and orders will be taken through October 30th. They will be available for pick up the first week in November.

A sign up sheet is posted next to the Sample of next year's calendar on the bulletin board or call the church office. Proceeds will go toward Mission.

MISSION STATEMENT

The main purpose of the First Presbyterian Church is to glorify God and enjoy God forever. To fulfill this purpose, we affirm three God-given responsibilities:

- ⇒ To know, love and worship God through Jesus Christ
- ⇒ To serve and build up one another in love as members of the body of Christ
- ⇒ To go into our community, our country and the world, empowered by God's Holy Spirit to make disciples, teaching them all that Christ commands