

**Yellowstone Currents**  
**A Newsletter of Yellowstone Presbytery**  
**April 2018**

**An Easter Prayer**

This prayer, written by William Barclay, is one of my favorites.

*O Lord Jesus Christ, who upon this day didst conquer death and rise from the dead,  
and who art alive forevermore, help us never to forget Thy Risen Presence forever with us.*

*Help us to remember,*

*That Thou art with us in every time of perplexity to guide and to direct;  
That Thou are with us in every time of sorrow to comfort and to console;  
That Thou art with us in every time of temptation to strengthen and to inspire;  
That Thou art with us in every time of loneliness to cheer and to befriend;  
That Thou art with us even in death to bring us through the waters to the glory on the other side.*

*Make us to be certain that there is nothing in time or in eternity which can separate us from Thee,  
so that in Thy presence we may meet life with gallantry and death without fear.*

*This we ask for Thy love's sake. Amen.*

**Presbytery Gathered at St. Andrew Presbyterian in Billings in March**

In our time together, we worshiped and prayed and sang, rejoicing in God.  
We renewed connections and friendships.  
We broke bread together in the upper room and in the sanctuary,  
grateful for the hospitality of St. Andrew.

We listened to young voices who reminded us  
--to look for ways to express our faith in fresh language  
--that the gifts of the church are people  
--and that a starting point for ministry with youth-and anyone-is listening,  
building friendships, and offering support.

We celebrated new ministries and calls, welcomed colleagues to the presbytery,  
and gave thanks for faithful service.  
We remembered our dear saints who from their labors rest.

Stan Ott reminded us to:

Think small. One to one ministry may help change the world.  
Think big. Reach for the seemingly impossible but impossibly significant.  
Think action.

From our other excellent workshops, we were encouraged. . .

--to look for what God is doing and to celebrate it  
--that one person with an idea can make a difference  
--that the Holy Spirit uses God's story, our story, our community, our circumstances,  
to transform us.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF THE YELLOWSTONE SPRING GATHERING



### 2017 GLOBAL EXCHANGE TO INDONESIA

#### **BUILDING BRIDGES OF UNDERSTANDING “...so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine” (Rom. 1:12)**

Presbyterian Women met March 23 in Billings and 24th in Bozeman to hear Kathy Lundberg share her experience as the Global Exchange Representative of the Presbyterian Women of the Synod of the Rocky Mountains. She took a leap of faith in volunteering and together with 20 other women made connection with their hosts, the Protestant Church of Western Indonesia. The GPIB as it is known is a connectional church with more than 300 congregations across the island country

August 2-5, 2018, 20 women from Indonesia will complete the exchange by presenting at the Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women, in Louisville Kentucky. Registration booklets are available from Presbyterian Women of the Congregation or online at <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org>>Churchwide Gathering or on the website of the Yellowstone Presbytery, [yellowstonepcusa.org](http://yellowstonepcusa.org), under Presbyterian Women.

**Thanks to Merry Lee Hooks for this article!**

#### **Westminster Spires Camp Dates**

June 1 – 3 Revamp the Camp  
July 5 – 7 Camp Staff Training  
July 8 – 12 Elementary Camp  
July 15 – 20 Junior High Camp  
July 22 – 27 Senior High Camp  
Sept. 7 – 9 Highland Holy Days sponsored by St. Andrew Presbyterian

## Upcoming Events

April 3 Leadership Cabinet First Presbyterian, Billings 10 a.m.  
April 3 Special Presbytery Meeting by phone 2 p.m.  
May 4-5 Presbytery Meeting Federated Church of Harlowton  
May 10 Pastoral Ministry Team Bozeman  
June 1 – 3 Revamp the Camp Westminster Spires Camp  
June 9 St. Andrew 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration 4:30 p.m.  
June 10 St. Andrew Celebration continues 9:30 a.m.

## Whitworth Fellows for Summer 2018

Joel Schroeder  
Luke Ekstrom  
David Henderson  
Daniel Roberts

## Yellowstone Presbytery Clusters

Our clusters typically meet each month. If you have not been a part of a cluster and would like to explore the idea of joining in, please contact one of the following coordinators.

Miles City Cluster - Neva Rathbun ([msrev@midrivers.com](mailto:msrev@midrivers.com))  
Billings Cluster – Dave Thompson ([pastordave@fpcbillings.org](mailto:pastordave@fpcbillings.org))  
Butte Cluster - Teresa Kendall ([teresakendall@mac.com](mailto:teresakendall@mac.com))  
White Sulphur Cluster - Debbie Funke ([funkepastor@yahoo.com](mailto:funkepastor@yahoo.com))

## Presbytery Meetings for 2018:

May 4 – 5 Harlowton Federated Church, Harlowton  
Nov. 2 – 3 First Presbyterian, Bozeman

## Keeping one another in prayer:

Please pray for our churches in transition as they seek new pastoral leadership and for all those who have lost loved ones this year.

## Remember our Round of Prayer as we keep our churches, ministries, and leaders in prayer:

Sunday, April 1 Celebrate our Lord's Resurrection  
Sunday, April 8 PCUSA Missions  
Sunday, April 15 First Presbyterian Church, Lewistown, Interim Pastor Diane White  
Sunday, April 22 St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Billings, Pastor Susan Barnes  
Sunday, April 29 Rev. Doug Johnson, Billings Clinic Pastoral Care

Please send news and announcements to Susan Thomas at [ckochner@mcn.net](mailto:ckochner@mcn.net).

