



Presbyterian
Community Church
of the Rockies

July 2018 Newsletter

Estes Park's historic mainline Protestant congregation founded in 1907.

Core Value: The Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies is a Sacred Community formed around Jesus the Christ where we experience God's presence in our lives and service together.

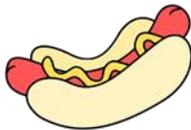
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**Rain
or Shine**

Church Family Picnic Sunday, July 15 11 am to 2 pm

Lake Estes Marina Covered Shelter off Hwy 34

- ◆ Hot dogs, buns, condiments, chips, plates, cups, flatware provided.
- ◆ Bring your own soft drinks, lemonade, or tea. Water will be provided.
- ◆ Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to feed 8-10 people.
- ◆ Dress casually for church and bring your food with you so you can go directly to the picnic from church.
- ◆ No charge, but donations will be accepted, as we rent the pavilion.



PCCR Directory

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All who seek to follow Jesus

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Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this issue of the newsletter—whether it be your service in this church, providing a written article or photo, or folding and assembling the finished product. We appreciate your input!

The July Newsletter deadline is Tuesday, July 17. Please send your pictures and stories to Terry Brigham at: office@pccrusa.org
Thanks!

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Worship Schedule

July 1 — Communion, 10:00 a.m. (Morning Prayer Service, 8:00 a.m.)

Preaching: Rev. Michael Moore

Liturgist: Kent Meyer

Chancel Choir: "O God Beyond All Praising" Forrest

Organist: Larry Gillum

Greeters: Robert and Kathy Sherrod

Fellowship Hosts: Choir

July 8 — 10:00 a.m. (Morning Prayer Service, 8:00 a.m.)

Preaching: Rev. Michael Moore

Liturgist: Beverly Mitchell

Chancel Choir: "In the Garden" Hayes

Organist: Larry Gillum

Greeters: David and Katha Schweitzer

Fellowship Hosts: Stephen Ministry

July 15 — 10:00 a.m. (Morning Prayer Service, 8:00 a.m.)

Preaching: Rev. Michael Moore

Liturgist: Bob Holcomb

Chancel Choir: "O Bless the Lord, My Soul" Walters

Organist: Larry Gillum

Greeters: Jay and Jane Harroff

Fellowship Hosts: Summer Visitors/Residents

July 22 — 10:00 a.m. (Morning Prayer Service, 8:00 a.m.)

Preaching: Rev. Michael Moore

Liturgist: Sherry Unruh

Chancel Choir: "O Clap Your Hands" Vaughan Williams

Organist: Larry Gillum

Greeters: Buddy and Doris West

Fellowship Hosts: Grace and Grub

July 23 — 4:15 p.m. Communion Service at Good Samaritan

July 29 — 10:00 a.m. (Morning Prayer Service, 8:00 a.m.)

Preaching: Rev. Michael Moore

Liturgist: Stan Osborne

Chancel Choir: "Gift of Life" Willcocks

Organist: Larry Gillum

Greeter: Sharyn Gartner

Fellowship Hosts: Membership and Hospitality Committee

JOURNEYS CLASS will meet every Sunday morning at 8:30 until the end of July. We encourage your arrival at 8:15 for coffee, snacks, and conversation.

Beginning in August we'll take a six-week summer hiatus and then resume meeting after the Labor Day weekend. Mark your calendar for the 4-week series "Paul and Justice" from June 24 through July 15.

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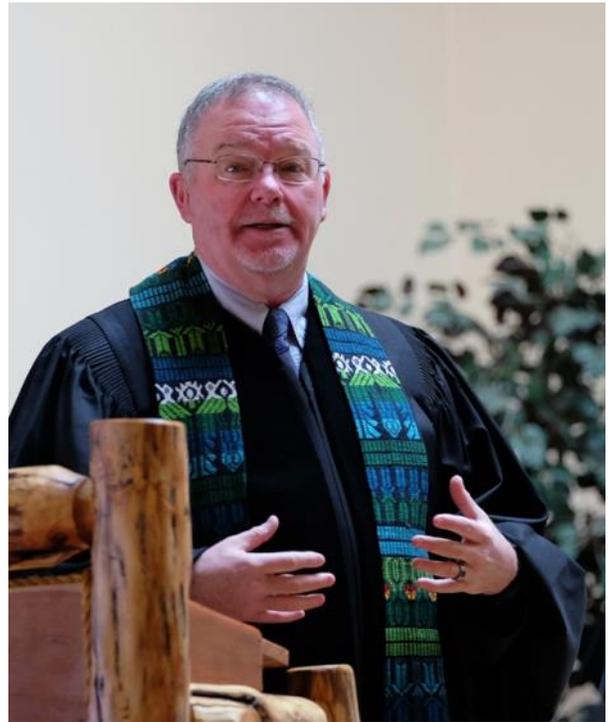
From Pastor Michael Moore...

So far during the month of June, Facebook has been sharing memories from three years ago. It is hard to believe that it has already been three years since Denise and I made our first trip out to Estes Park and walked into Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies! Where has the time gone? When I look at calendars, newsletter articles, and session minutes I quickly see where the time has gone. It has been a very busy three years indeed both personally and professionally. We are both so incredibly thankful for our Church and Community family here in the Rockies.

I am writing this as I finish up final preparations for the 223rd General Assembly meeting of the PC(USA) in St Louis. You will hear more about that in the August Newsletter and from the pulpit upon my return.

As I reflect upon all of this, I am reminded once again of the Prayer of St. Teresa of Avila: "Christ has no body now, but yours. No hands, no feet on earth, but yours." Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies is truly called to be just that to the community and the world. It is a pleasure to be a part of that ministry with you!

*Grace and Peace,
Michael*



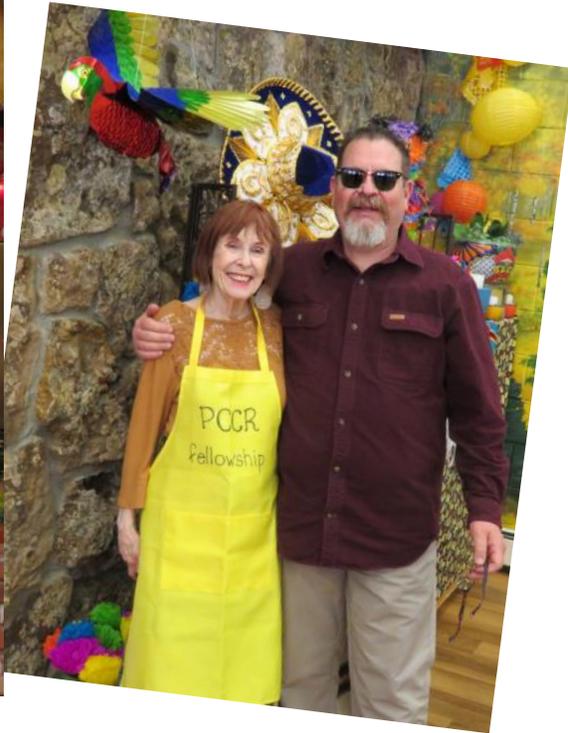
A Strong Foundation



The Hospitality and Membership Committee would like to thank our PCCR Foundation for the wonderful new dishwasher installed and up and running in the PCCR kitchen. Without such an industrial-strength washer, many, many groups both in church and out could no longer have functions in our Fellowship Hall. Just another reason to help our Foundation grow. The old days of "passing the hat" when things go wrong just isn't feasible when so many rely on being able to use our facilities with little to no hassle.

We're so grateful that our church Foundation has a vision that keeps us running and gives us such a grand facility.

From us to you: **Thank you, thank you!**



Kudos and Huzzah!!!!

A very SPECIAL “thank you” and congratulations to the ladies and men associated with the Membership and Hospitality Committee who decorated their little hearts out, served, cooked, poured water, and spent hours both setting up and cleaning up for still another beautifully choreographed Foundation Dinner event. While we were anticipating larger numbers, those who attended had a delightful meal, heard terrific Mariachi music and enjoyed classic PCCR fellowship. The Hospitality and Membership Committee enjoy doing for others so very much. We hope you will support us at our next event which is the All-Church Picnic in July at the Marina Shelter House on Lake Estes. We are looking forward to having a big crowd and hope you can come and support our mission. See you there!

~ Membership and Hospitality Committee



Thank You

First and foremost, thank you to everyone who has contributed to the success of the PCCR Foundation. Without your generosity and concern for the future of our church, like many other churches, we would be in physical decline. Equally important, the goals of contributions to the foundations not impacting the operations giving and wide participation from the entire congregation are being met. Although we are currently slightly behind our pledge and non-pledge giving year to date, this is normal and is usually corrected at year end.

Before I recap the status of the Foundation, a big thank you to the Hospitality Committee for the Mexican Fiesta lunch a couple of weeks ago. This was a tremendous effort that was enjoyed by all who attended. It is events like this which keep the Foundation moving forward and is a highly appreciated contributor to the success of the Foundation. WELL DONE!

As you recall, the 20/20 Vision initiative is designed to provide \$2,000,000 Foundation assets by the year 2020. According to the capital needs study, this amount of capital will provide interest sufficient to maintain our church building in perpetuity. To date, we have \$195,975 in pledges, gifts, and contributions with an additional \$1,000,000 in legacy gifts. The current assets of the Foundation are approximately \$928,000. On the surface, it appears that our goal has been met. That is not the case. \$650,000 of the current assets are restricted for other uses. Legacy gifts are not assured because the amounts available are dependent upon will execution at a future date.

To ensure the financial integrity of the Foundation, a committee of church membership with financial backgrounds administers the funds in concert with First National Fund Management. First National manages assets for a wide variety of organizations throughout the front range. At the committee's direction, the funds are currently invested in a combination of equities, bonds, and money market instruments. Over the past 10 years, the investment returns have averaged approximately 10% per year, which is 1.5% above the national averages. The committee continues to seek higher returns while emphasizing preservation of capital.

Since inception in 2004, the Foundation has provided \$443,300 in benefits to our church building. Among other things, these projects have included carpeting, financial audits, parking lot repairs, lighting improvements, flood recovery payments, kitchen appliances, painting, and organ renovation. Absent the Foundation, either these projects would not have been possible or additional capital campaigns would have been necessary. Flood damage in 2012 alone would have bankrupted the church.

Again, thanks to each of you for making our church a priority in your charitable giving. Our church is a huge part of our lives and by allowing the foundation to grow, we are all showing our commitment to its future. We appreciate the natural mountain beauty which surrounds us and are very fortunate to be part of such a caring community.

Bob Holcomb

President, PCCR Foundation

A crew from Bestway Painting masks the windows on the north side of the church in preparation for painting of the window frames. The project included brushing and scraping of loose paint on all of the exterior wood surfaces of the church, staining of siding and trim, and painting of window frames and doors. The work was funded through a grant from the PCCR Foundation and will be completed by the end of June or early July, depending on weather.



A Note from Mission

Each month this year our newsletter articles are featuring a PCCR member who is dedicated to mission in the community. As representatives of our congregation, everything we do in the community in the service of others reflects our commitment to God (love God, love neighbor). Remember what you learned as a child? "Here is the church; here is the steeple. Open the doors and see all the people." We are the church and as Pastor Michael often reminds us, Christ has no hands on earth but ours.

This month we interviewed **Joan Buhlmann** who volunteers with the **Community Prayer Quilters of Estes Park**. Here are her thoughts about the ministry.

What excites you about the Community Prayer Quilters?

Joan: *The opportunity to provide a ministry for others motivates me in Prayer Quilters.*

What made you decide this is where you wanted to dedicate your time and gifts?

Joan: *Since I have been quilting from 1988 to the present, I decided that this is where I could dedicate my time and gifts.*

How do you sense that God has called you to do this?

Joan: *God called me to share my quilting skills to provide comfort and healing to others in illness, distress, or unfortunate personal circumstances.*

What would you like for others to know about the Community Prayer Quilters?

Joan: *It is not about the quilts, but rather the prayers that are tied into them for individuals or their friends who requested them. We believe in the power of prayer and pray that, if it be God's will, the person receiving the quilt may be healed or, at least, comforted by God's love. We have 2 labels, one for Christians, and one for non-Christians. We ask only that we may receive the recipient's permission to offer the quilt and pray for him or her. There is no charge for either the quilt or the mailing. The quilts are sent all over the U.S. and occasionally abroad. Many donate fabric, thread, rulers, or funds to help us furnish batting, yarn, and fleece backings.*

We meet weekly year round on Wednesday mornings at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, which grants us its large lower level as a work space including a locked spacious room for our fabric and many supplies. Those who piece, do the piecing of tops and pillows at home. Others help with labels, organizing the fabric, washing and ironing it, and washing the fleece backings, sewing the matching pillows closed, making batting layers for the pillows.

It is an ecumenical ministry with members from many churches who all believe in the efficacy of prayer. We are guided by the Holy Spirit as one of those present offers a major prayer for the recipient and all stand around the quilt to tie in their own prayers and those for our members who are not present, mentioning each one by name. It is truly a holy moment.



A Note from Mission, continued

Each month we also highlight a PC(USA) congregation who is looking at mission a unique way. This month's church is not far away; it is located in our Presbytery, **Nederland Community Church**.

Many of you may remember the Boulder Canyon fire a couple years ago that was started by homeless campers. In recent years this has become a real concern to residents of Nederland.

Nederland Community Church was the recipient of a wonderful grant that allowed them to hire an outreach worker to serve the area's homeless campers. Claudia Schaffer has been hired to serve as the Summer Homeless Advocate for Residential Encampments (SHARE).

According to the church's webpage, the SHARE program has three goals. First, Claudia will connect people who are experiencing homelessness in the Nederland area wilderness with programs and resources that already exist down the hill. Second, she will teach safer camping practices, particularly with regard to campfires, but also to waste, water, weather, and wildlife. And third, by collecting extensive data and stories, they will begin to learn effective strategies for managing care to people in need and for keeping communities and public lands safe; by so doing, they can share best practices with other areas that struggle with the recent and rising phenomenon of homelessness moving into the wilderness.



LOOKING BACK TO LOOK AHEAD

Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies (PCCR) has embarked on a planning process to enrich our congregation and community in the future. The end result of the PCCR planning effort will be an estimate of what we will want our church and its programs to look like several decades in the future. We will need to project what our community and our society will be like, determine what we will want our church to be like, and decide how we can best serve our local and wider communities when the time comes. When finished, we can make some specific plans to get there.

Some of us can remember what the social context and our communities were like in the 1960's and 1970's, and how much we differ from them now. The steering committee believes it will help the congregation project into the future by tracking how we evolved to the current time. That may help us project these trends into the future. One thing we can see on a timeline is how our church history is related to local, world, and cultural events at particular times in our past. To help us with our future thinking, the committee wants the congregation to construct a timeline, starting four or five decades back.

The timeline will show a number of categories that run in parallel so their interrelationships can become obvious. These might include important events in the United States, Colorado, and the Estes Valley, changes in our denomination, changes in our society, and changes in our church. PCCR events to track might include our leadership, church membership, age distribution, certain church programs, and some financial indicators. Other categories might be added, and the committee will fine-tune the timeline categories in the coming weeks.

The timeline will be filled in during an all-church event on August 5. Groups interested in world and US history, history of the Estes Valley, church history, and national and local cultural history will meet together during this event, decide what to put in the timeline, and add the information to it. It will be posted in the Fellowship Hall. As people think of other things to add in the coming weeks, they can post them, too.

Please be thinking about what things you would add to the timeline and come to the event ready to participate. It will be interesting!

Note: The following letter is from Leman Kayira to Carol Nussbaumer. Leman is a personal friend, and PCCR has assisted him with funding for his annual Christmas dinner for the disadvantaged and special needs children. The pictures below are Jim's (Nussbaumer) from earlier visits to northern Malawi. The area that is seeking assistance is near the first shallow well funded by PCCR in 2016.

Dear Carol, my sister in Christ,

REQUEST FOR FUNDS TO BE USED FOR PURCHASING BLANKETS FOR ORPHANS, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND THE ELDERLY —

I greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. How are you with your family, friends, and our brothers and sisters in the Lord at your church. Here we are well and good.

I am once more appealing to you and your friends, the sons and daughters of the most High God for funds to enable us to buy blankets for orphans, People with Disabilities (children and the aged), the sick, the elderly, and for other vulnerable people in Nthalire, Chitipa. This is in a bid to alleviate human suffering and contribute to improved quality of life. As the district and area is in the mountains, orphans, the aged, and other vulnerable people suffer a lot from the harsh cold weather during the period. This is so because most have no blankets as a result they sleep in the open and can hardly afford to buy or own one. They suffer silently and innocently.

Each blanket, the cheapest costs MK4500.00. At least we are planning to target about 200+ number of such people. As we are approaching June and July which are the coldest and harshest months in Malawi, I am appealing to you and those concerned with the plight of the vulnerable to kindly assist so that we save lives and make them know that Jesus's servants from somewhere value them. With your donation, we will be able to reach out to many of the sick and those who have resigned from being human to hopelessness. A total MK4500.00 x 200 blankets= MK900,000.00 is being sought (\$1226.242). Please men and women of God assist.

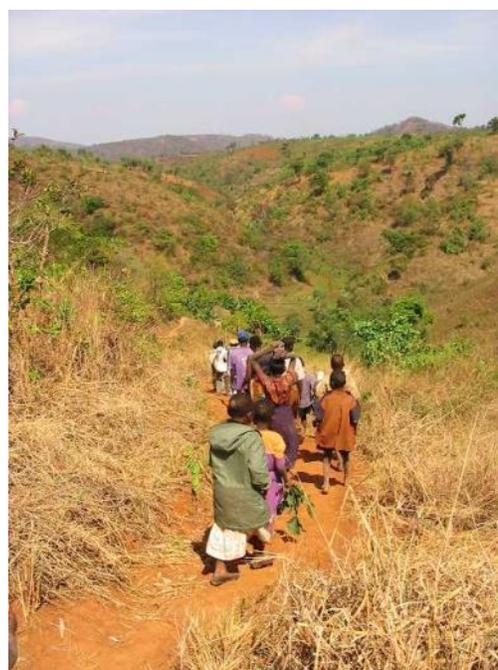
You are the Extended Hands of Jesus and His servants chosen to reach out to the needy and under-privileged. We compliment you in the service. May God bless you and your friends who are going to contribute in kind to alleviate the sufferings.

LEMAN

Note from Carol: 1) The cost of one blanket in US dollars is about \$15.50. This is a good deal more than in the past when they were closer to \$10. And since the average daily wage is about \$1.00 (if anyone has work), a blanket is out of reach. 2) If anyone wants to contribute, donations should be sent to the Church (PCCR) with the memo "blanket fund" or contributions can be given to me or Jim and we'll send them on.



Typical Malawian village in the north



Path in the Northern Mountains

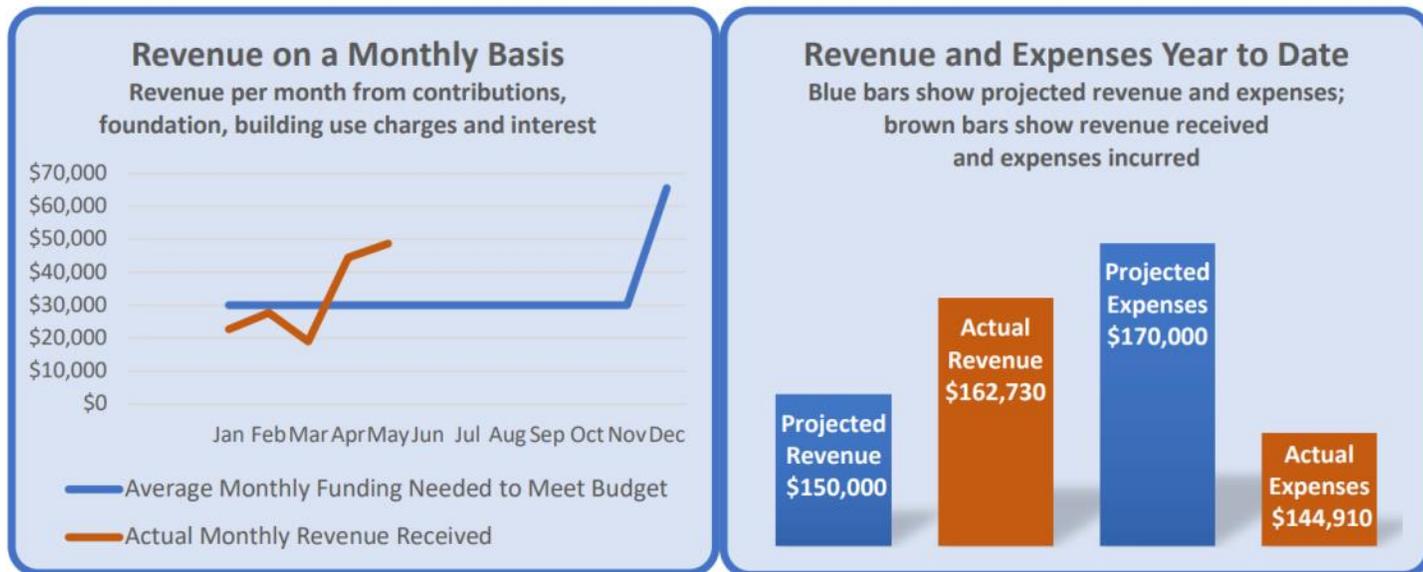
The June Session meeting was canceled.



Deacon Highlights ~ June 2018

- ◆ Devotions were given by Ginger Wilkinson from the book *Whispers in the Wilderness*.
- ◆ A report on the Session's last meeting was given by Dave Evans.
- ◆ Joys and concerns were shared and greeting cards were signed and will be sent to church members and friends who face challenges of health or grief.
- ◆ Tami Scace reported that the Sunshine Committee has not sent any meals in the past month, but there will be several shared in the coming weeks.
- ◆ Assignments for serving communion were given.
- ◆ At the Good Samaritan communion in May there were 7 residents and 4 PCCR members present.
- ◆ At the moment there are no memorial receptions planned. There will be one in July. The date is under consideration.
- ◆ Ginger mentioned that the prayer quilt group has quilts available for people needing their comfort.
- ◆ A member of the Outreach Committee and one from the Church Steering Committee gave reports.
- ◆ Stephen Ministry extended an invitation to the Deacons to meet with a representative of the Adult Protection organization. The tentative date is July 10.

Financial Update – Data Through May



Contributions to the church can be up or down \$10,000 to \$20,000 from the prior month, usually with a significant increase in December. The blue line is the average monthly revenue expected this year, based on the 2018 funding requirement of approximately \$400,000. January through November show an average of \$30,000, although we know that contributions vary considerably from month to month. The blue line for December reflects a traditional increase in giving for the end of the year. The brown line reports actual monthly receipts and reflects a typical volatile pattern. The increase in May includes a contribution of \$18,500 from the Foundation to cover the painting of the church that began in early June.

The first blue bar is the total projected revenue through May, based on the \$30,000 average shown in the chart to the left. The next brown bar shows the total funding actually received through May. The second blue bar shows the total expenses expected if all bills were paid evenly each month throughout the year. The final brown bar shows actual expenses incurred through May. The revenue for May includes a contribution of \$18,500 from the Foundation to cover the painting of the church that began in early June. The total without this contribution would be \$144,230. The actual expense column does not reflect the cost of the painting, which will be reported when the project is finished and billed.

Grace and Grub



For fun, friendship, laughter, fellowship, and good food, join the Grace and Grub group on the 4th Monday in June, July, and August at 4:30 pm at the Sprague Lake picnic area.

Hotdogs, buns, condiments, and table service are provided (donations accepted).



Bring your own drinks and a dish to share. Also bring chairs if you wish.

Contact: Joy Holcomb, 970-586-9600



**Grace and Grub at Sprague Lake
June 25**

Spend your Summer Holidays at Highlands

. . . . Your Place in the Mountains!



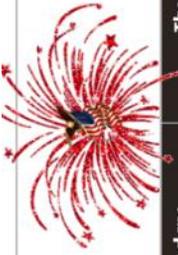
Fourth of July: July 1-6

Labor Day Weekend: August 31-September 3, 2018

Rooms, which sleep up to 6 people, are \$90 per night—the lowest rate to be offered in 2018. Meals available are breakfast: \$8.50, lunch: \$10.50 and dinner: \$14.

Summer fun . . . Canoeing, rock climbing, fishing, hiking, archery, star gazing, and campfires with s'mores can make this a special summer for your family!

On July 4 join us for the unique experience of a small town Colorado parade and picnic! Ride through the streets of Allenspark on our float....or enjoy the entire parade with front row seats. Then join our community for a picnic, games, and activities. No charge for the picnic on July 4!



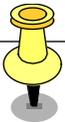
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Inquiry Class—July 8

What does it mean to be a Presbyterian? What does this church offer?

If you have questions, are curious about this church, or would simply like to enjoy a cup of coffee with a couple of friendly Membership and Hospitality Committee members, you are welcome to come in to the **Lounge following the church service.**

The first **informal 30-minute gathering** of the Inquiry Class will be on July 8. The purpose is to offer individuals the opportunity to learn more about our church, provide resources, and answer questions.

After becoming acquainted with the church — its programs, mission, vision, and people — a new member orientation may be planned, based on the interest and wishes of those attending the inquiry class.

No need to sign up! All are welcome.

If you are unable to attend, but would like more information or to schedule a time to meet with Pastor Michael, call Terry in the church office at 970-586-4404.

