



Presbyterian  
Community Church  
of the Rockies

## April 2023 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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*Consider how the wild flowers grow...Luke 12:27*



## PCCR Directory

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## Worship Schedule



### Worship in the Sanctuary:

**April 2** — 10:00 am, Palm Sunday Service

**April 6** — 7:00 pm, Maundy Thursday Service, Communion

**April 9** — 10:00 am, Easter Sunday Service

**April 16** — 10:00 am, Worship

**April 23** — 10:00 am, Rev. Bruce Brackman, preaching

**April 30** — 10:00 am, Rev. Bruce Brackman, preaching

**The Rev. Chris Davis, pastor**

**Larry Gillum, organist**

### View through Livestream service on our website:

Open the website, <https://pccrusa.org> on the Home page. The livestream player is to the right, below the opening pictures.

The player will automatically start when the service begins.

**Sunday Bulletin:** The current worship bulletin appears directly below the livestream and video recordings box. Simply click on "View Bulletin".



**Paper copies of the newsletter are available in the narthex.**

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this issue of the newsletter—whether it be your service in this church or providing a written article or photo.

**The March Newsletter deadline is Tuesday, May 16. Please send your pictures and stories to: [office@pccrusa.org](mailto:office@pccrusa.org) Thanks!**



*What are we painting this month? See page 7.*

## Check us out on Facebook!



Facebook is a branch of our outreach ministry, a way we invite others to be a part of our church family as well as keep our own members informed.

Check out our page (you don't need a Facebook account) for the most recent updates and articles. <https://www.facebook.com/PCCR1>

## New Directory

The 2023 PCCR Directory is now available! If you did not receive an electronic copy and would like one, please call or email Meredith in the office. Paper copies are available in the Narthex. Please alert the office if or when any changes need to be made. Thank you!

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**April 2023**

## **Message from Pastor Chris Davis . . .**

### **Holy Week, April 2 – 9**

#### **Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday, April 2**

##### **10:00 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary**

The observance of Holy Week commemorates the mighty acts of Christ from his entry into Jerusalem till his death on the cross and his body laid to rest in a tomb. One tradition is called the Office of Tenebrae, which in Latin means darkness or shadows. It is the extinguishing of lights in memory of Christ's passion. The service dates back to the fourth century and has been adapted through the years to be observed on Passion/Palm Sunday or Good Friday. The gradual extinguishing of lights is symbolic of the flight of the disciples, the approach of the enemies, and the suffering of Jesus. The total darkness recalls the days Christ was in the tomb.

#### **Maundy Thursday, April 6**

##### **7:00 p.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary**

Maundy Thursday takes its name from the Latin word "mandatum" which means commandment. It is traditionally the day the church receives Jesus' command found in John 13:34, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." It is also the night when, after sharing his last meal with the disciples, Jesus washes the disciples' feet. Following in this sacred tradition, PCCR will hold a Maundy Thursday worship service which will include a hand washing ritual as well as Communion.

#### **Easter Sunday, April 9**

##### **10:00 a.m. Easter Worship in the Sanctuary**

*In Christ's Faithful Service,  
Pastor Chris Davis*

As you know, Ann Weems is one of my favorite authors. The poem Holy Week is from her book *Kneeling in Jerusalem*. May it guide us all as we once again kneel in Jerusalem.

Holy is the week...

Holy, consecrated, belonging to God...

We move from hosannas to horror  
with predictable ease

of those who know not what they do.

Our hosannas sung,

our palms waved,

let us go with passion into this week.

It is time to curse fig trees that do not yield fruit.

It is time to cleanse our temples of any blasphemy.

It is time to greet Jesus as the Lord's Anointed One,  
to lavishly break our alabaster

and pour perfume out for him  
without counting the cost.

It is a time for preparation...

The time to give thanks and break bread is upon us.

The time to give thanks and drink of the cup is imminent.

Eat, drink, remember:

On this night of nights, each one must ask,  
as we dip our bread in the wine,

"Is it I?"

And on that darkest of days, each of us must stand

beneath the tree

and watch the dying

if we are to be there

when the stone is rolled away.

The only road to Easter morning

is through the unrelenting shadows of that Friday.

Only then will the alleluias be sung;

only then will the dancing begin.



# Does the Shoe Fit?

By Larry Gillum



Your organist may just be a clown choreographing a circus of juggling acts. His antics are sometimes too obvious in our sanctuary where his every movement can be painfully obvious, live and on camera. We have no physical screen to hide his necessary but distracting mechanical activities. There is musical notation that must be processed instantly and transferred to three manual keyboards with 183 total keys plus a 32-note pedalboard. Then there is orchestration — selecting precise tone color and pitch for each piece. And when it's time to play the keys, he also controls his orchestra with 84 stops, 67 manual control buttons, 28 toestuds for the feet, and computer processors handling 255 memory levels and sequencers — and all

without a monkey! Sometimes short glitches occur when the clown forgets which memory level he needs at the moment. Then he definitely needs a monkey!



*Bach's Organ Shoes (?)*

However—beyond all of that—the most frequently-asked questions with the highest level of fascination seem to be focused on the organist's feet! *"What are you doing with your feet?" "Why are you wearing those dorky dirty shoes?" "I must sit where I can watch your feet."* Really?? Hummmm. Well, for starters, the feet play the low bass line in music, but much more. From the time of Bach forward, the pedals have also played independent voices in midrange and higher pitches, enriching the ensemble and even providing solo voices played by the feet. And the feet also trigger organ controls and call up sequencer levels in split-second timing. Or, maybe it's the clown's shoes you've noticed with curiosity!?



*Larry's Organ Shoes  
with Patch in Sole and Needy Heel*

For correct toe-heel pedal key playing, the organ clown wears special shoes that are very similar to dance shoes. Some of his music even requires dancing! These special shoes, never worn outdoors, have suede soles and keep street grit from grinding and damaging the wooden pedal keys. Unlike some glitzy organ performers in spotlights, your resident organ clown does not wear red socks, nor does he have rhinestones on the heels! A working service organist usually has no thought of style or condition, for the shoe is just one of his tools. And if he is working hard enough, his shoes may show the intensity of his circus act and the scuffing mileage against pedals and other gadgets. Look at your organist's shoes, then decide if he's working! Even after repair and polish, marks of wear and tear are apparent in the suede soles, along with a patched sole hole and heels to be refelted. Did I answer your questions? If not, you know where to find me.

Thanks for supporting your local organist! Your encouragement is priceless.

*Larry*



# *From the Columbarium...*



The PCCR Pastor, Staff and Columbarium Committee would like to thank Wes Te Winkle for his many years of service on the Committee. During those years, Wes was very helpful with input at meetings, driving to the Valley to pick up ground plantings, weeding, watering, planting and more. Here are a couple of pictures of Wes and the Committee Crew weeding and planting back in the day before we landscaped the area with rock. So much less work now! Thank you, Wes.

The Columbarium Committee is currently seeking new members. If you are interested in this Ministry or just have questions, contact Bill Smith.  
Billsmithbronx1956@gmail.com or 970-420-1033.



## **Session Adjusts 2023 Budget**

The Session has recently adjusted the 2023 PCCR budget to reflect an increase in staff salaries. The congregation and the Session are well aware of the many factors that make our church a special place. The building, its furnishings, and the lovely grounds create a sanctuary in which to worship. The church members and visitors create a family. And the church staff bring their time and talents to make all elements work together.

The Session, with encouragement from many in the congregation, recently reviewed the 2023 budget in light of several factors that have changed our financial picture since the budget was approved in December. The church received a very generous gift from an anonymous donor which changed the year end deficit. In addition, the church will receive an Employee Retention Tax Credit in the amount of \$37,000. The Session recognizes that our staff is not only exemplary, but also must bear the effects of the increase in the cost of living. For these reasons, the Session voted to increase staff salaries to a total of 8.7% above the amount paid in 2022.

The Session recognizes that this increase will increase the deficit in the budget. As you look at your giving this year, please consider an increase in your pledge or an extra gift to the church. We are a family and we want to be strong in our finances as well as our faith.



## PCCR Members Take CPR Class

On Saturday March 18th, we had our first CPR/AED class at EPHealth. Eight members of the PCCR Family learned the basics of CPR and AED use. Our two instructors led the class with videos and lots of hands on. They made it fun while learning how to do CPR and use the AED, and it was especially fun since everyone knew each other! One class down and two more to go this spring!

—Sandy Moren Lindberg





# EPH Hospital Election

Our hospital, like other small independent rural hospitals, is facing serious fiscal challenges due to our small population, the high cost of medical equipment and supplies, the need to employ expensive traveling staff, changes in medical insurance policies, and the pending loss of federal COVID support. The EPH board has concluded that some kind of affiliation with a larger hospital system might provide better ways to meet these challenges. The board must ask the electorate to approve negotiating such an affiliation, and has scheduled a vote for this, and the election of new board members, on May 2. PCCR will schedule a session to discuss this issue after church sometime during the last two weeks of April, and we invite you to learn about it in more detail. In the meantime, John Cooper, Jim Jonell, Mark Richards, and Jim Whiteneck can tell you what they know.

—Mark Richards



## ROOM “6”

*Editor’s Note: Room 6 is the room at the bottom of the stairs on the east side of the building. In March, the room was repainted by Building and Grounds Committee members Jim Nussbaumer, Mel Causer, Dennis Jacobs, Mike Moon, and Dot Rohrbaugh (see photos on back cover of newsletter).*

How many times have you said, “if only the walls could talk!” I think the freshly painted walls in “Room 6” could tell us a few stories.

The room was designated as the High School Room to be used for Sunday School and Youth Group. Breakfast, lunch and dinner was created out of the modest kitchen on many occasions.

For several years, Creative Kids which was a school age day camp, met in “Room 6”. Some days in the summer, we had around 60 kids eating lunch. We’ve had Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Youth groups travelling through town on a Mission Trip, using “Room 6” as their sleeping quarters.

We’ve had many colors unearthed on every wall with a story to tell behind each one of them. Once the Boy Scout case was removed, we found a beautiful purple color.

Morning Break, a ladies Bible Study, met in “Room 6” for many years. There were sure to be several Bible School classes meeting there too. It was a great room for everyone to prepare for the Christmas programs with angel wings, halos, shepherds and all of the other props spread from one end of the room to the other.

We’ve had a great collection of couches, chairs and TVs and other electronics donated over the years.

As the B&G committee was painting, they were wondering why there was a conduit leading from one plug to another, and two odd boards attached to the wall. There once was a pop machine sitting in the back corner. Who knew?

As I recall, there was quite a discussion about the prudence of having a pop machine in the Youth Room.

It has been a great space for many folks for many years. As we gradually refresh the room, we hope to create a space for many more folks for years to come.

—Dot Rohrbaugh





## Sign Choir

The newly-formed Signing Choir at PCCR joined the Chancel Choir for its first public appearance. The group is small but learning quickly and enjoy using this special language. We are learning American Sign Language with a bit of Signing Exact English and Malawian Sign Language thrown in and using the textbook *Signing Made Easy*.

Anyone interested in learning more about sign language is more than welcome to join us! We meet every Monday at 4 pm in the Church library. You need not become a “performer” if that is not for you.

Contact Carol Nussbauamer 586-2437 or [carol@nussbauamers.net](mailto:carol@nussbauamers.net) for more information.



## Cyclone Relief in Malawi

Parts of three countries in east-central Africa have recently been affected by the longest-lasting cyclone in history. Malawi, Madagascar and Mozambique all felt the effect of this storm, which began in early February off the northern coast of Australia. When it made landfall in Africa a month later, it dropped torrential rains which led to deadly floods and mudslides. As of March 20, there have been at least 447 deaths with 282 people still missing. Many areas cannot yet be reached because the floods have destroyed roads.

Hundreds of thousands are displaced; schools have been closed and are being used as shelters; this of course means that education is disrupted for students. And worse, among the displaced there is heightened danger of trauma, gender-based violence and human trafficking.

As if this is not enough, there is an increasing danger of cholera, which was already experiencing an outbreak in part of Malawi and of course of malaria. Both of these thrive in places where water is taken from open, unprotected water sources. PCCR supports several protected wells each year which are installed by Marion Medical Mission; these wells help prevent cholera and malaria, among other things.

The people are also now facing serious food insecurity because the floods destroyed crops that would have been harvested in late May. Many are subsistence farmers and will not have any food source for a year.

As far as we know, PCCR's supported mission co-worker, Cheryl Barnes is okay, although no direct word has come from her.

The Mission Committee at PCCR has sent a donation to the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian, Blantyre Synod, for cyclone relief at their request. This Synod is in the affected region; the General Secretary, Rev. Dr. Billy Gama, is known to us and we are confident the funds will be used appropriately. The amount of the donation was \$1000 and comes from anonymous donors in our “Anonymous” account. Whoever you or they are, we thank you on behalf of the people of southern Malawi, who would say “zikomo”!

—Carol Nussbaumer



# Why Give a Pledge to Presbyterian Women?

In February, pledge letters were distributed to all women who are members and friends of the Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies. This is an opportunity for the women of our church, regardless of whether or not they attend the PW Bible Study, to support the ongoing mission and ministry of Presbyterian Women. Your pledge helps support the denomination's evangelism, church planting, education and justice work as well as ministry to children, youth, older adults, new immigrants, rural, urban and suburban populations across the United States and around the world. The support from our church is divided among Presbyterian Women churchwide, in the Synod and in the Presbytery. Our local PW pledge to these missions is \$1,750. At the end of each year, we also give to local organizations, focusing on helping those groups that provide support to women and children in the Estes Valley. Your pledge ensures that our caring community of women can continue its witness to the promise of God's kingdom. We are truly grateful for your generous support.



## One Great Hour of Sharing Offering: April 2, 2023

We often hear the phrase, "What can one person do?" or "What difference can one person make?" After reading several articles about the three programs included in the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, I believe that each of us, united with others who also seek to bring hope to the hopeless, can indeed make a huge difference in the lives of people around the world who have experienced disasters, are food insecure or who face oppression and injustices. Through the **Presbyterian Hunger Program**, 1.2 million dollars was awarded to projects such as a food equity program in Asheville, a women's empowerment project in Uganda and a community center in Palestine where greenhouse projects work to eradicate hunger. The **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** program was immediately on the ground helping people after Cyclone Freddy in Southern Africa and in Turkey and Syria after the devastating earthquake. This program also responds with help and long-term resources in the United States after wildfires, floods, tornadoes and hurricanes. The **Self-Development of People** program works with homeless in Sacramento and formerly incarcerated women in Philadelphia. They also fund economic development projects in Nicaragua and Guatemala. In each of these programs the church uses local resources and people to learn exactly what is needed immediately and what programs they can develop that will provide long-term solutions to many of the problems. How can we make a difference in the lives of millions of people in need? We can join with other Presbyterians across this nation and throughout the world to provide financial support through the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. We can be the "Repairers of the Breach" by generously sharing our gifts which will help to restore hope, empower the oppressed and feed the hungry.



Envelopes for the offering can be found in the pews during Lent and the final offering will be received on Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023. Thank you for your support.

—Karen Daugherty



# A Letter from Chenoa Stock



Dear friends,

"I'm going to be a mission co-worker when I grow up," my son, Leandro, says into the lavalier microphone on his head. We were in between worship services at First Presbyterian Church in Stillwater, OK and, by this fourth weekend of traveling with me to the East and now the Midwest, sharing stories about our partners and their ministries in Peru, he was very familiar with my role and what I did. With my trusty travel companion, this fall I embarked on my in-person Interpretation Assignment, knowing it would be different with a 4 ½-year-old by my side, but also fulfilling and soul-enriching to be face-to-face with new and old partners in Christ during these months.

Throughout our time in Ohio, North Carolina, Missouri, and Oklahoma, I visited with congregations in a variety of meaningful spaces – sermons and Minutes for Mission, adult education classes, Presbyterian Women, meals, youth groups and more. I enjoyed meeting in person with everyone while also bringing our Peruvian partners into the space through the sharing of their country context, their ongoing ministries, and their personal joys and challenges. I was there to be the bridge of partnership – connecting these U.S. congregations to the realities of our Peruvian partners, while also (hopefully) opening their eyes to the greater systemic issues around the world and those on which our partners' ministries focus, such as environmental justice and health.

After these months of travels, I am filled with gratitude. I am grateful to be part of this connectional ministry of listening and accompaniment. I am grateful for the invitation of U.S. congregations who are eager to learn from our partners about systemic issues, while also thinking about their own ministries and actions they can take to address injustice and inequality locally. I am grateful for our Peruvian partners who faithfully demonstrate their conviction to walk with the marginalized, not only through their words but also their actions.

During my travels, I have been sharing that PERUSA, the ministry with which I serve, is a program of the ecumenical Peruvian Joining Hands Network, RUM Peru. RUM Peru is part of the greater global Joining Hands Program of the Presbyterian Hunger Program, where our global partners form country networks, like RUM Peru, of churches/denominations, grassroots groups, community groups and non-government organizations. These global networks, such as the ones with which I served in Sri Lanka and Bolivia, carry out advocacy campaigns that address issues of poverty and related injustices in their local communities, usually focused on water (contamination, access), food and land, trade, and environmental justice. Each network of the Joining Hands Program seeks long-term sustainable change since these systemic issues are not resolved through one project or protest, nor are they isolated to one country. They are issues that interconnect us around the world.

RUM Peru has been a long-time member of the National Platform for Communities Affected by Heavy Metal Poisoning, which represents about 15 communities throughout Peru. This platform led an effort to advocate for the first ever federal environmental health law. The law, which addresses the injustices faced by people living with contamination from mining and extractive industries and includes healthcare and environmental regulations and enforcement on the mining industry, was passed last year. Alongside our partners and the National Platform, we celebrated this victory proudly, while also continuing to advocate for the creation of a presidential Supreme Decree was signed to create a commission, that would represent the diverse commission, assigned to work on the implementation of this law. We recently learned (in late October) that a government ministries and agencies involved and be responsible for initiating the implementation work. There is still more work to be done, but this is a big step and another victory worth celebrating!

Our Evangelical Church of Peru (IEP) partners continue to grow their ministry of theological leadership training. Those of the Sicuani Seminary give thanks that they were able to complete the long-awaited renovation of their classrooms, culminating with the inauguration on October 23. The seminary currently has 26 enrolled students – a hopeful increase from these past pandemic years – and will be celebrating the graduation of final year students in December. We rejoice with our partners as they move forward with long-term goals, while also finding new rhythms within new routines of their daily lives and ministries.



Our family is also finding new rhythms. As many of you know, due to different circumstances along the way, our family has lived in multiple homes throughout these years, while continuing to serve alongside our partners. Since July, we have been based in Cleveland, OH, as my husband found a job here. Given the many disruptions our family has experienced these past years, we have decided, in discussion with Presbyterian World Mission, that I will extend my term to serve remotely from Cleveland for the next year.

I will continue to walk alongside our Peruvian partners as we discern our call as a connectional ministry, as we re-evaluate the PERUSA Program in a post-pandemic world, and as we listen more closely to God's Spirit moving us to take meaningful actions to build global solidarity.

As our partners' ministries continue to follow their call, perhaps differently than a few years ago, I am grateful that I am able to continue to follow mine – of being “a mission co-worker when I grow up” – albeit a bit differently. Thank you for supporting and inviting me to connect and share that call wherever and with whomever it continues to lead me to serve.

Peace,  
Chenoa



### A Note from the Kramer Family

My family and I would like to express a deep appreciation to our church family for all of the prayers, cards, emails, sympathy, and love that you have shared with us during Art's illness and passing. We are grateful for the beautiful funeral service for Art, and the wonderful reception hosted by the Deacons. This has all meant so much to us, and has helped us in our journey of healing.

Words cannot express how truly blessed we are with the fellowship and support of this church.

Blessings and Love,  
Carolyn Kramer and Family





# Groups and Events

## Palm Sunday Brunch

The Palm Sunday Celebration will take place on April 2 immediately after our regular church service. Ham, rolls, and potatoes will be provided, and each family is asked to bring a dish to feed at least 8 people:

Vegetable Dish—Last Names A-H

Salad—Last Names I-Q

Dessert—Last Names R-Z

We'll enjoy fellowship as we come to the end of Lent and anticipate Easter.

## Welcome Reception for Meredith Ishida Sunday, April 16

Save the Date! The members and friends of PCCR are pleased to celebrate with Meredith Ishida as she prepares for the birth of her second child. A Welcome Reception will take place in the Fellowship Hall for Meredith and her family on April 16, immediately following the worship service. If you would like to bring a gift, please purchase a Safeway gift card and bring it to the reception for Meredith. Let's surround Meredith and her family with good wishes during this special time in their lives.

The Marvin Gee family invites you to

## A Celebration of Life for Char

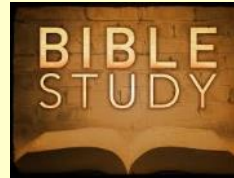
Sunday, April 30, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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## Adult Sunday School



Adult Bible Study will complete a study of the scriptures in Handel's "Messiah" on Palm Sunday. NO CLASS on Easter Sunday! After Easter we will begin a new study – as yet undetermined but it will be interactive with plenty of discussion; you are welcome to drop in any Sunday at 8:15.

## Help Needed at Highlands Camp this Summer

Peace and grace to you. I am excited to be a part of the leadership for camping ministry this summer at Highlands Camp and Retreat center. I will be leading the High School camp the week of July 23<sup>rd</sup>. My hope is to offer an incredible, life changing week of camp for all the high school youth who will attend. To that end, I am seeking help from those who have expertise or passions in certain areas.

I need people who are willing to come up for a day, or even longer if you wish, and help out... If you or someone you know fits this bill please contact me and we can see what day works for you and get a plan together. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this and helping to spread the word!

Shalom,

Mark Hutton: [pastormark@millikenpres.org](mailto:pastormark@millikenpres.org) 303-981-5673





## Journeys

Journeys will meet every Sunday morning in April, except Easter Sunday. Gatherings start as 8:15 a.m. with the program starting at 8:30. The discussions conclude by 9:45 a.m. You have two options for participating in Journeys. You can attend the gathering in-person in the Church Library or connect via Zoom using the link below.

In April, Journeys will be using the last section of the popular Living the Questions series. The engaging videos from contemporary Christian thinkers will be followed by group discussion to see how we can implement these ideas into our daily lives.

On the last Sunday of the month, we will look at the Christian nationalism movement.

### Journeys schedule for April:

April 2	Compassion: The Heart of Jesus' Message
April 9	EASTER SUNDAY - No Class
April 16	Creative Transformation
April 23	Embracing Mystery
April 30	Christian Nationalism



To attend using Zoom, you can use the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8457412756?pwd=UG5OWk5yV1R2b1lCVmtENnUxTctlUT09>

Meeting ID: 845 741 2756 and Passcode: 80517 (only if necessary)

Journeys sends out a weekly email with details about the plans for each Sunday. If you would like to be on this email list, let the Church office know or contact Jim Daugherty at: [jk@daughertys.us](mailto:jk@daughertys.us)



## Celebrating Sabbath – PW Bible Study

### Lesson 8 – Twelve Noon

**Monday, April 17, 2023**

We would love to have you join us for our next Circle meeting and Bible Study Monday, April 17 in the church library. We begin gathering at 11:30 a.m. and the meeting and Bible study starts at 12 noon. If you cannot attend in person, we encourage you to join us on Zoom. This month we will be studying Lesson 8, which is titled "Sabbath and Justice." In this lesson we will be reminded that celebrating the Sabbath means living lives of justice all week long, not just during our Sabbath time. We need to reach out to the community with love and compassion. Linda McCreery will lead our lesson. We hope you will join us on this "Sabbath" journey. To join us on Zoom, use the following information:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83477024693>

Meeting ID: 834 7702 4693

Passcode: PCCR

Dial in 1 719 359 4580



### Session Highlights ~ March 2023

- ◇ Heard a report from the Pastor Nominating Committee that they are making progress.
- ◇ Approved a rate increase for Columbarium spaces. Individual spaces in the ground or Wall will be \$900; double spaces in the ground or Wall will cost \$1800.
- ◇ Received a report from Building and Grounds that they are investigating options for financing repairs to the parking lot and the mansard roofing. Room 6 downstairs is being painted.
- ◇ Scheduled the Palm Sunday Brunch to follow worship service on April 2.
- ◇ Received a report from Personnel that they are working to write a policy providing for family leave, and encouraging all church committees to submit updated policy procedures for their respective committee.

### Deacon Highlights ~ March 2023

- ◇ Deacons served two memorial receptions in March: March 3 for Art Kramer and March 4 for Virginia Webb.
- ◇ In April, memorials will be planned for Margaret Gallup for May 2 and for Miriam Graetzer on May 13.
- ◇ Two meals were delivered to members of the church, one more is planned soon.
- ◇ Deacons will serve fellowship hour at the church on March 19 and will help the foundation committee serve on March 26 if needed.
- ◇ Deacons have a list of addresses for our PCCR members at Good Samaritan. We are available if any of our members would like a visit, call or assistance.

### Financial Information February 2023

	February	Jan-Feb	Year to Date—Budget
Total Revenues	\$38,469	\$57,289	\$60,272
Total Expenses	\$24,724	\$52,339	\$77,222
Net Total	\$13,745	\$4,950	-\$16,950











The revised budget for 2023 with the increased personnel costs approved by the Session (see article, page 5) results in an increase of \$10,120 in total annual expenses and a total net budget deficit of \$101,700.



Please note, in our continuing efforts to reduce expenses, we will not be mailing 1st quarter statements. If you would like to receive quarterly statements via email, please email Carolyn your request at [finance@pccrusa.org](mailto:finance@pccrusa.org).



# April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <b>2</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b> 8:15am-Adult Sunday School-Lounge 8:30am-Journeys Class-L 10:00am-Worship 11:00am-Palm Sunday Brunch 5:30pm-Oratorio Society-FH	<b>3</b> 9:30am-Pastor Nominating Committee-L 2:00pm-Ballet Class-FH 3:00pm-Girl Scout Daisies* 4:00pm-Sign Choir-L 	<b>4</b> 2:00pm-Ballet Class-FH 6:30pm-Chamber Singers-Music Rm	<b>5</b> 4:00pm-Joyful Bells-FH 6:45pm-Estes Park Chorale-FH	<b>6</b> <b>Maundy Thursday</b> 10:00am-Mission Comm-L 4:00pm-Chancel Bells-FH 6:00pm-Ballet Class-FH 6:30pm-Chancel Choir-S 7:00pm-Maundy Thursday Worship	<b>7</b> <b>Good Friday</b>	<b>8</b> 9:00am-Card-making Group 
<b>9</b> <b>Easter</b> 8:15am-Adult Sunday School-Lounge 8:30am-Journeys Class-L 10:00am-Worship 5:30pm-Oratorio Society-FH 	<b>10</b> 9:00am-Finance Committee 9:30am-Pastor Nominating Committee-L 2:00pm-Ballet Class-FH 3:00pm-Girl Scout Daisies* 3:40pm-Girl Scout Brownies -Lounge 4:00pm-Sign Choir-L	<b>11</b> 10:00am-Building and Grounds-L 1:00pm-Personnel-L 2:00pm-Ballet Class-FH 4:30 pm-Stephen Ministers-L 6:30pm-Chamber Singers-Music Rm 7:00pm-Deacons-L	<b>12</b> 4:00pm-Joyful Bells-FH 6:45pm-Estes Park Chorale-FH 	<b>13</b> 8:30am-EPNRC Board* 9:00am-Staff Meeting 1:00pm- Foundation 4:00pm-Chancel Bells-FH 6:00pm-Ballet Class-FH 6:30pm-Chancel Choir-S	<b>14</b> 	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 8:15am-Adult Sunday School-Lounge 8:30am-Journeys Class-L 10:00am-Worship 11:00am-Welcome Reception 5:30pm-Oratorio Society-FH	<b>17</b> 9:30am-Pastor Nominating Committee-L 11:30am-PW Bible Study-L 2:00pm-Ballet Class-FH 3:00pm-Girl Scout Daisies* 4:00pm-Sign Choir-L 6:30pm-Session-L	<b>18</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 2:00pm-Ballet Class-FH 5:00pm-EVICS Mom's* 6:30pm-Chamber Singers-Music Rm	<b>19</b> 4:00pm-Joyful Bells-FH 6:45pm-Estes Park Chorale-FH 	<b>20</b> 3:00pm-Columbarium-L 4:00pm-Chancel Bells-FH 6:00pm-Ballet Class-FH 6:30pm-Chancel Choir-S	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 8:15am-Adult Sunday School-Lounge 8:30am-Journeys Class-L 10:00am-Worship 1:00pm-Constantinian Ceremony-S 5:30pm-Oratorio Society-FH	<b>24</b> 9:30am-Pastor Nominating Committee-L 9:30am-Membership and Hospitality-FH 2:00pm-Ballet Class-FH 3:00pm-Girl Scout Daisies* 4:00pm-Sign Choir-L	<b>25</b> 2:00pm-Ballet Class-FH 6:30pm-Chamber Singers-Music Rm	<b>26</b> 4:00pm-Joyful Bells-FH 6:45pm-Estes Park Chorale-FH	<b>27</b> 	<b>28</b> 9:30am-Merry Marthas-FH	<b>29</b> 2:00pm-Chamber Singers Concert
<b>30</b> 8:15am-Adult Sunday School-Lounge 8:30am-Journeys Class-L 10:00am-Worship 2:00pm-Char Gee Life Celebration-FH 5:30pm-Oratorio Soc-FH						

**Note: Calendar events subject to change**  
**\*Downstairs Room 6**



***Thank You, Building and Grounds!***

