



**Presbyterian
Community Church
of the Rockies**

May 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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A New Pastor for PCCR

Meet & Greet

The Pastor Nominee and Family

Saturday, May 13

4:00 pm

**Worship: Pastor Nominee will Conduct
the Service and Deliver the Message**

Sunday, May 14

10:00 am

Livestream Available

**Congregational Meeting to Vote on
Accepting the PNC's Nomination**

Sunday, May 14

11:00 am

Livestream Available

For more details, see back cover.



PCCR Directory

Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm; closed Fridays

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Church Staff

Interim Pastor: Rev. Chris Davis, 414-690-4488, pastor@pccrusa.org

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Organist: Larry Gillum

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Worship Schedule



Worship in the Sanctuary:

Sunday, May 7 — 10:00 am, Communion

Sunday, May 14 — 10:00 am, Pastor Nominee preaching

Sunday, May 21 — 10:00 am, Rev Bruce Brackman, preaching

Sunday, May 28 — 10:00 am

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".

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.

We are grateful for your gifts!

The June Newsletter deadline is Tuesday, May 16. Please send your pictures and stories to: office@pccrusa.org Thanks!



River Ishida Rasmusson was born at 5:11 PM on April 27th, a healthy 7 pounds, 8 ounces girl. She was welcomed into the world by mother and PCCR Office Coordinator Meredith Ishida, as well as father Shane and big sister Sparkle. Meredith extends her gratitude for everyone's prayers, support and love.

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 email office@pccrusa.org. 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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May 2023

Message from Pastor Chris Davis . . .

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.”

– John 14:1-3

This is the beginning section of the gospel reading for Sunday, May 7. I have preached on this passage many times over the years. It’s often read at memorial services, and the lectionary uses it every year during the Easter Season. As I prepared for my Sunday sermon, I was struck by Jesus’ phrase, “In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places.”

The Greek noun used for “dwelling place” in the Bible does not necessarily mean a specific location. The word is a variation on the verb “to dwell” or “to remain.” Jesus is telling his disciples that there are many ways to dwell and remain in a relationship with God. He is preaching that you can have an intimate, a personal, a life-giving relationship with God in a way that feels comfortable to you.

This holds especially true for me as I now begin to transition from PCCR and ordained ministry to The Thompson Group and my new vocation as realtor. I am aware of the differences between the role of pastor and realtor; and I am also learning about the similarities the two vocations have in common. I am discovering how my calling as a disciple of Christ is changing, and it is now different. My calling is not, however, disappearing or gone. I am finding new ways to “dwell with God” as a realtor. This also holds true as my call to serve Christ has led me to the Estes Park Rotary Club as well as Crossroads Ministry where I now serve as a board member.

As PCCR moves forward in ministry with its new pastor, I challenge all of you to actively seek new ways to “dwell with God” and with your new pastor. I am excited to see how your relationships in community and with God will guide you in joint ministry within our community of Estes Park.

Jesus says, “And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.” I take comfort and encouragement in these words. They ground our faith in the truth that wherever we go in life, what ever we do in life, it is Christ who leads us and brings us home safely time and time again. Hallelujah! Amen.



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

HOLY WEEK 2023

Palm Sunday



Holy Week at the Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies began with a slightly different sort of Palm Sunday service. After celebrating Christ's entrance into Jerusalem, the atmosphere turned more somber as we entered into an Office of the Tenebrae, which is the extinguishing of lights in memory of Christ's passion.



Following Palm Sunday worship, the Membership and Hospitality Committee hosted a potluck brunch to recognize the end of Lent and the beginning of Holy Week. Eighty-five people attended the event in the Fellowship Hall, and enjoyed ham and rolls provided by the Committee as well as a myriad of dishes prepared by the church community members. Best of all, this was a time to connect with old friends and meet new ones.



Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday 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.



At PCCR, we observed Maundy Thursday with an evening service that included a ritual of handwashing in which Pastor Chris Davis and Patti Dolezal washed each person's hands. This was followed by the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The service concluded with the stripping of the church, shrouding the sanctuary in darkness. Worshippers left in silence, honoring the solemnity that leads into Good Friday.

Easter Sunday

As deep and dark as the Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday services dove, so did Easter Sunday's worship surface with joy and celebration. Beautiful flowers in an array of colors decorated the Sanctuary; over 180 attendees filled the pews. The service began with "An Easter Celebration," by PCCR Bells and the Chancel Choir.



But the musical delights did not end there. The Chancel Choir and Chancel Bells teamed up to perform a beautiful rendition of "Now the Green Blade Riseth," and the Chancel Choir sang, "The Lamb Upon the Throne." Pastor Chris Davis delivered a poignant, thought-provoking sermon, and organist Larry Gillum truly outdid himself. The service ended with a surprise postlude of the Hallelujah chorus. A truly magnificent commemoration of a day of great joy following great loss.



A Welcome Celebration



At the Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies, celebrations of life didn't end at Easter! The following Sunday, a Welcome Celebration was held for PCCR Office Administrator Meredith Ishida, in expectation of the birth of her new child, River.



The Fellowship Hall was brightly decorated, sweet treats were served, and a few familiar faces showed up after long absences to celebrate the occasion. This event was generously sponsored by the Membership and Hospitality Committee, Personnel Committee, the Deacons,

Our Pentecost Offering

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. (Acts 2:1-4)

We celebrate Pentecost on the seventh Sunday after Easter, this year on May 28th, for both the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Christian church. Each year we honor the gift of the Holy Spirit with our contributions to our denomination's Pentecost Offering.

The Pentecost Offering supports ministries with children, youth, and young adults. Sixty percent goes to national and international youth ministries, young adult volunteer programs, and child advocacy work focusing on education. The remaining forty percent stays with our church for use with children and youth programs in Estes.

We dedicate this year's offering to EVICS Family Resource Center, which provides services to strengthen and support families and children in the early years of life. EVICS was established in 2006 as a childcare scholarship program. It has evolved to serve the community as EVICS Family Resource Center and connects families and parents to resources throughout the community and across Larimer County. Through family development programs, mental health consultations, connection to resources, and



a childcare scholarship program, EVICS Family Resource Center is essential to family success in Estes Park.

Gracious God, we pray that all children will be able to reach the potential you gave them. We are grateful for those who work alongside children at risk and give them hope. Give all of us the faith and courage to stand up for children and help build a brighter future for them.



Highlands Summer Camp 2023!

Do you know a young person who might enjoy an incredible experience this summer? Our local Presbyterian Summer Camp is currently accepting applications:

Middle School Camp - July 9-14

High School Camp - July 23-28

Intergenerational Camp - July 16-21

Intergenerational Camp - July 16-19

Intergenerational Camp - July 19-21

Camper scholarships are available to any child who wants to attend and has a financial need.

For more details, email pastordenishesannon@gmail.com or pastormark@millikenpres.org, or call 303-747-2888.

PW Birthday Offering – May 7, 2023

Sowing Hope for All

The Birthday Offering of Presbyterian Women celebrates a history of generous giving. Launched in 1922, the Birthday Offering has become an annual tradition, giving grants to both domestic and international ministries. Over the last century, these grants have funded over 200 major mission projects. The projects funded this year are:

Making Miracles Group Home – Tallahassee Florida: this group home helps young mothers break the cycle of abusive relationships, addiction, incarceration and early motherhood – a repeating pattern that is difficult to break and overcome. Since its inception in 2010, the group home has served over 100 women and their children by providing a one-year, live-in program designed to support young mothers and help them develop skills to live independently and care for their children. There are many mothers in need of the program who have children older than age three or multiple children so they don't meet the group home requirements. The Birthday Offering grant will help purchase a second group home to serve an additional five families who are at risk of homelessness. With loving support and the tools needed to establish stable, permanent housing, these families can look forward to a hopeful and successful future.



Berhane Yesus Elementary School – Dembi Dollo, Ethiopia: This elementary school seeks to change lives by sharing the “Light of Jesus” and by providing the best possible educational experience for the children of Dembi Dollo. It provides the children of subsistence farmers, migrant workers and displaced groups of people with the possibility of a better future by preparing them for a life of Christian service. The school has been a part of the Presbyterian Church since 1921. In 2012 a kindergarten was added to the school but they had no available space for the class, so they met in the chapel. The Birthday Offering grant will provide the funding for the construction of a kindergarten building to meet the needs of the growing number of students as well as meet government requirements.

During the first year of the Birthday Offering, members of the Women’s Auxiliary were asked to donate a penny for each year of her life as a birthday gift for a girl’s school in Japan. Now, a century later we continue to follow God’s request, “So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith.” (Galatians 6:9-10) Please join us as we act as God’s hands and feet providing grants that help improve the lives of women and children in the United States and internationally. On May 7, give as you have been blessed, generously and as led by the Holy Spirit. The Presbyterian Women of PCCR are truly grateful for your generous support.

Questioning Our “Worlds”: A Letter from Chenoa Stock

Dear friends,

One of the many blessings that comes with this time of Interpretation Assignment (IA) – traveling to visit and share with PC(USA) congregations – is the unique opportunity I am given to learn more about the different regions of the U.S. from “locals.” Yes, the visit is principally focused on the events scheduled in various spaces for sharing with congregations about our Peruvian partners and their ministries. But another piece of that time is being introduced to their community; the sites, stories, and people that define the history of the area; and how the congregation and its outreach fit into that local and regional history.

I, along with Leandro, have learned a lot these past eight months. Our latest trips took us to Mountain Time – north, to the border of Idaho and Oregon, and southwest to Arizona. In the north, we spent time worshipping and sharing a meal with the host congregation, Bethany PC, as well as participating in the Comunidad de Fe (Faith Community) Spanish speaking service, who joyfully use the church space as their own for their time of service and Bible study. We also learned about many aspects of farm life, the changes in the agricultural industry that people have seen, and the challenges they face.

In Arizona, we worshiped together with University P.C. in Tempe, shared in profound discussions about global systemic injustice, and learned about water scarcity, the struggles of the school system, and the life that is truly found in what some consider barren lands.

On both trips, I felt quite ignorant about these new (to me) ‘worlds’ and was grateful for our kind hosts and their patience in answering my many curious questions. For what better way to learn than from those who live and breathe that ‘world,’ day in and day out, and know how to care for and protect it.

There are currently people trying to protect their ‘worlds’ and livelihoods in Peru, with many questions being asked about the current political and social

upheaval happening there. In December, the ex-president was impeached after attempting to dissolve Congress and rule by decree. The vice president was immediately installed as president and essentially gave the military and police permission to



Partners of the Peruvian Joining Hands Network (Manos Unidas) organized Ollas Comunes (Community Kitchens) for protestors in Lima.

use force against any “dissenters.” Many rural populations, especially those from the south, were angered by the violence and frustrated by the long-time corruption of the urban elite politicians. These protestors marched and set up blockades in their towns and marched to the capital, Lima, demanding the resignation of the current president, the dissolution of Congress, immediate elections, and a new Constitution. These populations know that their rural ‘world’ and livelihoods are simply used and abused to benefit the government’s greed for economic growth – a world threatened by the exploitation of the extractive industry and left behind in the country’s growing wealth gap and inequality. These protestors are raising their voices, telling us something about how to protect and care for the forgotten and for Earth itself, and to question those who hold power.

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I can thankfully say that our Peruvian Joining Hands Network partners are asking those same questions and are learning from those who live in that exploited and marginalized world. Throughout this time, our partners have supported those protestors who marched days to Lima by providing food and shelter, as well as offering legal assistance to those who need it. They have worked in alliance with other church organizations to write letters and petitions for the right to protest and the protection of civil rights, helping others to learn from and understand a world different than their own. As protests and blockades continue and negotiations to move up elections are rejected by a power-hungry Congress, we pray that a peaceful and just solution for a broken democracy is found. We pray all are invited to the negotiating table so that all voices are heard, and all worlds are acknowledged and included.

Our Evangelical Church of Peru (IEP) partners have experienced the consequences of this political turmoil, as the IEP Sicuani Seminary graduation was postponed and construction on the seminary campus was delayed, due to the blockades. Thankfully, though, the graduation was celebrated in February and construction resumed, with the support of the community and students.

Our IEP partners in Puno, in the southeastern region,

where many of the protests began, have also found hope amidst troubling times. Though their city experienced what some have called a massacre, they have remained faithful to their call as a church. They continue to offer courses at their Biblical Institute and recently began the construction of a new church in their town of Ayaviri. In a correspondence with Pastor Eron Quispe, he shared his joy that the church, now half-constructed, will be the biggest church and “a symbol of the Word of God” for the southern region of the country.

Together we walk through our own barren deserts this Lenten season, as we question, listen and reflect on our role in God’s Kingdom, looking for Life and Light among us. Where do we find our symbols of God’s Word to us? What can we learn about forgotten ‘worlds’ and silenced people? How can we be a part of creating change toward justice and equality for all God’s people, for Earth and all its beings?

Keep asking questions. Keep learning from those around you.

God’s resurrection hope lies in each answer.

Peace,
Chenoa

Thank You from the Mission Committee

The Mission Committee would like to thank the congregation for their generous support of the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. As of mid-May we have received \$2010 to support the three programs included in this special offering: the Presbyterian Hunger Program, the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program and the Self-Development of People. Your

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REPAIRERS
of the BREACH**
— ISAIAH 58

donations, joined with others from around the world, will help restore hope, empower the oppressed and feed the hungry. You are truly “Repairers of the Breach” making a positive difference in the lives of people in the United States and around the world.



Groups and Classes

Memory Café in Estes Park

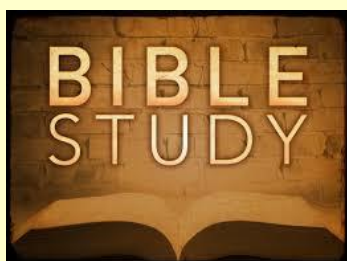
Memory Café is a stress free, social gathering for Estes Valley community members experiencing memory loss due to any form of dementia together with a spouse, family member, or friend. We stimulate those memory neurons by enjoying coffee/snacks, conversation, singing, and sharing remembrances through games and activities. Research and the medical community encourage fun, social activity for all of us as we age. So, think of this as a health appointment or monthly social gathering with friends. Together we support one another.



This month on **Thursday May 11th** we will be celebrating *Out with the Snow; In with Spring Flowers*. Bring your memories of gardening / farming tools, and stories of plants, crops, or flowers that you remember. We will meet at **St. Bartholomew's church** (880 MacGregor Ave) from **10:00 – 11:30 (every second Thursday of the month)**. We hope you will join us!

Call Jane at 970-430-8105 for more info or to let us know you are coming...

Adult Bible Study



Adult Bible Study is beginning a study "Our Hebrew Fathers - Joseph's Story". You may think you know all about Joseph, but in this video series from the Israel Bible Center we are seeing him in a different way. Dr. Eli Lizorkin-Eyzenberg (A Christ-Believing Jew) provides some new – and surprising -- insights. For example, did Joseph's brothers mean to kill him or sell him into slavery (after they ate lunch, of course) or were they just trying to scare the brat who told stories about his weird dreams? And why doesn't the scripture say that Rachael was Joseph's mother?

Join us at 8:15 Sunday mornings in the lounge to be part of this study. Class is over by 9 am so choir members can get to practice and the rest can get a cup of coffee before worship.

Signing (not Singing!) Choir

Sign Choir (a.k.a. Sign Language Class) meets on Mondays at 4 pm in the church library. We are working to develop a repertoire of hymns that we can sign at worship. We are happy to help you catch up if you need to miss a class now and again! All you need to bring is your 2 hands and a willing mind.

Journeys

Journeys will meet every Sunday morning in May, except Memorial Weekend. 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.

The first Sunday in May will be devoted to examining at 21st century vision of God. John Shelby Spong was an American bishop of the Episcopal Church. From 1979 to 2000, he was the Bishop of Newark, New Jersey. A liberal Christian theologian, religion commentator, and author, his admirers acclaim him as a teaching bishop who makes contemporary theology accessible to the ordinary layperson. Bishop Spong passed away in September 2021. Sarah Donohoe will lead that discussion. The following two Sundays, Don Sessions will lead Journeys as we look at the origins of judgement and how it can be misused today.

Journeys schedule for May:

May 7	Bishop Spong's definition of God
May 14	The Garden of Eden I: The Birth of Judgement
May 21	The Garden of Eden II: The Curse of Judgement
May 28	No class – Memorial Day



To attend using Zoom, you can use the link below to join the meeting.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8457412756?pwd=UG5OWk5yV1R2b1ICVmtENnUxTctlUT09>

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



Sabbath and Community

PW Circle Potluck Salad Lunch & Bible Study, Lesson 9 May 15, 2023

We would love to have the women of PCCR join us for the final PW Circle meeting of this season. On Monday, May 15, starting promptly at 11:30 a.m. we will enjoy a potluck salad lunch before our lesson which will begin around 12 noon. Because we are also celebrating the Birthday Offering, we will be enjoying cake for dessert, provided by the PW Board. The meeting will be in the church library to accommodate any out-of-town members who would like to participate in the Bible study at noon via Zoom. Karen Daugherty will be leading us through lesson nine of our study, Celebrating Sabbath. It is titled "Sabbath and Community" and stresses that the key to sustaining our Sabbath journey is in community. So, whether you have attended all 9 lessons or none at all, please join us in community as we share together our journey towards the Sabbath.

This is the information you need to join us on Zoom:

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

Meeting ID: 834 7702 4693

Passcode: PCCR

Session Highlights ~ April 2023

- ◇ Heard a report from the Pastor Nominating Committee that they have a candidate to present to the congregation.
- ◇ Accepted the negotiated terms of call for a new pastor, and approved calling a Congregational meeting on May 14 for the purpose of calling a new pastor.
- ◇ Approved the Presbyterian Women’s request to hold their Birthday offering on May 7.
- ◇ Noted that the Foundation Board has a vacancy and would appreciate having anyone who might be interested in serving on that Board call Pastor Chris to let him know.
- ◇ Noted that services/celebrations of life for Miriam Graetzer will be on May 13; for Char Gee on April 30; and for Margaret Gallup on May 2.
- ◇ Approved requesting \$26,455 from the Foundation to pay for the resurfacing of the Upper Parking lot.
- ◇ Approved a request from Sara Keller, to allow Cora Petrocine’s cremains to be inurned next to her sister, Susan Altick in the Columbarium.
- ◇ Made positive recognition of two significant additions to 2023 income.
- ◇ Approved Pat Waltermire to serve on the Mission and Outreach committee.
- ◇ Approved Diane Scruton to serve on the Worship and Music committee.
- ◇ Approved requesting up to \$20,000 from the Foundation to pay for moving expenses for the new pastor.

Deacon Highlights ~ April 2023

- ◇ Deacons will serve for Memorial receptions for Char Gee on Sunday, April 30, for Margaret Gallup on Tuesday, May 2 and Miriam Graetzer on Saturday, May 13.
- ◇ Deacons sent 2 cards and took one meal to a member who had surgery.
- ◇ Deacons will provide the elements for communion on May 7.
- ◇ Deacons discussed the liability issues related to various services we have been asked to provide.
- ◇ We will have an explanation of the services rendered by Stephen ministers at our next meeting.














Financial Information March 2023

	March	Jan-Mar	Year to Date—Budget
Total Revenues	\$37,904	\$95,198	\$90,407
Total Expenses	\$40,659	\$92,998	\$115,832
Net Total	\$2,755	\$2,200	-\$25,425



May 2023

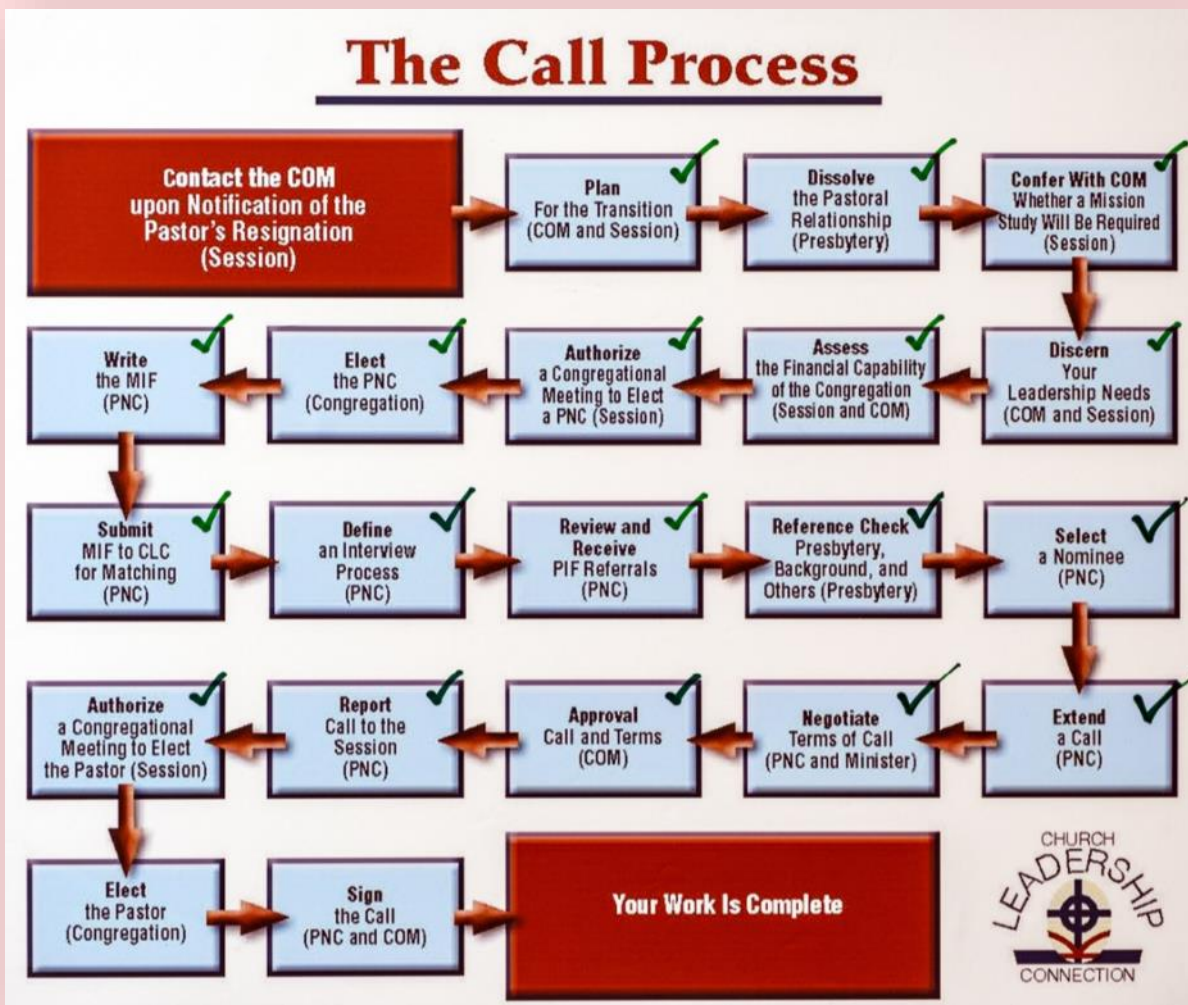


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>9:30am-Pastor Nominating Committee-L 2:00pm-Ballet Class-FH 4:00pm-Girl Scout Daisies* 4:00pm-Sign Choir-L</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>1:00pm-Margaret Gallup Memorial Service-S</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>5:30pm-Girl Scout Cadettes-L 6:45pm-Estes Park Chorale-FH</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:00am-Mission Comm-L 10:00am-Staff Meeting 6:30pm-Chancel Choir-Music Rm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>3:30pm-Ballet-FH 6:00pm-EP Chorale Dress Rehearsal-S</p>	<p>6</p> <p>2:00pm-EP Chorale Concert-S 7:00pm- EP Chorale Concert-S</p>	
<p>7</p> <p>8:15am-Adult Sunday School-Lounge 8:30am-Journeys Class-L 10:00am-Worship, Communion 5:30pm-Oratorio Society-FH</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:00am-Finance Committee 9:30am-Pastor Nominating Committee-L 2:00pm-Ballet Class-FH 4:00pm-Girl Scout Daisies* 4:00pm-Sign Choir-L</p> 	<p>9</p> <p>10:00am-Building and Grounds-L 1:00pm-Personnel-L 2:00pm-Ballet Class-FH 4:30pm-Stephen Ministers-L 7:00pm-Deacons-L</p>	<p>10</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>8:30am-EPNRC Board* 6:00pm-Ballet Class-FH 6:30pm-Chancel Choir-Music Rm</p> 	<p>12</p> 	<p>13</p> <p>9:00am-Cardmaking Group* 10:30am-Miriam Graetzer Memorial-S 4:00pm-Pastoral Nominee Meet & Greet-FH</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Mother's Day 8:15am-Adult Sunday School-Lounge 8:30am-Journeys Class-L 10:00am-Worship 11:00am-Congregational Meeting</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:30am-Pastor Nominating Committee-L 11:30am-PW Bible Study-L 2:00pm-Ballet Class-FH 4:00pm-Girl Scout Daisies* 4:00pm-Sign Choir-L 6:30pm-Session-L</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline 2:00pm-Ballet Class-FH 5:00pm-EVICS Mom's*</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>6:30pm-Oratorio Society Rehearsal-S</p>	<p>18</p> <p>3:00pm-Columbarium-L 4:00pm-Girl Scout Bridging Ceremony-FH 6:30pm-Chancel Choir-Music Room 6:30pm-Oratorio Society Rehearsal-S</p>	<p>19</p> 	<p>20</p> <p>2:00pm-Oratorio Society Concert-S</p>
<p>21</p> <p>8:15am-Adult Sunday School-Lounge 8:30am-Journeys Class-L 10:00am-Worship</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:30am-Pastor Nominating Committee-L 9:30am-Membership and Hospitality-FH 2:00pm-Ballet Class-FH 4:00pm-Girl Scout Daisies* 4:00pm-Sign Choir-L</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:00am-EPNRC Marketing Training-FH, L 2:00pm-Ballet Class-FH</p>	<p>24</p> 	<p>25</p> <p>10:00am-Staff Meeting 3:00pm-EPH Group-L 6:00pm-Ballet Class-FH 6:30pm-Chancel Choir-Music Rm</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:30am-Merry Marthas-FH</p>	<p>27</p> 
<p>28</p> <p>8:15am-Adult Sunday School-Lounge 8:30am-Journeys Class-L 10:00am-Worship</p> 	<p>29</p> <p>Memorial Day Church Office Closed 9:30am-Pastor Nominating Committee-L 2:00pm-Ballet Class-FH 4:00pm-Girl Scout Daisies* 4:00pm-Sign Choir-L 6:00pm-Mountain Top Marriage Retreat*</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:00am-Mountain Top Marriage Retreat* 2:00pm-Ballet Class-FH 6:00pm-Mountain Top Marriage Retreat*</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9:00am-Mountain Top Marriage Retreat* 2:00pm-Mountain Top Marriage Retreat*</p> 			

Note: Calendar events subject to change

*Downstairs Room 6

The Pastor Nominating Committee is Ready to Nominate Our New Pastor



The work to discern who will be our new pastor began last August when the congregation elected the Pastor Nominating Committee. This team met weekly over the ensuing 8 months to fulfill the steps in the PC(USA) process for calling a new pastor, as set out in the chart pictured here. As the PNC received resumes (71 total) they began reviewing and discussing each one. The nominee who has been called was initially identified and interviewed in February and immediately rose to the top of the list. During the next few months PNC continued to review other resumes, and scheduled interviews with 3 more candidates. Their discussion and consideration kept coming back to this candidate. The PNC feels very strongly that the Holy Spirit has guided every step in the process of bringing this nominee to our congregation. Subject to a vote of the congregation, the nominee has accepted the call, and will be here over the weekend of May 13 and 14 to meet the congregation and conduct and deliver the message at the worship service on Sunday, May 14. A congregational meeting will follow the service, where the congregation will receive the PNC's report and then will vote on the committee's nomination. The candidate and family will also be at the church at 4:00 PM on Saturday, May 13, to get acquainted with all who can attend. Please save those dates.

