



Presbyterian
Community Church
of the Rockies

September 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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A Pie Social "Thank You"

The Hospitality and Membership Committee of PCCR would like to thank Rich Dixon, our new Sexton, for cleaning the Fellowship Hall floor till it shines. The committee also says a special "thank you" to our personal piano player, Verlene Thorpe, and to our terrific song leader, Curtis Fox, who had us all singing heartily at the Pie Social on Sunday, August 19.



So many wonderful pies....such great quiche and a terrific clean-up crew all made the day so much fun. Thank you all for coming and sharing our fun.



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Worship Schedule

September 2 — Communion, 10:00 a.m.

Preaching: Rev. Michael Moore

Liturgist: Evelyn Wilson

Chancel Choir: "Bless This House" Martin

Organist: Larry Gillum

Greeters: Larry and Linda Emsing

Fellowship Hosts: Choir

September 5 — 5:30 p.m. Season of Peace Special Service

September 9 — 10:00 a.m.

Preaching: Rev. Michael Moore

Liturgist: Dave Thomas

Chancel Choir: "A Scottish Blessing" Blackwell

Organist: Larry Gillum

Greeters: Peter and Lisa Plaut

Fellowship Hosts: Membership and Hospitality Committee

September 12 — 5:30 p.m. Season of Peace Special Service

September 16 — 10:00 a.m.

Preaching: Rev. Michael Moore

Liturgist: Rod Unruh

Chancel Choir: "Ubi Caritas" - Chancel Men, Gjeilo

Organist: Beverly Nicholas

Greeters: Bruce and Lois Ellingwood

Fellowship Hosts: Grace and Grub

September 19 — 5:30 p.m. Season of Peace Special Service

September 23 — 10:00 a.m.

Preaching: Rev. Michael Moore

Liturgist: Verlene Thorp

Chancel Choir: "Psalm 84" Faure

Joyful Bells: "Let There Be Peace" Wagner

Organist: Larry Gillum

Greeters: Rod and Sherry Unruh

Fellowship Hosts: Joyful Bells

September 24 — 4:15 p.m. Communion Service at Good Samaritan

September 26 — 5:30 p.m. Season of Peace Special Service

September 30 — 10:00 a.m.

Preaching: Rev. Michael Moore

Liturgist: Lisa Plaut

Chancel Choir: "There is a Balm" Dixon

Chancel Bells: "Siyahamba" Ward

Zulu Freedom Song "We Are Marching in the Light of God"

Organist: Larry Gillum

Greeters: Bev Henderson and Marilyn Vergoth

Fellowship Hosts: Merry Marthas

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 October Newsletter deadline is **Tuesday, September 18**. Please send your pictures and stories to Terry Brigham at: office@pccrusa.org Thanks!

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September 2018

From Pastor Michael Moore...

September is rolling around once again. I can't believe that Summer is over, and we are moving into Fall! Once again, we will be holding midweek Services during September, which is the Season of Peace. On the Wednesdays leading up to World Communion Sunday we will be joining together for worship in our Outdoor Chapel beginning at 5:30 pm. In case of inclement weather, we will move the worship service to the Chapel (overflow room) inside. Last year we had three juvenile Bull Elk join us for worship, so I am eager to see what neighbors will join us again this September!



I invite you to join with us for prayer, singing, a message, and Communion each Wednesday this month. As the Lord said in Matthew 5:9, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God." I look forward to our weekly worship and the opportunity to explore our call to be peacemakers in the Estes Valley and far beyond.

Grace and Peace,

Michael

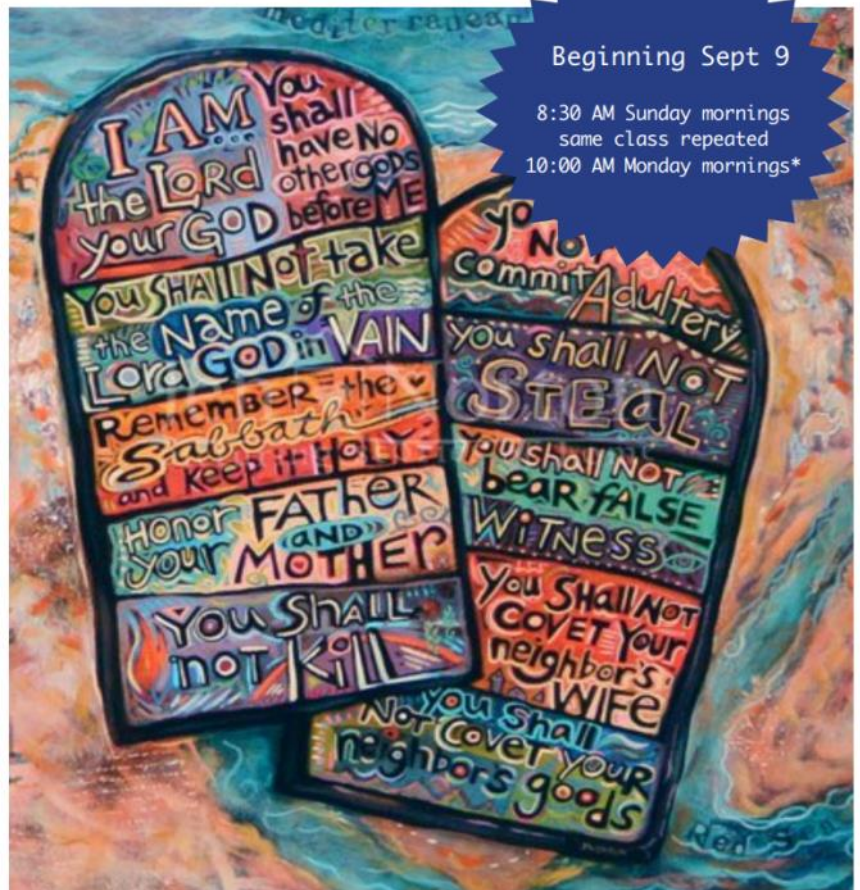
Our new church members who have joined the congregation in 2018 will soon be featured on a display in the narthex.

New members will receive a certificate of membership. If you are a member of PCCR and have not received a certificate and would like one, please let Terry in the church office know. Thanks!



THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

WRITTEN IN STONE?



Beginning Sept 9

8:30 AM Sunday mornings
same class repeated
10:00 AM Monday mornings*

Our Lost and Found box is overflowing! Please check in the church office to see if any of the items are yours. Thanks!



Join us for study (8 weeks) and fellowship in the Lounge on Sunday mornings beginning September 9, as we unpack the Ten Commandments in content, context, and culture.

*Monday, September 10 class will be at 8:30 a.m. prior to the PW brunch.



GOLF OUTINGS TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

PCCR golf day will be on Sunday, September 9 – coordinated by the Mission and Outreach Committee. **Traditional golf outing starts at 2:00 p.m.** on the Lake Estes 9-hole course; **miniature golf outing is at 6:30 p.m.** at the Estes Park Center-YMCA of the Rockies. In addition to prayer and moral support, PCCR’s golf outings provide financial support to the two mission co-worker couples that our church is supporting. The people who actually play in the traditional golf outing on the Lake Estes 9-hole course and in the miniature golf outing at the YMCA course contribute significantly to this effort.

But behind the scenes, the largest amount of financial support comes from non-players, who comprise the majority of our congregation. Maybe you used to play golf; or perhaps you never played golf. You can still participate in our ongoing relationship with these denominational mission co-workers through your contribution.

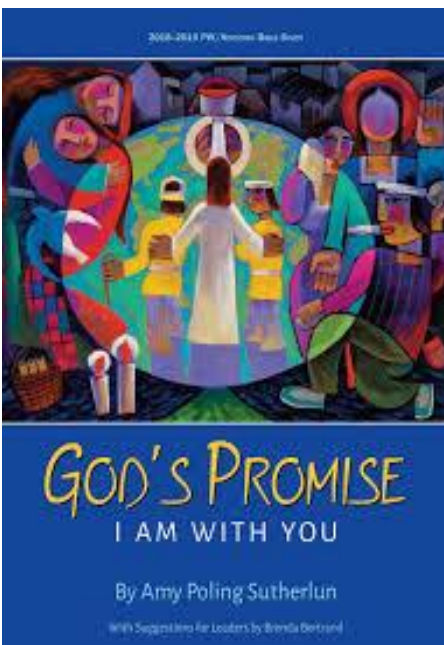
Come to church on Sunday, September 9, and hear PC(USA) mission co-worker Rusty Edmondson share about the ministry that he and his wife, Rev. Sara Armstrong, have been doing in Peru since 2009.

Welcome, Rich!

Our church has a new Sexton — **Rich Dixon**. Besides being the Director of the Chancel Choir, Rich has assumed this new role as well. We are grateful and appreciative of his service!

Rich says: “I am excited about being PCCR’s new Sexton. There is much to do and I need input from everyone; I can always use extra sets of eyes. I spent the first three weeks deep cleaning the church inside and out. Once everything is under control, it should be much easier keeping it clean. I plan to have all the deep cleaning done by the first of September.

I ask for one thing in particular from the congregation. Please do not place anything on the wooden doors. There are other areas to advertise upcoming events. The entrance door’s finish has been damaged by tape to the point that they will need to be sanded and re-stained. We have a beautiful church and it is my mandate to bring that beauty back so that we have a facility to be proud of.”



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW) invites all women of the church – members and friends – to our annual **Fall Kick-Off Brunch on Monday, September 10, at 10:00 a.m.** This is a food and fellowship opportunity to begin our Circle Year. Whether or not you plan to participate in PW Circle, we want you to come for brunch! The PW Board provides the food. No reservations are needed.

Following brunch, we will enjoy the presentation of an overview of this year’s PW Horizons Bible Study – **GOD’S PROMISE: I AM WITH YOU**. We’ll journey through scripture from Genesis through the Gospels, tracing the repetition of God’s most frequent promise. Rather than concentrating on the manifestation of God’s presence, the focus will be on the actual recurrence and speaking of God’s promise to be with us. Our emphasis will be on the context of the promise itself and how it speaks to particular circumstances. Most important, we’ll consider how “I am with you” or “I will be with you” speaks to our own circumstances, changing us and the way we live.

Our first Circle meeting will be Monday, September 17 at 11:30 a.m. in the church library, and we’ll discuss Lesson 1 – “God With Us Wherever We Are.”

The third Monday of each month is our regular meeting schedule. We welcome you to join us for study and fellowship!

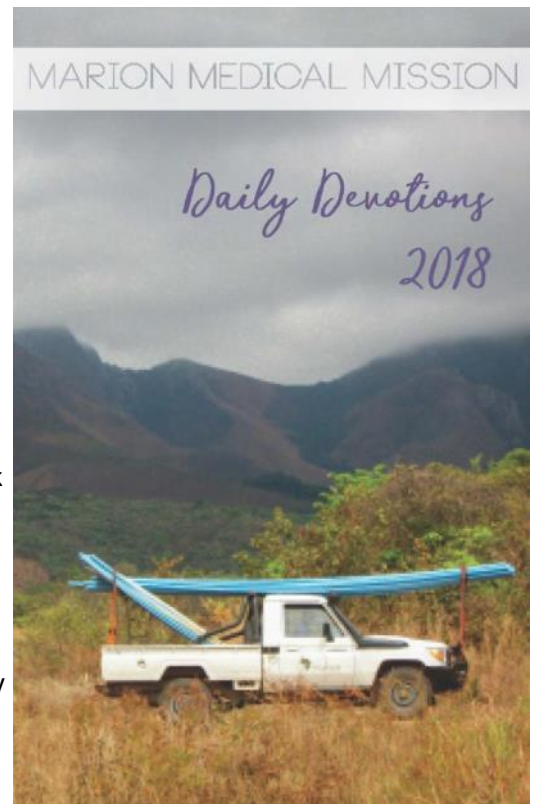
The 2018 Marion Medical Mission wells season is almost here!

Volunteers Jim Nussbaumer, Carol Nussbaumer, Rod Christian, and DJ Christian will be joining with 34 other volunteers from across the USA and a bevy of African field officers and coordinators to help the people of Africa install 2,900 new wells in 6 weeks. These wells will provide protected water to about 429,000 people in three countries who never thought they would have clean water in their remote village. The job is impossible – but with God all things are possible!

If you would like to be a part of this mission from your home here in Estes, you can ask for an e-mail copy of the 2018 Devotion booklet that will be used by the volunteers. This has a series of 43 short devotions written by volunteers and African staff — one for each day that the U.S. volunteers are in Africa, beginning on September 15. “Last year, the volunteers and staff in the field told us how much it helped them to know supporters back home were praying over the same devotions that they read each morning before starting work. They need our prayers....”

(MMM e-mail)

To receive an e-mail copy, email devotions@mmmwater.org with the subject: “ Please add me to the daily devotions list!” Or you can get a copy for your e-reader, tablet, or phone by going to Amazon Kindle e-books and looking for MMM Daily Devotions 2018 Kindle Edition. Cost is \$0.99.



Malawi Mission Network Conference

Jim and Carol Nussbaumer recently attended the Malawi Mission Network conference in Dallas, TX. Four days were packed with speakers, information, food, and time to renew relationships. It was especially nice to have time to chat with Jeremy Garbat-Welch, a PC(USA) mission co-worker living in Malawi with wife Luta and 2 young sons. Jeremy is involved with prison chaplaincy, training Malawian pastors how to better serve the prison population. Prisons in Malawi are severely overcrowded with many

inmates never having had a trial even after several years. PCCR is one of Jeremy and Luta’s supporting churches.

Also at the conference was Dr. Kondwani Zgambo, the sole medical doctor at Embangweni Mission Hospital. Dr. Zgambo reported that only 64% of positions at the hospital are filled; there are 250 births per month and he is the only doctor at the hospital.

In addition to hospital work, Dr. Zgambo also visits outlying health centers and makes follow-up home visits. Despite this, the hospital debt has decreased by 73% in the last 18 months, there is increased outpatient service and maternal/neonatal deaths are down.



Dr. Kondwani Zgambo leading Malawian singers in an impromptu concert.



The Rev. Jeremy Garbat-Welch explains conditions in Malawi’s prisons.

A Note from Mission

This month we continue in our series of articles about *Who is a Missionary?* Each month this year we are highlighting a member of our congregation who devotes time and energy to a local organization. We also highlight a PC(USA) congregation who is doing unusual ministry. This article is about **First Presbyterian in Hollywood, CA**. Also, from PCCR, this month we were delighted to interview **Dan Scace** about his work at **MacGregor Ranch**. Here is what Dan had to share with us.

What excites you about MacGregor Ranch?

Dan: *MacGregor Ranch is exciting because it's the last of its kind in the area. It's authentic, has lots of original early ranch memorabilia on display, it is well preserved and it's still operating in many of the same ways it did over a century ago.*

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

Dan: *I have a genuine love of historic things from the "Old West". I love to be able to visit places that make our history come alive, that exude the essence of life as our country was being built from "sea to shining sea". When I was a kid growing up in the 60's, I always wanted to be a cowboy, and I somewhat regretted that I was born a century too late, and not in the west but in Massachusetts. Well, guess what? Fifty+ years later I can sorta be a cowboy, in the west, in a place that hasn't changed much in the last century. That's a blessing!*

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

Dan: *I think God guides us constantly as we go through life. For me, God's guidance is below the surface of my awareness. However, I believe what we seek through our relationship with God is very much a part of our consciousness. It's in prayer, it's in how we thank God for our blessings, and ultimately, how we live our lives. By volunteering at MacGregor I can use some of my God-given skills and my passion, to serve our community. It is in how I arrived at this place, at this time, to find a small role at MacGregor, that God has guided me to do what I do.*

What would you like for others to know about MacGregor Ranch?

Dan: *I'd like everyone to know that MacGregor Ranch exists much as it did in the late 1800's. I'd like them to understand the role MacGregor played in Estes Park's history. Muriel MacGregor preserved her Ranch so future generations would understand how rough life was, and how places like MacGregor served the community. MacGregor Ranch is one of God's beautiful creations, a place for all of us to enjoy! Come listen to the quiet...*

First Presbyterian Church's location in Hollywood, California is quite the contrast from peaceful MacGregor Ranch! One of their biggest needs they have in their bustling neighborhood is a warm, safe place for homeless folks to sleep in the winter. For the past six years, this congregation has been providing just that, along with food, hospitality, and a message of love and grace.



A Note from Mission, continued

Amie Quigley, director of urban outreach at FPC tells a story of a man named Mark who had been referred to their winter shelter program called The Refuge. He arrived with a blank expression on his face and was unable to speak. Through tears and a warm embrace Amie mumbled to him, "God loves you and we love you, too." Mark was given a clean bed with a comforter and pillows in a quiet fellowship hall. Later, he sat down with several other guests to a warm meal served with love, laughter, and kindness by church volunteers. Over time Mark was able to move into permanent supportive housing and eventually was baptized at FPC Hollywood.

Mark is just one of many wonder stories they share. The shelter, housed in their building, is all-volunteer run in partnership with area churches. In the coldest months of January and February Hollywood's most vulnerable are provided a warm bed, hot meals, devotionals, and the love of Christ Jesus.

Foundation

On August 19, the Estes Park Nonprofit Resource Center and the Legacy Society held an ice cream social at Mrs. Walsh's garden. The purpose of the gathering was to recognize the new Legacy member organizations and the individuals who have made Legacy gifts.

The **PCCR Foundation** joined the **Legacy Society** last year and, to date, approximately 9 members have made Legacy Gifts. A Legacy Gift to our church is done through a will designation that, upon death, a portion of the estate is transferred to the church. Since most people leave their estate to their children, the church is often referred to as the "additional child".

Just as the 20/20 Visioning Committee has encouraged all to contribute, so does the Legacy Society. There is the misconception that only very wealthy people have an estate that is large enough to make a contribution. Not so! All gifts are welcome and very much appreciated.

If you have made a contribution to the PCCR Foundation in the form of a pledge, cash, or legacy gift, thank you. If you have not done so already, I would encourage each of you to consider a Legacy Gift. Should you desire additional information, please contact Kent Meyer.

Bob Holcomb
Foundation President



The church received the following thank-you note:

"We were so very happy to learn we were selected to paint your church. Our work for you was one of respect and humility. We appreciate the sacrifice and hard work that your congregation gave to pay for the new paint job. One of our painters asked me if I thought God was watching us work on your church. I told him 'Of course, it's his house'! We had not one mishap. Everything went better than we had planned. Even the weather cooperated! Tell your congregation thank you to all."

~ Timothy Stolz and the proud crew of Bestway Painting

Visioning for the Future

On Sunday afternoon, August 5th, 36 members of the congregation gathered in Fellowship Hall to discuss the history of our church in the context of events and trends in our community and our society and culture. We had a lively discussion around tables that separately focused on PCCR, the Estes Valley, and the broader social and cultural developments; then we posted pertinent data on timeline charts that will remain on the windows for a little bit longer. Please take time to



look at the timeline. Add to the charts by writing your contributions on sticky notes and posting those to the timeline. There is a final chart for trends – put your observations there as well.

It is obvious (even without the timeline work) that our church is smaller today than it was 15 to 20 years ago, and that our makeup is different. But the discussion and the timeline give us a better common understanding of the events within our church,

plus the broader trends in our society, that have contributed to our current identity.

The workshop elicited some comments to the effect that we have done this sort of thing in the past, with no positive outcome.



To the extent that this is accurate, we now need to do some things. In broad terms, we first need to articulate a realistic and factual definition of who and what our church is today. We next need to develop a vision of what we want to be in roughly the next decade. Then we need to develop a plan to get there.

This is an important congregational project. We had an excellent turnout for the first session. There will be continuing opportunities to contribute. Stay tuned.



Session Highlights ~ August 2018

- ◇ Received Certificates of Transfer for Sue Yowell and Mike and Renee Warren to PCCR.
- ◇ Received report from August Presbytery meeting: discussion included developing priorities for the Presbytery, increasing our contact with the Latino population, Highlands Camp, and why churches are leaving the denomination.
- ◇ Approved Pete Sumey as a new member of the Mission and Outreach committee.
- ◇ Learned that the Pentecostal offering of \$204.80 was given to Partners Mentoring Youth.
- ◇ Heard from Membership and Hospitality Committee that new name tags are being prepared for members. The next church event will be the October 14 Harvest Festival.
- ◇ Learned that Building and Grounds is considering a bid for changing our lighting to LED, and installing additional lighting in the parking lot and chancel.
- ◇ Noted that Rich Dixon has replaced Sergio as our church sexton.
- ◇ Noted that Christian Education committee will be considering whether or not to fill the nursery attendant position, now that Bailey Burke is not available.
- ◇ Reviewed the new PCCR tri-fold brochure that will be placed at the Visitors Center.
- ◇ Approved staff position descriptions for Office Coordinator and Financial Secretary.
- ◇ Approved a request from Presbyterian Women to hold the PW Thank Offering on October 28.
- ◇ Noted that the last 8 a.m. summer prayer service will be August 26.

Deacon Highlights ~ August 2018



- ◇ Devotions were given by Barb Richards.
- ◇ Dave Evans gave a report from the last Session meeting.
- ◇ Joys and concerns were shared and cards signed for members of the church and friends who are dealing with challenges.
- ◇ No meals were delivered in the last month, but several people were suggested who would appreciate a meal brought in to them.
- ◇ A schedule for deacons serving communion in the next months was given.
- ◇ At the July 23rd communion for Good Samaritan there were 4 staff members, 1 deacon, and 10 residents.
- ◇ There were two memorial receptions in the last month.
- ◇ Ginger reported on the plans of the Outreach Committee which will now be called Outreach for Peace of Mind. More on that will be forthcoming.

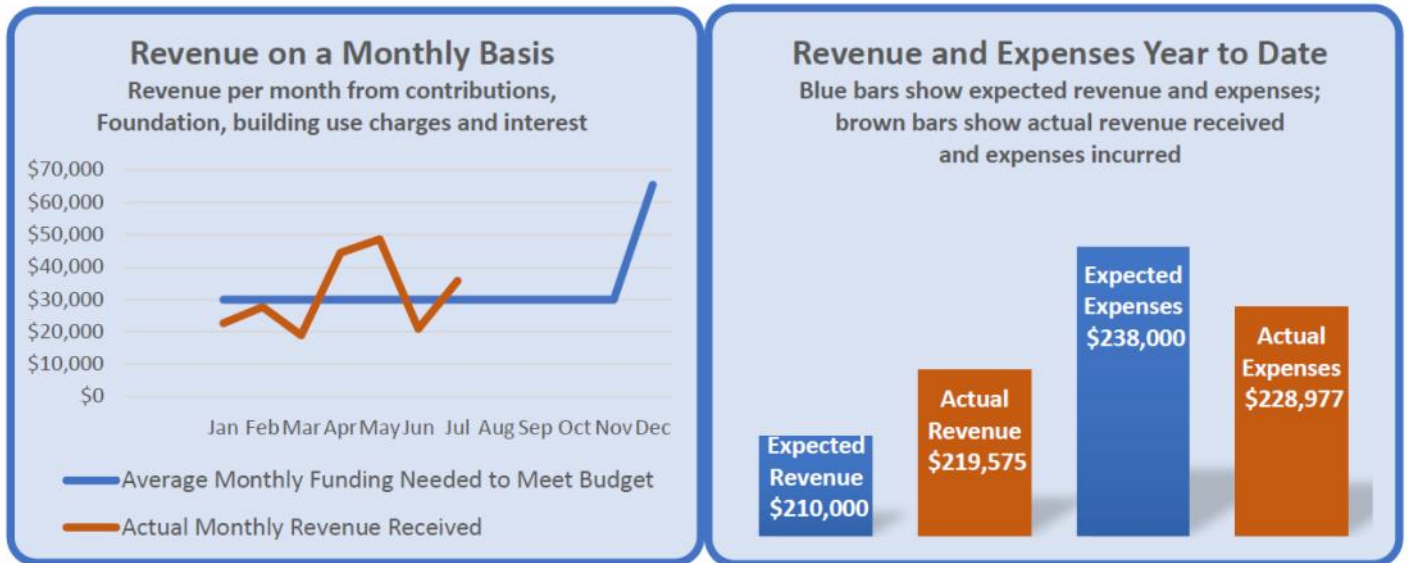
PCCR LIBRARY NEWS—THREE NEW BOOKS

Check out these three new books by Randy Frazee, senior pastor at Oak Hills Church in San Antonio, Texas.

- ✓ **The Story** — 34 chapters starting with Genesis and going through Revelation—tells “the Story” filled with intrigue, drama, conflict, romance, and redemption.
- ✓ **Believe** — this book will help Christians of all ages think, act, and be more like Jesus.
- ✓ **Believe Storybook** — 60 Old and New Testament stories for children — helps children learn how to think, act, and be more like Jesus.



Financial Update – Data Through July



Contributions to the church vary considerably from month to month, usually with a significant increase at year end. The monthly totals are especially volatile when the Foundation funds projects, such as in May when the Foundation contributed \$18,500 for painting of the church. This is reflected in the brown line, which shows actual revenues and reflects a typical pattern. The blue line is the average monthly revenue expected this year, based on the 2018 funding requirement of slightly over \$400,000, with the increased giving usually seen in December.

The first blue bar is total revenue projected through July, based on the \$30,000 monthly average shown in the chart to the left. The next bar, in brown, shows total funding actually received through July, which includes a contribution of \$18,500 in May from the Foundation to pay for the painting of the church. The second blue bar shows total expenses expected if all budgeted expenses were paid evenly each month throughout the year. The final brown bar shows actual expenses incurred through July.

The Journeys Class will resume again on Sunday, September 16, at 8:15 a.m. with a discussion of “The Doubt Essential to Faith” and “The Real Meaning of Soul.” On September 23 we will begin a four-week study and discussion of Dominic Crossan’s PAUL AND JUSTICE – “Baptism as New Creation”, “War and Slavery”, “War and Patriarchy”, and “War and Thecla”.

Save the Date!

Harvest Festival

Sunday, October 14 11:00 a.m.

The summer has flown by and before you know it, the leaves will be falling here in Estes Park. It is not too early to start planning which wonderful soup you are going to bring to the Harvest Festival.

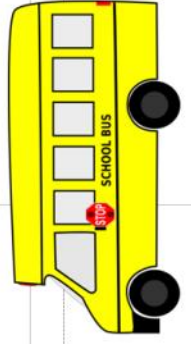
Mark your calendars for October 14th and start locating that special family recipe. We'll look forward to seeing you all there.





September 2018

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The Estes Park CROP Walk for Hunger will be **Sunday, September 16 starting at 1:00 p.m.** The walk begins at the south side of the Estes Park Visitors Center (south of Highway 34) and goes around Lake Estes. You may sign up to walk or sponsor a walker.

For more information, contact Pete Vanderveen, 970-586-0578.

"Give generously, for your gifts will return to you later. Divide your gifts among many, for in the days ahead you yourself may need much help."

~ Ecclesiastes 11:1