



Presbyterian
Community Church
of the Rockies

February 2020 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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Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

4:30-6:00 p.m.



Shrove Tuesday, also known as Pancake Day or Fat Tuesday, is the day before Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. It is tradition to eat pancakes on this day because it is the last day to indulge before giving up foods that aren't allowed during Lent. Pancakes are the perfect food to eat because they contain butter, eggs, flour, and sugar — foods many people give up for Lent.

Grace and Grub will host the annual Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday, February 25. Pancakes and ham will be served from 4:30-6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, with traditional King Cake for dessert and festive jazz music.

Contributions will be accepted as this event is a fundraiser for Crossroads Ministries. All are welcome for good food and fellowship as we anticipate the arrival of Lent.



Worship Schedule

PCCR Directory

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday 8:30 to 3:30,
Friday Closed

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

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February 2 — 10:00 am, Communion

Preaching: Rev. Michael Moore

Liturgist: Verlene Thorp

Organist: Larry Gillum

Chancel Choir: "Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table" Ferguson

Greeters: Fran and Dick Gabrielson

Fellowship Hosts: Journeys Class

February 9 — 10:00 am

Preaching: Rev. Michael Moore

Liturgist: Kent Meyer

Pianist: Fran Gabrielson

Chancel Bells: "Glorify the Almighty" Eithun

Greeters: Jan and Jack Boatman

Fellowship Hosts: PW Horizons Bible Study

February 16 — 10:00 am

Preaching: Rev. Michael Moore

Liturgist: Sherry Unruh

Organist: Larry Gillum

Chancel Choir: "Abide with Me" Hanson

Greeters: Lois and Bruce Ellingwood

Fellowship Hosts: Scrapbook and Card Making

February 23 — 10:00 am

Preaching: Rev. Tim McLemore

Liturgist: Patti Dolezal

Chancel Choir: "Christ Is the Vine" Biery

Joyful Bells: "All Creatures of Our God and King" Behnke

Organist: Larry Gillum

Greeters: Sherry and Rod Unruh

Fellowship Hosts: Stephen Ministry

February 24 — Communion at Good Samaritan, 4:15 pm

February 26 — Ash Wednesday Worship Service , 5:45 p.m.

Lenten Worship Services

5:45 p.m.

February 26 — Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 4

Wednesday, March 11

Wednesday, March 18

Wednesday, March 25

Wednesday, April 1

Maundy Thursday, April 9



February 2020

From Pastor Michael Moore...

On February 26th we will begin the Lenten journey from Ash Wednesday until Holy week which begins with Palm Sunday on April 5th. Over the course of this time we will be having midweek (Wednesday) worship at 5:45 p.m. along with our regular Sunday morning services.

In the midweek services we will be exploring the Psalms of Lament. Today when we hear the word lament, we often think "oh woe is me..." which is often self-serving and self-centered. In Scripture the lament is a part of a ritual of re-establishing a right relationship with God. The book of Lamentations (often called The Lamentations of Jeremiah) immediately follow the book of

Jeremiah and in both Jewish and Christian tradition, Jeremiah is said to be the author of the Lamentations. These Laments are focused on the loss of the Temple and thus the way of life for the people. In a greater sense, the Lament along with Confession begins the process of restoration between God and God's people.

For the Sundays in Lent up to and including Palm Sunday, our focus will be "Our Journey of Faith with Christ." Just as we embarked on a Pilgrimage in Advent (traditionally a mini-Lent) we will be embarking together on a Journey of faith with Christ. The Scripture focus for each Sunday will be on the Psalm and Gospel readings.

I invite you to join our PCCR family as we journey together through this Lenten season. My prayer is that this time will be both meaningful and meaning-filled for each of us.

Grace and Peace,

Michael



The **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** will be on **Sunday, February 9** immediately following worship, for the purpose of presenting the 2020 Budget, voting on the Pastor Terms of Call, and presenting the Annual Reports of the Committees of Session. The 2019 Annual Report will be available in the church office and the narthex on February 2.



**The church office will be closed on
President's Day, Monday, February 17.**

PCCR member to share experience of kidney donation



Following worship on **Sunday, February 2**, make your way to the Fellowship Hall and grab a treat, some coffee or tea, and join us for an informative presentation by PCCR member Sue Thomas, who will share her recent experience as a kidney donor. She will tell us about the process and procedures at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, where her surgery took place on December 17, 2019.

As Sue says, “We know that there are others, even within our own community, who are currently in need of an organ transplant. Some have been waiting for a long time to receive a donated organ.” This informal talk will be illustrated by a few photographs and materials from Mayo Clinic. “This presentation isn’t about me,” emphasizes Sue. “It’s to help people decide about donating.”

Sue Thomas and kidney recipient, Donna Geis. The two met for the first time at Mayo Clinic on the day before their surgery. In this photo, Donna was undergoing her final dialysis treatment.

Larry Corbett, our interim pastor for the two years before we found Pastor Michael, is facing a series of difficult treatments for a pancreatic tumor. The prognosis is good, according to his doctor. He will be starting chemotherapy soon, followed by a month of rest, then radiation treatments, followed by the Whipple surgery.

Larry was so grateful for the PCCR support he received while he was here and being treated for a different tumor, so those of you who know him might want to send cards and notes of encouragement again.

His address is: **Larry Corbett, 8360 East Yearling Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85255**

DUST BUCKET NEWS ~ Rich Dixon, Sexton



This church is definitely the “Community Church” of Estes Park. Besides the normal PCCR functions and meetings, there are several community groups that use the church on a regular basis. Keeping it clean is no small task, and I could not do it without the help and care given by all those who make use of the building. So do not hesitate to let me know if I have forgotten something. I need to know.

Brenda and I just got back from our usual trip to Disney World. In my absence, Pete Vanderveen managed to keep up with things. Thank you Pete! While I am at it, a special thank you to Joy Welsh for her work in picking up the sanctuary after church services every Sunday. She is always one of the first here and the last to leave every Sunday.

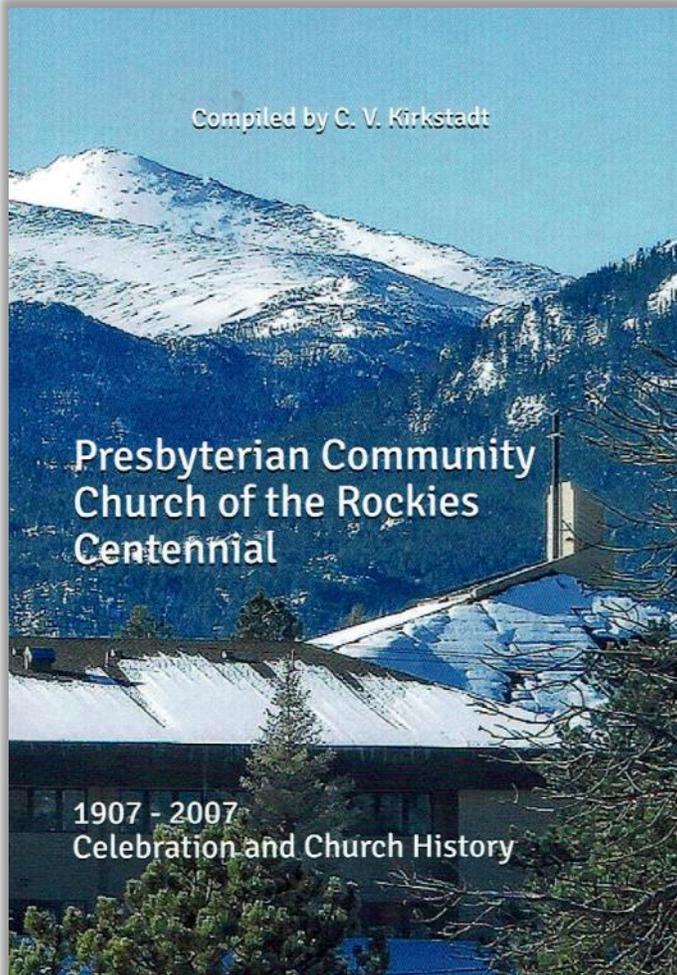


Have you checked out a book from the Library lately?

The wealth of books, audio and video tapes, DVDs, and resources available to all church members, families, and friends is truly outstanding — over 2,000 items.

There are books to give you inspiration in your Christian journey, educational materials, Bible studies, devotion and prayer, theology, history, documentaries, fiction, and many other types of thought-provoking reading, as well as movies.

Take advantage of this opportunity and spend some time browsing the library collection. You never know what you might find!



100-Year History of Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies

We are proud to recognize our church librarian, **Carol Kirkstadt**, for her efforts in compiling this book in celebration of our church's centennial. Carol has worked tirelessly to bring this book to fruition in the past year, along with the help of a number of other individuals who have contributed articles, photos, editing, advice, and ideas.

Copies of the final version are available on Amazon and Barnes & Noble. There is also a spot on Amazon's site where you can post comments regarding the book, and you are encouraged to do so!

Thank you, Carol, for providing our church with this historical resource and giving current and past church members, as well as the community, a glimpse of life at PCCR in the past 100 years.

Flowers for the Worship Service



Sign up on the new 2020 calendar posted in the Fellowship Hall if you would like to provide flowers for a church service, or maybe to honor a special occasion or anniversary date.

You may order and purchase flowers to be delivered from Enchanted Florist, 970-586-2663, or you may bring your own arrangement.

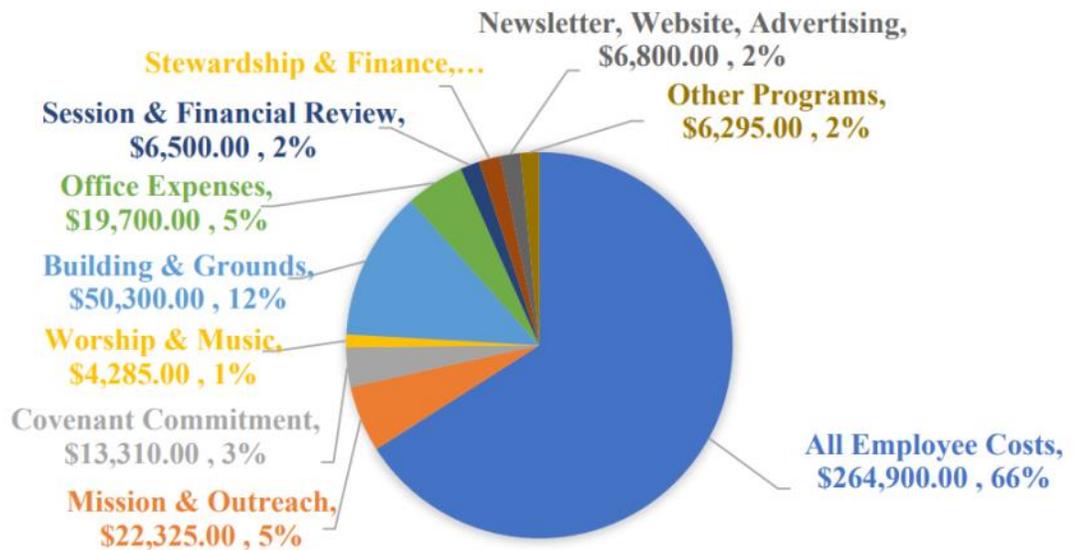
2020 BUDGET

What do we expect to spend in 2020?

We project total spending of \$401,615 for 2020, as shown here.

Expenses	2019 Budget	2020 Budget
Personnel (all employee costs)	256,593	264,900
Mission & Outreach	22,325	22,325
Covenant Commitment (Per-Capita)	12,074	13,310
Worship & Music	4,285	4,285
Building & Grounds	106,584	50,300
Office Expenses	20,995	19,700
Library	100	100
Membership & Hospitality	2,250	2,250
Stewardship & Finance	1,200	7,200
Session (including annual financial review)	6,000	6,500
Communications (Newsletter, website, advertising)	6,810	6,800
Board of Deacons	775	775
Stephen Ministry	2,700	2,700
Christian Education	470	470
Totals:	443,161	401,615

2020
Expense Budget



- The personnel line item includes a cost of living increase and additional substitute organist days. As with most organizations, including churches, personnel costs are the largest component of the budget.
- The covenant commitment, otherwise known as per-capita, is the amount requested by the Plains and Peaks Presbytery to support the presbytery, synod and general assembly. In 2019, we had not funded the entire request.
- The increase for Stewardship & Finance is to pay management fees for a new investment account for church reserve funds, which had previously been held in a bank interest account that paid just over \$6,000 in 2019. We estimate that the new account will return \$18,000 on an investment of approximately \$300,000.
- Not shown is payment of \$8,196 per year on the SBA loan for repair and paving the parking lot following the 2013 flood, which is made directly by the Foundation.

Where does the money come from?

This is our projection for revenues for 2020, with comparative data from 2019:

Revenues	2019 Budget	2020 Budget
Pledge Income	282,563	251,110
Non-Pledge Income	57,989	64,000
Total Pledge + Non-Pledge	340,552	315,110
Building Use Income	6,300	8,000
Interest & Dividend / Investment	4,241	18,000
Contributions Towards Per-Capita	3,500	0
Total other than from Foundation	354,593	341,110
Donations from PCCR Foundation	69,959	5,500
Total Revenue, Including Foundation	424,552	346,610
Total Expenses	443,161	401,615
Net total (projected deficit)	(18,609)	(55,005)

The pledge income figure in this table is the total received in pledges by January 27th, when the session approved the budget. This reflects additional pledges received after the stewardship reminder letter was sent earlier in January, but we are still behind the historical trend. The church received 112 pledges in 2019, for a commitment of \$282,563. Thus far in 2020, the church has received 89 pledges for the \$251,110, shown in the table. We may receive more pledges, but the gap this year in both number of pledges and total dollar commitment is significant.

The non-pledge line item covers revenue projected for Sunday offerings and other contributions outside of pledges. The 2020 budget figure of \$64,000 is based on the amount the church received in 2019, which was about \$6,000 higher than the forecasted/budgeted amount.

This year, the budget does not include a line item for revenue from contributions by members separate from pledges to cover per-capita support to the presbytery, synod and general assembly. Based on low contributions in the past, we elected to fund this as part of the general budget instead of relying on separate contributions. Nevertheless, gifts designated for the per-capita commitment are welcome and will be used as directed. Our church contribution is \$55 per member.

Please note that we project a higher than usual deficit. We often include a manageable deficit in the budget and reduce it through careful expense control. In 2019, we projected a deficit of \$18,609 and completed the year with a realized deficit of just under \$11,000. The projected deficit for 2020 is too large to manage only through controlling expenses. We will need additional pledges and non-pledged income to make up the gap and may also have to use reserve funds. The session will closely monitor this during the year.

The shortfall in pledging is a reminder that we must commit to a budget before everybody has made decisions concerning how much support to provide to the church during the coming year. As noted, this often leaves a potential deficit, which is larger than usual this year. As you are able, please help to shrink this through making a pledge, if you have not already done so, and by contributing outside of pledging.

We face a challenging year. Your input is welcomed and encouraged. Please contact anyone on the session or finance committee with your questions, thoughts and ideas.

2020 Revenue Projection



Looking for a fun family activity?

Take your kids and/or your grandkids to a Denver Nuggets game!



Journeys Class Offers Continuing Enrichment

Barbara Brown Taylor is now visiting our Class each week through the insights of her latest book [#14]: *Holy Envy, Finding God in the Faith of Others*. A NY Times best selling author, teacher, and former Episcopal priest, she describes herself as a “writer, speaker, and spiritual contrarian.” Taylor has served on five faculties and is the recipient of nine Honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees. Currently she lives with her husband in rural Georgia and teaches at Piedmont College.

The book review series includes Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, and Judaism. New study participants are welcome.



In Sympathy

PCCR member, Peggy Parenti, a resident of Estes Park since 1991, died on Sunday, January 19, 2020 surrounded by her family in Naperville, Illinois. For those of you who knew Peggy, the church office has contact information for her family.

Session Highlights ~ January 2020

- ◇ Received an update on the publication of the PCCR Centennial book from Carol Kirkstadt. The book is now available at *amazon.com* and Barnes & Noble. Hopefully, it will also be at Macdonald Book Shop soon.
- ◇ Heard from Pastor Moore that he plans to pursue his Doctorate of Ministry degree.
- ◇ Welcomed Judy Portman as the new liaison to Session from Deacons.
- ◇ Engaged in a lengthy discussion regarding 2020 finances and the budget. The number of pledging units is down by 23 at this time, which creates a potential deficit somewhere between \$49,000-55,000. Voted to accept the budget proposal for presentation to the congregation on February 9.
- ◇ Approved the appointment of Randy Brigham to the Personnel Committee and Grace Stephens and Catherine Schafer to the Membership and Hospitality Committee.
- ◇ Noted that Building and Grounds is trying to solve the issue of garbage disposal, and that the parking lot lights should all be functional now.
- ◇ Discussed how committees will begin to implement the Visioning project.
- ◇ Scheduled the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper for February 25.
- ◇ Scheduled an Inquiry Class for potential new members for February 16 following the worship service.
- ◇ Noted that the Palm Sunday brunch will be on April 5.
- ◇ Approved the Annual Statistical report to be sent to Presbytery and General Assembly.
- ◇ Approved the dates for Communion for 2020. There will be the regular twelve monthly services on the first Sunday of each month; Maundy Thursday, Christmas Eve, and five Season of Peace services in September. Additionally, there will be twelve monthly services at Good Samaritan on the fourth Monday of each month.

Deacon Highlights ~ January 2020

- ◇ Judy Schaffer opened the meeting by welcoming the new members of the Board of Deacons. She told some of the history of PCCR and the role of the Deacons. Outgoing members were thanked for their service and given a gift of remembrance.
- ◇ Dave Evans distributed copies of the Session meetings in past months.
- ◇ Judy gave a report on the finances of the Deacons with an accounting of the cost of mailing boxes to college students and reminded members to give receipts to Carolyn Hull for communion bread and juice.
- ◇ There was no report from the Sunshine Committee.
- ◇ At the December 16th communion service at Good Samaritan there were 10 residents and 5 PCCR members. The next one will be January 27.
- ◇ Judy Schaffer and Barb Richards outlined the responsibilities for memorial receptions for the new members. There will be a reception for Marie Weitzel on February 1 at 11:00 am.
- ◇ The new business was to elect co-moderators, scribe, and session liaison as well as chairpersons for committees. Judy Schaffer and Carolyn Kramer will be the co-moderators. Marilyn Irwin will continue as scribe. Judy Portman will be the session liaison. For committees, Verlene Thorp, Judy Schaffer, and Susie Manhoff will share the responsibility to go to the Good Samaritan communion service; Katha Schweitzer, Karen McClure, and Steve Wilson will be the Sunshine committee; Verlene Thorp, Barb Richards, and Joan Buhlmann will share the responsibilities for memorial receptions.
- ◇ Communion assignments were made for February and March.



Important Information for Groups Using the Church

Plan Ahead

Other Scheduled Events in the Church

- ✓ Check to see if another event is scheduled before or after.
- ✓ Make sure there is no overlap between your event and another.
- ✓ Will you need to change the room set-up or put it back the way it was?

Room Set-up

- ✓ Layout of chairs and tables – how many?
- ✓ Decorations – use what is already set up or bring your own?
- ✓ Storage needed for personal items belonging to group – will you need to store any personal equipment or supplies in the church?

Sound System

- ✓ Microphones – how many are needed? Do you know how to use them?
- ✓ Computer/laptop – will it adapt to PCCR's projection systems?
- ✓ Screen – will you need one?
- ✓ Do you have someone who can operate your sound?
- ✓ If you need someone from the church to help, please contact the church office at least two weeks prior to your event in the Sanctuary.

Please note: Your group is responsible for ensuring your needs are met. By planning ahead you will have a successful event.



Presbyterian Women hosted the Annual Glezen Dinner following worship on Sunday, January 26.

Thank you to all who contributed the delicious food, who stayed to enjoy the meal, and those working behind the scenes setting up and cleaning up!

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Inquiry and New Member Orientation

What is a Presbyterian?

What does this church offer?

How can I get involved?



On **Sunday, February 16**, the next Inquiry and New Member Orientation will be held in the church lounge **following the worship service**, for the purpose of providing information and resources to individuals interested in learning more about our church.

Pastor Michael, members of the Session and other church members will share a friendly, warm welcome and answer questions during this brief, informal gathering. Come to learn about our church. Or, if you are ready to become a member of this church, you will have the opportunity to do so at this time.

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.