



Presbyterian  
Community Church  
of the Rockies

## January 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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**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW)**  
**GLEZEN DINNER**  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26**

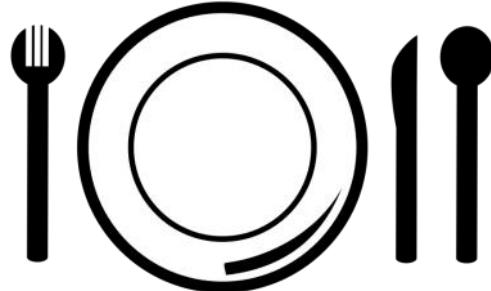


Presbyterian Women (PW) will celebrate their annual **Glezen Dinner on Sunday, January 26**, following worship. All members and friends of the church are invited to this fun, fellowship, and food event guaranteed to chase away the January doldrums!

PW will provide ham, turkey, and mashed potatoes, and the rest of the meal will be potluck dishes—a vegetable, salad, or dessert.

Margaret Glezen was a long-time member of our church, and was very active in Presbyterian Women. She left a trust in her will for this annual event, and PW uses only the interest from the fund every year for the dinner expenses.

Here is a chance for all of us to get together, enjoy a good meal, and visit with our church friends.



## PCCR Directory

### Office Hours:

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

**Office Phone:** 970-586-4404

**Church Website:** [pccrusa.org](http://pccrusa.org)

### Disciples

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 February Newsletter deadline is **Tuesday, January 21**. Please send your pictures and stories to Terry Brigham at:  
[office@pccrusa.org](mailto:office@pccrusa.org) Thanks!

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## Worship Schedule

### January 5 — 10:00 am, Communion

Preaching: Rev. Michael Moore

Liturgist: Denise Moore

Organist: June Gamet

Greeters: Karen and Jim Daugherty

Fellowship Hosts: Choir

### January 12 — 10:00 am

Preaching: Rev. Michael Moore

Liturgist: Mitch Mitchell

Organist: Don Shelley

Greeters: Linda and Larry Emsing

Fellowship Hosts: Pete and Bonnie Vanderveen

### January 19 — 10:00 am

Preaching: Rev. Michael Moore

Liturgist: Judy Schaffer

Organist: Larry Gillum

Greeters: Dona and John Cooper

Fellowship Hosts: Joyful Bells

### January 26 — 10:00 am

Preaching: Rev. Michael Moore

Liturgist: Caroline Smith

Chancel Choir Anthem

Organist: Larry Gillum

Greeters: Kelly and Rocky Nohl

Fellowship Hosts: Merry Marthas

### January 27 — Communion at Good Samaritan, 4:15 pm



**Update your contact information and photo  
for the church directory!**

If you have any changes (phone number, email address, home mailing address, or photo), please let Terry in the church office know before we print the next directory. Thank you!

# January 2020

## From Pastor Michael Moore...

*It is hard to believe that by the time you are reading this note, it will be 2020! January is named for the Roman god Janus. Janus was the god of beginnings and transitions. An interesting note is that Janus is depicted as having a head with two faces. One face is looking back and the other is looking forward. While this is an interesting bit of background, I believe we are called as Christ-followers to look at January in a similar yet different way.*



*One of the Ignatian/Jesuit practices we have incorporated into our daily living is the Prayer of Examen. It isn't an extensive exercise. It is usually done for 15 to 20 minutes at the end of each day. I have adapted it for my own reflection, and it is often a part of my preparation to write my daily Evening Prayer on my blog. Pausing at the end of the day, I review the day looking for God's presence throughout the day and to offer gratitude to God for things that happened which I am grateful for. The Examen of Ignatius calls us to notice where you experience God's presence. Key questions are "when did you love" and "when were you loved." We are also called to express sorrow for any ways in which you have failed God or done something you regret. As the prayer time concludes, we are called to ask for God's grace for the following day.*

*I invite you, as we step across the threshold into this new year, to explore the Examen as a part of your daily spiritual walk. I encourage you to take the time to review the year that is behind you, as well as looking forward to how God is calling you to serve today and in the days and weeks and months ahead.*

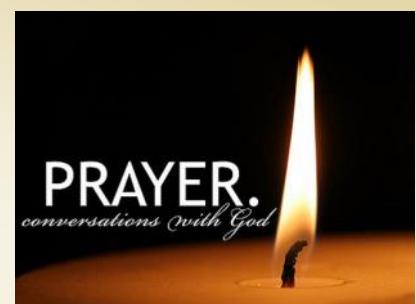
*Grace and Peace,*

*Michael*

### Prayer Requests

If you or a loved one needs support or would like to be prayed for, please contact Pastor Michael or the church office by phone, email, or in person. Each week an updated prayer list is emailed to the congregation and also posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

In praying for and encouraging one another, the church draws closer together, reaching out into the community in Christ's name.







## Christmas Services at PCCR

Blue Christmas, December 21st  
Fourth Sunday in Advent, December 22nd  
Christmas Eve, December 24th



## MISSION

### Spend an Hour in the Warmth of Africa!

Following worship on **Sunday, January 12** you are invited to spend an hour in the warmth of the "**Warm Heart of Africa**" a.k.a. **Malawi**, while Jim and Carol Nussbaumer provide an update on their recent mission trip to that country.

As in past years, **Jim** worked with the Marion Medical Mission protected water project. This year he acted as a project manager for upgrades to the pump manufacturing workshop. He also installed a few of the shallow wells now giving protected water to the poorest of the poor in Malawi, Zambia, and Tanzania. Marion Medical Mission volunteers helped to install over 3100 wells in 2019 during the 6-week installation season.



**Carol**, as usual, volunteered time with the deaf learners in Malawi. Most of the time was at Embangweni, where she did speech therapy in the Preschool and Infant Sections, taught English in the Lower and Upper Primary Sections and held teacher workshops most days after school. She also taught English and Bible Knowledge at the adjacent Secondary School for the Deaf. One week was spent at Bandawe School for the Deaf near the shore of Lake Malawi, where she again taught English, provided speech therapy and held teacher workshops.



The **Nussbaumers** have been serving in Malawi since 1997 on trips lasting from 3 weeks to 3 months, and have led two church-based mission study trips there as well.

Get a fresh cup of coffee and something from the goodie table and join in a short trip to the warmth of Africa.



## Welcome New Church Elders and Deacons

A Congregational Meeting was held on Sunday, December 15 to elect new church officers. Please join in welcoming our newest Ruling Elders and Deacons.

God called, and they responded as Isaiah did, "Here am I; send me!"

**Ruling Elders, Class of 2022:** Randy Brigham, Bob Holcomb, Stan Osborne, and Mike Warren

**Ruling Elder fulfilling a one-year term, Class of 2020:** Caroline Smith

**Deacons, Class of 2022:** Joan Buhlmann, Susie Manhoff, Katha Schweitzer, and Verlene Thorp

**Deacon fulfilling a one-year term, Class of 2020:** Steve Wilson

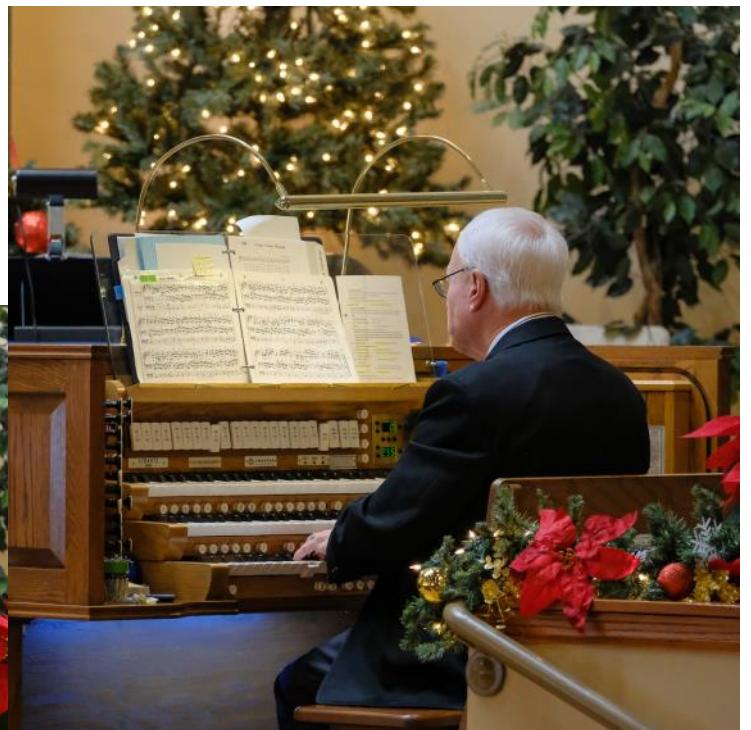
These officers were installed during the worship service on Sunday, December 22.



**Installation of officers**



**December 22, 2019**  
**Worship Service**  
**Patti Dolezal, Handbell Director**  
**Larry Gillum, Organist**  
**Rich Dixon, Chancel Choir Director**



## Session Highlights ~ December 2019

- ◊ Held a dinner and orientation meeting for newly elected Deacons and Elders prior to the regular meeting.
  - ◊ Heard from Finance committee that Van Horn will be surveying PCCR property to determine accurate boundary lines.
  - ◊ Received a financial report stating that there is a good balance between revenue and expenses at this time.
  - ◊ Noted that the Blue Christmas service will be on December 21, and the Christmas Eve service will be at 5 p.m. on December 24, following by cocoa and cookies.
  - ◊ Learned that three receivers for our hearing impaired members and guests are missing. If you have accidentally carried one of these home, please return it to the church office as soon as possible.
  - ◊ Elected Jack Boatman to serve as Church Treasurer for 2020 and Barb Cole to serve as Clerk of Session for 2020.
  - ◊ Changed the meeting dates for the January and February Session meetings, because the regular meeting dates fall on vacation days. The January meeting will take place on January 27 and the February meeting will be on February 24.
  - ◊ Scheduled the Annual PCCR Meeting for February 9, 2020.
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## Deacon Highlights ~ December 2019



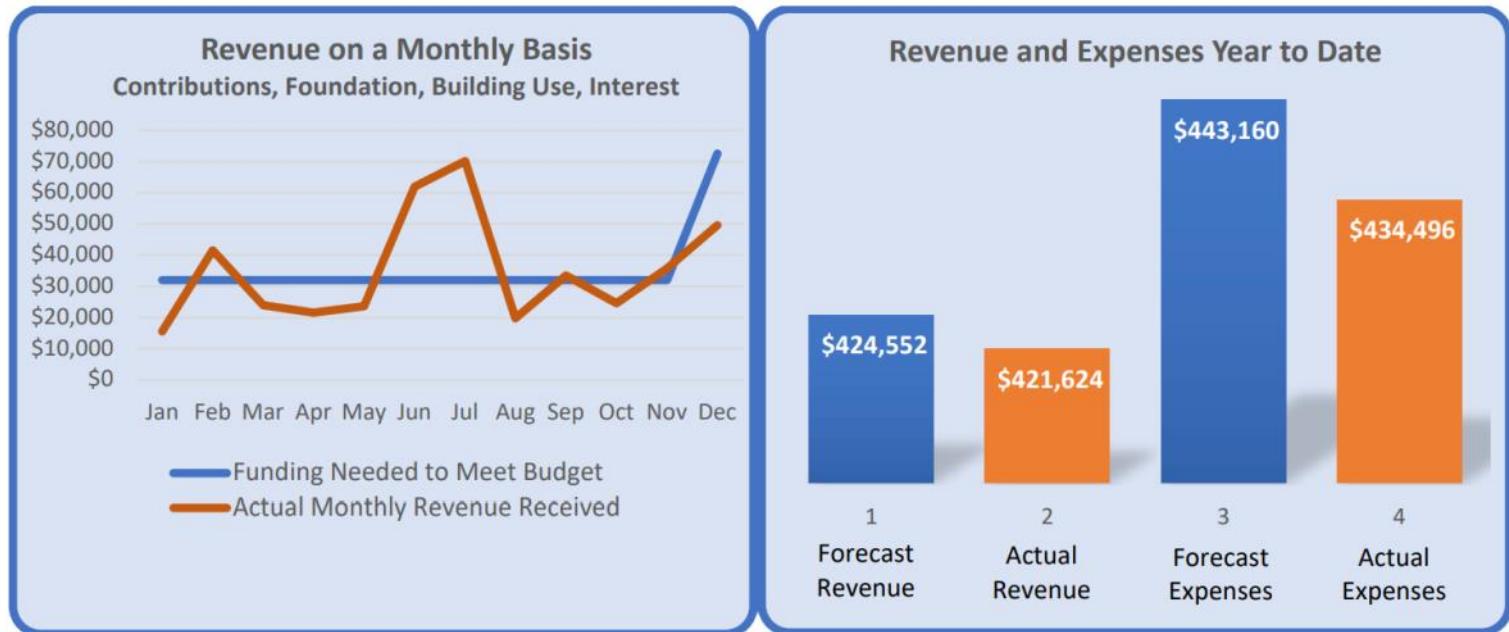
- ◊ Judy Schaffer, co-moderator opened the meeting.
  - ◊ Tami Scace gave the devotions, which was a short essay by Wes Moore. He is reminding readers that one must listen for God, and if we don't listen, we cannot hear God's reply.
  - ◊ A finance report was given.
  - ◊ The Sunshine Committee and others sent several meals to one family in the congregation.
  - ◊ At the Good Samaritan communion on November 25<sup>th</sup> there were 10 residents and 5 PCCR members.
  - ◊ Joys and concerns were shared.
  - ◊ Final preparations were reviewed for the Ron Duell memorial reception that will be held on December 9.
  - ◊ There was no old business.
  - ◊ The new business was to pack boxes of goodies for college students. Other business was tabled until the new Deacons are on board in January.
  - ◊ Communion assignments were reviewed.
  - ◊ The Deacons then enjoyed a potluck supper at Judy Schaffer's home.
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## Pen Pal Missing

A pen pal letter from Malawi has been received addressed only to "Karen". If your name is Karen and you wrote a pen pal letter to Winnie Banda in Malawi, please contact Carol Nussbaumer and it will be delivered to you!



## 2019 Financial Update – Preliminary Year End Picture with Data Through December 30



This is the nearly complete financial picture for 2019, with data for revenue and expenses through December 30<sup>th</sup>. There will likely be some adjustments for possible additional contributions made at the last minute and expenses that may not have been booked at the time these charts were prepared. However, this is close to what the final year end results should be.

Revenues from all sources came close to what was forecasted: actual receipts were \$421,624 versus forecasted/budgeted revenue of \$424,552. This is a shortfall of \$2,926, or less than 1% of the amount forecasted. We were therefore fairly accurate in predicting the total we would receive to fund the church.

Spending for the year was \$434,496, as compared to a budget of \$443,160. We thus underspent by \$8,664, or 4% of budget.

When you compare forecasted revenue to forecasted expenses, you will see that we had planned a potential deficit of \$18,608 to be paid for from a combination of reserve funds, expense control and possibly higher contributions made at the end of the year. As noted above, expense control was good and covered half of the deficit. However, we had a small revenue shortfall of about \$3,000, as noted on the left. The net result, assuming no changes, is a deficit of \$12,872, which we will take from reserves. We have adequate reserve funds to cover this.

If you have already made a pledge, thank you for your continued support. If you have not yet decided on your pledge, take a moment to reflect on the importance of this church to you, your family, friends, and the community. Thank you for your support for the ministry of our church.



Verlene Thorp and  
June Gamet play a  
duet at the  
November 24  
church service.



January 2020

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	5:45pm-Oratorio Society	New Year's Day Church Office Closed	HAPPY NEW YEAR	2-7pm-Ballet Class-Adult and Protégé 5pm-Chancel Bells	3	1:30pm-Elk Ridge HOA Meeting
5	6pm-Alcoholics Anonymous	3:30pm-Girl Scouts Cadet Troop 70455	8am-Men's Bible Study 9:30am-Morning Break Bible 3:40pm-Girl Scout Troop 70264 4pm-Joyful Bells 5:30pm-Estes Valley Watershed Coalition 6:15pm-Estes Park Chorale	7	8	9am-Scrapbook/Card Making
12	8:15am-Journeys Class 9:00am-Fellowship 9:15am-Choir Rehearsal 10:00am-Worship	1pm-Journeys Leadership 5:30pm-Youth in Action- EPNRC 6pm-Alcoholics Anonymous 7pm-Oratorio Orchestra	9:30am-Building & Grounds 11am-Communications 4:30pm-Stephen Ministry 7pm-Deacons Meeting	14	15	11:30am-MountainAires 2-7pm-Ballet Class-Adult and Protégé 5pm-Chancel Bells 6:45pm-Chancel Choir
19	8:15am-Journeys Class 9:00am-Fellowship 9:15am-Choir Rehearsal 10:00am-Worship	11:30am-PW Horizon's Bible Study Circle 6pm-Alcoholics Anonymous 7pm-Oratorio Orchestra	8am-Men's Bible Study 9:30am-Morning Break Bible Study 10am-League of Women Voters 2:4pm-Stephen Minister Training 3:40pm-Girl Scout Troop 70264 4pm-Joyful Bells 6:15pm-Estes Park Chorale	21	22	11:30am-MountainAires 2-7pm-Ballet Class-Adult and Protégé 5pm-Chancel Bells 6:45pm-Chancel Choir
26	8:15am-Journeys Class 9:00am-Fellowship 9:15am-Choir Rehearsal 10:00am-Worship 11:00am-PW Glezen Dinner	Martin Luther King Jr. Day Church Office Closed	Newsletter Deadline 12pm-PEO Chapter AV 3:30pm-Girl Scouts Cadet Troop 70455	20	21	22
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### The Work of Christmas

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among brothers [and sisters],  
To make music in the heart.

~ Howard Thurman



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