



Presbyterian
Community Church
of the Rockies

November 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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Thanksgiving Day Worship Service

"...Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth." Isaiah 12:4-5

No doubt we have experienced a lot of challenges so far in 2020. We continue to be challenged with the COVID-19 pandemic, we have experienced a tumultuous election process, and we have dealt with the Cameron Peak and East Troublesome wildfires and the evacuations. BUT, we are back now, with all evacuations lifted! We are a re-united body of Christ.

Through all of our challenges our God has been with us, never leaving us. The one constant has been, and is, and will be forever, is our God through the unconditional love of Jesus the Christ. That's truly something to be thankful for.

Now more than ever, it's time to take a pause, take a breath, to offer "thanks to the LORD and make known his deeds...for he has done gloriously." **Let's come together as a family on Thanksgiving Day at 9:00 a.m.** We will be offering a worship service that will give praise and thanksgiving to our God as we reflect on all we've been given, all our blessings.

Let's begin our day by "Singing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth," and all of Estes Park. (You'll still have time to prepare your Thanksgiving meal).

Join us, won't you?!



PCCR Directory

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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 helping assemble the finished product. We appreciate your input!

The December Newsletter deadline is [Tuesday, Nov. 17](#).
Please send your pictures and stories to Terry Brigham at: office@pccrusa.org Thanks!

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Sunday Worship Schedule



November 1 — 10:00 am, Communion , PW Thank Offering
November 8, 15, 22, 29 — 10:00 am

Rev. Bruce Brackman will be preaching, and liturgists are **Karen Daugherty** on November 1 and **Patti Dolezal** for the other Sundays. November 22 will be a congregational meeting to elect officers.

Indoor Worship: All must wear masks in the building, distancing is in place, and there is a health check at the entrance. You may also worship by logging in to Zoom or calling in by telephone.

Virtual Worship: For those of you who may rather worship virtually, services will be presented on Zoom using the following access information, which is also available at pccrusa.org.

Join Zoom online: <https://zoom.us/j/86165181814>

Meeting ID: **861 6518 1814** Password: **80517**

Or call in by telephone at any of the following numbers:

1-346-248-7799 **1-669-900-6833** **1-253-215-8782**

1-301-715-8592 **1-312-626-6799** **1-929-436-2866**

Virtual Fellowship Time immediately follows the Zoom worship service, at approximately 10:40 am. No additional log-in numbers are needed. Join in any time starting at 10:00 am using the listed Meeting ID.



Please note: Worship services will soon be recorded and posted to the church website in both video and audio, allowing members of the congregation to access the service at any time through our webpage, pccrusa.org. Broadcasting and/or video recording of services will continue even after the current pandemic to allow members who are homebound to enjoy worship at PCCR.



Estes Park and the Cameron Peak Fire

Greetings dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus and blessed Thanksgiving and Advent Season!

My niece sent me an email that in part said, “Uncle Bruce, out of ashes brings newness.” I first thought, there is much wisdom in her words. As believers of our resurrected Lord we have faith that out of death came life. Through the death of Jesus came his resurrection conquering death and ushering in life eternal. In our baptism we have been given new life, the old has passed away and the new is now lived. “Therefore, we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.” (Romans 6:4). Every winter much dies only to awaken in the spring and summer.



Much of our beloved Rocky Mountain National Park has been decimated by the ravages of the wildfires. Much death has happened. Trees are downed and blackened, the what-was-once-brown grass will now be charred. That hurts and it will hurt even more when we see it with our own eyes. I’m sure that tears will fill my eyes and run down my cheeks and maybe yours too. My stomach will hurt and my heart will ache. My mind will try to comprehend so much loss.

BUT, if we learned anything from past fires, new life will spring forth. Where once beetle killed trees kept light from getting through there will now be room for light to penetrate the forest floor. Wildflowers and fauna will regenerate and flourish. Aspens are the first to grow after a fire so there may be more sounds of quaking leaves and gold in future falls. All this will take time; it won’t happen overnight, maybe not even in my lifetime but there will be a resurrection of sorts!

Most importantly, at the time of this writing no human life has been lost in Estes due to these fires. All of our sisters and brothers of PCCR are safe and sound. All of our friends and neighbors are safe as well. Some structures in the Park have been lost, but a history, a story can be created for generations to come to learn from. As of now no structures in Estes have been affected. But if anything, the 2013 flood taught, what was lost can and has been rebuilt.

I know it’s not the holy-day of Easter, but we celebrate Easter each and every one of our days. We have grown from our experience. Let’s take time to reflect on, to meditate on the great gift of resurrection of life; “Out of ashes comes newness.” THANK YOU, GOD!!! He is Risen – He is Risen indeed; Jesus the reason for hope! As the body of Christ, we will do this together.

With Thanksgiving approaching and the holy season of Advent we have much to celebrate, to give thanks to our God. This year we will have a chance, at least at the time of this writing, to have a service of Thanksgiving on Thanksgiving morning at 9 a.m. Maybe this year, more than in years past, it would be good to come together as a family, to share as a family, to celebrate the many gifts we’ve been given, especially the One constant gift – the gift of grace given to us freely by Jesus the Christ.

As we prepare our Thanksgiving meals let’s do it with humility, with hearts filled with gratitude for all our blessings, and live lives of hope, even in uncertain times.

We are the receivers of remarkable blessings and gifts, and we are grateful for the mercy and kindness of our God. And it is in giving thanks that we see clearly the incredible power of our roles as the body of Christ who have received so much. Truly, it is in this act of giving thanks that we recognize our responsibility to affect positive change in our world, by reaching out to those in need.

The holy season of Advent begins November 29, a season that most honestly names and acknowledges our human condition of longing, waiting, and restlessness. Advent puts before us this great mystery: *we wait for what we already have* – Christ has come but we are invited to behold a new Christ is coming again and again, day after day; Emmanuel as God-with-us.

So, as you can see, lots has happened, a lot is happening, and a lot will happen. Join us as the body of Christ and let’s experience it all together, united in and by the love of God.

In Gratitude & Grace*

Pastor Bruce

Report on Malawi Blanket Fund Donations

Waaaayyy back last spring – just as the Covid-19 virus was beginning to spread — the Mission and Outreach Committee authorized a fund drive to benefit the extreme poor in northern Malawi. The funds were to purchase blankets, washing buckets and soap. \$2,000 was pledged, with the committee promising to add to any donations to reach that amount. Once more, PCCR came through! Despite the growing uncertainties, a bit over \$1,000 was received. The committee authorized release of the remaining amount and the funds were received in Malawi on July 9, 2020.

Malawi was by then in the middle of the Covid infections and the country was under “stay at home” orders except to go to the market for food. Non-emergency travel was prohibited and so it was impossible for the blankets to be purchased and distributed. But, as we read in Hebrews 11:40, “God had planned something better for us...” Following are portions of the report from Lemana Kayira concerning the use of the funds we sent. All this was done with the support of PCCR! And would not have been done without it.

Mr. Kayira and his organization decided to use the funds we sent to assist with the COVID-19 crisis rather than to hold them until blankets could be purchased. As it turns out, they have helped far more than the blankets would have and the results will have long-reaching effects on the overall health and well-being of the people. God’s “fingerprints” are all over this project!

First, a series of 6 community meetings were held in hard to reach, underserved areas. By “hard to reach”, Mr. Kayira really means “nearly impossible”. Most of these communities are in the farthest north corner of Malawi near the Zambian border. There are not roads to most of them; roads that do exist are more like “tracks”. These are subsistence farmers probably with little or no education and are at particular risk from something like Covid-19. The meetings had a total of 2,578 people attend; messages focused on cause, management of the sick, updates on the virus, non-symptomatic transmission, incubation period, public health advice and how to make masks using locally available materials.

The chiefs in the communities did a good job continuing to spread the messages to more villages; the number reached was higher than planned because of the activities and the fact that community members are assisting in spreading Covid-19 prevention messages.

Prevention message techniques used drama, song, and poems with emphasis on practicing social distancing, washing hands with soap, avoiding touching the face, use of handkerchief or elbow to cover mouth when coughing, avoiding crowds, informing medical people if suspecting Covid-19. The meetings also answered community questions about the virus.

Using PCCR funds, the group purchased 2,000 face masks at 500 kwacha each (\$0.66) and distributed them to over 660 people (450 female; 216 male). A total of 80 buckets were bought at 5,500 kwacha each (\$7.31) and distributed to vulnerable households. Each beneficiary also received 2 tablets of soap. During distribution, proper hand washing with soap and sanitizing were demonstrated. This was done because the organization learned that people in the villages in Malawi do not wash hands so often or do not wash at all.

A community training demonstration on how to hand sew masks was conducted with 25 people attending. Each trainee had to make 3 masks to prove their knowledge and skill and the 75 masks were donated to 75 pregnant women. As a result of the training, women are able to sew masks with local material and ***other women have started mask-selling businesses.*** The cash generated from the sale of masks is used to buy soap, food, pay medical bills, and buy clothing. ***“Because of your funding, vulnerable women households in hard to reach communities are now able to support themselves which was not the case before.”***

God had other plans for Malawi! The funds sent from PCCR are going much further and having wider impact than we ever imagined. Thank you on behalf of the people of Malawi! *Uchindami kwa Chiuta! (The Glory is to God)*



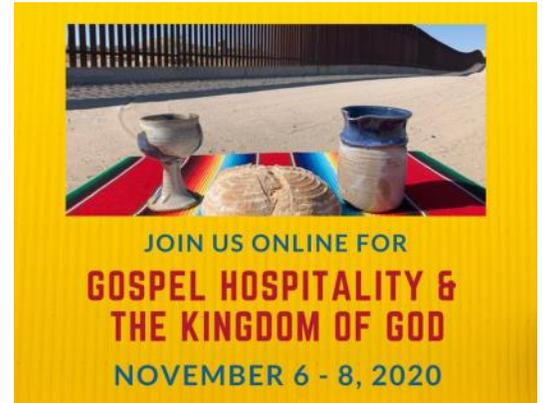
PCCR's Mission and Outreach Committee encourages members of our congregation to participate in this year's **Presbyterian Border Region Outreach weekend**. This is the same event that Betty and Kent Meyer and Dave Thomas attended last year in Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico. This year's event is being held *virtually*, hosted by PBRO ministry site, **Pasos de Fey Esperanza**, in Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico.

Registration for the 2020 PBRO event, "Gospel Hospitality & the Kingdom of God," is only \$20 per person, or \$40 for a household of two or more! This online event will be presented through ZOOM.

The conference begins on **Friday, November 6**, and will conclude with morning worship on Sunday, November 8. Each individual or household will receive a **ZOOM** link in order to participate. The registration fee (*DID WE MENTION THAT IT'S ONLY \$20/PERSON?*) includes: pre-conference workshops, 5 sessions, 3 worship services, Saturday lunchtime workshops, a special concert on Saturday evening, Sunday morning worship, and interpretive services during regular conference sessions.

To see the complete presentation lineup and to register, please visit: www.presbyterianborder.org/events

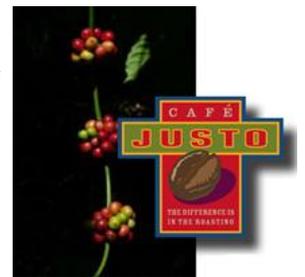
Additionally, although this year's event will be *virtual*, you can still get a flavor of life on the border. PBRO's ministry partners have contributed items for **Taste of the Border Boxes**. Items in the boxes support local individuals in Mexico. Boxes are available for \$25 each, and there are only 200 available. If you hope to purchase one, please don't delay in registering.



US – Mexico Border Ministries

We have received a new shipment of Café Justo coffee - Arabica and Robusta, ground and beans, caffeinated and decaf – now only \$10 for a full pound bag. Tailgate service will be available on Sundays as weather allows. Porch delivery or pick up also offered – call Lisa Plaut at (214) 766-9876.

Our coffee producer, Café Justo, is now 19 years old. It resulted from an effort by ministries along the US – Mexico border to respond to increasing migration from Central America and Mexico into the United States. The idea that became Café Justo was to provide an opportunity for coffee growers in the south of Mexico to produce and package coffee in Mexico, then market the finished product through churches in the US. Seed money from the ministry helped establish the coffee roasting business in Agua Prieta, Sonora, across the border from Douglas, Arizona. The business is owned by a grower cooperative based in Chiapas and neighboring states in southern Mexico. The company has end-to-end control over the growing, roasting and marketing of its coffee. It now employs people beyond the growers, provides benefits to the families and employees, and gives them an economic reason to stay in Mexico where they own and operate a viable business.



Our church's interest in the border area extends beyond Café Justo and purchasing their coffee. We support the broader work of the Presbyterian Border Region Outreach, an umbrella ministry of the Presbyterian Church that focuses on several individual ministries at the US – Mexico border. One of those is Frontera de Cristo, which was instrumental in establishing Café Justo.

Presbyterian Border Region Outreach, of PBRO, has planned a virtual conference for the weekend of November 6-8. This is the same event that several PCCR members attended in person last year. Due to the pandemic, this year's event will be presented over Zoom. The program includes workshops, worship services and an evening concert. Topics include a conversation on migration, faith and the border, the status of human rights and migrant deaths in south Texas, and worship with communion at the border wall.

Registration for the event is now open. The cost is \$20. The complete schedule and registration can be found at: www.presbyterianborder.org/events

Covid Changes

We changed our clocks back to standard time on the first of November, and winter is just around the corner. More of our activities will move inside. As we make those changes, lots of things are happening at the church to minimize the chances that any of us pass the Covid-19 virus to someone else.

Session recently developed guidelines for how we conduct worship services and participate in office functions and committee meetings. The guidelines are worth reading – all of us should be familiar with this new environment. You can find the policies on our website. Just click here - <https://pccrusa.org/> - and then on the links in the Latest News and Announcement block.



Our Sunday worship services are changing. We moved inside on October 11, for a start. New procedures are in place to maintain 6-foot social distancing as we enter the Narthex, find seating in the Sanctuary, and then leave after the service. We have a health check station to ask about Covid-19 symptoms and to determine if someone has a fever. We can accommodate roughly 60 people in the Sanctuary for a worship service, based on keeping a 6-foot distance between family groups.

Because singing can spread the virus more easily than just talking, the number of singers is limited and the congregation is asked not to sing, or to do so softly. Other procedures for worship services are covered in a hand-out provided at each service.

The Sanctuary cannot accommodate the full congregation under Covid-19 distancing rules, but we can seat an additional 50 people in Fellowship Hall for overflow. The number at 50 people is correct now, but could soon change depending on the increases in Covid cases in Larimer County. That room has been equipped with a greatly enhanced audio-visual system that connects to the sanctuary with a much larger projection screen, a new laser projector, and an excellent sound system. The



speakers used for outdoor services are now installed in Fellowship Hall.

This is a new world, and not everybody will feel comfortable attending indoor church services in person. We presently broadcast worship services using Zoom, which has limitations on video and audio quality. This will shortly change. The church has acquired better equipment for filming and broadcasting the service.



We will convert from Zoom to a live stream platform that provides high-definition picture and sound. The church will soon have the Trailblazer gigabit Internet service for greater reliability and bandwidth. You will be able to click on a player embedded on the church's website home page to view the service. There will be no need to join a meeting or provide a password. We have redesigned the church website to be the portal to the church's video services. There is a new panel just below the set of pictures, that looks like this:



**Welcome to
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A sacred community formed around Jesus the Christ where we experience God's presence in our lives and service together.

Watch this space for upcoming livestream details coming soon in November!

Click Here to Watch Video Recordings of Prior Worship Services

On Sunday mornings, the upper right part of this panel will become a video player for a live stream of the church service. It will look like the typical video player that you see on the Internet. Just click the arrow in the player.

Then click the  symbol in the player to get a full screen view. If you want to see the service later, click the arrow in the box below the live player to get to a page where recordings of about six services will be available. The recording of a Sunday service should be posted shortly after the live service finishes. This will make it easy to time shift and "go to church" later Sunday should you prefer.

The church website has received a refresh beyond just the video portal. The calendar, which had been at the bottom of the home page and frequently out of sight, has been moved to its own page with a link added to the main news panel. The calendar is the same as used in the church office and is updated whenever changes are made there. The map to the church has been consolidated on the directions page, again with a link added to the news panel on the home page. These changes compress the home page to a more readable size. Several of the inner pages have been redesigned to make it easier to find and read information about the church.

Take a look: <https://pccrusa.org>

Many of these changes to what we do at the church are in place now. Others will be implemented soon. Stay tuned.



Smoke begins to fill the north end of Estes Valley from the Cameron Peak Fire on the morning of Thursday, October 22, 2020, a couple hours before the mandatory evacuation orders.

Photo credit: Peter Plaut

Into the Light

PW Bible Study—November 16

The PW Circle members are finding this year's Bible study to be especially meaningful, and it makes one wonder if it was divine guidance that this would be the study in 2020.

In Lesson 2 we learned about communal laments and you won't be surprised to learn that we managed to come up with a long list, Covid-19 and wildfires being just a couple examples. It was helpful to share these communal laments with a loving group of friends and to be reminded that we do not walk through this world alone for God is with us.

On Monday, November 16, at 12 noon, Mary Zollman will lead our discussion on Lesson 3, which is titled *Women's Lament*. We would love to have you join us. The Zoom session will open at 11:30 a.m. to allow everyone to have a chance to visit before the Bible Study begins at 12 noon. You will find the details for joining the Zoom meeting next to this article. We look forward to "seeing" you then!



PW November Circle Meeting

Monday, November 16, 2020 at 12:00 noon

Join PW Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/93520280634>

Meeting ID: 935 2028 0634 Passcode: 80517

Or Dial by telephone: (Meeting ID: 935 2028 0634)

1-346-248-7799

1-312-626-6799

1-669-900-6833

1-929-436-2866

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PW meets on 3rd Monday monthly:

Dec. 21, 2020 12:00 pm

PW Thank Offering

Thank Offering Sunday was celebrated on November 1 during the worship service, and was based on Philippians 4:6-7. Each year Presbyterian Women invite all church members to share in this special offering which provides grants to 15 projects that support women in need and their families, by providing food, shelter, medical help, and education. The goal is to not only meet immediate needs, but also to provide the training these women need to give them a better chance to rise up out of poverty.

If you would like to help support this important ministry, you can send (or deliver) a check to the church, marking it for PW Thank Offering. It is also easy to go online at <http://pccrusa.org/contribute>. There are directions on this webpage for donating a one-time gift. Presbyterian Women are so grateful to our congregation for their generous support of this offering. **In these challenging times, we find that by sharing God's peace with others, that we too are lifted up with a peace that "surpasses all understanding."**



2020 Directory



October 2020

Updates Needed for the New Directory!

We plan to print a new directory after the first of the year. If you have **any changes** to your contact information (phone number, email address, home mailing address), please contact Terry in the church office, 970-586-4404 or email at office@pccrusa.org.

Also, if you would like to **add or change your photo in the directory**, please contact Peter Plaut, 586-3742, or the church office, and we'll arrange for your picture to be taken. Thank you!





Merry Christmas! So it's a little bit early and the holidays will be different this year, but **Highlands Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center** is already planning the annual **Party and Gift Sale**. This annual event is a major fund-raiser for the camp, which has taken a big hit this year due to Covid-19. Obviously, camp was cancelled and most other visitors were unable to come up for meetings, gatherings, birthday parties, reunions, retreats and the like.

As in the past, the Party will include crafts and gift baskets for sale as well as an online auction. This is your chance to lend a hand! Each church in the Highlands family is invited to donate a gift basket for sale or – if it is a really good one – for the auction. PCCR's representative for this project is Jim Nussbaumer, who has many skills but gift basket-making is not among them! He is asking for help!



Can you take the lead to design and locate contents for a gift basket? In the past, some have been themes like "Movie Night", "Gift Cards", "Bird Watching", "Kitchen", "Grill Cooking", "Spices". Other baskets have been a glorious *mélange*! The Taste of Ft. Collins is always a hit – maybe there are tastes of Estes Park? It would be grand to involve the entire PCCR membership in this event!



If you are able to take the lead, or to donate items for a basket, please contact Jim or Carol Nussbaumer, 586-2437, jim@nussbaumers.net. The basket must arrive at Highlands by Saturday, November 14. **The party and gift sales are Saturday, December 5 from 2–4 pm and Sunday, December 6 from 2–4 pm.** Reservations are required and only 50 may attend each day. There will also be an **online auction**, which is replacing the "silent auction" usually held at Highlands, so people can bid, check back, and raise their bid as desired. More details to come.

Finance and Stewardship Report

Considering everything that has happened in 2020, the **church finances** are holding up quite well. As you recall, our approved budget was to lose approximately \$50,000. The government program which provided for reimbursement for salaries and other expenses due to COVID, has resulted in \$48,000 in income which does not have to be repaid. We are about \$20,000 behind in pledge giving for the year. That shortfall has been made up by savings in pastor salary since Michael left. There has been approximately \$30,000 in expense to provide the audio visual equipment for making the church as COVID proof as possible to allow indoor services as winter approaches. Some of those funds have come from the Safeway balance since that program has been discontinued due to hacking of the Safeway site. The remainder have been taken from cash reserves. At year end, we should be at a near break even or, if everything falls into place, a slight profit.

That brings me to the next topic—**Stewardship for 2021**. Our campaign for 2020 was successful and we will be repeating it for 2021. Each of you should expect a letter from your Session asking for a pledge for the coming year. I urge you to return that pledge as soon as possible so your finance committee can begin to develop a realistic budget. Each of the committees has requested funding for next year. Based upon what I hear relative to COVID for 2021, the year will look very much like 2020, so the goals of increasing membership and getting our groups like Grace and Grub and all church dinners operational again will have to wait until late 2021 or early 2022. Of course, the big project of 2021 is to identify and relocate an interim pastor. Your church needs your continued support at the 2020 levels, or greater. Our membership continues to decline so that means that there are fewer of us to carry the load. Each of you has done a wonderful job of keeping our church viable this past year. I know we can meet the challenge for next year.

Bob Holcomb

Finance Committee Chairperson

Session Highlights ~ October 2020

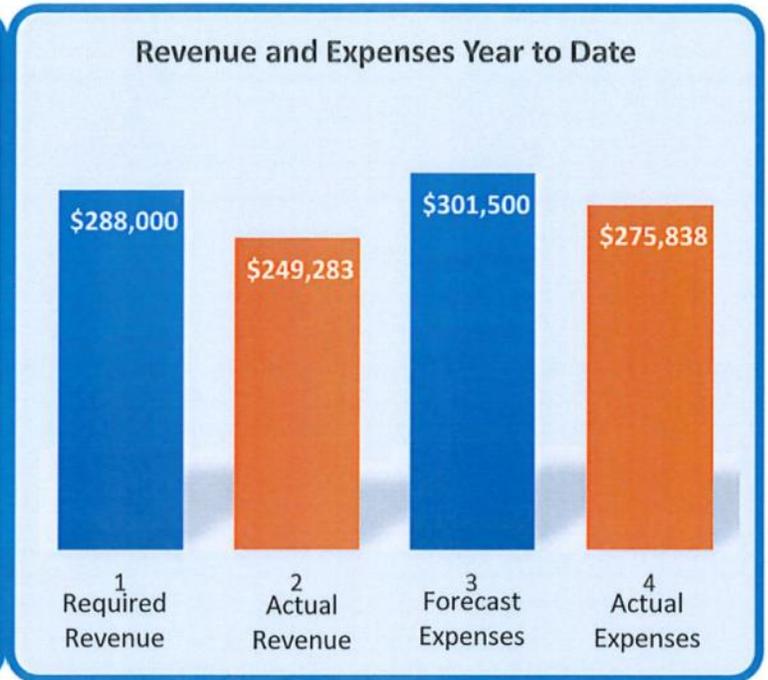
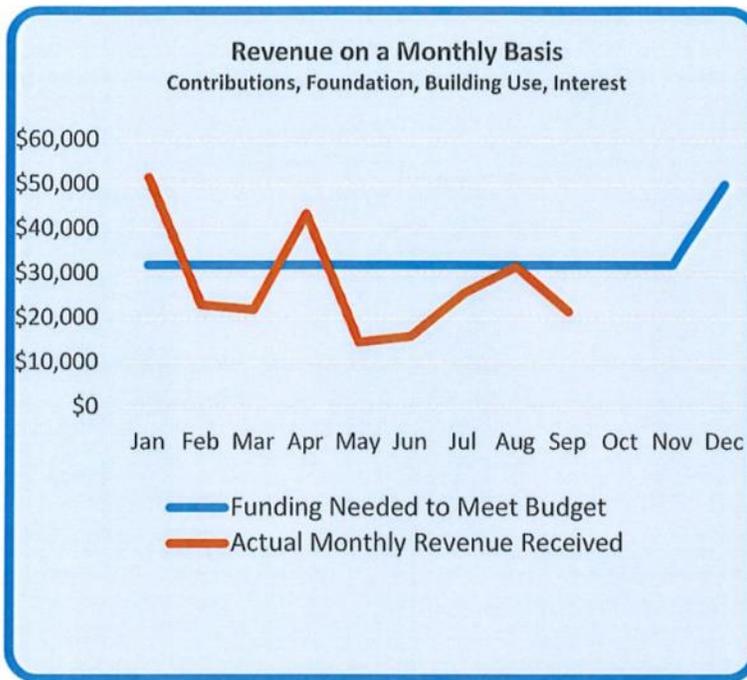
- ◇ Received a report from the Health Advisory Team noting that Covid cases in Estes Park and the state are increasing.
- ◇ Received a financial report that the church audit and the Foundation audit were both in good order. The Foundation reports \$1,100,000 in assets. The small business loan we received from the stimulus money will be automatically forgiven.
- ◇ Noted that coffee sales are continuing with profits going to the Presbyterian Border Region Outreach.
- ◇ Approved the new Mission and Outreach Policies and Procedures.
- ◇ Approved the new Membership and Hospitality Policies and Procedures.
- ◇ Commended Patti Dolezal, Rich Dixon, Mike Moon, Jim Nussbaumer, and Rev. Brackman for all they have done to prepare PCCR for inside in-person services.
- ◇ Moved to offer a special Thanksgiving service on Thanksgiving morning at 9 a.m.
- ◇ Noted that construction may begin soon on the grounds to bring fiber optic cable to PCCR.
- ◇ Approved Mike Warren as a new member of the Communications Committee.
- ◇ Approved allowing Marvin Hart and his wife to purchase a double wall space in the Columbarium.
- ◇ Approved the Columbarium Committee Policies and Procedures.
- ◇ Approved doing the Stewardship campaign the same way we did last year, with contacts being made by mail.
- ◇ Received the report of the Church Officers Nominating Committee. The slate of nominees includes:
 - ◇ Elders: Jan Boatman, Dot Rohrbaugh, Sherry Unruh, Sue Yowell
 - ◇ Deacons: Sharyn Gartner, Tami Scace, Robert Sherrod, Grace Stephen
 - ◇ Nominating Committee At-Large: John Cooper
- ◇ Scheduled a Congregational meeting to elect officers for Nov. 22, 2020.
- ◇ Scheduled the ordination and installation of officers for Dec. 13, 2020.



Deacon Highlights ~ October 2020

- ◇ Carolyn Kramer, co-moderator, opened the meeting of the first meeting inside the church! We are hoping this is just the first of many activities that can be held inside the church.
- ◇ Marilyn Irwin gave the devotion which was written by her friend, Karen Menz, who is battling brain cancer.
- ◇ Judy Portman reported on the meetings of the Session. She reported that the shepherding calls to members will be set aside for the time being. Much of the business of the meetings has to do with protocols for opening the church for worship as the Covid virus continues.
- ◇ Joys and concerns were shared. We appreciate that Rev. Brackman calls or sends messages to those on the prayer list.
- ◇ Much of the business of the Deacons cannot be done, such as preparing for communion for worship or for Good Samaritan. Memorial receptions cannot be held. We have not had anyone asking for a meal during this time.
- ◇ We discussed the opportunity for becoming lay chaplains for hospitals. Although it is a good idea, it doesn't seem to be feasible during this time.
- ◇ In past years we have sent "care packages" to college students, but at this time we will send gift cards and a devotional booklet since many of these students are not on campuses.
- ◇ Our next meeting in November will hopefully also be in the church.

2020 Financial Picture – Data Through September



This is the financial summary with data through September. The chart on the left shows funding from all sources (principally contributions from members and visitors). The brown line reflects the usual month-to-month volatility in receipt of funding. We need an average monthly contribution of \$32,000, as shown by the blue line, to meet budget.

The chart above compares the average year to date revenue required to meet budget with actual receipts (the two bars on the left) and provides a similar comparison of anticipated average year to date expenditures with actual spending. The gap between the two brown bars, actual revenues compared to actual expenses, is a deficit of \$26,555.

Dear Friends,

Your participation is so important to the future ministry of Highlands Summer Camp, Partnership Day Camp, and Mission Work Camps!

Highlands has engaged the services of Run River Enterprises to conduct an evaluation of Highlands Summer Camp Program and to make recommendations on how we can best move forward with this important part of our ministry.

Pam Harris, Garrie Stevens, and Gary Batty will be talking with camper families, congregational leaders, volunteers, and former staff about Residential Summer Camp, Partnership Day Camp, and Mission Work Camp. **You are invited to be a part of this conversation!**

Run River will be offering six Listening Sessions via Zoom. The group size for each session is limited so that we can hear from everyone. Listening Sessions are expected to last about 90 minutes. Listening Sessions are still being offered on the following dates: **Thursday, November 5 at 7 pm; Monday, November 11 at 2 pm; and Wednesday, November 11 at 7 pm.**

Please use this link to sign up for the session of your choice:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050444A5A629A7F94-listening>

Your input regarding the future development of Highlands Summer Camps is very important. We hope that you will make time to join in the Zoom discussion about Highlands Summer Camp, Partnership Day Camp, and Mission Work Camps! If you have questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Emma Moore, Moderator of the Program Sub-Committee or Maria Shupe, Executive Director.

Thank you for your participation!

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Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies is now holding regular Sunday worship services at 10:00 a.m. indoors.

All are welcome!

Sunday, October 18, 2020

Rev. Bruce Brackman



Virtual Zoom Service

The congregation may also participate in church worship through Zoom conferencing. Worship in person or online—whatever best fits your needs.

