



Presbyterian
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of the Rockies

April 2021 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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Breaking News!

PRESBYTERY-WIDE WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2021

There will be no in-person worship service at PCCR the Sunday after Easter, and the virtual service will look different. ***Whoa, now! What's going on?*** We just got back into in-person church, and virtual streaming and zooming is going great. Well, the Session has approved a recommendation by the Worship and Music and Personnel Committees to take a Sunday off, as a well-deserved break for the staff and volunteers who have gone over and above to provide an inspiring and quality worship experience for many months now.

Actually, the idea comes from our **Plains and Peaks Presbytery Council on Ministries**. **On April 11 they will present an online worship service on their website (plainsandpeaks.org)** to replace our usual livestream and Zoom service. The link will be available throughout the day beginning at 10:00 am.

As many of you know, the tumult and stress of the past many months has required a monumental effort by our worship staff and some key volunteers. Last summer, we began outdoor services while simultaneously continuing the Zoom option. We moved to indoor, in-person church with the weather change (still Zooming). But not much later we got evacuated due to wildfires, followed by a spike in the virus—all of which forced our shutting down once again; yet we were still able to provide a virtual service from an empty sanctuary. Yes, we are back in the building once again. Alleluia! We have added live-streaming of the service to our website, and recordings for those who sleep in Sunday mornings and worship later on. We can't even imagine the extra efforts and technology that give us beautiful organ music, joyous singing and ringing, inspiring liturgy and prayers, and engaging messages every week. Participating with our PCCR family in thoughtful, uplifting worship, no matter what form, cannot be taken for granted in these times.

We hope, along with our friends at Plains and Peaks Presbytery, that this break in the action for our worship team (and office staff) will be a respite that provides renewed energy and spirit to all those who so faithfully serve PCCR. We also want it to serve as a great big **THANK YOU!** from the entire congregation.

So, definitely **plan to tune in online to our Presbytery's worship service on the morning of April 11**. Consider it a chance to see a different service, to engage with our regional organization, and to virtually join neighboring congregations in community and worship.

PCCR Directory

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

Office Phone: 970-586-4404

Church Website: pccrusa.org

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

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Choir Director/Sexton: Rich Dixon

Organist: Larry Gillum

Finance: Carolyn Hull, finance@pccrusa.org

Office Administrator: Terry Brigham, office@pccrusa.org



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

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Worship Schedule



Worship in the Sanctuary:

April 1 — 7:00 pm—Maundy Thursday Service

April 4 — 10:00 am, Communion—Easter

April 11 — 10:00 am, Presbytery-wide Worship Service

Go to website: plainsandpeaks.org

April 18 — 10:00 am

April 25 — 10:00 am

Rev. Chris Davis, preaching Patti Dolezal, liturgist

Larry Gillum, organist

Virtual Worship:

Livestreamed service on our website:

Open the website, <https://pccrusa.org>

The livestream player is to the right, below the opening pictures.

The player will automatically start when the service begins.

No log in is needed, and your camera will not be turned on.

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:

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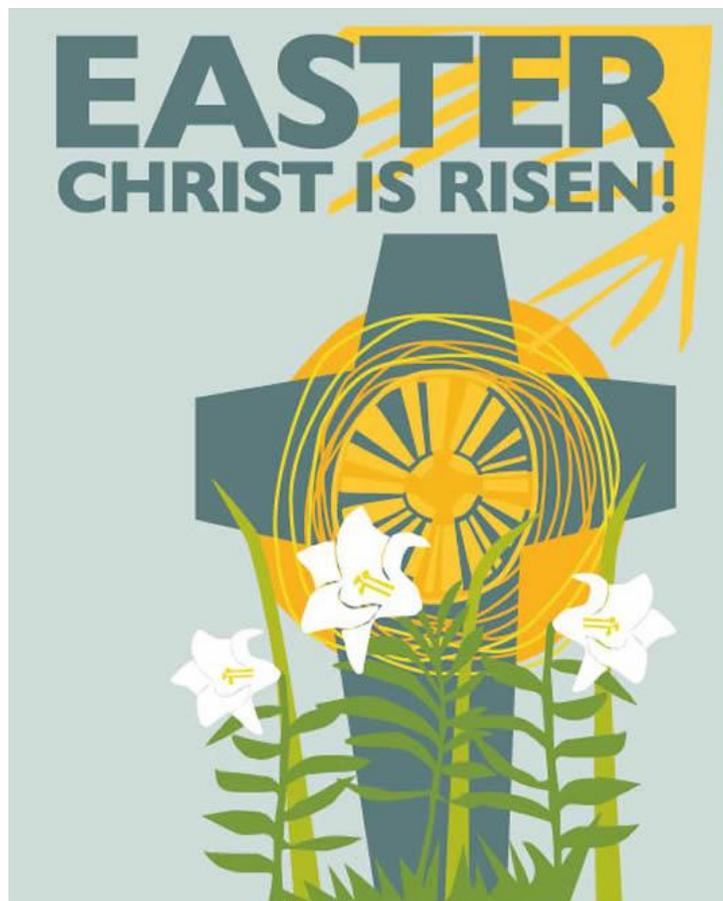
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April 2021

Message from Pastor Chris Davis . . .

In March of 2005 I had the opportunity to visit Jordan, Israel, and Palestine. I spent one week in Jordan helping to build a house in a village with Habitat for Humanity. The second week I spent walking in the footsteps of Moses, Jacob, Ruth, and of course Jesus. I visited Bethlehem and the streets of Capernaum. I climbed Mount Horeb and the hills overlooking the Sea of Galilee. I sat for a moment in the Garden at Gethsemane, and I walked the Stations of the Cross in Jerusalem.

For me, the days of Holy Week remind me of the time I spent in the Holy Land. I was only in Jerusalem for a couple of days, but in that short amount of time I was shown three different tombs which “supposedly” held Jesus’ body after his crucifixion. As I quickly learned, the location of Jesus’ Tomb was, at best, a guessing game.

This should be no surprise to any Bible reading Presbyterian. Each gospel portrays the events of Jesus’ Passion in its own unique way. They each have their own nuances, characters, and time frames of how the day took place. Depending on the gospel the disciples were present at the cross or were not. Depending on the gospel Jesus said certain words from the cross or did not. And of course, each gospel varies slightly on when and who placed him in the Tomb, and who exactly came to visit him three days later.

It can be confusing to navigate the historical and scriptural landscape of Jesus’ Passion. There is only so much exegesis one can do; for me, ultimately it comes down to faith. Faith in Jesus whose love for us broke and continues to break through all barriers, and a faith in God who overcame the powers of death and raised Jesus on the third day. The particulars of how this all happened, I believe, are a holy mystery. It is a mystery I carry in my heart. A mystery I ponder during the day and a mystery I thank God for when life takes me into the deepest of all nights.

We may never know exactly where Jesus was laid to rest after the crucifixion. However, this ambiguity does not weaken my faith; it upholds it. It calls me ever onward in my quest for a God who is transformative, a God who loves me beyond all measure, and a God who will, at all cost, resurrect me.

In fact, I see the resurrected Christ all around me. I see him in the life of this faith community. I witness his love as we care for one another in times of sorrow and in times of great joy. I witness his justice as we work faithfully to make this world a place of peace for all God’s people regardless of age or race or any other label we can come up with. We are all the Body of the Resurrected Christ.

As we enter into Holy Week once more, I thank God for mystery and I thank God for you. Jesus Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed—in each one of us!

In Christ’s Faithful Service,

Pastor Chris



A Message from our mission co-worker, Jeremy Garbat-Welch...

Dear friends,

A year ago, we were scrambling to get our **Malawi** work visas renewed in time to leave the country and travel to South Africa for a PC(USA) mission co-worker gathering with some USA-based staff. I drove down to Blantyre with the Nkhoma Synod HR director, and on the way back, I heard him listening to news about a new virus. I remember thinking, why is a new virus in China relevant to a Malawian?

A week or so later, as we traveled to South Africa, we ran into temperature screening in the airport. We had a bit of a delay since our oldest had a cold, which always gives him a temperature. At the meeting, I heard more about this new virus, and people started wondering if trips to Malawi would be canceled before the month ended. We had already planned to return to the USA in the middle of March, so I didn't think too much of it. Of course, by the time our date to travel rolled around, borders were shutting down, and we had to make some last-minute adjustments.

We are now ten months into our six-month trip to the USA, and we still don't know the answer to one of the most common questions we hear, "When are you going back to Malawi?"

For many months, Malawi had very low case rates. Some believed that the virus wouldn't hit Africa the way it was hitting the USA and European countries. Unfortunately, in the past month, this belief has proven false. In a recent speech, the president of Malawi, Dr. Lazarus Chakwera, informed people that nearly half of all positive cases and a third of the deaths have occurred just in the month of January. He has declared a state of emergency, and the country is going into lockdown.

We are hearing about it in more personal news as well. Three of my (Jeremy's) colleagues have tested positive. Thankfully, they are all recovering. The doctor at our local clinic died. And parents of several of our friends and acquaintances have tested positive, and two have died. Every day we seem to hear the news that someone in our circle in Malawi has become infected. Public and private hospitals are overwhelmed. There have even been deaths among Malawi's elected leaders.

It is quite sobering. As people in the USA are making plans regarding a vaccine, people in Malawi are just starting to feel the worst of COVID-19. As people in some countries are hoping that the end of "pandemic life" is in sight and a return to "normalcy" is within reach, others are just beginning the long lockdown struggle.

We are grateful for the news that the ministries continue despite pandemic hindrances. In a recent conversation with Mr. Chimwezi, the **Nkhoma Synod Community Health Evangelism (CHE)** Program leader said, "We are scared; we are losing so many people." Despite this fear, the CHE program has adjusted its plans to accommodate social distancing and is continuing to reach out to two new villages that have expressed interest in engaging in Community Health Evangelism. They are teaching soap making, meeting in their Village Savings and Loan groups (a savings and micro-enterprise initiative), and meeting in prayer. Mask wearing has proven difficult within the village setting, so the CHE trainers are focusing on COVID prevention messaging. Their faithfulness during this time is an encouragement. Hospital chaplains struggle to balance the increased need for spiritual care with increased restrictions on visitations. A lack of personal protective equipment doesn't help. They are using this time to provide training to other staff on how to support people during a crisis. Due to early pardons, prison chaplains have been occupied with a lot of former inmates returning home and needing support. They also continue to encourage local congregations to support those still in prison, though the slow economy has meant that support has reduced.



Morning Devotions at David Gordon Memorial Hospital in Livingstonia Malawi



Palliative Training

There have been many stories of strength and experiences of resiliency during this pandemic! Hopefully, you find strength in them as we wait and pray for an end to the pandemic.

We are extremely grateful for your support this year. It has been humbling to know that you and so many others are taking the time to pray and giving of your resources during a time of global stress. As you continue to pray for us and support us, please remember the people of Malawi. **The Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCCAP)** continues to serve through its various ministries. We think and pray for our friends and colleagues daily. And while the "end" does not yet appear in sight, we do continue to hope that we can return soon to Malawi.

In Christ's Service, Jeremy (for the Garbat-Welch's)

A Message from our mission co-worker, Chenoa Stock...

Dear friends,

Today, I write to you at 8,400 feet, from Cochabamba, Bolivia, my husband, José's hometown. Like Mary and Joseph, we were called to return home to complete bureaucratic duties/responsibilities. For years, José has been in the green card application process. As with so many things, the pandemic delayed his reaching the final step of this process: "the interview." In December, when we received an interview date from the U.S. Embassy in Bolivia, we packed our bags, put on our face shields, and traveled to Bolivia. Like Mary and Joseph, we did not know exactly where we would be resting our heads, nor how long our stay would be.

Unfortunately, the estimated time of our stay has been extended, as José's interview was canceled in early January due to rising COVID-19 case numbers in Bolivia. What was meant to be Christmas and a few weeks of 'Ordinary Time' here has become a journey into Lent. Our arrival was based on hope and joy, much like Jesus' birth for the world; and yet, as a family, as a global village, and as God's people, we know we must sometimes walk in the darkness, waiting patiently, searching for God's Light to reveal true Hope's new relationship with God and those around us.

As our family's bureaucratic visit intersects with our Lenten journey, we hold on to a deep longing and expectation for strength and change amidst so much uncertainty – for our family and the world. But, thankfully, we do not carry that heavy burden alone. We continue to accompany our Peruvian partners from Bolivia as they serve vulnerable communities currently facing a second wave of COVID-19. By government decree, certain regions of Peru returned to a limited lockdown in January, and oxygen and ICU rooms are again scarce.

But this did not deter our partners and their commitment to their mission. We recently spoke with leaders of the Joining Hands Network partner, the Center for Development of Black Peruvian Woman (CEDEMUNEP) and learned about their work during the pandemic. CEDEMUNEP was founded 23 years ago and works to address issues of systemic racism and discrimination and to advocate at the local and international level for the empowerment of women, allowing them to find their voice and strengthen their role within society. Cecilia Ramirez, the Director of CEDEMUNEP, explains that CEDEMUNEP is a "great family," a "network of trust, support, and advocacy."

The communities they serve would agree, as CEDEMUNEP has accompanied them throughout the pandemic by creating a COVID Committee with other institutions to facilitate outreach. They provide food baskets for vulnerable communities, as well as initiated a Biosecurity Campaign. With the support of the Peruvian Joining Hands Network, this campaign worked to offer the basic services of water and soap, as well as distribute masks, thermometers, and sanitizer. As many of these communities do not have access to the internet, smartphones, or government subsidies, they are isolated and seemingly forgotten.

Although the way is dark, CEDEMUNEP has been able to shine God's Light and Hope in corners where many have not ventured to go. They provide Solidarity Lunches for women, both to nourish their bodies and minds, offering emotional support, in addition to meals. Cecilia stated that CEDEMUNEP's principal mission is focused on "teaching women to fish, not to give them the fish." But, given these times of economic, social, and political crisis in Peru, they recognized that these communities need this direct giving for their survival. But CEDEMUNEP has not only given. Through their partnership with the Peruvian Joining Hands Network and their COVID Committee, they have learned more deeply how partnerships make a greater difference.

CEDEMUNEP has worked with women to find their identities and to "re-invent" themselves. Cecilia proudly shared that, in their work, "faith is not lost." Though many may begin without hope, they soon learn that they are loved and supported and are so much stronger than they knew. "We are a link for the women. We open a space for dialogue, but it is the women who speak. We only strengthen their gifts and abilities."

God's Light continues to shine, even in the shadows of an ongoing global pandemic, vaccination corruption, climate crisis, and yes, even in awaiting a green card interview. We are thankful that our arrival took place around Christmas, as it provided our family a solid and celebratory foundation for which to set up our 'home' here. Our Christmas lights remain hung around the front window as they bring delight to our son, Leandro, every night he turns them on. They lead to the star, hung in the center. These lights are a daily reminder for us to continue to journey through the darkness, following God's Light towards the Star that brings us hope and new relationships with ourselves, others, and with God.

Our partners' endless efforts to shine and be that Light is an inspiration for me. Thank you for your support of and prayers for our ministry that allow us to accompany and learn from our partners, who shine God's Light near and far. You are a Light for all of us, as we know you are praying for us, sharing our stories and challenges, and shining God's Light throughout this Lenten journey and beyond. If you would like to hear more stories or learn more about our ministry, you can sign up for my newsletters, and I am always available to share with your congregation, Bible Study groups, youth groups, etc., via pre-recorded videos or live discussions. Thank you for being our Light!

Peace,

Chenoa

(Chenoa Stock, PC (USA) Mission Co-Worker for PERUSA, Peru)

Mission and Outreach Committee loves to share good news with PCCR! We have some more this month--this time about the country of **Malawi, Africa** where our **PCUSA Mission Co-Workers Jeremy and Luta Garbat-Welch** are assigned. You may know that Malawi is among the four poorest countries in the world and is being affected by the covid 19 virus without much ability to cope with it. A very small amount of vaccine has arrived; many refuse it because of rumors about its safety. A Malawian friend asked recently if it was safe: "We've been told it is really a way to get rid of all Africans".



Part of hospital staff outside the hospital chapel

The good news is this: Malawi hospitals are working to treat and prevent the virus. It is an uphill battle and your Mission Committee recently had a plea for help from the Embangweni Mission Hospital. The list of needs included PPE, soap, public health education and awareness, managing covid patients, transporting very ill patients to Mzimba hospital (45 minutes to an hour away—half of it on a very bad dirt/rock road), and patient follow-up and monitoring. The doctor there contacted many churches in the USA and presented a very large dollar amount to cover present needs. Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church in Dallas, Texas is collecting donations and sends them on to Malawi.

The PCCR Mission Committee was able to be part of those donations. We could do this on short notice because of an anonymous gift of \$5,000 to the committee in 2020. We tried to be conservative with its use, but after a second donation of \$5,000 we decided God might be "suggesting" we take more action. We have sent funds to the Embangweni Hospital which, together with other gifts, will do two things: 1) help relieve some of the most pressing needs, and 2) reassure these somewhat isolated people that American Christians have heard their need and have responded.

The following note has been received from Dr. Khondwani Zgambo at Embangweni:
"We do not take this for granted. We shall remain indebted to you brethren of Presbyterian Community Church of Rockies—PCCR— and all who are transmitting their donations to Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church in Dallas. God bless you all."

Dr. Khondwani Zgambo about to plant a tree seedling at the hospital entrance



Once funds have reflected in our account, we will acknowledge receipt officially.

If you would like to add your personal gift to the Mission funds for Embangweni, you can go through Preston Hollow Church <https://www.phpc.org> or send donations to PCCR marked for “Embangweni Hospital”. Of course, you are always welcome to make a donation to the PCCR Mission and Outreach program by sending funds through the church office. As a committee we are committed to making the best and most responsible use of the monies entrusted to us. Questions about the committee can be directed to Lisa Plaut, chair lisapt@beyondbb.com. Questions about Malawi or Embangweni can be directed to Carol Nussbaumer carol@nussbaumers.net. Or talk to us in person outside after worship! Or feel free to drop into a committee meeting on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 3:00 pm (presently virtual, maybe soon in person).

Once again, members of PCCR, through their tithes and pledges to the Church, have provided safe drinking water to two villages in Malawi, Africa. Funds for two wells went to Marion Medical Mission and they in turn selected the villages, provided cement, the pump, and the pipe and with the villagers digging the well (by hand!) and making the brick to line it. Almost 300 Malawian people are today using safe water to drink and cook meals for their children.

The first well was installed on September 23, 2020 at 11:36 am in the village of Makanjira and is providing water for 55 people.



Two village children have their first drink of safe water

The second well was installed on October 1, 2020 in the village of Masitala at 6:04 am and will serve 240 people.

Because of the covid virus in the USA and in Malawi, no American volunteers were able to make the trip to Malawi to install wells in 2020. However, Marion Medical Mission’s superb group of African employees set to work and installed a total of over 3,100 wells in September and October 2020.

We will have pictures of these wells to put on the bulletin board as soon as gathering around it is safe.

One of PCCR’s 2020 wells at Makanjira village, installed September 23, 2020



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Into the Light—Lesson 8 **PW Bible Study—April 19**



Berniece Peters will lead us in Lesson Eight of the Bible study, *Into the Light*. This month we will look at how “God Laments.” In the Horizons magazine’s additional material for the class, Joyce Mackichan Walker wrote, “When I ponder what God laments and feed my soul and mind with all these affirmations of God’s compassion, I am led to go beyond what is *happening*, what we are *feeling*, what we are *missing*, what we are *longing for*. I am reminded that God gave us each other for times like these.”

Our hope, through God’s compassion, comes through clearly in this lesson. I hope you will join us as we share together the reasons God might lament and how hope and compassion will help each of us grow in our faith and understanding.

PW Circle Meeting

Monday, April 19, 2021 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)

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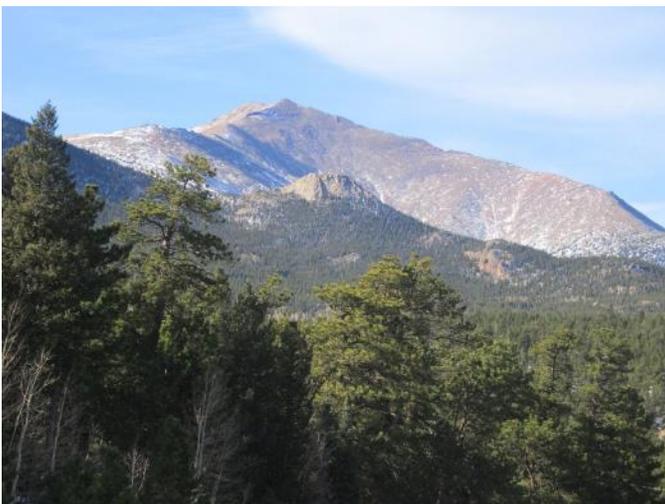
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PW meets on 3rd Monday monthly.

Pledge Reminder

If you are like me, you might have forgotten to send in your pledge to Presbyterian Women. The pledge letters went out in February, but somehow mine became buried in other papers on my desk. The PW budget, which includes support for mission, especially for women and children, locally, nationally and internationally, depends on pledges.

If you have not already done so, please consider giving to this very meaningful and worthwhile mission. A form was attached to the letter and can be mailed with your check to Presbyterian Women, 1700 Brodie Avenue, Estes Park, CO 80517. Please accept our sincere gratitude if you have already sent in your pledge.



Save the date September 11-12, 2021

We are so grateful for those who support the ministry of Highlands! 2020 saw a significant loss of income due to Covid 19. Your generosity has been vital during this challenging year.

We hope to return to more normal operations in the summer and fall of 2021. While current Covid 19 restrictions mean that we will not be gathering for the **Mt. Meeker dinner** this spring, we are planning a **Fall Celebration of our 75th Anniversary**, our Mt. Meeker donors and all who make the ministry of Highlands possible! We look forward to celebrating 75 years of ministry on September 11-12, 2021.

Please save the date and plan to join us!

Session Highlights ~ March 2021

- ◇ Approved the One Great Hour of Sharing offering for Palm Sunday.
- ◇ Approved the Finance Committee Policies and Procedures.
- ◇ Approved the Document Retention and Destruction Policy.
- ◇ Noted that Pastor Chris is reviewing our PCCR policies and committee structure with the intent of ensuring we are in line with the Book of Order.
- ◇ Heard a presentation from Buildings and Grounds regarding replacement of the Mansard section of the church roof. Approved the Architect Services Agreement for that project.
- ◇ Learned from Mission and Outreach that they have received an anonymous monetary gift to be used for mission work.
- ◇ Considered a proposal from Presbytery which would provide up to four prepared and taped worship services to churches in the Presbytery throughout the year, so that pastors and staff could have a “day off”. Many pastors and staff have been working overtime to provide services to members during Covid, and Presbytery is wanting to help them. Voted to use one of those services at PCCR on April 11.
- ◇ Received a report from the Health Advisory Team, indicating that we still need to be cautious about loosening restrictions.



Deacon Highlights ~ March 2021

- ◇ Verlene Thorp, co-moderator, opened the meeting in the church.
- ◇ Sharyn Gartner gave the devotion which she based on Psalm 102 verse 27. Even in times of change, like during this past year with covid protocols, God never changes and we can depend on God’s presence in our lives.
- ◇ Robert Sherrod gave a report about the last meeting with the Session. The discussion centered around how to open the church for worship and for meetings.
- ◇ Verlene gave a finance report.
- ◇ We continue to send cards to members who have challenges with health or deaths of loved ones. We sent one card this past month.
- ◇ The Sunshine committee sent one meal to a member this past month. Contact the church if there are others needing extra help or would enjoy a delivered meal.
- ◇ The committee for memorial receptions is reviewing the manual for memorial receptions and will be ready when receptions can be reinstated.
- ◇ For communion, the individual containers of the elements will continue to be used. The communion committee is only responsible for having bread and juice for use by the pastor at the communion table. There will be communion on Maundy Thursday and on Easter.
- ◇ Under old business, it was confirmed that Deacons from the last class received a thank you gift.
- ◇ In new business, Verlene reminded Deacons that a phone call, a card, or an email might be appreciated by those feeling isolated because of the virus or large snow storms.
- ◇ Pastor Chris gave a prayer of benediction.

Financial Information February 2021

	February	Year to Date	Year to Date—Budget
Total Revenues	\$44,125	\$130,441	\$60,709
Total Expenses	\$32,375	\$54,903	\$68,816
Net Total	\$11,750	\$75,538	-\$8,107

Revenues include SBA PPP Forgiveness \$49,585

Journeys Class

Journeys Class is open to anyone who is interested. The class meets via Zoom and has seen an increase in attendance during the past year. We now have regular attendees from the foothills communities and a good number of other states.

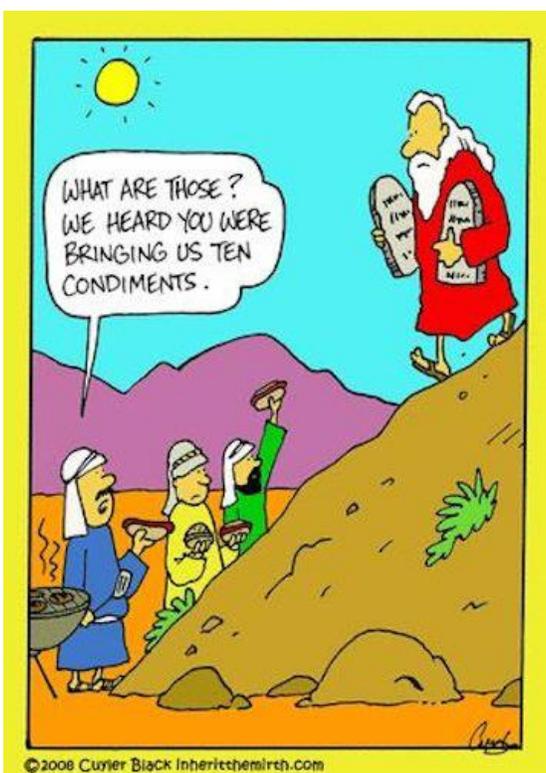
Starting March 21 and lasting 4 weeks, the class will be discussing the theology of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, a French Jesuit priest, scientist, paleontologist, theologian, philosopher, and teacher. The classes will be led by Vince Brady, a retired religious educator who studied Teilhard extensively.

April 25, the class will discuss the film “Black Boys”. We will be privileged to have the lead producer of the film, Chad Williamson, join us. Chad will share some background on the film and lead our discussion of the film. Chad has made arrangements for us to watch the film at no cost. If you are interested in viewing the documentary, contact Jim Daugherty, 708-602-4126, for the details.

Journeys Class meets via Zoom. You can use the link below to join the meeting. The Zoom session opens at 8:15 each Sunday, with the program starting promptly at 8:30. The class adjourns at 9:45.

The Zoom link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8457412756?pwd=UG50Wk5yV1R2b1lCVmtENnUxTctlUT09>
Meeting ID: 845 741 2756 and Passcode: 80517 (only if necessary)





Dear PCCR Friends,

All of us at Stephen Ministries hope and pray that you, your loved ones, and the people you care for and about are healthy and safe.

We know the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted everyone raising the level of fear, stress, and anxiety for all people and underscoring the importance of compassion.

PCCR Stephen Ministry is functioning as normal as possible while protecting our care givers and care receivers while we follow the guidelines from the CDC and other health authorities. We continue supporting the needs of our congregation.

Stephen Ministers encourage you to stay safe and take the appropriate precautions. We also invite you to join us in praying for all those affected—particularly people who have lost loved ones, those who are ill or suffering, and workers serving on the frontlines of this crisis.

Please do not hesitate to let us know if you or someone you love needs help coping with their new normal.

You can contact the pastor, church office, Dona Cooper, Ginger Wilkinson, or Chuck Slicker with questions or concerns.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

The Stephen Ministers

Muchas gracias!

Dear Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies,

I hope this finds you well and hopefully with some members in line for a vaccination!

I am writing to thank you for your continued support and contributions toward our ministry in Peru.



As the region (Bolivia, Peru, and its neighbors) faces its second COVID-19 wave, our Peruvian partners continue to walk with the most vulnerable communities. They provide food, medicine, sanitation and hygienic supplies, as well as offer workshops on biosecurity protocols and emotional health. Theological institutes of the Evangelical Church of Peru have also started facilitating short, in-person courses for men and women, while following all necessary protocols. God's hands and feet are certainly on the move.

Thank you for your support that allows us to be here, accompanying our partners and their outreach, especially during these challenging and uncertain times. God's love and mission will not be deterred by a pandemic—it only grows stronger. And I am grateful to bear witness to that every day, beside our partners.

Thank you for being an important part of this partnership through your continued prayers and support!

*Peace and blessings,
Chenoa*

Chenoa Stock
PC (USA) Mission Co-Worker for PERUSA
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<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionconnections/chenoa-stock/>