



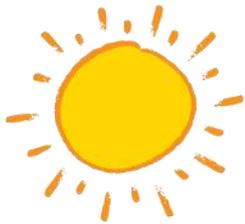
Presbyterian
Community Church
of the Rockies

July 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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SUMMER PICNIC

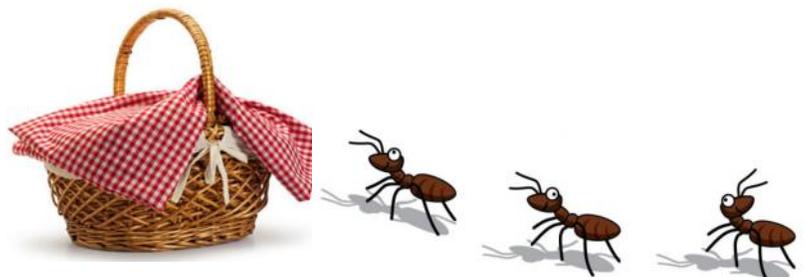
***All-Church Picnic on Sunday, July 11, 2021
at Lake Estes Marina Shelter
(immediately following worship service)***

As is traditional, the Membership and Hospitality Committee will provide the great hotdogs from the "Y," buns, condiments, paper goods, lemonade, and water. Members of the committee will be serving the pot-luck dishes, cafeteria-style.

Bring a potluck dish to share using the suggested list below to ensure we have a good variety.

- A through C Salads, including potato
- D through H Potato chips, Cheetos, Fritos, etc.
- I through N Baked beans or other vegetable dishes
- O through R Desserts
- S through Z Miscellaneous Specialties (surprise us!)

Join in the fun, food, and fellowship!



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

Church Staff

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

Handbell Director: Patti Dolezal, music@pccrusa.org

Choir Director/Sexton: Rich Dixon

Organist: Larry Gillum

Finance: Carolyn Hull, finance@pccrusa.org

Office Administrator: Terry Brigham, office@pccrusa.org



Worship Schedule



Worship in the Sanctuary:

July 4 — 10:00 am, Communion

July 11 — 10:00 am, June Gamet, organist

July 18 — 10:00 am

July 25 — 10:00 am

Rev. Chris Davis, preaching Patti Dolezal, liturgist
Larry Gillum, organist

Virtual Worship:

View through Livestream service on our website:

Open the website, <https://pccrusa.org> on the Home page. The livestream player is to the right, below the opening pictures. The player will automatically start when the service begins.

Sunday Bulletin: The current worship bulletin appears directly below the livestream and video recordings box. Simply click on "View Bulletin".

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

The Church Office is closed on Monday, July 5 in observance of the Fourth of July Holiday.



Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this issue of the newsletter—whether it be your service in this church or providing a written article or photo.

We appreciate your input!

The August Newsletter deadline is **Tuesday, July 20**. Please send your pictures and stories to Terry Brigham at: office@pccrusa.org
Thanks!

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Mark your calendars!



Sunday, August 15, 2021

Pie Social and Hymn Sing



July 2021

Message from Pastor Chris Davis . . .

It is hard to believe I am starting my 7th month as your Interim Pastor. Where has the time gone?!? I want to take a moment and thank you for welcoming me and my family so generously into the PCCR community. Starting a new pastoral call and building relationships on the heels of COVID-19 is not the easiest thing to do for both a pastor and a congregation. Thank you for your patience as I put mask-less faces to names, learn the history of your church, and get used to "mountain time." It continues to be a joy serving your congregation and I look forward to what the next six months and beyond have in store for us at PCCR.



This month, I want to share a bit about what an Interim Pastor does in between the Sundays at PCCR. As I stated above, I have spent my time getting to know you, the church staff, and through your sharing, I am learning this congregation's rich history. I am also working with staff, Session members, and church members on several different projects. My goal is to do my best in preparing your congregation for the next pastor.

Specifically, I am working with a small group to revise the church by-laws. This will allow us to function, as we say in the Presbyterian Church, "decently and in order" when it comes to the business of the congregation. Our hope is to have the revised edition of the by-laws to Session and then to the congregation for approval later in the fall.

I am also working with another small group to revise and update our procedures that allow outside groups to use the church facility. As I am learning, PCCR is a beacon in the Estes Park community. We host a wide variety of community small groups as well as choral and orchestra practices and performances. I am committed to maintaining an open-door policy for outside groups. However, we are a different congregation post-COVID. You have a new pastor. We have new and very valuable audio-visual equipment in both Fellowship Hall and the sanctuary. Our church staff have taken on different roles in response to COVID and our altered church life together. I believe it is important to take this opportunity of transition to insure the church property is safe, church staff are not overburdened, and church programs have the facility space needed to begin again as we come out of COVID protocols.

I ask for your patience, prayers, and grace as we develop policies and procedures which will accommodate both PCCR programs as well as larger programs of the community. As time moves on, I will update you on the progress of both action teams. Until then, enjoy summer in Estes and I'll see you in church!

In Christ's Faithful Service,

Pastor Chris



The power of prayer

Pastor Chris is handling all the prayer requests and will be the first point of contact. If you have a prayer request you would like to share with the congregation, please contact Pastor Chris at pastor@pccrusa.org or call 414-690-4488 (cell) or 970-586-4404 (church).

Stephen Ministers are looking to help anyone in the congregation who may be going through a rough time in their lives. Life changes, the death of a loved one, divorce, health issues of oneself or a spouse, and because life can become complicated, we all need help sometimes. Just knowing that someone cares can help tremendously. A Stephen Minister listens and gives help when needed.



Some years ago I was going through a rough time in my life. A friend suggested I get help from a Stephen Minister. I did know about the program because my aunt was a Stephen Minister in Iowa. I was somewhat reluctant at first, but the person who was my Stephen Minister was understanding and listened with a caring heart. She put my reluctance at ease. Just pouring out my troubles helped me to get past the difficult time. She helped me take positive steps to be able to focus on other important things. Because I so appreciated the help that I received, some years later I took the training to become a Stephen Minister myself.

If you or someone you know might be helped by having a caring, listening friend who is a Stephen Minister, please contact the church office at 970-586-4404.

Marilyn Irwin

For the PCCR Stephen Ministers

Staying Connected

Brenda's birthday was June 8th, and after 28 years together finding that "special gift" is not easy. Besides Disney, my wife's favorite place is Yellowstone National Park; I have to say that it is also mine. We have long talked about getting back to Yellowstone at some time, and with that in mind, I decided that her birthday gift from me would be a trip up to Yellowstone. So on Friday, June 4th, we drove up to Cody and spent four days enjoying that area. Weather was perfect and we have that time on our lives.

Come Sunday morning, however, there I was nine hours away and I realized that I was going to miss Larry's music, the bells playing, and of course Pastor Chris's wonderful message. But I did not miss the service. Because of all the long hours and hard work put in by Michael Moon and Jim Nussbaumer on the church's streaming services, I was able to become part of that service. Most of the congregation is now able to come to worship on Sunday morning in person. But unlike in the past, those not able to attend in person for a variety of reasons can now worship with their family of faith via Zoom or streaming. What a wonderful and needed gift to this church. It has not been an easy few months putting all this together, but the end result is great. It is possible now for all of us to stay connected no matter where we are. My thanks go out to Michael and Jim, but also to the Session, and Worship and Music Committee for their commitment to this very important ministry.

~ Rich Dixon



Will someone
please let
me in to
church?

Wednesday,
June 9, 2021





Presbytery of Plains and Peaks

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June 22, 2021

Friends in the Presbytery of Plains and Peaks,

On Friday, June 18, Maria Shupe completed her final day of service at Highlands Presbyterian Camp and Retreat Center. Our Presbytery has been blessed through Maria's fifteen years of tireless and dedicated service, and we thank God for her many accomplishments. Our *Book of Common Worship* provides the following prayer for such an occasion, and I invite you to pray it with me now for Maria:

God of grace, we thank you for the gifts of Christian ministry given in your servant Maria. We celebrate the years of her labor and rejoice in the blessings so many have received. Give her a sense of fulfillment and completion, a time of refreshment and rest, and new opportunities for living the good news of your love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

As Maria embarks on the next stage of her journey of service to Christ and the Church, I also want to invite you to reach out to Maria and express your gratitude for her service and your hopes for her future. One way you can do so is to send a card or gift directly to Maria Shupe at 2215 Calais Drive, Unit F, Longmont, CO 80504. Another way is to contribute to a financial gift for Maria collected by the Presbytery. To do so, you may mail a check to the Presbytery office (7257 W. 4th St., Unit 4, Greeley, CO 80634), indicating on the memo line that the gift is for Maria. You may also give online using the Give Now button at www.plainsandpeaks.org. Please write that the gift is for Maria in the "Notes" section on the second page of the donation website before clicking the Process button. We will receive these donations through July 10th, then the collected funds will be passed on to Maria as a gift that "not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God" (2 Corinthians 9:12).

Thank you for celebrating Maria with us in these ways. Thank you also for holding both Highlands and our Presbytery in your prayers during this season of transition. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide us all as we seek to demonstrate and proclaim the love of Jesus Christ.

Grace and Peace,

Chris Brown

Moderator - Presbytery of Plains and Peaks



Baby coyote pups wander around the church grounds.



Mom and baby coyote pup enjoy some play time.



Blankets for Malawi

Here in Colorado, as this is written, we are experiencing unusual hot weather. At bedtime we are opening windows, maybe cranking up the AC, certainly folding back the blankets. Right now in Malawi, Africa, strange as it seems, the weather is getting cooler and cooler as the coldest time of year approaches. Temperatures in both places right now are about the same: 70's daytime and low 50's overnight. Malawi will continue to experience cooler and cooler weather until mid-August. The difference between us: we have access to a blanket when it is too cool.

Mr. Leman Kayira has again asked for our help in buying blankets for the extreme poor. PCCR has supported this project for several years; we are again asking you to consider buying a blanket or two in Malawi at a cost of about \$7.00 each. Your gift may be sent to PCCR with the memo "Blanket Fund" or click [here](#) to donate through the church website. The Mission Committee has already sent a donation and will pool any of your funds with more from the committee to hopefully purchase 300 blankets. We will let Mr. Kayira speak for the project:



"As temperatures have started dropping deeper into cold weather, public have been warned by Metrological services to prevent loss of life by ensuring that folks cover themselves with blankets and heavy clothing during nights and that they do not breath in cold and chilly air.

We are worried with the many elderly, orphans, widows, single mothers with small babies, people with disabilities and even innocent children from very poor and marginalized households. Most of such people have no voice. I write to kindly appeal for funds to enable us procure about 300 blankets for these vulnerable



people. With your donation towards buying a blanket, you are going to save the life of a soul. It is extremely a harsh reality to be sleeping on the open without a blanket. In Malawi, a blanket is an important material because when one dies, the dead body is covered and wrapped in a blanket. It accompanies men and women to their final resting place. Blankets have saved and are serving families. A blanket is a sign of honor. If someone has donated a blanket, s/he donated honor to a person and family. Many blankets you have been donating through your funding have performed wonders. They have saved many souls from death. Those blankets have been used to protect small babies from contracting pneumonia and fever which come due to exposure to cold soon after birth. They have and some are still providing warmth to the chronically ill and compromised when they are admitted in hospitals.

You are part of an amazing work that has come far but must go even further. You have fed and given warmth to the needy. Thank you for your generosity because it turns your focus outwards because when you are occupied with helping others, there is little room for selfishness. Doesn't it make someone feel good when he/she does something for another person?



Did you know that as one individual, God uses you to impact not just your immediate environment, but the whole nation, and ultimately, the whole world? Your compassionate hearts make a difference in the world of your time. There are times when God uses not only his great servants but their partners as well.

May God bless all those who are committing their resources in order to give warmth to the needy and marginalized. You are the fathers and mothers of the fatherless and the motherless. Amen"

News from our Mission Coworkers in Peru

Chenoa Stock and her husband, José are Presbyterian mission coworkers who serve in Peru. Our church helps with financial support. Chenoa and José met in Bolivia when Chenoa served there. They married and eventually moved to Peru. José is a Bolivian citizen and needed to get a US green card and immigrant visa before he could officially be employed by Presbyterian Mission. He has volunteered his services for several years. We recently received this letter from Chenoa, with news that the long application process has been completed.

Just a note to share some exciting family news with you!!!



As many of you know, since June, 2018, we have been on a family journey to complete José's immigrant visa process. We have been through moving to a new country; delays, due to bureaucracy and the pandemic; travels to Bolivia for the interview in December, only to have it canceled, due to embassy closures from increasing COVID case numbers; and unknown waiting in a home away from home, surrounded by family support.

After all of this, almost three years later, we can now happily (and finally!) announce that José had his interview yesterday and his immigrant visa was approved!!!

Many of you have walked with us and accompanied us on each step of this long journey in different ways. We want to thank you, with profound gratitude, for your constant prayers, words of encouragement, cards, e-cards, and faithful reminders that we are not in this alone. Your support is what has kept us strong, hopeful and positive throughout these years of waiting. Thank you!

We are still working out our next steps while we celebrate, so we ask for your continued prayers for this next phase of planning. We will be in touch when we have a plan in place. In the meantime, please know that you are an important part of this celebration and we are filled with gratitude for you!

Muchísimas gracias!

*Peace and blessings,
Chenoa, José and Leandro*

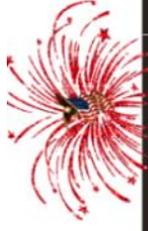


**Grace and
Grub Cookout**

**Monday,
June 28, 2021**

**Rain did not stop the Grace
and Grub gang from having
fun and enjoying a hot dog
roast with all the fixin's!**





July

2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10:00am-Staff Meeting 3:30pm-Health Advisory Committee 4:00pm-Chancel Bells	2	3
4 10:00am-Worship 	5 Church Office Closed	6 2:00pm-Summer Residents Association 	7 4:00pm-Joyful Bells	8 10:00am-Mission and Outreach Committee 4:00pm-Chancel Bells	9 9:00am-Card Making Group	10
11 8:30am-Journeys Class (Zoom) 10:00am- Worship 11:00am-All Church Picnic 	12 11:00am-Communications	13 1:00pm-Personnel Committee 4:30pm-Stephen Ministers 7:00pm-Deacons	14 9:30 am-Finance 11:00am-Foundation 4:00pm-Joyful Bells	15 9:00am-Columbarium Committee 3:30pm-Health Advisory Committee 4:00pm-Chancel Bells	16 17	17
18 8:30am-Journeys Class (Zoom) 10:00am-Worship (Livestream and Zoom available)	19 6:30pm-Session	20 Newsletter Deadline 2:00pm-Summer Residents Association	21 4:00pm-Joyful Bells	22 10:00am-Staff Meeting 4:00pm-Chancel Bells	23 9:30am-Merry Marthas	24
25 8:30am-Journeys Class (Zoom) 10:00am-Worship (Livestream and Zoom available)	26 9:00am-Membership and Hospitality Committee	27	28 4:00pm-Joyful Bells	29 3:30pm-Health Advisory Committee 4:00pm-Chancel Bells	30 Malawi Mission Network-Virtual Conference in Sanctuary	31 Malawi Mission Network-Virtual Conference in Sanctuary



Note: Calendar events subject to change

Session Highlights ~ June 2021

- ◇ Rescinded the current Non-Worship Covid Guidelines in order to proceed with returning to former church processes or establishing new ones.
- ◇ Approved subscribing to the AED Authority Concierge Management Program and designated the Health Advisory Committee to explore and develop a training program for emergency medical procedures.
- ◇ Determined to pause the cleanup of the church grounds until cooler weather in the fall. Expressed thanks to all who have already worked on this project.
- ◇ Noted that the All Church Picnic on July 11 will be a great opportunity for members to gather together in an outdoor setting for fun, food, and fellowship.
- ◇ Received a report from Membership and Hospitality that many of the usual activities that had to be cancelled last year will be reinstated this year, including the Pie Social in August, the Autumn Harvest in October, and the Hanging of the Greens before Christmas.
- ◇ Noted that a request has been received for blankets for Malawi again this year. Mission and Outreach Committee is coordinating that project.
- ◇ Accepted the recommendation from Worship and Music Committee to continue using the pre-packaged communion elements.



Deacon Highlights ~ June 2021

- ◇ Judy Portman, co-moderator, called the meeting to order. We met in the church library!
- ◇ Devotions were given by Susie Manhoff. She told a story that was based on Jeremiah chapter 33 and illustrated the point that speaking to God will get answers even if we have to wait.
- ◇ Several cards were sent in the last month to persons having challenges in their lives. Judy Schaffer showed a couple of items that we might use to support those people we pray for.
- ◇ Just as the church was opened for activities besides worship services, the Deacons served a memorial reception for Keith Machin. About 60 people attended. Members wanting to schedule a memorial reception should contact Pastor Chris and he will contact the committee.
- ◇ We are hoping to resume communion services for those at Good Samaritan. At this time this is not planned.
- ◇ Individual communion elements will continue to be served for communion during worship services.
- ◇ The Deacons will serve refreshments for fellowship on June 13.
- ◇ Susie gave a prayer as a benediction.

CELEBRATE



Do you have a special anniversary or occasion to celebrate? If so, let us know. Contact the church office, office@pccrusa.org or call **970-586-4404**. Let's share our good news with each other!

Financial Information May 2021

	May	January to May	Year to Date—Budget
Total Revenues	\$23,670	\$206,802	\$155,318
Total Expenses	\$35,857	\$160,905	\$172,039
Net Total	-\$12,188	\$45,897	-\$16,721
Revenues include SBA PPP Forgiveness \$49,585			



**Church Service
with full choir!
Sunday, June 13, 2021**

**Behind the scenes
work so the worship
service can be viewed
via Livestream
Sunday, June 20, 2021**



**Organist Larry Gillum fills the
sanctuary with beautiful music
Sunday, June 20, 2021**

A Huge Thank You and Notification of Back-to-Normal Fellowship Hour

The Membership and Hospitality Committee would like to thank the Vanderveens, the Almonds, the Wilsons, the Holcombs and friends, and the Deacons who helped host the Fellowship Hour during the month of June. It was so lovely to enjoy coffee and treats with our church friends after worship when Membership and Hospitality needed help.

Beginning July 1, 2021, our regular system of church groups hosting Fellowship should be back in place again. We have asked people in each of our groups to serve as contact people as we get back to normal in still another area.

Fellowship after Sunday Worship is near and dear to all of our church family, but it does not happen by magic. There is much planning and commitment involved on the part of our many church-affiliated groups. We can't do Fellowship without our groups helping. The Membership and Hospitality Committee just doesn't have the resources to provide Fellowship every Sunday and still do all the other activities we like to provide to our membership. Since April of this year and last Fall during outside services, Membership and Hospitality provided six Fellowship hours dipping into its budget significantly. So to these other church groups, Membership and Hospitality says a huge "THANK YOU" for saying yes to being contact people and to providing us with the lovely gathering after worship on Sundays.

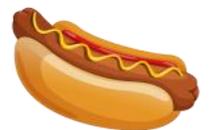
We are hoping to publish our current dates for Fellowship responsibility in the newsletter and to post the dates in the Fellowship Hall along with mailing the schedule to those who have offered to serve as contact people.



If you are interested in helping out with Fellowship on dates that are not being covered by our church groups, please contact Sherry Unruh, Chairperson/Elder of Membership and Hospitality at 913-638-5772 or at unruhs4@icloud.com.

Grace and Grub Cookout

Join us at the Endovalley picnic area for our
Grace and Grub Cookout at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, July 26.



All are welcome! Hotdogs, buns, condiments, and tableware will be provided. The rest of the meal is potluck. Bring a side dish to share, your own drinks, and lawn chairs.

Meet at the Endovalley picnic area located along the Fall River. Turn off Hwy 34 at the Old Fall River Road entrance, past Alluvial Fan at the west end of Horseshoe Park.



Contact Joy Holcomb,
joyholcomb11@gmail.com
or 970-586-9600 for more
information or to sign up.
Hope you can join the fun!

