



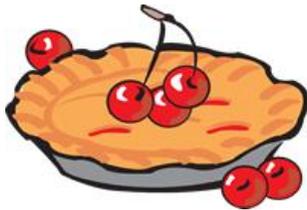
Presbyterian
Community Church
of the Rockies

August 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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Pie Social and Hymn Sing ***Sunday, August 15, 2021***

Coming to the PCCR Fellowship Hall . . .

The one . . . the only . . . ***PIE SOCIAL!***

When: Sunday, August 15, 2021 Immediately after Worship

Why: Because the Membership and Hospitality Committee throws a good party, and
Because we always need an excuse to get our PCCR family together!

So Bake or Buy...Bring a Pie!

We'll furnish the ice cream to go on top.

Verlene Thorp will play our hymns on the piano, and Curtis Fox will lead the singing!

Bring your pie to the kitchen before worship and we'll get
them sliced up and ready for eating!

Hope to see as big a crowd as we saw at the All-Church Picnic!



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



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 September Newsletter deadline is Tuesday, August 17. Please send your pictures and stories to Terry Brigham at: office@pccrusa.org Thanks!

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Worship Schedule



Worship in the Sanctuary:

August 1 — 10:00 am, Communion

August 8 — 10:00 am, Rev. Bruce Brackman, preaching

August 15 — 10:00 am, Pie Social and Hymn Sing after worship

August 22 — 10:00 am

August 29 — 10:00 am

Rev. Chris Davis, pastor

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

Journeys Class will not meet during the month of August through September 12 for summer break.

Class will resume again on Sunday, September 19.

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).



Need Coffee?



Purchase your favorite coffee for only \$10 a pound in ground or beans, regular, decaf, or half-regular/half-decaf. Call or text Lisa Plaut, on behalf of Mission and Outreach Committee, at 214-766-9876 to arrange for pick-up or delivery.



August 2021

Message from Pastor Chris Davis . . .

Dear PCCR Family,

Recently I was cleaning out some old files in my office desk and I came across a folder labeled “Prayers.” Inside I found different prayers, collected over the years, which have nurtured my faith and introduced me to new ways of praying and speaking with God. This month I share them with you in the hope that your relationship with our Creator might be deepened by these words and prayers of the faithful.

Dear God in heaven, let us be peacemakers:
more ready to call people friends than enemies
more ready to trust than to mistrust
more ready to love than to hate
more ready to respect than despise
more ready to serve than to be served
more ready to absorb evil than to pass it on.

Dear God in heaven, let us be more like Christ.

- *The Mother’s Union Anthology of Public Prayers*

Almighty God, the Great Thumb we cannot evade to tie any knot:

The Roaring Thunder that splits mighty trees;

the all-seeing Lord up on high who sees even the footprints of an antelope on a rock mass here on earth:

You are the one who does not hesitate to respond to our call.

You are the cornerstone of peace.

- *Native American Prayer for Peace*

O God, give me, I pray Thee,
Light on my right hand
And light on my left hand
And light above me
And light beneath me,
O Lord, increase light within me
And give me light
And illuminate me.

- *Ascribed to Mohammad*

Oh Great Spirit of Surprise,
Dazzle us with a day full of amazing embraces,
Capricious, uncalculated caring,
Great hearts, kind souls and doers of
Good deeds.

- *Molly Fumia*

This morning, as I kindle the fire upon my hearth, I pray that the flame of God’s love may burn in my heart, and the hearts of all I meet today.

I pray that no envy and malice, no hatred or fear, may smother the flame.

I pray that indifference and apathy, contempt and pride, may not pour like cold water on the flame.

Instead, may the spark of God’s love light the love in my heart, that it may burn brightly through the day.

And may I warm those that are lonely, whose hearts are cold and lifeless, so that all may know the comfort of God’s love.

- *Traditional Celtic Prayer*

As you go about your daily life this month, may these prayers and the prayers of our Church guide all you do and say for the glory of God and the peace of Christ.

In Christ’s Faithful Service,

Pastor Chris



WELCOME

PCCR Family Picnic

RESERVED

July 11, 2021





Beautiful weather
and a good
turnout for the All-
Church Picnic on
Sunday, July 11!



Travel to Malawi Restricted

Jim and Carol Nussbaumer want to express their appreciation to everyone who has taken time and interest to ask about our next trip to Malawi. We are a bit surprised but so grateful to all of you!

To get everyone on the same pages: Our chances of going to Malawi in 2021 are slim and none. For a while it looked possible but recently a third wave of covid has caused the government to close the borders again. The Marion Medical Mission volunteer teams definitely are not going. We simply cannot risk carrying the virus out to some remote village where there is no medical care. That “no-go” decision was made several months ago. On the bright side, though, our superb African employees are ready and anxious to again shoulder the complete burden to install wells for many villages. In 2020, these dedicated men and women installed in excess of 3,000 wells in villages that have never had safe drinking water. They will do the same in 2021. God’s work continues!

The schools for the deaf, like all schools in Malawi, have been closed for much of the past 14 months. The children returned to school in late May and will complete this extra term in September. Class 9 will take the school-leaving exam on September 21 and they hope to again achieve a 100% pass rate.



Students shelling the maize



The new garden gate

During the pandemic, the school has not been idle. A new headteacher has arrived. The gardens have been planted and harvested. The square foot gardens’ vegetables were sold to the school teachers as there were no students to eat them. With financial help from American friends, a new chicken-wire fence has been built around the square foot gardens to replace the rotting bamboo fence. They plan to try to raise crops even during the dry season and now have a garden hose to make watering easier. Students were on hand to harvest, stook and shell the maize crop.

Covid in Malawi is bad and getting worse. After a shaky start, vaccinations have almost completely stopped. There is still much hesitation about the vaccine due to rumors about safety and the usual overlay of witchcraft. Please keep these people in your prayers!



Deaf children’s first time with a hose --watering the school gardens

(Pictures are from Jolia Mahemane, deputy headteacher)

A Blanket of Thanks

On behalf of the people of Malawi, Mission and Outreach Committee extends great thanks for the congregation's response to the Blanket Fund. Together, you donated nearly \$1,000 so that the extreme poor can have a blanket – a treasured gift! You have, as someone said, “told the people of Malawi I love them.” Your expression of Christian love will have an impact that we can only imagine. Thank you, PCCR!



Can You Respond to a Medical Emergency?

Would you be prepared to respond effectively should you be attending church and someone in the congregation collapses with a medical emergency? Do you know how to find and use the church's automated external defibrillator, commonly known as an AED? Would you like to be equipped to assist in an emergency?



An AED is an automated device that can analyze the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electrical shock to re-establish an effective heart rhythm. The church has an AED – it's in a metal cabinet on the wall just outside the administrative offices. It's a device that can save a life when used in the time between the call to 911 and arrival of paramedics. But we need to have enough staff and congregation trained in how to use the AED and what to do when someone collapses with cardiac arrest.

The Covid-19 pandemic interrupted our efforts to set up training in CPR and use of the AED. The pandemic also forced the hospital, which conducts training for the community, to suspend the program. The hospital plans to reactivate training beginning in September. We wish to take advantage of this restart.

We expect that the hospital will offer two classes each month. One is the American Heart Association Heartsaver course, designed for anyone with little or no medical training. The other is a basic lifesaving course aimed at healthcare professionals and first responders. Both will be in-person half day sessions, held at Estes Park Health, and taught by professional instructors. Both will lead to appropriate certification or recertification for those who have previously received training. The hospital has indicated that they can offer a class just for our church should we be able to fill their 8-person quota. We should have more specifics shortly.

Think about this and watch for more information by e-mail, our website and through announcements at Sunday services in August.



Everyone is invited to visit and browse through the PCCR **Grether Library**, see all that is available, and check out a book or two. In the coming months, we will provide glimpses of all the library has to offer. If you have not visited the library lately, you may not be aware of the multitude of books available for your reading pleasure, as well as audio and video tapes, DVDs, movies, and magazines. These resources — over 2,000 items — are available to all church members, families, and friends. There are books to inspire you in your Christian journey, educational materials, Bible studies, devotion and prayer, theology, history, documentaries, fiction, and many other types of thought-provoking reading. Truly outstanding!



Rejoice in Hope

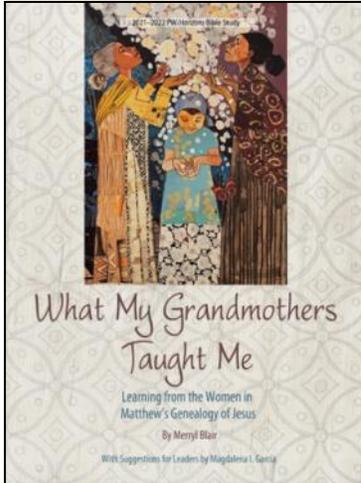


This is a rare opportunity for all Presbyterian Women to join the **Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women**, which occurs every three years. It will be an online event this year, **Thursday, August 5, from 2-4 p.m.** Mountain time. You can join the meeting online by going to PW's *Gathering* web page, www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering or on PW's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/presbyterianwomenpcusa. This online event will include both plenary and worship. During plenary, Irene Pak Lee—associate pastor at Stone Church in Willow Glen, California will offer a keynote address. You'll also hear from PW/*Horizons* Bible study authors, present and future.

- Merryl Blair, author of *What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus* (2021–2022 study)
- Carol Bechtel, author of *Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight* (2022–2023 study)
- Olive Mahabir, author of *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in the Gospel of Luke* (2023–2024)

You'll hear about programs and resources that Presbyterian Women cherish, and see messages of hope and thanks from individual Presbyterian Women, PW groups, and PW's ministry partners. During worship, Rev. Diane Moffet will preach and Austin College will provide music. Communion will be celebrated as we Rejoice in Hope, newly confident in God's promise to guide and support us, and our PW community that strengthens us. Why not take advantage of this opportunity to join with other Presbyterian Women as they follow the call of Romans 12:12-13, to "*Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints: extend hospitality to strangers.*"

PW Horizon Bible Study Books for Fall are Available



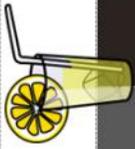
Each year women of PCCR join together to study the Bible using the guide provided by *Horizons* Magazine. I read the statement "Bible study is the glue that holds Presbyterian Women together" and I fully agree. I have been involved with Presbyterian Women since the 1970's, and Bible study has always been the major focus of each of these groups. I took several years off as I pursued a career, but somehow the need to study the Bible with other women keeps calling me back. This year's study is titled, *What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus*. The study is by Merryl Blair with "Suggestions for Leaders" by Magdalena I. García. The following is a brief glimpse into the study: Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary—Matthew names these women for a reason. How might Jesus have heard the stories of his grandmothers? What might the young Jesus have felt, as he heard about his family? What might the stories of these women have added to his sense of identity, as part of a particular family in a particular time and place? And what can Jesus's grandmothers-of-the-faith teach us? By exploring these stories together, we will have a richer idea of what the good news is.

The study books are available from the church office. They can be found on the back counter, across from the printer. There will be a spreadsheet with all the names of the women who participated this past year, plus plenty of lines for those who would like to join us for the Bible study this year. The books cost \$10 and you can place your payment in Carolyn Hull's mailbox at the church when you pick up your book. You can pay by cash or write a check to Presbyterian Women at PCCR for \$10. Make sure you mark your payment so that Carolyn knows where to direct the money. If for some reason you need to pay at a later date, just leave the "Paid" column on the spreadsheet blank. You can also see Karen Daugherty or Renee Warren at church and they can direct you to the books. If you are unable to come to the church, Renee has offered to deliver study books. She can be contacted via email (reneesplace@comcast.net) or by calling (309) 531-7102. We hope you can join us for another interesting and enlightening study.

~ Karen Daugherty



August 2021



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



Note: Calendar events subject to change

Session Highlights ~ July 2021

- ◇ Learned that the hospital will provide a training class for AED (defibrillation) for several members of PCCR.
- ◇ Determined to review and recommend any changes to the PCCR Foundation bylaws.
- ◇ Heard from Finance Committee that the annual review of our finances had no recommendations for change. Carolyn Hull was cited for always providing a clean audit.
- ◇ Noted that the All-Church picnic was attended by over 95 people. The next fellowship event will be the Pie Social and Hymn Sing on August 15.
- ◇ Mission committee is planning another fall golf tournament for Sept. 12.
- ◇ Worship committee is in need of more volunteers to serve as ushers. Someone to serve as an usher coordinator is also needed.



Deacon Highlights ~ July 2021

- ◇ Judy Portman, co-moderator, opened the meeting by having each member name one thing they are praying about so that we all could pray together.
- ◇ Devotions were given by Marilyn Irwin who read a devotion about going home written by her friend Karen who has brain cancer and is facing her own heavenly journey of going home.
- ◇ Robert Sherrod reported on the last meeting of the Session.
- ◇ The finance report had been previously distributed and questions about it were answered.
- ◇ Susie Manhoff reported that she has several cards to be sent to members of the congregation who have been facing challenges in their lives.
- ◇ The Sunshine Committee headed by Tami Scace is assembling a Be Better Basket to be sent to a member who is in a rehab center. Everything in the basket will be something starting with a "B".
- ◇ There will be a memorial reception on September 4 after the service for Mary Pridey. Responsibilities for food and serving were assigned.
- ◇ A schedule for groups supplying refreshments and serving for Fellowship after Sunday services was distributed. We will serve on December 19 the next time.



**Sunday,
July 25,
2021**

**Pastor
Chris**

**Larry
Gillum,
organist**



Financial Information June 2021			
	May	January to June	Year to Date—Budget
Total Revenues	\$47,980	\$254,782	\$186,381
Total Expenses	\$39,849	\$200,754	\$206,447
Net Total	\$8,131	\$54,028	-\$20,066
Revenues include SBA PPP Forgiveness \$49,585			

First National Bank Investment includes SBA PPP forgiveness #2 \$44,273

Taylor Roth CPA Review of PCCR Church & Foundation Accountants' Conclusion:

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Anticipating New Life

In just two days this perfect nest was built in the window at the end of the hall between the Music Room and the Sanctuary. The father robin nestled in to make sure the nest was perfect.

By the next day there were two blue eggs and each day since the mother robin sits on her eggs, rarely leaving her eggs for more than a few minutes at a time. The eggs may take up to two weeks to hatch.



... And the eggs are hatched — two baby robins are born!

SAVE THE DATE!!

The **miniature golf tournament**, to benefit the two PC (USA) mission co-worker couples supported by PCCR, is **ON AGAIN** this year!

Save the date: **Sunday, September 12, starting at 6:00 p.m.** at the Cascade Creek course (part of Ride-A-Kart) at the corner of Mall Road and U.S. 34.

More details and sign-ups to come soon!

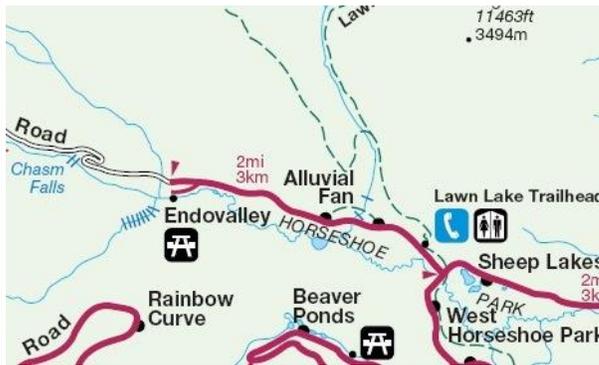


Summer's Last Grace and Grub Cookout

(Beginning September through May on the 4th Monday, Grace and Grub will meet in homes in small groups.)

Join us at the Endovalley picnic area for our **Grace and Grub Cookout at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, August 23.**

All are welcome! Hope you can join the fun!



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.



Grace and Grub picnic
July 26, 2021

