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Presbyterian
Community Church
of the Rockies

April 2022 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.

April 10 – April 17, 2022

Palm Sunday, April 10

10:00 a.m. Worship

Livestream available on our website, pccrusa.org

Maundy Thursday, April 14

7:00 p.m. Worship

Livestream available on our website, pccrusa.org

Maundy Thursday takes its name from the Latin word "mandatum", which means commandment. It is traditionally the day the church receives Jesus' command found in John 13:34, "*I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.*" It is also the night when, after sharing his last meal with the disciples, Jesus washes the disciples' feet. In remembrance of Jesus' last supper with the disciples, PCCR will celebrate Communion during the Maundy Thursday worship service.

Easter Sunday, April 17

10:00 a.m. Easter Worship

Livestream available on our website, pccrusa.org





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: Rich Dixon

Organist: Larry Gillum

Financial Manager: Carolyn Hull, finance@pccrusa.org

Office Administrator: Terry Brigham, office@pccrusa.org

Worship Schedule



Worship in the Sanctuary:

April 3 — 10:00 am, Communion

April 10 — 10:00 am, Palm Sunday

April 14 — 7:00 pm, Maundy Thursday Worship Service

April 17 — 10:00 am — Easter

April 24 — 10:00 am

The Rev. Chris Davis, pastor **Patti Dolezal, liturgist**
Larry Gillum, organist

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: **1-346-248-7799**



Paper copies of the newsletter are available in the narthex.



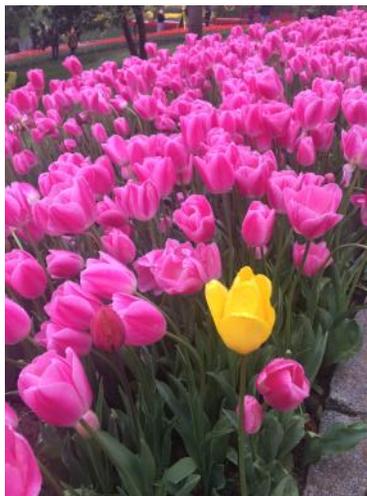
Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this issue of the newsletter—whether it be your service in this church or providing a written article or photo. We appreciate your input!

The May Newsletter deadline is Tuesday, April 19. Please send your pictures and stories to Terry Brigham at: office@pccrusa.org Thanks!

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Sanctuary Flowers for Worship

If you would like to provide flowers for Sunday worship in honor or in memory of someone special, or to commemorate a special event or occasion, **you may do so by calling Terry at the church office, or emailing office@pccrusa.org.** Sign up for the Sunday(s) you would like, specify the wording for the bulletin announcement, and notify the church office at least a week before.



After the service you can take the flowers to cheer up a friend, family member, or your own home.

Flowers may be ordered and purchased from **The Enchanted Florist**, 176 S. St. Vrain Avenue, by calling 586-2663. They will deliver your flowers to the sanctuary on the Saturday before the service.

Or you may bring your own flowers the morning of worship.

April 2022

Message from Pastor Chris Davis . . .

Dear Covenant Family,

A few months ago, during a sermon, I shared an old legend about a conversation between Jesus and the Angel Gabriel. The story goes that after Jesus died and arrived in heaven all the angels gathered to welcome him home. As the homecoming continued and as angels and archangels welcomed Jesus, the angel Gabriel approached him and pulled Jesus aside. Full of joy and hope for humankind, Gabriel asked Jesus, “Does all the world know of your message of peace and hope and justice?”

Jesus replied, “No, the world doesn’t know the message.”

Gabriel replied, “Then who Lord, is aware of all you’ve done and your plan for humankind?”

Jesus smiled and said, “Well, there are 12, maybe 20 or so people in Galilee who know about it. I told Peter and John, Mary, Martha, and Lazarus and a few others. They will tell the story.”

Shocked, Gabriel said, “But Lord, what if Peter decides to go fishing and what if the others get married and start families or what if they just grow tired or forget what you told them? What then? What is your plan?!?”

Jesus smiled again and said, “Gabriel, I have no other plan. I am counting on them.”

Two thousand years later and Jesus is still counting on us to tell the story. There is no other plan; we are the plan. Our words, our actions, our hands and our feet are the ones Jesus is counting on to tell the world of his message. This reality is both invigorating and intimidating as we live in a world in desperate need to hear Jesus’ message of hope, transformation and unconditional love for all people.

Opportunities to share God’s love are all around us. The words of Isaiah 11:6 ring in my ears, “and a child shall lead them.” In this Eastertide, may the witness of our youth as message bearers lead all people of all ages in sharing our message of hope, courage, and love in our church, in our community, and throughout the world. Happy Easter!

In Christ’s Faithful Service,

Pastor Chris



Dear friends,

“How did Jesus live?” my son, Leandro, asked me during our bedtime pillow talk on Ash Wednesday evening. With ashes still on his forehead, placed by the priest in the Catholic preschool he is attending while we are in the U.S., our family Lenten reflection began. As I devote myself to Lenten practices, my son’s question calls me into a deeper examination of Jesus’ selfless life, his faithful ministry, his “how he live(d),” and also his sacrificial death. I remember and live in the hope that those ashes, the dust from which we came and to which we will return, are signs that, through death, through the ending of what was, lead us to discover new life and new possibilities.

On January 30, alongside our partners of the Evangelical Church of Peru (IEP), we contemplated these endings and new beginnings when we mourned the passing and celebrated the life of our sister and partner in faith,



Jesusa Chavez Lima. Jesusa was diagnosed with cancer in August and was undergoing chemotherapy when she was diagnosed with COVID-19 over the Christmas holidays. Her body was unable to recover, but her spirit lives on in her ministries.

Jesusa was one of the first female ministers of the IEP. Before the IEP officially ordained female pastors, Jesusa was recognized and authorized by the Sicuani Presbytery and the Synod of Cuzco as a church pastor. Her role as teacher, preacher, leader and counselor brought many to the church. She was a pioneer for the inclusion and ordination of women in

the IEP and served tirelessly to empower them in various ways. She produced materials for their formation within the denomination and their communities; traveled near and far within the synod to carry out workshops, theology classes, and Bible studies for the IEP’s Women’s Leagues; and worked to assure the inclusion of Quechua-speaking communities and congregations. For several years, she hosted a weekly radio program for those who searched for deeper theological formation and reflection. When the pandemic began, she brought the equipment to her house so she could continue to preach and teach to those who did not have internet access to watch worship services. She and her husband, Pastor Leopoldo Aguilar, continued to travel and preach throughout the pandemic to reach those communities that had become even more isolated. They are dear friends and



partners to many PC (USA) congregations who have visited Peru and their IEP church and Bible institute in the Cuzco region. We will miss Jesusa’s smile, her cooking, her giving heart, her energetic spirit and her faithful trust and love of God; but her teachings paved the way for so many siblings of the IEP, especially women, will live on in the new possibilities of their continued work and ministry for their churches and communities.

I, too, am planning to share about Jesusa’s ministries and

those of all our Peruvian partners in the months to come, as I officially will be on Interpretation Assignment (IA) in the U.S. from May through December. IA is a time for us, as mission co-workers, to intentionally dedicate more time to connecting with PC(USA) churches to share more deeply about the ministries of our partners in whatever way is best for your congregation. As of now, all events will be virtual until the PC (USA) employee travel ban is lifted. Once the ban is lifted, I will be able to arrange in-person events and travel to your congregations. If you are interested in sharing a space together to learn more about Peru and our partners’ ministries, please let me know.





Let's get creative, even amidst the virtual restrictions! Perhaps a Peruvian partner could join us to talk about their ministry. Perhaps another mission co-worker could join us to share about another region. Maybe we could focus on a particular topic or issue relevant to both Peru and your congregation and community. The possibilities are endless!

So, as we walk together through this season of Lent, reflecting with Leandro on how Jesus lived, let us not be afraid, as we also contemplate how and why Jesus died, allowing our ashes and our darkness to call us to

discover together new life after many years of isolation, new ministries that build on those who pioneered the way, and new possibilities to connect and share about God's abundant and hope-filled ministry around the world, especially in Peru.

I give thanks for your partnership, and I am very excited about the possibility of connecting with you after so many years.

***God's Peace in this Lenten and Easter season,
Chenoa***



Chenoa Stock is a Presbyterian mission coworker who serves in Peru, along with her husband Jose' and son, Leandro

Dear Community Presbyterian Church of the Rockies,

I hope this finds you well. I write to thank you for your continued and faithful support of my ministry in Peru. I am so very appreciative of your dedicated giving and accompaniment. I apologize for the delay in writing, but there is usually a bit of a time lapse from when gifts are given and when we receive our donor reports.

I continue to serve from St Louis, MO with my family, as the travel ban for PC (USA) employees has not yet been lifted. Due to that, I have decided to complete my Interpretation Assignment (IA), which is a requirement for all Mission Co-Workers to intentionally dedicate their time to sharing about their ministry and partnership with US congregations. I will carry out IA from May through the end of the year. As of now, the sharing will be virtual; but when PC (USA) deems it safe to lift the travel ban, there would be the possibility to travel to US congregations to share in-person.

If you all are interested in hearing more about our ministry in Peru, please let me know so we can start looking for a date to share together!

Thank you for walking alongside our partners and their ministries of theological education, climate awareness, health reform, and much more. We are grateful for your presence and support.

Lenten blessings for you all as we walk through the darkness toward renewed life.

Peace,

Chenoa



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

It's not just ONE Great Hour of Sharing. It's the single largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. Contributions are used to provide relief for natural and man-made disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and depressed. Each contribution helps to improve the lives of people in challenging situations through three major programs:



REBUILDING HOPE — PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

32%

Works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters.



GROWING FOOD SECURITY — PRESBYTERIAN HUN- GER PROGRAM

36%

Takes action to alleviate hunger and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed.



PARTNERING IN PROGRESS — SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE

32%

Invests in communities responding to their experiences of racism, oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these societal ills.

Today, support is greatly needed for the millions of people from Ukraine who have been displaced over the last month by the war in their country. Through its relationships with reformed churches and ecumenical partners in central Europe, our denomination can get funding to organizations that apply the aid directly. For example, one partner, Hungarian Reformed Church Aid, has used 3,500 volunteers to distribute 250 tons of food, serving 140,000 refugees from Ukraine. Another, International Orthodox Christian Charities in Romania, has used grants from Presbyterian Disaster assistance to support refugee reception centers near the Ukrainian border.

In a recent interview, Susan Krehbiel, associate for Refugees and Asylum with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, noted that funding from One Great Hour of Sharing “gives us readiness to respond when a crisis comes up. We often say the church may not be the first one in, but we are often the last one out. We know this will be a long-term response.” Contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing make this possible.



Remembering Ginger Wilkinson

February 20, 1940 - March 13, 2022

There will be a memorial service to celebrate Ginger's life at **2:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 3**, in the church sanctuary. The service will also be live-streamed on the church's website, pccrusa.org.

Following are some remembrances of Ginger:

- I was a new member of the church and volunteered to be a stagehand at our last melodrama. Ginger called me to give me details on what a stagehand did and her enthusiasm was so contagious. It was evident she loved working on the melodrama. When I told her I would have several conflicts with play practice she told me not to worry! I've never forgotten her kindness during that time. Ginger, you were an angel to me and now an angel in heaven.
- She was one amazing woman. She always took time to check on anyone who was hurting or needing to talk. She fought that cancer for over six years.
- Ginger was the leader of Stephen Ministry for over 10 years. It was apparent that she loved Stephen Ministry, and was the "face" of Stephen Ministry in our church. She was the ultimate Stephen Minister for her care receivers as well as our Stephen Ministry group, and was exceptional at caring for all of us. She excelled at reading non verbal communication and identifying and addressing feelings in those around her and then truly listened. She will most certainly be missed.
- Her love for playing the bells and going to bell festivals. Her life-long love of PEO and founding of Chapter IS.
- Ginger was always interested in each person, especially the young people. She did not forget them after they graduated and moved away from Estes Park.
- When I think of how to describe Ginger, I think of one word - selfless. That is followed quickly by: loving, kind, funny, and caring.
- Ginger easily made my short list of people I most admired. Not only was it always comforting to know she was around, her very presence made it feel like anything was possible. I miss her.



You are invited to attend Jubilee!

Weekend of April 22-24, 2022

From 5:00 pm Friday through 5:00 pm Sunday

Highlands Presbyterian Camp and Retreat Center, Allenspark

Jubilee is a loving and encouraging **weekend retreat**, a condensed version of Presbyterian Pilgrimage. Enjoy daily worship and communion, small group discussions and sharing, and time for silence, prayer, singing, and laughter.

The purpose of Presbyterian Pilgrimage and Jubilee is to transform each Pilgrim through the power of love so that they will then transform the world around them.

Meals, snacks, and lodging are provided. Brochures and applications are available in the narthex. Cost is \$160 per person. Scholarships are available for those who might not otherwise be able to attend.

For more information, contact Kent or Betty Meyer at (970) 586-3115. **Come be joyful with us!**

Jubilee is SABBATH REST . . . Jubilee is HEALING . . . Jubilee is JOY!



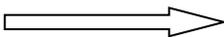
What My Grandmothers Taught Me

PW Circle Meeting & Bible Study, Lesson 8 – April 2022

On Monday, April 18, Renee Warren will lead Lesson 8 titled, “Mary in the Faith and Tradition of the Church.” The lesson begins on page 69 of our study book, *What My Grandmothers Taught Me*.

No biblical woman has captured the imagination of the faithful as thoroughly as Mary. As someone who understands the fears and grief of motherhood, she has been a sympathetic figure to women through the ages. Mary is also the model disciple for all followers of Jesus. She allowed God to work in her despite the risk and pointed others to faith in Jesus.

We hope you can join us for this new look at Mary’s story. The lesson will begin at 12 noon, but you are welcome to join the Zoom session at 11:30 a.m. to chat with other members of the group before the lesson begins.

Instructions for joining Zoom 

If you would like a study book or have a question about joining via Zoom feel free to contact Karen Daugherty (312-810-3671 or jk@daughertys.us).

PW April Circle Meeting

Monday, April 18, 2022

Gather at 11:30 am; Lesson at 12:00 noon

Join Zoom Meeting:

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

Meeting ID: 935 2028 0634 Passcode: 80517

Or Dial by telephone: 1-346-248-7799

PW meets on 3rd Monday monthly.



EASTER FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY

Help fill the Sanctuary with fresh bright color when you purchase flowers, or donate to One Great Hour of Sharing in honor or in memory of loved ones.

Order forms are available in the Sunday bulletins on April 3 and 10, or in the church office. The flowers are \$15 each. Checks can be made out to Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies (PCCR) with a note in the memo stating Spring flowers or One Great Hour of Sharing. **The deadline for ordering flowers is April 11, 2022.** *All gifts will be acknowledged in the bulletin on Easter morning.*

Adult Bible Study will *not* meet on Easter Sunday, April 17.

For the rest of the month: On April 3 the class will finish the present course on the Book of Matthew. That day we will also view a part of a Roundtable Discussion “Covid 19 – A Biblical Plaque?” After Easter we will begin a new course “Listening to the Land of the Bible” presented by Dr. Cyndy Parker.

We meet at 8:30 a.m. in the Lounge each Sunday morning, and welcome all who want to deepen their understanding of the historic foundations of our Faith. Each lecture stands alone; come once or every week as you are able.

For more information, contact Carol Nussbaumer 586-2437 or carol@nussbaumers.net





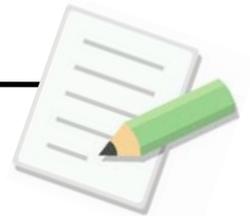
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 8:30am-Adult Bible Study 8:30am-Journeys Class 10:00am-Worship 2:00pm-Memorial Service—Ginger Wilkinson	4 2:00pm-Ballet Renaissance	5 2:00pm-Ballet Renaissance 5:00pm-EVICS, ESL 6:30pm-Chamber Singers	6 4:00pm-Joyful Bells	7 4:00pm-Chancel Bells 5:00pm-EVICS Mama's 6:30pm-Chancel Choir	8	9 9:00am-Card Making Group
10 Palm Sunday  8:30am-Adult Bible Study 8:30am-Journeys Class 10:00am-Worship	11 9:00am-Finance 2:00pm-Ballet Renaissance	12 9:30am-Building/Grounds 12:30pm-Personnel Com. 2:00pm-Ballet Renaissance 4:30pm-Stephen Ministers 5:00pm-EVICS, ESL 6:30pm-Chamber Singers 7:00pm-Deacons	13 4:00pm-Joyful Bells	14 Maunder Thursday 8:30am-EPNRC Board 10:00am-Mission Comm. 4:00pm-Chancel Bells 5:00pm-EVICS Mama's 6:30pm-Chancel Choir 7:00pm-Maunday Thursday Worship Service	15 Good Friday 	16
17 Easter Sunday 10:00am-Worship 	18 12:00pm-PW Bible Study 2:00pm-Ballet Renaissance 6:30pm-Session	19 Newsletter Deadline 1:00pm-Foundation Board 2:00pm-Ballet Renaissance 5:00pm-EVICS, ESL 6:30pm-Chamber Singers	20 4:00pm-Joyful Bells	21 10:00am-Staff Meeting 3:00pm-Columbarium Committee 4:00pm-Chancel Bells 5:00pm-EVICS Mama's 6:30pm-Chancel Choir	22	23
24 8:30am-Adult Bible Study 8:30am-Journeys Class 10:00am-Worship 1:00-5:00pm-Investiture Ceremony, Imperial Constantinian Military Order of Saint George	25 9:00am-Membership and Hospitality Committee 2:00pm-Ballet Renaissance	26 2:00pm-Ballet Renaissance 5:00pm-EVICS, ESL 6:30pm-Chamber Singers	27 4:00pm-Joyful Bells	28 4:00pm-Chancel Bells 5:00pm-EVICS Mama's 6:30pm-Chancel Choir	29	30 

Note: Calendar events subject to change

Session Highlights ~ March 2022

- ◇ Approved having the Presbyterian Women's birthday offering on May 8.
- ◇ Elected Randy Brigham and Bill Solms as delegates to a special Presbytery meeting on April 4 to consider the sale of the Presbytery office building.
- ◇ Reviewed the current policy of not requiring face masks in the church building, and decided to continue that policy until further notice.
- ◇ Approved Jeff Lindberg as a member of the Communications Committee.
- ◇ Noted that several building maintenance issues have been resolved. A new water fountain complete with the capacity to fill water bottles has been installed in the hallway by the restrooms.
- ◇ Heard from Finance Committee that pledges now exceed the basic budget.
- ◇ Noted that there will be no Palm Sunday Brunch this year; however, a May Day brunch is being planned for May 1. Membership and Hospitality committee members will provide egg dishes and pot luck side dishes will be provided by attendees.
- ◇ Heard from Mission Committee that they have sent \$1,000 to Central Presbyterian Church in Longmont to help with their effort to sponsor an Afghan family.
- ◇ Approved the One Great Hour of Sharing offering for April 10.
- ◇ Approved the newly revised Staff Position Descriptions for our staff members.



Deacon Highlights ~ March 2022

- ◇ Devotions were given by Robert Sherrod.
- ◇ Year-to-Date Deacon Financial Statement was reviewed.
- ◇ March Session Liaison Representative was assigned.
- ◇ Cards sent and Sunshine activities were reported.
- ◇ Communion arrangements were reviewed.
- ◇ Next meeting will be April 12 in person and on Zoom.



New church directories have been emailed to the congregation and paper copies are also available in the narthex.

Financial Information February 2022

	February	Year to Date	Year to Date—Budget
Total Revenues	\$17,930	\$62,527	\$61,014
Total Expenses	\$28,915	\$54,899	\$70,856
Net Total	-\$10,985	\$7,629	-\$9,842

Sunday, March 27 Worship Service



Journeys

Journeys meets each Sunday morning via Zoom. All are welcome.

For first two Sundays in April, Journeys will be using two videos from the Living the Questions series. The topics relate to Easter by exploring various perspectives on atonement and resurrection. Journeys will not meet on Easter.

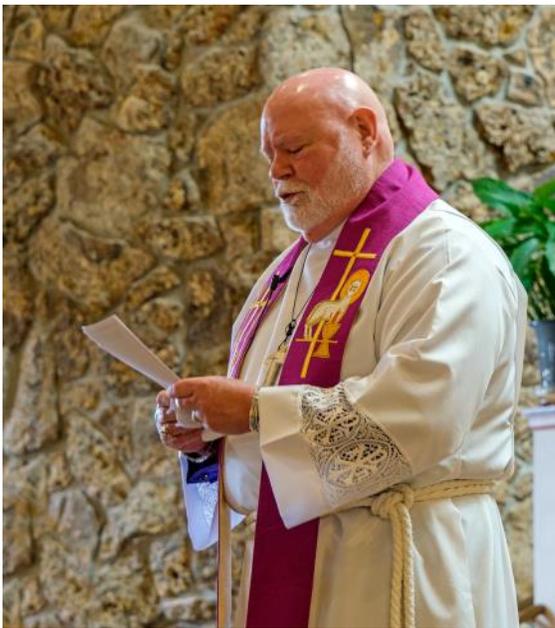
At the end of April, Journeys will begin a four-week series on Courageous Aging, Grace-filled Dying. The series will include an interview with Gerontologist, Rick Moody, Ph.D., a nationally recognized expert in the Positive/Conscious Aging Movement and a former VP and Director of Academic Affairs for AARP.

The schedule is:

- April 3 Living the Questions: The Myth of Redemptive Violence
- April 10 Living the Questions: Practicing Resurrection
- April 17 No Meeting
- April 24 Courageous Aging, Grace-filled Dying

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. We adjourn at 9:45.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8457412756?pwd=UG5OWk5yV1R2b1lCVmtENnUxTCtIU09>
Meeting ID: 845 741 2756 and Passcode: 80517 (only if necessary)



Worship Service
Sunday, March 20, 2022



Rev. Bruce Brackman, guest pastor
Isaac Johnson, guest organist
Bell Choir, Patti Dolezal, director



*Carolee and Paul
Strom*

Paul Strom, former PCCR pastor, of Allenspark, died March 5, 2022 at Foothills Hospital in Boulder.

A celebration of Paul's life will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 9 at the University of Colorado Wolf Law Building, 2450 Kittredge Loop, Boulder.

Paul served here as assistant minister from 1979 to 1981, and as associate pastor from 1981 to 1984.

