



Presbyterian
Community Church
of the Rockies

October 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.

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Sunday, September 18, 2022



**Dave Landers and Mike Moon
at the video controls**



Chancel Choir directed by Rich Dixon

Sue Yowell, Judy Portman, and Susan Landers were approved as members of the new Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC).

Other PNC members not pictured are:

Sue Dallam, Jim Jonell,
Kent Meyer, and Stan Osborne





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

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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:

October 2 — 10:00 am, Communion

October 9 — 10:00 am

October 16 — 10:00 am, Rev. Bruce Brackman, preaching

October 23 — 10:00 am

October 30 — 10:00 am

The Rev. Chris Davis, pastor

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".



Paper copies of the newsletter are available in the narthex.

Grace and Grub

Grace and Grub will be resuming monthly small group suppers in homes on **Monday, October 24.**



Anyone wanting to participate should let **Joy Holcomb know by Friday, October 14.** If you are interested in getting to know new friends, enjoy laughter, good food and conversation, this is for you!

For more details and to sign up, contact Joy Holcomb, joyholcomb11@gmail.com or 970-586-9600.

Hope you can join the fun!

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



New Member Class . . . after worship on **Sunday, October 30.** Lunch will be provided.

If you are interested in joining the PCCR congregation, please contact Pastor Chris, pastor@pccrusa.org to register and attend.

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Sunday Greeters Needed!

If you are interested in serving as a Greeter on Sunday mornings, please contact Lois Ellingwood, 970-586-3064, ldellingwood13@gmail.com and she will put on on the schedule.

October 2022

Message from Pastor Chris Davis . . .

The first Sunday in October is World Communion Sunday. It is celebrated by many Protestant denominations and churches worldwide. It is a day to celebrate our unity in the Christian faith as together we proclaim the saving grace each one of us receives when we come to the Table and partake in the Lord's Supper.

In the Presbyterian tradition, October 2 is also Peace and Global Witness Sunday. It is the day we receive a special offering to support the work and ministry our denomination does in pursuit of peace throughout the world. In this article, to prepare for this Sunday's service, I have included several prayers for peace written by individuals and denominations in our Christian Family. It is my prayer for you that these devotions will assist you in preparing your own heart in the ways of peacemaking.



*In Christ's Faithful Service,
Pastor Chris*

Lord God, we pray for all who serve to protect the safety and security of our country, and those who work for the well-being of all nations and peoples. We pray especially during this time of concern and conflict in the Middle East that you would provide wisdom and strength to all who work to establish and maintain justice and peace. May your guiding hand bring from this crisis renewed freedom, dignity and hope for the oppressed, and a true peace centered in your love for all people. In Jesus' name we pray.

**- The Rev. Mark E. Eccles Deacon,
Christ Episcopal Church**

God our Creator, who made the earth a peaceful garden, help us restore that peace wherever it has been broken by terrorism and injustice, especially in the Middle East. We repent for the times when religious language has fostered hatred and division... Bring healing to those whose lives have been shattered by violence. Instill a renewed spirit of reconciliation in those who lead our people politically and religiously.

**- The Rev. John T. Pawlikowski, O.S.M.
Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, IL**

*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

We thank You, Master and Lover of mankind, King of the ages and giver of all good things, for destroying the dividing wall of enmity and granting peace to those who seek your mercy. We appeal to You to awaken the longing for a peaceful life in all those who are filled with hatred for their neighbors, thinking especially of those at war or preparing for war.... For You are our peace and to You we ascribe glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and unto ages of ages.

**- Daily Prayer for Peace,
Orthodox Peace Fellowship**

Note: The following heartfelt letter was emailed to Carol Nussbaumer, member of Mission and Outreach Committee, from Lemana Kayira, Pastor, in response to our PCCR congregation providing funds for Christmas blankets in Malawi.

Greetings in Jesus Christ:

Monile Mama Carol na dada Jim. Muli uli mose? Ise tilimakora. May God bless you and the congregation there.

I write to sincerely thank you very much because of the funds amounting to 646,655 which you sent and was well received in my account on August 11, 2022.

I thank God, the Almighty for enabling you and your friends and the church there to approve the wiring of the funds to us. We are aware of other important needs in countries like Ukraine and other parts of the globe. And to consider us this time, it is by the grace of God.

As before, I am thanking your church, you and other partners there, who have been very supportive of the work of alleviating the suffering of the most vulnerable people in this part of the world. You are truly the extended hand of God which reaches out to the underprivileged and most vulnerable widows, orphans and other vulnerable people.

As you mentioned in your mail that you will have a week's training for teachers for the deaf at Embangweni school for the deaf. That is very commendable, congratulations for considering them with this important training.

May I apologize for the late confirmation of receipt of the funds you sent. Since my father passed on, I have had a lot of stress which has really resulted in sustained BP. As such, it has really taken a toll on me. And I am mostly in my rural home in Chitipa district where I confine my project activities.

I write therefore to confirm that the funds you sent have been well received. I wish you a safe and nice flight to Malawi. I wish we had time to meet so that I could see you once more.

May God bless you and add more days to your life so that we are able to reach out to many widows, orphans and other vulnerable and underprivileged folks.

Lemana Kayira



**PC(USA) Mission Benefit Mini-Golf Outing
Sunday, September 11, 2022**

More photos on pages 10-11

This prayer speaks to the meaning and purpose of Stephen Ministry....

A prayer for Stephen Ministers:

Father, we ask that our caregivers know that we are:

Just as near as the phone
Eager to be of help
Sympathetic to their pain
Understanding of their needs
Sensitive to their feelings



Father, we also ask that we, as caregivers, will always show:

Compassion and confidentiality at all times
Helpfulness in allowing our care receivers to resolve their own situations
Respect for who they are
Interest in all aspects of their life
Sharing of our time and love by listening and caring
Trust in God to sustain and guide us through it all.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

Dear Presbyterian Community Church of The Rockies,

I hope this finds you well as we soon begin a new church year. I am writing to express my gratitude for your continued support of the ministry with our partners in Peru. I am so grateful for your dedicated commitment to God's mission, especially our work in Peru.



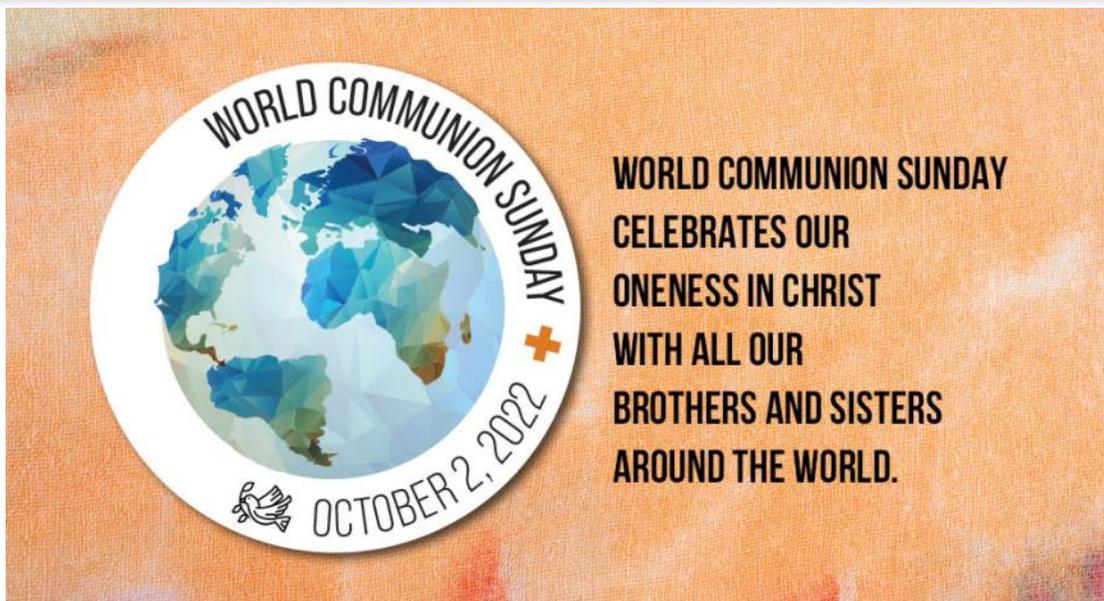
As the page is slowly turning on the pandemic, our Peruvian partners return to their work with renewed dedication and passion. The Joining Hands Network continues to advocate for the implementation of the first ever federal environmental health law, passed last year. The Evangelical Church of Peru's Biblical Institutes and Seminary continue to teach and train their theological students and look forward to another graduation this December. The students were especially joyful for their return to practical work and outreach in local churches, which had been suspended since 2020.

As our partners accompany vulnerable populations throughout Peru, we give thanks for support like yours that allows us to walk with them in their ministries in faith and love.

Thank you for sharing in this partnership with us.

Peace and blessings,
Chenoa

Chenoa Stock is a Presbyterian mission coworker who serves in Peru, along with her husband Jose' and son, Leandro, and is one of the mission coworkers that we honored with the mini-golf proceeds.



Peace and Global Witness Offering

October 2, 2022

Fall is about here, and today it feels like it. In the month of September the church really gears up in general, and come October it is in full swing. The first Sunday in October is always Worldwide Communion Sunday, which is celebrated around the world. It is also the Sunday we take one of the denomination's four special offerings, the **Peace and Global Witness Offering**. Half of that offering goes to the national church for their various projects in this arena, one fourth goes to our Presbytery for Presbytery's work in this area as well, and one fourth stays with us to be used locally. As we celebrate our own sacrament of communion for Worldwide Communion Sunday at PCCR, we need to remember the entire world is commemorating Our Lord's death with the bread and wine, praying for peace in these troubled days of war and extreme injustice. How fitting it is that this is the day we take this particular offering. Here is how the proceeds are used.

PC(USA)

(the denomination to which PCCR belongs)

Among the emphases nationally for the PCUSA is the drive to stop the use of child soldiers forced to fight in so many of the wars. I want to tell you the story of just one of those poor children who was abducted from his village to fight in a local war. He was just 11 years old. "I was going to fetch water for mom when they grabbed me, and I didn't see my family again for two and a half years." Finally, at age 17 he came home, wounded in both body and spirit, angry and rebellious. However, he eventually confessed his faith in Christ for the first time, was educated, ordained into ministry, and now is a Presbyterian pastor in Texas. He also serves the entire church through the national initiatives of the Committee on Intercultural Ministries of PCUSA.

This young former child soldier speaks from his heart and experience when he says, "Using child soldiers is an evil we need to eliminate, and we need to call attention to any system that supports this evil!" This is an everyday occurrence in our war-torn world. Thanks to your gifts to the Peace and Global Witness Offering, our denomination is doing something about that.

The Presbytery of Plains and Peaks

(This is the Presbytery to which we belong. It includes the Presbyterian churches that stretch from Nederland, Colorado to Gordon, Nebraska, in the Panhandle of Nebraska.)

In the past several years, the Presbytery has, on alternate years, brought an internationally known Peacemaker into this Presbytery and itinerated them to the churches when those churches issue an invitation for a visit to their church. On the other years they have brought one of our Mission Coworkers to do the same. Covid, as with everything else, put a stop to this program. The Presbytery's share of the offering money went to that purpose as well as to others. The Presbytery is considering starting up that program once more, and their share will go for that purpose. PCCR should consider participating in it. Those folks are available to us upon invitation. They can be used in whichever way Mission and Outreach chooses to use them, be it a class, a sermon, or any other way that the committee finds appropriate. Often they preach and also have an educational presentation. This writer has, in the past, been to several of these and found them really worthwhile and eye opening.

PCCR'S Portion

This year your Mission and Outreach Committee has chosen the Restorative Justice Program of our local Police Department to be the recipient of our share of the offering. For our gifts to this local initiative in the past we have focused on Restorative Justice's work with offenders, young and not so young, to restore them to a productive and satisfying place in the community. This program has been fairly successful, especially with young offenders. Members of our own congregation can attest to that for it has helped a young family member. This year we are focusing on the work this non-profit does in our community to make peace a reality within our entire community—that covers the whole area, including Estes Park, Allenspark, Drake, Glen Haven, and Pinewood Springs. Its main goal is to have folks realize that the other person has reasons for their position and acknowledge those reasons whether you agree with them or not. This can lead to productive conversations about an issue. These are the many aspects of that program all of which are voluntary:

- ◆ Community circles. (Support and accountability for individuals (re)entering the community after incarceration.)
- ◆ Estes Valley Community Conversations partnering with the Library. (Building our community's capacity to address issues through deliberative engagement.)
- ◆ Conflict Resolution, (Processes to resolve conflict and prevent future disputes)
- ◆ School District partner programs. (The development of supportive and safe spaces for students to problem solve, learn skills and pursue personally meaningful goals.)

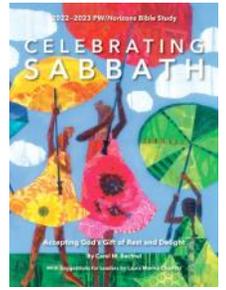
How much we need this kind of thing for ourselves and for the community. Remember the furor over the loop? One of my friends said he lost his bid for reelection to the Town Council over that issue. Remember the fight over the Mountain Coaster? One Town Council member was recalled because of it. Fortunately, the conflict about the Thumb Open Space was resolved because of community dialogue and without drastic outcome. That was brought about through the work of the Restorative Justice program.

Let us give generously to the Peacemaking and Global Witness Offering for the work here and across the war torn world, and vow that we will all be "Peacemakers" as Christ commanded us to be, rather than adversaries. Then we will make our community and across the world a better and more peaceful place for all of us. Click [here](#) to donate by credit card through the church's website.

~ Pat Waltermire,
Mission and Outreach Committee



Celebrating Sabbath – PW Bible Study Monday, October 17, 2022 – Lesson 2



All women of the church are welcome to join together on the third Monday of each month, from September through May for this new Bible study. We will be **meeting in the church library on Monday, October 17, gathering at 11:30 with the lesson beginning at 12 noon**, led by Karen Daugherty.

In September, Pat Waltermire led us through an introduction to this intriguing new study and the first lesson. This study looks at Sabbath not as a burden, but a blessing—something to celebrate and time to step back from our busy lives. According to Norman Wirzba, in his book *Living the Sabbath: Discovering the Rhythms of Rest and Delight*, Sabbath “has the potential to reform and redirect all our ways of living. It should be the source and goal that inspires and nourishes the best of everything we do.” We all agreed that this is a different type of Bible study than we have had in the past, and one we are all looking forward to participating in as a group.

Study books are available in the church office for \$10. If you need the book delivered, please contact either Karen Daugherty or Renee Warren and we will see that it arrives at your door. We hope you will join us on this journey!

Thank Offering Sunday — November 6, 2022

Presbyterian Women will be celebrating Thank Offering Sunday on November 6, with The Reverend Denise Pass delivering the sermon. This year’s offering is based on 1 Thessalonians 5:15b-18, “Always seek to do good to one another and to all, rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

Ten projects have been selected for 2022 out of 24 applications. Eight of the projects serve people in the United States and two are international. More than forty percent of the selected projects are related to health ministries. We will introduce you to these projects during the latter part of October. We hope you will join us as we “seek to do good to one another and to all.”

Journeys

Journeys meets on Sunday mornings from 8:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. All meetings are held online via Zoom. No matter where you are on your faith journey, you are welcome to be a part of Journeys. You can join by using the Zoom below.

During October presentations will cover the Hindu faith, the world's third-largest religion, with over 1.2 billion followers. Hinduism or Sanatana Dharma ("eternal spiritual path") began about 4000 years ago in India. The fundamental teaching of Hinduism is that a human being's basic nature is not confined to the body or the mind. Beyond both of these is the spirit or the spark of God within the soul. This spirit is within us and also within everything we see. All beings and all things are really, in their deepest essence, this pure divine spirit, full of peace, full of joy and wisdom, ever united with God.

The Journeys schedule for October is:

October 2	Discussion of the basic tenets # 3, 4, & 5 from the Center for Progressive Christianity
October 9	Hinduism
October 16	Hinduism
October 23	Hinduism
October 30	Christian Nationalism

You can use the link below to join the meeting. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8457412756?pwd=UG5OWk5yV1R2b1lCVmtENnUxTctlUT09>

Meeting ID: 845 741 2756 and Passcode: 80517 (only if necessary)



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8:30am-Journeys Class 10:00am-Worship 5:30pm and 7:30pm- Oratorio Society Rehearsal-FH	3 2:00pm-Ballet Class-FH 6:00pm-EVICS-ESL Class*	4 12:00pm-PEO Chapter AV-L 2:00pm-Ballet Class-FH 6:30pm-Chamber Singers-Music Rm	5 4:00pm-Joyful Bells-FH 6:45pm-Estes Park Chorale- FH	6 4:00pm-Chancel Bells-FH 5:00pm-EVICS Mom's* 6:00pm-Ballet Class-FH 7:00pm-Chancel Choir- Sanctuary	7	8 9:00am-Card Making Group-FH
9 8:30am-Journeys Class 10:00am-Worship 5:30pm and 7:30pm- Oratorio Society Rehearsal-FH	10 9:00am-Finance Committee-L 2:00pm-Ballet Class-FH 6:00pm-EVICS-ESL Class*	11 12:30pm-Personnel-L 2:00pm-Ballet Class-FH 4:30pm-Stephen Minister-L 6:30pm-Chamber Singers-Music Rm 7:00pm-Deacons-L	12 4:00pm-Joyful Bells-FH 6:45pm-Estes Park Chorale- FH	13 8:30am-EPNRC Board* 10:00am-Mission Com-L 1:00pm-Foundation-L 4:00pm-Chancel Bells-FH 5:00pm-EVICS Mom's* 6:00pm-Ballet Class-FH 7:00pm-Chancel Choir- Sanctuary	14	15
16 8:30am-Journeys Class 10:00am-Worship 5:30pm and 7:30pm- Oratorio Society Rehearsal-FH	17 11:30am-PW Bible Study-L 2:00pm-Ballet Class-FH 6:00pm-EVICS-ESL Class* 6:30pm-Session-L	18 Newsletter Deadline 12:00pm-PEO Chapter AV-L 2:00pm-Ballet Class-FH 6:30pm-Chamber Singers-Music Rm	19 4:00pm-Joyful Bells-FH 6:45pm-Estes Park Chorale- FH	20 3:00pm-Columbarium-L 4:00pm-Chancel Bells-FH 5:00pm-EVICS Mom's* 6:00pm-Ballet Class-FH 7:00pm-Chancel Choir- Sanctuary	21	22
23 8:30am-Journeys Class 10:00am-Worship 5:30pm and 7:30pm- Oratorio Society Rehearsal-FH	24 2:00pm-Ballet Class-FH 6:00pm-EVICS-ESL Class*	25 2:00pm-Ballet Class-FH 6:30pm-Chamber Singers-Music Rm	26 4:00pm-Joyful Bells-FH 6:45pm-Estes Park Chorale- FH	27 10:00am-Staff Meeting 4:00pm-Chancel Bells-FH 5:00pm-EVICS Mom's* 6:00pm-Ballet Class-FH 7:00pm-Chancel Choir- Sanctuary	28	29 9:30am-Merry Marthas- FH
30 8:30am-Journeys Class 10:00am-Worship 11:00am-New Member Class-Library 5:30pm and 7:30pm- Oratorio Society Rehearsal-FH	31 HALLOWEEN 9:00am-Membership and Hospitality Committee-L 2:00pm-Ballet Class-FH 6:00pm-EVICS-ESL Class*					

Note: Calendar events subject to change
*Downstairs Room 6

Session Highlights ~ September 2022

- ◇ Approved scheduling the Peacemaking Offering for October 2, 2022.
- ◇ Considered a proposal from Alpine Gardens to improve the Columbarium grounds.
- ◇ Heard from Finance Committee that we must begin to address the \$54,000 loss that we will take this year. Current members will need to consider increasing their pledges over the next few years, or we will need to bring in new members to help erase the deficit with their giving.
- ◇ The Harvest Festival has been postponed to a later date.
- ◇ Received a report that \$2,000 was raised from the golf tourney.
- ◇ Approved a contract for Rev. Chris Davis to continue in 2023 as our Interim Pastor on a part-time basis.

Deacon Highlights ~ September 2022

- ◇ Deacons signed cards to send and will deliver meals to two families due to illness and bereavement.
- ◇ Deacons served lunch to the delegates to the August 27 Presbytery meeting at PCCR.
- ◇ Deacons plan to send gift cards to our college students in November.
- ◇ Deacons volunteered to visit our shut ins at the assisted living unit of Good Samaritan.
- ◇ Deacons set up for communion at PCCR on September 4, and will also set up for October 2 communion.



**A beautiful
day for
mini-golf!**



**PC(USA) Mission Benefit
Mini-Golf Outing
Sunday, September 11, 2022**

Financial Information August 2022

	August	Year to Date	Year to Date—Budget
Total Revenues	\$32,944	\$221,539	\$244,054
Total Expenses	\$29,641	\$254,040	\$283,423
Net Total	\$3,303	-\$32,501	-\$39,369



Awards were given for the best scores!



Hole in One!!





Memories of Summer



All Church Picnic
July 10, 2022
Lake Estes Marina



Good Food!



Fellowship!



Friends and Fun!

