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Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies

March 2023 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.

PCCR Directory

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

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Paper copies of the newsletter are available in the narthex.

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Worship Schedule

Worship in the Sanctuary:

March 5 — 10:00 am, Communion
March 12 — 10:00 am, Jason Morgan, preaching
March 19 — 10:00 am
March 26 — 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".

Directory Updates This Month!

We will be updating the Church Directory in March. As such, please take a look and see...

⇒ Are you in the current church directory?
⇒ Has your phone number changed?
⇒ Is your email different?
⇒ Any family member changes?
⇒ Have you moved? Is your address correct?
⇒ Would you like your photo updated?

Let the church office know (970-586-4404) if you have any changes that you would like made before we publish a new directory. Thanks!

The April Newsletter deadline is Tuesday, March 21. Please send your pictures and stories to: office@pccrusa.org Thanks!

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!

March 2023

Message from Pastor Chris Davis . . .

The season of Lent is upon us. Lent is a 40-day period, not counting the Sundays, between Ash Wednesday and Holy Saturday, the day before Easter. It is a time of preparation, contemplation and new beginnings.

Traditionally, Lent is a time in the Church for individuals to prepare for baptism and confirmation into the Church body. As the New Year begins, church members mark the time of Lent to remember their call to ministry as well as a time to re-kindle the flames of discipleship

Lent is not a big Hallmark card holiday. In today's culture it is rarely noted or displayed. Other than the increased McDonald's commercials for the Filet-O-Fish and the occasional Catholic Church Friday Fish Fry; you would be hard pressed to find any other evidence that the season of Lent is happening.

Most people participate in Lent not by what they receive in gifts, but by what they give up in vices. I would guess most of us, at one time or another, have endeavored to do away with soda, chocolate or—God forbid—coffee. How'd that work out for you?

This year, however, I would encourage us not to give something up, but rather to add something new and meaningful to our lives. Let us add something which will awaken and re-introduce us to the wonders of God. To help us get started, I've included below a list of ideas. Please don't attempt to master all of them! Choose one or several or create your own, whatever feels natural to you. Remember, faith is a journey not a report card so be responsible with yourself and with God. When engaging in a spiritual discipline, I've found it helpful to tell someone you are doing it. Allow another person to hold you accountable these next forty days. And most importantly, allow someone to pray for you these next forty days.

Blessings upon your journey; here's the list:

- Spend time in solitude each day.
- Read a book for inner growth.
- Read the Gospel of Matthew.
- Begin to keep a journal of prayer concerns, questions, and readings.
- Attend the Holy Week worship services as an act of love and waiting with Jesus.
- In your prayer life, focus on thanksgiving, rather than on asking.
- Give yourself a gift of three hours to do something you always say, "I don't have time to do."
- Find a way to go to bed earlier or sleep in later so you get enough rest.
- Make a list of people with whom you need to be reconciled. Pray for them and let Jesus guide you in your thinking and feeling toward them.
- Dance your prayers to a favorite song.
- Say "NO" to something that is a waste of money and time.
- Plan to visit a "shut-in", neighbor or church member.
- Write a letter of affirmation once a week to a person who has touched your life.
- Go to coffee or dinner with someone you want to know better.

In Christ's Faithful Service,
Pastor Chris Davis

Opportunities to Serve at PCCR

Let your light shine before others… Matthew 5:16

Now is a great time to become more involved with your church. See below for opportunities, or contact the Church Office.

Office Volunteer Opportunity

Are you able to contribute three hours per week this summer to PCCR? We are looking for at least eight people to assist in the office while Meredith is on leave with a newborn infant.

Responsibilities include answering phone calls and emails, collecting mail, printing bulletins or other literature, and simply being present to support staff and congregation. No experience or skills necessary. Training will be provided. Interested or want more information? Talk to Meredith at the office. 970-586-4404

Reach Out Through Facebook

Facebook is a branch of our outreach ministry, a way we invite others to be a part of our church family as well as keep our own members informed.

Check out our page (you don't need a Facebook account) for the most recent updates and articles. https://www.facebook.com/PCCR1. Be sure to "Share" any posts that you particularly enjoy or think others might find helpful.

If you have ideas for articles or if you take any photos that we could share on our page, please contact Meredith at the church office. We'd love to hear your thoughts!

Leadership Committees

Have you considered serving on a Church Committee?

The **Building and Grounds Committee,** which "is responsible for all aspects of our property maintenance," has one of the smallest but most active committees, as it is quite literally the foundation for everything else. This committee would be an especially good fit for those who like diving into projects and working with their hands.

The **Communications Committee** is also looking for new people, particularly those who enjoy writing or photography, to assist with the newsletter, website, and other publications.

And there have been several changes among the **Worship and Music Committee,** so that committee is now looking to fill a few openings (see article, facing page).

Other Committees may also be open to new members if you have a strong interest or particular skills. So step on up! It's a great way to build connections while also giving to your church community. For more information on how to get involved with a Committee, please contact Meredith at the Church Office.

Presbytery Treasurer

The Presbytery of Plains and Peaks is looking for a person who would be interested in becoming the Presbytery Treasurer. If you are interested in learning more about this position, contact the PCCR office and we will send you the job description and presbytery contact information.

Webpage Suggestions

Help us update our webpage! When you have a moment, navigate to pccrusa.org and take a look at the church website. The Communications Committee is looking for suggestions, corrections, and additions to the website, as well as new content and photos. Email office@pccrusa.org, or contact Peter Plaut.

A Letter from the Worship and Music Committee

WORSHIP and MUSIC COMMITTEE announces CHANGES
(Y'all read this, now. Its short!)

On behalf of the entire congregation we want to express sincere appreciation and thanks to **Mark Richards** and **Joan Buhlmann** for their many years of service, commitment and leadership to PCCR on our committee! Of course, with their exit we are searching for new committee members, so anyone interested please throw your name in the hat; we'd love to engage with new ideas and perspectives. Just contact our new chairperson for 2023, **Dot Rohrbaugh**, or any staff, or me, with any questions. As we anticipate a new pastor in the future, a full and energetic team will help maintain the inspiring music and worship we are privileged and blessed to experience.

(P.S. Joan will continue to bless us by researching and writing our Hymn Tidbits each week, while Mark remains a mainstay of the tenor section.)

In Him, Stan Osborne, Outgoing Chair

A Letter from the Foundation

Dear PCCR Member and Donor,

On behalf of your PCCR Foundation, we want to thank you for your ongoing support. While markets are fickle and our portfolio fluctuates somewhat with the market, your support and love of PCCR is unwavering and appreciated.

Please refer to my Foundation Annual Report for our 2022 numbers and a brief look at what your Foundation has done. In short, the foundation is working as conceived and has truly relieved us of some of the stress of dealing with expensive repairs and maintenance that crop up in the daily life of our house of worship. Our facility will be sustained well into the future because of members' generosity and dedication to our mission.

Please think prayerfully about giving in 2023 and consider us for legacy giving. Contact me or any member of the Foundation Board if you have any questions.

On behalf of the Foundation,
Mike Warren, President

Foundation Board Members
Class of 2023 Susan Landers (Treasurer) & Stan Schaffer
Class of 2024 Dan Scace (Secretary) & Audrey TeSelle
Class of 2025 Mike Warren (President)
Staff Resource Chris Davis & Carolyn Hull

A Letter from Cheryl Barnes, Serving in Malawi, Zambia, and Zimbabwe

If I had to give one word that describes my call to mission, it would be "possibility."

This one word describes not what is, but what can be. This is a perspective that I have fully yielded my heart and mind to. To walk with God in the path of mission partnership requires that I remain much more than optimistic, I must continue to genuinely imagine how things can be. This is how our dreams mirror the mind of God, whose very being represents limitless possibilities. This is how we deepen our experience with God and how we understand that life is not just to be lived, but to be discovered.

I am in awe at how consistently God has answered my prayers and supplied some urgent needs. We all have some measure of faith, yet when our dreams become reality we know in the seat of our souls that God is real.

I shared in a recent newsletter, "Beautiful Things," the need of young students at Chimwala Primary School, to have an enclosed shelter to call a classroom. Students being educated in classrooms in the Western world is often taken for granted. Seeing such a need in Malawi, touched me to my core and I lifted a silent prayer. God touched the heart of one individual, who unselfishly, from the goodness of her heart, fully met the need for these students. One person, submitting to the voice of God, is bringing hope and light to hundreds of young learners. Divine possibilities.

Through God's provision, this past December, the CCAP transplanted over 3,000 tree seedlings to the Masula village and Chimwala primary school. The seeds and materials for the tree nursery were donated to the General Assembly by Anne Hallum and her organization, Alliance for International Reforestation, Inc. The seeds were planted in tubes, hand watered during the dry season, and lovingly cared for by our gardener, Mr. Dowd Green. As I witnessed the emergence of seedlings on the grounds of the CCAP General Assembly office, I once again felt connected with the mysteries of divine possibilities. The transplanted trees will provide income for the village, help prevent soil erosion, provide shade for the school children and address some of the challenges of climate change.

Because God's blessings are not obstructed by man's limitations, our needs receive God's full attention. For instance, the CCAP office space was in need of a security fence. The office was regularly vandalized and I, along with the female staff, was vulnerable to uninvited and unwelcome persons coming onto the grounds and into the building. A generous congregation seized the opportunity to position themselves as God's hands and provided the funds necessary to assist in the construction of a security fence. Once again, I encountered God and came face-to-face with divine possibilities. Individuals do make a difference yet, one cannot discount God's hand in supplying this need.

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These are a few examples of individuals who have accepted the call to actively live into the Matthew 25 initiative. The text of Matthew 25 is about much more than feeding the poor and clothing the naked, it is an expression of providing for and supporting the needs of disenfranchised communities who cannot imagine hope for themselves. The Gospel of Matthew 25 has to be put into a context that reflects the cultural needs of the dispossessed. These needs often go unrecognized and unaddressed. Communities thrive when infrastructure and physical structures are built and developed. This is one of the primary ways that communities flourish. In my assignment as education facilitator, I must contemplate what is necessary to uplift the quality of life of children, and consequently, also improve the quality of education for these children.

The CCAP continues to face challenges that require economic empowerment through income generation. The completion of the security fence will provide the opportunity for another divine possibility. The newly enclosed space can be used for the planting of an outdoor event venue suitable for ceremonies or social events. I believe that the prayers for the funding necessary to develop an events garden on the grounds of the General Assembly will be answered.

Partnership that seeks to empower communities and address systemic poverty demands unwavering faith that disrupts fear. I am passionate about advocating for those who are marginalized, and I am privileged to make this passion a vocation. As a result, I have experienced freedom, wholeness and holiness. As I travel this spiritual journey, walking in divine possibility, I am encountering God along the way.

I extend my sincere appreciation for every prayer and for every dollar of financial support.

Zikomo (Thank you)

Rev. Cheryl Barnes

SAVE THE DATE! Palm Sunday Celebration

The Membership & Hospitality Committee is planning a Palm Sunday Celebration on April 2 immediately after our regular church service. Ham, rolls, and potatoes will be provided, and each family is asked to bring a dish to feed at least 8 people:

Vegetable Dish—Last Names A-H

Salad—Last Names I-Q

Dessert—Last Names R-Z

We'll enjoy fellowship as we come to the end of Lent and anticipate Easter.

One Great Hour of Sharing

You Shall be Called Repairers of the Breach

Isaiah 58

I find this offering, based on Isaiah 58, to be a powerful call to join together with other congregations around the world to provide relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry and support for the poor and oppressed. Isaiah 58: 12 states in the NIV Bible: "Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of the Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings." When we hear the news that the death toll from the recent earthquake in Turkey and Syria has exceeded 47,000 as of February 20, we want to reach out and do something. The numbers of people lost is staggering and really incomprehensible. This doesn't even account for the one million people who are now homeless and hungry. The good news is that each year through the OGHS offering, we provide money to support the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) so they were able to act almost immediately to respond to this disaster. Through a coordinated response by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and World Mission, the mission arm of the Presbyterian church has contacted multiple long-term partners of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) including the National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon; the Middle East Council of Churches; the Forum for Development, Culture and Dialogue; and the Fellowship of Middle East Evangelical Churches. Our support of this special offering enabled our denomination to respond immediately using finances already received and relationships already developed to provide immediate need.

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self- Development of People — all work in differentways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

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- **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** (PDA) works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters, and support for refugees. They receive 32% of the funds raised through the OGHS.
- **Presbyterian Hunger Program** (PHP) takes action to alleviate hunger, care for creation and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed. This organization receives 36% of funds raised through this offering.
- **Self-Development of People** (SDOP) invests in communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these issues. They receive 32% of the funds raised.

During the season of Lent, each gift to OGHS helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. Please consider sharing your gifts to support people around the world seeking food, shelter and better lives. Envelopes for the offering will be found in the pews each Sunday during Lent with the final offering received on Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023.

—Karen Daugherty

Why Give a Pledge to Presbyterian Women?

In February, pledge letters were distributed to all women who are members and friends of the Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies. This is an opportunity for the women of our church, regardless of whether or not they attend the PW Bible Study, to support the ongoing mission and ministry of Presbyterian Women. Your pledge helps support the denomination's evangelism, church planting, education and justice work as well as ministry to children, youth, older adults, new immigrants, rural, urban and suburban populations across the United States around the world.

The support for our church is divided among Presbyterian Women churchwide, in the Synod and in the Presbytery. Our local PW pledge to these missions is $1,750. At the end of each year, we also give to local organizations, focusing on helping those groups that provide support to women and children in the Estes Valley. Your pledge ensures that our caring community of women can continue its witness to the promise of God's kingdom. We are truly grateful for your generous support.

Shrove Tuesday

"Pancakes! I want to go to the pancake supper!" This was the cry of Emmy, an eight-year-old in my Girl Scout Troop who happened to see the neon pink posterboard in the Narthex on the way to our meeting last week.

Certainly, a part of each of us resonated with Emmy's heart. Who doesn't love an excuse to eat sugary treats for dinner? The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper allowed us all a chance to do that.

But it wasn't just pancakes and ham. Attendees last Tuesday, February 21 enjoyed fun Mardi Gras decorations, live New Orleans style piano and trombone music, friendly faces, and hospitality at its best from the moment we arrived. We were cordially greeted and well cared for; as soon as we finished our plates, we were asked if we wanted seconds or our dishes taken for us! All this in addition to fresh hot pancakes, blueberries, ham and king cakes.

Shrove Tuesday, another name for Mardi Gras, is held the day before Ash Wednesday. Traditionally, this supper was an opportunity for families to consume sweet treats, thereby using up the sugars and fats they had in their houses before beginning their Lenten fasts. At PCCR, the Grace and Grub Group has organized the Shrove Tuesday event since 2016, minus a three-year covid hiatus. In fact, at the last Pancake Supper just before the Pandemic, my daughter Sparkle and I set foot for one of our first times inside the Presbyterian Community Church of the

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Rockies. At that time, money was tight for the two of us and we didn't know anyone in town so we jumped at any opportunity for free food as well as a bit of community. We were warmly welcomed; I enjoyed the pancakes and an opportunity to talk to other adults, while Sparkle treasured the shiny beads and bright plastic coins, which she was repeatedly urged to take home with her.

Fast forward three years. This time, some attendees remarked that Shrove Tuesday felt like "the way events used to be," meaning that it attracted folks from both inside and outside the PCCR community, including several young families. 110 people attended, consuming 28 pounds of ham and 18 pounds of pancake mix. The event was a Fundraiser for Crossroads Ministry, and through donations collected $1055, which will benefit the needy of Estes Valley.

Grace and Grub is a group within PCCR. During the summer months, they meet for picnics in RMNP and small group suppers in homes. At Christmastime, they organize and hold an all-church Christmas brunch. The Shrove Tuesday pancake supper is their one mission event of the year. 45 members participated this year by donating money for food and contributing many hours of hard work. And, as leader Bob Holcomb says, "We had a lot of fun doing it!"

And what about little Emmy? She did indeed convince her entire family of six, including four small children, to come to the Pancake Supper, and they too got to experience a little bit of PCCR. This is how community begins.

—Meredith Ishida

Pancake Supper

Classes and Groups

CPR/AED Classes for the PCCR Community

We are excited to announce that we will be able to offer CPR/AED (Automated External Defibrillator) Classes through Estes Park Health starting in March.

This class is for everyone! You don't need any prior experience in health care to learn this life-saving skill. We encourage everyone in our church to learn how to do CPR so that they are prepared to help out a family member, a friend or a neighbor in a time of need.

There will be 2 classes to choose from – one on Saturday morning, March 18th from 9:00am to 11:30am, or on Wednesday evening, March 29th, from 6:30pm to 9:00pm. We need a minimum of 6 people for a class to be held.

The classes will cost $65.00 per person with the checks being made out to "EPHealth Education." We would get a $10 break per person if we get 10 in a class! The instructor will collect your check at the beginning of the class. We will have the Community CPR/AED books in our church library for you to use. If you wish to order a book to keep for yourself, they cost $2.75 and you should make that check out to PCCR.

The sign-up sheet will be on the wall by the office. Please put your name on the sheet and mark the dates that would work for you. We will need to have at least 6 people for a class. If either date would work for you, please mark both dates.

If you have any questions, please contact Sandy at 970-214-5062 or smoren@umich.edu.

Thanks! The Health Advisory Committee

Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School meets at 8:15 on Sunday mornings in the Lounge. On February 12 we began an 8 week study of "The Messiah: the Texts Behind Handel's Masterpiece" and each class will contain the playing of one part of this wonderful musical story of our Lord's birth and death. Study books will be available for purchase for $9.00 each but the book is not required to participate.

Memory Café in Estes Park

Memory Café is a free, relaxed, social gathering for Estes Valley community members experiencing memory loss due to any form of dementia, along with a caregiver, spouse, or friend. This supports caregivers as well as those experiencing dementia.

The Memory Cafe includes coffee/snacks, conversation, singing, and sharing remembrances through activities. Guests and volunteers enjoy each other's company and have fun together. We meet at **St. Bartholomew's church** (880 MacGregor Ave) from **10:00 – 11:30** the **second Thursday of each month**.

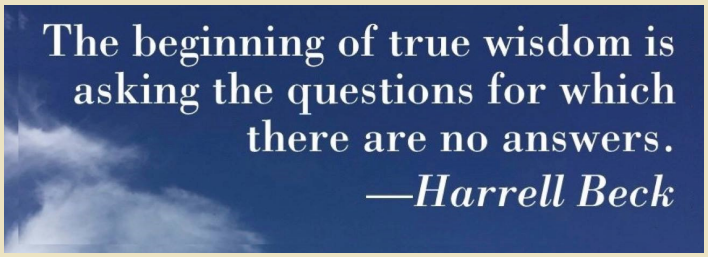
Thursday March 9th our theme will be ***fun and games***. We will explore different activities that your loved one might enjoy doing at home as well as a some group activities to stimulate our memories of the past. Call 970-430-8105 for more info. *We would love for you to join us!*

Journeys

No matter where you are on your faith journey, you are welcome to be a part of the Church's Journeys gatherings. Discussions focus on more open and relational ways of following Jesus.

Journeys meets on Sunday mornings from 8:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. You have two options for participating in Journeys. You can attend the gathering in-person in the Church Library or connect in via Zoom using the link below. Please note that this hybrid in-person/Zoom format will not be available on March 12 & 19.

In March we will be using the last section of the popular Living the Questions series. Two weeks will be devoted to exploring varies approaches to prayer.



Journeys schedule for March:

March 5	Social Justice: Realizing God's Vision
March 12	Incarnation: Divinely Human
March 19	Prayer: Intimacy with God
March 26	Other translations of the Lord's Prayer

To attend using Zoom, 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)

Journeys sends out a weekly email with details about the plans for each Sunday. If you would like to be on this email list, let the Church office know or contact Jim Daugherty at: jk@daughertys.us

Celebrating Sabbath – PW Circle Meeting and Bible Study, Lesson 7

Monday, March 20, 2023 – Twelve Noon

On Monday, March 20, Bonnie Vanderveen will lead the study on "Sabbath and Self-Care" based on Luke 13:10-21. Lesson 7 starts on page 65 and reminds of that even though self-care is a crucial part of the Christian journey, it is important to remember that Sabbath is not primarily about caring for ourselves. Sabbath is first about honoring God. The lesson will begin in the church library at 12 noon, but you are encouraged to come at 11:30 a.m. to chat with other attendees before the lesson begins. You can also join the lesson on Zoom. Instructions for joining Zoom are next to this article. Feel free to bring your lunch to the meeting. We look forward to seeing you on March 20.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83477024693
Meeting ID: 834 7702 4693 Passcode: PCCR
Dial in 1 719 359 4580

Signing (not Singing!) Choir

Sign Language Class meets each Monday at 4 p.m in the library. This is a very beginning level class; if you know where your fingers are, that is all you need! We are learning the manual alphabet used by many deaf persons worldwide and some very basic signs. No homework, no tests, no pressure! If you are interested, do this: close your right hand into a fist then shake it up and down 2 times. You just signed "yes!" and we will see you at class soon!

Session Highlights ~ February 2023

- ◊ Welcomed new Elders Nancy Almond, Judy Schaffer, and Steve Wilson
- ◊ Learned that Pastor Chris is now serving on the Crossroads Board of Directors, and has joined the noon Rotary Club.
- ◊ Heard a report from Presbytery that a new program is being developed to reach out to communicant classes and younger people throughout the Presbytery.
- ◊ Noted that Deacons are exploring options for personal visits to members living at Good Samaritan.
- ◊ Heard from the Pastor Nominating Committee that they are busy reading resumes and listening to sermons that applicants have on line.
- ◊ Elected Sue Yowell and Nancy Almond to serve on the Church Nominating Committee.
- ◊ Elected Sue Yowell, Pat Waltermire, and Jim Nussbaumer to serve as our Commissioners to Presbytery.
- ◊ Scheduled the Palm Sunday brunch for April 2. Membership and Hospitality committee will provide ham; congregation members will bring side dishes. Also noted the committee's request to consider bringing back the registration cards at the end of each pew at worship service. They have also requested that any group using the centerpieces for an event in the fellowship hall, to please return those to the store room downstairs.
- ◊ Discussed how to manage the office work while our Office Coordinator Meredith is on maternity leave. A cadre of volunteers will be needed to sign up for short shifts in the office, with the primary duty being to answer the phone. These volunteers may also use some of their time to fold bulletins, stuff mailing envelopes, or perform other non-technical jobs. Please let Jan Boatman, Pastor Chris, or Meredith know if you would like to volunteer.
- ◊ Granted permission to the Webb family to purchase spaces in the Columbarium.
- ◊ Approved having the One Great Hour of Sharing offering to be collected on Palm Sunday and on Easter Sunday.

Deacon Highlights ~ February 2023

- ◊ Sunshine Committee: Kelly Anderson took one meal to a church member.
- ◊ Memorial Receptions: The following memorial receptions are coming up in the next few months:
  - March 3: Art Kramer
  - March 4: Virginia Webb
  - May 2: Margaret Gallup
  - May 13: Miriam Graetzer
- ◊ Good Samaritan: We now have a list of people who reside at Good Samaritan and can use that list to determine who will visit them.

Financial Information January 2023

	January	Year to Date—Budget
Total Revenues	$18,820	$30,136
Total Expenses	$27,615	$37,767
Net Total	-$8,795	-$7,631

March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			4:00pm-Joyful Bells-FH 6:45pm-Estes Park Chorale-FH	10:00am-Mission Comm-L 4:00pm-Chancel Bells-FH 6:00pm-Ballet Class-FH 6:30pm-Chancel Choir-S	2:00pm-Art Kramer Memorial	10:00am-Virginia Webb Memorial
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
8:15am-Adult Sunday School-Lounge 8:30am-Journeys Class-L 10:00am-Worship, Communion 5:30pm-Oratorio Society-FH	9:30am-Pastor Nominating Committee-L 2:00pm-Ballet Class-FH 3:00pm-Girl Scout Daisies* 4:00pm-Sign Choir-L	12:00pm-PEO Chapter-L 2:00pm-Ballet Class-FH 5:00pm-EVICS Mom's* 6:30pm-Chamber Singers-Music Rm	4:00pm-Joyful Bells-FH 6:45pm-Estes Park Chorale-FH	8:30am-EPNRC Board* 10:00am-Staff Meeting 3:30pm-Girl Scout Cadettes-L 4:00pm-Chancel Bells-FH 6:00pm-Ballet Class-FH 6:30pm-Chancel Choir-S		9:00am-Card Making Group-FH
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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Note: Calendar events subject to change

***Downstairs Room 6**

Open Letter to the Congregation

On several occasions Larry and I have shared our gratefulness for the support this congregation has given us over the years, especially during those times when we were experiencing health issues. We thank you!

I personally want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all the cards, emails, flowers and meals that were sent while I was recovering from my cancer treatments and pneumonia. Your care and thoughtfulness went a long way in helping me while dealing with these problems. I am pleased to inform you that my cancer is in remission and I am well on my way to recovering from my bout with pneumonia.

Rich Dixon