



Presbyterian
Community Church
of the Rockies

June 2024 Newsletter

Estes Park's historic mainline Protestant congregation founded in 1907.

Mission Statement: Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies is a welcoming community united by faith in Jesus Christ; we seek to serve others, share God's love, and engage all people.

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PCCR Directory

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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 July Newsletter deadline is Tuesday, June 18. Please send your pictures and stories to: office@pccrusa.org Thanks!



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Worship Schedule



Worship in the Sanctuary:

June 2 — 10:00 am, Rev. Dr. Lyle Vander Broek

June 9 — 10:00 am

June 16 — 10:00 am, Rev. Craig Sumey, preaching

June 23 — 10:00 am

June 30 — 10:00 am, Rev. Chris Davis, preaching

The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey, 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".

Please Look...

- ⇒ 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 and when you have any changes to your contact information. Thanks!

Check us out on 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>



Nametag Reminder

As we enter summer, a time of many part time residents and visitors, remember to wear your nametag so that we all can get to know one another!

June 2024

Message from Pastor Christine Dempsey . . .

Dear Friends,

June is Mission Month! During the entire month of June, we will be celebrating our mission partners here at the Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies. Most of us see mission as the outreach of the church, but mission in our tradition has much more weight as it reflects to all that we do as followers of Christ. The *missio dei* or the mission of God is our response to all that we do in our lives in word and act to honor God. After all, God sent Jesus to us that we might be reconciled to God, and this invites us to be fully alive and active in God's kingdom.

There are many ways that we can be active in the mission of God. As Jesus reminds us in Matthew 25, our call to mission is to be the hands and feet of God. We do this when we feed the hungry, offer the thirsty something to drink, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, heal the sick and offer companionship to the imprisoned. In other words, our mission is action! Our call is to be in and with our community, offering what we can to all in need.

One of the biggest challenges in our Christian history has been to identify how we can best be "helpful." Sometimes what we think someone needs and what they actually need are two different things. Therefore, when we do mission work in the community, we seek out mission partners who have dedicated their time and expertise to a specific need. We call them "partners" because we work alongside organizations that are making an impact in our community and our world. To highlight that work of our partners and to help you all see how we respond in word and action, we are featuring one of our partners each week in a 2-3 minute "Moment for Mission."

Friends, I hope that learning about how our church responds to the *missio dei* will be inspiration for finding more ways that you can respond to God. If you are inspired by any of these mission projects, dedicated partners, or something else, let us know!

Grace and peace,
Christine



Worship May 2024



Above, left: Pastor Christine leads a Children's Sermon.

Above, right: Brian Schaffer from Crossroads Ministry gratefully accepts an offering from PCCR.



Right: Ivey, wearing red for Pentecost, helps Grandma Sue Yowell present the Moment for Mission.

Below, left: The Men's Quartet, consisting of Mark Richards, Brad Anderson, Jeff Lindberg, and Dave Evans, serenades us with "Faith of Our Fathers".





Organ Maintenance

Jerry Akers, our organ technician, came to the church on May 14th to remove the Oboe stop from our pipe organ. The 61 pipes of this stop, now 42 years old, are showing (or sounding) the ravages of age and heavy use. In recent time, these pipes have been difficult-to-impossible to tune and regulate, and a growing number of the pipes refuse to produce sounds at all. Consequently, it has become necessary to remove the pipes of this stop and send them to an organ factory for restoration.

Jerry was assisted in this work by a happy crew that included Jim Nussbaumer, Jeff and Sandy Lindberg, Kent Meyer, and Peter Plaut who formed a "bucket brigade." Jerry first provided a demonstration for the crew as to the safe and proper way to touch and carry an organ pipe, then all helpers donned white gloves to protect the pipes. As Jerry removed each pipe, it was handed to one of these helpers who carefully passed it along to the next helper -- on and on until the pipe was carried out of the enclosed pipe chamber at upper right rear, down a narrow ladder, through the lower chamber filled with wind reservoirs and equipment, and out through the lower door of the pipe chambers. Then, at the last step of this hand-to-hand process, our fearless sentries cautiously packed the pipes into large, flat, wooden shipping containers, bound for the AR Schopp Organ Factory in Ohio.



This complicated process of rebuilding the Oboe stop will take several weeks, and when the pipes finally return to PCCR, another eager crew will reverse the process until the pipes are seated once again in the pipe chamber, ready to be voiced and tuned by Jerry Akers. In the meantime, Jerry is hoping to be able to add to the organ's computers a temporary digital Oboe so that our organist doesn't have to try to sing the oboe parts of his music. Stay tuned.

This organ project is being funded through gifts to the organ fund.

—Larry Gillum, Organist

PCCR EAST DRIVEWAY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



Over the last few years, the east PCCR driveway has become an increasingly unsightly and unsafe eyesore. With the approval of Session, the Building and Grounds Committee made arrangements to have it re-paved with concrete. Funds for this project come from the PCCR Foundation; thank you to all who have contributed over the years.

The contractor took up all of the old asphalt in early May. Paving started on May 8 and was finished on schedule, on May 19. Unlike asphalt parking areas which can be driven on a day or two after placement, concrete, being a structural slab, needs several weeks to reach its designed strength of 4,000 pounds per square inch. By the time you read these words, it should be sufficiently cured as to be drivable.





Mountain Concrete did a fantastic job. The concrete surface should last for many decades without requiring frequent costly maintenance as asphalt does. This is just one more step in our continuing improvement process. It will take a while but we have lots of things to do.



Thanks to all for patience and understanding during this lengthy operation.

—Jim Nussbaumer,
Building and Grounds
Committee;

—Dennis Jacobs,
Project Manager



Upcoming Sermons

June 2: The Rev. Dr. Lyle Vander Broek is a Professor of New Testament, Emeritus of New Testament at The University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. He specializes in the writings of Paul and literary forms found in New Testament writing. He has since moved to Ft. Collins to be near family and is active in the Presbytery of Plains and Peaks. He is one of Pastor Christine's favorite professors.

June 16: The Rev. Craig M. Sumey is the son of PCCR members, Pete and Lois Sumey. He was raised in Johnson County, KS. He was an active participant in the Village Presbyterian Church in Prairie Village, KS until he took his first church assignment following seminary.

Craig received his Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary and has been in ordained pastoral ministry in the PC (USA) since 1992, serving churches in Atchison, Kansas; Lincoln, Nebraska (where he was Christine's and Michael's pastor); Lakeland, Florida, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho and most recently Oakland, Florida. Craig's wife Lynn has served on Presbytery staff in Nebraska, a preschool teacher, education program coordinator for United Way, and most recently as HR manager for Communitas International, a global missionary sending organization. Craig and Lynn have been married for 31 years and they have two young adult children: Brynna and Derek.

Their next ministry chapter is as full-time mission workers for Communitas International, joining a management team co-sponsored by the Scottish Network of Churches offering church planting and next-generation leadership training, called Launch, for Scotland-based and international participants. Lynn and Craig are excited to be sharing this next chapter together!

June 30: The Rev. Chris Davis returns to preach in Pastor Christine's absence. Come say hi to our former Interim Pastor!

Wrapping Up Creation Care



Pat Waltermire and Kent Dannen lead the final two sessions of our Creation Care Series. Pat spoke about weeds and other matters related to the question, "How Should Humans and Plants Interact?" Kent talked about "Developing a Meditation Trail." Participants wandered outside and noted how our own Meditation Trail has largely been unused and could use some extra care right now. See article below.

Meditation Trail Task Force



The Meditation Trail has much potential as a place for reflection and prayer with the complements of wind, water, sun, and life. In order to be a functioning trail, however, it will need a lot of love. There are pieces of trash to gather, weeds to cut, a sign to resurrect, and a path to re-blaze. If you have the willingness to give some time and attention to this beautiful part of our property, please contact the PCCR Office.

COLUMBARIUM

The Church's Columbarium is located in the northeast corner of the church property. It is along the Church's Meditation Trail overlooking Fish Creek. The Columbarium was established in the mid-1980's as a final resting place for the cremated remains of PCCR members and families, and friends of PCCR upon recommendation of the Columbarium Committee and approval by Session. The Columbarium site includes both in-ground and wall crypts. The Columbarium is connected to the Church's Outdoor Chapel by a pathway and includes the Catherine Emslie O'Neill Memorial Shelter. Entrance to the Columbarium is marked by a memorial sign at the lower driveway into the Church property.



The Columbarium Committee is made up of the Pastor and PCCR members. The committee oversees maintenance and the ordering of markers and urns and schedules and attends inurnments. The Committee also works with the Church's Financial Manager to pay costs and monitor funds.

Members of the Committee are Bill Smith, Chairman; Bill Solms, Session Representative; Verlene Thorp, Member; Brian Rood, Member and Pastor Christine Dempsey, Pastor. If you are interested in participating in the Committee's activities, would like to attend a Committee meeting or visit the Columbarium, contact the church office or Bill Smith.

—Bill Smith 970-420-1033 or billsmithbronx1956@gmail.com.

Funeral Planning

Our funeral policy at PCCR

This is part 5 of my series on remembering well and planning a funeral.

This is the final installment of my funeral planning series, and in this last letter, I want to address our funeral policy here at PCCR. I believe that hosting a funeral in the church building can be one of the most beautiful ways to remember a loved one, especially when the Sanctuary is the church home of your loved one. Over the past few months, the Worship and Music Committee here at PCCR has worked hard to renew our funeral policy to best serve our congregation.

For our church family, there is no cost to use the Sanctuary or the Fellowship Hall. Funerals are usually held in the late morning on weekdays Monday-Thursday, but other days and times can be scheduled with the exception of Sunday. However, we do have fees associated with staff. People outside of our church family are also welcome to have a service here, but there are more substantial fees involved with using the Sanctuary.

In terms of the service, I use a traditional outline for a "Witness to the Resurrection" as written in our Book of Common Worship. However, this can be modified to include special music or friends to speak on behalf of your loved one. Sometimes I am asked if we can have a funeral from a different faith tradition. I am happy to involve family and friends of other religions in the order of the service, but the primary focus in the Sanctuary needs to be Christian. Also, as your pastor, I am truly honored to preside at funerals and am willing to incorporate other clergy if desired.

The time after the service is also important, and our deacons can provide a beautiful dessert reception. While there is no cost to our church members for the reception, it is helpful to the deacons to give them a donation for their work. Another option is to have a meal catered in the Fellowship Hall. This is an important time to share stories about your loved one, and for many, is the most important part of the day.

Friends, I pray that this series has helped you think about remembering well. Please find a time to sit down with me and talk remembering the wisdom from Ecclesiastes, "for everything there is a season, for everything there is a time."

—Pastor Christine Dempsey

Gratitude, For the Opening and the Closing

During the past year, and especially over the last few weeks, I have been watching River begin to use her hands. She has learned to touch and grasp and finally manipulate objects; she can shake a rattle, press keys on a piano, scribble with crayons, even eat with a spoon. These feats are no small miracles!

However, before she was able to accomplish these tasks, another miracle had already occurred, although it went by unnoticed, nearly invisibly. Before she could close her hands, she had to open them. Like all infants, River was born with hands that generally stayed clenched in fists. Over time, those fists relaxed and opened so that her hands could feel, hold, and change the world around her. *She had to let go in order to receive.*



Letting go. That is the antithesis to holding. And as in most dualities – gain and loss, growth and decline, birth and death – one is visible, the other less so. We celebrate and encourage the side that we see as “good” while shunning and trying to avoid the “bad” side. However, of course, they are two sides of the same coin and any increase in the incidence of Heads can only, in the long run, equally increase the incidence of Tails.

But that is all heady philosophy. What does it mean for us? This month, the Community of this church will open its hands to release River and myself from the work of PCCR. You will then have empty hands to welcome Brenda Dixon into the role of Office Administrator. This is the dance of life. Opening and closing and opening again, just as River’s tiny hands can now do all day long.

And so we thank you. Thank you for opening your hands to our family. Thank you for touching our lives and holding us with integrity and love. Thank you now for gracefully opening your hands to let us go.

—Meredith Ishida, Office Administrator
& River Rasmusson, Office Baby





SUMMER PICNIC

*Join us for fun, food,
and fellowship!*

Sunday, July 14, 2024

11:00 a.m.

***You are invited to our All-Church Family Summer Picnic
to be held on our church patio and Fellowship Hall!***

The Hospitality Committee will provide hot dogs, buns, condiments, water, and paper supplies. If you would like anything else to drink, please bring your own.

Dress casually for church and bring your food to the church kitchen.

The picnic begins immediately after worship.

Bring a potluck dish to share using the suggested list below:



- A through H Salads
- I through N Baked beans or other vegetable dishes
- O through T Desserts
- U through Z Miscellaneous (chips, etc.)



Alcoholics Anonymous: One Day at a Time

Editor's note: in October 2023, we were approached by a kind gentleman who was hoping to begin an AA Group and needed a place to meet. PCCR has traditionally hosted AA Meetings, but since the covid pandemic, that group has been absent. With Pastor Christine's approval and support, they began meeting in Room 6 twice a week. We are grateful to be able to provide the space for this group of people doing important work. The following is from their leadership.

Our new Alcoholics Anonymous group was looking for a home for its meetings. What better place than at the Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies, since our program is based on recovery, spirituality, and belief in God as we understand Him.

When we inquired about reserving the space, we were welcomed with open arms by Pastor Christine and Office Administrator Meredith. We now walk into the front door and are often greeted by wonderful music played by the organist, which sets the tone for our meetings.

We are a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others recover from alcohol. AA is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, or organization, does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither enforces nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics achieve sobriety.

Our leaders are but trusted servants who do not govern. The group is diverse with people of various ages, from their early 20s to their 80s and is flourishing in large part because of the wonderful home we have for our meetings and that we welcome everyone who is addicted to alcohol and drugs.

Our meetings are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon downstairs in Room 6. Please feel free to join us if you think you may have a problem and are looking for help.



Presbyterian Borderlands Ministries

Presbyterian Borderlands Ministries (PBM) is a binational organization of seven ministries, five of which are located along the US-Mexico Border, from Arizona to Texas, and from Sonora to Tamaulipas. PBM engages with a wide variety of people in communities on both sides of the border – young and old, “properly” documented and “differently” documented, rich and poor, conservative, progressive and in-between – and welcomes people from all faiths to join in ministry together.

In PBM, ministry partners from the Presbyterian Church (USA) and Iglesia Nacional Presbiteriana de Mexico (National Presbyterian Church of México) focus on establishing and cultivating relationships between people in order to be more faithful in the quest to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

Compañeros en Misión (Partners in Mission)

Compañeros en Misión is based in the sister cities of Nogales, Sonora and Nogales, Arizona—or as they are called in Spanish, *Ambos Nogales* (both Nogaleses). While its primary mission is new church development throughout the Mexican state of Sonora (under the jurisdiction of the Mexican Presbytery of Chihuahua), Compañeros en Misión actively supports asylum seekers at the border through their food ministry. Congregations currently include Sol de Justicia (Sun of Justice) in Nogales, Sonora; Voz del Desierto (Voice of the Desert) in Hermosillo, Sonora; and a congregation in Caborca, Sonora called La Hermosa (the Beautiful).

Frontera de Cristo (Christ's Border)

In Douglas, Arizona and Agua Prieta, Sonora, Frontera de Cristo engages in a broad range of ministries that include partnering with a drug and alcohol rehab center, a women’s co-operative, and a fair-trade coffee co-operative (Café Justo, from which we obtain the coffee sold at PCCR); providing health services and a children’s enrichment ministry; hosting binational internships and mission delegations; and building relationships with law enforcement, elected officials, business persons, other faith organizations, academics, and human rights groups to work toward a healthier border for all. They also partner in ministry with Lirio de los Valles (Lily of the Valley) Presbyterian Church and two migrant shelters, Centro de Recursos para Migrantes (Migrant Resource Center) and Centro de Atención al Migrante “Exodus” (Exodus Migrant Assistance Center). Together with Café Justo and the drug rehabilitation center called CATPSIC, Frontera de Cristo helped to sponsor and build Café Justo y Más, a neighborhood coffee shop that offers a safe haven from the drug culture.

Pasos de Fe y Esperanza (Steps of Faith & Hope)

Pasos de Fe y Esperanza, located in Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, focuses its ministry in Colonia Guadalajara. Their multifaceted outreach to their community includes but is not limited to health clinics, a children’s ministry, classes for empowering women to start businesses, and hosting deportee families.

Puentes de Cristo (Christ’s Bridges)

Puentes de Cristo is based in Hidalgo, Texas. Its mission is to extend the gospel of Christ to bridge communities of faith and to facilitate the exchange of information and education between peoples along the U.S./Mexico border and other international communities. Puentes de Cristo hopes to promote mutuality in mission and engage in ministries of compassion and justice.





La Última Milla (The Last Mile)

The mission of Presbyterian Church Shelter "La Última Milla" is to support the community and expand development opportunities for the population of Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, through assistance services such as daycare, shelter, and a community kitchen, and training to improve the quality of life. The shelter provides accommodation for women and minors and provides food, basic medical care, and legal orientation to the public.

Centro Jubileo de Chiapas (Chiapas Jubilee Center)

The mission of the Jubilee Ministry of Chiapas is to accompany, in a comprehensive manner, the lives of Mexican and foreign families in this border-mountain part of the Mexican southern state of Chiapas, in addition to accompanying churches that do not have a pastor, especially in the mountains of Chiapas.

Tucson Borderlands Young Adult Volunteers

The mission of the Tucson Borderlands YAV program

is to transform the lives of young adults by inviting them into God's work of justice and peacemaking in the borderlands. The program is focused on building relationships and community on both sides of the U.S./Mexico border to confront barriers of racism, geopolitics and xenophobia that exist in the borderlands. The YAVs also seek to provide a multi-level response to how barriers in the borderlands particularly harm immigrant communities to help broaden the wider church's response of welcoming migrants. The YAVs are committed to the humanitarian work of organizations and churches in the borderlands that welcome immigrants and refugees. They accompany organizations and the church in the long-term work of helping immigrants integrate into communities with respect and dignity through housing support, nutrition, community-building and employment.

By Dave Thomas for the Mission and Outreach Committee



Thank You PCCR!

The Mission & Outreach Committee has received a thank you letter from Marion Medical Mission, one of PCCR's supported ministries.

"Dear Friends in Christ:

Thank you for your gift of \$1650. Marion Medical Mission will use 100% of your donation as designated. Marion Medical Mission is different...because of what we do together. We are involved in the IMPOSSIBLE!

In 2023 over 400,000 people in Malawi, Zambia, Tanzania and Mozambique got a sustainable source of safe water because of MMM's Well Program. 4280 wells were built covering roughly 60,000 square miles. ... 400,000 people got the message Christians in the United States shared the love of Jesus with them."

The goal for 2024 is 4000 wells...built for an entire rural village for a cost of \$475."

PCCR's gift was designated for 3 wells in 3 rural villages with an extra amount added for administrative costs.

Members of the PCCR congregation have served, and continue to serve with Marion Medical Mission in Africa as part of the volunteer teams which go yearly for 3 or 6 weeks. They do not dig wells, but serve as ambassadors in Christ as they visit wells and join in the celebrations of clean water.

Talk to Jim or Carol Nussbaumer if you'd like to know more.

Just Coffee /Cafe Justo

WHY?

Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies offers coffee produced by Café Justo for sale, and beginning in June, will serve it at fellowship. There are reasons for doing this beyond that this is simply good coffee.

Migration – Café Justo is a coffee-producing cooperative. Members grow the coffee in the southern Mexico state of Chiapas. The cooperative roasts, finishes and packages the whole and ground beans in its own facility in Agua Prieta, which is on the Mexico side of the US-Mexico border, across from Douglas, Arizona. The cooperative was started in 2002, so the growers and their families could stay home and not be compelled to migrate north to the United States to find employment.

Presbyterian connection – Frontera de Cristo, a Presbyterian border ministry, provided a loan to fund the coffee roasting and packaging operation in Agua Prieta. Our church is one of many Presbyterian churches that purchase and resell Café Justo's coffee. We do so at cost, both to provide an excellent coffee and to support the cooperative in giving its members meaningful and fair employment within Mexico.

A green and organic product – When cultivated the traditional way, coffee plants are grown under the shade of large rain forest trees in a way that replenishes the soil, without use of chemical products. Café Justo does not use pesticides or herbicides. The plants are fertilized through complimentary trees and natural processes. The coffee is hand-picked and sun-dried on paved patios. The coffee is certified as USDA Organic.

Boutique coffee – Café Justo's coffee is mountain-grown, hand-picked, sun-dried, and not blended. These attributes result in consistent flavor that is never bitter or acidic, smells as good as it tastes.

Fair Trade PLUS – Café Justo is a cooperative where its members own the business and control the entire chain of growing to roasting to packaging to shipping the product. There are no middlemen.

The Difference is in the Roasting – Roasting is the king of the value-added process in the coffee market and makes more money than comes from growing the coffee. When the cooperative roasts and packages the coffee, those profits remain in the community and all of the production stays in Mexico. The coffee is shipped north, but the workers do not have to migrate away from their families to have good jobs.

Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might...

—*Ecclesiastes 9:10.*

PCCR Sign Replacement

Here in Estes Park, we expect wind, especially during the winter months. But one day this spring, a windstorm with gusts of over 60 miles per hour blew through our town. We drove to church the next morning amidst broken branches, an outhouse in the road, and, when we arrived at PCCR, a fallen entrance sign.

Jim Nussbaumer (Building and Grounds chairman) built a new support frame for the sign and with great help from a few others, set it in place. The driveway paving contractor donated a little leftover cement to set the posts. Hopefully this will last through many more windstorms. See front and back covers for photos.

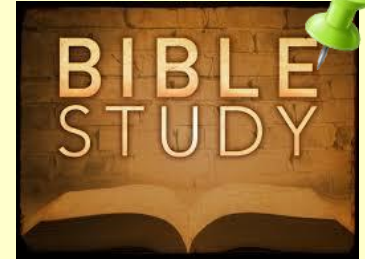
Groups and Events

On Hiatus: Wednesday Bible Study with the Pastor

Wednesday Bible Study will take a break during the month of June.

Adult Bible Study Group—Sundays at 8:15 am

Adult Bible Study meets Sunday mornings at 8:15, finishing in time for choir members to go to rehearsal and the rest to have a cup of coffee and conversation before worship. Class is open to all!



Journeys

Journeys is an ecumenical group of faith-traveling partners who come together to facilitate each person's spiritual growth. Spiritual growth is viewed as: a process, not a product; a journey, not a destination; intentional, transformational and relational; and a life-long quest. All are welcome.

One of the questions that religion seeks to answer is, "how do my beliefs impact my actions?" In other words, what is the connection between our belief system and our ethics. This is the question posed by H. Richard Niebuhr at the turn of the century in his classic study, *Christ and Culture*. During June, Pastor Christine will lead an exploration of Niebuhr's ideas in order to better understand the relationship between what we believe and what we do.

During the last week, Scott Robbins will present ideas on transformations of human consciousness from *The Seat of the Soul*, written by Gary Zukav.

The program schedule for June is:

	TOPIC	LEADER
June 2	"What Energizes You?"	Jim Daughertry
June 9	All or Nothing - Niebuhr's models to reject or embrace culture.	Pastor Christine
June 16	Accommodations - the conflicts between the message of the faith and culture and how to live in both.	Pastor Christine
June 23	Transformation - A discussion of ethics that transform.	Pastor Christine
June 30	Human consciousness concepts	Scott Robbins

Journeys meets Sunday mornings in the church library. Gathering begins at 8:15 a.m., with the program starting at 8:30.

For those who are unable to attend in person, there is an opportunity to join the gathering remotely. Since Journeys is primarily a discussion group, the Zoom platform is used for remote access. The Zoom link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8457412756?pwd=UG5OWk5yV1R2b1ICVmtENnUxTctlUT09>

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

The monthly in-person gathering known as Soulful Stories will not meet again until September.

Spring Clean-up Day—Saturday, June 8

It's time to get ready for summer! We will have our Annual Spring Clean-up Day on Saturday, June 8th at 8:30 until about noon. We need your help to keep the grounds and parking lot looking good and keep them safe. We will be raking and collecting the pinecones and pine needles all around the church for fire prevention as well as better appearance. We will also be sweeping up and collecting the gravel on the parking lot from winter snow traction spreading. There is also always trash to be picked up – especially down over the hill towards the outdoor chapel and meditation trail. Please bring your heavy brooms, rakes, scoop shovels and even wheelbarrows. The church has all of these in limited quantities, but more can be helpful. If you have a pickup and are willing to haul debris to the transfer station, that would also be very helpful. We will have donuts to fuel the body while you work. Contact Jim Nussbaumer or the PCCR Office with any questions.

Community Connections Workshops

Sunday, June 9 or Wednesday, June 19

PCCR and the Stephen Ministers will be offering a training to strengthen one's knowledge regarding The Art of Listening, Boundaries, Confidentiality, and Initial Visits.

Keep one of these dates open: **Sunday June 9th** after worship (11:15 AM) or **Wednesday June 19th** at 2:00PM. Both will be in the church library.

Community Church Connections, a newly formed group of dedicated care givers, would like your help. Our congregation has an ever-varying number of members that just need to know someone cares. These one-on-one personal visits would be assigned through the church office. Long-term commitments are not necessary. Summer residents are also encouraged to participate.

Orientation will take place on the above dates and should last no longer than 90 minutes.

More to follow from the pulpit or you can contact Pastor Christine or Chuck Slicker with questions.



Juneteenth Church Closure—Wednesday, June 19

Juneteenth, the newest federal holiday, marks the day that the slaves were released from freedom with the Emancipation Proclamation. It is an opportunity for everyone to celebrate freedom and equal rights. **In observance of Juneteenth, the PCCR Office will be closed on Wednesday, June 19th.**

Ice Cream Social



Please join us in saying "Welcome back!" to our Summer Residents! We will have ice cream after worship on Sunday, June 16. All are welcome.

Hans Hielscher Organ Concert

Sunday, June 16th at 2 pm

Hans Hielscher, the organist at the Marktkirche in Wiesbaden, Germany, will give a concert on the organ at the Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 16, at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Hielscher is an internationally-known church musician and concert organist. He has been the organist and carillonneur since 1979 at the Wiesbaden Marktkirche, the Lutheran Cathedral in Wiesbaden, Germany. He has performed on many radio and television broadcasts and has produced 22 CD recordings. He conducts annual organ recital tours around the world. Mr. Hielscher has provided multiple well-received concerts at the Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies and is here on a return engagement.



Rocky Ridge Music Center Concert

3:30 pm Thursdays: June 13, June 27, July 11

On three Thursdays this summer, high school and college musicians from the Rocky Ridge Music programs will be performing at PCCR! You are invited to come listen to these talented young people.

Rocky Ridge hosts summer music education programs, as well as a faculty concert series, on their historic log cabin campus at the foot of Longs Peak. Pianist Beth Miller Harrod founded Rocky Ridge in 1942 as an inspirational retreat for young musicians, and it is now a non-profit dedicated to the highest level of musical training for all ages and levels of participants. The College Intensive brings together gifted undergraduate and graduate-level music majors from across three continents to study with our renowned faculty artists. The Junior Artist Immersion provides training for talented middle and high-school aged composers, pianists, and string players.

Author Presentation: Friday, June 21 at 6 pm

The Estes Valley Public Library will be sponsoring a presentation at PCCR on June 21. Pietro Simonetti, author and adventurer, will discuss his 2023 Across the Atlas humanitarian expedition to the remote Upper Mustang region of Nepal, along with two books that connect to his journey. *The Rhythm of Breath* follows the Across the Atlas humanitarian expedition to Upper Mustang in May/June 2023. *Ghosts of Our Perception* is a collection of short stories highlighting some of the unusual characters Pietro met during his travels in some of the most remote corners of the world, including Nepal.

An experienced skier and mountaineer, Pietro has led expeditions in some of the most inhospitable regions on planet Earth. He has lived, worked in, or explored more than 80 countries throughout the world, adventure skiing in more than 40 of them. Pietro is also the longtime President of the Colorado Cancer Foundation (CCF), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to helping Colorado cancer patients, and raises funds for cancer research.

This talk is free and all are welcome.



Session Highlights ~ May 2024

- ◇ Reported that Rev. Dr. Lyle Vander Broek will preach on June 1; Craig Sumey will preach on June 16; Chris Davis will preach on June 30.
- ◇ Noted that Lucille Younglund has been removed from membership ad she no longer lives in Estes Park.
- ◇ Noted that the lower driveway repairs are now complete, and the playground has been torn down.
- ◇ Heard from Finance committee that 91 pledges totaling over \$283,000 have been made. \$1500 is in new pledges.
- ◇ Approved having a garage sale to remove items from the church that are no longer needed.
- ◇ Learned that a clean up of the Meditation Trail will be held soon.
- ◇ Heard thata block of tickets has been reserved for the August 11 Rockies game. A signup sheet will be available soon for those wishing to go.



**Save
the
Date!**

Colorado Rockies Faith Day! - Sunday, August 11







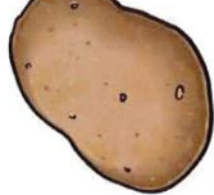




On Sunday, August 11, after worship, you are invited to join your fellow PCCR members and friends for a trip to Coors Stadium to see the Rockies play the Braves. Various churches across the state will be participating in this annual opportunity for fun and Fellowship. Tickets are \$32 per person and parking is approximately \$26 per vehicle; we will meet at PCCR and carpool. If you are interested, please sign up in the Narthex or contact the office.



Financial Information April 2024

	April	Jan-Apr	Year to Date—Budget
Total Revenues	\$29,707	\$113,430	\$131,327
Total Expenses	\$32,138	\$146,945	\$157,654
Net Total	-\$2,431	-\$33,515	-\$26,327



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8:15am-Adult Sunday School-Lounge 8:30am-Journeys-L 10:00am-Worship	3 1:00pm-Membership-L 	4 11:45am-AA Group* 6:45pm- Hispanic Women's Bible Study* 	5 8:30am-EPNRC Workshop-FH 6:30pm-Estes Park Chorale-FH	6 11:45am-AA Group* 5:00pm-EVICS* 6:30pm-Chancel Choir-  Music Rm	7 3:30pm-GS Daisies* 6:00pm- Estes Park Chorale-Music Rm, S	8 8:30am-Work Day 9:30am-Card-Making Group-FH 2:00pm- Estes Park Chorale Concer -S, FH
9 8:15am-Adult Sunday School-Lounge 8:30am-Journeys-L 10:00am-Worship 11:15am-Community Connections Workshop-L	10 	11 10:00am-Building & Grounds-L 11:45am-AA Group* 1:00pm-Personnel-L 3:00pm-Worship and Music-L 6:45pm- Hispanic Women's Bible Study*	12 10:30am-Mission and Outreach-L 1:00pm-Good Grief Group-L 	13 8:30am-EPNRC Board* 11:45am-AA Group* 3:30pm-Rocky Ridge Concert-FH 6:30pm-Chancel Choir-Music Rm	14 	15 
16 8:15am-Adult Sunday School-Lounge 8:30am-Journeys-L 10:00am-Worship 3:00pm-Hans Hielscher Organ Concert-S	17 9:00am-Finance-L 6:15pm-Girl Scout Cadettes* 6:30pm-Session-L 	18 Newsletter Deadline 11:45am-AA Group* 2:00pm-Summer Residents-L 4:00pm-Stephen Ministers-L 6:45pm- Hispanic Women's Bible Study*	19 Federal Holiday: Juneteenth PCCR Office Closed 2:00pm-Community Connections Workshop-L	20 11:45am-AA Group* 3:00pm-Columbarium-L 5:00pm-EVICS* 6:30pm-Chancel Choir-Music Rm 	21 3:30pm-GS Daisies* 6:00pm-Estes Vly Library Presentation: Pietro Simonetti -FH	22 
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Note: Calendar events subject to change						*Downstairs Room 6

