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Presbyterian
Community Church
of the Rockies

June 2025 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.



Newly refurbished Lounge



PCCR Directory

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

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Organist: Larry Gillum



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 June Newsletter deadline is Tuesday, June 17. Please send your pictures and stories to:
office@pccrusa.org Thanks!



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Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary:

June 1 — 10:00am Communion; Men's Quartet

June 8 — 10:00am Celebrating Pentecost; Chancel Choir

June 15 — 10:00am Chancel Choir

June 22 — 10:00am Chancel Choir; Mission Fair

June 29 — 10:00am Chancel Choir

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".

Church Clean-up Day

Saturday, June 7
8:30am-noon

Join in the fellowship as we work to beautify our church property! Bring gloves and rakes, if you have them. We could also use a pick-up truck or two to help with hauling away the debris.

Refreshments will be available!



June 2025

Message from Pastor Christine Dempsey ...

A few years ago, Barnes and Noble Bookstore was selling a "signed copy" of the Bible. It was a moment of what, wow and really. I have laughed about it ever since, for, as you all know, the Bible had many authors, and its contents have been written and compiled over not just years but centuries. And, yet, as we move into June with our focus on "mission," I wanted us to think about the Bible, how we as followers of Christ, become authors ourselves as we live out the living Word. In other words, if we are truly responding to God's call on our life, then our lives come to represent the love, hope, peace and joy espoused by Jesus. As our good friend Bruce Brackman used to say, "You may be the only Bible someone reads."

The reality is, that the Bible is the guidebook for God's mission, or in Latin the *Missio Dei*. As part of the church organization, we often think of mission as merely the "Mission and Outreach Committee", as one arm of the church's function. But, really, the Mission of God is the goal of the entirety of the church. It is our call to spread the good news of Jesus Christ to all. There are many folks who view this directive solely in terms of handing out Bibles and preaching the Good News, but I think it is also about doing. As we read in Matthew, we are doing the Mission of God when we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and visit the accused. Part of spreading the Good News is doing the work that honors creation and helps people. It is when we help people physically, emotionally, and spiritually, that we become the image of the church for someone else. We are part of the living faith, the church, and it is our goal to show Christ's love in all times and places and situations.

This June we are going to embrace the Mission God. We will learn about the biblical basis for the *Missio Dei*, the history of mission in the church, and the hope for tomorrow. And, as part of the Reformed tradition, we will learn how we are reformed and continue to reform. We will also learn about the outreach from this congregation from supporting our local charities to global mission. On June 8, we will collect the Pentecost offering which is a PCUSA offering that supports children, youth and young adults. We will also provide an opportunity to provide blankets for our friends in Malawi, as well as host a mission fair on June 22 with all our mission partners. This month fills my heart with joy! This month reminds us to "be" the church in word and act!

Grace and Peace,

Christine



Worship in May



Work on the Kent Dannen
Meditation Trail





AED/CPR Renewal Time!

This is just a reminder to everyone that went through AED/CPR training 2 years ago. It's time for the 2 year renewal for all of you!

If you haven't been through a class before, but would like to get certified, this is also the class for you!

Please let me know if you're ready for a class and I can arrange for a PCCR class for us like we did before.

Thanks for your commitment to the health & safety of PCCR!

Please contact me at: Sandy Moren Lindberg, RN, FCN
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Crossroads Donations Update

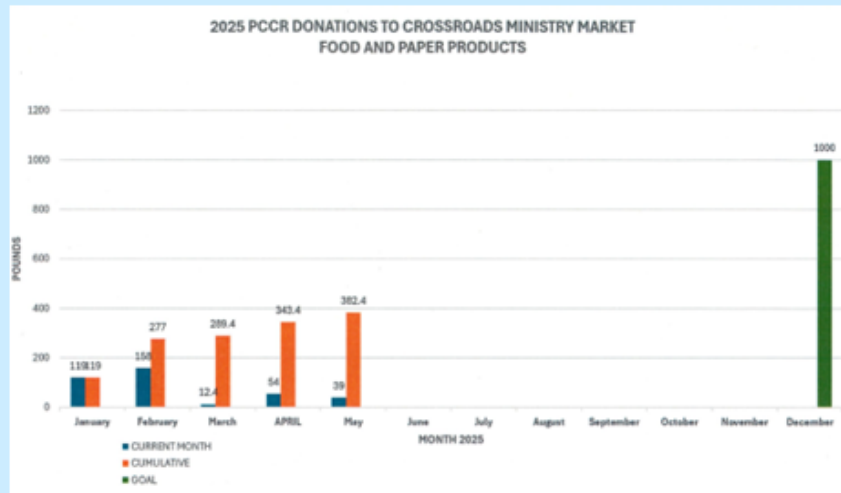


DID YOU KNOW?

Crossroads Ministry offers 33 services and programs to our neighbors in need in the Estes Valley. The Market is a top priority.

PCCR has donated 382.4 pounds of food and essentials to the Market so far this year. Shall we try to top last year's total of 1,040 pounds by the end of 2025?!

Thank you, Your Mission and Outreach Committee



Thank You from Presbyterian Women



Presbyterian Women give our heartfelt thanks to the members and friends of PCCR for your generous donations to the Birthday Offering in May. This is a very caring congregation who continues to open your hearts to those less fortunate. Through your donations totaling more than \$970, you have provided help and hope to those recovering from natural disasters and those who need adequate and safe housing, while at the same time providing the teaching tools needed for the recipients to succeed on their own. This year's theme was based on Deuteronomy 16:15b—"For the Lord your God will bless you in all your produce and in all your undertakings, and *you shall surely celebrate.*" Thank you for joining with Presbyterian Women to celebrate what God is doing in all our lives.

You Are Seeing Changes Around Our Church Building!

Work is underway installing a security system at the church. The first changes you will notice are cameras appearing inside and outside the building. By the end of June, we expect to have the installation completed. The system improves our ability to protect us and our property.

In 2023, the Session approved the Building and Grounds Committee's request to apply for a House of Worship Security Grant. As a result, an application was submitted and \$85,750 was awarded to the church for this purpose.

Before approaching the Session, the Building and Grounds Committee assessed the risks to the church. They considered property loss, the safety of our folks working inside (sometimes alone), and the general security involved with opening and closing our building. They also considered the fact that some 25 organizations come and go from the building at all hours during the week.

The goal is to have better security that supports the way we use our facility while preserving our outreach to the community providing space for meetings and events.

As work progresses, watch for updates.



Christmas in June!

You may think it is summer, but the Mission & Outreach Committee has declared early June to be Christmas! As in past years, we are offering an opportunity for you to give some of the world's poorest, most vulnerable people a precious gift - a blanket. Blankets given to the very poor in the area of Chitipa, Malawi, Africa quite literally mean the difference between life and death. A blanket provides warmth during the cold season of June thru August. Yes, Africa is not always hot! In Chitipa (elevation 4219 feet), the mean temperature in June is 63° with the daily minimum of 52° and an average humidity of 73%; this does not change much until the rains come in September. And people are living in mud huts with thatched roof - not very rain-proof. Most cannot afford a sleeping mat and so are sleeping on the dirt floor. A blanket provides some small comfort, especially for children and babies. The blanket is often used to wrap a dead body in before lowering it into the grave. This is a great comfort to the family, as their loved one has this final expression of how much they were loved and honored.

Mr. Leman Kayira, a member of the community and an elder in the Church, conceived of and directs this project. His dream in 2025 is 250 blankets, but knows that is a very large number and will be grateful for any amount. Africans say "I don't expect you to give everything, but if I don't tell you my need, how will you know?" Blankets presently cost about \$10.20; Mr. Kayira would like to add to each blanket a bar of soap and a toothbrush, another \$2.50. Mr. Kayira and his wife, assisted by members of the local church, also try to provide a Christmas dinner in December for these same extreme poor. He estimates the cost for this at around \$500. It will include the very rare dishes of rice (referred to as Christmas in Malawi), chicken, beef, greens, beans and the great treat of a soft drink. Our holiday meals pale by comparison!



If you would like to share in this project, monetary gifts can be sent to the PCCR office Attn: financial office and indicate "Malawi blanket fund". If you specifically want to support the Christmas dinner, indicate that with your donation. You need not buy an entire "package": blanket, soap, toothbrush -- any amount, added to the other gifts, will be received with great joy and prayers of thanksgiving in Malawi! Just by letting the people know that others in America know about them and care about them, you have given an immense gift of self-respect.

**Pentecost Sunday
June 8, 2025
The Birth of the Church**

Pentecost is a Christian holiday that happens 50 days after Easter and 10 days after the ascension. The time corresponds with the Jewish holiday of Shavuot. Shavuot celebrates the harvest of spring wheat and commemorates Moses receiving the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai.



Shavuot is a pilgrimage where Jewish men gathered in Jerusalem. The apostles had remained together in the city following the crucifixion. At what we now know as Pentecost, the apostles received the holy spirit through a rush of wind and fire. They then went out in the city and spoke in many languages to the crowds that had come for Shavuot. At first, the people thought they were drunk. Then Peter addressed them with scripture that foretold of Jesus and that his spirit had been poured on all flesh. Peter's words led to three thousand converting that day. Pentecost memorializes this as the birth of the Christian church. Pentecost is a celebration of the new covenant and fulfillment of Jesus's promise to send the holy spirit.

We celebrate Pentecost throughout the Presbyterian Church through an annual special offering that focuses on nurturing the faith of children, youth and young adults. What we give supports denominational programs for youth ministries, young adult volunteers, child advocacy, and local ministries for children and youth. Forty percent of our gifts stay here for community activities. This year, all of that will be given to the EVICS Family Resource Center. EVICS was established in 2006 as a childcare scholarship program. EVICS has grown into a much larger endeavor that connects families and parents to resources throughout the Estes Valley and across Larimer County. Through family development programs, mental health consultations, connection to resources, and the childcare scholarship program, EVICS Family Resource Center is an essential contributor to family success in Estes Park. Our financial contributions help. Let us give generously.

**If you would like to
serve as a greeter at
church on Sunday
morning please contact
Lois Ellingwood at
970-586-3064 or
ldellingwood13@gmail.com**



**Wednesday Bible Study with the
Pastor Christine**

Wednesday Bible study will continue with a study on
"Genesis—In the Beginning", meeting in the church Library at
12:00 noon.

June 4—"Isaac's Birth" Genesis 21:1-21

June 11—"Abraham's Treaty with the
Philistines" Genesis 21:22-34

June 18—"Binding of Isaac" Genesis 22:1-29

June 25—"Sarah's Death" Genesis 23:1-20

All are welcome!

Groups and Events



Rocky Ridge Music Center Outreach Concerts

Did you know that just ten miles south of Estes Park on Highway 7 is one of this country's leading summer music camps for young musicians? Students from all over the United States come to Rocky Ridge Music Center to study under the coaching of top professionals. The caliber of both the teachers and students is astounding, and for the second year in a row, the Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies is proud to host their summer outreach concerts. All these concerts are held in the Sanctuary of PCCR.

Student Concerts: College students will perform Thursday June 12th, 26th, and Middle & High School students on Thursday July 10th, all at 3:30pm

Faculty Concerts: Friday June 6th, 20th will feature university faculty and Thursday July 3rd will feature youth program faculty, all at 5:00pm

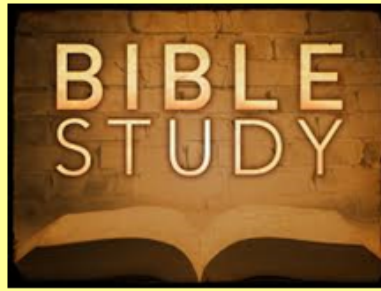
Rocky Ridge Music Center was started in 1942. To find out more about Rocky Ridge, go to their website at rockyridge.org.

So, mark your calendars because you don't want to miss these concerts. It is very important that this community supports and encourages these young musicians and their teachers.

Mission Fair June 22: A Time to Celebrate!

June is Mission Month, and the Mission and Outreach Committee invites our congregation and friends to join us after worship on **June 22** to learn more about our Mission Partners! Did you know PCCR supports *SEVEN* local organizations, as well as several regional, national and international projects and programs? Learn more about the impactful work our dollars support, meet organization representatives, enjoy coffee, cake and regional snacks representative of international missions, and learn about opportunities to get involved. Mission matters and makes a difference in the daily lives of our neighbors. Come and celebrate with us!





Not Your Mother's Sunday School

The Adult Study Group will continue to meet during the month of June in the church Library at 10:00am on Fridays. The course "Listening to the Land of the Bible" is discussing the so-called 400 Years of Silence and will move into several sessions titled "Jesus in Context".

All are welcome! Classes stand alone—you can come once, or every week, and we guarantee you will go away with some knowledge and understanding.

Journeys

Journeys is a "community of faith-travelers" working toward building a fellowship that supports each person as they seek spiritual wholeness. The discussions cover a broad range of topics. All are welcome.

Journeys will be on summer break during July and August. The schedule of topics for June is:

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| June 1 | Ensoulment—A Diverse Analysis of the Feminine in Western Culture led by Rick |
| June 8 | Ensoulment—A Diverse Analysis of the Feminine in Western Culture led by Rick |
| June 15 | Final Gifts led by Dona, Louise & Kathy |
| June 22 | The Life and Theology of Dietrich Bonhoeffer led by Rev. David Kause |
| June 29 | The Life and Theology of Dietrich Bonhoeffer led by Rev. David Kause |

Journeys meets Sunday mornings in the church library. Gathering begins at 8:15am, 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=UG5OWk5yV1R2b1lCVmtENnUxTClUT09>

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

(Journeys is a community-based study group led by independent facilitators.)

Session Highlights from May 19, 2025

- ◊ Learned that Deacons and Elders, as church leaders, will need to participate in Safe Gatherings program training every three years, beginning this year.
- ◊ Approved new signs for the Meditation Trail.
- ◊ Scheduled the outdoor clean up of the church grounds for Saturday, June 7 from 8:30 am until noon. All are welcome to come join in the fun of raking pine cones and tidying up the area. Refreshments will be served about 10:00 am.
- ◊ Discussed the description of the newly formed Christian Education committee and its responsibilities.
- ◊ Received the resignation of CE Chairperson Mark Richards, with regret. The Richards will be moving out of town this summer.
- ◊ Noted that a Remembrance celebration will be held at the Columbarium on July 25, following worship service.
- ◊ Designated June as Mission month.
- ◊ Approved taking a collection to provide blankets to Malawi.

Financial Information April 2025

	April	Jan-Apr	Year to Date—Budget
Total Revenues	\$48,940	\$237,842	\$138,392
Total Expenses	\$58,939	\$228,274	\$169,059
Net Total	-\$9,999	\$9,568	-\$30,667

*Revenue State of CO Grant \$40,000, Carpet in Basement \$19,295 & Family Changing Room \$20,000
 *Expense Carpet in Basement \$10,500
 Greeley Lock & Key \$40,000
 Family Changing Room \$18,212

June

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>8:30am Journeys-L</p> <p>10:00am Worship</p> <p>11:00am Foundation</p> <p>Presidents/Luncheon-FH</p>	<p>10:00am Christian Ed Committee-L</p> <p>1:00pm Membership Committee-L</p>	<p>12:00pm One Day at a Time AA Group-Lounge</p> <p>6:45pm Hispanic Bible Study-Rm 6</p>	<p>9:00am PFCO Chapter AY-Lounge</p> <p>9:30am Meditation Trial Task Force-L</p> <p>12:00pm Bible Study-L</p> <p>12:30pm Elder Norgrath Network-Rm 6</p>	<p>12:00pm Shipping Stores</p> <p>Al-Avon Group-Lounge</p> <p>5:00pm EVICS-Rm 6</p> <p>6:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group-Lounge</p>	<p>10:00am Adult Study Group-L</p> <p>5:00pm Roddy Ridge Concert-S</p>	<p>8:00am Church Clean-up Day</p> <p>9:30am Card Making Group-L</p> <p>5:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group-Lounge</p>
<p>8:30am Journeys-L</p> <p>10:00am Worship/Baptism</p>	<p>9:30am Finance Committee-L</p>	<p>10:00am Building Grounds-L</p> <p>12:00pm One Day at a Time AA Group-Lounge</p> <p>12:00pm PFCO Chapter AY-L</p> <p>1:00pm Personnel Comm-Office</p> <p>3:00pm Worship & Music-L</p> <p>4:30pm Discos-L</p> <p>8:45pm Hispanic Bible Study-Rm 6</p>	<p>10:00am Mission Outreach-L</p> <p>12:00pm Bible Study-L</p> <p>1:00pm The Good Gift Group-Lounge</p>	<p>8:30am ethnic board meeting-Rm 6</p> <p>12:00pm Shipping Stores</p> <p>Al-Avon Group-Lounge</p> <p>3:30pm Rusty Ridge Concert-S</p> <p>5:00pm EVICS-Rm 6</p> <p>6:30pm Chancel Choir-MR</p> <p>6:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group-Lounge</p>	<p>10:00am Adult Study Group-L</p>	<p>5:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group-Lounge</p>
<p>8:30am Journeys-L</p> <p>10:00am Worship</p> <p>Crossroads Donations</p>	<p>11:30am Presbyterian Women-L</p> <p>4:00pm Session-L</p>	<p>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p> <p>12:00pm One Day at a Time AA Group-Lounge</p> <p>2:00pm Summer Presidents Assoc-Rm 6</p> <p>6:45pm Hispanic Bible Study-Rm 6</p>	<p>9:30am Meditation Trial Task Force-L</p> <p>12:00pm Bible Study-L</p> <p>5:00pm Community Worship Service-Outdoor Chapel</p>	<p>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>12:00pm Shipping Stores</p> <p>Al-Avon Group-Lounge</p> <p>3:00pm Columbarium Committee-L</p> <p>5:00pm EVICS-Rm 6</p> <p>6:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group-Lounge</p> <p>6:30pm Chancel Choir-MR</p>	<p>10:00am Adult Study Group-L</p> <p>5:00pm Roddy Ridge Concert-S</p>	<p>5:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group-Lounge</p>
<p>8:30am Journeys-L</p> <p>10:00am Worship</p> <p>11:00am Mission Fair-FH</p> <p>2:30pm Kamenky/Zelman Wedding-Outdoor Chapel</p>	<p>8:00am Elder Norgrath Network-FH</p> <p>4:30pm Grace and Grub-FH</p>	<p>12:00pm One Day at a Time AA Group-Lounge</p> <p>6:45pm Hispanic Bible Study-Rm 6</p>	<p>12:00pm Bible Study-L</p> <p>1:00pm The Good Gift Group-Lounge</p> <p>5:00pm Community Worship Service-Outdoor Chapel</p>	<p>12:00pm Shipping Stores</p> <p>Al-Avon Group-Lounge</p> <p>3:30pm Roddy Ridge Concert-S</p> <p>6:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group-Lounge</p> <p>6:30pm Chancel Choir-MR</p>	<p>9:30am Merry Marinas-Lounge</p> <p>10:00am Adult Study Group-L</p> <p>2:00pm Celebration of Life for Jane Harrott at the American Legion Hall</p>	<p>2:00pm Celebration of Life-Jim & Tina Myers-S-EH</p> <p>5:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group-Lounge</p>
<p>8:30am Journeys-L</p> <p>10:00am Worship/Baptism</p>	<p>9:30am Hospitality-L</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>			