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Presbyterian  
Community Church  
of the Rockies

## June 2026 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.





## 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 July Newsletter deadline is Tuesday, June 16. Please send your pictures and stories to: [office@pccrusa.org](mailto:office@pccrusa.org) Thanks!**



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## Worship Schedule

**Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary:**

**June 7—10:00am service with Chancel Choir; Communion**

**June 14 —10:00am service with Chancel Choir**

**June 21 —10:00am service with Chancel Choir; Jill Hunt, organ**

**June 28 —10:00am service with 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".



### Did you know?

A beautiful new first aid kit has been purchased and is located just outside the church office door next to the defibrillator.

Please make yourself familiar with its location so you can access it in case of an emergency.

**June 2026**

**Message from Pastor Christine Dempsey ...**



Dear Friends,

How do you live your faith? Is it something you do on Sunday and put away during the week? Perhaps, it is a holdover from your parents – an expectation? During June, I want us to think about how our faith is a companion on our journey for life, that guides all aspects of who we are and who God calls us to be, and how we in our faith journey are often accompanied by friends and family who join us on the different legs of this path. As we begin, I want to share a story about an early companion on this journey, that of my Great Aunt Augusta.

When I was little, my mother used to take me to visit my great-aunt, and one day as I sat in her parlor, she produced her prayer book from her youth – a leather-bound book, all in Norwegian. She wanted me to have it. At the age of 6, I could not really understand why my aunt would give me a book in a language I could not read. As I got older, I realized that she wanted to share her faith with me and draw me into her story of faith – tried and trusted - in her life. She was a nurse during the polio epidemic, she watched her father die of a gunshot wound, and she never found a partner in which to share her life. As she walked through life through these challenges along with her joys of friends and sisters, a successful nursing career and a loving community, it was her faith that was her strength. She wanted me to share in this experience, and what better way than a prayer book from the homeland that rooted her in her Christian inheritance.

While I don't read Norwegian, I still thumb through the pages of this book thinking not only about the prayers that guided my aunt, but all the people that have guided me in my faith. Some of these people helped me with deep theological questions, and others brought over casseroles when my mom was sick. Some were present when I drifted away and with open arms welcomed me when I returned. It is a reminder that our lives in God is a journey. This journey does have a destination but not necessarily a direct path. God knows this and gives us all the tools to get there but knowing that we will arrive in God's time.

During June, I will be exploring these questions of the journey by looking at the many ways that scripture invites us to join God along this road. Beyond that, I want you to think of the other ways that we come to foster our relationships with partners in faith. One of the first is a new "prayer team" that is being sponsored by the deacons. This will be a group of "prayer" who come together to pray for our congregation, community and world. We will be meeting on Monday's at 11:00 and would like to do this as a hybrid get-together so that all called to pray can be together in the same space. Secondly, I want you all to be aware that you are all assigned to deacon neighborhoods. So, do not be alarmed if someone you don't know reaches out and says "hi, I'm your deacon." This is an invitation to relationship and to have yet another partner on your journey. Third, we will be having our summer outdoor worship services in our outdoor chapel. This is a wonderful way to worship in nature enjoying a camp-fire-like atmosphere in the beauty of our meditation trail.

Friends, this June, let's journey together finding God's hope in our lives.

Grace and Peace,

Christine

# PCCR in May—"A Month of Music"





The Deacons are excited to announce that we will be hosting a prayer team beginning in July. We plan to meet Mondays at 11am at PCCR. The sessions should last about 15-20 minutes. ALL are welcome to attend in person, or via zoom. If you don't choose to attend, you're still encouraged to bring your prayer concerns to a team member to lift at the team meeting each week.

We'll be praying for members of our church family who've given us permission to do so, family & friends, community members & concerns, extending to concerns for our country. Our leaders & our world.

We feel this will have a positive impact on our church family as they're lifted in prayer & also on those praying, as we seek God's blessing & help.

The initial team begins with Pastor Christine, Leslie Causer & Beth Carle. We welcome & encourage anyone who has an interest in praying or concerns to pray about. The concept will be fluid until we determine if the team will work & how it will work best. So suggestions are welcome as well. A sign up sheet will be posted on Brenda's desk in the church office.

We look forward to your thoughts & participation in this new endeavor.

## Crossroads Donations Update



### DID YOU KNOW?

This year's theme for Crossroads is "There's no quick fix in 2026."

That means that Crossroads' staff intervenes for clients in emergencies, addresses their basic needs and advocates for them as they build a new future.

**DONATIONS**—Crossroads' newest way to help your neighbors in need is **Good Neighbor Thrift**, which is operating very much like Vintage Thrift and is open Wednesdays through Saturdays, 11am-3pm. Donations are welcome anytime the store is open And guess what? Changes to the property are making it easier to donate and shop. Not sure what to donate? If it's clean linens or clothes; if it works but isn't a TV, monitor or other electronics; if it isn't large furniture or a mattress; it's probably just fine. Check the Crossroads website or Facebook page soon to see the comprehensive Donation Guidelines.



Crossroads Market has distributed over 20,000 pounds of food divided among 1,350 people each month so far this year. Donating groceries and toiletries to Crossroads is another crucial way to help your neighbors in need.

PCCR's Crossroads Grocery Cart is always open for donations. The "official" donation day is the third Sunday of each month. Look for especially needed items in two places—PCCR's Sunday bulletin and the Crossroads Facebook page.

With grateful thanks,

Your Mission and Outreach Committee



Left to right;  
Jesus Sergovia—site manager  
Anna Weddle—Weddle & Sons  
Chris Day—Brava Shakes

### Let the new roof begin!

On Monday, May 11, 2026, Weddle and Sons began the work on our new roof. Chris Day from the Brava Shake company was on hand, along with the Weddle site supervisor Jesus Sergovia and Anna Weddle.

The Brava Shakes chosen for this project are more suitable for our climate while having a life expectancy of 50 years, unlike the usual 20-year life span of asphalt shingles.

The shingles chose are in concert with the original design indentations of a shake roof, but a composite material with a better fire rating and they just look good!



## **The Annual Blankets for Malawi drive is on!**

Each year, donors provide blankets for the extreme poor in northern Malawi, Africa. Blankets are provided to the elderly, the disabled, orphans and those experiencing illness.

These blankets are made in Malawi, purchased there and so donations serve 2 or 3 times! Those who get a blanket express such joy that they can sleep more warmly on the dirt floor of their home. Blankets also comfort families suffering loss, when they are able to wrap a deceased loved one in a blanket before burial. Blankets cost around \$7-10. Any funds not needed for blankets are used when Mr. Leman Kayira and his wife provide a Christmas dinner for this same group of people. It probably will be the only meal they have that day. Your gifts will be collected on June 14 or you may drop off donations at the church office. Be sure to mark them "Blanket Fund". This project is supported by the PCCR Mission and Outreach Committee.



**Pastor's 4th of July**

**Ice Cream Social**

**PCCR parking lot starting at**

**8:30pm**

**Stay to watch the fireworks over  
Lake Estes**



**Summer Outdoor Worship Services**

**Outdoor Chapel starting at 5:00pm**

**June 24, July 22 and August 26**

A wonderful way to worship in nature,  
enjoying a campfire-like atmosphere

## Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering

Presbyterian Women extend their gratitude for all who felt called to support this year's Birthday Offering. Through your generosity, underserved women and children living in a crisis shelter will have a safe and comfortable home as well as a dependable vehicle for transportation to employment, medical appointments and childcare. Your gifts will equip a kitchen for the Smoky Mountain Harvest Hub enabling safe food preparation for the hungry and also retrofit a school bus into a mobile market providing access to food for those in remote areas. Through your gifts you have brought joy and hope to the most vulnerable members of our society. May God continue to bless and strengthen each of you as you bless and strengthen others in His name.



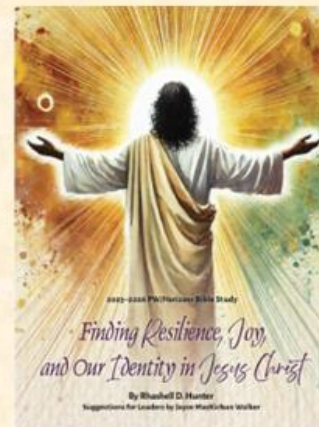
## PW Bible Study and Salad Luncheon

Fellowship Hall

June 15, 2026

### Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ

Come join the fun as we celebrate together another year of fellowship and Bible study for Presbyterian Women by sharing in a **salad potluck luncheon** before the lesson. The luncheon will begin at **11:30 a.m.** on **Monday, June 15**, in the Fellowship Hall. Following the luncheon Dale Bonza will lead the discussion of lesson nine titled, "When You are Walking with Jesus: The Road to Emmaus." In this lesson we are reminded that Jesus, at the end of his ministry, sends his followers out to continue proclaiming the good news, but not alone. The Holy Spirit accompanies them, and us, as the church continues its witness in the world God loves. Please bring a salad to share for our meal together. The PW Board will provide the dessert. Take a moment this month to thank Renee Warren for leading our Circle with such love and care for the past four and a half years and welcome Beth Carle as our new PW Circle leader. We are very grateful for both these special women for sharing their gifts. We look forward to seeing you on June 15, in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30, for our final meeting until September. All are welcome.



## Groups and Events

Save the Date!

Thursday, July 16 -  
Sunday, July 19, 2026  
9:00 - 11:30 am



Go Tell It on the Mountain

Vacation  
Bible  
School

Jesus Loves Me!

*Open to children entering Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade*

Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies  
1700 Brodie Ave. Estes Park, CO 80517  
Phone: 970-586-4404 Email: [office@pccrusa.org](mailto:office@pccrusa.org)

**Registration is now open!**

Registration forms are available in the Church Office, in the Narthex, or on the Church Website at [pccrusa.org](http://pccrusa.org)



**Mark Your Calendars!**

The annual PCCR mini-golf fundraising  
outing will be held on

**Monday, September 14, starting  
promptly at 5:00 p.m. at the Cascade  
Creek course, located at Estes Ride-A-  
Kart, corner of Mall Road and US 34**

## Wednesday Bible Study with Pastor Christine

Come and join us for Bible Study on Wednesday's at noon in the church library as we continue a study series on the book of Exodus. All you need is your bible.



Schedule for June:

June 3—"Passover" Exodus 11-12

June 10—"Honor and Expectation"

Exodus 13

June 17—"Crossing Over" Exodus 14

June 24—"The Lord Provides"

Exodus 15-16

*See you there!*

## Adult Study Group

Adult Study Group will continue to meet through the summer and learn how much we don't know about the Bible! We meet at 10:00am on Fridays in the Church library; summer residents are most welcome to drop in any day! If the day is too wet for golf or hiking or you just need a change of pace, come on over! No promises what will be presented, but in recent classes we have discussed "Favorite Bible Passages", "Does God Change His Mind?" and "The Unseen Realm in the Bible".

Questions?

Talk to Carol Nussbaumer or contact her at [carol@nussbaumers.net](mailto:carol@nussbaumers.net)

or 970-586-2437.



### May 18, 2026 Session Highlights

- ⇒ Voted to hold a congregational meeting on May 24 following worship, for the purpose of voting on Kathy Sherrod to be a Deacon.
- ⇒ Noted that Deacons are busy taking flowers to shut-ins and planning to establish an in-person prayer group.
- ⇒ Heard from Building and Grounds that the roof replacement is moving along nicely, although they have had two brief delays due to snow.
- ⇒ Approved a request from Building and Grounds for an additional \$5,000 for the roof project in order to replace gutters. This hadn't been included in the original bid.
- ⇒ Received a report on the progress of the organ repair status and funds. Currently cash on hand has almost reached the \$150,000 goal. Work will likely begin in late July.
- ⇒ Approved a request from Deacons to make AED and CPR classes available to members.
- ⇒ Approved holding an ice cream social, hosted by Pastor Christine and Mike on the 4th of July.
- ⇒ Held a brain-storming and discussion session to consider the future uses that might be made for the empty space downstairs in the church. Suggestions included: Day Care, Pre-School, Tutoring, Quota Club, Office space for non-profit organizations, storage space for community use, Presbyterian Disaster Relief, Private school, Elder/Respite Care, Parish Nurse, Homeless Shelter, Commercial office use. Further discussion is scheduled for the next Session meeting.
- ⇒ Deferred action on a request from the Estes Park Chorale to use some of the space downstairs for storage of their supplies and equipment.
- ⇒ Approved Katha Schweitzer to serve on the Hospitality Committee.

### Financial Information April 2026

	April	Jan-Apr	Year to Date—Budget
Total Revenues	\$35,228.00	\$191,164.00	\$151,604.00
Total Expenses	\$29,716.00	\$156,800.00	\$166,436.00
Net Total	\$5,512.00	\$34,364.00	-\$14,832.00

# June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:30am Journeys-L 10:00am Worship Sanctuary	10:00am Christian Ed Comm- Court 5:30pm Estes Valley Library Writing-L	1:00pm-One Day at a Time AA Lounge 6:45pm-Hispanic Bible Study-Rm6	12:00pm- Estes Nonprofit Network-Rm6 12:00pm Bible Study-L 2:30pm-Membership Comm-Lounge	5:00pm-EVCS-Rm6 6:30pm One Day at a Time AA Lounge 6:30pm Chancel Choir-MH	10:00am Adult Study Group-L	9:00am-Card Making Group-FH 5:30pm One Day at a Time AA Lounge
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