

August 2017

Dog Days of Summer!

Dear Wheat Ridge Family,

Could you hear the collective sigh of relief from VBS-Kamp Kidventure volunteers on Friday afternoon, July 14? There is always a little chaos, but thanks to the dedication of Linda Valo, the Christian Education Committee, and LOTS of other volunteers, we shared Christ's love with another group of 33 children this summer. The



woman hired to direct the 9-12 year olds was gifted in getting the best out of them, and the set and costumes were spectacular. Staff from Highland West Camp led Bible class and other activities in the morning, and our folks coordinated the fun and learning in the afternoons. See Linda Valo's article for more. The photos on this page are just a taste of the fun!



In August, we move to the last few weeks of summer break for students. Children and youth of the congregation are encouraged to bring their backpacks to worship (inside) on August 6th. During the service we will bless the backpacks and say prayers for a great school year for all of them.

picnic. There will be more post, but as last year, you are furry/scaly/feathery friends to be come to the service, so please bring their favorite stuffed the gift of God's creatures in our lives



We return to the Day weekend: 10am worship inside. about the September start of 4-week process. Let your voice be heard as the congregation continues to listen for God's call.

August 20th two weeks later, weather permitting, worship outside will be the blessing of the animals followed by a church information in the announcements and E-encouraged to bring your blessed. Many animals are too stressed to a photo of your animal. Younger children animal to be blessed as well. We celebrate with gratitude and joy! fall/winter/spring worship schedule Labor See Anne Baker's article in this newsletter small groups for the New Beginnings

Peace, *Laura*



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Vacation Bible School/Kamp Kidventure 2017!

The week of July 10-14th WPC was filled with the sounds of laughter and excitement from 33 energetic children, three counselors from Highlands Camp and Retreat Center, and 22 very dedicated volunteers.



The days were jam-packed learning about “Connecting in Christ” through crafts, discovery, games and music. For the older children, it was a time to share their theatrical and musical talents as they participated in a theatrical production of “Simply Cinderella”, which they performed on Friday afternoon and a video was showed to the delight of the congregation on

Sunday July 16th.

Every day the children were treated to delicious snacks and lunches, prepared by loving hands, including Friday’s amazing cookie bar!



The week concluded Friday afternoon with the annual “Water Appreciation Day”. The children spent two hours playing in pools and buckets filled with water toys. They also had a blast sliding downhill on ice blocks and two slip and slides, topping the day off with a 300-water balloon fight!



The C.E. Committee wishes to thank the three counselors Ben, Ella



and Abby from Highlands Camp and Retreat, and to the 22 incredibly hardworking volunteers, from WPC, who helped make the children’s experience both safe and fun. We also send a big thank you to all the families from the community who graciously allowed their children to participate in VBS/Kamp Kidventure. Grace and Peace,
Linda

SESSION MEETS the third Thursday, August 17th^d at 7pm!

Elders please note it's the third Thursday not the usual 2nd Thursday this month.

ATTENTION: ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS!

Just a reminder! **Thursday, August 10th** is the **deadline** for submitting next year's "Needs Budget". If you have any questions or in need of a "budget form" don't hesitate to contact Brenda Cavanaugh. Completed forms are to be turned into Brenda.

The Stewardship Committee

DEACONS--A CARING REMINDER FROM THE

DEACONS: If your family suffers a loss or illness, or you would like to request prayer, please contact:

Laura 720-471-0751 (cell)
Church Office, 303-422-2354
Prayer Chain, Charlene Pierce
Deacon Co-Chairs: Linda Johnston & Dick Remington.



PRAYER CHAIN – Prayer Chain is a quick way to have your prayer concerns passed on to the church family and enables the church to support you more rapidly in your time of need.

No meetings in August.

Next meeting: September 18th after the worship service.

FELLOWSHIP

Mark your calendars for a **"Dog Days of Summer" Fellowship Picnic Sunday, August 20th** after a special **"Blessing of the Animals"**



worship service. Please look for more details in the E-Posts and bulletin announcements as this gets closer. Hope everyone can stay for this fun time of food and fellowship! (Rain make-up date for both events will be Sunday, August 27th.)

4F (Food, Fun, Fellowship and Fixin')

Will next meet **Tuesday, August 1st at 8:30 am.** Please come for some Food, Fellowship, Fun and Fixin'!

COMMUNITY SUNDAY RETURNS

(formerly "First Sunday") Thanks to Sonia Hills and Bob Brown for the return of monthly speakers from the community here at WPC. Look for details on a September Speaker in the E-posts and bulletin announcements so you don't miss it! **Worship** will be at **10:00 am starting September 3rd.**

September 10th there will be a **Rally Day and Information Fair** following Worship.

Public School Year Kick-off at WPC

Schools will start up in mid-August, so we want to honor that event for the young people in the congregation. Please invite your **youth**, child/grandchild/niece or nephew to attend **worship and to bring their school backpack on August 6th.** During the service, we will have a **blessing of the backpacks** and offer prayers for a great school year for them and all teachers and staff.

WORSHIP

- We will gather with our furry friends on **August 20** for a **Blessing of the Animals** service. We are told that God loves all of Creation, including animals. Blessing the animals also helps recognize the special gift of animals in our lives. You are welcome to **invite your friends, neighbors and family to come with their special friends. All animals and owners are welcome** to attend. (Stuffed animals or photographs of your pet are also a welcomed proxy.) For this special setting, we encourage owners to **bring their pets in carriers, on leashes, or otherwise properly restrained.** This blessing of the animals service will have an abbreviated sermon. **Following the service, all animals and humans are invited to attend the "Dog Days of Summer" Fellowship Picnic.** Bad weather back-up day, for the service and picnic, is scheduled for Sunday the 27th.
- The **last Outdoor Service is August 27.**
- Thanks so much, music leaders & musicians for your **special music** each week this summer.
- Thanks also to our dedicated Outdoor Worship Advisors and all those doing setup and takedown this summer-enabling us to worship outside so many beautiful Sundays this summer.



Ralph Hecox
Worship Chair

NEW BEGINNINGS:

We had a great leader training session June 9-10, with nearly a dozen people from Wheat Ridge Presbyterian Church learning how to be small group leaders. We will organize these groups in August, and will meet for 4 consecutive weeks in September. We hope you will prayerfully consider becoming involved, and providing your input as to where WPC is going in the future.

Anne Baker
Ruling Elder

August BIRTHDAYS



Chris Swanson	Aug 1
Mike Mohwinkle	Aug 3
Steve Mestdagh	Aug 12
Betsy Smith	Aug 13
Allan Hills	Aug 17
Dorothy Burhorn	Aug 18
Jeff Stimson	Aug 20
Bill Anthony	Aug 24
Don Tolin	Aug 27

...and if we have missed *your* birthday please notify the church office @ 303-422-2354.

MISSION

- Meets **Thursday, August 3rd at 3 pm**
- We are collecting items for **The Action Center School Supply Drive. Please donate wide and college rule lined paper, pens, and pencils. Bring your items and put them in the Action Center basket in the narthex of the sanctuary.**
- **COOKING FOR HOMELESS SHELTER** Next cooking date will be **September 12th at 9:30 a.m.** Ariane Meyer will make a new sign-up sheet and have it out some time in August in Fellowship Hall.
- **BENEFIT CONCERT FOR LOMAGUNDI CLINIC:** There will be a benefit concert for the Lomagundi Clinic, in Zimbabwe sponsored by Wheat Ridge Presbyterian Church, on **Saturday, September 9th from 5-7 pm** in our outdoor worship area ("gates" open at 4:30PM). There will be a 30 minute intermission midway through the concert for people to eat and donate towards the clinic. Help is needed especially for setting up and taking down the umbrellas and tents for the Outdoor Worship Center. Volunteers interested in helping, please contact Marny or Gay. The band will be **Nokuthula**, which performs Afro-pop, fusion dance music from Zimbabwe and beyond. Cost will be **\$15 per adult in advance (20\$ at the door)**. Those **12 years and under may attend for free**. People may bring a picnic or the meal of a **hot pulled pork sandwich meal plus bottle of water** will be available at the concert for **\$5.00** per meal.



SATURDAY AM WOMEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY—Plans to meet at 8:30 am on **Saturday August 12th** at Eileen Gardner's home.. The group meets **Saturdays** for breakfast at 8:30 am and to get the new bible study guides. Those interested in attending please contact Eileen for further details. _____

THURSDAY BOOK GROUP

- Will not meet in August
- Meets **Thursday, September 21st at 7pm** at the home of Deloris Green
Reading: *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood.
- Meets in October date TBD
Reading: *The Sun Also Rises* by Ernest Hemingway hosted by Sonia Hills.
Please RSVP to host or hostess.



PRAYER REQUESTS

& NOTES OF THANKSGIVING



With Concern . . .

- After his third surgery, **Mike Powers** is doing well and still at Swedish Medical Center. He's appreciated your visits, calls, and cards.
- **Bob Euser** is in rehab facility close to the family and improving. if you'd like to send a card.

With Sympathy . . .

A memorial service for **Betty Jane Phillips** is **Saturday, July 29th at 10 am**. A brief reception will follow the service in Fellowship Hall.

With Thanksgiving . . .

- From **Marcia Hecox**: "Thank you for your calls, cards, and care following my recent foot surgery. It meant so much to me to know that my WPC friends were a support through this experience. You are appreciated!"
- From the **China Painters**: Thanks, WPC for letting us have special 3 day program earlier this summer. Here is the group with their finished projects.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S QUARTERLY BIBLE STUDY – Saturday, August 6th 9am-2pm

Presbyterian Women of Denver invites women to hear author Melissa Bane Sevier introduce the 2017-2018 HORIZONS Bible Study, **"Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews"** on **Saturday, August 5**. Registration is **at 9:30 a.m.**, followed by the program and lunch. The location is

Presbytery Center, 1710 S. Grant St., Denver. "Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews" celebrates Christian community. **RSVP by Aug. 2nd** to Moderator **Starr Hildebrand**, The **cost is \$10, payable at the door.**

No WPC BRIDGE GROUP in August.
Enjoy a summer break!

NEW 2017 PHONE DIRECTORIES

Starting Sunday August 27th, the **new 2017 WPC Telephone Directories** will be available in **Fellowship Hall**. Please just **take one per household** for now so we ensure everyone gets a copy.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Wheat Ridge Carnation Festival--The 48th Annual Wheat Carnation Festival will be held **Friday-Sunday, August 11-13th**. Admission is free! Come enjoy **live music** including: Buckstein, Rachel and the Ruckus, Delta Sonics, Jim Jam Jimmy, Swerve, Sliver and Smoke, Wild Mountain, and Austin Young Band, the **9:30 am Saturday parade on 38th Ave** from Ames to Upham, the **Beer & Wine Garden and food vendors all 3 days**, **Spaghetti Dinner Friday and Saturday Night**, 2017 **Chili Cook-off Saturday**, **Free Art Show all 3 days**, **Zoppé Circus**, **Fireworks Friday and Saturday nights starting at 9:15 am.**

From the website:

<https://thecarnationfestival.com/about/>

...A Little History of the Festival, Flower and Farmers

Every August in Wheat Ridge there's a community shindig for a few thousand of the city's closest friends.

The party, The Wheat Ridge Carnation Festival, is nearing the half-century mark – and is one of the longest running festivals in Colorado. The festival derives its name from the post-World War II period when Wheat Ridge was home to a thriving carnation industry. The last carnation grower in Wheat Ridge phased out their operation in 2008.

The event has changed and grown, but has always been a free locally driven and family-friendly event.

In 2016, there were around 30,000 attendees at Anderson Park. Now a three-day festival, it attracts residents and visitors from around the state. The festival is and has been a long-time supporter of many local Wheat Ridge focused nonprofits, service clubs, as well as student and senior organizations. All monies generated by the festival go to these local entities or back into the costs of the festival itself.

The festival is a registered nonprofit with the state and is managed and run by a board of Wheat Ridge volunteers.

The city of Wheat Ridge was incorporated and officially became a city on Aug. 15, 1969. In honor of the city's birthday, the area's agricultural history (the Wheat Ridge High School sports teams are the Farmers) and carnation production, a festival was born....

Colorado's abundant sunshine made for a near-perfect place to grow carnations. Carnations need ample sunlight. Wheat Ridge is close to Denver and provided the needed space for greenhouses.

History of the Carnation Festival,

In the 1960s, the city had 32 different carnation growers and sent flowers to the White House every Monday morning. The bouquet was displayed in the front foyer with a card stating: "With compliments to our nation's capital, Wheat Ridge Colorado, Carnation City," per the Wheat Ridge Historical Society.

The city's moniker as being the "Carnation City," prompted a group of people to organize an official agricultural and floricultural weekend celebration. Thus, the Carnation Festival and Parade become an annual tradition, first held on 38th Avenue.

The parade remains on 38th Avenue, with a brief hiatus to 44th Avenue at one point. The parade over the years has featured floats with mounds of carnations from the local growers. The greenhouses are gone, but the connections to the past remain.

The world now receives its carnations primarily from South America.

The festival itself has had a few sites since the beginning, until finding its present home at Anderson Park.

Like so many traditions, occasions and festivals, finding the exact origins of the festival and historical specifics are as steeped in unknowns as the carnation flower itself. So many of the city's founders and festival originators have passed – but their legacy continues. –*Cyndy Beal*

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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

		1	2	3	4	5
		8:30 am 4 F 7:00 pm Pipers Practice		9:30 am Staff meeting 3 pm Mission meeting		9:am-2pm Presbyterian Women's Quarterly Bible Study at The Presbytery Center
6 INDOOR WORSHIP/Communion 9:30am Worship "Blessing of the Backpacks" 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship 2pm Pipers Practice	7	8 7:00 pm Pipers Practice	9	10 7pm Citizens for a Healthy wheat Ridge	11 9:30 am China Painters? Carnation Festival	12 8:30 am Saturday AM Women's Breakfast/Bible Study at Eileen Gardner's home 9:30 am Carnation Parade Carnation Festival
13 OUTDOOR WORSHIP 9:30am Worship 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship 2pm Pipers Practice Carnation Festival	14	15 2:30 pm Worship meeting 7:00 pm Pipers Practice	16 No WPC Church Bridge Group in August	17 7 pm Session meeting No Thursday Book Group in August	18	19
20 OUTDOOR WORSHIP 9:30am Worship-Blessing the Animals 10:45 am Dog Days of Summer Picnic Noon New Beginnings Leader training	21	22 7:00 pm Pipers Practice	23	24	25	26
27 LAST OUTDOOR WORSHIP Sunday 9:30 am Worship (Rain date for Blessing of the Animals and Picnic) 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship 2 pm Pipers Practice	28	29	30	31		

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