



March 2018

**“Oh, God of Dust and Rainbows,
Help us to see
That without the dust the rainbow
Would not be.”**
— Langston Hughes

This Lenten season, you are invited to take a Lenten journey through song. Each Sunday during 10:00 am worship, we'll hear scripture related to following the God who came to us in Jesus; the God who loves us and makes of our dust, rainbows. In the sermons, we will also take a look at the words to one of the hymns/anthems sung that Sunday.

Holy Week begins with shouts of, “Hosanna!” on Palm/Passion Sunday, March 25. On Maundy Thursday, March 29, after a 6pm potluck supper in Fellowship Hall, we will move to the sanctuary for a 7pm worship service. There, we will sing portions of all the focus hymns from Ash Wednesday through Maundy Thursday and, after a celebration of the Lord's Supper, the sanctuary will be “stripped” of decorations and we will conclude by singing a mournful Good Friday hymn. The sanctuary will be open on Friday, March 30th from noon to 3pm for silent meditation.

On Easter Sunday, we will gather for a delicious Easter Breakfast in Fellowship Hall, an Easter Egg hunt for children and youth followed by 10am worship celebrating the Resurrection—including special music from the Ridge Ringers bell choir, WPC chancel choir, and singers from Denver School of the Arts.

You are invited to read the lyrics for the focus hymns. They are available on the web site:

<https://hymnary.org> Hymn numbers listed are for the “blue” *Presbyterian Hymnal* (1990)

Feb. 14 Ash Wed.: *O for a Closer Walk with God* (397)

Feb. 18: *God of the Sparrow* (272)

Feb. 25: *Take My Life* (391)

March 4: (Anthem) *Inspired by Love and Anger* (Iona Community)

March 11: *Amazing Grace* (280)

March 18: *Lord I Want to Be a Christian* (372)

March 25: *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!* (91)

March 29 (Maundy Thursday): *In Remembrance of Me* (*Sing the Faith*, 2254) and *O, Sacred Head Now Wounded* (98)

As we reflect on the dust of our lives, as we study God's Word and prepare our hearts and lives for the Resurrection, may the songs of our faith inform and inspire the Lenten journey!

Peace,

Laura



Dust and Rainbows: A Lenten Journey through Song

SESSION- meets 7:00 pm Thursday, March 8th

At the Annual Congregational meeting of January 28, 2018, the following officers were elected: Elders Class of 2021: Jo Ann Flores, Maxine Foster, Ann Ludvigsen; Class of 2020, Sean Mestdagh, with a vacancy in both class of 2020 and 2021. Deacons Class of 2021: Valerie Friedman, Nancy Rosi, Jeff Stimson, with a vacancy in both class of 2020 and 2021. At-large members of the Nominating Committee: Caroline Clovesko, Roxanne Foster, Joy Tolin. Pat Yrastorza was appointed by the Session to the Highland West Community Board starting January 1, 2018.

Ruth Breckon
Clerk of Session

**Elder Training: Mondays March 5–19, April 9
10:30 am in Laura's office**

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 303-422-2355 (church)

or 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 quick way to have your prayer concerns passed on to part of the church family and enables the church to support you more rapidly in your time of need.

NEXT DEACON MEETING
Sunday, March 4th at 11:30 a.m.

STEWARDSHIP ONE GREAT HOUR OF

SHARING: Lent is a time for reflection, prayer, and sharing. Please join Presbyterians worldwide in providing relief from disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed in over 100 countries. The OGHs **collection** will be on **Palm and Easter Sundays with special donation envelopes available in the bulletins.** Please prayerfully consider sharing your gifts at this time. **IS. 58:7 “...share your bread with the hungry”.**

NEW BEGINNINGS: Sunday March 11 at 11:30 am

We will be having a New Beginnings meeting [on March 11](#) in Fellowship Hall after coffee time. A light lunch will be served.

The purpose of the meeting is to begin to organize ourselves for action. We will review our previous ideas and thoughts, add any new ones, and then come to an agreement about how to proceed. Exciting times ahead!! See you all there- Barbara Stimson and Anne Baker



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

SPRING AHEAD!

Set your clocks an hour ahead
late Saturday night March 10th for
Sunday, March 11th.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



WPC's youth group met on Sunday, February 18th, and after lunch at the church six youth and four adult volunteers left to watch the Avalanche play the Oilers at the Pepsi Center. Along with our youth we were also happy to welcome some of their friends that they had invited to the event. Despite the Avalanche loss the group had a wonderful time and are looking forward to our next meeting, date and time TBD. Please pray for our youth group as we continue to GROW!

The C.E. committee is now working on our spring event and the dates for this summer's VBS is July 16-20th. Be sure and watch for more information on these upcoming events.

Grace and peace,
Linda Valo

SAVE THE DATE
Vacation Bible School
July 16-20, 2018

COMMUNITY SPEAKER—Sunday, March 4th at 8:45 am. WPC will have a Community Speaker



Sunday, March 4 at 8:45 am in Fellowship Hall. The topic is *Mental Health in Colorado*. Our speaker is Maryann “Moe” Keller, who is Vice President of Public Policy and Strategic Initiatives for Mental Health Colorado

since 2010. Before her work with MHAC, Moe served for eight years in the Colorado House of Representatives and eight years in the Colorado Senate, where she concentrated on legislation and policy for individuals who have mental health conditions and for individuals with developmental disabilities. Prior to her work in the legislature, Moe was a special education teacher for deaf and hearing-impaired children for 25 years. Please **invite friends, family, and neighbors** for this interesting community speaker.

MISSION

- Meets Wednesday, March 7th at 3:00 pm
- Thanks to all who participated in **Mission's Valentine's Day Luncheon: Red, White, and Chocolate in February.** About fifty of you attended and **over \$494** was raised to **benefit Uplift Internationale.** Uplift Internationale is a program where volunteer doctors, nurses, and other helpers fly to the Philippines and perform surgeries on rural Filipino children born with cleft palates.
- **COOKING FOR HOMELESS SHELTER--** Jeanne Miller and Betty Niquette have volunteered to be joint coordinators for the bi-monthly Cooking for the Homeless program. Next cooking day is **Tuesday March 13th at 9:30 am.** Volunteers are always welcome. We usually need about 3 people. We cook for about 25-30 men. Please sign up on the blue poster board in Fellowship Hall. For more information please call or email **Jeanne Miller** or **Betty Niquette.**
- Mission will host a **luncheon** fundraiser right after worship, **Sunday, March 18th** to benefit the National Sports Center for the Disabled. This will be a free will offering, the menu will include: corned beef and all the fixings.
- The **Action Center's Beautiful Junk Sale** returns **this Spring, Friday, March 16th and Saturday, March 17th** at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. Shop for a good cause and join us at the Beautiful Junk Sale! You'll find treasures you didn't know you needed in every corner of the Jefferson County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall. More than 10,000-square-feet of collectibles, toys, holiday decor, vintage clothing, jewelry, books, music and households --- all at garage sale prices. Your **\$4 admission** supports programs at the Action Center that help families and individuals break the cycle of poverty. Bring two or more cans of food, and we'll knock that admission price down to \$3.
Friday, March 16th 8:30 am - 7:00 pm
Saturday, March 17th 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
At the Jefferson County Fairgrounds
*Early bird shopping Friday 7:00 am
plus, free admission Saturday - \$30*



FELLOWSHIP

Looks like all the new and reorganized small groups are off to a wonderful start! Thanks to everyone who participates! If any of you are NOT in a small group and would like to join either a daytime or evening group, please let Jeanne Miller know and we can rectify that situation! They are a great way to get to know fellow WPC'ers.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Looking forward, our sights are set on the **Easter breakfast April 1st** starting at 7:30 am for chancel choir and Ridge Ringers and 8:00 am for the congregation. Please join us as we celebrate Christ's resurrection and all that means for each of us. The food is always wonderful and the fellowship even better!

Later in the Spring, Fellowship is looking to team with the CE committee for an evening of fine food and entertainment. We'll keep you posted as the time draws near.

As always, if anyone has any ideas of things they would like to see happening with the Fellowship committee, please let us know and we would be happy to organize!

Jeanne Miller, Fellowship Chair

FELLOWSHIP - EASTER BREAKFAST

The Fellowship Committee will host and cook the traditional **Easter Breakfast** on Sunday, April 1st, serving our chancel and bell choirs at 7:30 am. Starting at **8:00 am the congregation will be served.** A free will donation will be taken and all are invited to attend. Please join us for great conversation and breakfast prior to a wonderful Worship service of special music, lovely flowers as we celebrate that He is Risen!

Thank You from the Fellowship Committee!



WORSHIP

- **Sunday, March 25th – Palm/Passion Sunday -** Procession of Choir with Sunday School Children and distribution of palms.
- **Thursday March 29th - Maundy Thursday – Potluck Dinner at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall and 7:00 pm service in sanctuary with communion offered.** The Worship Committee will be sponsoring a Pot Luck Dinner in Fellowship Hall. Bring something to share and Worship Committee will provide the beverages for the meal. Please **no desserts**
- **Good Friday** the **sanctuary** will be open **noon to 3:00 pm** for a time of silent reflection.
- **April 1st - Easter Sunday - Easter Breakfast** in Fellowship Hall sponsored by Fellowship Committee **at 8:00 am (7:30 am for Choir and Ridge Ringers), Easter Egg Hunt for children at 9:30 am** followed by the **10:00 am Church Service** with special music and worship and lovely Easter flowers.



Lary Cahill	March 2
Bill Trefz	March 4
Gordon Swanson	March 7
Ann Ludvigsen	March 12
Kelsey Briggs	March 13
Kerry Gardner	March 14
Lynn Thatcher	March 16
Bunny Brown	March 18
Annika Sovold	March 20
Adrienne Stimson	March 20
Morgan Stimson	March 28
Carolyn Steffen	March 30

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

4-F: Please come to 4-F 8:30 am Tuesday, March 6th in Fellowship Hall, for some Food, Fun, Fellowship and Fixin'!

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE—Sunday March 4th during Fellowship Time Girl Scout Troop 61054 which meets here bi-monthly is having a cookie sale here at WPC in Fellowship Hall Sunday, March 4th at 11:15 am.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY & BREAKFAST

March 10th 8:30 a.m. breakfast followed by lesson. All Women of the church are invited! Please **RSVP to Eileen Gardner** so she can bring enough study materials.



THURSDAY BOOK GROUP

7:00 pm Thursday March 22 at the home of Deloris Green, Reading: *The Forgotten Garden* by Kate Morton. Please **RSVP** her so she knows how many plan attending. All are welcome!



WHEAT RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BRIDGE CLUB--WPC Bridge meets

Wednesday, March 21st at 1:00 pm at the home of **Allan & Sonia Hills**, Please **RSVP** so they know how many tables to setup.



With Concern. . .

- **Carole Pettit** died Saturday, February 17, surrounded by the love of her family. Carole has been dealing with Parkinson's disease for many years. Thursday, February 15th she was having trouble breathing and was rushed to Lutheran Hospital. Carole had developed sepsis and was moved to the ICU. She was conscious much of the daytime hours, so loved ones could pray, hold hands, and, when it was clear that no other medical treatment would be effective, say their goodbyes. A **memorial service** celebrating her life and witnessing to the resurrection will be held on **Saturday, March 3rd at 10:00 am at the church.** A reception will follow.
- **Nancy Brown** is doing very well after her knee replacement surgery on Monday, February 12th. She's doing so well that she was discharged February 13 to receive physical therapy at home and to be with her **mother, Bunny.**
- **Carolyn Steffen** remains in Tyler, Texas after a bad broken ankle and surgery in November. She is doing physical therapy three times a week and hopes to get strong enough to return to Colorado mid-March. She loves emails and phone calls!
- **Eileen Gardner** had a cancerous melanoma removed from her right arm. She is recovering well and the hope is that there will be no further treatment needed.
- **Donna Ellis** as she enjoys the challenge of moving. **With Thanksgiving...**
- **Bob Euser** had his 90th birthday Monday, February 26th.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Prospect 55 Lateral Ditch will be having the yearly irrigation **ditch cleanup day** behind the church on **Saturday, April 7th. An alternate date for bad weather will be on April 14th.** We receive a good portion of our outside water from this source so our help in this endeavor is greatly appreciated. The planned cleanup is **scheduled from 8:00 am until noon** but more bodies from our congregation will allow us to work shorter shifts. Please **consider donating two or three hours of work** this day so that we can keep our lawns green this summer.

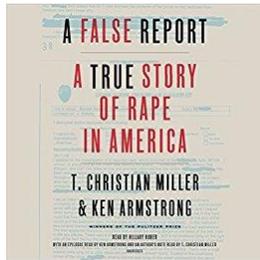


FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION—meets Mondays March 5 & 12 at 6:00 pm

A NOTE FROM JULIE PULLIAM

Hi Family and Friends,

Some of you have asked for the link to the BBC Radio 4 Show, "Women's Hour," that interviewed our daughter, Edna Hendershot, Commander, Westminster, CO Police Department and Stacy Galbraith, Colorado Bureau of Investigation, regarding the case of a serial rapist that they helped to solve. The interview was aired February 6, 2018. A book about the case has now been published and released for sale February 6, 2018 titled, A False Report, A True Story of Rape in America, by T. Christian Miller and Ken Armstrong. The same authors won a Pulitzer Prize for a 44 page article that they wrote about this case titled, "An Unbelievable Story of Rape," published by ProPublica, about December 16, 2015. The TV Show, 48 Hours, also interviewed Edna and Stacy and they did a one hour show about the case a year or so ago. Apparently now Netflix wants to make a series about the case. The good thing about all this is that they caught the guy and he is in prison for 327 1/2 years!



Here is the link to the 11 minute interview on BBC 4 Radio, Women's Hour:
(When you get to the website, scroll down to **False Report** and Click on it. **It's the last 11 minutes of the program.**)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b09qb08c>

Here is the link to the article in The Times of London, The Times Magazine excerpt:

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/the-hunt-for-a-serial-rapist-62zcjs682>

Thank you so much,
Juliann (Julie) and Wally
Pulliam

A FEW NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

- **End of the year finances:** I believe I have given most families a copy of the year-end financial statements, but in case I have missed you, there are still a few copies left. Or, if you can receive email, we have a full set we can email to you. We were very happy to end the year on a very positive note due to large gains on our stock accounts and savings on several expense accounts. Thank you so much for your generosity! Please contact me at my home email address.



(TREASURER NOTES continued...)

- **Reimbursement questions:** We're glad to reimburse you for anything you purchase with your own money for the church's benefit. In order to reimburse you – pay you back – please turn in all receipts for the items purchased. Also, please separate your own personal items from the church items purchased. In other words, please run two cashier's tickets: one for yourself for your own personal items and one for the church items. We spend a lot of time trying to figure out what is what when one ticket with the correct items on it would give us a total instantly. Of course, anything purchased must be approved by the commission chairperson before we can process it. Finally, if you purchase something for the church and wish to donate your expense, we can credit that to your donation account. Again, we prefer to either do it one way or the other – either pay you in full for the expense or credit you in full for the purchase. Trying to split it up is too confusing and we have decided in the interest of time that we can't split it any longer. If you have any questions about any of this, please call either Betsy or me at the church and we'll be glad to talk to you about it. We appreciate your kind cooperation in this matter.

- **It is time now to pay your per capita pledge which is \$30 per person.** I would like to collect everyone's payments now, so I can remit the entire amount to Presbytery by the end of April. Thanks for your help in getting this done early in the year.



Thanks very much,
Eileen Gardner, treasurer

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Girl Scout Cookie Sale** following worship on **Sunday, March 4th**
- **St. Patrick's Day Luncheon** for National Sports Center for the Disabled following worship on **Sunday, March 18th**
- **Holy Week:** Palm/Passion Sunday March 25; Maundy Thursday March 29 with potluck dinner at 6:00 pm, service in sanctuary at 7:00 pm; Good Friday the sanctuary will be open noon to 3:00 pm for a time of silent reflection.
- **Easter Sunday** April 1 with Easter Breakfast in Fellowship Hall at 8:00 am (7:30 am for Choir and Ridge Ringers), Easter Egg Hunt for children at 9:30 am followed by the 10:00 am Church Service with special music and worship and lovely Easter flowers

EASTER PLANT ORDERS.

Help decorate our sanctuary for Easter with beautiful plants. Purchase plants to enjoy yourself or as gifts for others. Look for **Easter Plant order forms** in this Newsletter (see to the right) or in the bulletins **the first two Sundays in March**. Choices include **Easter Lilies (\$10 each) Azaleas (\$15), Hydrangeas (\$18) and Calla Lilies (\$18)**. After Easter take your beautiful flowers home to enjoy. Place your order with cash or check folded in the form and put it in the collection plate (**Sunday, March 11** is the **deadline to do this**) or drop-off your form and payment at the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Roxanne Foster.



EASTER PLANT ORDER
to welcome Easter Sunday

<u>Potted Plant</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>\$ Amount</u>
6" Easter Lily	\$10.00	_____	_____
6" Azalea	\$15.00	_____	_____
6" Hydrangea	\$18.00	_____	_____
6" Calla Lily	\$18.00	_____	_____
TOTAL		_____	\$_____

After indicating your order above, please fill out the information below and attach with remuneration; place in the offering plate OR take to the church office.

Paid by \$_____ cash or \$_____ check

PAYMENT DUE WITH ORDER by Sunday, March 11th
Make checks payable to Wheat Ridge Presbyterian Church.

YOUR NAME _____

IN HONOR OF _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

Please call Roxanne Foster with questions: 303-238-6768.

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March 11

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

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SATURDAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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						10:00 am Memorial service for Carole Pettit followed by reception
4 8:30 am Choir Practice 8:45 am Community Speaker Moe Keller <i>Mental Health in Colorado</i> 8:45 am Church School for Children 10 am Worship/Communion 11: 10 am Fellowship Time/ <i>Girl Scouts Cookie Sale</i> 11:30 am Deacons meeting	5 10:30 am Elder Training 3:30-5:00 pm Whiz Kids Tutoring 6:00 pm Finance & Administration meeting	6 8:30 am 4-F Come for Food, Fun, Fellowship & Fixin'! 4:00-5:30 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Pipers Practice	7 3:00 pm Mission Committee meeting 7:00 pm Ridge Ringers practice	8 7:00 pm Session Meeting	9 9:30 am China Painters	10 8:30 am Sat. AM Women's Breakfast/Bible Study in Fellowship Hall Set clock ahead one hour before going to sleep.
11 Set clocks ahead 1 hour 8:30 am Choir Practice 8:45 am Church School for all ages 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time 11:30 <i>New Beginnings Light Lunch & Gathering</i>	12 10:30 am Elder Training 3:30-5:00 pm Whiz Kids Tutoring 6:00 pm Finance & Administration meeting	13 9:30 am Mission Cooking 4:00-5:30 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Pipers Practice	14 WPC APRIL NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE 6:00 pm Christian Education meeting 7:00 pm Ridge Ringers practice	15	16 8:30 am-7:00 pm The Action Center Beautiful Junk Sale at Jeffco Fairgrounds (\$4) Early Bird 7am (\$30)	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> 8:00 am-4:00 pm The Action Center Beautiful Junk Sale at Jeffco Fairgrounds (\$4)
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25 Palm Sunday 8:30 am Choir Practice 8:45 am Church School for all Ages 10:00 am Worship 11:10 am Fellowship Time	26 Spring Break No Whiz Kids Tutoring this week resumes 4/2 No Elder Training this week resumes 4/9	27 7:00 pm Pipers Practice	28 7:00 pm Ridge Ringers Practice	29 Maundy Thursday 6:00 pm potluck in Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday service in sanctuary	30 Good Friday Noon to-3:00 pm Sanctuary open for silent reflection	31



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