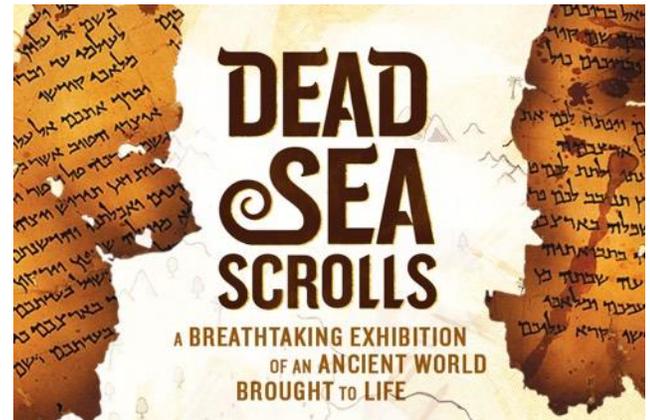


June 2018

Dear Wheat Ridge Family,

I have said it before, the Bible can sometimes seem like a book unrelated to real people and real places. We read it in English in our favorite translation, and it can be hard to fathom what came before. That is why the exhibit of some of the Dead Sea Scrolls at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science (DMNS) is so exciting! Usually these manuscripts—the oldest ones in existence of the Hebrew Bible (our Old Testament)—remain at the *Shrine of the Book in Israel*. [See photo below from a trip I took in 2000.] <http://www.imj.org.il/en/wings/shrine-book>



At the DMNS, we can not only see some of the **manuscripts themselves but also other artifacts** as we learn more about the **geographical, religious, and historical context** in which they were written and used. That is why I am **planning on leading two visits to the DMNS this summer** before the exhibit leaves on Labor Day. All WPC members and friends are invited to sign up for **Tuesday, June 19 or Sunday, August 5** with an exhibit entry time of 12:30 PM (so arrive by **11:45 AM**). The process for group sales is very complicated and you will need to sign up with me in advance. A donor has offered to pay for the **Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit portion** of these outings, but if you are not a member of the DMNS, **you will need to pay for your museum entry or buddy up with a WPC person** with the kind of **museum membership that allows a guest or guests**. Early June, I will send out a **congregational email with a link to a way to sign up online with me—including indicating if you are a member, etc.**, but if you would like to go ahead and purchase your own tickets for those day/s and time, please do so by calling the museum or visiting their web site. Entry times are every 10 minutes, so you can always choose one close to 12:30 PM to connect with your WPC friends!

From Shrine of the Book Museum: <http://www.imj.org.il/en/wings/shrine-book>

*"The Dead Sea Scrolls are ancient manuscripts that were discovered between 1947 and 1956 in **eleven caves** near Khirbet **Qumran**, [see to the Right, **my photo of one of the caves**] on the northwestern shores of the Dead Sea in modern Israel. The **Shrine of the Book** was built as a repository for the first seven scrolls discovered at Qumran in 1947. The unique white dome embodies the lids of the jars in which the first scrolls were found.*

*"They are approximately **two thousand years old**, dating from the third century BCE to the first century CE. Most of the scrolls were written in Hebrew, with a smaller number in Aramaic or Greek.... The manuscripts fall into three major categories: biblical, apocryphal, and sectarian. The biblical manuscripts comprise some **two hundred copies of books of the Hebrew Bible, representing the earliest evidence for the biblical text in the world.**"*



Peace, *Laura*

SESSION

The Session welcomed incoming Elders Jo Ann Flores, Maxine Foster, and Ann Ludvigsen. Committee chairs for 2018: Christian Education: Alan Hills, Finance and Administration: Sean Mestdagh and Bob Brown, Membership: Jim Piperato, Mission: Marny Eulberg, Nominating: Co-chair Bob Brown, Personnel: Maxine Foster, Property Management: Jo Ann Flores, Stewardship: Ann Ludvigsen, Worship: Anne Baker. The chair of Fellowship has not been filled at this time. Bob Brown continues as one of WPC's Representative to Denver Presbytery. Each committee welcomes suggestions and ideas as well as interested members to their committee. **Session next meets Thursday, June 21st at 7:00 pm.** The July session meeting will be the Triennial visit team from Denver Presbytery Commission on Ministry.

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

The proceeds from our annual **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** during Lent and Easter totaled \$2,875.98. A special thank you to our church family who made this possible. These funds make a real difference for three important programs here and around the world:

- **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** - working with communities as they recover and find hope after natural or human-caused disasters
- **Presbyterian Hunger Program** - supporting initiatives that create sustainable food systems and alleviate root causes of poverty
- **Self-Development of People** - providing the resources and education to oppressed and disadvantaged communities working to overcome poverty and injustice through projects they own and directly benefit from.

Thank you for your commitment and generosity!
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 303-422-2355/ © 720-471-0751
Church Office, 303-422-2354
Prayer Chain, Charlene Pierce

Deacon Co-Chairs: Linda Johnston & Lori Golightly
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. **Deacons next meet Sunday, July 8th** following Fellowship Time.



WORSHIP

- **Summer Worship Hours** have begun with the **earlier worship time of 9:30 am** followed by a **10:35 am Coffee Fellowship** in Fellowship Hall. The **first Sunday** of each summer month, the service will be **indoors** and **communion** will be offered, the other **Sundays** will be **outdoors**, weather permitting. The special music each week will be coordinated by Katie Sakanai with help from Julie and Betty. On **Sunday, September 2nd**, a **special Outdoor Communion service** is planned.
- **Worship Committee** is offering **additional choices on the communion trays**. For the "wine" trays **water is in the center, white grape juice is the middle ring and red wine is on the outside ring**. **Gluten free wafers** are offered as well as the traditional bread on the bread trays. This is to provide more choices and to help families with children to distinguish between wine and juice more easily.



SING-A-LONGS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES!

This summer, on **Saturdays June 23rd, July 21st, and August 25th** from **10:00- 11:00 a.m.** Wheat Ridge Presbyterian Church will hold **Sing-A-Longs for young children and their families in the Outdoor Worship Center!**

Choir director Katie Sakanai will sing and play for all children, but the concert will be geared particularly toward pre-schoolers. Bring a blanket, a snack and get ready to bop and boogie! If it rains, no problem, we'll meet in the Christian Education Room inside.

CALL FOR WPC PHONE DIRECTORY UPDATES

We will produce a **new phone book in June**. Please let us know by **email Jenny@WRPres.org** or a **call to the church office 303-422-2354** if you can **any changes** needed for the **new printed directory**.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Thanks so much to those of you providing our Prayer Shawl Ministry. If you provide a shawl for someone, please record a description of the shawl and who knitted it in the new book. Everyone is invited to join us.



—Sonia



4F (Food, Fun, Fellowship and Fixin') -- Will next meet Tuesday, June 5th at 8:30 am. Please come for some Food, Fellowship, Fun and Fixin'!

EARTH DAY EVERY DAY



Helping to keep our earth healthy is something each of us can do by recycling. There is a **new RECYCLE BIN in Fellowship Hall**. The items that can be recycled are **paper products**, including

paper plates, paper and plastic coffee cups, plastic "silverware", bakery boxes, plastic bottles, tin cans, soda cans, and glass jars.

NO STYROFOAM CUPS OR CONTAINERS.

PLEASE take the time to scrape off excess food from paper plates into the trash, empty liquid from coffee cups and plastic bottles, and try to break down boxes before adding to the recycle bin.

REMEMBER this is recycle and NOT composting, so no garbage please.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- **Meets Thursday, June 14th at 6:00 pm**
- **Thanks** so much to all who participated in **WPC Spring Clean Up on May 12th**. Your hard work and care enable us to have a lovely, safe, and inviting space, so important for the many Outdoor Worship Services this summer and when we have our guests here for VBS in July. If you were unable to attend the cleanup and would like to help, please contact Jo Ann Flores or others from the Property Management Committee. One need is to trim the grass around each stone marker in the columbarium.

MISSION

- **Thanks** to all who **participated in Wilbur Sunday May 20th!** Your efforts help feed hungry children in Wheat Ridge (Feed the Future) and supports children and families in Zimbabwe (Lomagundi Clinic).



- **Mission meets Wednesday June 6 at 3:30 pm.**
- **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, June 30th** from **6-8:30 pm** in our outdoor worship area ("gates" open at 5:30PM). 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**.

GIRL SCOUT TROOP ON SUMMER BREAK.



Scout Troop 61054 which meets here twice a month on Tuesday afternoons, will be on summer break. The troop will resume meeting in September.

PRAYER REQUESTS & NOTES OF THANKSGIVING

With Concern . . .

- **Ann Kelchner** recovering at home after serious eye issues in early May and **after a fall, Burt Kelchner** was transferred to Brookdale Green Mountain skilled nursing.
- **Judy Liddy** is at Clear Creek Care Center. She welcomes phone calls, cards, and visits.
- **Caroline Clovesko's sister, Joan Koval, died on Friday, May 18th**. There will be an out-of-state service later this summer, when the family is able to gather to celebrate her life.

With Thanksgiving. . .

- After an appendectomy in early May, **Naomi Sugg** is recovering quickly.



June BIRTHDAYS



Alice Datema	June 2
Maris Sovold	June 3
Lori Golightly	June 4
Dick Sugg	June 12
Caroline Clovesko	June 16
Jeanne Miller	June 16
Ariane Meyer	June 23
Allison Cress	June 24
Jo Ann Flores	June 25
Pat Yrastorza	June 25
Naomi Sugg	June 29

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

WPC BRIDGE GROUP: meets Wednesday, June 20 at 1:00 pm at WPC in Fellowship Hall. Please **RSVP** to your **host, Bob Brown** at **303-912-3514** so he knows how many are planning to attend

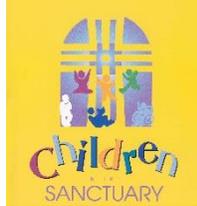
THURSDAY BOOK GROUP will take a break for the month of June. Happy summer reading!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

On May 20th, we were blessed as we watched the children of the church run through the sanctuary with their fiery streamers and our youth exhibited their leadership skills in worship in celebration of Pentecost and Youth Sunday. We also took time to rejoice in the high school graduation of Karl Gardner. What a wonderful day it was!



As summer begins we are pleased to announce that starting Sunday June 10th and continuing through the summer, during Kids Kingdom, C. E. will be teaching a series of lessons to our children and youth about their church, the building and the different uses for example: sanctuary, narthex. They will also learn about sacraments such as: baptism and communion. We want to encourage parents to bring their children and youth for this informative and fun experience.



July 16-20 - Vacation Bible School/Kamp Kidventure/Drama Camp. Registration is now open at www.wpcpres.org, for ages 5-14, from 9am-4pm Mon.-Fri.

VBS volunteers are needed, if you feel that you would like to help please contact Linda Valo at 720-335-0897, or Linda@wrpres.org. WPC is again partnering with Highlands Camp and Retreat Center. We are also pleased that LuAnn Buckstein will be with us to direct the Drama Camp for the older children. Registration is filling up so if you know any child who would like to attend--register now!

Grace and peace,
Linda Valo

Christian Education meets 6:00 pm Thursday, June 21



CONGRATULATIONS! KARL GARDNER!

NO WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY-June & July

SAT. A.M. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY/BREAKFAST is taking a summer break-see you in August!



THANKS FROM KARL GARDNER



WHEAT RIDGE TLC CLEANUP DAYS

Localworks and WRPD Community Service Team will host their annual TLC Clean Up days again this year. Each event will be preceded by a community meeting held at the same location as the Clean Up. Our first meeting was Wed. May 23 from 6-8:30 p.m. at Clear Creek Church, 10555 W. 44th Ave. The first TLC Clean Up is **Sat. June 2 from 8 a.m. till noon** or until the dumpsters are full. Check the City website for additional dates and more info about what can be dropped off or call 720-259-1030.

ROAD CLOSURES--Saturday, June 2nd Closures on Exempla Lutheran Campus and surrounding Wheat Ridge area from 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 am. as Lutheran hosts the annual **Heroes of Hope— Courage Against Cancer Run/Walk** and a **Cancer Survivors Celebration** (until 1:00 pm). Closures include areas of:

W. 32nd between Kipling and Lutheran Pkwy, Garrison St. between W. 32nd and 35th Avenue, and Garland St, between W. 32nd Avenue and W. 35th Avenue.

COMMUNITY CONCERT FUNDRAISER –Mark your

calendars! **Joshua Trinidad**

Concert July 14, 2017 Friends of Guéoul presents: An evening of Jazz, Wine, Food and Silent Auction Saturday, July 14th 6-9 at Wheat Ridge Presbyterian

FRIENDS OF GUÉOUL Church outdoor amphitheater 9180 West 38th Avenue, Wheat Ridge CO 80033 Presented by: Friends of Guéoul gueoul.org Music By: Joshua Trinidad joshuatrinidad.com Tickets: \$50; includes 2 drink tickets and 4 food tickets Food: heavy hors d'oeuvres with wine paired and provided by: Orchard Wine and Spirits Sponsored and organized by: Zoe Salon and Spa Tickets available soon. See upcoming announcements for more details!

June 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 2:00 pm-6/2 1:00 pm Wedding Flowers in Fellowship Hall	2 7am-1 pm Heroes of Hope Run/Walk at Lutheran Medical Center 11:00 am Wedding of Tyler Thorn & Katie Mohwinkle in Outdoor Worship Center
3 9:30 am Worship Indoors/Communion 10:30am Fellowship Time 3:00 pm Denver Presbytery Move Celebration	4	5 8:30 am 4-F 6:00 pm Stewardship meeting 7:00 pm Pipers Practice	6 3:30 pm Mission meeting	7	8 9:30 am China Painters	9 No Saturday AM Women's Breakfast/Bible Study this summer. Happy Summer break! See you in the fall!
10 9:30 am Worship Outdoors 10:30am Fellowship Time No Deacons meeting in June	11 Carpenter's Helpers/ Habitat for Humanity Golf/BBQ fundraiser at Emerald Green 2:30 registration 4:00-6:00 pm golfing 6:00 pm Dinner	12	13 4:00 pm Worship Committee	14 6:00 pm Property Management Committee meeting	15	16
17 Happy Father's Day 9:30 am Worship Outdoors 10:30am Fellowship Time	18	19 11:45 am Laura Group to Dead Sea scrolls exhibit Must RSVP. 7:00 pm Pipers Practice	20 1:00 pm WPC Bridge Group- in Fellowship Hall	21 6:00 pm Christian Education meeting 7:00 pm Session meeting Thursday Book Group Won't meet in June Happy summer reading!	22	23 10:00-11:00 am WPC Kids' Sing-A-Long in Outdoor Worship Center
24 9:30am Worship Outdoors 10:30am Fellowship Time	25	26 7:00 pm Pipers Practice	27	28	29	30

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