

**July 2018**

Dear Wheat Ridge Family,

Summer is well underweigh and we are nearing our Indepence Day celebrations! As I have most summers, I will be preaching a series of sermons around a theme. From July 15 through Labor Day Weekend, I will explore **how we can hear the good news—the Gospel—from varied streams in national and world culture**. There will be some light-hearted, some deep, some moving examples. I hope over the summer you will hear some word of good news from a new or familiar source. The schedule is below—join in the fun by sharing your perspectives in conversation with each other and with me.

Fellowship will be hosting two congregational meals after worship—July 22<sup>nd</sup> and August 26<sup>th</sup>—both will be great opportunities to invite friends and neighbors to visit WPC!



## The Gospel According to...

**July 15** Otters, Beavers, and Magpies  
**July 22** Marvels Avengers

**July 29** Hafiz

**August 5** The Dead Sea Scrolls

**August 12** [A Guest will preach]

**August 19** The Beatles

**August 26** Story Time: *Charlotte's Web*

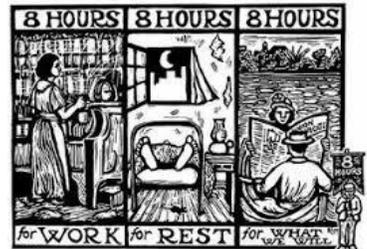
**Sept. 2** The Labor Movement

What can our critter neighbors teach us about God? Sometimes super heroes work together. Join in the fun by dressing as your favorite superhero! It is amazing how a 14<sup>th</sup> century Persian poet can be so relevant to our lives today.

The oldest known manuscripts of the Bible's Old Testament were found in caves in the Holy Land in 1946. They were put there by a community that can shed light on the gospel. Sign up with Laura to go after worship to the Denver Museum of Nature and Science to see the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit.

The Fab Four's *Let it Be* is pop culture wisdom. The sermon will primarily be story time with selections from E.B. White's wonderful book.

Celebrate Labor Day weekend reflecting on what the Labor Movement, the Hebrew Prophets, and Jesus have in common.



I hope to see you in worship this summer!

Peace, *Laura*

## SESSION

- Business transacted at the June meeting included forming a group to search for a person to design/build a new web page for WPC to make it more informative and user friendly to the community.
- The Finance and Administration Committee will invest in new accounting software that will make it easier to understand financial reporting.
- The date of the Annual Congregation meeting will be changed to the last Sunday of February to allow for year-end closing of the financial books.
- A new Session Committee “New Beginnings” will help in making the mission of WPC known to the community.
- With the closing of the Action Center’s Housing for the Homeless, Mission will provide meals to Family Promise working with Jefferson Ave Methodist Church.
- July meeting will be the triannual meeting of the Commission on Ministry of Denver Presbytery.

Ruth Breckon  
Clerk of Session

## DEACONS--A caring reminder from the Deacons:

If your family suffers a loss or illness, or you would like to request prayer, please contact any of the following:

Laura 303-422-2355/ cell 720-471-0751

Church Office, 303-422-2354

Prayer Chain, Charlene Pierce

Deacon Co-Chairs: Linda Johnston & Lori Golightly

**PRAYER CHAIN** – Prayer Chain is 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 will meet briefly after the 10:45 am Sunday, July 8 Severe Weather Shelter Network presentation.**

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Happy Summer!

As the temperature rises so does the anticipation for this year’s Vacation Bible School. Christian Ed and the volunteers are busy with all the preparations needed to make VBS an exciting and fun experience for the children who are going to be gracing the hallways here at WPC.

The theme for this summer’ VBS is “This Changes Everything”. In the morning children ages 5-9 will learn, with the help of Highlands Camp counselors, how God in Christ changes everything. In the afternoon they will enjoy more stories, crafts, discovery and music in Kamp Kidventure.



## (CHRISTIAN EDUCATION continued)

Children ages 10-14 will spend their mornings in a workshop called “Praying in Color”, then attend Drama Camp in the afternoon with director LuAnn Buckstein

Of course, there will be Water Appreciation Day on Friday afternoon! In addition, there will be a **drama performance of “Just Like Us”**, by Craig Sodaro Friday evening at 5:30pm. **All are invited!**

As a culmination of VBS, the Fellowship Committee will be hosting a BBQ right after services on July 22<sup>nd</sup> the Sunday after VBS. So please come join us!

VBS/Kamp Kidventure/Drama Camp will be July 16-20, from 9am-4pm, for ages 5-14. If you have or know of any children who would like to attend they can register at our website, [www.wpcpres.org](http://www.wpcpres.org). We are still in need of a few more volunteers, if you can help please call Linda Valo. There will be a will be a **Vacation Bible School Volunteer Orientation Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, following Fellowship Time (10:45 am).**

Grace and peace,  
Linda

## FELLOWSHIP—Come and bring friends and family to these fun upcoming events!

- **Fellowship Meal Sunday July 22, after Worship.** A church picnic sponsored by Fellowship Committee will be held after the “Celebrate Vacation Bible School” Sunday service on July 22. Fellowship Committee will supply the main course, beverages, and plates, cups, and silverware. Let’s have **people whose last names begin with A-M bring a side dish and N-Z bring a dessert to share.** Please bring a side dish or dessert that harkens back to those old-fashioned church picnics. Some fun and fitting games and activities will also be provided. Fellowship Hall will be set up with tables and chairs but feel free to bring a camping chair from home if you would like to relax outdoors in our shaded courtyard. A free will offering will be taken to help us defray expenses. The picnic should be loads of fun and we hope to see you there!
- **Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, there will be Fellowship meal after worship.** Please keep checking



upcoming announcements and the WPC August newsletter for more details.

## July BIRTHDAYS



Ann Myers	July 2
Valerie Friedman	July 3
Sonia Hills	July 6
Larry Angus	July 6
Constance Griess	July 9
Rachel Gallardo	July 10
Linda Johnston	July 11
Ralph Hecox	July 12
Nancy Brown	July 14
Leslie Coffman	July 15
Joy Tolin	July 15
Nicholas Friedman	July 16
Roxanne Foster	July 17
Linda Valo	July 20
Chuck Miller	July 31
Wally Pulliam	July 31

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



### PRAYER REQUESTS & NOTES OF THANKSGIVING

#### *With Concern . . .*

- **Judy Liddy** is at Clear Creek Care Center. She welcomes phone calls, cards, and visits.
- **Gordon Swanson** would love some visits..
- *With Sympathy . . .*
- One of our oldest members, **Burton L. Kelchner**, aged 96, died peacefully on Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.
- **Linda Johnston's stepmother, Edna Mae Wallace** (age 92), died Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. **Linda** asks that we pray for the family of Edna's daughter, Pat Caldwell and for the Wallace family.

#### *With Thanksgiving . . .*

- Blessings on **Katie Mohwinkle Thorn and Tyler Thorn** as they begin their married life after a beautiful ceremony in the Outdoor Worship Center on June 2nd.
- Dear friends, mom and I want to thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy to our family through your written cards, emails and texts. They are certainly so much appreciated in our time of sadness. We also thank those who have given to the music scholarship fund. My dad is smiling down on us at the generosity of these gifts to the music scholarship fund. Those gifts are like hugs to us as they will bless all of us in the months to come.

Thank you so much,  
**Eileen Gardner and Ann Kelchner**

- I would like to thank everyone for the thoughtful and beautiful sympathy cards, thoughts and prayers that I received. The past year was very difficult for my family, but it is reassuring to know that I have a wonderful church family. I can't thank you enough. Blessings! **Caroline Clovesko**

### MISSION

- **Mission Committee won't meet in July.**

The committee **next meets, Wednesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:30 pm.**



- **Severe Weather Shelter Network Presentation Sunday, July 8 at 10:45 am** in Fellowship Hall followed by a **brief WPC Deacons meeting.** A group is presenting here in Fellowship Hall at WPC following Sunday worship on **Sun., July 8 at 10:45 am** information on a ministry involving opening churches for "Warming Stations" for homeless people during severe weather.
- The Action Center closed their homeless shelter on June 16. Mission will transition to cooking for Homeless Families through Family Promise of Greater Denver (starting in September). The nonperishable goods that **The Action Center needs most right now include:** cereal, oatmeal, canned meats, peanut butter, canned fruits, tomato products, beans, canned meals (ravioli, Spaghetti O's, Beefaroni). If you'd like to help with donating school supplies this summer, please see the School Supply List attached to this email or included in the printed Newsletter. **School Supplies in need** include: Backpacks, Markers (thin & wide), colored pencils, scissors (sharp & blunt), crayons, glue (bottle & sticks), pens, pencils, folders with brads, pocket folders, loose-leaf paper (college ruled), spiral notebooks (college ruled). Bring your supplies to donate and put them The Action Center basket in the narthex.

### STEWARDSHIP NEWS

- A special thanks to all who so generously contributed to our Pentecost Offering in May! As you may remember 40% of that Offering stays right here in our church family, making a difference by supporting children and youth in our church and community through our Christian Education Programs and the STEP Fund.
- The Stewardship Committee will be meeting on **Monday, July 2 at 6:00 pm. New Committee members are needed and most welcome** to join us as we plan for both our special offerings through the year and the Fall Pledge Campaign.



## WHY A NEW CHURCH WEBSITE?

You may have seen on the church calendar that a search committee has been formed to find a web designer. One of many insights that emerged from the New Beginnings gatherings was a desire to update our web site.



Its current state communicates information but the “front page” is static—no one can change the photos that were loaded onto it about 7 years ago. It is also not friendly to mobile phones, and many features are much more labor intensive than newer, “fresher” web sites

A redesigned site will also enable the staff and church leaders to make updates more easily. The Session approved moving forward to find someone to redesign our site so that the community can engage with WPC better. Just as repairs to the organ, the electronic sign, or office printer cost money, this will too. But it will help the world to see the many ways that WPC continues to be a place, “Where People Care” in the 21<sup>st</sup> century!

The WPC Web Designer Search Committee:

## WORSHIP

- Stay cool in July as **Summer Worship Hours continue** 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**, they are **NAMETAG Sundays**, 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** offers **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.
- **Don't miss the Celebrate Vacation Bible School Sunday worship service: July 22<sup>h</sup>**, which will be **followed by a special meal together** sponsored by Fellowship.
- The **special music** each week is arranged by Katie Sakanai with help from Julie Pulliam and Betty Niquette. We've already had wonderful



special music by the WPC Choir, Kevin Crowe, tenor, Karl Allen, baritone & Madeleine Vande Polde, piano, Catherine Robison Ranney, soprano, & Todd Ranney, baritone and piano, Wyatt Johnson, tenor, and look forward to special music from the Griess family trio (we suspect Theo will help also), Vacation Bible Schoolers, Centennial State Pipe and Drums, and others. Thanks, music leaders & musicians!!!

## SUMMER SING AND STRETCH CLASSES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES! This

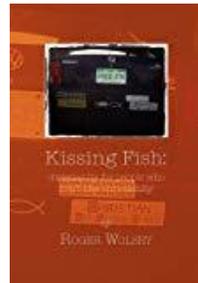


**summer, Saturdays, July 21st, and August 25th from 10:00–11:00 a.m.**, there are free concert and yoga classes in our outdoor amphitheater! Bring a snack and blanket and get ready to sing and stretch with Miss Katie and Miss Anna! This is geared toward pre-school children but any kids are welcome! If the weather is rainy, we will host inside the church.

**WPC BRIDGE GROUP – Meets Wednesday, July 18th at 1pm.** Eileen Gardner will host this month at her home. Please **contact her to RSVP**, for further details, and so that she knows how many people plan to attend.



## THURSDAY BOOK GROUP: meets 7:00 pm



**Thursday, July 19** at the home of **Allan & Sonia Hills**  
Reading: *Kissing Fish: Christianity for People Who Don't Like Christianity* by Roger Wolsey.  
Please **RSVP** to the hosts.

## SINGLE LADIES LUNCH, Sunday July 29

**Lori Golightly will host.** Please keep checking upcoming announcements for details on the July SLL Lunch. All single women of the church are invited!





**The Presbytery of Denver Immigration Task Force invites you to: AN EXPERIENTIAL EXPLORATION OF THE IMMIGRATION ISSUES**

Why Don't People just come into the country legally from Mexico? This is a day exploration that will invite a broader understanding of the complicated issues. Facilitated by BorderLinks\*

**WHEN: Saturday July 21 - 8:30 to 5:00 pm**

**WHERE:** Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian Church

**COST:** \$20 (includes lunch) scholarships available!

For more information and to register, go to

[denpres.org/events](http://denpres.org/events).



**COMMUNITY CONCERT FUNDRAISER –Joshua Trinidad Concert July 14, 2017 here at WPC!**

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

(9180 West 38th Avenue, Wheat Ridge CO 80033). Presented by:

Friends of Guéoul [gueoul.org](http://gueoul.org)

Music By: Joshua Trinidad [joshuatrinidad.com](http://joshuatrinidad.com)

Tickets: \$50; includes 2 drink tickets and 4 food tickets

Food: heavy hors d'oeuvres paired with wine.

Tickets available soon. See upcoming announcements for more details



**COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

- **Support Wheat Ridge Rotary Club by buying peaches by August 14<sup>th</sup> (type in)**

<https://www.wheatridgerotary.org/peaches/>

Help the Wheat Ridge Rotary Club (that serves the Wheat Ridge Community with scholarships, baskets for needy seniors, volunteering with Feed the Future and helps in global projects such as Uplift Internationale and water projects in Zimbabwe) and enjoy **wonderful organic Palisade Peaches**. The peaches are \$38 a box. Order them by **Thursday August 14<sup>th</sup>** and they will be delivered for you to pick up at **Jeffco Fairgrounds 15200 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave., Golden from 8:00 am–2:00 pm on Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>**.



- **Volunteer with Lutheran Hospice**



Lutheran Hospice, a non-profit healthcare organization that cares for those facing terminal illness, needs volunteers who are eager to improve the lives of patients and family members. Volunteers can choose between giving of themselves in a behind the scenes administrative role or with direct patient care. All volunteers take part in an informative orientation of the hospice philosophy and care to prepare themselves for their role. We ask for a 6-month commitment of 3 hours/week. Come and join our team of compassionate and dedicated volunteers!



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1 INDOOR WORSHIP / Communion 9:30am Worship 10:35 am Fellowship Time 10:45 am VBS Volunteer Orientation</p>	<p>2 6:00 pm Stewardship meeting</p>	<p>3 No 4-F this month  7:00 pm Pipers Practice</p>	<p>4 Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July! Church Office Closed</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 OUTDOOR WORSHIP 9:30am Worship 10:35 am Fellowship Time 10:45 am Severe Weather Network Shelter Presentation followed by brief Deacons meeting</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10  7:00 pm Pipers Practice</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 10:00 am Staff meeting 6:00 pm Christian Education meeting 7:00 pm Session meeting 7:00 pm Citizens for a Healthy Wheat Ridge meeting</p>	<p>13 9:30-2:00 pm China Painters</p>	<p>14 6:00–9:00 pm Friends of Gueoul Fundraiser Concert in Outdoor Worship Center</p>
<p>15 OUTDOOR WORSHIP 9:30am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship Time</p>	<p>16 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9 am-4 pm  5:30 pm Website Designer Search Committee meeting</p>	<p>17 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9 am-4 pm  7:00 pm Pipers Practice</p>	<p>18 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9 am-4 pm 1 pm WPC Bridge Group at Eileen Gardner's</p>	<p>19 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9 am-4 pm  7:00 pm Thursday Book Group at Allan &amp; Sonia Hills reading: <i>Kissing Fish: Christianity for People Who Don't Like Christianity</i> by Roger Wolsey.</p>	<p>20 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9 am-4 pm  5:30 pm VBS Drama "Just Like Us" All are invited!</p>	<p>21 10:00–11:00 am WPC Sing and Stretch sing-a-long &amp; yoga for young children &amp; their families</p>
<p>22 OUTDOOR WORSHIP 9:30am Worship Celebrate Vacation Bible School 9:30am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship Meal</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24  7:00 pm Pipers Practice</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 OUTDOOR WORSHIP 9:30am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship Time followed by Single Ladies Lunch --hostess Lori Golightly</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>`</p>				

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