



October 2018

Dear Wheat Ridge Family,

**The Bible can be intimidating.** It is a library formed over about **900 years** (the Old Testament over 800 years and the New Testament over less 100 years). It is easy to get so overwhelmed that we either never read it, or we spend all our time looking at the individual stories and never see the proverbial “**big picture.**” This preaching series looks at **great “big picture” stories in the Bible—11 of them.** Often when I preach a sermon series, I will speak on related themes for 4-10 Sundays in a row. This series is different. **The first six sermons (including an introduction)** will happen in late September through early November. The **other six sermons** will be interspersed through June 2019 in conjunction with the **church liturgical year** (Christmas, Palm/Passion Sunday, Easter, Ascension, Pentecost, and Trinity Sunday.)

You may have been taught the stories of the Bible as **doctrines to be affirmed and defended instead of stories that speak truth about all people’s lives**, not only the Children of Israel or followers of Jesus. When we let go of worrying about historical accuracy we can find what one preacher called, “**the truth that lies beyond fact and fiction.**”

The truth of the **Exodus** from slavery in Egypt is not captured in the physics of parting the Red Sea. **God’s liberation, life as a journey with twists and turns, with wilderness and homecoming: this is truth that speaks to all generations!**

These “big picture” stories will hopefully illuminate some theological concepts like incarnation, “the Fall,” *kenosis*, and even the volatile and abused idea of atonement. If theology isn’t your “thing,” fear not! These “big picture” stories carry truth that goes beyond dogma to speak meaning in a way that only a great story can.

**Meanwhile...**

**Autumn at WPC is always a busy time.** We have resumed **choir, Ridge Ringers, church school**, and will soon welcome a new crop of wonderful **Whiz Kids** from Kullerstrand Elementary School (and some great new and returning **tutors.**) The **stewardship campaign** kicks off with a **dinner on Saturday, October 13 at 5:00 p.m.** with the theme, “**Hope Grows Here.**” Last but certainly not least, we will welcome several **new members** to the congregation (more details soon)!

May this season when the trees let go of their leaves teach us all how to let go and live into life as it is given—with all its ups and downs, all its seasons. And may the power of **God’s story with all creation** continue to teach and inspire us to **live as loving children of God.**

Peace,

*Laura*

### ***The Big Picture:***

#### ***The Bible in 11 Stories***

- *God calls creation good.*
- *We humans choose estrangement over relationship.*
- *God liberates and gives a gift.*
- *We wander in the wilderness and find a home.*
- *We are exiled then return home.*
- *God comes to us as Jesus.*
- *Jesus shows us God’s self-emptying love.*
- *Jesus shows us that death leads to resurrection.*
- *Jesus becomes Christ.*
- *We are the body of Christ.*
- *God is relationship.*

## SESSION



With these warm record breaking fall days it seems odd to think of the coming holiday season, but various Session committees have plans well in hand with details in the newsletter. Nominating Committee is beginning to prepare a slate of officers for 2022. **Stewardship Campaign Kickoff Dinner and presentation is October 13<sup>th</sup>.**

Ruth Breckon  
Clerk of Session

**Session won't meet in October**

**Next meeting is Thursday, Nov. 8 at 7:00 pm**

### 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 & Lori Golightly

**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 November 11  
after Fellowship Time**

### SHEPHERDING TEAM

The Shepherding Team continues to send cards and make visits to those members and friends of the church who are unable to attend services. Do you have some one that would like a visit? If so please contact the office at 303-422-2354.

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

Will next meet **Tuesday, October 2nd at 8:30 am.** Please come for some Food, Fellowship, Fun and Fixin'!



**FELLOWSHIP FUN!--WPC Fellowship outing: Golden Cemetery Tour, 10-11:30 am Saturday, October 27th!** 755 Ulysses Street, Golden, **\$15 per person** (\$10 for members of Golden History Museum). **Visit graves of legendary Golden characters and hear about their lives** from storyteller and guide Ed Weising. **Lunch** at a Golden restaurant will **follow the tour** (price of lunch not included). **RSVP to Lori Golightly.**

## STEWARDSHIP

- **Sunday, October 7 is World Communion Sunday** and we have the opportunity to show support for the **Peace & Global Witness Offering**. The Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, has invited Presbyterians to support this special offering which encourages us to embrace our God's reconciling peace and witness to that peace to those around the corner and around the world. . As he states, "*Presbyterians are making a difference together through our serving and our giving. Together, in the Spirit of God, let us work to break the power of hate and heal the wounds of violence and division. May this season of peace quiet the anxiety in each of us as we pray and boldly take action for God's peace at all times and in all ways.*" Special envelopes will be in your bulletins on Oct. 7 or you can include a separate check in your regular envelope.
- **Saturday, Oct. 13, 5:00 P.M. Pledge Campaign Kick-off Dinner.** What a wonderful time to come together and celebrate where we have been and where we are going as a church family. We've named this year's appeal...*Hope Grows Here*, because as a community, as a church family, we can accomplish something really amazing as we seek to do God's will in this place. By looking ahead at the needs, getting questions answered, and most importantly remembering all the reasons why WPC is such a home for us; we want to consider the level of generosity God is calling us to this year in terms of our time, talent and treasure. Come join us on Oct. 13 for such a celebration and as always good food and the best of company.
- You will receive a mailing in mid-October which will include your **pledge card**.

**Pledge Dedication Sunday is October 28.**

### WHIZ KIDS begins Monday, Oct 1 at 3:30-5 pm

Whiz Kids is beginning its 7th year under my direction. Where has the time gone? We have 11 wonderful tutors and are awaiting our list of children from Kullerstrand. Once again we will be meeting at 3:30 until 5 giving the children 1 hour of math, homework and reading followed by a message ably given by Laura. Last year we did a survey of the children and when asked what was their favorite part of Whiz Kids, a number said "club time" when Laura gives the lesson—a few said it was their least favorite. 😊

At least snack time got rounding accolades - good job, Ruth and Kathryn.

I will give more updates as the year unfolds, and be prepared for our giving tree once again. Your support is so appreciated. I couldn't do it without all of you.  
Betsy Smith, Coordinator.



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Happy October!

Now that Church School has started, and our fall schedule is back in full swing it was time for C.E. to get busy and plan some exciting new events for this year!



We plan to have a **youth event** on **Sunday, October 14**, following worship and will keep on with a fun and hopefully learning experience event each month throughout the year.

Our next big event is the annual all church **Advent Festival on December 1<sup>st</sup>** in the Fellowship Hall.

The Advent Festival will be on the same day as Hanging of the Greens. It will begin at noon and include lunch, crafts, decorating, carols, performance from the children and end with s'mores! Watch for more details coming soon!! Several people wanted the recipe for Everything Bagel Casserole that was served at the September 4-F meeting. So, we are happy to pass that on:

**Everything Bagel Casserole** (makes about 8 servings)

4 Everything Bagels, chopped  
1 ½ c. shredded sharp white cheddar cheese  
1 ½ c. halved cherry tomatoes (can use grape tomatoes)  
8 oz. cream cheese, cut into 1/2" cubes  
½ red onion, thinly sliced  
8 lg. eggs  
2 ½ c. milk  
3 green onions, sliced  
¼ teas. kosher salt  
¼ teas. freshly ground pepper  
Pinch of cayenne  
Preheat oven to 350 degrees  
Grease a 9x13 baking dish with cooking spray  
Scatter about half of bagel pieces, cheddar, tomatoes, cream cheese and red onions. Repeat to create layers.

In a large bowl whisk together eggs, milk and most of the green onion. (reserve some green onion for garnishing later). Season mixture with salt, pepper and cayenne  
Pour egg mixture over bagel mixture making sure that each piece of bagel is coated.  
Cover with foil and bake for 45 minutes. Take off foil and bake until the bagels are golden and the eggs are cooked through, about 10 minutes. Garnish with more green onions. Serve warm.

Grace and peace, Linda

## SAT AM WOMEN'S BREAKFAST/BIBLE STUDY:

**Saturday, October 20** (please note it's 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat., rather than 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. this month).

**8:30 a.m. breakfast** followed by the lesson here at WPC. All are welcome!



## October BIRTHDAYS



Pauline Gardner	October 2
Karen Powers	October 2
Nolan Sovold	October 4
Noreen Horn	October 4
Jim Piperato	October 8
Karl Gardner	October 9
Marny Eulberg	October 12
Walt Pettit	October 14
Ian Mestdagh	October 16
Dick Pierce	October 18
Elliot Peterson	October 20
Landon Peterson	October 20
Myla Smith	October 20
Patty Goward	October 21
Marcia Hecox	October 25
Ginny Sugg	October 30

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

## GUEST SPEAKER: **Scientist Dr. Christine Mann Durden in Denver Sat., 10/13**

All are invited to hear one of the "human computers" featured in the book *Hidden Figures*. NASA scientist **Dr. Christine Mann Durden**,



"Telling My Story" on **Saturday, October 13**, registration 9:30 am, program at 10:00 am at **People's Presbyterian Church, 2780 York Street, Denver CO 80205 (program and lunch \$10)**. **RSVP** Presbyterian Women Moderator, **Vicki Terry, by 10/10/18.**

## THURSDAY BOOK GROUP

Meets **Thursday October 18 at 7:00 pm** at the home of **Caroline Clovesko**  
Reading: *Varina* by Charles Frazier  
**Please RSVP to the host or hostess.**



## WPC BRIDGE GROUP:

**Meets 1:00 pm Wed. Oct. 17th**

Please **RSVP** to your hostess, **Betsy Smith** for further details and so she knows how many tables to set up.



## MISSION

- **Meets Wednesday, October 3rd at 3:30 pm.**
- **Save the dates—Friday Nov. 9 and Saturday Nov. 10 —Annual Mission/International Fair.** Crafters and bakers/canners are asked to continue preparing to show off your talents by donating them to the Mission Fair. You can also participate by coming to the Fair—purchasing a soup and sandwich lunch (11 AM to 2 PM daily) and starting your holiday shopping! We will have some of the familiar vendors—Friendship Bridge, the Colorado Nepal Alliance, the fabric items from Cameroon, the crafts done by WRPC members and our huge bake sale, but also some new vendors selling homemade soap, etc. and, hopefully, a vintage Airstream trailer selling the types of items formerly sold at Ten Thousand Villages in Cherry Creek.

- Watch for details: **WRPC members will be invited to a showing of the movie, Breathe**, released earlier this year in **Fellowship Hall in mid to late October**. It will be shown as part of the recognition of **World Polio Day** which is October 24. Popcorn will be available (you don't



have to sneak your own in —unless you want to!!). **Suggested donation \$5.00 per person** which will be donated to Rotary International's End Polio Now campaign and used for polio eradication. A brief description is: "For his directorial debut, Andy Serkis brings to life the inspiring true love story between Robin and Diana Cavendish (Academy Award® nominee Andrew Garfield, Golden Globe® winner Claire Foy), an adventurous couple who refuse to give up in the face of devastating odds. When Robin is given only a few months to live, Diana plots a daring escape from the hospital and they seek a full and passionate life together — raising their young son, traveling and devoting their lives to helping others. Breathe is a heartwarming celebration of love and human possibility."

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME



**"Fall Back"**

**Sunday, November 4, 2017**  
**Daylight Savings Time ends November 4th.**  
**Set your clocks back one hour,**  
**Saturday night, November 3rd**

## SINGLE LADIES LUNCH



**Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>** Please keep checking upcoming E-Posts and bulletin announcements for further details.

## PRAYER REQUESTS & NOTES OF THANKSGIVING

*With Concern . . .*

- **Joy Tolin**, recovering at home after a fall and laceration on her scalp.
- **Ann Kelchner has now moved to Brookdale at Green Mountain.**
- Prayers for **Karen Watson** as she began one of thirty-one radiation treatments **Thursday, September 13**, for skin cancer on her nose
- **Bunny Brown** is recovering at home after a fall earlier this week when she fractured her collarbone. She appreciates expressions of concern like cards or even visits if you call first.
- **Lynn Thatcher** and family and friends in Asheville, NC as they recover from the flooding and other effects of Hurricane Florence.

*With Sympathy . . .*

- **Mary Wilcox, age 97, died** peacefully in the night on **Monday, August 6**. A **memorial service** celebrating Mary's life will be **here on Saturday, October 6 at 2:00 pm**, followed by a **reception in Fellowship Hall**

*With Thanksgiving . . .*

Prayers of Thanksgiving that **Chet Myers** came through emergency gallbladder surgery on **Tuesday, Sept. 11**. **Chet went home Friday, September 14**. Prayers for continued healing and no complications. **Ann and the family** appreciate your expressions of care and love.



**PRESBYTERIAN  
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

**OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE**

## Help Hurricane Florence victims

Support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's emergency response and long-term recovery work in the areas affected by Hurricane Florence. Anyone can **donate any amount by check or cash through WPC**. **Mark your check memo or write on an envelope** with your cash donation **PDA** or "**Hurricane Florence**".

## NEW 2018-2019 WPC PHONE

**DIRECTORIES: New orange 2018-2019**

**WPC Telephone Directories** are available.

These WPC telephone mini-directories contain updated addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. Please just **take one per household** for now so we ensure everyone gets a copy. Thanks!



# October 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 3:30-5:00 pm Whiz Kids Tutoring begins	2 8:30 am 4-F meeting 10:30 am Staff meeting 7:00 pm Pipers Practice	3 3:30 pm Mission meeting	4	5	6 2:00 pm Mary Wilcox Memorial service followed by reception in Fellowship Hall
7 Peace & Global Witness Communion/Nametags 8:30 am Choir Practice 8:45 am Church School 10:00am Worship 11:05 am Fellowship Time	8 Pledge Materials 3:30-5:00 pm Whiz Kids Tutoring s	9 4:00-5:30 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Pipers Practice	10 7:00 pm Ridge Ringers 7:00 pm Citizens for A Healthy Wheat Ridge	11 No Session meeting this month	12 Pledge Mailing 9:30 am -2:00 pm China Painters?	13 9:30-2:00 pm Guest Speaker Dr. Christine Darden at Peoples PC 5:00 pm Stewardship Dinner & Presentation
14 8:30 am Choir Practice 8:45 am Church School 10:00am Worship 11:05 am Fellowship Time 11:30 am Youth Event	15 3:30-5:00 pm Whiz Kids Tutoring s	16 7:00 pm Pipers Practice	17 1 00 pm WPC Church Bridge Group I Betsy Smith is the hostess 7:00 pm Ridge Ringers	18 6:30 pm Worship Committee meeting 7:00 pm Thursday Book Group at Caroline Clovesko's Reading: <i>Varina</i> by Charles Frasier	19	20 8:30 am Saturday AM Women's Breakfast/Bible Study
21 8:30 am Choir Practice 8:45 am Church School 10:00am Worship 11:05 am Fellowship Time	22 3:30-5:00 pm Whiz Kids Tutoring s	23 4:00-5:30 pm Girl Scouts Presbytery Assembly at Shepherd of the Hills 7:00 pm Pipers Practice	24 7:00 pm Ridge Ringers	25	26	27 10:00-11:30 am Fellowship Outing Golden Cemetery Tour, RSVP to Lori by 9/30
28 Pledge Dedication 8:30 am Choir Practice 8:45 am Church School 10:00am Worship 11:05 am Fellowship Time 11:45 am Single Ladies Lunch	29 3:30-5:00 pm Whiz Kids Tutoring s	30 7:00 pm Pipers Practice	31 Happy Halloween!  No Ridge Ringers	11/4 Fall back		

