

November 2018

All are welcome!

Our electronic sign out front announces the worship time and almost always adds the phrase, **“All are welcome.”** We say that because it emphasizes that ALL are welcome (rather than YOU are welcome). Even though we are not a huge congregation, and the immediate neighborhood is not extremely ethnically diverse, we still have some kinds of **diversity**. Religious views and political affiliations vary—sometimes quite a bit, but as we sometimes proclaim on the sign, **“At WPC, our unity comes not from agreement but from mutual concern.”** At our best, **WPC** is a place **“Where People Care”** for anyone who walks through the doors of the church—from Whiz Kids to Pipers, seekers to sages, low-income to high-income, the lost and the lonely and the worker bees always ready with a helping hand. And we care for people we have never met—across Denver and around the globe.

On October 21, it was a joy to welcome into “official” membership **five new members**: (pictured from left to right

. Not everyone chooses to make their affiliation with congregation official by joining. Those who join are making a public commitment to be connected to this particular worshipping community—to share their gifts and skills through participation and, perhaps, leadership. Our denomination still tracks **church size by “members”** rather than regular attenders. This makes it especially helpful when people choose to join. Like many congregations these days, WPC is made up of some life-long Presbyterians, some former Catholics or Baptists, some folks who haven’t been to church in decades (if ever), some members of sister Reformed denominations—and **we celebrate each person’s journey!**

As wonderful as it is when people join, it is also a gift to have the presence of **long-time friends, out-of-town visitors, people “church shopping,”** or someone who just needs a place to pray and worship for one morning. **All are welcome!**

Peace, Laura



SESSION

The fun of spooks, witches and ghosts is about gone for this year, and now it is time to count our many blessing with Thanksgiving fast approaching. The various committees have been busy with events planned for the coming season so be sure to check details in the newsletter.



The Session welcomes our new members! The Treasurer's office has been hard at work setting up new accounting software which will help with the financial recordkeeping.

As Session will not be meeting in October there is no financial information to report.

NEXT SESSION MEETING NOVEMBER 8th at 7:00 PM

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Hope Grows Here – 2019 Pledge Campaign

A special thank you to everyone who turned in their 2019 Pledge Cards on Pledge Commitment Sunday or before! This will give the Finance & Administration Committee, the Session, and the Stewardship Committee the pledge campaign results and the information they need to reconcile the budget and prepare a Final 2019 Budget. As the final results are determined Stewardship will continue to update the church family.



"Now faith is the assurance of things HOPED for, the conviction of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1
From Your 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(church) or 720-471-0751 (cell) Church Office, 303-422-2354

Prayer Chain, Charlene P.

Deacon Co-Chairs: Linda J. & Lori G.

PRAYER CHAIN – Prayer Chain is a 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, 2018, following Fellowship Time. 11:40 a.m.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: The Prayer Shawl Ministry makes and gives shawls and lap robes to show love and concern for those in need of an extra touch. They also knit baby clothes to donate to several early childhood projects. If you know someone who should receive a prayer shawl, please let the office know at 303-422-2354.

NEW MEMBERS



This fall, please **welcome new members** (shown here at the new member reception October 21st with Laura.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

It doesn't seem possible that it is time again to be preparing for Advent celebrations, but indeed we are. C.E. wishes to invite everyone of all ages, children and adults, the young and young at heart to join us for this year's annual all church

Intergenerational Advent Festival which will be held on **Saturday, December 1, 2018**. It will again coincide with, "**The Hanging of the Greens.**"

Please **join us for brunch, and stay** for a fun filled day of **crafts, activities, carols, a wonderful Christmas play and yummy S'mores!** If you have a **favorite Christmas bread or breakfast casserole**, we invite you to **bring it to share**. There will be a sign- up sheet in the Fellowship Hall to let us know what you will be bringing.

The time and schedule for this event is as follows:

Hanging of the Greens & Intergenerational Advent Festival Schedule:

9:00-10:30 AM: Adults meet and begin decorating the Sanctuary and outdoors
10:30-11:30: Older adults, families, and children arrive and eat Brunch with others
11:30-12:45: Crafts and décor
12:45-1:00: Carol Sing
1:00-1:45: Christmas Play
1:45-2:15: S'mores

Auditions for the upcoming Christmas play, will be held on **Sunday, November 4 at Noon**, in the **Sanctuary**. There will be parts for both children and adults. **Rehearsals** for this event will be held on **Sundays at Noon** (light lunch provided) **for three weeks**, and will conclude with the **presentation on Saturday, December 1st, at 1:00pm**. Please come and share your theatrical talents as we hear from the characters who participated in the Christmas story. **For information please contact Linda Valo.**

Grace and peace,
Linda

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME



**“Fall Back”
November 4, 2018**

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

MISSION

The Mission Fair

is coming, the mission fair is coming! **Friday Nov. 9 from 10 AM**

to 5 PM and Saturday Nov. 10 from 9 AM to 4 PM. Set-up at 4:30 PM on Thursday Nov.

8. Mission will be recruiting volunteers to help on both days (**sign-up sheets** will be available on **Sun. 10/28 and Sun. 11/4** or you can **contact Marny E.** This year we will have an **Airstream boutique** parked outside Fellowship Hall that will have fair-traded items. Again, this year we will have fabric items from Cameroon, items from Nepal and Guatemala and, of course, the craft items and home baked items and other goodies constructed by our awesome church members plus a few surprises! **Come, shop, and enjoy a soup & sandwich lunch (served 11 AM to 1:30 PM daily and only \$5.00).** Marny



WORSHIP

Worship committee will prepare the Harvest Table on **Sunday Nov. 18th.** We are asking for **donations of**

produce to be displayed on the communion table on Sunday Nov 18th. That produce will then be delivered to the residents of the Highland West Community on Monday, November 19th. Many times, I have heard how grateful those residents are for this gift. There will be a **list of suggested items in both the narthex and fellowship hall** also, see next page. The **produce may be brought** to the church and placed **in coolers in the narthex or in fellowship hall during the week** or you may **bring the produce on Sunday the 18th and bring it forward during the singing of the first hymn** and place it on or near the communion table. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity!



HARVEST TABLE PRODUCE IDEAS

Suggested produce and other items for the **Harvest Table, Sunday, November 18th** : apples, beets, cauliflower, canned pumpkin, celery, chicken broth, clementines, cranberry sauce, cucumbers, grapes, green beans, lettuce, nuts, onions, pears, pineapples, potatoes, pumpkins, stuffing mix, sweet potatoes, yams.



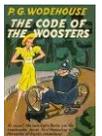
Hanging of the Greens—9:00-10:30 am Sat., Dec. 1



CHRISTMAS

POINSETTIA ORDERS: Due 10/31! Worship Committee got a surprise in late October, when all the greenhouses they contacted, said they expect to get the poinsettia orders by Halloween this year, rather than sometime in early November as they've offered in the past. Help decorate our sanctuary and your home for the holiday season with **beautiful poinsettias in red, pink, or white! They will be \$10 each again this year.** They'll be delivered to the church in mid-December, used to decorate the sanctuary through the Christmas Eve service, a committee member will help you get your plant after the service. **Roxanne Foster** just wants to know **by Wednesday morning, October 31 who wants poinsettias and if they want pink, red, or white poinsettia plants.** We can wait on the money if necessary. Please share that with her if you can or **call Roxanne or the church office 303-422-2354 before Wednesday, October 31.** There's also an order form attached to this email you can print, fill-out, and bring. If you use the form, please have your CASH or CHECK accompany your order form. If you have questions, please call Roxanne Foster.

THURSDAY BOOK GROUP— Meets Thursday, November 15 at 7:00 pm at the home of **Gay C.** Reading: *The Code of the Woosters* by P.G. Wodehouse **Please RSVP to the hostess.**



WPC BRIDGE GROUP – Meets Wednesday, November 28th at 1:00 pm at the home of **Allan & Sonia H.** Please **RSVP** if you plan to attend so they know how many tables to set up.



WATER SHUTOFF —Wed. afternoon Oct. 31, Trick or treat! Wednesday afternoon, October 31, the plumbers will be working here at WPC to make repairs and have the water shut-off to make those repairs.



SATURDAY AM WOMEN'S BREAKFAST/BIBLE STUDY

8:30 am Sat., Nov 10 in the Session room. Breakfast followed by the lesson here at WPC. **New Members Welcome!** Please **RSVP to Eileen G.**



November BIRTHDAYS



WHIZ KIDS TUTORING

Now we are gearing up for a trip to the Nuggets on the **11th of November** and wonderful tutoring sessions until the Christmas break. **Thanks to all of you** for your wonderful support in this Christian outreach. Please be looking for the giving tree later in November (see details later on in the newsletter).
Betsy S., Coordinator

WHIZ KIDS GIVING TREE Sometime in November, our little Christmas tree will be set up in the narthex with names, ages and boy/girl indicated on little slips to assist our wonderful Secret Santa's as they purchase gifts. To be a Secret Santa: **chose a slip, purchase the gift, wrap it and tape the slip to the top of the package.** Please **return them to the church office no later than December 16th** for our tutors to pick them up and deliver. In advance, thanks for your generous caring spirit in helping make sure all the children have a gift for Christmas.



Kevin M.	November 3
Jackie C.	November 5
Katie T.	November 8
Karen W.	November 10
Laura S.	November 11
Ronan B.	November 15
Virgil H.	November 18
John F.	November 22
Maxine F.	November 24
Iain R.	November 25
Todd G.	November 26
Jim N.	November 28

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

PRAYER REQUESTS & NOTES OF THANKSGIVING



With Concern . . .

- **Ann K.** moved to the **assisted living** side of **Brookdale at Green Mountain.**
- **Julie P.** is scheduled to have **hip replacement surgery soon.**
- **Kristy M.** had surgeries Oct. 12 & 13 and went home Sunday, October 21.

With Sympathy . . .

- **Mary W.** died Monday, August 6th. A **memorial reception** celebrating Mary's life was held at WPC **Wednesday, October 6.** In lieu of flowers, gifts can be made in her memory to the Iliff School of theology, University of Wisconsin Geoscience Dept., Doctors without Borders, or Wheat Ridge Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund.
- **Bob and Nancy R's son, Mike,** died in October during a surgical procedure. Even though he had been quite ill, his passing was very sudden. Prayers for the family.

With Thanksgiving . . .

For our new members.

DIABETIC/PREDIABETIC SUPPORT GROUP



Diabetic Support
Group

first Thursday monthly

4:30 p.m.

Arvada Presbyterian Church
David Reed
5592 Independence St.
Questions? 303-422-3463

Prediabetics and Diabetics and their families are invited to this **meeting every month on the first Thursday (next one, Nov.1) from 4:30-5:30 pm** at **Arvada Presbyterian Church, 5592 Independence Street, Arvada, Co 80002.** The group meets in the parlor near the front door of the church. From the leader, Dave. "I hope to see you and any spouses that would like to come. We are always there to answer questions and provide support for any challenges you are having."

For more information, please contact David Reed.

FELLOWSHIP-- "Save the Date" Sat., Dec. 8

Fellowship will be hosting the **all church adult Christmas party!**



This year's event will be at the **home of Pat and Bobbi C.** Please **RSVP to them so** they know how many plan to attend. The festivities will **begin at 5:30 pm.** Please **bring an appetizer or dessert to share and your favorite beverage.** Coffee and tea will be provided. Let's all enjoy the beginning of the holiday season together!

2018 Denver Presbytery

LEADERSHIP

RETREAT · November 9-10

Highlands Camp, Allenspark, CO

OPENING DOORS . . .

TRAVELING TOGETHER - IN LOVE

2018 Leadership Retreat

WHEN November 9-10, 2018 Friday

Registration begins at 4:00 pm Program
wraps up at 3:00 pm Saturday



WHERE Highlands Camp & Retreat Center in
Allenspark, Colorado

FEATURING • Rev. Jana Childers, PH.D., Dean of San
Francisco Seminary, Vice President for Academic
Affairs, Professor of Homiletics & Speech
Communication.

REGISTER: WWW.HIGHLANDSCAMP.ORG
REGISTRATION \$90—Lodging & Food
\$45—Day Rate (No Lodging)
Group discounts & scholarships available

**Community Christmas Choral Concert &
Sing-along—Sun., Dec. 16, 2018, 2:30 PM**
First Baptist Church, 1373 Grant Street, Denver,
CO

Former WPC Choir Director, Kevin Crowe, has
invited the WPC choir to participate in the First
Baptist Church's *The Glory of Christmas Cantata &
Carol Sing-along*. Those interested in
participating can go to **The First Baptist Church
website music or this link**

<http://www.rethinkbaptist.org/music/music>. and then
click on the Christmas Cantata signup.

You can **purchase sheet music for \$10 from
Eric Reagan or Lorenz.com**.

There are 3 official mandatory rehearsals with
all the choirs at First Baptist Church **Sat., Nov. 3
from 9:00-1:00 pm**, an **optional Wed. Dec. 5th
8:00-9:00 pm** with the First Baptist Church of
Denver Choir, and two more required rehearsals
Sat. Dec 8 from 10:00 am-Noon and **Sat., Dec
15th from 9:00 am-1:00 pm**. **On Sunday,
December 16th** all need to be there by **1:30 pm for
Call Time** and the **performance is at 2:30 pm**.

**CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING AT HIGHLANDS
CAMP—Enjoy Thanksgiving dinner catered by
Highlands for \$20 per person. Stay in one of the
retreat center rooms \$124 Single/Double, \$148
triple, \$177 Quad (per night-%10 off Sun-Thurs
nights) or reserve a cabin with your own kitchen for
as little as \$325 a night (linens available for an extra
\$15 per night). For more info please email Sue
Spencer, Highlands Camp Director of Sales and
Marketing at sales@highlandscamp.org.**

Lecture Opportunities

Dr. Elaine Pagels will be giving two lectures at
Montview Presbyterian Church, Sunday evening,
Nov. 18th, at 7:00 PM, and, also, at **7:00 PM**,
Monday, evening **Nov. 19th**. Dr. Pagels is head of
Religious Studies at Princeton University, has won
many awards, and has written three national best-
selling books, including *The Gnostic Gospels*. She
has a new book *Why Religion?* that comes out
November 6th, and it will be the focus for the
Monday night lecture. Former WPC Pastor, Larry
Angus will be introducing her for that lecture, and he
hopes as many as can make to be there, as she is
a very well-respected but entertaining scholar. He
feels she's truly a dynamic speaker and worth your
time.

The Sunday night lecture is a bit more academic
as Elaine and Dr. Timothy Beal, the husband of
Montview minister Clover Reuter Beal, will be
discussing Revelations and the Book of Revelation
in the Bible. Timothy has a new book on the
subject, *The Book of Revelation; a Biography*, and
one of Elaine's best sellers was on a related topic.

Community Hospice Volunteer Opportunities

Lutheran Hospice, located on the Lutheran Hospital
campus, has had a long history of engaging good-
hearted volunteers in our administrative office, as
well as those who would like to spend time in direct
contact with patients. We carefully and thoroughly
train and provide support for our volunteers in their
various roles, and we highly value their
contributions! If you would like to make a difference
in our patients' lives, whether that be behind the
scenes or by sitting with those who are facing the
end of their lives, please contact Patti Walter,
Volunteer Coordinator, at 303-403-7274 or
patricia.walter@scfhealth.org.

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Saturday night, November 3rd

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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				11:15-1:45 pm Jeffco Together Colorado Clergy Caucus	9:30 am–2 pm China Painters 12:30 pm Harvest Décor in Sanctuary	
<p>4 Clocks “Fall Back” 8:30 am Choir Practice 8:45 am Church School for All Ages 10amWorship/Communion /NAMETAG 11:05am Fellowship Time Noon Auditions for Christmas Play</p>	<p>5 3:30pm-5pm Whiz Kids Tutoring</p>	<p>6 Election Day 8:30 am 4 F 10:45 am Staff meeting 4:00-5:30 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Pipers Practice</p>	<p>7 No Ridge Ringers this month</p>	<p>8 7:00 am-3:30 pm Wheat Ridge Peer Counselor Training 4:30-5:30 pm Setup for Mission International Craft Fair 7 pm SESSION MEETING</p>	<p>9 Veteran’s Day 10 am-5 pm Mission International Craft Fair \$5 lunch 11 am-1 pm 4:00 pm Leadership Retreat at Highlands Camp-11/10 3:00 pm</p>	<p>10 8:30 am Sat. AM Women’s Breakfast/Bible Study in Session Room 9 am-4 pm Mission International Craft Fair \$5 lunch 11 am-1 pm Leadership Retreat at Highlands Camp ‘til 3 pm</p>
<p>11 8:30 am Choir Practice 8:45 am Church School 10am Worship 11:05 am Fellowship Time 11:35 am Deacons meeting Noon Play Rehearsal Whiz Kids trip to Nuggets game</p>	<p>12 3:30pm-5pm Whiz Kids Tutoring</p>	<p>13 6:00 pm Christian Education meeting 7:00 pm Pipers Practice</p>	<p>14 No Ridge Ringers this month</p>	<p>15 6:30 pm Worship Committee meeting 7:00 pm Thursday Book Group @ Gay Cuthill’s reading: <i>The Code of the Woosters</i> by P.G. Wodehouse</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 3:00 pm Worship Committee Harvest Table Setup</p>
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