



## February 2019

Dear Wheat Ridge Family,

# We did it!

So many people worked very hard to ensure that our brothers and sisters from Presbyterian churches throughout the Denver metro area and beyond would feel welcome at the Denver Presbytery Assembly here at WRPC (aka WPC!). January 22, starting at 3:30 p.m., people arrived to register and attend the pre-assembly meeting in the sanctuary. It was about how to organize for change. At 5:00 p.m. the Fellowship Hall was crowded with folks enjoying a delicious dinner—with overflow seating in the choir room downstairs. At 5:50 p.m., announcements started in the sanctuary followed by a beautiful organ prelude by Julie Pulliam. Usually, worship is at one point during the assembly, but this time it was interspersed throughout the meeting. This was meaningful but added challenges to the logistics. I won't go through all that went on, but our choir sang as well as a joint choir from Peoples' Presbyterian and Central Presbyterian. The new Presbytery Moderator, Wanda Beauman (a Ruling Elder from Peoples) was installed. I co-celebrated communion with the Vice Moderator, Justin Spurlock, and an offering in support of the emergency fund for DenPres pastors was received. [www.denpres.org](http://www.denpres.org)

Thanks to ALL the volunteers! Special thanks to Anne Baker for coordinating logistics and to Marcia Hecox for coordinating the meal. It is an honor to host a presbytery assembly, and I am so proud of how WRPC shined God's welcome! Here are a few photographs. If you use Facebook and haven't already done so, please go to the church Facebook Page and "like" the page to follow us! Even if you are not on Facebook, you can see the church page using this address: <https://www.facebook.com/wpcpres/>

Peace, *Laura*



## SESSION— meets 7 pm Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>

There is not much news from Session as they did not meet in January. The Treasurer's office continues to work in getting the new accounting system up and running, and work continues on improving the web page. Remember the **Annual Congregational meeting on February 24**. At this meeting the budget approved by Session for 2019 will be presented. The terms of call of the minister will be voted on by the congregation, as well as election of officers. Financials for the year will be reviewed.

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:

Laura 303-422-2355 (church)

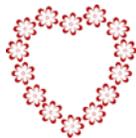
or 720-471-0751 (cell)

Church Office, 303-422-2354

Prayer Chain, Charlene Pierce

Deacon Co-Chairs: Lori Golightly & Linda Johnston.

**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.



Deacons won't meet in February unless there is a special need and **next meet Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, following Fellowship Time.**

## ANNUAL REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

**ARE DUE** in the office by **Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**. These are the reports each committee chair writes to re-cap the year of 2018. If you would like your 2017 copy, please email the church office.



**WHEAT RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BRIDGE CLUB:** WPC Bridge meets **Wednesday, February 20 at 1:00 PM to 3:30PM** at the

church. **New members are welcome! Caroline C.** hosts it this month. Please **contact** her so she knows **how many tables to setup.**

## 4-F

Please come to 4-F **8:30 am**

**Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>** in

**Fellowship Hall**, for some

**Food, Fun, Fellowship and Fixin'!**



## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Please mark your calendars. We will have a Congregational Meeting, **Sunday, February 24**, following an abbreviated service. This meeting will be to receive the church's 2018 annual report, approve Laura's terms of call, and elect our new slate of officers.

## MISSION

- **Meets Thursday, Feb. 6 at 3:30 pm**
- **Mission's Red, White, and Chocolate**



**Luncheon, Sunday February 10<sup>th</sup>**

Join your church valentines for a red, white and chocolate benefit luncheon on Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, after

church. The profits will be given to **Uplift Internationale** as we celebrate the return of another group of Uplift volunteers.

- **Wilbur Offering:** You will have the opportunity to come forward **during the final hymn, on Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>** and **give a special donation** to the Wilburs that feed hungry children in Wheat Ridge (Feed the Future) and Zimbabwe (Lomagundi Clinic).



- **Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**, will be our **7<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Patrick's Day Lunch Fundraiser** after worship—this year to benefit Habitat for Humanity.



• **Carpenter's Helpers/Habitat for Humanity** Builders are needed to help Carpenter's Helpers/Habitat for Humanity for these upcoming projects. Help **build with Carpenter's Helpers/Habitat for Humanity** the **Saturdays of February 23, March 2, 16, or 23**. Interested volunteers please **contact Gay C. or Nancy R.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Red, White, & Chocolate Luncheon** Benefit for Uplift Internationale following worship on **Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**
- **Girl Scouts selling cookies** following worship on **Sunday, February 17**.
- **Annual Congregational meeting** on **Sunday, February 24**.
- **Ash Wednesday service** March 6 at **7:00 pm** in sanctuary
- **St. Patrick's Day Luncheon** for Habitat for Humanity following worship on **Sunday, March 17<sup>h</sup>**

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

I will be leaving for Galveston, TX on **February 3rd**, to attend the **Association of Presbyterian Church Educators (APCE) conference**. This conference is something I look forward to each year, as it is time spent with colleagues sharing ideas and gaining knowledge from their experiences in Christian Education. It is also a time of learning through creative, informative workshops facilitated by experts in children and youth education. I bring home valuable information on new ways to work with our children and youth as well as reaching out to the community. **Thank you** for the funds that make this experience possible.

Our **youth met on January 27th**, and after lunch at the church, we left on our quest to purchase supplies for the **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** program. This program is called Gifts of the Heart and the youth bought enough supplies to make four **hygiene disaster relief kits**. Due to the recent California fires there is an urgent need for relief kits. Afterward, we went to Starbucks for some hot chocolate and discussed how these kits are used and where they go, for example: natural disasters like hurricanes and wildfires, or South Sudan for humanitarian relief. They learned how important this mission is. Although we may not be able to travel to these areas, we can still be helpful in other ways.

On **March 17**, the **youth group will attend an Avalanche ice hockey game**. We will have **lunch here** at the church and will **leave at noon**, the **game is at 1:00 pm**. They will need to **bring money if they want to purchase snacks at the game**.

**Tickets are limited**, so please let me know as soon as possible if your youth would like to attend. Linda Valo.

Grace and peace, Linda



## PRAYER REQUESTS & NOTES OF THANKSGIVING



### *With Sympathy. . .*

A memorial service for **Maris S.** was held here on **Tuesday, January 29 at 4:00 PM**. Prayers for Tim and the family. Help and meals are appreciated as well.

### *With Concern. . .*

- **Jim & Betty N's granddaughter, Marisa**, who has had many cancer challenges, had surgery to remove another nodule in her lungs on Friday, January 18. The surgery went well but additional treatments will probably be needed.
- **Kristy M.** thanks "everyone for the prayers, cards and food that has helped and continues to help me and my family through this challenging time

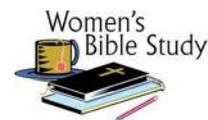
## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



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|------------------------|---------|
| Bob R.                 | Feb. 2  |
| Matt B.                | Feb. 4  |
| Doug L.                | Feb. 4  |
| Chet M.                | Feb. 18 |
| Frank B.               | Feb. 19 |
| Anna J.                | Feb. 20 |
| Cait R.                | Feb. 22 |
| 91st Birthday!! Bob E. | Feb. 26 |
| Jackie T.              | Feb. 28 |

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

**SATURDAY A.M.**  
**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY & BREAKFAST: February 9th**  
**8:30 a.m.** breakfast followed by lesson. All Women of the church are invited!  
 Please **RSVP to Eileen G.**



**THURSDAY BOOK GROUP: 7:00 pm Thu., Feb 21** at the home of Belinda Smiley, Reading: **Lincoln in the Bardo by George Saunders**. Please **RSVP** so, she knows how many plan attending. All are welcome!



## Save the date! Vacation Bible School June 10-14

**STEWARDSHIP**—A sincere **thanks** to everyone who fulfilled their 2018 pledge commitments so that final year-end tallies and reports could be done. As we move into this new year, thanks are extended again to all of our church family for their ongoing 2019 pledge commitments of time, talent and financial resources, and the gift of presence with one another. These commitments enable our church to continue to faithfully reach out in service, provide opportunities for meaningful worship and study, maintain our church home, and provide caring support for each member. Our reformed faith statements remind us of the following: "*A believer can be a cheerful giver today, having experienced God's faithfulness and generosity in days past and trusting in God for the days ahead. Our gifts bear witness that we are sufficiently confident in God's promises for the future that we may freely, generously and cheerfully give today.*"

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY | SATURDAY   |
|---|--|---|--|---|--------|--|
|   |  |   |  |   | 1      | 2  |
| 3<br>8:30 am Choir Practice<br>8:45 am Church School for All Ages<br>10:00 am Worship (Communion & Nametag)<br>11:10 am Fellowship Time                       | 4<br>3:30pm-5pm Whiz Kids Tutoring                                       | 5<br>8:30 am 4-F<br>10:45 am Staff meeting<br>7:00 pm Pipers Practice | 6<br>ANNUAL REPORTS DUE<br>3:30 pm Mission Committee meeting<br>7:00 pm Ridge Ringers                | 7<br>6:00 pm Property Management meeting<br>7:00 pm Session meeting<br>7:00 pm Citizens for a Healthy Wheat Ridge | 8      | 9<br>8:30 am Sat. AM Women's Breakfast/Bible Study<br>10:00-2:00 Highland West Community Bake Sale |
| 10<br>8:30 am Choir Practice<br>8:45 am Church School<br>10am Worship<br>11:05 am Fellowship Time/Red, White, & Chocolate Luncheon<br>Mission UI Fundraiser   | 11<br>3:30pm-5pm Whiz Kids Tutoring                                      | 12<br>4:00-5:30 pm Girl Scouts<br>7:00 pm Pipers Practice             | 13<br>7:00 pm Ridge Ringers  | 14  | 15     | 16<br>5:30-8:30 pm Uplift Internationale Fundraiser: A Live Tribute to Frank Sinatra               |
| 17<br>8:30 am Choir Practice<br>8:45 am Church School<br>10 am Worship<br>Wilbur Offering<br>11:05 am Fellowship Time/Girl Scouts selling cookies             | 18<br>President's Day<br>No Whiz Kids Tutoring                           | 19<br>4:00-5:30 pm Girl Scouts<br>7:00 pm Pipers Practice             | 20<br>1:00 pm WPC Church Bridge Group at church. Hostess, Caroline Clovesko<br>7:00 pm Ridge Ringers | 21<br>5:30 pm Worship Committee meeting<br>7:00 pm Thursday Book Group at the home of Belinda Smiley              | 22     | 23   |
| 24 Annual Congregational meeting<br>8:30 am Choir Practice<br>8:45 am Church School<br>10 am Worship<br>11:20 am Fellowship Time<br>11:45 Single Ladies Lunch | 25<br>3:30-5pm Whiz Kids Tutoring<br>5:30 pm Personnel Committee meeting | 26<br>4:00-5:30 pm Girl Scouts<br>7 pm Pipers Practice                | 27<br>7:00 pm Ridge Ringers  | 28  |        |  |

## HIGHLAND WEST COMMUNITY Bake Sale

Highland West Community (Tower) is having a bake sale on **February 9, 2019 from 10 AM to 2 PM.**

If you can donate some **homemade** goods for the sale the residents would truly appreciate it. This is their fund raiser for the resident council and they really would like it to be successful. Please **have any baked goods in Fellowship Hall on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> of February or the morning of the 9<sup>th</sup> by 8:30 AM.** Maxine Foster will pick them up and take them to the tower rec room. Please **notate any ingredients that could be an allergy concern** such as **nuts, peanut butter, chocolate, and raisins.** Also, if they could be **packaged in quantities of 6 cookies, 2 to 4 cupcakes,** etc., portions that will work for one person or a couple.

Of course if you are able to also attend the bake sale during the hours of 10 to 2 (since it will be open to the public) that would be nice.



Diabetic Support  
Group

first Thursday monthly

**4:30 p.m.**

Arvada Presbyterian Church

David Reed

5592 Independence St.

Questions? 303-422-3463

## GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE—Sun., Feb. 17



**during Fellowship Time.** Purchase cookies and support the activities of the **troop 61054 which regularly meets here at WPC.**

## A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

Dear members,

**It is time now to pay your per capita pledge which is \$32 per person.** The per capita pledge supports the mission of the broader church through the work of Denver Presbytery and PC(USA) national and global mission. I would like to collect everyone's payments now, so I can remit the entire amount to Presbytery by the end of February. Thanks for your help in getting this done early in the year.



Eileen Gardner, treasurer



**UPLIFT  
INTERNATIONALE**  
mending faces ... one child at a time

## UPLIFT FUNDRAISER Saturday, February 16

(please note corrected date). **from 5:30-8:30 pm** is the **Uplift Internationale Fundraiser: A "LIVE" Tribute to Frank Sinatra** with Italian dinner, live entertainment, raffles (\$45 single, \$50 at door, \$85 couple). To order tickets, please call 303-707-1361 or go to [www.UJSinatra.givessmart.com](http://www.UJSinatra.givessmart.com).

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