



March 2019

Dear Wheat Ridge Family,

The season of repentance and preparation to celebrate the Resurrection on Easter Sunday begins with Ash Wednesday; this year that date is March 6. This **Lenten season**, we will follow the lead of the **Presbyterians Today Lenten devotional** and explore *disciplines of the heart*. While the devotional focuses on awakening to God's beauty through "**holy seeing**"—in Latin, *visio divina*, the Lenten sermon series will look at several additional disciplines: **reading, walking, silence, and singing**. Some members of WRPC will be friendly practitioners of one or several of these disciplines. Perhaps they will be new to some of you.

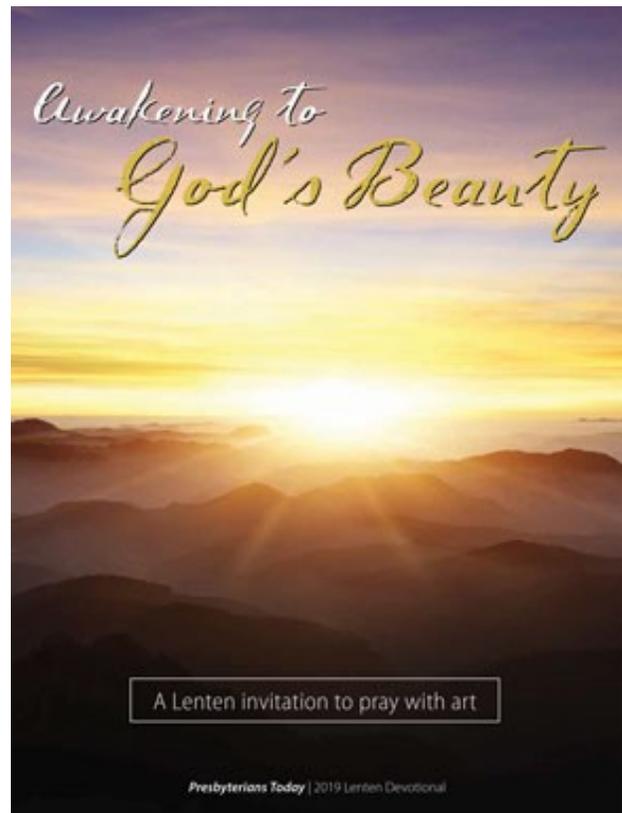
As we travel the journey of Lent as a congregation, may this exploration of disciplines of the heart lead us **deeper into the heart of the gospel** good news of God becoming flesh, enjoying and enduring human life, teaching and healing, suffering and dying, only to destroy the power of death through the Resurrection.

April 14-21, during Holy Week, we will again begin with **Palm/Passion Sunday**—with Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and moving toward the cross; on **Maundy Thursday**, people of **all ages** will gather in Fellowship Hall for a **meal where worship and communion are woven into our table fellowship**—it has become a meaningful biannual tradition. **Easter Sunday** will see the joy of delicious breakfast, egg hunt, and glorious music and flowers as we gather to celebrate God's love in Christ being more powerful than anything—even death.

Until then, we walk the journey from **Ash Wednesday to Holy Week**, trusting that God's love can **transform us through grace**. As we explore *disciplines of the heart*, we seek to live in such a way that our hearts, minds, and hands are ever more ready to receive the grace that God gives.

Peace, Laura

A repeat request from last month: 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 web address: <https://www.facebook.com/wpcpres/>**



SESSION- No meeting in March

The Session reviewed the finances for the year 2018 and gave approval to the final adjusted budget for 2019. The 2019 budget was presented to the congregation at the Annual meeting of March 3, 2019 (postponed from February 24).

Highlights from the 2018 budget:

TOTAL INCOME: \$285,614

TOTAL EXPENSE: \$301,551

NET LOSS: \$15,937.

Officers elected at the Congregational meeting:

Elders Class of 2022: Anne B., Linda J., Marcia H., Allan H.. Class of 2021: Dick R. Class of 2020: Laura L., Chuck M.. Deacons: Class of 2022: Betty P., Betty N., Mick D., Sonia H.. Class of 2021: Gay C. Nominating Committee: At-large Members (not Deacons or Elders 2019) Jim N., Carolyn C., Eleanor F..

Many thanks to all the volunteers for the planning and work involved in hosting a successful Denver Presbytery Assembly on January 22. Excess dinner charges were donated to two mission projects of the Denver Presbytery, Carpenters Helpers Partnership (Habitat for Humanity) and Lomagundi Mission Clinic Partnership. Next meeting of the Session is the second Thursday of April. Plans are in the works for Lent and Easter and collection of One Great Hour of Sharing will be on Palm Sunday.

Ruth B.
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 P.

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

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, March 10 at 11:35 A.M.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

I was so appreciative for the opportunity to participate in this year's Association of Christian Educators (APCE) in February. This year's conference took me to the waters of Galveston, TX on the Gulf of Mexico. The overall theme was from Isaiah 55:1 Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters...

The days were filled with worship, plenaries and workshops, from which I gleaned invaluable information. The worship sermons were delivered by

Rev. Dr. *Thomas Grier Long* who is the Bandy Professor of Preaching at Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, and his wife Rev. Dr. Kimberly Bracken Long who is currently the editor of Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching, and the Arts, the liturgy journal for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

The four workshops I chose were a collective assortment of fresh ideas for teaching VBS through music, dance, play, along with new creative ideas for our youth ministry.

The plenaries focused on Faith Formation, I particularly enjoyed the one called Faith Formation across the generations which consisted of a discussion panel who spoke of the importance of intergenerational worship and how vital it is in today's worship service. I would be happy to talk to anyone who would like to learn more!

Although, most of the time at APCE was a valuable learning experience, we did take the time to have some fun. On Wednesday evening we were treated to Mardi Gras party Texas style featuring the music of Michael Deacon and the Texas Heat and on Friday evening we were delighted by "The True Story of Cinderella," a comic mini-opera spoofing the Cinderella story.

Closing worship on Saturday concluded "In Memoriam" with the recognition of Christian Educators who have passed this year, our Mary Wilcox was included in this memoriam.

Grace and Peace,
Linda

Save the dates:

- **March 17th at Noon**-Youth group event to Avalanche game. Lunch at church. Game starts at 1:00 pm return to the church around 4:00 pm. Youth should bring money if they want snacks at the game. Tickets are limited so contact Linda V. if your youth plans to attend.
- **April 26th and 27th** Spring event-more details coming soon!
- **June 10-14 VBS/Kamp Kidventure/ Drama Camp.**

SAVE THE DATE
Vacation Bible School
June 10-14, 2019

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY & BREAKFAST

March 9th 8:30 a.m. breakfast followed by lesson. Please **RSVP to Eileen G.** so she can bring enough study materials.



PERSONNEL meets Mon. Mar. 11 at 5:30 pm

MISSION

- Meets Wednesday, March 6th at 3:30 pm
- Thanks to all who participated in

Mission's Valentine's Day Luncheon: Red, White, and Chocolate in February.

Your donations raised funds for **Uplift Internationale**. Uplift Internationale is a program where volunteer doctors, nurses, and other helpers fly to the Philippines and perform surgeries on rural Filipino children born with cleft palates.



- **Cooking for the Homeless with Family Promise**

Family Promise is an organization dedicated to helping homeless families by providing a place to spend the night along with an evening meal, working with them to find a job, and a home, and to develop life skills. The group is hosted for one week at a time by participating facilities, usually Sunday noon to Sunday morning of the next week. They then move to the next location. The group spends approximately 8 to 10 weeks in the program.

In the past WPC Mission commission provided an evening meal once every two months to the Action Center shelter until it closed that program. As of last spring the WPC mission commission agreed to help the Jefferson Ave Methodist Church (JUMC) which is one of the FP facilities, by providing an evening meal for one night of the week that JUMC hosts the group.

Jeanne M. and I, Betty N., agreed to assume responsibility for this project. Since then we have provided three meals (May, Sept., and Nov.). We not only **prepare the meal**, but **also serve the meal at 6:00 pm**.

I have recently received the exact dates for which we will be responsible for preparing and serving the meal. I will post a **sign-up sheet** in **fellowship hall** with **the dates and times that we will be preparing the meal**. Anyone interested in helping may sign up there. It usually **takes two to three hours to prepare the meal**. Jeanne or I will purchase and gather all the needed items. We **need 2-3 people** and **meet at 2:00 pm the day of the meal**. Please **contact or Jeanne** if you have any questions.

- Mission will host a **St. Patrick's Day luncheon** fundraiser right after worship, **Sunday, March 17th** to benefit **The Carpenter's Helpers**, -a Mission Partnership that works with Habitat



for Humanity building homes for needy families (see more details on this group in bullet below). This will be a free will offering, the menu will include corned beef and all the fixings.

- **CARPENTER'S HELPERS** (Presbyterian wing of HABITAT FOR HUMANITY)

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

- The **Action Center's Beautiful Junk Sale** returns **this Spring, Friday, March 15th and Saturday, March 16th** at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. Shop for a good cause and join us at the Beautiful Junk Sale! You'll find treasures you didn't know you needed in every corner of the Jefferson County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall. More than 10,000-square-feet of collectibles, toys, holiday decor, vintage clothing, jewelry, books, music and households --- all at garage sale prices.

Buy One, One Get FREE General Admission: \$5* Bring a friend and they get in FREE with your paid admission No Other Discounts Apply. Children 16 and Under are FREE.

Your **\$5 admission** supports programs at the Action Center that help families and individuals break the cycle of poverty

Friday, March 15th 8:30 am - 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 16th 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

At the Jefferson County Fairgrounds

Early bird shopping Friday 7:00 am

plus, free admission Saturday - \$30

STEWARDSHIP One Great Hour of Sharing



Lent is once again upon us offering a very special time of reflection and inspiration. Frederick Buechner has written about the need for all of us to see with "the eyes of the heart"-- that is to see the beauty and promises of God that lie beyond hopelessness, despair and decay. It seems most fitting then that for us Lent is a time when we participate in the One Great Hour of Sharing, culminating in the Offering on Palm Sunday (April 14), because each gift to this Offering helps to improve the lives of people in the most challenging situations. The Offering provides us with a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need through three strong programs working in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. One Great Hour of sharing is the single largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world as we seek to see with "the eyes of the heart." Watch for more information and the stories of those served by our generosity through this Offering.

STEWARDSHIP meets **6:00 pm Mon. Mar. 11**

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
SPRING AHEAD!**

Set your clocks an hour ahead
late Saturday night March 9 for
Sunday, March 10.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS



Lary C.	March 2
Bill T.	March 4
Gordon S.	March 7
Ann L.	March 12
Kelsey B.	March 13
Kerry G.	March 14
Lynn T.	March 16
Bunny B.	March 18
Annika S.	March 20
Carolyn S.	March 30

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

UPCOMING EVENTS at WPC

- **Ash Wednesday Service in sanctuary** at 7:00 pm on **Wednesday, March 6th**
- **Spring Forward, Sunday May 10** (Daylight Savings Time begins)
- **St. Patrick's Day Luncheon** for The Carpenter's Helpers following worship on **Sunday, March 17th**

WORSHIP



- **Lenten Devotionals** We've ordered devotional booklets for Lent this year, and they are available on the table in the Narthex. Please take one for your prayer and devotional time through this Lenten season. There are only 20 copies so get your booklet soon! Thanks to an anonymous donor for covering the costs of the devotionals.
- Look for **Easter Plant order information coming soon.**
- **Ash Wednesday Service on Wed. Mar. 6 at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary.**
- **No Choir Practice Sunday, March 10-& 24**
- **Holy week begins Sunday, April 14th – Palm/Passion Sunday** - Procession of Choir with Sunday School Children and distribution of palms.
- **April 18 is the Maundy Thursday – Intergenerational Potluck Dinner and Service in Fellowship Hall.** See further details in upcoming announcements.
- **April 19 is Good Friday and WRPC members and friends** are welcome to **come** during church office hours (8:30-12:30) to **pray and meditate in the sanctuary.** Please **check in** at the **office.**
- **April 21 -is Easter Sunday** - See further details in upcoming announcements.

THURSDAY BOOK GROUP

7:00 pm Thursday March 21 at the home of Gay C. Reading: *Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens. Please so she knows how many plan attending. All are welcome!



With Concern. . .



- On Thursday night, (Feb. 21), **Dick and Ginny S.** had to evacuate their independent living apartment due to a water main break. Their apartment was not damaged. It is unclear when they'll be able to return after the repairs have been made.
- **Dick P.** is recovering well after surgery in early February to remove a melanoma on his scalp. He says things are looking good, but it will take time for the wound to heal.
- **Leslie C.** has moved to Colorado Springs, Colorado. We pray that it was an easy move for her and that she's found a new wonderful home with family and friends there for company and support.

With Thanksgiving...

Bob E. had his 91st birthday Tuesday, February 26th.

WHEAT RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

BRIDGE CLUB--WPC Bridge meets **here** at the church on **Wednesday, March 20 at 1:00 pm.** **Bob B. is hosting this month.** Please **RSVP** to him in person or by calling him for more details and so he know how many to tables to setup for bridge.

Women's Retreat: April 26-28 at Highlands Camp presented by **The Rev. Kim Graber**. It's called Flunking Sainthood. Based on the book *Flunking Sainthood* by Jana Riess, the group will look at how sainthood is not attainable or sustainable, and how Flunking Sainthood can be a valuable spiritual experience in itself. Recommended readings include the book *Flunking Sainthood* by Jana Riess and *The Gifts of Imperfection* by Brené Brown. There are flyers posted in the church hallway and also flyers (include the registration form in them) in Fellowship Hall (thanks to Jo Ann).

The retreat starts that Friday afternoon with check-in beginning at 4:00 pm, 5:00 pm social time, 6:00 pm box dinners and 6:30-9:00 pm introductions, singing, small groups and the keynote presentation, Saturday morning devotions are offered, keynote presentations morning and evening and a hot breakfast (8:00 am) and lunch (12:30 pm with table top discussions of what everyone's reading and book review of *The Gifts of Imperfection*), optional activities/or free time that afternoon, 6:00 pm dinner and Sunday morning devotions, 8:00 am breakfast, 9:00 am worship and the retreat ends at 11:00 am.

Register by March 25 and it's only **\$175** after that it's \$185 and the **deadline is April 10**. The camp is located at 8500 feet. Be sure to bring personal gear, good walking shoes, your own water bottle, and toiletry items. Dress for temperatures 10 to 15 degrees cooler than metro Denver. Bedding, towels, and hand soap is provided by the retreat center. Please see the flyer for more details.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH -Kenny Orr, organist
Sun., Mar. 3 at 7:00 pm, Denver South Seventh-day Adventist Church Kenny Orr will be playing the organ with Colorado Young Sinfonia for a wonderful evening of Handel's Messiah! at Denver South Seventh-day Adventist Church, 2675 S.



Downing St Denver 80210.

Tickets: \$10 adults; \$5 students, seniors, & children under 12. For more information please go to the Colorado Young Sinfonia link:

<https://coloradoyoungsinfonia.org>.



**Diabetic Support
Group**

first Thursday monthly

4:30 p.m.

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

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March 10

SUNDAY

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<p>3 8:00 am Ridge Ringers 8:30 am Choir Practice 8:45 am Church School for All Ages 10 am Worship /Nametags /Communion 10:45 am Congregational meeting 11: 15 am Fellowship Time</p>	<p>4 3:30-5:00 pm Whiz Kids Tutoring</p>	<p>5 8:30 am 4-F Come for Food, Fun, Fellowship & Fixin'! 10:45 am staff meeting 4:00-5:30 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Pipers Practice</p>	<p>6 3:30 pm Mission Committee meeting 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday service in sanctuary</p>	<p>7 4:30 pm Diabetic Support group at Arvada Pres.</p>	<p>8 9:30 am China Painters</p>	<p>9 8:30 am Sat. AM Women's Breakfast/Bible Study in Fellowship Hall Set clock ahead one hour before going to sleep.</p>
<p>10 Set clocks ahead 1 hour No Choir Practice 8:45 am Church School for all ages 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time 11:30 am Deacons meeting</p>	<p>11 3:30-5:00 pm Whiz Kids Tutoring 5:30 pm Personnel meeting 6:00 pm Stewardship meeting</p>	<p>12 7:00 pm Pipers Practice</p>	<p>13 6:00 pm Christian Education meeting 7:00 pm Ridge Ringers practice</p>	<p>14 No Session Meeting this month</p>	<p>15 NEWSLETTER DUE 8:30 am-7:00 pm The Action Center Beautiful Junk Sale at Jeffco Fairgrounds (\$5) Early Bird 7am (\$30)</p>	<p>16 8:00 am-4:00 pm The Action Center Beautiful Junk Sale at Jeffco Fairgrounds (\$4)</p>
<p>17 St. Patrick's Day 8:30 am Choir Practice 8:45 am Church School for all Ages 10:00 am Worship 11:10 am Fellowship Time 11:30 am St. Pat's Lunch Noon Youth Lunch /AVS game</p>	<p>198 3:30-5:30 pm Whiz Kids Tutoring</p>	<p>19 3:00 pm Worship Committee meeting 7:00 pm Pipers Practice</p>	<p>20 1:00 pm WPC Bridge at the church. Group hosted by Bob B. 7:00 pm Ridge Ringers practice</p>	<p>21 7:00 pm Thursday Book Group at home of Gay C. reading <i>A Tale of Two Cities</i> by Charles Dickens</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 No Choir Practice 8:45 am Church School for all Ages 10:00 am Worship 11:10 am Fellowship Time</p>	<p>25 Spring Break No Whiz Kids Tutoring this week resumes 4/2</p>	<p>27 7:00 pm Pipers Practice</p>	<p>28 7:00 pm Ridge Ringers Practice</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>31 8:30 am Choir Practice 8:45 am Church School for all Ages 10:00 am Worship 11:10 am Fellowship Time Noon Single Ladies Lunch</p>						

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