

April 2019

Holy Week for ALL ages...

Dear Wheat Ridge Family,

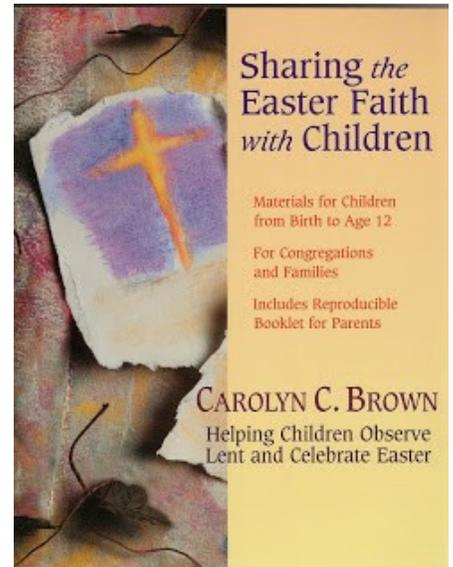
It seems natural to want to shield children from some of the painful aspects of the last week before and including Jesus' death on the cross. After all, our world is full of so much violence right now, shouldn't we just encourage children to **hop from the triumphant entry of Palm Sunday to the joy of Easter morning**? Of course, many of us *adults* want to do the same ourselves. Feeling this way is understandable, especially if you have been wounded by either a morbid preoccupation with the gruesome side of the Passion of Christ, or if "Jesus died for YOUR sins" has been used as guilt machine.

One of the joys of ministry at WRPC is **leading "Club Time" at our Monday afternoon Whiz Kids tutoring program**. I lead a Bible lesson each week that is based on the curriculum given to all Club Leaders by "Whiz Kids HQ." Many times, I can lead the lesson exactly as written. Other times, my theological and pastoral sensibilities require me to adapt it. Children and youth need to know God's LOVE for them—before and always—rather than focusing on their sinfulness and need for redemption. Yes, children make mistakes; they are sometimes selfish, as we all are. But to drill into their heads that they are **born mistakes needing to be fixed is not the place to start**. The **place to start for all of us is that we are born beloved children of God**. We need guidance and forgiveness from our Creator. This is **out of love, not fear**.

The **events of Holy Week** still hold great power, even if **we do not see them *only* through the lens of "substitutionary atonement"** (Jesus died to appease God who is angry over our sins.). This year, on **Palm/Passion Sunday (April 14) we will have some special music** related to the entry into Jerusalem (Palms) as well as reflect in the sermonette on God's self-emptying love as seen in Jesus. Then there will be two special pieces of music with words from the cross. **Maundy Thursday's service will return to the fellowship hall and our family-style meal will be incorporated into the service** as we have done two other times. This combined meal and service is a particularly child-and-youth-friendly worship experience. The order of service is taken straight from the wonderful resource, ***Sharing the Easter Faith with Children*** by Presbyterian Christian Educator, **Carolyn Brown**.

Helping children hear the *whole story* of the final days before Jesus' death can emphasize how loving, courageous, kind, and giving Jesus was and is. To **journey through Holy Week** is what gives Easter morning its true power—for all of us. **How can there be resurrection without death?** I hope that **people of all ages** will participate in **Palm/Passion Sunday (10 AM April 14)**, **Maundy Thursday (5:45 PM 4/18)**, and the joy of **Easter morning (breakfast, egg hunt, worship 4/21)**!

Peace, *Laura*



SESSION

The church officers elected at the February 24, Congregational meeting will be installed into office in April. Many thanks are extended to the outgoing Elders Marny E. and Ron M. and Deacons Linda J. and Charlene P. for the time and dedication they have willingly given. Thanks are also give to those who volunteer their time and talent in Christian Education, both children and adult, for the fellowship groups, music, choir and bells, for various mission projects, helping to feed the homeless, keeping the property in good safe condition, for worship and preparation for communion, for those that work to keep the finances in order, to help to prepare the budget needs, and for those what work in personnel. The list goes on to include all friends and members as the Mission Statement for WPC is "To worship God through faith and action, to nurture the spirit of Jesus Christ in each of us, to be an extended family to all, and to serve the community through programs, education and prayer".

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. & 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, May 19th @ 11:35 a.m.

SATURDAY A.M.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY &

BREAKFAST April 13th 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast followed by lesson. All Women of the church are invited! Please **RSVP to Eileen G.** so she can bring enough study materials.



4–F: Please **come 8:30 am Tuesday, April 2 in**



Fellowship Hall, for some Food, Fun, Fellowship and Fixin'!



HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday, April 18

5:45 pm Potluck Dinner in Fellowship Hall.

The Worship Committee will provide beverages.

Please bring a dish to share. Please *no* desserts. The meal is interspersed with the service.

Easter April 21

- o **Easter Breakfast** in Fellowship Hall at **8:00 am** (7:30 am for Choir and Ridge Ringers).
- o **Easter Egg Hunt** for children at **9:30 am**.
- o **10:00 am** worship service with communion offered, special music, and lovely Easter flowers.
- o Deacons will not be serving coffee and donuts after the worship service on Easter Sunday. We encourage everyone to attend the Easter breakfast and fellowship before the church service.



FELLOWSHIP - EASTER BREAKFAST

The Fellowship Committee will host and cook the traditional **Easter Breakfast** on Sunday, April 21st, serving our chancel and bell choirs at 7:30 am. Starting at **8:00 am the congregation will be served.** A free will donation will be taken and all are invited to attend. Please join us for great conversation and breakfast prior to a wonderful Worship service of special music, lovely flowers as we celebrate that He is Risen!

Thank You from the Fellowship Committee!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



March youth event. We are so pleased that on **Sunday, March 17th**, seven of our youth and their friends along with three adults were able to attend the Denver Avalanche v. New Jersey Devils game. Everyone had a great time and the Avalanche won 3-0. Go AV's! **Thank you to Sean M., Tim S. and Remington V.** for volunteering for this event. Be sure to look for upcoming youth events!

WPC spring event. On **Friday April 26th** and **Saturday, April 27th** at 5:30pm WPC will present, **"Everything's Coming Up Disney" Dinner & Concerts.** Please join us for an evening of dining and the music of Disney. Our DSA students along with our children and youth will perform many songs from your favorite Disney movies. **RSVP is required**, sign-up sheets will be in the Fellowship Hall or you can contact Linda V.

Save the date.VBS/Kamp Kidventure for ages 5-10 and VBS/Drama Camp for ages 11-14 will be June 10-14. Starting in April, you may register on the church website or pick up an application in the church office, fill it out and return it to me or the church office.

Grace and peace, Linda

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

MISSION

- The mission committee continues to be **amazed** at the **congregation's support** of our various mission projects. You **donated about \$150.00 through the "Wilbur" piggy banks and the special collection in February.** The contributions are split 50:50 between **Feed the Future weekend food program at Wheat Ridge elementary schools** and the **Lomagundi Clinic Mission Partnership (Zimbabwe).** The **Red, White and Chocolate luncheon raised \$562 for Uplift Internationale** and the **St. Patrick's luncheon generated \$655 for The Carpenter's Helpers.** The Carpenter's Helpers **builds a house in co-operation with Habitat for Humanity!!** A shout out to **Anne B., Jo Ann F., and Charles C.** who helped with the building of the 2019 house sponsored by The Carpenter's Helpers.
- **Mission Bake/No Bake Sale Sunday, May 12 after worship.** We are planning to have a bake (and "no bake") sale on Sunday, May 12 after worship. We welcome donations from all bakers who would like to show off their culinary skills and those of you who have a bit of a sweet tooth or are in need of a

last-minute Mother's Day gift to come! The **proceeds** will be used to **purchase the food that then is used to make a meal for the homeless families** enrolled in **Family Promise** during the week they spend at Jefferson Avenue Methodist Church. Members of Wheat Ridge Presbyterian Church prepare an evening meal and deliver it about once every 8-10 weeks. If you'd like to help prepare the food and/or deliver and serve it, there is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall or you can contact Betty N.te or Jeanne M.. We **need 2-3 people** to meet at **2:00 pm the day of the meal to prepare it and then deliver and serve it at 6:00 pm that day.** Please **contact Betty or Jeanne** if you have any questions

- Please pray for **our brothers and sisters in Zimbabwe** as they work to **recover from Cyclone Idai** that hit on **March 4** and has killed over 100 people in eastern Zimbabwe. The Presbytery of Zimbabwe is mobilizing help to send to the area.
- **No Mission meeting** is planned in **April.** Next meeting will be **Thursday, May 1 at 3:30 pm.**

Other April Mission opportunities that WRPCers participate in that are fundraising or offering training.

- **2019 Friendship Bridge—2019 Building Bridge Stay at Home Gala April 6 MST 6:00-9:00 pm From**



Dream to Reality We invite you to savor a night at home for the 2019 Building Bridges Stay at Home Gala! As an international community, we offer this Gala as a way to

bring together individuals in their local community while simultaneously connecting people around the world. This year's Stay-at-Home Gala will feature entertaining and informative videos, games, unique handmade artisan products, and an online auction! Your ticket purchase and any additional donations funds the work we do to provide opportunities that empower women to eliminate poverty in Guatemala. Here is link to the event: <https://www.friendshipbridge.org/gala>

- **Building Bridges** is having a **Connection through Conflict: Facilitation Training April 5-6 Fri. and Sat. TBD** at Wellshire Presbyterian Church (see the article later in this newsletter for more details).

WPC BRIDGE GROUP: Meets 1:00 pm Wed., April 17th. Eileen G. Please RSVP her for details at so she knows how many plan attending.

STEWARDSHIP:

- **One Great Hour of Sharing: Palm Sunday** worship will be special in many ways and will also provide the opportunity to participate in the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. Since 1949 Christian churches have been coming together in this offering to address the suffering in the world and transform lives around the globe who suffer from the effects of disaster, violence and/or severe economic deprivation. For Presbyterians it means support for the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and Self Development of People. Reverend Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, reminds us that our participation in the OGHS changes lives; providing safety, sustenance, and hope to individuals and communities in need. Our gifts do make a difference. **Additional information and offering envelopes will be available in worship on both April 7 and 14.**
- **Stewardship All Year Round:** Whether it is all the news in the bulletin, newsletter, or E-Post it is easy to see why WPC has been called a busy, active robust church family, supporting each other, reaching out to the community and world, and worshiping God through faith and action. It happens because of all who consistently commit their, time, their talent, their creativity, their wisdom, and their financial resources to this church home. THANK YOU!

Stewardship meets Mon., Apr. 15 at 6:00 pm

WHIZ KIDS TUTORING--WHIZ KIDS will end the 2018-2019 year with a party on the April 22 and a trip to the WHIZ KIDS Rodeo on Saturday April 28.



THURSDAY BOOK GROUP

- **Won't meet in April** as the usual meeting date is the night of the Maundy Thursday Potluck Dinner. many plan attending.

- **7:00 pm Thursday, May 17** at Joan P.'s



Reading: *The Once and Future King* by T.H. White RSVP by calling her so, she knows how many plan attending. All are welcome!

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. Recommended readings include this book and *The Gifts of Imperfection* by Brené Brown. There are flyers posted in the church hallway and also flyers (which include the registration form in them) in Fellowship Hall. The retreat starts that Friday afternoon with check-in beginning at 4:00 pm. The Camp is \$185.

Registration deadline is April 10. Please see the flyer for more details.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- **Meets Thursday, April 4 at 6:00 pm**
- The Prospect 55 Lateral Ditch group meets here soon to **set the Saturday date** this spring for the yearly irrigation **ditch cleanup day here at the church**. We receive a good portion of our outside water from this source so our help in this endeavor is greatly appreciated. Please check upcoming announcements for further details about day and time.
- **Saturday May 4 from 9:00 am-Noon is the annual WRPC church spring cleanup day.** The church needs your help with weeding, trimming, painting and organizing to prepare the Church property for the upcoming summer. We ask you to bring any specialized tools (wheel barrows, string trimmers, leaf blowers, hand clippers for bush trimming) that could be of help. If you have any questions, please contact Jo Ann Flores, Chuck Miller, or any member of the Property Management Committee. A large turnout will insure a minimal work load for all involved and a productive day! Since Colorado weather can throw a few surprises, **Saturday, May 18** is scheduled as the **rain date**.



PULPIT FLOWER DONORS

Thanks so much for all of the Easter Plants orders this year! The sanctuary will look wonderful this Easter Sunday. Don't forget to take your plants home to enjoy after the Easter worship service.



After Easter, there are many opportunities to give flowers for worship service. Want to honor or remember a dear one with flowers? Sign up on the Pulpit Flower Chart in the hallway between the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. Buy and bring your own (indicate this with B&B on your signup) or payment must be made to Roxanne F. to pay for the plant or arrangement prior to the date it is to be displayed at church. Typically, \$25.00 covers the cost and your dedication can then be placed in that week's bulletin.

You may also specify to whom you would like the flowers delivered to after the service, or they will be given to someone the committee feels needs "cheering up!" Thank you, in advance, for tendering payment upon sign-up!

Worship Committee

April BIRTHDAYS



Eleanor F.	April 16
Deloris G.	April 18
Judy L.	April 19
Dolores F.	April 20

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

With Concern. . .



- **Linda J.** is doing well after a diagnostic procedure at Lutheran Hospital on Monday, March 25. She remains in the hospital for several days for monitoring. Prayers, cards, and visits are appreciated.
- **Dick S.** needed to stay one more week at Gardens on Quail. He hopes to return to MorningStar of Arvada some time the week of April 1st.
- We continue to pray for and help the **Sovold family.**
- **We continue to pray and help the Mestdagh family.**
- Moving can be a challenge. Please keep these families in mind.
 - **Jane E. and Neil M.**
 - **Dick and Ginny S.**

With Sympathy. . .

A good friend of **Wally & Julie P. JoAnn W.**, died in **March**. Prayers for them and JoAnn's family.

HIGHLAND WEST COMMUNITY'S (SOUTH RESIDENT COUNCIL) is having a **combination bake sale/ rummage sale** for their fund raiser on **May 4, 2019 from 10:30 AM till 1:00 PM**. I am looking for **helpers to help set up both the bake sale/ rummage sale and servers to help with the sloppy joe lunch**. If you can help with any of this, **please give me a call. Thank you!** Maxine



COMMUNITY EVENT--Building Bridges

Connection through Conflict:

Facilitation Training April 5-6

Friday and Saturday: Times TBD at

Wellshire Presbyterian Church 2999 S Colorado Blvd, Denver, CO 80222,



Are you practicing inclusion and equity in your daily life? Are you ready to deepen that practice in yourself, your relationships, and your community? Then this 2-day training is for you.

Over the course of 2 days, you will participate in a series of workshops, discussions, and think labs. All of these experiences will be centered around individual and group identity development, empathy-building and communication. These experiences will challenge you to navigate topics centered around anti-oppression and inclusion and equip you to address these topics in your own context, professional or personal.

Whether you consider yourself an inclusion expert, novice, or anywhere in between, you can expect to be challenged, sharpened, and empowered.

Dates and Times

- Fri., April 5th and Sat., April 6th: Times TBD

Training Takeaways

- Deeper awareness and understanding of your own identities.
- Communication and relationship-building skills taught through real-time experiential activities.
- Frameworks to help understand the world around you and how individuals, groups, and systems impact each other.
- Facilitation skills geared towards addressing topics of anti-oppression and inclusivity, navigating conflict, and shifting power dynamics.

Best Fit For

- People who interact with diverse groups in professional or personal settings.
- People who desire facilitation skills to navigate topics of anti-oppression and inclusivity.
- People who are open to exploring vulnerability and multiple perspectives in a supportive yet challenging environment.
- People who have already done some personal work related to identity, conflict, and social change.
- Building Bridges Alumni

Cost: Full cost of training is \$300. Sliding scale options are available

- This is not an overnight training. Questions or requests? Please contact the Shift Program Manager, Jenny Medrano at jenny@buildingbridgeshift.org.

April 2019

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THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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		8:30 am 4 F 10:45 am Staff meeting 4:00-5:30 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Pipers Practice	No Mission Committee meeting this month	6:00 pm Worship Comm. 6:00 pm Christian Education 6:00 pm Property Management		10:00 am-1:00 pm Girl Scouts Tea 6:00-9:00 Friendship Bridge stay at Home Gala
7 8:30 am Choir Practice 8:45 am Church School for All Ages 10am Worship (Communion & Nametag) 11:10am Fellowship Time	8 3:30pm-5pm Whiz Kids Tutoring	9 7:00 pm Pipers Practice	10 7:00 pm Ridge Ringers	11 7:00 pm Citizens for a Healthy Wheat Ridge 7:00 pm Session	12 9:30-2:00 China Painters	13 8:30 am Sat. AM Women's Breakfast/Bible Study
14 Palm/Passion Sunday 8:00 am Ridge Ringers 8:30 am Choir Practice 8:45 am Church School 10am Worship 11:05 am Fellowship Time	15 3:30pm-5pm Whiz Kids Tutoring 6:00 pm Stewardship Committee	16 4:00-5:30 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Pipers Practice	17 1:00 pm WPC Bridge Group, hostess Eileen Gardner 7:00 pm Ridge Ringers	18 No Thursday Book Group This month 5:45 pm Maundy Thursday potluck and service in Fellowship Hall	19	20
21 Easter 8:00 Easter Breakfast (7:30 for RR & choir) 8:30 am Choir Practice 9:30 am Easter Egg Hunt 10 am Worship	22 3:30-5:00 pm Whiz Kids Tutoring Party	23 7:00 pm Pipers Practice	24 7:00 pm Ridge Ringers	25 2:00 -pm Family Promise Meal prep and 6:00 pm serving meal at Jefferson Ave Methodist	26 5:30-7:30 pm "Everything's Coming Up Disney" dinner and concert	27 5:30-7:30 pm "Everything's Coming Up Disney" dinner and concert
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