



June 2019

Coming soon to a computer (or smart phone) near you...

Dear Wheat Ridge Family,

It has been a long time coming, but **WRPC will soon roll out the new church website!** At first, the current/old site will still be up and Jenny will share the address of the new one for a “soft opening.” The old and new sites will run concurrently for a month or two...or three, until we are sure that the new site’s calendar and other bells and whistles are working as well as (and probably a lot better than) the old site. At that point, the old website address (wpcpres.org) will automatically take visitors to the new website. That will continue for at least a year.

Kudos to the all of the church members and friends who participated in the **New Beginnings process** in the fall of 2017 into early 2018. It is from those small group listening sessions that the **two priorities for WRPC’s mission** emerged: **increasing inter-generational programming** and reaching out into the community so that **more organizations use the church facilities**. A website that is friendly to smart phones (mobile-friendly), clean and fresh, and that is easier to edit for Jenny, me, and other staff is essential to making progress on the two priorities. The **Session formed a Web Designer Search Committee** consisting of Charlie/Chuck Cuthill, Maxine Foster, Linda Johnston, Tim Sovold, Barbara Stimson, and me. Our first task was to list **functionalities** that the new web site must or should have. We then started the **search process** which included advertising on the job search website, “Indeed.com” as well as asking for recommendations from local Presbyterian congregations with great web sites. The Committee read many online applications from local folks as well as a few from across the world. We looked at sample websites designed by the candidates and met to discuss next steps.

A clear consensus arose that we wanted to meet face-to-face with two local candidates who both had experience building church web sites. Both candidates were excellent. Dwight Thompson impressed the Committee with his **“Search Engine Optimization” (SEO) skills**. These are strategies to format website content in ways that Google and other search engines “like” so that when someone searches for keywords like, “church,” “sermon,” “bells,” “choir,” or even as specific as a particular Bible text or theme that I preached on, **the WRPC web site is more likely to pop up in the search!**

The new site will have a lot **more images**—ones that will be easier for the staff to change and update. Like most newer web sites, it will be the kind where visitors **scroll down** and then click on what interests them—although the traditional drop-down menu will still be there. **Audio sermons (podcasts)** will have better descriptions so that visitors can find a particular theme faster. A **password-protected church directory** will be available on the site. That way, Jenny can update the PDF Directory as people share new phone numbers or emails. Members with a password can then double-check if a phone number doesn’t work or an email bounces back. Once we have an improved **building use plan** developed, folks will be able to apply to use the building straight from the website. There will be updated and **improved descriptions and photographs of all aspects of our ministry**. As before, people will be able to **donate online** to the church and to **register for Vacation Bible School**. The new website will also **integrate social media** in more intentional ways—adding **Instagram and Twitter to Facebook** as a way to let more people know about the wonderful and welcoming ministry of Wheat Ridge Presbyterian Church!

All this took time, money, and energy on the part of many people. It is a worthwhile investment. Just like our refurbished kitchen and digital organ, the updated website shows the world that WRPC remains a lively and caring community of faith!

Peace, **Laura**

SESSION

At the May meeting, the following commission chairs/liason for the year were made: Christian Education liaison Elders Allan H. and Laura L. with Barbara S. Chair. Fellowship: Marcia H. Finance and Administration liaison Elder Sean M., Chair Brenda C. Membership Development: Jim P./Maxine F. Mission: liaison Elder Ann L. Chair Marny E.: Music Jim P. Personnel Linda J. Chair with Maxine F. Property Management Chair Jo Ann F. with Chuck M. Stewardship: Ann L. Worship: Anne B. Dick R. has not chosen a commission at this time.

The Treasurer's report: January 1, 2019 through April 31, 2019: Income \$100,144. Expenses \$101,695 with a shortfall of around \$1500. The re-designed web site is near completion.

Session next meets Thursday, June 28 at 7:00 pm.

Clerk of Session,
Ruth B.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

On Pentecost Sunday, June 9, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church.



The Holy Spirit remains with us connecting us with the church of the past and inspiring the church of today pointing us to the church of the future. Each year, this celebration is marked by receiving the Pentecost Offering which nurtures the faith of those who are the church to come---children, youth and young adults. 40% of this special Offering will remain right here in our church family administered by the CE committee and supporting the projects and activities of our children and youth.

By giving to the Pentecost Offering we are helping our children & youth grow up to proclaim with the Psalmist, *"O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds."*

" Stewardship is more than money. It's how we use our talents, time and treasure to live out our faith, show thankfulness for God's amazing grace and care for the environment, and ensure that Christ's work in the kingdom continues." Stephen Keizer, Vice President, Presbyterian Foundation Ministry Relations

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

meets Monday, June 24 at 6:00 p.m.

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

--Will next meet Tuesday, June 4th at 8:30 am. Please come for some Food, Fellowship, Fun and Fixin'!



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/ © 720-471-0751
Church Office, 303-422-2354
Prayer Chain, Charlene P.
Deacon Chair: Lori G.



PRAYER CHAIN – Prayer Chain is a quick way to have your prayer concerns passed on to the church family and enables the church to support you more rapidly in your time of need. **Deacons next meet Sunday, July 14** following Fellowship Time.

WORSHIP

• SUMMER SCHEDULE:

Worship is at 9:30 am from Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend (Sunday, September 1). **Next**



Sunday, May 26, is the first outdoor worship service with the earlier worship time of 9:30 am followed by a 10:30 am Fellowship Time in Fellowship Hall. On the **first Sunday of June, July, and August**, the service will be **indoors and communion** will be offered. The other Sundays will be outdoors, weather permitting. Sunday, September 1 will be the final outdoor worship service. Communion will be offered at this one outdoor service.

- **Umbrella Setup/Takedown Provided** –Please leave the umbrellas up on Outdoor Sundays. Property Management Committee has hired wonderful folks to be the setup/takedown people for Outdoor Worship this summer.
- With summer comes the outdoor services in our wonderful Outdoor Worship Center. We are looking at ways we can make this area safer and more accessible for everyone.

Some changes we are trying:

1. Maintain the last row of seats (near the ushers) for those with limited mobility and their families.
2. Have ushers collect the offering starting at the top and working down.
3. **Restrooms** can be found using the ramp down to the **double doors to the Christian Education wing**. Restrooms are to the left. All other doors to the church building will be locked during worship.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Anne B., Worship Chair.

MISSION

- **Thanks** to all who **participated in Wilbur Sunday May 19!** Your efforts help feed hungry children in Wheat Ridge (Feed the Future) and help patients in Zimbabwe (Lomagundi Clinic).
- **Mission meets Wednesday June 5 at 3:30 pm.**
- **SAVE THE DATE—BENEFIT CONCERT FOR LOMAGUNDI CLINIC Sunday evening, July 14 from 5:30-7:30 pm**



This benefit concert for the Lomagundi Clinic, in Zimbabwe will be held in our Outdoor Worship Center ("gates" open at 5:00 PM—and rain site is the sanctuary). The concert theme is Celtic music and the title is *"Come to the Ceilidh, an Evening of*

Scottish and Irish Song, Dance, and Music."

Musicians include the Centennial State Pipes and Drums.

Cost will be \$15 per adult for tickets purchased by church members; \$20 per adult for others. Those aged 12 years and under may attend for free. People may bring a picnic or purchase a WRPC-made hot pulled pork sandwich meal including a bottle of water for \$5.00 per meal. In addition to the wonderful music, Marny E. will speak briefly about her visit to the Lomagundi Clinic in June of 2019.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

On May 19th we celebrated Youth Sunday. The children and youth of WPC did a great job in the worship service, as they shared their talents and gifts with the congregation. We also honored our DSA students as they all graduate from High School this year. Congratulations to Nisha, Taylor and Wyatt.

Calling all Kids!

Summer is almost here, and it is time for **Vacation Bible School/Kamp Kidventure/Drama Camp**. It all starts **June 10-14 from 9am-4pm**. VBS/Kamp Kidventure for ages 5-9 and VBS/Drama Camp for ages 10-14. Come join the fun with great food and snacks, music, Bible stories, crafts, discovery, games, activities, improv skits, play presentation and more!! You may register on the church website <https://www.wpcpres.org> or pick up an application from Linda V. or in the church office, fill it out and return it to Linda V. or the office.

Grace and peace, Linda



Church Picnic

FELLOWSHIP ALL CHURCH PICNICS

We will have two picnic events as follows:

June 16th: A celebration of our VBS/ Kamp Kidventure. We will be serving fried chicken and potluck dishes brought by those celebrating with us. If your **last name** begins with **A - M**, bring a **side dish**. Last names beginning with **N - Z**, please bring a **dessert**. Fellowship will provide the fried chicken, paper goods and beverages. The picnic will begin after the Worship service and will be held in Fellowship Hall. Please contact Marcia H. with questions.

July 28th: This is an opportunity to come together as a congregation and welcome visiting members from Arvada Presbyterian Church. The picnic will be held after the Worship Service and will be a potluck. More details on this picnic will come as plans are finalized. Put this date on your calendars now and let's welcome our Presbyterian neighbors!

SAVE THE DATE!

Joint Worship Service and Picnic with Arvada Presbyterian Church on July 28th, here in WRPC's Outdoor Worship Center

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Thanks so much to all who participated in **WPC Spring Clean Up on May 4**. Your hard work and care enable us to have a lovely, safe, and inviting space, so important for the many Outdoor Worship Services this summer and when we have our guests here for VBS in June. If you were unable to attend the cleanup and would like to help, please contact Jo Ann or others from the Property Management Committee.

PRAYER REQUESTS & NOTES OF THANKSGIVING

With Concern . . .

Traveling mercies and prayers for a successful visit of Marny E. and the other Partnership of Zimbabwe and Denver Presbytery Committee delegates to Zimbabwe June 10-June 24.

With Sympathy . . .

There will be a **memorial** service here celebrating the life of **Bunny Brown** on **Saturday, June 15 at 10:00 am.**

With Thanksgiving. . .

Thanksgiving that **Matt and Kelsey B.** welcomed baby **Holden** the world on May 13, 2019. Holden, big brother Ronan, mom, and dad are doing well!



KITCHEN UPDATE—WE HAVE NEW SERVING PIECES! Deacons have purchased some new serving pieces for the church to use. We actually have spaghetti serving spoons, metal tongs for salads, and large forks for serving meat. All of these are for use at the tables, not for cooking. They are in the bottom drawer where the utensils are kept.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY-June & July

SAT. A.M. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY/BREAKFAST is taking a summer break-see you in August!



WPC BRIDGE GROUP: meets Wednesday, June 19 at 1:00 pm at the home of Don and Joy T.

Please **RSVP** to your **hosts**, so they know how many are planning to attend

June BIRTHDAYS



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| Alice D. | June 2 |
| Lori G. | June 4 |
| Dick S. | June 12 |
| Caroline C. | June 16 |
| Jeanne M. | June 16 |
| Ariane M. | June 23 |
| Allison C. | June 24 |
| Jo Ann F. | June 25 |
| Pat Y. | June 25 |
| Naomi S. | June 29 |

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

EARTH DAY EVERY DAY

Helping to keep our earth healthy is something each of us can do by recycling. Please use the **RECYCLE BIN in Fellowship Hall.**

The **items that can be recycled** are **paper products**, including **paper plates, paper and plastic coffee cups, plastic "silverware", bakery boxes, plastic bottles, tin cans, soda cans, and glass jars.**

NO STYROFOAM CUPS OR CONTAINERS.

PLEASE take the time to **scrape off excess food from paper plates into the trash, empty liquid from coffee cups and plastic bottles, and try to break down boxes before adding to the recycle bin.**

REMEMBER this is recycle and **NOT** composting, so no garbage please.



THURSDAY BOOK GROUP will take a break for the month of June. Happy summer reading!

COME CELEBRATE THE REV. RICH STEWART'S RETIREMENT!

You are invited to celebrate Rich Stewart's retirement and 80th birthday on Sunday, June 2, at Green Mountain Presbyterian Church. The celebration will occur after the 10:00 am morning worship (about 11:00 am) followed by church's annual picnic at 11:15 am to which you are also invited.

GIRL SCOUT TROOP ON SUMMER BREAK. Girl Scout Troop 61054 which meets here twice a month on Tuesday afternoons, will be on summer break. The troop will resume meeting in September.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **Saturday, June 1** Road closures on Exempla Lutheran Campus and surrounding Wheat Ridge area from 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 am. as Lutheran hosts the annual **Heroes of Hope—Courage Against Cancer Run/Walk** and a **Cancer Survivors Celebration** (until 1:00 pm). Closures include areas of: W. 32nd between Kipling and Lutheran Pkwy, Garrison St. between W. 32nd and 35th Avenue, and Garland St, between W. 32nd Avenue and W. 35th Avenue.
- **Saturday June 1 —Mountaineering Museum Excellence in Climbing Festival** at the American Mountaineering Center, Golden, CO.

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | | | | | | 1 7am–1 pm Heroes of Hope Run/Walk at Lutheran Medical Center |
| <i>This summer if there are no scheduled meetings and it's rainy, Centennial State Pipes and Drums will meet Sunday afternoons here</i> | | | | | | |
| 2 INDOOR WORSHIP 9:30 am Worship (Communion & Nametag) 10:35am Fellowship Time 11:00 am Celebrate Rich Stewart's retirement at Green Mtn. Pres. | 3 Church office open 1:30-4:30 pm | 4 8:30 am 4 F Church office open 1:30-4:30 pm 7:00 pm Pipers Practice | 5 Church office open 1:30-4:30 pm 3:30 pm Mission Committee meeting | 6 Church office open 1:30-4:30 pm | 7 Church office closed | 8 |
| 9 OUTDOOR WORSHIP PENTECOST SUNDAY 9:30 am Worship 10:35 am Fellowship Time | 10 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9 am-4 pm Church office open 1:30-4:30 pm | 11 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9 am-4 pm Church office open 1:30-4:30 pm 7:00 pm Pipers Practice | 12 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9 am-4 pm | 13 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9 am-4 pm | 14 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9 am-4 pm (no China Painters this month) 5:30 PM VBS Drama Presentation | 15 10:00 am Bunny Brown Memorial Service |
| 16 OUTDOOR WORSHIP Vacation Bible School Sunday 9:30 am Worship 10:35 am Fellowship Time /Picnic | 17 | 18 10:45 am Staff meeting 7:00 pm Pipers Practice | 19 1:00 pm WPC Church Bridge Group at Tolin home | 20 7:00 pm Thursday Book Group @ | 21 | 22 |
| 23 OUTDOOR WORSHIP 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship Time 2:00 pm Music Recital for Katie's class | 24 6:00 pm Stewardship Committee | 25 7 pm Pipers Practice | 26 | 27 7:00 pm Session Meeting | 28 | 29 |
| 30 OUTDOOR WORSHIP 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship Time 11:05 Single Ladies Lunch-Betsy Smith | | | | | | |

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