



September 2019

Dear Wheat Ridge Family,

As a pastor, I experience the on-going opportunity to listen prayerfully to what word might be needed from the pulpit at WRPC. I try to discern what God's Spirit is leading me to ask or explore in my own beloved and flawed life and in the beloved and flawed life of our church family. This has led me in different directions in my 5+ years as WRPC's pastor. Many times during the Advent through Pentecost seasons, I preach from the lectionary and let those texts lead me to what they are saying to this day and time. Summer-time and some other occasions, I will feel led to a sermon series. Last month in the newsletter, I told you about the sermon series that will happen every 5-8 weeks, "Novel Insights—the gospel through a great story."

Probably like you, life holds special challenges at one time or another. So, the sermon series, "God and the Big Stuff of Life" emerged. Come explore how God sees us through the "big stuff" of life in this sermon series at WRPC. I hope that you and people you love will be able worship here and



tell me and others how God is with you in and through the "big stuff" of life.

**8-25 Institutions:** (at 9:30 a.m. outside) how is the Spirit leading all people to deal with inflexibility in institutions like the Church, government, educational and legal systems?

**9-1 Work:** (at 9:30 a.m. outside) Call, vocation, paychecks, meaning—where is Christ in all this? Communion will also be offered.

**9-8 Loss:** (at 10 a.m.) How does God see us through and love us in times of loss like the death of a loved one, unemployment, broken relationships?

**9-15 Money:** (at 10 a.m.) What does scripture say about money in our lives?

**9-22 Addiction:** (at 10 a.m.) Opioids, alcohol, food, shopping, screens, exercise—we all either experience or see its destructive role in the lives of others. Richard Rohr's book, *Breathing Under Water: Spirituality and the 12 Steps* will remind us that God's love is for all, especially in our brokenness.

Peace,

**Laura**

## SESSION

Thanks from the Session to all that made the joint worship service and picnic with Arvada Presbyterian Church on July 28th such a meaningful and friendly event. Thanks go to the crew that set up the Outdoor Worship Center each Sunday for morning worship.

Church school, both for youth and adults will start the middle of the month, with interesting Bible-based lessons for the youth and new books for study for adults. All are invited to join in and enjoy the fellowship that takes place. For the youth, see Linda V., and for adults talk to Roxanne F.

The issue of safety at and around church during worship services, and at meetings held on church property, is a concern being addressed by the session. Officer Bowman of the Wheat Ridge Police Department will have a 6:00pm meeting in September addressing the safety issue. When a definite date has been set, it will be posted, so plan on attending.

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 any of the following:

Laura 303-422-2355/ cell 720-471-0751

Church Office, 303-422-2354

Prayer Chain, Betty N.

Deacon Chair: Lori G.

## PRAYER CHAIN—More prayer warriors needed!

Prayer Chain is 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. There is a need for a **few more people to sign up for the prayer chain.** It only requires a few minutes of your time to receive a phone call from a team member and then pass along the message to the next person under your name. It is an important way to support our sisters and brothers with prayer in their time of need. Please call Betty N. if you would like to be on the Prayer Chain. Thank you.

**Next Deacons meeting: September 8th after the worship service at 11:35 am in the conference room.**



## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

This group 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 have an interest and would like to help, please contact Sonia H. if you know someone who should be visited by the Shepherding Team, or who should receive a prayer shawl, please let the office know at 303-422-2354.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We are so thankful for all the children and youth who were able to attend the Blessings of the Backpacks service.



Now as the summer comes to an end and the kids are headed back to school, it is time to look forward to the fall and the start of **Church school for children on Sunday, September 15th, at 8:45am.** This year's curriculum will again be based on the lectionary text. Each week, I write the curriculum using "Growing in God's Love"- A Story Bible by Elizabeth F. Caldwell and Carol A. Wehrheim. This book is extremely valuable in lesson planning, as it tells stories that the children can relate to and keeps them engaged with questions that are age appropriate. Also used are age appropriate animated video's and crafts/activities to tie the lesson together. I believe it is important for the children to learn the same in Church School/Kids Kingdom as parents are hearing in worship each Sunday, so that the parents and their child/ren can talk together about it after church and throughout the week.

In the next few weeks we will be planning the fall **youth events for middle and high school age.** We are planning to have a youth event scheduled for every month this year. The **first youth event** will be on **Sunday, September 15th after the worship service.** They will have **lunch** here at the church then leave for **Putter's Pride mini golf** for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

Youth group is such an important part of our church, as it creates an environment which includes activities that are not only fun, but informational for spiritual growth and provides fellowship among our church youth. So please stay tuned for the dates and times.

C.E. is also in the planning stages of some other wonderful events coming up for the winter, don't forget to check out all the info on these exciting all church events as well!

Grace and Peace, Linda V.

**WHIZ KIDS:** The children have gone back to school and the Kullerstrand teachers are



assessing their needs and abilities. A lot of children may need help to catch up to the required level in every grade. **You can help by volunteering to tutor a student. We still need 2 tutors.** The obligation is small- Monday afternoons for about 2 hours - but the reward is great. If you **are interested or have questions,** please **call Betsy S.**

New tutors or tutors wanting a training refresher can check the Whiz Kids website for days and locations.

**Monday, October 7 at 3:30-5pm is the First Tutoring Session!**

## WORSHIP

- **Sunday, September 1**, worship is the final 9:30 summer 2019 **OUTDOORS** Sunday. It's a **NAMETAG** Sunday, and **Communion by intinction** will be offered.
- **Sunday, September 8**, worship time returns to **10:00a.m.** through next May.
- **Thanks to Katie, Julie, and all our guest musicians** for wonderful **special music** this summer!
- **Worship Committee meets 5:30 pm Monday, September 30.**

## RIDGE RINGERS

The first fall rehearsal for our Ridge Ringers **Bell Choir** Handbell Choir will be **Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. New members are always welcome! If you've never rung a handbell before but have wondered what it would feel like, now is the perfect time to try! We'd love to have you join us. If you have any questions, please give me a call. Julie P. Bell Choir Director



## A NOTE FROM KATIE

Dorothy Pino, who has played flute at our church several times, is an educator in Denver Public Schools and an accomplished wind player and composer. She will be playing a set of jazz and original music at Dazzle on Saturday, Sept 28th at 6:30 p.m. for anyone interested! The band will feature Dorothy on flute, alto saxophone and vocals, and she will be backed by trumpet, saxophone, guitar, bass and drums (including John Maldonado who has played classical guitar for us on several occasions.) Tickets are \$10.

The Pino Project is a new and exciting Latin jazz group under the leadership of Dorothy Pino. They will be premiering Pino's original works all newly composed in 2019. Don't miss out on this incredible night of music! Dorothy Pino has lived in Denver since 2012 and has taught music in Denver Public Schools ever since. She studied alto saxophone under Jeff Benedict at Biola University in California and flute under Gary Woodward and Anna Glenn. Her current local mentors are Keith Oxman, Annie Booth, and Adam White. She met most of the people in her band working in the orchestra pit at Equinox Theatre Company.



**CHOIR IS BACK SOON! Choir members-** Katie is excited to see you! **Choir rehearsal will resume at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 15-** rehearse at 8:30 a.m. (no anthem that day), **Sept. 22-** rehearse and **begin anthem singing. All** singers old and new, seasoned and novice **are welcome!**

## MISSION

- The Mission Committee continues to be grateful for the generous donations of our congregation of toiletries and clothing to Senior Support ("clothes basket" in the Narthex) and to the Action Center (non-perishable food and recently, back to school supplies). Janette Powers regularly gathers up the items and takes them to Senior Support in downtown Denver and to the Action Center.
- No Mission Committee meeting is planned in September. The committee next meets **Wednesday, October 2 at 2:00 pm.**
- **Make and serve a meal for homeless families-on Thursday, September 19!** WRPCers make, deliver, and serve a meal for homeless families enrolled in Family Promise during the week they spend at Jefferson Avenue Methodist Church. If you'd like to prepare the food and/or deliver and serve it, there is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall or contact Betty N. 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. The families also **need twin sheets and blankets.** Please call Betty N. If you have any to donate.
- The **Feed the Future 5k Run/Walk**, benefiting the Wheat Ridge Feed the Future Backpack Program, is **9 a.m. on Sept. 28, at Crown Hill Park and Wildlife Preserve, 9505 W. 32nd Ave. Wheat Ridge** The registration is through the Holy Cross Lutheran Church website. 100% of the profits will go to the Backpack program. You may also register at the race on the day at 8:00 am.
- **Wilbur Sunday on Sunday, September 15.** You'll have the opportunity to come forward during the final hymn of worship and give a special donation to Wilbur the piggy bank that feeds hungry children in Wheat Ridge (Feed the Future); provides staff and supplies for Zimbabwe clinic (Lomagundi Clinic).
- The **"Mission Fair"** will have a new look this year. It will be a Craft and Bake Sale that will have all the usual goodies from our church—bake sale, canned fruits, vegetables, and jams/jellies, many diverse hand-crafted items, and a soup & sandwich lunch, but it will not have outside vendors. It also will only be one day (**Saturday, November 23**) and going into Fellowship time **after worship on Sunday November 24.** It has been scheduled for the Saturday BEFORE Thanksgiving so you can stock up on goodies for T-day and do some of your holiday shopping. Church members who would like to have a table to display and sell their own items are encouraged to contact Marny. Marny E., for Mission Committee



## FELLOWSHIP

After a summer featuring two successful post-worship picnics, Fellowship is now working on plans for social activities for fall and early winter. This will include reviewing our popular Small Group memberships, opening up groups to anyone interested in joining a small group, early planning for our annual Christmas Party, and other outings that enrich our lives and friendships. Watch for coming announcements!



## THURSDAY BOOK GROUP

The group meets **7:00 p.m. Thursday, September 19** at the home of Allan & Sonia H. to discuss the book: *Dark Agenda: The War to Destroy Christian America* by David Horowitz.



**Please RSVP to the host or hostess.**

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

“Special Opportunities Coming Soon!”

- Join with church family members **at 8:45 on Sunday, September 15** for doughnuts and coffee and a special visit with our friend, **Sherry Kenney** from the Presbyterian Foundation. She will **share helpful information and answer questions about legacy planning, tax considerations for our giving, and the option now of on-line giving...**all ways that can enhance our mission and programs at WRPC into the future.
- The **Peace & Global Witness Offering on Sunday October 6** is our third Special Offering this year and we will be sharing information about the Offering until it is received on World Communion Sunday. With the theme *"Peace at all times in all ways."* from 2 Thessalonians, this Offering provides the tools and resources for us as we join together as active peacemakers beyond our doors, beyond our communities and beyond our borders. 25% of this important Offering stays right here in our church family and is administered by the Mission Committee.
- "A touch of Paris" will highlight our **Stewardship Campaign Kick-off Dinner on Saturday, October 5** as we celebrate WRPC and God's presence with us in the past and into the future.



## CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Friday Aug. 30 –Mon. Sept. 1—due to limited staffing and the Labor Day Holiday

## PROPERTY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

- Property Management (P.M.) has worked to make building entrances/exits more secure with buzzers that alert when some exit doors are left ajar and extra handles added to help tug doors shut tight.
- P. M. purchased a collapsible cart (that is to be reimbursed by 4-F) to help easily carry out some of the sound system equipment and other items for outdoor worship services.
- The carpet on the landing to Fellowship Hall and in the Sanctuary was deep cleaned in August. New entry mats were placed just inside the north Sanctuary doors and also on the landing to Fellowship to catch more of the outdoor debris.
- The Setup/Takedown workers provided a very smooth running and successful Summer of Outdoor Worship, despite some more challenging weather.
- We are looking into the repair and improvements on the outdoor worship center. Plan to work on this at end of September or early October.



**Property Management Committee meets Thursday, September 15 at 6:00 pm.**

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



Will next meet **Tuesday, September 3 at 8:30 am**. Please come for some Food, Fellowship, Fun and Fixin"! Ron and Linda J. are the hosts this month.

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership Committee plans to meet Thursday, September 5th at 2:00 PM.

## PRAYER REQUESTS & NOTES OF THANKSGIVING



### *With Concern . . .*

- **Isaac S.** had surgery to treat scoliosis on Wednesday, July 31. He's doing well but it was a painful procedure and it will take time for him to fully recover. He is back in school.
- Continued prayers for **Jim & Betty N.'s 14-year-old granddaughter, Marisa.** Praise to God, she is in less pain and feeling a little better. She is receiving wound care for an incision that is not healing well and will be continuing chemotherapy.
- **Irene J.** is doing well and undergoing rehabilitation therapy for her hip. She appreciates your prayers. Please no visitors at this time.
- **Carol C.** moves October 1 to a Presbyterian home campus independent living apartment near one of her sons and his family in Minnesota.

### *With Sympathy . . .*

- **Mick D.'s father, Tony** passed away among family on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 in Ocala, Florida. After a long and happy life, Tony had a loving and peaceful transition. Mick and the family appreciate WRPC's concern and prayers.
- **Ann M.'s brother, Eddie,** died suddenly of a heart attack. Family gathered for the memorial service on August 23, 2019 in Joplin, Missouri.
- Longtime accountant for Highland West Community, **Jerry M.,** died. The memorial service was held **Monday, August 19** at Westminster Presbyterian Church. We remember his service and his wife Rachel at this difficult time.
- There was a **Memorial Service** celebrating the life of **Ann K.** at Crown Hill in the Chapel on **Monday, July 29 at 10:00 am.**
- On **Saturday, August 3rd,** the family of **Janet D.** hosted an open house to celebrate Janet's life.

## SAT AM WOMEN'S BREAKFAST/BIBLE STUDY

September 14<sup>th</sup> 8:30 a.m. breakfast followed by the lesson here at WRPC

**New Members Welcome!** Please **RSVP to Eileen.**



**GIRL SCOUTS** return to WRPC meeting twice a month on **Tuesdays from 4:30-6:00 pm** in Fellowship Hall. This month they meet **September 10 & 24.**



**WHEAT RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BRIDGE CLUB** meets **Wednesday, September 18 at 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM.** **Shirley J.** is hosting it here in **Fellowship Hall.** Please **contact** for further **details** and so she knows **how many tables to setup.**



## FEARLESS DIALOGUE

**Join other Presbyterians for a Fearless Dialogue 6:00 pm Friday, September 20, 2019 at Grace Presbyterian Church, 9720 US-85 Highlands Ranch, CO 80125.** This evening includes a potluck dinner. Bring a dish that represents who you are. As our nation becomes more diverse, the Racial Ethnic Diversity Workgroup of Denver Presbytery is encouraging us to engage in a thoughtful conversation on issues concerning race and diversity. Join us! Please RSVP by Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2019 at [denpres.org/events](http://denpres.org/events)

## COMMUNITY:

- **DIABETIC/PREDIABETIC SUPPORT GROUP**  
Prediabetics and Diabetics and their families are invited to **meetings every month on the first Tuesday at 3:30 pm at Gardens on Quail, 6447 Quail Street, Arvada, 80004** office phone 303-456-1500 or **first Thursday at 4:30-5:30 pm at Arvada Presbyterian Church, 5592 Independence Street, Arvada, Co 80002.** For more information, please contact David R.
- **Lunch Site coordinator needed Tuesdays at Highland West Community:**  
VOA: Volunteers of America is still in need of a person to assume the role of lunch site coordinator on Tuesdays. It only requires about two and half hours of your time to prepare the site, serve the food, and clean up after. There is no food preparation, only serving. Please call Betty N. or Melissa at VOA, 303-810-8212.
- The **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of The Action Center** will be held **Saturday, September 14 at the Action Center Program Services Building from 11am-3:00 pm.** They seek volunteers to help with the event. Those interested please go to the link: [www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f4facac23a0f94-block](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f4facac23a0f94-block).
- **UPLIFT INTERNATIONALE NEWS**  
The 2019 Annual Uplift Internationale Gala & Auction is **5:00-9:00 pm** at the **Baladoria on the Water, 146 Van Gordon Street, Lakewood** on **Saturday, October 12.** Thanks for 30 incredible years of "Mending faces... one child at a time..."



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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1 OUTDOOR WORSHIP Communion/Nametags 9:30am Worship 10:35 am Fellowship Time	2 Happy Labor Day! Church office closed	3 8:30 am 4-F meeting 10:30 am staff meeting 3:30 pm Diabetic Support Group at the Gardens on Quail 7:00 pm Pipers Practice	4 No Mission Committee meeting this month	5 2:00 pm Membership Committee meeting 4:30 pm Diabetic support group at Arvada Presbyterian Church	6	7
8 Shift to Fall—Spring Schedule INDOOR WORSHIP 10:00am Worship 11:05 am Fellowship Time 11:35 Deacons meeting	9	10 4:30-6:00 Girl Scouts 6:00-7:00 Feed the Future meeting	11	12 10:00 am Christian Education meeting  7:00 pm Session meeting	13 9:30-2:00 pm China Painters	14 8:30 am Sat am Women's Breakfast/Bible Study
15 8:30 am Choir Practice 8:45 am "Giving Options" with Sherry Kenney in FH 8:45 am Church School for children 10:00am Worship Wilbur Sunday 11:05 am Fellowship Time 11:30 am Youth Lunch & mini golf event	16	17  7:00 pm Pipers Practice	18 1:00 pm WRPC Bridge Group at church  6:00 pm Stewardship Committee meeting	19 2:00 pm Cook meal for Homeless 6:00 pm serve meal at Jefferson Ave. Methodist  7:00 pm Thursday Book Group at Allan & Sonia Hills	20  6:00 pm Fearless Dialogue Potluck at Grace Presby.	21
22 8:30 am Choir Practice 8:45 am Church School 10:00am Worship 11:05 am Fellowship Time	23	24 4:30-6:00 Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Pipers Practice	25 7:00 pm Ridge Ringers	26	27	28 8:00-11:00 am Feed the Future 5K at Crown Hill
29 8:30 am Choir Practice 8:45 am Church School 10:00am Worship 11:05 am Fellowship Time 5:00-7:00 pm Jazz Concert in Outdoor Worship Center	30 5:30 pm Worship Committee meeting		Looking Forward: October 10/1 -4-F 8:30 am Staff meeting 10:30 am, 10/5 Stewardship Kickoff Dinner A Touch of Paris 10/6 World Communion	10/7 Whiz Kids 10/10 Session at 7:00pm 10/22 Presbyterian Assembly at Wellshire Presby.	November 11/3 Fall back 11/3 Pledge Dedication Sunday 11/14 7:00 pm Session Citizens for HWR Mission Craft Fair 11/23	

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