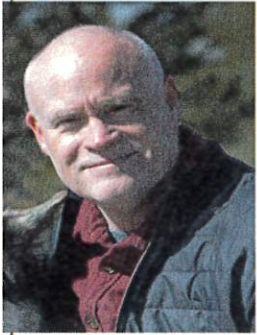


December, 2022

The Westviewer

Westview Presbyterian Church



Dear Westview,

The season of Advent is upon us! The word “Advent” comes from the Latin *adventus* which means “arrival” or “coming.” As we celebrate the season we would do well to reflect, “What is arriving in my life?” What new thing is coming? This doesn’t always mean it is something wonderful, it could be what the poet Rumi describes as “A crowd of sorrows” knocking on your door.

The spiritual reality of something new coming/something old leaving is the death/resurrection principle at the heart of the gospel we can never escape. When something new arrives, something old has passed away. Jesus said it beautifully, “You don’t put new wine in old wineskins.”

If we ask ourselves “What is ending?” we stir up our Inner Protectors—the strategies we use to protect ourselves from our old wounds, our traumas, our unlive lives. When this happens it is important to focus on our True Selves, the wholeness we have as created in the image of God. To help us in our important work, we have a number of invitations for you this Advent season.

1. Use our Advent Devotional booklet by Henri Nouwen with the Advent wreaths donated by a family in the church. Make this an intentional, daily, spiritual practice.
2. On Sunday, December 11th at 2pm we will be having a “Blue Christmas” prayer and healing service at the church. The service intentionally reaches those who are suffering change and loss during this time of year.
3. Treat yourself to Longmont Symphony performing parts of The Messiah on December 17th and 18th @ 4pm at Westview.
4. Christmas Eve: this year we will be holding Christmas Eve Service at 2pm, Saturday, December 24th. The worship service on Sunday, December 25th is by video through the Presbytery of Plains and Peaks.
5. New Year’s Communion and Renewal Service in The Gathering Place. Begin 2023 with a unique service on New Year’s Day as we ring in the new year with communion.

My prayer is that something during this Advent season arrives in an unexpected way and grabs your attention. I hope this something awakens your longing, deepens your love, and liberates you from whatever doldrums life may have marooned you in.

Merry Christmas,

Dr. Dan





Date & Times to Note

- Dec 1—Outreach MA, 6:30 pm
- Dec 1—Facilities & Administration MA, 7:00 pm
- Dec 3—Breakfast (hosted by Men's Group), 8:00 am
- Dec 3—Christmas Lights and Nativity Scene set-up, 9:00 am
- Dec 4, 11, 18—Sunday worship service, 9:30 am
- Dec 4, 11—Congregational meetings following worship
- Dec 5—Creating Cards Ministry, 1:00 pm
- Dec 5—Worship MA, 6:30 pm
- Dec 7, 14—Wednesday Bible Study, 10:00 am
- Dec 7, 14, 28—Choir rehearsal
- Dec 1, 8, 15, 22, 29—Men's Coffee @ Ziggi's, 1139 Francis, 8:00 am
- Dec 11—**Blue Christmas service, 2:00 pm**
- Dec 11—Pantry re-set, 2:00 pm
- Dec 12—Pantry Set-up, starting at 8:00 am
- Dec 13—Pantry Set-up, 8:00 am
- Dec 13—Round Pantry Drive-line, 2:00—6:00 pm
- Dec 14—Pantry Community Distribution, 9:00 am
- Dec 15—Session meeting, 6:30 pm (new elders invited)
- Dec 16—SafeLot meal provided by Westview
- Dec 17—Longmont Symphony concert, 4:00 pm
- Dec 18—Longmont Symphony, Messiah sing-a-long, 4:00 pm
- Dec 21—Dominoes, 1:00 pm
- Dec 24—**Christmas Eve service, 2:00 pm**
- Dec 25—**Christmas morning Zoom worship hosted by Presbytery**
- Dec 26—Office closed

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Special points of interest:

Join us for Worship:
In-person,
and on Zoom
Sundays at 9:30 am

- 2022 Covenant Commitment—\$55.00



Session Notes

At their regular meeting on November 17, 2022, Session took the following actions:

- **Approved:** A stretch budget of just over \$322,000 for 2023, which includes a 5% pay increase for most staff and some cuts to other areas, including the mission outreach budget. Budget conversations with the congregation will begin after the first of the year, leading up to the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 29, 2023.
- **Voted:** To call a Congregational Meeting to receive the report of the Nominating Committee and to elect new officers on Sunday, December 4, 2022. A second Congregational meeting will be Sunday, December 11, 2022 for installation of new officers.



Worship Ministry would like to share with you several dates to remember this Advent season:

- Dec. 11, 2:00 pm—Blue Christmas service in the Sanctuary
- Dec. 17, 4:00 pm in Sanctuary—Longmont Symphony Orchestra will be performing selections from the *Messiah*
- Dec. 18, 4:00 pm in Sanctuary—Longmont Symphony Orchestra presents *Messiah* sing-a-long concert
- Dec. 24, 2:00 pm in Sanctuary—Christmas Eve service, followed by hot cider & cookies in narthex
- Jan. 1, 9:30 am in the Gathering Place—New Year service with communion



Giving Opportunities



CHRISTMAS JOY SPECIAL OFFERINGS

LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, you honor God's gift of Jesus Christ by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing future leaders at Presbyterian-related racial, ethnic schools and colleges. The church office can receive your gifts—just note it is for "Christmas Joy Offering".



As Westview counts its many blessings, we remember our wonderful staff and would like to show them our appreciation. This year our Love Offering will go to: Pastor Dan, Karin Buer, Sharon Boeye, Dennette Barquist, and Jesus Quiroga. You may contribute by mailing a check or placing in offering plate. Please note "Love Gift for staff". (preferred deadline of Dec. 16).

Blessings from your Personnel Advisory Committee

Boulder Dinner Theatre is closing its doors in August, 2023.

The last show will be Sound of Music, and tickets are on sale NOW. Church members used to get group tickets (12 minimum) for the theater on occasion. Kathy McGannon is willing to get a group of tickets for a Sunday Matinee in July or early August if available. While she is not asking for a commitment this far ahead, she would like to hear from folks who might be interested. Because of availability she would like to purchase tickets ASAP, by December 31.

Please call Kathy!



The Season of Gifts and Giving

As we move from Thanksgiving to the season of Advent, we think of the amazing gifts that support and sustain the ROUND PANTRY.



We are thankful for the faithful prayer support, monetary donations and hundreds of individual food items brought in every month. The cans and boxes you bring in gladden the hearts and feed the bodies of the Round Pantry shoppers. The funds you give literally become the budget that make it possible to purchase the quantities of food that insure that every shopper who comes to the Pantry leaves with food. These gifts are the foundation of the mission the Round Pantry fulfills.

We are thankful for partners who support The ROUND PANTRY by sponsoring food drives, purchasing and packaging bulk foods, and donating product and funds for purchasing food.

CentraLongmont Presbyterian Church
 Light of Christ Ecumenical Catholic Community
 First Congregational United Church of Christ
 Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
 Valmont Community Presbyterian Church

Community Food Share
 Mulay Corporation
 King Soopers
 Safeway
 The Journey Church

We appreciate to partner churches and community agencies that promote and encourage their members to regularly serve hours and hours at The ROUND PANTRY.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
 Calvary Bible Church
 CentraLongmont Presbyterian Church
 Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
 Columbine Unity Spiritual Center
 Faith Community Lutheran Church
 First Lutheran Church
 First Presbyterian Berthoud
 Flatirons Community Church
 Guardian Angels Catholic Church
 Journey Church
 King of Glory Lutheran Church
 Latter Day Saints Church
 Left Hand Church

LifeBridge Christian Church
 Life House Covenant Church
 Light of Christ Church
 Mountain View United Methodist Church
 Niwot United Methodist Church
 St. Francis of Assisi
 St. Mary Magdalene
 St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
 UCC Longmont
 Unitarian Universal Fellowship
 The Well
 Westview Presbyterian Church
 Valmont Presbyterian, Boulder

Schools:

Alpine Elementary
 Boulder High School
 CU Boulder
 Fairview High School
 Front Range CC
 Holy Family High School
 Longmont High School
 Mead High School
 Mead Middle School

Nevin Platt Middle School
 Niwot High School
 Silver Creek High School
 Skyline High School
 Southern Hills Middle School
 Sunset Middle School
 Turner Middle School
 University N Colorado
 Westview Middle School

We are blessed by those who...

- Donate food so we can 'double up' the food available for our one December Pantry: Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Canned Meat, Canned Meals, Canned Soup, Macaroni and cheese, Pasta / Rice Sides, Peanut Butter, Rice (plain), Pasta (plain), Cereal (hot or cold)
- Donate funds so we can purchase food to be sure every category has enough for all.
- Make an end-of year donation to fund the 2023 Round Pantry budget.
- Pray for our shoppers that they may have warmth, health, safety and the Peace of Christmas.

Please NOTE: The Round Pantry will be open only once in this last month of the year on December 13. The Round Pantry's first opening of 2023 will be on January 10.

Note: We do NOT need egg cartons. (They can be recycled). We do NOT need plastic bags from grocery or other stores. These can be recycled at your local store.

Other News (cont.)



Morgan Deegan	12/02
Barbara Emery-Geiger	12/02
Madison Steiner	12/03
Emily Deegan	12/05
Gary Kelsic	12/06
Judy Coats	12/09
Kathy McGannon	12/10
Sarah Hurianek	12/11
Bruce McQueen	12/12
Harriet Kracklauer	12/13
Sally Crowell	12/15
Katy Constantinides	12/16
Don Hill	12/16
Nancy Hurianek	12/17
Drake Milroy	12/19
Maria Shupe	12/19
Darrell Bowman	12/21
Kay Daugherty	12/25
Angela Thompson	12/25
Carol Heepke	12/26
Louise Beierle	12/28
Lucas Hurianek	12/28
Lih Shin Lim	12/28



SafeLot Shelter Meals

Westview furnishes the evening meal for 12 people on the 3rd Friday of each month.
 Upcoming dates: **December 16, January 20**
 If you can help provide the main dish, a side dish, or a dessert, please call Janet Mulay.

THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU AT WESTVIEW!

GROUP	DATE & TIME	PLACE	SPECIAL NOTES
Mexican Train Dominos	<i>Dec. 21</i>	Fellowship Hall	Open to: Anyone Meets: Wednesday in between Pantry dates Contact: Wanda Heibein
Men's Breakfast	<i>Dec. 3</i>	Fellowship Hall	Open to: Any interested men Meets: Oct—May, 1st Saturday of the month Contact: Harry Heibein
Men's Weekly Coffee	<i>Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29</i>	Ziggi's, at 1139 Francis	Open to: All are welcome Meets: Weekly on Thursdays, 8:00 am, 1139 Francis Contact: Harry Heibein
Round Urban Garden		1500 Hover	Open to: Anyone— No activities in December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>27</p>  <p>Hoye First Sunday of Advent 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Advent Wreath Kits</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:30pm Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>1</p> <p>8:00am Men's Coffee 6:30pm Outreach MA 7:00pm Facilities/Admin</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>December</p>	<p>3</p>  <p>8:00am Men's Breakfast 9:00am Hanging Christmas Lights</p>
<p>4</p> <p>9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Congregational meeting</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1:00pm Creating Cards Ministry 6:30pm Worship MA</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:00am Wed. Bible Study 1:00pm Deacons meeting 6:30pm Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8:00am Men's Coffee 6:30pm Personnel Advisory</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p>  <p>9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Congregational meeting 2:00pm Blue Christmas service 2:00pm Pantry re-set</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:00am Pantry Set-up</p>	<p>13</p>  <p>8:00am Pantry Set-up 2:00pm Pantry Drive line</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:00am Community Distr 10:00am Wed. Bible Study 6:30pm Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>15</p> <p>8:00am Men's Coffee 6:30pm Session meeting</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Volunteer for SafeLot meal 6:00pm LSO rehearsal</p>	<p>17</p>  <p>4:00pm LSO concert</p>
<p>18</p>  <p>9:30am Worship Service 11:00am Exploring The True Self 4:00pm LSO Messiah Sing-a-long</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> 	<p>21</p> <p>1:00pm Dominoes</p>	<p>22</p> <p>8:00am Men's Coffee</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>  <p>2:00pm Christmas Eve Service</p>
<p>25</p>  <p>9:30am Zoom Worship hosted by Presbytery</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Office closed</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:30pm Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>29</p> <p>8:00am Men's Coffee</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> 



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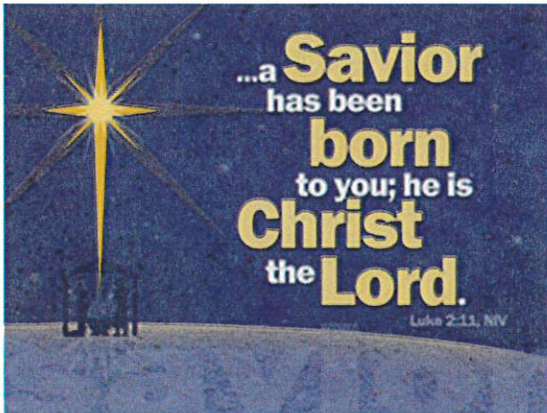
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