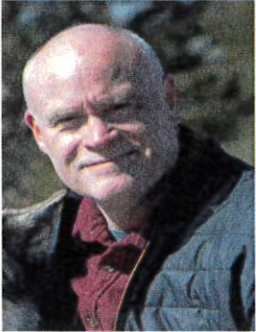


July, 2022

The Westviewer

Westview Presbyterian Church



What COVID is teaching me the second time around

Dear Westview,

It is a very long stare at the positive test results when you are fully vaccinated and already contracted the virus. "How can this be?" I asked myself over and over. A rhetorical question.

I grabbed an N95 and flashed the results to Sue, who was on the phone to our son Tim. She didn't break her sentence, just added "... and Dad has COVID." I marched upstairs to grab my tooth brush, clothes, and supplies and marched down into the basement for my self-imposed exile. "I can't believe I have COVID," I said. "At least this time the basement is finished and there is a bathroom."

So here I am quarantined and feeling a bit better. But there was a day or two when I was thinking, "If I feel any worse than this, it's gonna be serious." The illusion of control dissipated, at least for a while. Here are three things COVID is teaching me this time around:

"Don't fool yourself, you are not immune--from anything."

I am tempted to believe that when we get vaccinated, we let our guard down. The history of the effectiveness of our vaccines have us spoiled. Do you know anyone who has had polio recently? Smallpox? Measles? Exactly. But we are not immune for COVID or any other form of suffering for that matter. Just because we are people of faith doesn't make us exempt. If our faith leads us to believe "Jesus would never let that happen to me" that is not faith, that is the magical thinking of a child, not an adult.

Less is more

Beginning with my vision fast last month and running through being hunkered down in my basement, I am reminded of how little I need. I snack too much and don't drink enough water. I don't want or need cable TV, but I would be thrown for a loss without wifi. COVID teaches me to simplify, simplify, simply.

Take self-care seriously.

Jesus said in Matthew 11, "Come to me all you who are weary, and I will give you rest." But to be honest, when I think of discipleship, I don't think of rest or self-care for that matter. Rest? I have things to do and people to see! COVID forces me to stop, rest, and take my own self-care seriously.

I hope these three things COVID is teaching me ring a bell for you, and you don't have to contract the virus to learn some life lessons. As they say, "it is always best to learn from experience, especially when it is someone else's."

In Christ,

Pastor Dan



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Date & Times to Note

- **July 2,9,16,23,30**—Urban Garden, 8:00 –10:00 am
- **July 3,10,17,24,31**—Sunday Worship service, 9:30 am
- **July 3,10,17,24,31**—Urban Garden, 4:00—7:00 pm
- **July 4**—**Independence Day** (office closed)
- **July 7,14,21,28**—Men's Coffee @ Ziggi's, 1139 Francis, 8:00 am
- **July 7**—Outreach MA, 6:30 pm
- **July 7**—Facilities and Administration MA, 7:00 pm
- **July 9**—Worship MA in sanctuary, 9:30 am
- **July 11, 25**—Pantry Set-up, starting at 8:00 am
- **July 11**—Worship MA, 6:30 pm - Zoom mtg.
- **July 12, 26**—Round Pantry, 2:00—6:00 pm
- **July 13**—RMNP Retreat (13th—17th)
- **July 13, 27**—Pantry Community Distribution, 9:00 am
- **July 14**—Personnel Advisory Committee, 6:30 pm
- **July 14, 28**—Facilities Master Plan Team, 9:30 am
- **July 15**—SafeLot meal provided by Westview
- **July 20**—Mexican Train Dominoes, 1:00 pm
- **July 31**—All Church Picnic, 11:00 am

Special points of interest:

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

- **2022 Covenant Commitment—\$55.00**



SESSION UPDATE

Session Notes

At their regular meeting on June 22, Session took the following actions:

- **Approved** The SS Rhythm Band to use choir room on Monday mornings 9—11 as needed during summer months, with Kay Daugherty present.
- **Approved** the new Music Coordinator job description.
- **Approved** a Baptism request of John and Robbie Sekich (John and Janet Mulay's grandsons) teenage sons of Bob and Margee Sekich, before the first week in August.
- **Approved** No Session meeting in July, 2022.

News from Gatherings MA

July is BBQ month for Westview!
Please join the WPC for Grillin' & Chillin' & Singin'

Sunday, **July 31st**, following the worship service
in Fellowship Hall and surrounding spaces.

The Swingin' Seniors Rhythm Band will entertain us,
with favorite Western and Folk music classics
in which participation is welcomed.
Friends from the neighborhood, and our SafeLot guests
are also invited.

Please sign up from July 10th—24th
to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share.



Worship

News from Worship MA

We love to see our friends, brothers, sisters,
so we encourage you to attend worship in-person
when you are in town.

Your smiling faces and growing faith add to the
depth and breadth of fellowship and worship.

When away from Longmont, be sure to tune in via Zoom
if your schedule permits.

Also, have a happy and safe July 4th celebration!

Your Worship Ministry Team



The ROUND PANTRY

The work of the ROUND PANTRY continues as the number of households receiving food rose at the end of May and beginning of June. The Drive Line during the fourth week of May provided food to 393 and Distribution sent food to another 421. Inflated food and gasoline prices, increased rent and instability in housing for many families has increased food insecurity.

Food insecurity is a national and worldwide problem. Westview works to understand and alleviate hunger in our community. As a congregation working to meet Christ's challenge in Matthew 25 "whatever you do for one of these brothers and sisters of mine, you do for me," we try to understand the greater causes of hunger.

This month, we look at a resource available to us through the PCUSA.

Alleviating Hunger and Eliminating Its Causes

"Enslaving poverty in a world of abundance is an intolerable violation of God's good creation."—Book of Confessions, 9.46

Fighting hunger is at the heart of our Presbyterian understanding of mission. Jesus fed the hungry and told his disciples to do the same. Presbyterian congregations are reaching their communities with the love of Christ – offering meals for hungry people through food pantries, soup kitchens, community gardens, backpack programs and more. This is vital work.

Complementing the work of local congregations, the mission of the Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP) is to alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes. We recognize hunger as an extremely complex phenomenon with economic, political, environmental and social causes, and we work to address the "root causes" that keep people hungry and impoverished.

"When the world tolerates the vicious suffering of hungry people, the church is called to speak out and share all that we have. When powers and principalities regularize exploitation, the church stands with the exploited and witnesses to the fullness of life God intends for all. When people are made poor and vulnerable or reduced to objects of pity, the church builds relationships of dignity and equality among all." —Rev. Rebecca Barnes

Working in partnership in the United States and around the world, we seek to find out why people are hungry and encourage action that will help address the underlying causes. Together we approach hunger holistically, using a variety of approaches, including direct food relief combined with root cause work, sustainable development, advocacy, intentional and sustainable living, and education.

PHP offers educational and worship materials, as well as participatory opportunities, so that those who would like to join in this work can take action to help end hunger for neighbors next door and around the planet.

Let's work together to end hunger!

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/hunger/>





Other News (cont.)



Frank Robitaille	07/03
Andrew Flora	07/05
Jim Crowell	07/08
Mick Shupe	07/09
Una Stevenson	07/10
Drew Weibel	07/11
Joan Blackmer	07/12
Ann Callies	07/12
Ashley Terrill	07/12
Flo Sandahl	07/14
Mary Ann Van Langen	07/15
Harry Heibein	07/16
Margaret Jenkins	07/16
Marcia Poll	07/16
Anne Boettcher	07/17
Jim Reed	07/19
Bob Linnemeyer	07/21
Larry Pazier	07/24
Brooke Johnson	07/28
Luke Johnson	07/28
Aidan DeKesthler	07/31

Enola and Cris Muhler	07/04
Susie and Jim Reed	07/05
Barbara and Doug Geiger	07/09
Jaclyn and Glenn Steiner	07/09
Tessa and Brady Bernau	07/10
Margee and Bob Sekich	07/10
Kristen and Christopher Bachmann	07/11
Kay and Bob Daugherty	07/12
Marcia and Norm Poll	07/26



Martha Kowalski

(September 11, 1933—June 27, 2022)

SafeLot Shelter Meals






Westview furnishes the evening meal for 12 people on the 3rd Friday of each month.

Upcoming dates: **August 19**

If you can help provide the main dish, a side dish, or a dessert, please call Vickie Kintzel.

THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU AT WESTVIEW!

GROUP	DATE & TIME	PLACE	SPECIAL NOTES
Mexican Train Dominos	July 20 1:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall	Open to: Anyone Meets: Wednesday in between Pantry dates Contact: Wanda Heibein
Men's Breakfast	Returns In October	Fellowship Hall	Open to: Any interested men Meets: Oct—May, 1st Saturday of the month Contact: Harry Heibein
Men's Weekly Coffee	July 7, 14, 21, 28	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	Saturdays & Sundays	1500 Hover	Open to: Anyone—Come work in our Garden Meets: Weekly on Saturdays, 8:00—10:00 am Weekly on Sundays, 4:00 —7:00 pm

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29 9:00am Pantry Community Distribution	30 8:00am Men's Coffee	1 	2 8:00am Urban Garden
3 9:30am Worship Service 4:00pm Urban Garden	4  Office closed	5	6	7 8:00am Men's Coffee 6:30pm Outreach MA 7:00pm Facilities/Admin	8	9 8:00am Urban Garden 9:30am Worship MA in sanctuary
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