

June, 2022

The Westviewer

Westview Presbyterian Church

Dear Friends at Westview,

You may have heard by now that I will be leaving my position as Choir Director of Westview after Pentecost this year, June the 5th. Having the opportunity to work with all of you —so many dedicated members, both singers and non-singers—has been a great gift that I will treasure for years to come. Please know that my decision to leave you has come after long and prayerful consideration—and not from any sense of loss or failure or disappointment on my part. On the contrary, I have felt so much love and support over the years that it will be tough to be absent from you come Fall. Also, please note: this is not a final farewell!

As of now, I plan to remain in my home in south Longmont, as a “base of operations” for most of the year. Having lived happily in Boulder County since 1992, I still have several projects to keep me busy here—writing, reading, hiking, biking, working for good causes, and learning new skills. There is lots to do.

Other plans for the future include quite a bit of travel—a few exotic excursions on my bucket list, of course—but especially visits to friends and family members, who live mostly east of the Mississippi River (including my two brothers, their families and numerous nieces and nephews). And, of course, I will be making music in one way or another. This habit started early and will always be a part of me.

We have been through a lot together since the Fall of 2016. I’ve gotten to know your personalities, concerns, hopes and fears, ailments and anxieties, as well as your abundant talent and collective sense of humor, your good will, and your dedication to this place and its mission. The challenges have been many, but so have the joys. The disruptions that come with a succession of pastors, the loss of dedicated and loyal singers, figuring out how to lead a bell choir, getting (almost) up to speed on streaming technology, coping with the pandemic, and so on (and so on) have kept me on my toes. But all of this—all the ups and downs and arounds—has made my time at Westview memorable and, for the most part, gratifying and often inspiring.

I consider myself greatly blessed to have been part of Westview’s staff for so long, and I look forward to seeing you again from time to time as we continue our life adventures apart. May you be enriched by the Spirit that is “in and through and among us” — and by every member of this beloved community.

Sincerely,



Tom Riis



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Date & Times to Note

- **June 1**—Deacons meeting, 1:00 pm
- **June 1**—Choir rehearsal, 7:00 pm
- **June 2, 9, 26, 23, 30**—Men's Coffee @ Ziggi's, 1139 Francis, 8:00 am
- **June 2**—Outreach MA, 6:30 pm
- **June 2**—Facilities and Administration MA, 7:00 pm
- **June 4**—Worship MA in sanctuary, 9:30 am
- **June 5, 12, 19, 26**—Sunday Worship service, 9:30 am
- **June 5**—Reception for Tom Riis, Fellowship Hall after worship
- **June 5, 12, 19, 26**—Round Urban Garden, 4:00—7:00 pm
- **June 6**—Creating Cards ministry, 1:00 pm
- **June 6**—Worship MA, 6:30 pm in Damascus Room
- **June 9**—Personnel Advisory Committee, 6:30 pm in Damascus Room
- **June 9, 23**—Facilities Master Plan Team, 10:00 am
- **June 12**—*Changing Lenses Changing Lives*, Jennifer Wynne, 11:00 am
- **June 13, 27**—Pantry Set-up, starting at 8:00 am
- **June 14, 28**—Round Pantry, 2:00—6:00 pm
- **June 15, 29**—Pantry Community Distribution, 9:00 am
- **June 16**—Session meeting, 6:30 pm
- **June 17**—SafeLot meal provided by Westview
- **June 19**—*Father's Day*
- **June 22**—Mexican Train Dominoes, 1:00 pm

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 meetings on April 30 and May 19, Session took the following actions:

- Approved establishment of the Round Urban Garden 1001 New Worshipping Community and submission of a grant request for funding from PCUSA.
- Approved scheduling a meeting this Fall led by Communications/Evangelism MA for an after-worship feedback session regarding new church website.
- Approved allowing Longmont Symphony to hold 2 holiday concerts in our sanctuary, the weekend of December 16-18.
- Approved increasing mileage reimbursement for Office Manager to current IRS rate.

The Worship Ministry Area invites you to join
in celebrating Pentecost on June 5th,
by wearing red, yellow or orange to church that day!





The Worship Ministry Area invites all those
who would like to share their musical talents
at a 9:30 Sunday Worship Service!

If you, or someone you know, would like to share a song
or instrumental piece with the congregation during the summer months,
please contact Sharon in the church office at 303-776-3242.
The sharing of your musical gifts is greatly appreciated at this time.



News from Gatherings MA

Save the Date:
July 31st, 11:00 a.m.
Picnic for Westview, Friends, and Neighbors
(following worship)

Come and join the party!



Share A Greeting Card



The Deacons have a wonderful assortment of greeting cards they want to
share with the congregation. Starting in June, you will find these cards
displayed in the rack next to the office door. Feel free to take what you like.

It would be fun to mail at least one card each month to someone in our
congregation. Wish them a Happy Birthday, thinking of you,
missed you, or just a friendly Hello. You may even find a card
made by the Creating Cards group. HAVE FUN!

The ROUND PANTY

In the past month's Round Pantry *Westviewer* article it was mentioned that Food Pantries help with more than just alleviating hunger. Another major impact of providing food to those who are hungry comes in the connection of food insecurity and health.

What are the Connections Between Food Insecurity and Health?

The *Hunger in America 2014* study found that many households served by food banks include people coping with a diet-related chronic disease. Fifty-eight percent of households reported having at least one member with high blood pressure and 33 percent had at least one member with diabetes.

The cycle of food insecurity and chronic disease begins when an individual or family cannot afford enough nutritious food.... The combination of stress and poor nutrition can make disease management even more challenging. Further, the time and money needed to respond to these health conditions strains the household budget, leaving little money for essential nutrition and medical care. This causes the cycle to continue, increasing the risk of worsening existing conditions. Many families experiencing food insecurity often have several, if not all, compounding factors which makes maintaining good health extremely difficult. <https://hungerandhealth.feedingamerica.org/understand-food-insecurity/hunger-health-101/>

The charitable food system is vital for food access for vulnerable people in nearly every community in the United States. The vast majority of individuals and families accessing food pantries and other charitable food programs are food insecure, meaning that there is a limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate foods. Food insecurity is related to poor nutrition and many other negative health outcomes. Some of these health outcomes include poor physical, cognitive and socioemotional development among children and chronic health conditions, including diabetes, hypertension, and obesity, among adults. Poverty is the greatest threat to the healthy development of children and it comes with long-lasting, negative consequences. <https://www.communitypsychology.com/foodbanks/>

Thus, food banks are important in addressing community health disparities through the foods and related services that they provide (for example, The Round Pantry's partnership with Boulder County Health Department.) And, providing food for those in need is an important expression of our faith and mission.

The Rev. Dr. Diane Moffett, president and executive director of the Presbyterian Mission Agency, states "Fighting hunger and food insecurity is at the heart of our Presbyterian understanding of mission. Jesus fed the hungry and had strong judgment against nations whose people and systems provide no relief for people who are hungry, thirsty and pressed into poverty."

Learn more about the PCUSA Matthew 25 initiative and the connection between food insecurity and health at: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/what-does-matthew-25-say-about-feeding-the-hungry/>



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Summer Pantry Needs: in the summertime, student volunteers take up summer jobs, family events engage volunteers, and volunteers take well-deserved breaks.

But, hunger doesn't take a break and The ROUND PANTRY continues to provide for those in need.

There are many ways for you to help:

#1 Let family, friends, neighbors, or groups you interact with know that The Pantry is available to them! Think especially of families, parents, grandparents whose children are not in school for the summer. Encourage them to come to Westview's parking lot between 2:00 & 6:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month to receive a shopping cart full of food including fresh vegetables, protein, staples and milk.

*Step in for volunteers on much-needed vacations – wide variety of tasks –
check out The ROUND PANTRY page at wvpres.org for the link to sign up.

* Especially needed are “heavy lifters” for various jobs:

- Stacking boxes filled with non-perishable foods (40+ lbs.) on pallets (6ft. tall)
- Setting up and taking down parking lot barricades, tall weighted traffic cones, sandwich board signs
- Moving and moving and moving pallets of food products

* SHOP (various tasks / do all or pick your preference(s) research pricing, place orders, pick up ordered food

* Encourage others – college students home for the summer, seasonal employees, retirees, people looking for a pleasant volunteer experience that fulfills their calling to “give back” – to become ROUND PANTRY volunteers

* **AND**, pray that our volunteer needs will be fulfilled as we continue on.

Contact us at roundpantry@westviewpres.org.



Sunday, June 12

Please join us June 12 at 11:00 a.m. in the Gathering Place to hear Jennifer Wynne update Westview about what's happening with Changing Lenses Changing Lives (CLCL).

Westview has been in partnership with CLCL since 2015. Jennifer will not only give us information about Westview's child sponsorships, but will also update us on new happenings, including a mission trip opportunity in September. As an added bonus, we'll finally get to hear about the trip Nancy Rowley, her daughter and granddaughter took with CLCL in February 2020. Mark your calendars!

Other News (cont.)



Elaine Davidson-Lawson	06/05
Robin Hill	06/08
Lauren Hurianek	06/11
Jaxson Muhler	06/13
Noah Hurianek	06/14
Karin Buer	06/20
Jenna Lloyd	06/20
Bruce Bernau	06/21
Lisa Stone	06/21
Fred Clark	06/22
Kym Chriswell	06/23
Lyle Dehning	06/26
Kristen Bachmann	06/30

Arylss and Richard Grosz	06/01
Linda and Mick Shupe	06/07
Nita and Craig Flora	06/09
Sandy and Bob Moler	06/10
Sue and Roger Peck	06/13
Susan and Gene Mossberg	06/16
Sarah and Noah Hurianek	06/17
Kay and Bill Grove	06/22
Sara and Paul Lloyd	06/22
Chris and Bill Deegan	06/23
Lisa and Tim O'Brien	06/25

Funeral Team Ministry






Updating our funeral team member list needs attention once again. We are in need of coordinators, set-up, clean-up, food donation and servers. This ministry supports those during a time of great loss of loved ones. If you can serve in one or several of these positions, please call Wanda Heibein or Dorothy Alderman.

SafeLot Shelter Meals

Westview furnishes the evening meal for 12 people on the 3rd Friday of each month.
 Upcoming dates: **June 17, July 15**
 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	June 22 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	June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	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	Sundays	1500 Hover	Open to: Anyone—Come work in our Garden Meets: Weekly on Sundays, 4:00—7:00 pm

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