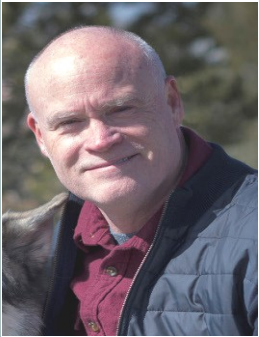


March, 2023

# The Westviewer

Westview Presbyterian Church



*.<sup>24</sup> Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. <sup>25</sup> I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness—<sup>26</sup> the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people.<sup>27</sup> To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.*

The Apostle Paul, Colossians 1:24-27

Dear Westview,

The above scripture passage from Colossians is, in my humble opinion, one of the great underappreciated passages in all the Bible. Notice in verse 26: a mystery, kept hidden for ages and generations, has now been revealed to us. The mystery? Christ in you.

During the season of Lent we anticipate and prepare for a divine transaction: Christ dies on a cross for the sins of the world. But we also remember the great mystery revealed, made possible by Easter morning—the risen Christ lives within us in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Here is a prompt for you to reflect on this month you may have never put much thought into: Christ's presence within means Christ is revealed *in my body*. How does that sound? This is a challenging truth, especially when our physical body doesn't cooperate well and can become riddled with aches and pains if not worse. Have you considered Christ may be revealing himself through your physical body, including your aches and pains? Remember, we are talking about a mystery . . . .

## Capital Campaign Study

The month of March also concludes our process on whether or not to conduct a three-year capital campaign after Easter to eliminate debt and raise funds for other priorities identified by the congregation. We have created a survey (which we will go over in the town hall meeting after worship on March 5<sup>th</sup>) and we hope everyone will complete and hand into the church office by March 12<sup>th</sup>. The survey will be in the church bulletin, emailed to the congregation, and sent by US mail to those unable to be in worship and/or are not online with email.

Why another survey? For this simple reason: Whether or not to raise significant funds beyond the annual budget is not a session decision. Nor is it a pastor decision. This level of change and commitment needs to be a congregational decision, and the survey is a way to discern what people in the church truly feel about it.

At the end of the process the session can go to the church and say, "This is what the congregation says about raising funds" from your honest input.

Sincerely In Christ,

Dr. Dan



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**Date & Times to Note**

- **Mar 1, 8, 22, 29**—Wednesday Bible Study Group, 10:00 am
- **Mar 1**—Deacons meeting, 1:00 pm
- **Mar 1, 8, 15, 22, 29** —Choir rehearsal, 6:30 pm
- **Mar 2, 9, 16, 23, 30** —Men's Coffee @ Ziggi's, 1139 Francis, 8:00 am
- **Mar 2**—Outreach MA, 6:30 pm
- **Mar 2**—Facilities & Administration MA, 7:00 pm
- **Mar 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**—Zoom Lenten Bible Study, 7:00 pm
- **Mar 4**—Men's Breakfast Group, 8:00 am
- **Mar 5, 12, 19, 26**— Sunday worship service, 9:30 am
- **Mar 5**—Council Meeting, 11:00 am
- **Mar 5, 19**—Town Hall meeting, following worship
- **Mar 6**—Creating Cards Ministry, 1:00 pm
- **Mar 6**—Worship MA, 6:30 pm
- **Mar 12**—St. Patrick's Day Tea, following worship
- **Mar 12, 26**—Exploring the True Self study, 11:00 a.
- **Mar 12, 26**—Pantry re-set, 2:00 pm
- **Mar 13, 27**—Pantry Set-up, starting at 8:00 am
- **Mar 14, 28**—Round Pantry Drive-line, 2:00—6:00 pm
- **Mar 15, 29**—Pantry Community Distribution, 9:00 am
- **Mar 15**—Session meeting, 9:30 am
- **Mar 17**—SafeLot meal provided by Westview
- **Mar 19**—Walk in the Wild, 11:15 am
- **Mar 19**—RUG St. Patrick's Spring Event, 4:00—6:00 pm

**Special points of interest:**

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

- **2023 Covenant Commitment—\$56.00**



**Session Notes**

At their regular meeting on February 15, 2023, Session took the following actions:

**Approved** a congregational survey, proposed by Facilities Master Planning Team, regarding support for a debt reduction capital campaign. It will be distributed to congregation by email, regular mail and at a town hall on March 5. The requested return date will be March 12.

**Action:** A proposal and scope of work for a contracted Communications Specialist, who will manage the church website and other social media, was **approved and funded**. The position will be posted.

**Approved** updates to the governing policies for the Personnel Advisory Committee.



### Lent Preaching Schedule

The central message of Jesus was “kingdom of heaven” breaking into our lives. We don’t live under a monarchy, and it may be a bit of a stretch to understand what a “kingdom” feels like and what it means to live in one. Some biblical scholars translate the kingdom of heaven as the “realm and rule” of God, but still, what is the “realm” of God? It sounds like God sitting on a throne and far-removed with daily life to me. A better way to understand the kingdom of heaven may be something more like a “Presence.” God is present and at work in our lives molding, shaping, and working through us on a constant basis.

One of the disciples of Jesus did a great thing for the church, not only did Matthew write a gospel, but he also collected seven stories Jesus told about the Presence—the kingdom of heaven—and put them back-to-back in the thirteenth chapter of his gospel. We know them as the Parables of Jesus. For our next sermon series launching in Lent, we are going to look at “The Seven Stories of Jesus” and learn more about how to experience the kingdom of heaven.

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|----------|--|-------------------------|
| March 5  | Communion Service  |                         |
| March 12 | “The Parable of the Sower”                               | Matthew 13:1-23         |
| March 19 | “The Parable of the Weeds”                               | Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 |
| March 26 | Guest Preacher (Pastor Dan at Joshua Tree National Park) |                         |

Fish Banks are available for anyone who wants to collect their pocket change for the *One Great Hour of Sharing* offering on Palm Sunday. They will be located on the Welcome Table.

*Worship Ministry Area*

### Save the Date—May 14

When making your Mother’s Day plans, consider bringing the whole family to a delicious brunch after the worship service.

Tom Herman and a mystery chef will be preparing fabulous meats and treats for:

**“Fill the Hall Day on May 14”**





### St. Patrick's Day Tea

Westview Family, you are all invited to a St. Patrick's Day Tea, following worship on **March 12<sup>th</sup>** to celebrate Irish/Celtic fun and wisdom, Daylight Savings Time, and the approach of Spring! In addition to lots of yummy treats, there may be a visit from our **local leprechaun**.

Please sign up to bring your favorite finger food to share: small sandwiches, hors d'oeuvres, cheese, nuts, fruits, veggies, candy, cookies, muffins or other baked goods, including gluten-free items or something we've never heard of before. Use the sign-up sheet available in Fellowship Hall, or call Kay Daugherty with questions, or grab a package of last-minute snacks at the store, or bring just your sweet selves. We've nearly survived Winter. It's time to celebrate new life together!

*Gatherings Ministry Area*



### **Saint Patrick's Day Spring Event at the Round Urban Garden**

**Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Westview Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall  
1500 Hover St, Longmont  
4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

**Come at 4:00 pm to help plant our first spring crop.**

Our dinner menu includes:  
a variety of **Irish Stews**,

**Irish Soda Bread, green punch,**  
and a table filled with **desserts**.

*There is no fee for dinner, but donations will be accepted.*

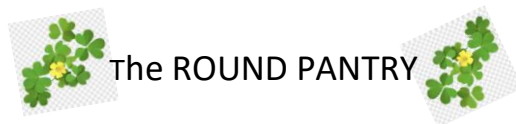
**Activities for all kids from 2 to 102.**

Handmade Log Cabin Quilt Silent Auction

**Please rsvp to Jennifer Smith  
by Friday March 17<sup>th</sup>.**

(You may call the church office if you need Jennifer's number)





*May the blessing of light be upon you, light on the outside and light on the inside. With God's sunlight shining on you, may your heart glow with warmth like a turf fire that welcomes friends and strangers alike.* Traditional Irish Blessing


As we anticipate Spring, we hope for warmer temps, bright spring flowers and gentle breezes. And, we know from experience that we may still see bitter cold and more snow.

We hold hopes for our Pantry shoppers, as well – that their lives will be brighter - that they will have secure housing, access to food and respect for their efforts. And, we have reason to be worried (for example, the roll back of SNAP benefits.)

Our spirits are lightened by recent donations by partner churches – Light of Christ provided over 500 cake mixes, Christ Our Savior packages and brings us dry beans monthly. One of our student volunteers completed his school community service project by conducting a food drive and provided a choice of products to our shoppers in January, and CentraLongmont has just completed their annual Food Drive for The Round Pantry. The Round Pantry was blessed with end of year corporate and individual cash donations that will help fund our 2023 budget.



Our hopes are also held up by the support we receive from Westview Presbyterian Church and its people who frequently ask, “what can I do? Our answers are pretty much the same as always – and they matter just as much as always:

 **Donate food:** [really any non-perishable food helps]

Most needed items at this time are:

CEREAL


PEANUT BUTTER

CANNED FRUIT or 100% FRUIT JUICE and CANNED VEGETABLES

CANNED SOUP

MACARONI & CHEESE

 **Donate cash** to purchase food items to fill out categories when orders are not enough

 **Volunteer** for a two hour shift or enlist your family or friends. Some our regular volunteers have been or will be away visiting family or have been ill and one volunteer experienced (non – Pantry) injuries that will keep them from volunteering for a while. And, there is always a variety of tasks to be done on the second and fourth Sunday [afternoons], Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday [mornings.]

NOTE: Community Food Share will be holding its annual “Hunger Hurts” food drive this year April 28<sup>th</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup>. **This year’s food drive will be completely virtual/online.** Watch for information.

## Other News (cont.)



Dorothy Alderman	03/02
Pam Schneider	03/02
Nita Flora	03/08
Nancy Johnson	03/09
Shirley Hansen	03/10
Ashley Weibel	03/11
Susan Bunic	03/12
Lia DeKesthler	03/14
Bidinger, Sheri	03/17
Sue Gibson	03/21
Bill Deegan	03/25
Doug Geiger	03/29

Ken and Laura Bickers	03/13
Don and Robin Hill	03/20
Wally and Carol Fleeger	03/24
Tom and Becky Herman	03/27



### March 12<sup>th</sup> (2:00 am)







Remember to re-set clocks—  
one hour ahead, to return to  
*Daylight Savings Time.*

### SafeLot Shelter Meals

Westview furnishes the evening meal for 12 people on the 3rd Friday of each month.  
Upcoming dates: **March 17, April 21**  
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
<b>Mexican Train Dominos</b>	<b>Mar. 22</b>	Fellowship Hall	<b>Open to:</b> Anyone <b>Meets:</b> Wednesday in between Pantry dates <b>Contact:</b> Wanda Heibein
<b>Men's Breakfast Group</b>	<b>Mar. 4</b>	Fellowship Hall	<b>Open to:</b> Any interested men <b>Meets:</b> Oct—May, 1st Saturday of the month <b>Contact:</b> Harry Heibein
<b>Men's Weekly Coffee</b>	<b>Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30</b>	Ziggi's, at 1139 Francis	<b>Open to:</b> All are welcome <b>Meets:</b> Weekly on Thursdays, 8:00 am, 1139 Francis <b>Contact:</b> Harry Heibein
<b>Round Urban Garden</b>	<b>Mar. 19</b>	1500 Hover	<b>Open to:</b> Anyone— <b>Spring Event and Planting first crop,</b> 4:00—6:00 pm

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>26 12:00am Coffee With the Pastor 9:30am Worship Service 2:00pm Pantry Re-set</p>	<p>27 8:00am Pantry Setup</p>	<p>28  2:00pm Pantry Drive line</p>	<p>1 10:00am Bible Study Group 1:00pm Deacons meeting 6:30pm Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>2 8:00am Men's Coffee 6:30pm Outreach MA 7:00pm Facilities/Admin 7:00pm Zoom Lenten Study</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 8:00am Men's Breakfast</p>
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