

May 2021

# The Westviewer

Westview Presbyterian Church

## Dear Westview,

Spring is here and the sun is spending more time hanging around these days, warming us all in delightful sunshine! I am ready to lay the cold winter clothes aside and brighten up my wardrobe.

Speaking of livening things up, your new pastor has a few ideas around issues of congregational identity and priority that we need to attend to. I am especially mindful of the dichotomies highlighted in the 2019 mission study, are we a welcoming church? What should be our congregational priorities? What is our plan for ministry to families with children? What is ministry like in this “new mission era” I talked about on Sunday April 18th?

I would like to do a couple of things to will help us cover this ground. One is already taking place through the conversations such as through the town hall meetings. These ongoing conversations are helping me put some pieces together for a picture of congregational identity.

Another thing is to lead a **couple of book studies for Westview** in the coming weeks and months. The book studies are open to anyone, all you have to do is get the book and log on to Zoom for the conversation. The first one, “Almost Christian” by Princeton professor Kenda Creasy Dean is a phenomenal study on resent research in youth ministry. Why, for example, is it that two-thirds of kids raised in the church grow up and leave the church? Dr. Dean thoughtfully writes about this in her book.

The second book is from a pastor friend of mine, Rev. Dr. Tod Bolsinger, who now teaches at Fuller Seminary. “Canoeing The Mountains: Christian Leadership In Uncharted Territory” is an excellent book and used by churches across the country. We used it in Denver Presbytery for our vision team and is a wonderfully written book by a pastor with a great heart for the church. The dominate image of the book is when Lewis and Clark and the Corps of Discovery hiked their canoes over the continental divide, expecting to find the headwaters of the Columbia River and canoe down to the Pacific Ocean. Rather than finding the Columbia however, they found a gauntlet now known as the Bitterroot Mountains. What do you do when you are unprepared for uncharted territory? This book will help us discover spiritual and emotional capacities needed to face the challenges of our new mission era. The first book study will be on Zoom on Wednesdays from 10am to 11am beginning begin May 19<sup>th</sup> through June 16<sup>th</sup>.

Important information about our worship services:

The Session is watching closely the Boulder County guidelines for public meetings. Currently Boulder County is at Modified Level Blue through May 16, which includes social distancing and required mask wearing for indoor public gatherings. If Boulder County changes the level, the Session will respond appropriately. In addition, current conditions and the indoor mask mandate make it difficult to celebrate communion on the first Sunday of the month. Session has decided to forego communion for May 2nd. We will take it month-by-month and revisit the celebration of communion for June at our May 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Sincerely In Christ,

Dr. Dan

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**Dates & Times to Note**

- **May 1**—Westview Spring Work Day, 9:00 am
- **May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**—Sunday worship service, 9:30 am
- **May 2**—Deacons meeting following worship service
- **May 4**—Communications MA, 4:00 pm
- **May 5**—Worship MA in sanctuary, 7:00 pm
- **May 6, 13, 20, 27**—Men's Coffee @ Ziggi's, 1139 Francis, 8:00 am
- **May 6**—Outreach MA, 6:30 pm
- **May 6**—Facilities & Administration MA, 7:00 pm
- **May 6**—Worship MA, 7:00 pm
- **May 9**—**Mother's Day**
- **May 10, 24**—Round Pantry Set-up
- **May 11, 25**—Round Pantry, 2:00—7:00 pm
- **May 19**—Spiritual Journeys MA, 10:00 am
- **May 21**—SafeLot Volunteer Meal by Westview
- **May 27**—Session meeting, 6:30 pm
- **May 31**—**Memorial Day, Office Closed**

*Special points of interest:*

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

- **2021 Covenant Commitment—\$55.00**



**Session Notes**

At their regular meetings on March 25 and April 22, Session took the following actions:

- Approved:** Gatherings Ministry Area to use approximately \$600 from the Tess McGannon Memorial Fund toward the Round Pantry Anniversary Celebration on 4-13-21. Kathy McGannon has generously given her permission
- Elected** Becky Herman and Sandy Moler as co-clerks through 2021.
- Approved:** As Session receives requests for use of the sanctuary such as small recital, etc. the Session will evaluate each request individually.
- Approved:** Session agrees to follow Boulder County guidelines for gatherings. Whatever county guidelines are in place at the time, we will follow those guidelines.

The Worship Ministry Area would like to invite you to sign up on the Flower Chart in the Narthex, to bring flowers into the church on any given Sunday. It's a wonderful opportunity to celebrate a loved one or special occasion.

Also, we would like to invite the congregation to be a part of our ministry area. It would be wonderful to have your ideas regarding how our sanctuary can reflect the love of Christ to the congregation. This doesn't have to be a long-term commitment. If there is a certain season or scripture that you have a heart for, we'd appreciate your input regarding honoring that via the worship service. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact:

Ann Constantinides or Beth Kelsic

Worship



Gatherings Ministry Area is so excited to see so many members and friends in person at worship. Seeing smiling eyes and an occasional elbow bump fills our souls. Make sure to stop at the round table as you enter the Narthex to sign up for temperature takers, name register, floater and usher to help keep this going. Those who continue to attend via zoom, blessings to you. Call, connect and offer fellowship.



## Communications and Evangelism Ministry Area News

Greetings from the new Communications and Evangelism Ministry area! We are here to grow awareness of Westview and its works in our local community and around the world!

The Social Media Team has just moved our new website at [wvpres.org](https://wvpres.org) (<https://wvpres.org>). Our efforts over several months have resulted in a functional, informative platform to reach out to our community, sharing our love of Christ and his Gospel. Our former website, <https://www.westviewpres.org>, is still on-line but will soon be phased out.

We welcome your involvement! Share your news, ideas, thoughts, and questions so we can better spread the Word and Share God's Light! Simply send an email to [Webmaster@westviewpres.org](mailto:Webmaster@westviewpres.org).

We also welcome your help! There is much work to do! Let us know if you would like to join our committee or just occasional help.

Alan Smit

Elder/Facilitator of Communications & Evangelism MA





### Commitment to Service

When Community Food Share suggested to a small group of Westview members that they should consider setting up a Food Pantry in northwest Longmont to address community needs that had become increasingly evident, each member of the group paused in recognition of the level of commitment and hard work that would mean. And, then, surely heard “whom shall I send?”

In a few short months, congregational listening sessions were held, plans were drawn up, Session approval was granted, a storage room was re-fitted

For eleven years, The ROUND PANTRY has provided food on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. Regardless of the weather or the alterations necessitated by COVID, The ROUND PANTRY has never missed a scheduled Pantry.

The ROUND PANTRY filled nearly 69,000 cartloads of food for those who are hungry over the last eleven years. In the past year of operation in a drive line operation and through community distribution, 17,810 households have received food from The ROUND PANTRY.

This incredible commitment to serving those in our community who have experienced or are experiencing hunger was made by hundreds of volunteers, donors and prayer partners who responded and continue to respond to God’s call to “feed my sheep” by saying, “Here I am, Lord; send me!”



## Spotlight

See more about The ROUND PANTRY in an article that appears in the recent issue of The Waggle Family Magazine. The article is linked to The ROUND PANTRY Blog on the Westview Presbyterian Church website at [wvpres.org](http://wvpres.org). Or find the article at [www.wagglefamily.com](http://www.wagglefamily.com)

# The PC(USA) Special Offerings

## It's amazing what happens when we join together.

April 5 - May 23, 2021

## Pentecost

The Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world.

Presbyterians are part of a remarkable tradition.



PENTECOST  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

The Pentecost Special Offering occurs during the season of Pentecost, April 5 – May 23. Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. The Holy Spirit remains with us still, connecting us with the church of the past, continuing to inspire the church of today, and pointing us to the church of the future.

The Pentecost Offering nurtures the faith of those who are the church to come — children, youth, and young adults.

Your gift may be received directly through either the [PC\(USA\)](#) website or Westview Presbyterian Church.

### **Congregational Initiatives with Young People (40%)**

- Remains with this congregation to support ministries with children and youth in our church and local community.

### **Serving Communities (Young Adult Volunteers) (25%)**

- Supports Young Adult Volunteers (YAV), serving in communities around the world, and growing as leaders through transformative Christian service.

### **Guiding Youth (Youth Ministries) (25%)**

- Supports ministries with youth, ages 12–18, by uniting them in Christ and lifting them up as leaders and messengers of God's word.

### **Child Advocacy (10%)**

- Is devoted to children at-risk to improve education and provide safe havens. Supports the “Educate a Child, Transform the World” national initiative.



## Other News (cont.)









Marjorie Weibel	05/02	Marsha and Fabio Ruscitti	05/08
Craig Flora	05/06	Jeanine and Jerry Barnes	05/23
Kysa Milroy	05/11	Judy and Fred Coats	05/26
Debbie Ellerman	05/12	Debbie and Bill Ellerman	05/27
Marilyn McQueen	05/14	Judy and Fred Clark	05/29
Jeanine Barnes	05/17		
Donna Schmitt	05/20		
Shawn Chriswell	05/21		
Bob Parsons	05/21		
Bill Grove	05/23		
Diane Boyle	05/25		
Steffi Heitz	05/27		
Kyle O'Brien	05/27		
Kimberly Deegan	05/28		

**Please Note:** Activities shown below will resume when Westview is able to fully re-open..

**THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU AT WESTVIEW!**  
*We would LOVE to have you be a part of us!*

GROUP	DATE & TIME	PLACE	SPECIAL NOTES
<b>Thursday Morning Study Group</b>		Damascus Room	<b>Open to:</b> Anyone <b>Meets:</b> Sept-May, 2nd Thursday, monthly <b>Contact:</b> Church Office
<b>Men's Breakfast</b>		Fellowship Hall	<b>Open to:</b> Any interested men <b>Meets:</b> Oct-May, 1st Saturday <b>Contact:</b> Tom Herman
<b>Women's Revolving Restaurant Tour</b>		Various local restaurants	<b>Open to:</b> Any interested women <b>Meets:</b> 4th Thursday, monthly <b>Contact:</b> Janice Bachmann
<b>Young at Heart</b>		Perkins	<b>Open to:</b> All who are young at heart <b>Meets:</b> Monthly, 3rd Friday <b>Contact:</b> Wanda & Harry Heibein

# MAY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>25</b> 9:15 AM Coffee Fellowship (zoom) 9:30 AM Worship Service	<b>26</b> Round Pantry Setup	<b>27</b>  2:00 PM Round Pantry at Westview	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 8:00 AM Men's Coffee Fellowship	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>  9:00 AM Spring Work Day
<b>2</b> 9:15 AM Coffee Fellowship (zoom) 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Deacons meeting	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 4:00 PM Communications MA	<b>5</b> 7:00 PM Worship MA in sanctuary	<b>6</b> 8:00 AM Men's Coffee Fellowship 6:30 PM Outreach MA 7:00 PM Facilities/Admin	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>  9:15 AM Coffee Fellowship (zoom) 9:30 AM Worship Service	<b>10</b> Round Pantry Setup	<b>11</b>  2:00 PM Round Pantry at Westview	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 8:00 AM Men's Coffee Fellowship 6:30 PM Personnel Advisory Committee	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 9:15 AM Coffee Fellowship (zoom) 9:30 AM Worship Service	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 10:00 AM Book Study with Dr. Dan 10:00 AM Spiritual Journeys MA	<b>20</b> 8:00 AM Men's Coffee Fellowship	<b>21</b> Volunteer for SafeLot meal 9:00 AM Young at Heart Breakfast	<b>22</b>
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*Joyfully Seeking and Sharing God's Light*

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**Worship Time:**

Sunday Mornings - 9:30 am  
Limited In-person, and on Zoom

**Staff:**

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Karin Buer, Pianist  
Sharon Boeye, Office Manager

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