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The Westviewer

Official Newsletter of Westview Presbyterian Church

POTLUCK DINNER AND A MOVIE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR JULY 30TH

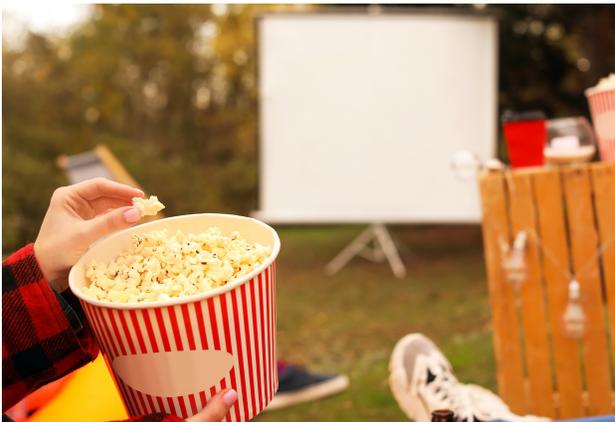
The Round Urban Garden New Worshipping Community will be holding a Pot Luck Dinner and Movie night in the garden on July 30th. We will be joined by our SafeLots and HOPE friends and the kids from the Crossroads School.

We will eat dinner and view our movie outside in the garden!

July 30th Sunday
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
1500 Hover St
Longmont

Please bring a cold dish to share and a yard chair or quilt to enjoy the movie. Beverages will be provided.

RSVP to Jennifer Smith 303-717-5668



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PASTOR'S PEN

JULY 2023 NEWSLETTER

Dear Westview,

"Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness" (Matthew 4:1)

July 7-11 I will be at Highlands Retreat Center in Allenspark, co-guiding a five day/four-night immersion called "The Art of Belonging." Several members of Westview will be there as well as people from as far away as Victoria, BC, Delaware, Illinois, and Minnesota.

You might notice that I intentionally didn't call it a "retreat" or a "conference" but an "immersion." "The Art of Belonging" is not a conference in which the speaker presents content in several sessions, with perhaps some breakout sessions. It is not a "retreat" for we are not retreating from the world but entering more deeply into it. In fact, unless there is inclement weather, we will be outside all day and in tents by night.

What will we be doing? Great question! There is a rather rigorous schedule during my immersions. We always begin and end the five days with an opening and closing ceremony. Each day at breakfast we invite people to share their dreams from the night before, or a recent dream that is very alive for them. I love this kind of work because as a trained dreamworker I appreciate the depth and vulnerability of sharing dreams, rather than talking about what normally fills conversations over meals.

After breakfast we meet in a big group with invitations for "solo" time out on the land (we usually need a minimum of 200 acres for these types of events!). In the time out on the land, we take seriously "being led by the Spirit into the wilderness" and Colossians 1:16- 17 that states, "All things were created in Christ, for Christ, and through Christ," and "in Christ all things hold together." Certain invitations and guiding can provide a foundation to experience Christ in the natural world, and believe me, it is a game-changer.

In the afternoons we meet in small groups to process our wanders in the wild and receive deeper invitations from the guides. After dinner we have "story time with Uncle Dan" (at least that is how I joke about it) with some kind of spiritual practice around the magical time of twilight in the wild. *Continued on next page*

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DR. DAN





Date & Times to Note

July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Sunday worship service, 9:30 am

July 2 Council gathering, 11:00 am

July 4 Independence Day (office closed)

July 5 Creating Cards MA, 1:00 pm

July 6, 13, 20, 27 Men's Coffee @ Ziggi's, 1139 Francis, 8:00 am

July 7-11 "The Art of Belonging" Immersion @Highlands

July 9, 23 Great Spiritual Migration book study, 11:00 am

July 9, 23 Pantry re-set, 2:00 pm

July 10, 24 Pantry Set-up, starting at 8:00 am

July 11, 25 Round Pantry Drive-line, 2:00-6:00 pm

July 12, 26 Pantry Community Distribution, 9:00 am

July 12 Spiritual Journeys MA, 2:30 pm

July 13 Outreach MA, 6:30 pm

July 16 Walk in The Wild, 11:30 am

July 19 Session meeting, 10:00 am

July 19 Dominoes, 1:00 pm

Pastor's Pen Continued

A common experience for people after a day or two of the immersion is to think "Why am I doing this!?!". It happens a lot. But after experiencing deeper community and some time away from the TV, the phone, the email, and work stress, by day three they usually say something like, "I don't want this to end!!"

We will surely appreciate your prayers while we are up at Highlands. Please pray for our "group field" of relationships and community, and that we will encounter the living Christ who holds all creation together.

Sincerely In Christ,
Pastor Dan

FROM YOUR WPC GATHERINGS MA

Summer Has Arrived! Come and join fellow Westviewers and friends for the HIP (Hoagie Indoor Picnic) on Sunday, July 30th after the worship service. Please bring a salad or side dish to share. If you would prefer to dine outdoors in the Prayer Garden or near the Round Urban Garden, you might want to bring a picnic tray for transporting food and drink

SESSION NOTES

At their regular meeting on May 17, 2023, Session took the following actions:

Approved: August communion changed from August 6 to August 13.

Approved: Motion to authorize Facilities and Administration MA to spend up to \$43,000 to complete roof repair needed due to hail damage.

CAPITAL CAMPAGIN UPDATE

LOOK WHAT IS HAPPENING:

Pledge total to date: \$157,304 (48 pledges)

In June, Westview reduced its debt by: \$21,035.44

We are on the way - Thanks and Gratitude Westview!

SAFELOT SHELTER MEALS

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

Upcoming dates: July 21, August 18

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



Round Pantry Update

FOOD PANTRY ASSISTANCE GRANT TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY



COLORADO BLUEPRINT TO END HUNGER

The ROUND PANTRY at Westview Presbyterian Church has been awarded a \$10,000 grant to connect community members in need of food with more Colorado-grown produce, products, and nutrient-dense foods during this time of high need. We are one of 245 food pantries to be awarded emergency funding from the State of Colorado.

Food pantries across Colorado, like The Round Pantry, are experiencing increased demand within their communities. In addition to the continued impacts of inflation, the recent reduction in benefits for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) - related to the end of the public health emergency - has led to more families and individuals turning to food pantries for food assistance and nutritional support.

Recognizing the ongoing need in Colorado communities, state lawmakers and Gov. Polis allocated additional funding for quick release to local organizations that directly provide access to food in their communities. The grant distribution program exists to support organizations working directly in Colorado communities so everyone can access healthy food options near where they live. Grant opportunities are open to all food pantries in the state, with a focus on purchasing meat, dairy, and fresh produce from local farmers, ranchers, and producers.

The Round Pantry Leadership Team is pleased to receive this award at a time when shopper numbers remain at a high level and available food supplies are not as robust as in previous times. We want to thank the Governor's Office, Colorado Department of Human Services, and Colorado Blueprint to End Hunger for distributing funds to help food pantries like ours during this time of high need.

MORE SHOPPERS, MORE PRODUCT, AND SUMMER VACATION MEANS WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS!

Westview members, family members and friends are encouraged to join the fellowship of Round Pantry volunteers who are being blessed by, as one volunteer joyfully stated, "doing what I know I should do."

Check SignUp Genius to select tasks and time slots.

www.signupgenius.com/org/roundpantry

****We consistently need additional volunteers late on Tuesday and for the Wednesday morning distribution**



BIRTHDAYS

- Frank Robitaille 07/03
- Andrew Flora 07/05
- Jim Crowell 07/08
- Mick Shupe 07/09
- 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
- Luke Johnson 07/28
- Brooke Johnson 07/28
- Aidan DeKesthler 07/31

WORSHIP MINISTRY AREA

The month of July is a time to celebrate and ponder our incredible blessing of living in a country where we have the right to worship as we choose.

The Worship Ministry Area would like to let you know how much we appreciate your presence at the church and on zoom for worship.

It's amazing to be part of such a wonderful community of those who love the Lord and appreciate the opportunity to celebrate Him being in our lives.

As you celebrate the 4th and enjoy the blessings of this month, take a moment to know that you are loved and appreciated by those who serve you on the Worship Ministry Area.

THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU AT WESTVIEW

| GROUP | DATE/TIME LOCATION | NOTES |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Mexican Train Dominos | July 19 Fellowship Hall | Open to anyone! Contact: Wanda Heibein |
| Men's Breakfast Group | Starts back in October | Meets 1st Sat. of the month Contact: Harry Heibein |
| Men's Weekly Coffee | July 6, 13, 20, 27 | Meets weekly at 8am on Thursdays at Zigg's 1139 Francis Contact: Harry Heibein |
| Round Urban Garden | July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | Open to anyone! Garden Planting Days 11a-1p |

ANNIVERSARIES

- Bob and Diane Carroll 07/01
- Enola and Cris Muhler 07/04
- Jim and Susie Reed 07/05
- Doug and Barbara Geiger 07/09
- Glenn and Jaclyn Steiner 07/09
- Brady and Tessa Bernau 07/10
- Bob and Margee Sekich 07/10
- Chris and Kristen Bachmann 07/11
- Bob and Kay Daugherty 07/12
- Norm and Marcia Poll 07/26

IN MEMORY OF

Joanne Lorene Kennedy
August 13, 1926 - June 7, 2023

July 2023

| Sunday | | Monday | | Tuesday | | Wednesday | | Thursday | | Friday | | Saturday | |
|--------|---|--------|----------------------|---------|---|-----------|--|----------|--|--------|--|----------|--|
| 25 | 9:30am Worship Service 11:00am Church Picnic @Chautauqua Park 11:00am Great Spiritual Migration 2:00pm Pantry Re-set | 26 | 8:00am Pantry Setup | 27 | 8:00am Pantry Set-up 2:00pm Pantry Drive line | 28 | 9:00am Pantry Community Distr | 29 | 8:00am Men's Coffee | 30 | | 1 |  |
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If you no longer wish to receive our monthly newsletter, please contact the church office.

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Worship Times:
Sunday morning at 9:30am
In Person and on Zoom

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