

SEPTEMBER 2023

# The Westviewer

Official Newsletter of Westview Presbyterian Church

## FROM YOUR WORSHIP MINISTRY AREA

WORSHIP MINISTRY AREA WOULD LIKE TO INVITE EVERYONE TO BECOME MORE ENGAGED WITH THE CHURCH.

There are so many ways to be a part of the community and share your talents. Maybe you would like to be a liturgist, or come out to help when we decorate the church for the new season. The choir would love to have more voices to joyfully worship the Lord.

**Pray on it, contemplate it and see if you feel led to serve in a new way.**



We are so excited to announce that we will be joining the Garden Church for a **"Blessing of the Animals" service, September 23rd at 5:00 p.m.** You are invited to bring your pet/companion animal or a picture of a beloved furry friend to the service. We will be celebrating the blessing and joy that these wonderful creatures have brought into our lives.



## THE SEPTEMBER PREACHING SCHEDULE:

Series on Scripture in Light and Color: ***The Stained Glass Windows of Westview***

September 10: "Creation" - Genesis 1

September 17: "Covenant" - Genesis 9:16-17

September 24: "The Burning Bush" - Exodus 3

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NEWSLETTER CREATED BY MINDY HEIMER,  
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## PASTOR'S PEN

SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

Dear Westview,

I am announcing a new ministry in this newsletter called "Grief Care Group."

In my life as a pastor, there is one phrase I have heard more than any other, and the contest with second place isn't even close. The phrase is: "I don't like change."

What is it about change that is so difficult? If some distant relative left you \$100,000 in their will, my guess is you would like that kind of change. If a struggling child or grandchild turned their life around, we would all like that kind of change.

My guess is it is not just change we don't like, but the profound feeling of loss that underlies the change. Just beneath the surface of great change can be profound disruption and a paralyzing sense of loss. In addition, a fact of life is that as we age, we experience loss. Friends and family members pass on, the hearing diminishes, and the eyesight dims. Live long enough and we will all experience profound loss, and with the loss comes grief.

There is a need in to welcome our sense of grief and loss. We will meet the first Wednesday of the month at 2:30pm in The Gathering Place, beginning September 6th. The group time will last between 1 ½ to 2 hours with intention not to fix, solve, or rescue anyone from the sense of grief and loss, but rather tend to the practices and expressions that cultivate grace, healing, and wisdom. The resources we will use include the Book of Psalms and Francis Weller's exquisite book "The Wild Edge of Sorrow."

If you would like to check out the new "Grief Care Group" please contact the office and pick up your copy of Weller's book. Cost of the book is \$15.

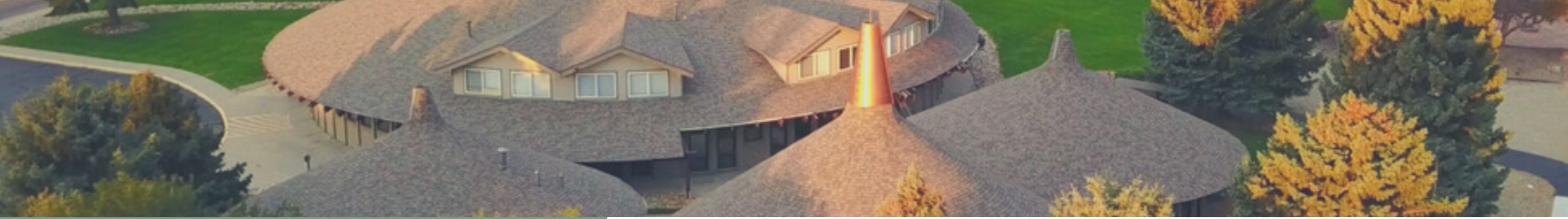
Sincerely In Christ,

Dr. Dan

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## Date & Times to Note

- Sept 2, 9, 16, 23, 30** Garden Church, 5pm
- Sept 3, 10, 17, 24** Sunday worship service, 9:30am
- Sept 3** Council gathering, 11am
- Sept 4** Labor Day (office closed)
- Sept 5** Creating Cards MA, 1pm
- Sept 6** Deacons meeting, 1pm
- Sept 6** Grief Care group, 2:30pm
- Sept 6, 13, 20, 27** Choir rehearsal, 6:30pm
- Sept 7, 14, 21, 28** Men's Coffee @ 1950 Mountain View, 8am
- Sept 9** Worship MA Fall Retreat, 9:30-11:00 am
- Sept 10, 17, 24** *Great Spiritual Migration* book study, 11am
- Sept 10, 24** Pantry re-set, 2pm
- Sept 11, 25** Pantry Set-up, starting at 8am
- Sept 12, 26** Pantry Set-up, starting at 8am
- Sept 12, 26** Round Pantry Drive-line, 2-6pm
- Sept 13, 27** Pantry Community Distribution, 9am
- Sept 13** Spiritual Journeys MA, 2:30pm
- Sept 14** Personnel Advisory Committee, 10am
- Sept 14** Outreach MA, 6:30pm
- Sept 15** SafeLot meal provided by Westview
- Sept 17** Flu Shots in Gathering Place, following worship
- Sept 20**-Session meeting, 10am
- Sept 20** Dominoes, 1pm
- Sept 23** Worship MA decorating in Sanctuary, 9:30am
- Sept 23** Blessing of the Animals, @ Garden Church, 5pm
- Sept 24** Luau Lunch, following worship

## FLU SHOTS AT WESTVIEW

**September 17, 2023 in Gathering Place 10:45am-12pm following worship**

Hosted again by our nextdoor Safeway Pharmacy. Standard, Senior, and Child vaccines available. All insurance accepted, including Medicaid. More information to come via email!

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

LOOK WHAT IS HAPPENING:

**June Loan Balance: \$139,244**  
**July Loan Balance: \$117,728**  
**August Loan Balance: \$ 99,046**

We're really on the way - Thanks and Gratitude Westview!

## NEWS FROM SPIRITUAL JOURNEYS MA

"The Great Spiritual Migration" (by Brian McLaren) book study will continue throughout the Fall. This book, as reviewed by Diane Butler Bass "invites Christians to move from fear to love." You are invited to attend, even if you have not read the book, as the discussion is fascinating. Several class members have requested that this class meet more often. In response to this request, the group will meet the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th weeks of each month. Council gathering will continue to meet the first week of each month.

## NEWS FROM FACILITIES/ADMIN MA

Did you know Westview has a documented and approved Emergency Plan? We are blessed to have a fully staffed fire station/emergency response team just two blocks away. However, the interval between notification and their arrival at Westview is critical. The Emergency Plan covers key actions we all must take during that short time, to protect the safety of everyone within the Westview campus. Over the course of the next several months, we will be covering some of these key actions during the Sunday morning services. Should you want to become familiar with the plan and procedures, feel free to pick up a copy of the plan from Sharon in the office.

## HIGHLANDS HOMECOMING CELEBRATION

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 FROM 1-4PM**

Join us as we give thanks to God for the rich history of Highlands and the bright future that is being prepared.

- Take a guided nature walk
- Tour the new kitchen and meet the new staff
- Learn about forest restoration
- Bring the kids for pony rides
- Enjoy dinner and dessert

RSVP required! Email [res@uccr.org](mailto:res@uccr.org)





# Round Pantry Update

Round Pantry volunteers who speak with people entering the Drive Line see parents and grandparents with young children and other parents who mention their teenagers; there are many senior citizens. As the afternoon winds down, volunteers greet those who are at the end of a long workday and more senior "retirees" on their way home from a much needed job. The people entering the Drive Line are experiencing food insecurity - the situation of not having consistent, dependable access to sufficient amounts of nutritious food for their family and themselves due to insufficient financial resources.

Related pieces of information:

- 33% of Coloradans are struggling to access nutritious food.
- In Colorado, the average cost of groceries per meal is \$4.16 which is 30% above the national average.
- The average SNAP benefit per meal in Colorado is \$1.76. [Only 60% of those who are food insecure receive benefits.]

The Round Pantry continues as a distributing agency of Community Food Share [CFS] to distribute an array of foods provided by CFS and to supplement these foods by purchasing essential food items (such as peanut butter, canned tuna, canned fruit and vegetables, rice) with the money donated to The Pantry. The Round Urban Garden, the CentraLongmont garden and local gardeners supplement available produce. The State Food Pantry Assistance Grant is used to purchase produce or protein (for the last Pantry in August that purchase was eggs.) Donations of food are also received from partner churches - most recently from Valmont Community Presbyterian Church and Longmont First Baptist Church - and from community members who bring regular, sizable donations of food.

Volunteers continue their service at The Round Pantry and are much needed and appreciated. There is a wide variety of tasks available. The exercise is very real, the fellowship is joyful, and the experience will fill your cup!

Note: We welcome volunteers who need to complete community service hours for school, church, court, scouts, SNAP or other programs.

You can find information at

<https://westviewpres.org/round-pantry-signups> OR [roundpantry.org](https://westviewpres.org/roundpantry.org)

You can ask a specific question or have a conversation about what would suit your interests and skills by emailing [roundpantry@westviewpres.org](mailto:roundpantry@westviewpres.org)



## SAFELOT SHELTER MEALS

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

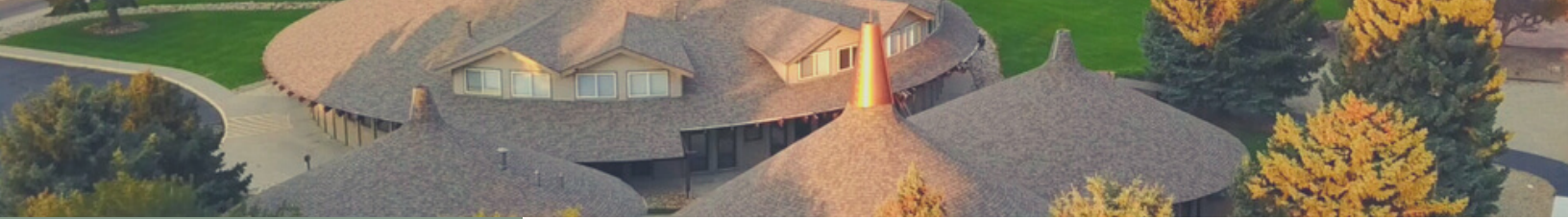
**Upcoming dates: September 15, October 20**

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

## SESSION NOTES

At their meeting on Aug. 16, 2023, Session took the following actions:

Approved motion to start a monthly 90-120 minute grief care group, facilitated by Pastor Dan. It will begin as a trial this Fall (Sept. 6)



## BIRTHDAYS

- Dennis Holzinger **09/01**
- Kay Grove **09/02**
- Les Morris **09/04**
- Brady Bernau **09/07**
- Steve Mossberg **09/08**
- Kayla Flora-Young **09/10**
- Sandy Taylor **09/10**
- Diane Carroll **09/12**
- Wanda Heibein **09/13**
- Bob Daugherty **09/15**
- Allen Parker **09/20**
- Jasmine Bachmann **09/23**
- Karen Robitaille **09/25**
- John Mulay **09/28**
- Lee Lawson **09/30**

## NEWS FROM GATHERINGS MA AND DEACONS

**September 3** - Due to carpet cleaning/drying in Fellowship Hall and Gathering Place, there will be no Coffee Fellowship that morning. Please use this opportunity to take a friend(s) to coffee instead!

### Luau Lunch on September 24 after worship!

Come and enjoy another culinary treat from Tom Herman, family and friends, including the Men's Breakfast Group. A donation of meat has been made, so get ready for pit-roasted pork and other surprises. Mix up your favorite tropical recipes for side dishes and salads to bring along to our Westview Luau!\*

### It's time to warm up those voices after a summer rest.








Start singing in the shower, sing in the car! Choir rehearsals begin again on Wednesday, September 6, at 6:30 p.m. Come and bring friends, and ideas for music. Sight-reading is not a requirement, just enthusiasm! Choir will be back in the choir loft on Sunday, September 10.

## THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU AT WESTVIEW

GROUP	DATE/TIME LOCATION	NOTES
Mexican Train Dominos	September 20 Fellowship Hall	Open to anyone! Contact: Wanda Heibein
Men's Breakfast Group	<b>Starts back in October</b>	Meets 1st Sat. of the month Contact: Harry Heibein
Men's Weekly Coffee	Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28	Meets weekly at 8am on Thursdays at Centura (LUH) Contact: Harry Heibein
Round Urban Garden	Sept 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Open to anyone! Garden Church: Harvesting, prayer, music @ 5pm

# September 2023

Westview Presbyterian Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27</b> 9:30am Worship Service 11:00am Great Spiritual Migration	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 8:00am Men's Coffee	<b>1</b>	 5:00pm Garden Church <b>2</b>
<b>3</b>  9:30am Worship Service 11:00am Council Gathering	<b>4</b>  (office closed)	<b>5</b> 1:00pm Creating Cards Ministry	<b>6</b> 1:00pm Deacons meeting 2:30pm Grief Care group 6:30pm Choir rehearsal	<b>7</b> 8:00am Men's Coffee 7:00pm Facilities/Admin	<b>8</b>	 9:30am Worship MA Retreat 5:00pm Garden Church <b>9</b>
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<b>17</b> Kick-off Sunday 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Flu Shots in Gathering Place 11:00am Great Spiritual Migration study	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 	<b>20</b> 10:00am Session meeting 1:00pm Dominoes 6:30pm Choir rehearsal	<b>21</b> 8:00am Men's Coffee	<b>22</b>	 9:30am Worship MA in sanctuary 5:00pm Garden Church <b>23</b>
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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:**  
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