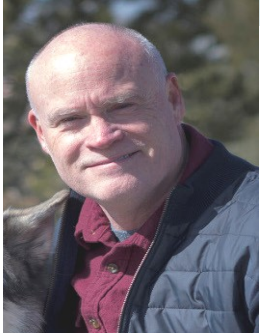


April, 2022

The Westviewer

Westview Presbyterian Church



*The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised.
Matthew 27:52*

Dear Westview,

I can't wait to celebrate my second Holy Week at Westview this year! Easter is a bit later this year on April 17th, which means the good news would be that the spring season should be blooming and you could treat yourself to some kind of deepening spiritual practice.

Whether it be looking out the window in meditation for the return of the color green to the Earth, buying some flowers for the kitchen table, planting some flowers in the backyard, or going for a long wander into the wild, my invitation is to do something special as we lead up to Easter. Here are some additional ideas:

Maundy Thursday Communion Service 7pm

We will host a traditional Maundy Thursday service with communion on Thursday, April 14th at 7pm. "Maundy" comes from the Latin "mandatum," the word for "command." We are reminded during the Last Supper of Jesus' words to the disciples, "a new command I give you, love one another as I have loved you." (John 13:34). In the history of the church, the Maundy Thursday service also featured a foot-washing service for that is another ceremony Jesus did with his disciples on that night (we will be sticking with communion this year)

Another spiritual practice in the history of the church on Maundy Thursday you might consider: Go barefoot.

Ideas for Good Friday

One tradition in the early church was the practice of a "black fast" on Good Friday. In a "black fast" we go without food from sunrise to sunset. During the fast we are attentive to the hunger pangs as they remind us of Christ's suffering, and to the suffering of others around the world today. In a "black fast" we let the pangs remind you of a deeper hunger and thirst for God beyond our consumer culture. We can also black out from media—go offline for the day, including television.

Ideas for Holy Saturday

Holy Saturday isn't observed much in today's protestant church but it has a rich history. One thing you could do is spend twenty minutes in contemplative prayer. Simply remain silent, focus on your breathing in and out, and "return the gaze" of God's love. (See Mark 15:40)

Easter Services: Sunrise Service 6:30am @ The Prayer Garden and Traditional 9:30am

This year we are going to resurrect (pun intended) the Easter sunrise service. We will start at 6:30am just as the light is coming to the Earth (sunrise is 6:19am), but if you want to come a bit early, we plan on having a fire in the fire pit at the prayer garden. Bring a lawn chair/soccer chair, blanket, and a nice hot cup of coffee! The service will last around 30-45 minutes.

Whatever your spiritual practice this Easter, make it special! Do something out of your comfort zone, something different that might lift you from whatever doldrums in which you may find yourself marooned.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be the name 'Dan'.



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Date & Times to Note

- **Apr 2**—Men's Breakfast, 8:00 am
- **Apr 3, 10, 17, 24**—Sunday Worship service, 9:30 am
Sunday Youth Council, 11:00 am
- **Apr 3, 10**—ElderSoul study, 2:00 pm in Gathering Place
- **Apr 4**—Creating Cards ministry, 1:00 pm
- **Apr 4**—Worship MA, 6:30 pm in Damascus Room
- **Apr 6, 13**—Grief Group, 11:00 am in Damascus Room
- **Apr 6**—Deacons meeting, 1:00 pm
- **Apr 6, 13, 20, 27**—Choir rehearsal, 7:00 pm (Bells @ 6:30 pm)
- **Apr 7, 14, 21, 28**—Men's Coffee @ Ziggi's, 1139 Francis, 8:00 am
- **Apr 7**— Facilities & Administration MA, 6:30 pm
Outreach MA, 6:30 pm
- **Apr 9**—Worship MA, in sanctuary, 9:30 am
- **Apr 11, 25**—Pantry Set-up, starting at 8:00 am
- **Apr 12, 26**—Round Pantry, 2:00—6:00 pm
- **Apr 14**—Maundy Thursday service, 7:00 pm
- **Apr 15**—Good Friday
- **Apr 15**—SafeLot meal provided by Westview
- **Apr 17**—**Easter Sunrise Service, 6:30 am, Prayer Garden**
- **Apr 17**—**Easter Sunday Worship**
- **Apr 20**—Mexican Train Dominoes, 1:00 pm
- **Apr 30**—Session meeting, TBD

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 meeting on March 17, Session took the following action:

- Approved adding to Westview hiring policies, “no relatives of members of Westview will be eligible to be hired as an employee of Westview”.



Westview will be holding
an Easter Sunrise Service this year.
April 17th, 6:30 am, in the Prayer Garden
on the northwest side of our campus.

Bring a lawn chair and blanket and
join us for this wonderful event.
If you have any questions, feel free to contact
Ann Constantinides or Beth Kelsic.

Worship Ministry Area

News from Gatherings MA

What is ***Stroll and Roll?*** Perhaps the name for a new sort of outdoor fellowship gathering? If you would be interested in getting together with other WPC folks who use a cane, walker, or wheelchair, or would just enjoy a slow stroll in the park for an occasional outing, please contact Kay Daugherty directly, or put a note with contact information in the offering plate. We would probably go to places like Golden Ponds and Sandstone Ranch, where there are wide sidewalks and benches or tables for resting, snacking, or talking. Let's celebrate Spring!



First United Presbyterian Church of Loveland is sponsoring an educational event called Safe Talk, supporting depression awareness and treatment, and suicide prevention, to be held at their church on April 20th from 5:30—9:00 p.m. Dinner (at 5:00 p.m.) and training are free, but reservations are required. To sign up for this training, please call First Presbyterian of Loveland at 970-667-0605, or e-mail: info@1ston4th.com
(Westview offered a similar program several years ago.)

Not What You Think It Looks Like

The ROUND PANTRY continues to serve as many as 350 households in each Drive Line Distribution and to provide food for another 400 households through Community Distribution.

What you see during a Pantry week may not be what you think you see.

The Pantry operation requires piles and piles of hundreds of banana boxes. Community Food Share, like food banks across the U.S., uses and reuses banana boxes to transport tons of food. And, we use banana boxes to hold the bags of non-perishable food that later go into the trunks of vehicles. But, one of our regular volunteers said, “when I look at all those boxes I see food for hungry people.”

Each Pantry week involves volunteers filling 150 tasks/time slots. Pantry volunteers work on Sunday afternoon, Monday from 8:00 to 5:30, Tuesday from 8:00 until at least 7:00, and on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. These volunteers arrange tables, pallets and cases of food; they sort and place into colored bags 5,000 pounds of produce, boxes and boxes of ‘day-old’ bread and desserts and case upon case of yogurt and other dairy products. But, the feeling among the volunteers is not that they are working but that they are being the hands, feet and hearts of Christ saying “we have seen you hungry.”

Those who come to The ROUND PANTRY are our neighbors from neighborhoods all over the greater St. Vrain Valley, who work a wide array of different jobs in service, manufacturing, construction and other employment. These friends include those who are seeking employment and those whose personal or family situations prevent them from working. And, they are sisters, brothers, mothers, grandfathers and children who are hungry.

The PCUSA March/April edition of the *Presbyterians Today* magazine reminded us that “poverty [and resulting food insecurity] doesn’t look like what you think it looks like”:



Forget the stereotypes.

Poverty is a lot more widespread than you probably thought.

Especially since the pandemic.

Poverty looks like the food service worker who can’t afford to put food on their own table.

It looks like the health care worker who can’t afford their own prescriptions.

Or the child care worker who can’t afford child care.

Being poor in America is not just about a lack of money. It’s about working hard and still not having access to basic things so many of us take for granted. Like a decent wage, housing, affordable medical care, educational opportunities, and so much more.



Matthew 25 and the Matthew 25 initiative of the Presbyterian Church (USA) call us to look with open hearts and minds at the complex reality of poverty and food insecurity, to study and gather information, to seek tools and resources, and to continue to take action and make a difference.

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Attention All Knitters and Crocheters

The Deacons are interested in starting
the Prayer Shawl ministry again.
We have yarn available, or you can provide your own.
We can work together in a group, or you can work on your own.
Please call Wanda Heibein, and we'll get the
Prayer Shawl ministry going again!



The ROUND PANTRY

Other News (cont.)



Linda Shupe 04/01
 Marsha Ruscitti 04/11
 Sean O'Brien 04/13
 Becky Herman 04/14
 Ann Constantinides 04/17
 Beth Shryack 04/19
 Bev Dehning 04/21
 Lila Latta 04/22
 Margee Sekich 04/22
 Micah Heins 04/26
 Lynn Goin 04/27
 Rick Hansen 04/27

Karleen and Todd Ehler 04/24








SafeLot Shelter Meals

Westview furnishes the evening meal for 12 people on the 3rd Friday of each month.
 Upcoming dates: **April 15, May 20**
 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	April 20 1:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall	Open to: Anyone Meets: Wednesday in between Pantry dates Contact: Wanda Heibein
Men's Breakfast	April 2 8:00 a.m.	Fellowship Hall	Open to: Any interested men Meets: Oct—May, 1st Saturday of the month Contact: Harry Heibein
Young at Heart		Perkins	Open to: All who are young at heart Meets: Monthly, 3rd Friday Contact: Wanda & Harry Heibein <i>Pending Re-open</i>

APRIL 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>27 Town Hall meeting (following worship) 9:30 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Youth Council 2:00 PM Elder/Soul Lenten Study</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 11:00 AM Grief Group 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>31 8:00 AM Men's Coffee</p>	<p>1 </p>	<p>2 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast</p>
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<p>17  6:30 AM Easter Sunrise service 9:30 AM Easter Worship Service 11:00 AM Youth Council</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 1:00 PM Mexican Train Dominoes 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>21 8:00 AM Men's Coffee</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
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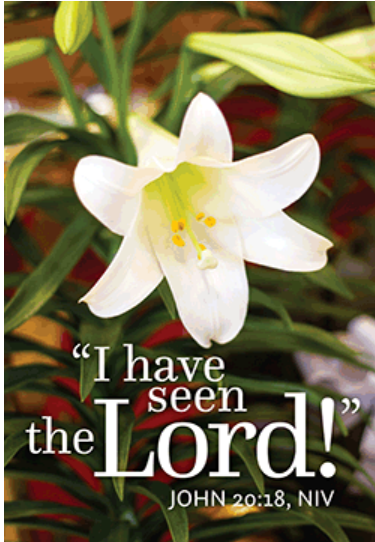
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