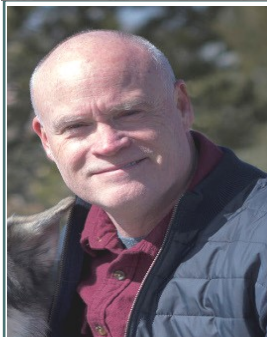


February/March, 2024

The Westviewer

Westview Presbyterian Church



Dear Westview,

The season of Lent is around the corner and Lent is a specific period of time to focus on your own spiritual journey, of going deeper in your relationship with God, and offering your unique gifts to the community.

For the next two months in countdown to Easter we have several opportunities for you to deepen in your walk with God. We begin with a special “Candlemas” communion service on Sunday, February 4th. The Church would make sure everyone had enough heat and light to survive the winter by having a special “Candlemas” service of bringing your candles to church to be “blessed.” Kind of a clever strategy, in my humble opinion.

Lent comes early this year and our Ash Wednesday Service is at 7pm on Wednesday, February 14th (yes, that is Valentines Day). We launch into Lent with a special emphasis on staying close to “the heartbeat of God”—which will be our sermon series in March. St Patrick’s Day is Sunday, March 17th, and we are having a special focus on Celtic Christianity and their emphasis on “listening to the heartbeat of God” (I love that phrase. It comes from the title of a book by John Phillip Newell). Easter comes early on March 31st so remember Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services. By the way, Christmas is always December 25th, why isn’t there a specific date for Easter? Why does the date of Easter change every year? (Ask me and I will tell you the secret formula the church came up with to determine the date of Easter each year.)

In addition to the above we have a rhythm for spiritual formation at 11am every Sunday in The Gathering Place. On the first and third Sundays we have “council,” where we open our hearts to deeply listen to what the Spirit is saying to us. On the second and fourth Sundays we have adult Sunday School where we dive deeper into the sermon text for that Sunday.

Why go through all the trouble to meet in these different ways? Why be in ceremony and communion together, to sit and be present with one another? Hear the words of John Philip Newell:

We need to find ways of sharing our intimate experiences of the Mystery, for we are one. It is through one another that we will know more of the Life that flows within us all. It is through sharing our fragments of insight that we will come to a fuller picture of the One who is at the heart of each life.

Sincerely In Christ,

Dr. Dan

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Lenten Schedule

- **February 14**—Ash Wednesday service, 7:00 pm
- **March 24**—Palm Sunday worship, 9:30 am
- **March 28**—Maundy Thursday service, 7:00 pm
- **March 29**—Good Friday (in Gathering Place)
- **March 31**—Easter Sunday, 9:30 am



Worship MA would like to invite you to the upcoming Ash Wednesday service on February 14 in the Sanctuary. We are looking for those who would like to participate by helping serve communion that evening. If you have ever served as an Elder and can help, please sign up on the bulletin board in the east hallway of the narthex, or contact Kay Daugherty. Servers are also needed for the additional 2024 communion services, and you may sign up for any of those dates on the same sheet. Thanks for your support. We couldn't do it without you!

Your Worship Ministry Area Team

Thank You to Everyone who supplied treats for the Christmas Tea and all the other WPC events in 2023 !!



Session Notes

At their regular meeting on January 17, 2024, Session took the following actions:

- **Elected 2024 Corporate Officers** : Wally Fleeger, President; Kay Daugherty, Vice President; Harry Heibein, Treasurer; Becky Herman, Secretary/Clerk of Session.
- **Approved:** Lynn Goin to serve a 3-year term on PAC as lay member & facilitator.
- **Approved:** A Lenten Devotional: "Lifted Up in Love" by Henri J.M. Nouwen.

Older Adult Spiritual Journey Program

Dear Westview Friends,

I feel now that God is calling me to offer my knowledge and experience in older adult ministry to support our Westview congregation. I'm offering to facilitate several virtual Zoom sessions regarding our journey as we age. The program is called an "Older Adult Spiritual Journey". A candid and spiritual exploration of realities and challenges as we go through our elder years.

We will meet on Zoom the first and third Tuesdays of the month, starting February 6 from 2:30—3:30 p.m., with an added one-half hour for fellowship if desired.

For the first class, you will need to have pencil and paper available.

If you need technical help using Zoom please call me ahead of time. If you are interested in this program, please let me know by e-mail at Larrypays@gmail.com or by phone at 303-908-6325 with your contact information.

Thank you for your consideration and if you have any questions or concerns, please call me.

Elder Larry Pazier, *Ordained Elder, PC(USA)*

Volunteer Sign-up Sheets—2024

The sign-up sheet for Sunday Worship service Volunteers is on the bulletin board by the welcome table in the narthex.

Greeter—a greeter(s) can arrive at 9:00 a.m. and share love and smiles to welcome visitors and guests, as well as members of the congregation to our Sunday morning worship service.

Coffee Fellowship—Gatherings would like to thank all of those who provided goodies last year for coffee fellowship. This is a special time to connect for so many.

A couple of new ideas are being tried this year. A donation jar will be on the counter by the kitchen. Money will be used to purchase snacks to have on hand for those who do not wish to bring treats, but are willing to make and serve coffee. Please note on the sign-up sheet if you want to do coffee only, and that is perfectly fine. If you are baking and have extra treats you would like to share, please bring them to the church on any Sunday and note that they can be saved for a later date when needed. Thank you.



Sweetheart Breakfast—February 10

Let's all be each other's Sweethearts for the Annual Breakfast on Saturday, February 10, 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Don't miss this annual feast hosted by the Men's Breakfast Group. Come, enjoy great food, and visit with friends.

All are Welcome!!



Gatherings Events

- Feb. 18:** **Valentine Tea.** Please bring a plate of favorite Valentine goodies to share.
- March 3:** "Church Basement Ladies" - the current play at Jesters Theatre in Longmont, 12:30 lunch and 2:00 pm performance. The group rate is \$44 per person. Please contact Janet Mulay if interested in seeing this fun, crazy play.
- March 17:** **St. Patrick's Day.** Please bring an Irish treat or something **green** to share.

Dorothy Alderman & Janet Mulay, *Gatherings facilitators*

Spiritual Journey's News

After reading websites from several churches in our Presbytery, Spiritual Journeys Ministry Area learned about a five-church monthly youth group that meets for activities, projects, games, learning, dinner and worship. We checked out a few youth groups in Longmont and decided to ask Heart of Longmont Methodist community if they would invite our youth to their youth group meeting. Emily Farrenkopf, Director of Youth Ministries, readily agreed to add our youth to their present 22-25 youth. In addition, Emily will be introduced to our congregation on February 18, 2024, and she has agreed to attend Coffee Fellowship with us on that date.

If you know any youth who would like to participate, we would be glad to introduce them to Westview youth and they will be welcomed to this youth group.

Westview can support our youth by providing dinner once a month for 25. The Spiritual Journey committee will be serving the first meal, but we will need donation of food, funds, or cooking to maintain this effort monthly, so please consider the youth in your donations.

February Birthdays

Jennifer Smith	2-02
Beth Kelsic	2-03
Tim O'Brien	2-04
Barbara Bowman	2-07
Ken Bickers	2-11
Kelsey O'Brien	2-12
Dan Dolquist	2-15
Alec O'Brien	2-20
Nancy Sloan	2-20
Norm Poll	2-21
Kathy Mustard	2-22
Kelly Pazier	2-22
Sarah Bernau	2-25
Ann Parsons	2-25

February Anniversaries

Harry & Wanda Heibein	2-06
Darrell & Barbara Bowman	2-10

March Birthdays

Dorothy Alderman	3-02
Pam Schneider	3-02
Nita Flora	3-08
Nancy Johnson	3-09
Shirley Hansen	3-10
Ashley Weibel	3-11
Susan Bunic	3-12
Lia DeKesthler	3-14
Sheri Bidinger	3-17
Sue Gibson	3-21
Bill Deegan	3-25
Doug Geiger	3-29

March Anniversaries

Ken & Laura Bickers	3-13
Don & Robin Hill	3-20
Wally & Carol Fleeger	3-24
Tom & Becky Herman	3-27



join us

Reorganization and Planning

Many of you have been an important part of Westview's Funeral Reception Team in the past.

This is the group that helps coordinate a reception for family and friends, following a memorial service.

The current team is in the process of reorganizing and planning for how best to serve our church and community through this ministry.

Please let the church office know if you are interested in serving on this team.

Other News (cont.)



Westview welcomed the following
New Members on December 24, 2023

Chris and Erica Russell: Reaffirmation of faith

We welcome Chris and Erica
and their children: Katie, Leo and Will

Will Russell was also baptized on Dec. 24, 2023



Joan D. Kappell






November 28, 1940—January 8, 2024









SafeLot Shelter Meals

Westview furnishes the evening meal for 12 people on the 3rd Friday of each month.
Upcoming dates: **Feb. 16, March 15**
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	Feb. 21 Mar. 20	Fellowship Hall	Open to: Anyone Meets: Wednesday in between Pantry dates Contact: Wanda Heibein
Men's Breakfast Group	Feb. 10	Fellowship Hall	Open to: Any interested men Meets: Oct—May, 1st Saturday of the month Contact: Harry Heibein
Men's Weekly Coffee	Feb 1, 8 15, 22, 29 Mar 7, 14 21, 28	LUH— (Common Spirit Hospital)	Open to: All are welcome Meets: Weekly on Thursdays, 8:00 am, 1950 Mountain View Contact: Harry Heibein
Round Urban Garden		1500 Hover	Open to: Anyone— Planting Schedule and events coming soon

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<p>28 Annual Congregational Mtg. (following worship) 9:30am Worship Service 11:00am Adult Sunday School</p>	<p>29 1:00pm Creating Cards Ministry</p>	<p>30 2:30pm OASJ w/Larry Pazier</p>	<p>31 10:00am Bible Study Group 6:30pm Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>1 8:00am Men's Coffee 3:30pm Spiritual Journeys MA 7:00pm Facilities/Admin</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
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