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The Westviewer

Westview Presbyterian Church



³⁶ "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" ³⁷ Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Matthew 22:36-40

Dear Westview,

I love the passage from the Gospel of Matthew quoted above for it grounds me again in the essential things: loving God and loving our neighbor. You may find it interesting that in the original Greek the phrase "as yourself" has the Greek word "hos" (as), and in Greek "hos" is more of what we would call an equal sign (=). You could read the verse 39 as, "And the second is like it: loving your neighbor = loving yourself."

I may sound redundant but have a lot of love around Westview! The ElderSoul class during Lent was a great success. Thank you to all who made a commitment of two and half hours every Sunday afternoon for five weeks! The Grief Group on Wednesdays was also a powerful experience. Leaning into our "grief-matured love" has been a real thing of beauty.

Here are two pieces of information I want to pass on to you:

Facilities Master Planning Team

The facilities master plan team began meeting in April. Creating a long-term plan for our facilities will be a long process, so stay tuned for more information. We want the congregation to share in the important "adaptive work" we need to do in thinking and planning for the future of the church. Members of the team include: Sharon Cely, Dick Grosz, Wally Fleeger, Lynn Goin, Harry Heibein, Becky Herman, Nancy Hurianek, Marnie Morris, and Steve Shryack.

The vision fast

As you may know I am a part of a year-long mentoring program with psychologist Dr. Bill Plotkin of the Animas Valley Institute. I have known Bill for a few years now and his books, including "Nature and the Human Soul" and "Soulcraft," have been very influential in my thinking on effective spiritual formation. Plotkin's map of the human psyche and his eight stages of human growth and development are two models I have found to be particularly essential in pastoral ministry.

After church on May 8th I leave for Capital Reef, Utah, where I will join with eleven others and three guides in the spiritual practice of a "vision fast." A vision fast is a contemporary practice of the pan cultural "vision quest" enacted by many indigenous cultures. It is a rigorous experience we have been preparing for since November of fasting for four days and a "solo" with no human contact for three days (a very biblical number!). The purpose is to surrender ourselves more deeply to God's calling and seek what the Spirit is asking of us for this time and place. If you look at chapter one of the Gospel of Mark, you will note Jesus performed a vision fast in the desert for forty days and nights. While we won't be doing something that intense, please pray for us! I will be back in the office May 17th.

Sincerely In Christ,

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



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Date & Times to Note

- **May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**—Sunday Worship service, 9:30 am
- **May 22, 29**— Sunday Youth Council, 11:00 am
- **May 1**—May Day Ice Cream Social, 11:00 am, Fellowship Hall
- **May 2**—Handbell rehearsal, 9:30 am
- **May 2**—Creating Cards ministry, 1:00 pm
- **May 2**—Worship MA, 6:30 pm in Damascus Room
- **May 4**—Deacons meeting, 1:00 pm
- **May 4, 11, 18, 25**—Choir rehearsal, 7:00 pm
- **May 5, 12, 19, 26**—Men's Coffee @ Ziggi's, 1139 Francis, 8:00 am
- **May 5**—Facilities & Administration MA, 7:00 pm
- **May 5**—Outreach MA, 6:30 pm
- **May 7**—Men's Breakfast, 8:00 am
- **May 7**—Spring Work Day with early completion, 8:30—11:00 am
- **May 8**—*Mother's Day*
- **May 9, 23**—Pantry Set-up, starting at 8:00 am
- **May 10, 24**—Round Pantry, 2:00—6:00 pm
- **May 12**—Personnel Advisory Committee, 6:30 am
- **May 18**—Mexican Train Dominoes, 1:00 pm
- **May 19**—Session meeting, 6:30 pm
- **May 20**—SafeLot meal provided by Westview

Special points of interest:

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

- 2022 Covenant Commitment—\$55.00





All past and present Elders are invited to help serve communion.
Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex
or contact Ann Constantinides or Beth Kelsic.

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The Worship Ministry Area invites you to join
in celebrating Pentecost on June 5th,
by wearing red, yellow or orange to church that day!



News from Gatherings MA

“Come to Fellowship Hall on May Day (May 1st),
following worship service, for ICE CREAM!”

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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. 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!



TOUGH DECISIONS

The ROUND PANTRY continues its services to those whose food situation is not secure or dependable. This is referred to as “food insecurity” or literally not knowing where the next meal will come from. Increasing food prices are increasing the difficulty in acquiring food. This combined by temperatures that are finally not freezing meant we saw more households the second week of April. We served 351 in the Drive Line and 385 through Community Distribution for a total of 736.

The numbers describe the reality of hunger in our community; but as we said in the last Round Pantry article, “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.”

This month we take a look deeper into what it means to live in poverty and experience food insecurity.

Research data from The Center for Community Solutions in an article titled Poverty Speaks: Making tough choices [<https://www.communitysolutions.com/poverty-speaks-making-tough-choices/>] presents the obvious.

People in poverty don’t have enough money. Household income is used to determine whether someone officially lives in poverty. If a family’s total income is lower than the poverty threshold, every member of the family is considered to be below poverty. So by definition, a family who lives in poverty doesn’t have enough money. And, that family has to make tough decisions about what to spend money on.

In Boulder County, poverty means that one in 10 adults have to choose between food and other needs (such as medical care, utilities.) Since families in poverty don’t have sufficient financial resources to make ends meet, they have to rely on the help of government, charitable organizations, friends or family.



The ROUND PANTRY assists in two ways by providing cartloads of food including fresh fruits and vegetables and a variety of higher protein foods. This nutritious food supports physical health and lessens susceptibility to illness. And, receiving food relieves one stresser in economic decision making ----- the trade-offs of paying rent, paying for heat, filling a prescription, getting gas to get to work ---- or buying food.

Our *Book of Order* / Directory of Worship states in part:

God sends the Church to show compassion in the world: feeding the hungry, ... sheltering the homeless, welcoming strangers...being present with all those in need. These acts of compassion ... are the work of the Church as the body of Christ.

Thank you Westview for supporting the efforts of The ROUND PANTRY and **being** the Church as the Body of Christ to our community.



Betty Jean Morgan
(December 20, 1927—April 4, 2022)

Timothy Waddingham
(January 17, 1951—April 5, 2022)

Carol Peterson
(July 16, 1934—April 23, 2022)



Saturday, May 7

Come enjoy breakfast at 8:00 a.m.,
hosted by Westview Men in Fellowship Hall.

Immediately following breakfast, there will be
both indoor and outdoor cleaning and
maintenance opportunities!

This Work Day will be a little shorter than usual,
with completion by 10:30—11:00 a.m.

Memorial
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Other News (cont.)



Marjorie Weibel	05/02
Craig Flora	05/06
Kysa Milroy	05/11
Debbie Ellerman	05/12
Marilyn McQueen	05/14
Jeanine Barnes	05/17
Donna Schmitt	05/20
Shawn Chriswell	05/21
Bob Parsons	05/21
Bill Grove	05/23
Diane Boyle	05/25
Kyle O'Brien	05/27
Kimberly Deegan	05/28

Marsha and Fabio Ruscitti	05/08
Jeanine and Jerry Barnes	05/23
Judy and Fred Coats	05/26
Debbie and Bill Ellerman	05/27
Judy and Fred Clark	05/29

SafeLot Shelter Meals

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








Upcoming dates: **May 20, June 17**

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	May 18 1:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall	Open to: Anyone Meets: Wednesday in between Pantry dates Contact: Wanda Heibein
Men's Breakfast	May 7 8:00 a.m.	Fellowship Hall	Open to: Any interested men Meets: Oct—May, 1st Saturday of the month Contact: Harry Heibein
Men's Weekly Coffee	May 5, 12, 19, 26	Ziggi's, at 1139 Francis	Open to: All are welcome Meets: Weekly on Thursdays, 8:00 am, 1139 Francis Contact: Harry Heibein

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  9:30 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Ice Cream Social	2  9:30 AM Handbells rehearsal 1:00 PM Creating Cards 6:30 PM Worship MA	3	4 1:00 PM Deacons meeting 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	5 8:00 AM Men's Coffee 6:30 PM Outreach MA 7:00 PM Facilities/Admin	6 	7 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast 8:30 AM Spring Work Day 1:00 PM Tim Waddingham service
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