

October, 2021

The Westviewer

Westview Presbyterian



Dear Westview,

October will be an interesting month for the Dolquist family. The first weekend of October I will be out of the office leading a retreat for Westside Presbyterian in New Jersey. The second weekend of the month I will be in Yakima celebrating my mom's 90th birthday. The third weekend I will be in southwestern Colorado at a continuing education event around the theme of spiritual direction (I am a certified spiritual director and wilderness guide in case you didn't know). All of these events were rescheduled to October because of Covid (with the exception of my mom's birthday, which is always in October!) I will be back in church on Sunday, October 24th for Anika Buer's baptism.

Update on the Town Hall meetings:

We conducted two excellent town hall meetings in the month of September. The first town hall was regarding priorities for the mission and ministry of the church, the second about the mission and ministry of our facility.

Below please find the results of the town hall, including feedback from the congregation through mail or email. Each person was given three votes in each town hall according to what they think the priority should be. Three points were given for each #1 vote; two points for #2; and one point for #3.

September 19th Town Hall regarding ministry priorities

Priority	Number of people who placed it as #1	#2	#3	Total
Spiritual formation in a new era	11	4	3	44
Becoming a Matthew 25 Congregation	6	3	4	28
1001 New Worshipping Communities such as: A dinner church, farm church, or some other gathering other than Sunday morning	2	8	5	27

September 26th Town Hall regarding facility priorities

Facility Issue	Number of people who place it as #1	#2	#3	Total
Signage	9	5	3	40
Developing a master plan for the facilities	5	6	3	30
Debt reduction of the \$160,000 loan	5	4	2	25

I am very pleased with the excellent conversation at the town halls, and thank everyone for their participation. We will continue to work on the priorities with lots of congregational input as we seek to discern a strategic plan and clarify vision, values, and identity as the Holy Spirit leads us.

Sincerely in Christ,



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Date & Times to Note

- **Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**—Sunday Worship service, 9:30 am
- **Oct 6, 13, 20, 27**—Chancel and Bell Choir rehearsal
- **Oct 7, 14, 21, 28**—Men's Coffee @ Ziggi's, 1139 Francis, 8:00 am
- **Oct 7**— Communications/Evangelism MA, 6:30 pm
Facilities & Administration MA, 6:30 pm
Outreach MA, 6:30 pm
Spiritual Journeys MA, 6:30 pm
Worship MA, 6:30 pm
- **Oct 11, 25**—Round Pantry Set-up
- **Oct 12, 26**—Round Pantry, 2:00—7:00 pm
- **Oct 15**—SafeLot Volunteer Meal by Westview
- **Oct 20**—Mexican Train Dominos, 1:00 pm
- **Oct 24**—Westview Soup Luncheon, following worship service
- **Oct 24**—CROP Walk @ Heart of Longmont UMC, 2:00 pm
- **Oct 28**—Session meeting, 6:30 pm

Special points of interest:

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

- **2021 Covenant Commitment—\$55.00**



Session Notes

At their regular meeting on September 16, Session took the following action.

- Approved a job description for Nursery Attendant, with positions to be filled this Fall.
- Approved Longmont Symphony Orchestra's use of the sanctuary for a potential concert in December.
- A plan was finalized for The Round Pantry to clear space for congregational activities in shared spaces between Pantry weeks.
- Action: October Session meeting moved to Thursday, Oct. 28th to accommodate Pastor Dan's schedule.



The Worship Ministry Area is looking for those who would like to bring their **musical talents** to share during a worship service. If you would like to sing, play an instrument, or ring a bell, contact Ann Constantinides or Beth Kelsic,.

We're also looking for those who would like to serve as **liturgists**. If this is something that interests you, please contact Sharon in the church office.

....Worship Ministry Area



A sincere thank you to all who have kept Jim, Jr. in your prayers. They are very much appreciated. He is much better, but not fully recovered. Your prayers are always most welcome. We are grateful for our Westview friends!

God's Blessing,

Nancy Sloan and Jim, Jr.



Mark your calendars for **FELLOWSHIP SOUP LUNCH**
OCTOBER 24th, immediately following the worship service.

Deacons will sponsor this event and ask the congregation to help provide food.

There will be sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall on October 10th and 17th to bring **chicken noodle soup, chili, cookies, or cornbread**.

We will also plan on enough soup to deliver to homebound members and friends.

Please contact Wanda Heibein if you have a friend who would enjoy some soup.



The more things change...

Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. Philippians 4:6-7 [The Message]

What worries us is sometimes that things change...and sometimes it's that things have stayed the same.

The mission and work of The ROUND PANTRY certainly falls on either side of this spectrum – The more things change, the more things stay the same / The more things stay the same, the more they change.

COVID caused us all to stay in, do the same thing every day, worry and wonder. And, for virtually everyone – it felt like everything changed. For our Pantry shoppers, this was the case ... lost jobs, school at home, worry about personal health and health of those distant from us, isolation mentally, physically and spiritually. And, as described by Community Food Share [CFS]: for many people in our community and our country, the pandemic was a tipping point — the push that caused them to visit a food pantry for the first time. We already had people who were struggling with food security, who were probably one paycheck away, and they lost that paycheck..." and then another and...

A recent report by Feeding America (the nation's largest domestic hunger-relief organization most highly rated by Better Business Bureau, Charity Navigator and Guidestar) included the following findings: [\[https://www.feedingamerica.org\]](https://www.feedingamerica.org)

Feeding America projects that 42 million people (1 in 8), including 13 million children (1 in 6), may experience food insecurity in 2021.

Many people who have been most impacted by the pandemic were food insecure or at risk of food insecurity before COVID-19 and are facing greater hardship since COVID-19.

It will likely take time for food insecurity levels to recover. The pandemic is not yet over, and the future remains tenuous for people who have experienced uncertain access to enough food for their families. After the Great Recession, it took nearly ten years, until 2018, for food insecurity to pre-recession levels, and even then, 37 million people were still at risk of hunger. While it may be likely that economic conditions will improve more quickly for some this time around, it will take continued support and public-private partnership across the government, the private sector, and the charitable food system to achieve the vision of an America where no one is hungry.

And, while we had hoped this summer that things were changing, a lot is still the same... Shoppers have not recovered from a year and a half of lost or reduced wages, health and the ability to work has declined, child-care is less available and even less affordable, food prices have risen, housing is in short supply and at a premium. And, so, the number of shoppers at The ROUND PANTRY that decreased over the summer has returned to the October 2020 level of 350 and is rising to an average 362 for the "month" just prior to press time.

An element that has remained fairly constant is the poundage available for distribution from CFS, donated food, and purchases made with donated funds. The September total received from CFS was just under 50,000 pounds and the summer average donations (direct donation of food and purchase of food with donated funds) was an average of 4,000 per month. Based on past experience, these totals literally 'fall in the fall'. As you can, we encourage you to support the Community Food Share, and consider 'final quarter' monetary donations to ROUND PANTRY.

Pantry volunteers from Westview, partner churches and community groups remain regular participants in this mission and we are routinely joined by new friends as we distribute the same nutritious food, warm smiles and the Love of God.

A change that will be put in place for the safety of our shoppers and volunteers is the institution of **New Hours** as it becomes darker earlier, the temperature drop and conditions can be icy and slick. Beginning on November 9, the Pantry Drive Line will be open from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

The ROUND PANTRY is continuing its efforts working with Facilities and Administration Ministry Area and Session. The boxes necessary to get food bagged and out to the driveline (that have been reused over and over since early 2020) will still need to be stored between Pantry weeks, but will soon be shielded by 'room divider' free-standing curtains. Gathering Place will be completely clear and over three-quarters of Fellowship Hall will be open (except when events such as Memorial Services require the alternate set-up).

As we move to more and more meetings, activities and events, everyone is asked to contact Sharon Boeye, Office Manager, about room use (both recurring and one-time) at least 48 hours in advance. The form below will be used to communicate the needs/desires of each group for their meeting or event. Forms are available in the church office.

REQUEST FOR USE OF FACILITY

Westview Presbyterian Church

1500 Hover Street, Longmont, CO 80501

Name of Group: _____

Date of Event: _____ Desired room: _____

Contact person: _____

Phone# _____ Alternate phone # _____

E-mail _____

One time use _____ Recurring use _____

If recurring, frequency and schedule _____

Start time _____ End time _____

Number of people _____

Special equipment required: _____

Need for church representative to unlock and/or lock up after meeting? Yes _____ No _____

Use Space Below to Diagram Requested Set-up of Room



Upcoming Events for your Calendar

- **Creating Cards Ministry** will meet on Thursday, October 7, 1:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. All are welcome to join the fun.
- **Dominos** meets Wednesday, October 20, 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Come be part of this enthusiastic group.
- **Westview Fall Work Day** on Saturday, November 6, 9:00 a.m. Bring your super skills and ideas. Watch for details coming soon.



Men's Breakfast

**Men's Breakfast
starts back on October 2,
8:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall !!**

**Meets first Saturday of each month.
October thru May
All are Welcome.**

From Your Outreach Ministry Area



You Are Invited !

What: Support-Raising Dinner for **School of Promise in Thailand**

Where: The River Church, Lyons, CO

When: October 17, 6:30—8:00 p.m.

RSVP: joel.v@sopromise.org (Joel Vander Kooi)

HIS planted the School of Promise in Thailand in 2010. Starting with 12 students, we have grown to over 130 students. Half of them attend on full scholarships because they are at risk for human trafficking and other poverty-related dangers. Our Mission is to provide hope and a future to students and families in the developing world by sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ, providing excellent education, and breaking the cycle of poverty and oppression. Join us to hear inspiring stories of how the Lord is working, and to learn how to get involved.

www.WeAreHIS.org

Other News (cont.)



Ashley Lindley	10/03
Tom Riis	10/06
Denese Watts	10/07
Christopher Bachmann	10/08
Dotty Lindley	10/12
Mark White	10/12
Karleen Ehlert	10/15
Erynn Chriswell	10/18
Nancy Goin	10/18
Richard Grosz	10/18
Zayla Wheatley	10/22
Charlotte Carey	10/23
Jean Ann Straitwell	10/24
Enola Muhler	10/25

Marjorie and Douglas Weibel	10/06
Sarah and Bruce Bernau	10/10
Ann and Keith Constantinides	10/17



SafeLot Shelter Meals

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

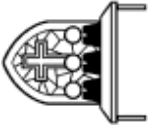






Upcoming dates: **October 15, November 19**

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!
We would LOVE to have you be a part of us!

GROUP	DATE & TIME	PLACE	SPECIAL NOTES
Mexican Train Dominos	October 20, 1:00 p.m.	Gathering Place	Open to: Anyone Meets: Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 8 Contact: Wanda Heibein
Men's Breakfast	October 2, 8:00 a.m.	Fellowship Hall	Open to: Any interested men Meets: Oct—May, 1st Saturday 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>

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>26</p>  <p>Town Hall meeting (following worship) 9:30 AM Worship Service</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Round Pantry Setup</p>	<p>28</p>  <p>2:00 PM Round Pantry at Westview</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8:00 AM Men's Coffee</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>8:00 AM Men's Breakfast</p>
<p>3</p> <p>9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Flu Shots in Gathering Place</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:00 AM Men's Coffee 1:00 PM Creating Cards Ministry 6:30 PM Comm/Evang. MA 6:30 PM Facilities/Admin 6:30 PM Outreach MA 6:30 PM Spiritual Journeys MA 6:30 PM Worship MA</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10</p> <p>9:30 AM Worship Service</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Round Pantry Setup</p>	<p>12</p>  <p>2:00 PM Round Pantry at Westview</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:00 AM Men's Coffee</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Volunteer for SafeLot meal</p>	<p>16</p> 
<p>17</p> <p>9:30 AM Worship Service</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>1:00 PM Mexican Train Dominoes 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:00 AM Men's Coffee</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Baptism - Anika Buer 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Soup Luncheon (following worship) 2:00 PM CROP Walk @ Heart of Longmont</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Round Pantry Setup</p>	<p>26</p>  <p>2:00 PM Round Pantry at Westview</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6:30 PM Personnel Advisory Committee 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:00 AM Men's Coffee 6:30 PM Session Meeting</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>
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