

MAY 2023

The Westviewer

Official Newsletter of Westview Presbyterian Church

SAVE THE DATE - SUNDAY, MAY 14!

FILL-THE-HALL DAY BRUNCH

You and your family are invited to join us on May 14, for a delicious Mid-May Gourmet Brunch on Fill-the-Hall Day after worship. Tom Herman, a mystery chef, and the Men's Breakfast team will be preparing fabulous hors d'oeuvres, meats, and veggies. Gatherings/Deacons will provide sweet treats. Attendance sign-up sheets (including childcare requests), are available in narthex and Fellowship Hall, or feel free to write your name, number attending, and any ages of children, and drop in the offering plate. There is no charge for brunch, but donations are gratefully accepted.

Thank you,
Gatherings Ministry Area



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PASTOR'S PEN

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*"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit
comes upon you . . ."
Jesus of Nazareth, Acts 1:8*

Dear Westview,

My guess is we don't relate too much to the above verse in the Book of Acts because we are not feeling very powerful these days. Life has a way of humbling us. We would like more power over things, especially since the Greek word for power is "dunamis," from which we get the English word "dynamite."

Of course, Jesus isn't talking about power "over" things in this verse. On Pentecost Sunday (May 28th) we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and remember the "dunamis" of the Holy Spirit is the power to witness: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you will be my witnesses . . ." The power is to witness Christ and what theologians call "The Paschal Mystery" (Paschal meaning "Passover") of death, resurrection, and rebirth.

In this month of May, let us consider what is alive in us, but also what is falling away. What are the new surrenders God is calling us to? This is a great witness to the life of discipleship for which God calls us. What areas of our lives are we witnessing and embracing the constant cycle of death and resurrection?

Sincerely In Christ,

Dr. Dan

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DR. DAN





Date & Times to Note

- May 1**-Creating Cards Ministry, 1:00 pm
- May 1**-Worship MA, 6:30 pm
- May 3, 10, 24, 31**-Wednesday Bible Study group, 10:00 am
- May 3**-Deacons meeting, 1:00 pm
- May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**-Choir rehearsal, 6:30 pm
- May 4, 11, 18, 25**-Men's Coffee @ Ziggi's, 1139 Francis, 8:00 am
- May 4**-Facilities and Administration MA, 7:00 pm
- May 6**-Men's Breakfast group, 8:00 am
- May 7, 14, 21, 28**-Sunday worship service, 9:30 am
- May 7**-Council meeting, 11:00 am
- May 7, 21**-Pantry re-set, 2:00 pm
- May 8, 22**-Pantry Set-up, starting at 8:00 am
- May 9, 23**-Round Pantry Drive-line, 2:00-6:00 pm
- May 10, 24**-Pantry Community Distribution, 9:00 am
- May 10**-Spiritual Journeys MA, 2:30 pm
- May 11**-Outreach MA, 6:30 pm
- May 14, 28**-The Great Spiritual Migration book study, 11:00 am
- May 14**-Mother's Day Brunch
Capital Campaign Pledge Day
Choir Appreciation Day
- May 17**-Session meeting, 10:00 am
- May 19**-SafeLot meal provided by Westview
- May 21, 28**-Garden Planting Day, 11:00 am
- May 21**-Walk in The Wild, 11:30 am
- May 29**-Memorial Day (office closed)

MANY THANKS

Westview was blessed by a wonderful sharing of gifts on Easter, and would like to thank organist/pianist Karin Buer, guitarist Adam Buer, and singers Adam Buer, Bruce Buer, Sharon Cely, Kay Daugherty, Barbara Emery-Geiger, Carol Heepke, Harriet Kracklauer, Sara Lloyd, Marnie Morris, Ann Parsons, Jim Reed, Susie Reed, and Robert Rose. Thanks also to Brittany Littrell and family for treating us to a special Coffee Fellowship time.

Thank you Westview for your generous offerings "through the fish banks" to the Presbyterian One Great Hour of Sharing! Thanks to your enthusiastic coin collecting, our grand total of \$989 will go to help support disaster assistance, hunger, and continued self-development of people.

PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING

The Outreach Missions Ministry Area would like to advise you of this year's PC(USA)'s Pentecost Special Offering, and your opportunity to give through the end of May. A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of this collection is retained by Westview, and Outreach MA has chosen LEVI (Longmont Ending Violence Initiative) to receive these funds. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this mission. All donations may be given through the church office or on-line.

Please note that funds are for: Pentecost Offering.



ATTENTION PARENTS! HIGHLANDS CAMP INFORMATION

Children younger than Middle School may attend Inter-generational Camp: **July 16-21**
 Middle School Camp: **July 9-14**
 Senior High School Camp: **July 23-28**

Scholarships are available for all sessions!
 More information at highlandscamp.org





Round Pantry Update

As we finish up a long-awaited spring season, we want to update you on The Round Pantry. As many of you may already know, the recent reduction in SNAP benefits has left many families in our community struggling to put food on the table. [Recent Congressional action ended the SNAP Emergency Allotments that were in place - due to COVID - as of the end of March 2023. [hungerfreecolorado.org/](https://www.hungerfreecolorado.org/)] As a result, we have large numbers of people coming to the Round Pantry for assistance.

In the month of March alone, we served over 2200 households providing them with much-needed food. Our volunteers have been working tirelessly to process and package food and get the food to our shoppers in the Drive Line or through Community Distribution. We are so grateful for our volunteers' dedication and hard work!

We need to highlight two realities within the level of need:

- We have an increased need for volunteers and have added task slots to our volunteer sign ups.
- We are currently having to purchase about half of the shelf-stable products that are distributed (i.e. canned soup, canned fruit & vegetables, canned tuna, plain rice, boxed and canned meals.)

It's important to remember that anyone can experience food insecurity, regardless of their background or circumstances. Many of the individuals and families who come to the Round Pantry are facing unexpected financial challenges, such as rent increases, medical bills, or other emergencies. The Round Pantry provides a crucial safety net for these individuals and helps ensure that they have access to nutritious food.

As a faith community, we can all play a role in supporting The Round Pantry whether it's through making a donation, volunteering your time, or spreading the word about the pantry's services. Together, we make a difference in the lives of those who are struggling in our community

"We believe Jesus Christ models how we are to live in community and to confront injustice, including poverty. Jesus Christ taught us to care for the vulnerable, to be a good neighbor, and to provide food to the hungry..." from Presbyterian Mission "Seven Faith Assertions"

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/poverty/>

SafeLot SHELTER

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

Upcoming dates: May 19, June 16

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





BIRTHDAYS

- Marjorie Weibel **5/02**
- Craig Flora **5/06**
- Kysa Milroy **5/11**
- Debbie Ellerman **5/12**
- Marilyn McQueen **5/14**
- Jeanine Barnes **5/17**
- Donna Schmitt **5/20**
- Bob Parsons **5/21**
- Bill Grove **5/23**
- Diane Boyle **5/25**
- Kyle O'Brien **5/27**
- Kimberly Deegan **5/28**

ANNIVERSARIES

- Marsha and Fabio Ruscitti **5/08**
- Jeanine and Jerry Barnes **5/23**
- Judy and Fred Coats **5/26**
- Debbie and Bill Ellerman **5/27**

IN MEMORY OF

Howard R. Novak
February 5, 1933-April 7, 2023

WORSHIP MINISTRY AREA

The Worship Ministry Area would like to invite you to join us in celebrating our wonderful choir on Sunday, May 14th during the 9:30 am service.

We'd also like to request that you wear red, yellow, and orange, or any combination thereof, for our May 28th 9:30 am church service as we celebrate Pentecost.

SESSION NOTES

At their regular meeting on April 19, 2023, Session took the following actions:







Approved: Changing to a different Accounting firm named Ellis Bottom Line Bookkeepers

Approved: The Westview Emergency Plan and its Implementation

Approved: Use of the parking lot for Community Food Share to use for a mobile pantry on the first and third Thursdays. This will add an additional mobile pantry similar to the present one on first and third Tuesdays.

THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU AT WESTVIEW

GROUP	DATE/TIME LOCATION	NOTES
Mexican Train Dominos	May 17 Fellowship Hall	Open to anyone! Contact: Wanda Heibein
Men's Breakfast Group	May 6 Fellowship Hall	Meets 1st Sat. of the month Contact: Harry Heibein
Men's Weekly Coffee	May 4, 11, 18, 25 Ziggi's at 1139 Francis	Meets weekly at 8am on Thursdays at Ziggi's Contact: Harry Heibein
Round Urban Garden	May 21 & 28 1500 Hover	Open to anyone! Garden Planting Days 11a-1p

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>30 9:30am Worship Service</p>	<p>1 1:00pm Creating Cards Ministry 6:30pm Worship MA</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 10:00am Bible Study Group 1:00pm Deacons meeting 6:30pm Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>4 8:00am Men's Coffee 7:00pm Facilities/Admin</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 8:00am Men's Breakfast</p>
<p>7 9:30am Worship Service 11:00am Council meeting 2:00pm Pantry Re-set</p>	<p>8 8:00am Pantry Set-up</p>	<p>9  8:00am Pantry Set-up 2:00pm Pantry Drive line</p>	<p>10 9:00am Community Distr. 10:00am Bible Study Group 2:30pm Spiritual Journeys MA 6:30pm Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>11 8:00am Men's Coffee 6:30pm Outreach MA 6:30pm Personnel Advisory</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 </p>
<p>14  Capital Campaign Pledge Day Choir Appreciation Day 9:30am Worship Service 11:00am "Fill-the-Hall Day" Brunch 11:00am Spiritual Migration book study</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 10:00am Session meeting 1:00pm Dominoes 6:30pm Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>18 8:00am Men's Coffee</p>	<p>19 Volunteer for Safelot meal</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21  9:30am Worship Service 11:00am Garden Planting Day 11:30am Walk in The Wild 2:00pm Pantry Re-set</p>	<p>22 8:00am Pantry Setup</p>	<p>23  8:00am Pantry Set-up 2:00pm Pantry Drive line</p>	<p>24 9:00am Community Distr. 10:00am Bible Study Group 6:30pm Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>25 8:00am Men's Coffee</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
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Worship Times:
Sunday morning at 9:30am
In Person and on Zoom

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