

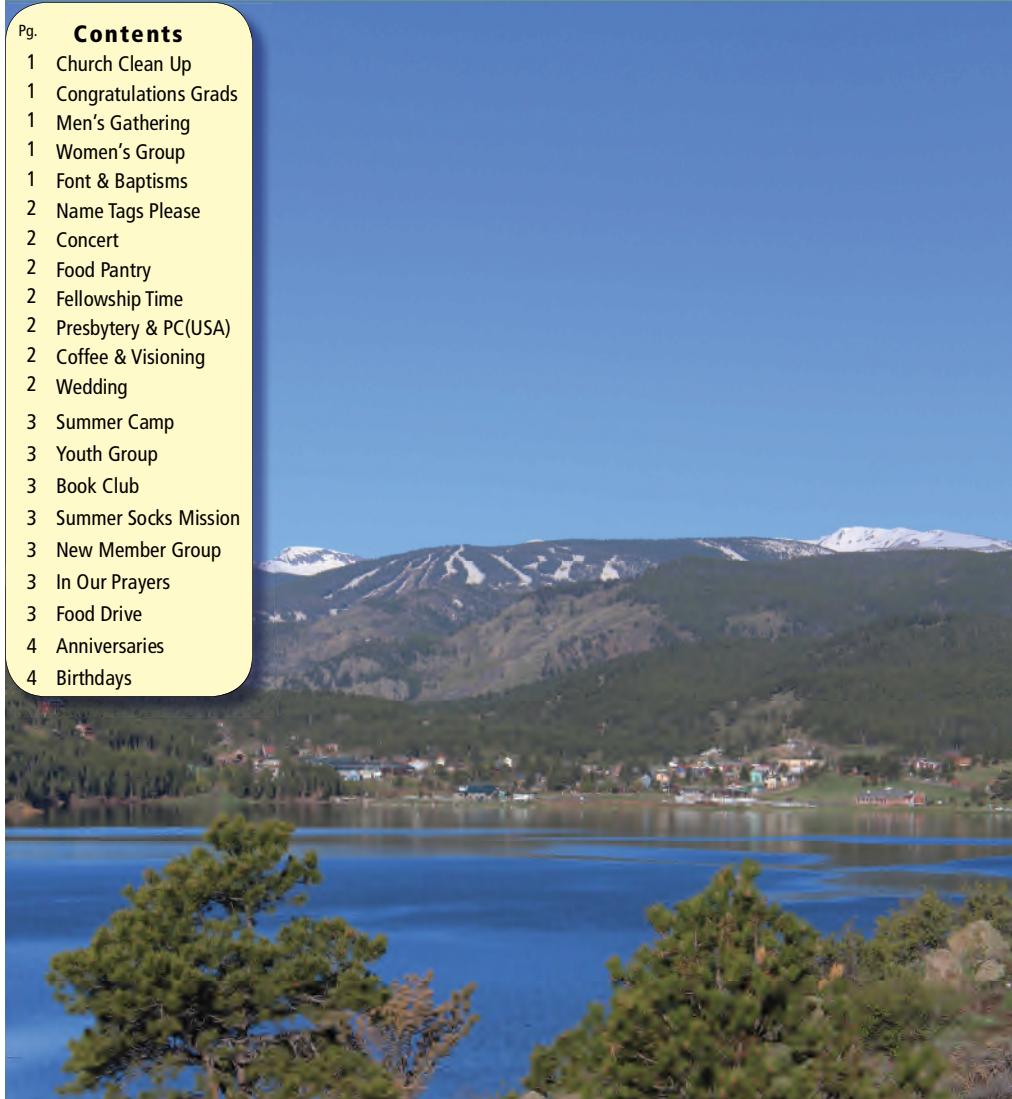
The Bell Tower

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NEDERLAND COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Congregation of caring friends and neighbors . . . growing
to live our motto: *open doors, open minds, open hearts*

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Following spring snow and rain, Our cup runneth over

27 May 2014

FONT & BAPTISMS – We are currently in the midst of the Real Stuff sermon series. From 18 May to 15 June, we are looking at what God has to say about the real stuff in our lives that can cause the most joy and pain. So, we'll dive into things like sexuality, money, health, friendships

and decisions. Also, on each of those Sundays, we will learn about baptism, as we introduce our new font. Here are a few common questions about baptism.

Why do Presbyterians baptize infants, and other churches don't? Because we
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Spring Clean Up Day!!! May 31st — 9:00 - 12:00

Our Little Brown Community Church has its much needed annual spring Clean Up and Fix Up morning scheduled for Saturday, 31 May, 9 to noon.

This will be a time for painting, fixing, and cleaning inside and out.

If you like gardening, we have a garden that needs attention.

If you like working in the kitchen, we have a kitchen that can use you.

If you like general cleaning, the entire facility needs you.

If you like fixing things, there are several areas where you can put your skills to use.

Whatever you have interest or a talent, the church can use your help!

Jim Hubbard will have various tools, ladders, etc available, **but** please bring whatever tools and other supplies you think may be needed.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS and join us for a fun filled morning. Coffee and other refreshments will be available.

CONGRATULATIONS TO our graduates and their families! **Wes Stiefer II** commences from Centaurus High School and **Luke Harrison** from Nederland. Prayers go with you all!

MEN'S GATHERING meets the third Sunday of each month at 4 pm at Very Nice Brewing. All men are welcome, whether or not you drink beer. Come enjoy some conversation and a chance to serve our community.

WOMEN'S GROUP meets the first Sunday of each month at 4 pm. All women are welcome, whether or not you want a margarita, whether or not you are a *mamacita*. Come laugh and share a little about your life.



Hello, My Name is

Scott

This is a reprint from last year. It is still a good reminder. If you're serving as the greeter, hand folks their name tags!

The Importance of Being Approachable

Hello, My Name is Scott... that's the title of a book written by Scott Ginsberg. He's the 24/7 Name Tag Man. He has worn a name tag all day every day for years.

Scott had to wear a name tag for a seminar when a sophomore in college. He decided to leave it on and that night he met about 20 new people.

About a year later following an epiphany, Ginsberg began wearing a name tag all the time. When folks ask why he does it, he has evolved a simple response: "Name tags make people friendlier."

Anne Bernays, co-author of *The Language of Names* echoes that sentiment. She says it shows that you are open to meeting others and want to be friends.

You can learn more about Scott at his web site: www.hellomynameisscott.com

So, what's the point? Wear your name tag!

Don't have one? Ask and it shall be printed.

NEW NAME TAGS – The name tag board is getting full! Gary made new tags for about 40 people who didn't have one. In an effort to get to know folks better, especially since there will be even more of us over the summer, let's try to wear those tags on Sunday mornings. And if we missed your name, let us know.

— Hansen

Fellowship Time – HAVE YOU BEEN LOOKING for a way to serve at church, but can't make a long term commitment? Fellowship on Sunday mornings is for you! Sign up on the sheet outside the kitchen, or contact Claudia O'Neill with any questions you may have. (303-258-3447, claudiaone@wispertel.net). Below are some of the folks who hosted fellowship in March.

COFFEE AND VISIONING—Every Thursday, 9 a.m. at *The Train Cars* back room, everyone is invited for coffee and conversation about life, faith, church and everything in between.



Sunday - June 8th Nederland Concert Series Daniel Herman & Friends!

Daniel Herman is well known to the many who have heard him play Sunday mornings at the Presbyterian Church. He is bringing to the stage four friends who will share their impressive skills on the piano with vocals.

A classically trained pianist since the age of 5, Daniel Herman blends improvisation with original interpretations of songs across a wide variety of musical styles.

You will experience solo piano layered with field recordings, live loop and percussion for an engaging, immersive performance.

Nederland Community Presbyterian Church

Potluck at 5:00 p.m.

please bring a dish to share

Concert begins at 6:00 p.m.

Suggested donation \$10

Exclusive showing of the art of Tom Roczen

Concert sponsored in cooperation with NCPC and Ned's Reds, Joseph Chapter of Red Hat Society.

For more information contact Jan Tafoya, 303-258-9236

NEWS FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF PLAINS AND PEAKS, our regional body of congregations:

- One 1 June we dedicate the restoration of Weldon Valley Pres in Goodrich, whose building was seriously damaged in the floods.
- On 29 June we welcome a newly ordained pastor at Valmont Pres in Boulder, Eric Garner from Princeton Seminary.
- Central Pres in Longmont is growing a strong Latino Ministry.
- The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is being housed at Mountain View Pres in Loveland, to continue working on long-term flood recovery...

The July Newsletter deadline is

Monday, June 23

From Susan Tower

I just wanted to pass onto the NCPC family some wonderful news in my life. I got married last weekend!! I thought it would be nice to let the congregation know. I have certainly missed the community. Here is the "formal" announcement.

Susan Christine Tower

*Daughter of Dr. Kathleen Ruth Tower Ph.D.
and the late John (Jack) William Tower
and*

Nicholas Arthur Boehner

*Son of Grafton Lee and Martha Lee Boehner
were married on May 17, 2014 in Boulder Colorado*



THE NEDERLAND FOOD PANTRY continues to be a busy place. We are starting to see more clients on Saturdays, we have served 65 people on the last two Saturdays. Our Thursday hours remain consistent with about 100 people served each Thursday.

The garden is coming along and the potato plants are 5 inches tall. We have radishes, bok choy, spinach, onions, chard, peas and lettuce all starting to grow. We hope to get the squash and tomato plants in next week.

Think of the pantry when you travel this summer. We are always in need of travel size shampoo, soap, and lotion.



This is *your* newsletter. Where's your news?

...and some **news from** our national denomination, **PC (USA)**:

- Our biannual meeting is coming up, 14-21 June in Detroit.
- Topics include tons of resolutions on peace and justice issues, selecting a new moderator, and plenty of projects to inspire the church. Learn more than you would ever want to know at pc-biz.org.
- Some PCUSA seminaries have come out strongly urging delegates to deal
*Jesus is the outstretched hand of God.
I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me. John 14:6*
(Translation of the German in the photo on page 4)



(Continued from Page 1) like children to grow up knowing that God chose them first...

Do I have to be baptized for God to forgive me? No. God forgives our mistakes (sins) and redeems us from the dirty ways that the world works (sin). Our prayers of confession are ways we respond to the first. Baptism is a representation of what God does for the latter.

Why do we have a little bowl, and others use a deep body of water? Because Presbyterians are decent and orderly wimps... Really, the imagery of dunking someone points so well to our metaphorical death with Christ, and rising to new life. However, sprinkling can emphasize the Trinitarian nature of God's grace, and we can do that in our regular pattern of worship.

Do I have to get baptized to be part of

a church? Presbyterians don't require baptism like some denominations, but it is a great symbol for being connected to a community, and rising to our calling as followers of God.

What is different when an adult gets baptized? Adults can use baptism to testify to God's power in their life. When baptized infants grow up, they can often join a Confirmation class, to confirm the baptismal vows made on their behalf.

Why don't Presbyterians have God-parents? Many churches have a nice tradition of people standing up for a child being baptized, as sort of surrogate spiritual mentors. For Presbyterians, the entire worshipping community agrees to help nurture and raise the child. In other words, you are all God-parents, many times over!

If I was baptized in another type of

church, do I have to be re-baptized here? Nope. Presbyterians accept nearly every type of baptism. The power is with God, not with the minister or church that performed the act. (Interestingly, our denomination just recently signed a landmark covenant with the Catholic Church, so that they now recognize our baptisms as valid.)

Do I have to get baptized in order to be saved or go to heaven? No way! Baptism is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual truth. It is our human way of ritualizing, and thereby making very important, something that God does.

Can I get baptized? Yep! Talk to Hansen, and we can make a plan to learn more about what it means to you or your child.

— Hansen



SUMMER CAMP – Children, youth and families, right down the road we have the awesome Highlands Presbyterian Camp & Retreat Center! All summer they offer amazing camps for young folks of all ages. Check out all the programs

at highlandscamp.org, but consider especially Middle School Adventure July 6-11 (led by a certain pastor you know...) or Mission Work Camp July 13-18 (for 7th-12th graders, with our friends from St. Andrew Presbyterian in Boulder).

Upcoming Youth Group meetings!

27 May 6:30 – What to know about: Matthew

8 June 11:30 – Faith Questions

20 June 6:30 – Game Night

24 June 6:30 – What to know about: Mark

**Rising 6th graders
we can't wait to see you in
Youth Group!**

Book Club – THE BOOK CLUB MEETS each Tuesday at 6:30, at the church, for dinner and good discussion. All are invited to join for Rob Bell's Love Wins, the subtitle for which is "a book about Heaven, Hell, and the Fate of every person who ever lived". This is one of the most popular (and controversial) books about faith in modern times, so it's sure to keep us all interested!



Summer Socks & Sandwiches

NCPC is joining with a number of other local organizations to start the Summer Socks & Sandwiches program!

On the middle Thursdays of each month (as opposed to the 1st and last Thursdays, when the Food Pantry is open), we are inviting the community, especially anyone who might need help with food, to meet at noon in Chipeta Park.

Can you help prepare sandwiches the night before, for children whose free school lunches disappear in the summer? Can you play with young kids in the playground? Can you hand out to summer campers things like socks, fire information, or trash bags for their campsites? Can you help build peace in Nederland, by just sharing kindness and hospitality?

The Kingdom of God thrives spending time together with diverse people. So, we would love to have you join in this project, any of June 12 & 19, July 10, 17 & 24, August 14 & 21. Talk to Hansen with any questions.

"I have been absolutely terrified every moment of my life and I have never let it keep me from doing a single thing I wanted to do" – Georgia O'Keefe

New Member Interest Group

Months ago four people completed the process of formal membership in NCPC. Another dozen or so folks have expressed some interest, so another New Member Interest Group will meet after worship each of the Sundays, 29 June, 6 & 13 July, to look at things like your own faith stories, the history of this congregation, and how we understand this little corner of Christianity to be pointing toward Jesus. We'll talk about what it means to belong, believe and behave in the Kingdom of God, asking questions, reading some Bible, and praying together. Find Hansen with any questions you have!

THE NEVER ENDING FOOD DRIVE is never ending because _____ (fill in the blank).
Food Drive Regardless of your answer, NCPC needs your continued help and support. Consider bringing a non-perishable food item to church for our food basket (on the credenza). Thanks for your generous support. See Page 2 Col. 3

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS
Judy Anderson; Linda Brown and family; Barbara Hardt; Brian and Victoria Hardt; Marylou Harrison's mother; Tamara Haynes; Justine Irwin; Shane Kochen; Rev Mark Lake; Jeremiah Long and family; Karen Moss; Dean Rundle and family; Rhonda Skeie and her brother Steve Holland; Kent Snow; Megan Stadele and her parents; Joye Stanich; Jerry and Margaret Ward; Orran's family and friends; for those who are unable to worship with us regularly; for those serving in the military.



(Sign seen on the side of a home near Bad Goisern, north of Hallstatt in the Salzkammergut – Austria)

*If there is light in the soul,
there will be beauty in the person.
If there is beauty in the person,
there will be harmony in the house.
If there is harmony in the house,
there will be order in the nation.
If there is order in the nation,
there will be peace in the world.*

— Chinese Proverb

A great many people think they are thinking when they are merely rearranging their prejudices.

— William James

*We are all blind until we see
That in the human plan
Nothing is worth the making if
It does not make the man.
Why build these cities glorious
If man unbuilted goes?
In vain we build the world, unless
The builder also grows.*

— E. Markham
Poet Laureate of Oregon
1923-1931



June Birthdays!

5 Gary Ennor	13 Marty Whalen-Heller
5 Sibyl Goerner	15 Liz Ford
9 Donald Dexter	15 Tricia Stiefer
11 Kathy Brantley	20 Tamara Haynes



June Anniversaries!

5 Dennis & Dorothy Whalen	10 Rosalie Bargmann & Jerry Griess
6 Robert & Linda Bennett	11 Dan & Gwen Burak
6 Debbie & Jim Stevens	20 Paul & Pam Friskopp
7 Jim & Genette Sizer	27 Donna & Charlie Collier
9 Jeremy & Aimee Tomlinson	29 Diana & Al Nelson



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