

The Bell Tower

June 2015

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



NPCPC . . . a Charter for Compassion Partner

Hansen's Surgery

Hansen comes back from shoulder surgery on 1 June!

"Thanks to everyone who helped with the last couple weeks of day-to-day church work, and thanks to everyone who pitched in to keep me going!

I should be moving slow for a few more weeks, but soon enough you'll see my hands waving in sermons!"

Vacation Bible School

Put it on your calendar, **July 27-31** will be a great week for the youngsters in our town!

Once again we are partnering with St Rita's and Calvary Chapel, to bring all of our children together for a week of fun lessons and activities.

This year we gather at St Rita's, and again we are blessed with the leadership of three staff members from Highlands Presbyterian Camp, just down the road in Allenspark.

Watch for announcements about how to register your child at this free event.

And we definitely need some volunteer help!

There is something for everyone: teenagers and adults, parents and seniors, great with kids and better behind the scenes.

Please talk to Hansen if you can share your time and smile with some children. Just think what it would have done to your childhood, if you had an adult like you . . .



New Worship Series

Have you ever been to a funeral and thought, "That's how I want to be celebrated"? Maybe you've been involved at the end of someone's life, amazed at how prepared the family was, emotionally or religiously, even with paperwork or finances. Or, if you knew someone who was not ready, and ended a great life with struggle, leaving difficulties for their family, perhaps you

decided to make better plans about your own death.

Nederland Community Presbyterian Church is hosting a month-long series of workshops and guided conversations about coming to the end of a Life Well Lived. Young or old, part of the church or community, for yourself or your loved ones—we want to help folks prepare for the process of dying well.

Worship — 10 a.m.

June 7 – Grief & Celebration

With music from Kids' Bluegrass Camp

June 14 – From Dust to Dust

Outdoor worship at 5010 Highway 72

June 21 – Forgiveness and Reconciliation

A service for Father's Day

June 28 – What's next?

Heaven? Hell? Hope!

Workshops — 11:15ish

June 7 – Preparing for Hospice
Hospice Chaplain, Rev Will Reller

June 14 – Planning Your Arrangements
Funeral Director, Mike Murphy

June 21 – The Medical System
Emergency Physician, Dr Don Stader

June 28 – Leaving Your Legacy
Financial Planner, Sherry Kenney

Yes, there is fear and sadness, and some of this requires hard conversations. We want to help folks work through some of that, so that they might face the inevitable with courage and dignity.

All workshops are absolutely free, and of course, they will be appropriate for

people who come from any, or no, religious tradition, without any pitches about faith or business.

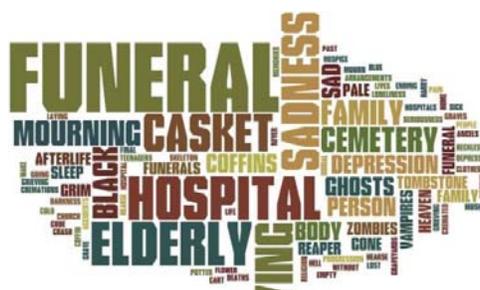
Talk to Rev Hansen Wendlandt about any further questions.

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Invite your friends and family to attend.
If you wish, come for just the workshops
you are interested in.

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Coffee and Conversation

Every Thursday, 9 am, at *The Train Cars* back room, everyone is invited for coffee and conversation about life, faith, church and everything in between.

Treasurer's Report

For 2015 through 04/30/15:
Budgeted Income \$24,233
Actual Income \$21,119
Budgeted Expenses \$32,848
Actual Expenses \$33,021

Mission Report

— Dennis Whalen

The Food Pantry served 225 people and received donations of approximately 1570 pounds of food during April.

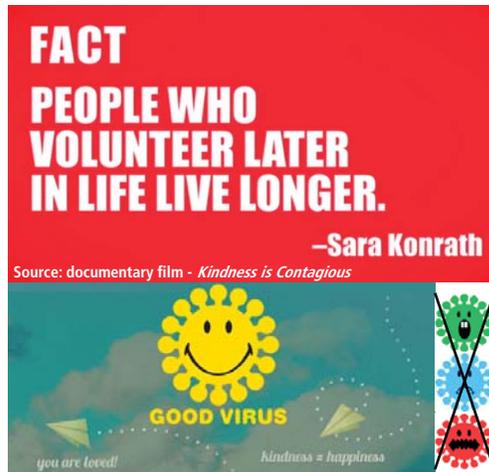
In addition, considering our recent weather during May — and thanks to some grant money received and money raised from the annual fund raiser — the Food Pantry shelves have been filled, where possible, somewhat more than usual in the event some area flooding occurs resulting in an increased number of clients and increased demand for food support.

The Food Pantry will be the highlighted non profit during the Nederland Art Fair June 27-28. A table will be set up with information about the Food Pantry and the work being done to provide supplemental food support for families and individuals.

The Food Pantry is working with the Emergency Family Assistance Association (EFAA) to get a representative in Nederland a few hours/month at the same time that the Food Pantry is open.

EFAA provides a safety net for families who are struggling to meet their basic needs, and is supported by the tax dollars of everyone within Boulder County. However, accessing EFAA services from the mountain communities has been limited due to the requirement that people travel down to Boulder. For some of the Food Pantry's clients this is a very challenging requirement.

Thus, the Food Pantry is working to get EFAA more directly engaged with the Nederland Community by providing support within our community.



Rocky Mountain Mission

This summer, we have three separate weeks of outreach, where young people will sleep at the church, and work on homes of people in need, serve the town by fixing and cleaning up parks and trails, lay up wood for elderly folks, help with the Food Pantry, and all sorts of other projects.

Our goal is to pair eager young people with opportunities to serve, all surrounded by a natural environment that can help them consider God's place in their lives and their place in God's drama.

Stop Hunger Now update

You bought Christmas ornaments, the teens sold lemonade at Frozen Dead Guy Days, and many people donated. And last month the Peak to Peak Rotary gave us a grant for \$1000, that put us over the top!

Now we can pack over 10,000 meals for hungry children abroad!



Thanks so much to everyone who is supporting this project.

And don't forget to come take part in the actual meal packing session, on 5 August at Teens Inc.

Where else can you do hands-on, intergenerational, international mission work? (And it's a ton of fun!)

If you do something nice — or even see someone do something nice — you're more likely to spread those good vibes to others.

— The Chicago Tribune,

Reporting on the documentary film: *Kindness is Contagious*

“... unless you change and become like little children ...” — Matthew 18:3 (NIV)

5-year old Josiah Duncan asked his mom about a man standing outside the Waffle House where they were eating dinner. He was concerned because the man looked hungry.

Josiah's mom agreed to buy the man a meal. When the man came into the restaurant, “Josiah jumped up and asked him if he needed a menu because you can't order without one.”

He then brought the other patrons to tears when he said a blessing with the man and 11 other patrons.

Source: CNN — <http://i2.cdn.turner.com/cnnnext/dam/assets/150423112948-sea-monster---rav-collins-super-43.jpg>

Summer Socks & Sandwiches

One of the best things about last summer was the Socks & Sandwiches ministry. Many Thursdays local folks gathered to share sandwiches with anyone who could use a simple lunch and to give socks and other supplies to folks camping in the woods around Ned. Children came and played.

Folks experiencing homelessness were helped in many ways, with dignity and respect. Volunteers from NCPC and all around town created genuine community.

And on Saturdays a couple hearty volunteers even went to pick up trash from campsites that don't have any other way to dispose of it. A great success!



Soon, we are bringing back **Socks & Sandwiches for 2015!** This time we'll meet at noon *every* Thursday from June through mid-August, at the NCPC playground and Guyer Garden.

With the help of the Bridge House (one of Boulder's best outreaches to the homeless community) we are going to offer little workshops on campfire safety and camp cleanliness.

Peak to Peak Counseling will be on hand to work with mental health.

Nederland Police have volunteered to grill hot dogs one week.

The Forest Service is trying to figure out how to help more with trash.

All we need now is a few good volunteers — which is where you come in. If you have time this summer, around noon on Thursdays, to serve, set up or help clean up, please get in touch with Hansen.

Charter for Compassion



JOIN the GROWING MOVEMENT

Women's Group meets the first Sunday of each month at noon. All women are welcome, whether you want to share a margarita or just some laughs with new church friends! This month, 7 June, check the worship bulletin for location.

Youth Group

This summer the youth group is going to gather to welcome each of the Rocky Mountain Mission groups. The exact date depends on what works best for each group, so watch your email to find out if we're sharing dinner on a Sunday, or karaoke on a Monday, or a campfire on a Tuesday.

Maybe, if Hansen's shoulder heals well, we can even try climbing again. If it doesn't heal quickly, be prepared for some board games and guacamole nights!

Men's Group usually meets the third Sunday of each month at 4 p.m.

All men are welcome, whether you want to share a beer or help plan our next outreach project.

This month, we have a small **scheduling conflict**, so let's meet the second Sunday, 14 June, at Salto.

New Church Directory

On June 7, Gary will be set up to take your photo during fellowship following the worship service. Please take a moment during fellowship to have your photo taken. *Don't put it off!*



Otherwise, other folks will track you down, **OR, worse yet**, an unflattering caricature may be used in lieu of a photo. ☺☹

We would like to publish an up to date directory by mid to late summer.

Bible Study

The Bible Study starts up again with a deep look at the Acts of the Apostles. Much of Scripture inspires us as individuals, pushing our own sense of faith. These stories of the early church in Acts also challenge us to rethink how we can be more faithful together, as a community of people trying to follow God's will for our lives.

Join us on Wednesday nights at 6:30.

Book Club

The Book Club starts up again with Wendell Berry's *Hannah Coulter*. Berry is an 80-year old poet, farmer, English professor, conservationist, and occasional novelist. The New York Times calls him the "prophet of rural America".

Part story about small town life, part spiritual tale of grief and thankfulness, part indictment of modern life, *Hannah Coulter* is a captivating, enjoyable and emotional book, full of grief and beauty, memories of a time undone and visions of a life worth living.

Join us on Tuesday nights at 6:30.

Blue Grass at NCPC

"Pickin in the Peaks" is an annual family friendly jam camp that Annie founded in the summer of 2012! It is taught by a staff of professional bluegrass musicians that has included the likes of Jeff Scroggins, Greg Blake, Tristan Scroggins and Andrea Love.

The camp, held June 2-5 in the beautiful mountain town of Nederland at Nederland Community Presbyterian Church and teaches:

- Instrumental and vocal instruction
- Extensive jamming
- Vocal harmony technique!

We are sponsored by local musician fave Brightwood Music, so strings, instruments and resources are held on site! Perfect for families or individuals, it is a great way to immerse yourself in the art of jamming and improvisation!

For more information or to register check out <http://savagefiddler.com/picking-in-the-peaks/>

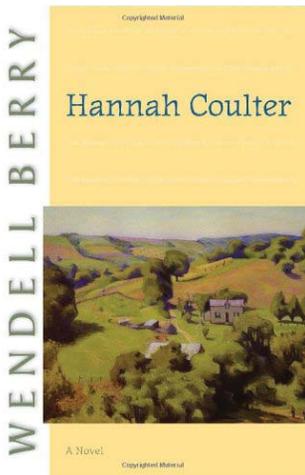
CWS:BAZAAR OR BIZARRE...RUMMAGE MAYBE?

— Justine Irwin

Thanks to our recent acquaintance with the Colorado Cottage Foods Act, Senate Bill 12-048, passed on March 15, 2012 and uniformly interpreted and applied by the Colorado Department of Public Health in the "Colorado Cottage Foods Act" Fact Sheet, the annual CWS July bazaar has taken a bizarre turn. No longer will the sale be held at the church. No longer will we be sewing potato bags or knitting mittens and scarves or collecting white elephants, jewelry, toys, handcrafts, and plants, to price, display, and sell. In fact, at our last meeting, we inventoried, re-packed and sent to consignment or donation the left over rummage goods of the past three years. Our storage cupboard is nearly bare, but we are undertaking a new project...a giant old fashion bake and food sale to be held at a new, shared venue.

Historically bake and food sales have always been our best fund raisers. Early organization minutes repeatedly reported on bake sales after church or wedding dinners or community dinners prepared by the ladies of the churches to raise funds for their outreach projects and community assistance services.

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My True Religion

"We can reject everything else: religion, ideology, all received wisdom. But we cannot escape the necessity of love and compassion

"This, then, is my true religion, my simple faith. In this sense, there is no need for temple or church, for mosque or synagogue, no need for complicated philosophy, doctrine or dogma. Our own heart, our own mind, is the temple.

"The doctrine is compassion. Love for

others and respect for their rights and dignity, no matter who or what they are: ultimately these are all we need.

"So long as we *practice* these in our daily lives, then no matter if we are learned or unlearned, whether we believe in Buddha or God, or follow some other religion *or none at all*, as long as we have compassion for others and conduct ourselves with restraint out of a sense of responsibility, there is no doubt we will be happy." (Italics added)

— Dalai Lama XIV, *The Art of Happiness*

But through the years health laws made these events more difficult or impossible to continue. The new Cottage Foods law opens new doors to a traditional and loved event. Who doesn't like homemade bread or cookies? FUDGE?!

This sale will be a challenge. We have new rules to follow. And a new venue to which to adapt. Our sale this year will be held at Chipeta Park in conjunction with the new Nederland Come Home Day on Saturday July 25. The logistical details will be worked out at our June meeting. But we do know that we want members, women and men, of NCPC and St. Rita's to search for some of the old or unusual recipes lurking in grandma's cookbook. Just be aware that items must not require refrigeration. We will not be able to accept some baked goods such as "cream or custard or meringue pies and cakes or pastries with cream cheese icings or fillings." Cheese and yogurt based products also will not be accepted. We can, however, consider honey, jams, jellies, fruit butter, and candies.

At this event CWS will also be doing some organizational marketing to the community through posters and signs. We will be looking for assistance from volunteer artists to help us tell the historical story of CWS and the community projects for which they have been responsible through the years.

So **mark your calendars**—July 25—and plan to participate in this new event.

Justine C. Irwin
Secretary and Historian CWS
Next month: *To Bake or Not to Bake*

Do you have questions or comments about NCPC?

In the Presbyterian denomination, the ministry of administration for each congregation is handled by its Session of Elders (like a spiritual Board of Trustees), and the ministry of compassion is directed by the Deacons.

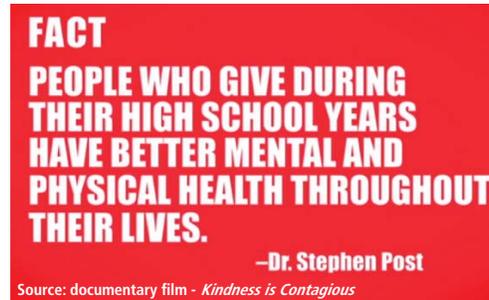
Here are your church leaders and staff:

Clerk of Session, Nancy Lynd

Elder for Finance, Marylou Harrison

Elder for Worship, Emily Haynes

Elder for Fellowship, Claudia O'Neill



"*Kindness Is Contagious* is a great way to open up a dialogue about the power of Kindness in your city. You can use independent film to galvanize your community and highlight groups and organizations doing great things in your area.

"Here's your chance to make a real impact by inspiring compassionate actions wherever you live. Join with the Charter for Compassion International to offer the beautiful film, *Kindness is Contagious* in your community.

"Let's take compassion viral!"

A theatrical screening of the documentary film *Kindness is Contagious* is now available to communities all over the country.

The creators of the documentary have engaged the distribution company GATHR to facilitate bringing this film to local cinemas. The process is called "**Theatrical-On-Demand**." This model allows folks to bring otherwise unavailable screenings to their local cinema.

GATHR works directly with a local cinema to set a day and time for the screening. Tickets are then available for purchase on-line. Credit cards are not actually charged until enough people reserve tickets to reach the ticket goal. When the goal is reached, the event is on for the scheduled day and time.

Examples shown on the GATHR web site imply a minimum of 50 tickets need to be reserved to reach a tipping point for the

In our Prayers

Violet Aandres; Rich Deubel; Judy Anderson; Elizabeth Azcarate; Delores Cieloha; Gail Eddy's mother; Rev. Gibney's brother; Vicky and Brian Hardt; Marylou Harrison's father; Linda Jones; David Lynd; Chuck Miller; Karen Moss; Miles Pancoast and family; Rhonda Skeie and her brother, Steve Holland; Gail and David Skinner; Mike Smith; Megen Stadele; Turnburke family; Hansen Wendlandt; Atashnaa Werner;



love and consideration within the church and denomination; for those who are unable to worship with us regularly; for those serving in the military; the youth coming for Rocky Mountain Mission, Central Presbyterian (Longmont), Federated Church (Fergus Falls, MN) and First Presbyterian (Alamogordo, NM); and all those affected by the earthquake in Nepal and responding with aid.

event.

The film is narrated by Catherine Ryan Hyde, author of the inspirational novel *Pay It Forward*.

I would like to bring this film to our local cinema at the Nederland Community Center.

Your input would be helpful. What would be a good day of the week? A good time?

Contact Gary Ennor: gennor@towardbalance.com or 303-258-1418.

June Birthdays!

- 5 Gary Ennor
- 5 Sibyl Goerner
- 13 Martha "Marty" Whalen-Heller
- 15 Tricia Stiefer
- 20 Tamara Haynes

June Anniversaries

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