

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*



NPCPC . . . a Charter for Compassion Partner

State of the Congregation Meeting

On 12 July after worship, we are going to gather for an official Congregational Meeting. Members, friends of the church, anyone who calls this their summer home, you are all invited to learn how the church is doing, where it is growing, what are our challenges, which opportunities we are reaching for, and how you can engage and help!

God is doing something here—which is a blessing, and also a responsibility. For all that our elected leaders and staff can do, every one of us is called to share our informed opinions and faithful hopes.

We will still have a fellowship time, after we vote on a couple simple items and give everyone a chance to ask questions and share their thoughts.

Treasurer's Report

For 2015 through 05/31/15:

Budgeted Income \$27,044

Actual Income \$30,283

Budgeted Expenses \$37,856

Actual Expenses \$41,060

July Birthdays!

2	Martha Ann Hogrefe	15	Bonnie Greenwood
2	Blair Justice	21	Margaret Martin
6	Nick Kozel	22	Aaron Berkeley
8	Bob Kochen	24	Michelle Kozel
8	Emma Stadele	24	Judy MacDougall
11	Ray Rovey	25	Al Nelson
14	Barbara Stiefer	31	Lynne James

July Anniversaries

12 Frank and Susan Lutz

17 David and Liz Ford

30 Wes and Tricia Stiefer

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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....

Summer Fellowship

Please join us in serving Fellowship during the summer months.

- No meetings!
- No committees!

You can do this – summer folks, winter folks, members, non-members, men, women, friends old and new – we welcome you!

Just sign up on the sheet outside the kitchen door or contact Claudia at 303-258-3447 or claudiaone@wispertel.net

Instructions are provided!!

...let us reflect what is truly of value in life, what gives meaning to our lives, and set our priorities on the basis of that. The purpose of our life needs to be positive. We weren't born with the purpose of causing trouble, harming others. For our life to be of value, I think we must develop basic good human qualities—warmth, kindness, compassion. Then our life becomes meaningful and more peaceful—happier. —Dalai Lama XIV, *The Art of Happiness*

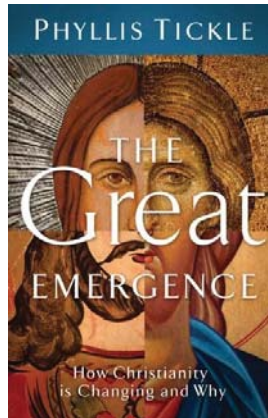
Book Club

The Book Club will be reading Phyllis Tickle's *The Great Emergence*, starting on 14 July. **Join us each Tuesday at 6:30** for good discussion!

Many sociologists point to interesting facts about ways the Church is changing today, and they have good guesses about what will come.

Tickle, however, is probably *the* foremost expert on how and why the church is changing. What makes her so interesting is that she explains what we are going through not simply with data and generational insight, but as a function of historical (and divine) movements in theology, spirituality and ecclesiology.

She is currently turning toward death as "her next career", so this will be a nice homage to read her this summer.



Megen Stadele

On 26 June we celebrated Megen Stadele's life with a worship service including wonderful words from her husband Lee and daughters Julia, Emma & Laura.



The sanctuary was absolutely filled with friends and family, who laughed and cried, sang and told stories. You can see Megen's full obituary on the church website and Facebook page.

(Thanks to everyone who made that fellowship time a rousing tribute!)

Everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about. Be kind. Always.

— Attributed to Dalai Lama XIV

Youth Group

Our next 'regular' time to hang out is **20 July, 5-9ish p.m.**

We're going on a Field Trip to Boulder! Hang out on Pearl Street, dinner where the youth choose to go, and a movie at the 29th St Mall—sounds great, huh?!?

Make sure to tell Hansen if you want to come, so we can arrange enough seat belts.

Also, you are all invited to join Front Range Week at Rocky Mountain Mission! July 5-11 we have teens and tweens from smaller youth groups down the mountain, coming to spend a week doing service work.

Some day we might take our own trip to Nebraska or Haiti or who-knows-where, but for now we get to serve the people in need right here!

For the full mission experience, we'll stay at the church, eat and work together; we get an adventure day up at Estes and RMNP; and we get out of our normal routines, so we can try to live a little more like Jesus hoped we would.

Here's the cool part: any youth from NCPC can sign up for free! That's F-R-E-E, as in, it doesn't cost for food, or activities, or transportation, or any of that jive!

Talk to Hansen or Wes with any questions you might have.

Men's Group 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 it's 19 July at Very Nice.

Women's Group meets the first Sunday of each month at noon.

Thanks to David Shortridge, John Brocklehurst and Andrew Titchiner for transforming the Guyer Garden with beautiful vision, advice and new plants!



Mission group from Fergus Falls, Minnesota singing at worship service June 14.

Mission Groups visit Nederland



Church Cleanup

— Jim Reis



A BIG thank you to all our members who came and helped during the Church clean up day on Saturday, June 27, including Kathleen Hennigsen, Claudia O'Neill, Dan Harrison, Rich and Violet,

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.

Thanks to Violet & Rich, who hosted the Outdoor Worship in their stunning garden, on a perfect June morning!

Thanks to new Ned resident Valerie Molazo, who donated a refrigerator to the church, and to Ross Alper of the Deli on First Street, who filled it up with food the same day! Between Summer Socks & Sandwiches and Rocky Mountain Mission, we can really use the extra space.



and Michelle and Betty.

Thanks to Pat and Gary Ennor for providing the flowers that were planted near the church sign.



ON-GOING SUMMER HELP NEEDED — Our garden is for everyone. All members are welcome to come down whenever you have the time to help out weeding or planting flowers in the church gardens. The hose is being left out in the play area if you just want to come by and water. Feel free to bring your gardening tools, some flowers and jump right in!

Bible Study

The Bible Study continues with a deep look at the Acts of the Apostles, on **Wednesday nights at 6:30.**

Summer Socks & Sandwiches

...has been awesome thus far! Through June we've seen 40 folks experiencing homelessness, including one family camping with kids.

The vibe has been so peaceful, with so many great volunteers.

Stop by any Thursday at noon in the Guyer Garden to share a sandwich and offer kindness to some of our neighbors in need.



In our Prayers

Please keep the folks and circumstances noted below in your daily thoughts and prayers.



Violet Aandres and Rich Deubel; Judy Anderson; Elizabeth Azcarate; Delores Cieloha; Gail Eddy's mother; Gary Ennor; Rev Gibney's brother; Vicky and Brian Hardt; Linda Jones; David Lynd; Chuck Miller; Anastasia and family; Karen Moss; Miles Pancoast and family; Rhonda Skeie and her brother, Steve Holland; Gail and David Skinner; Mike Smith; the family of Megen Stadele; love and consideration within the church and denomination; for those serving in the military; for all the churches involved in Rocky Mountain Mission; for all who have been touched by Charleston.

Charter for Compassion



JOIN the GROWING MOVEMENT

Mission

The Nederland Food Pantry provided food for 248 people in May, and received 1448 pounds of donated food. These are consistent with what we've experienced in the past, but not a growing number such as is expected this time of the year.

We're speculating that the increasing in housing costs for the Nederland area combined with the shortage of affordable housing has resulted in some people moving to other areas which will possibly impact their ability to work.

Fortunately there are efforts underway to better address the housing needs with the Nederland community that includes Pastor Hansen.

The expected food donation from the Channel 9 food drive simply didn't result in any added food for the Food Pantry due to a much smaller amount of food collected. We're hopeful that this effort will get improved results in the future, and the Food Pantry and it's clients can benefit from this food source.

After the Mountain Forum For Peace yard sale, the Clothing Closet, which uses clothing racks borrowed from the Mountain Forum For Peace and thus has to return them for use during the yearly sale, is now open and configured in a very neat and friendly manner, allowing for much easier location of clothing items.

Deacons: June – Kathleen Henningsen

It has been a calm month for Deacons. Transient people without jobs have been employed temporarily, visiting Rocky Mountain Mission students have been fed, food has been provided for post-operation members, sandwiches have

The freezer that was obtained as part of a grant from Boulder County Community Food Share, was finally delivered. Initially a refrigerator was mis-delivered.

Almost as if planned, the day after this freezer was delivered the Senior Lunch program's freezer broke, so currently the senior's food has been moved to the Food Pantry's new freezer as part of the Food Pantry's cooperation with the Seniors Lunch program.

We expect this problem for the senior's to be correctly shortly, thus making the new freezer available for use by the Food Pantry.

As part of the Human Services subcommittee of the Inter Mountain Alliance – a Peak to Peak group working to address the problems encountered by mountain communities if/when a disaster strikes – several members of the Food Pantry Board of Directors met with Boulder County Commissioner Cindy Domenico. This allowed us to express some our needs and concerns hoping that the added understanding and visibility by the commissioner will benefit the greater Peak to Peak region, and especially the Nederland community.

Dennis Whalen
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been made for the Socks and Sandwiches program, music has been taken to hospice patients, rides have been given to walkers, an end-of-life memorial has been facilitated, legal woes have been mitigated, encouragement cards have been written.

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

Elder for Property, Jim Reis
Elder for Mission, Dennis Whalen
Deacon, David Ford
Deacon, Katie Haynes
Deacon, Kathleen Henningsen
Deacon, Bette Ventrella
Treasurer, Wes Stiefer
Piano, Daniel Herman
Childcare, Pam North
Sexton, John Callahan
Pastor, Rev Hansen Wendlandt