

The Bell Tower

NEDERLAND COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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Gatherings



Book Club

We're going to take a break for a couple months. *Watch for our next read later this fall.*

Women's Group

Soul Sisters (the NCPC women's group) meets this month on 15 Oct 4 pm at Katmandu. Come get to know some other ladies, with or without a margarita.

Men's Group

Men's Group meets this month on 15 Oct 4 pm at Salto. This is a simple chance for men of the church to get to know each other better, with or without a beer. Guys of all ages are welcome.



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

Nederland Food Pantry

The mission of the Nederland Food Pantry, originally started by Judy Anderson from NCPC, among others, is to relieve hunger and provide basic needs support to the Peak-to-Peak Community in a respectful and compassionate manner. To these ends the Food Pantry has been on the front line in providing food, basic needs support, and comfort during the flood of 2013 and the Cold Spring Fire; and has collaborated with Boulder County Housing and Human Services and the Veteran's Mobil Agency to have representatives on-site at the Community Center, from 10am until noon every first Monday of the month.

In 2016 the Nederland Food Pantry helped to serve some of the 17% of working families in Colorado who did not have enough food to meet their basic needs. Specifically the Food Pantry distributed 80,000 thousand pounds of food to those in need living in the greater Nederland area who were able to show an address for this area. This assisted 3,561 people from the Nederland area in the fight against hunger. During 2016 the Food Pantry served an average of 300 people each month, and gave out 129 Holiday Boxes, which provided food for 349 people during the holiday season.

And since January of 2017, the Nederland Food Pantry has experienced an increase in demand for its services and now serves an average of 325 people each month, and is on track to distribute over 90,000 pounds of food. Also, during this past summer the Food Pantry provided 200 Supplemental food bags each Thursday for Summer School students who were a free or reduced lunch program. Finally, the Nederland Food Pantry has participated actively since its inception with the Peak to Peak Housing and Human Services Task Force. The Task Force consists of multiple human service representatives from the Peak to Peak region and from various Boulder County agencies, to assess needs and better coordinate services across the Peak to Peak region. As part of this effort the Food Pantry is a member of the Mountain Human Services Collaborative that has arranged funding for the Mountain Resource Liaison—a person living in the mountains who can meet personally with people addressing and responding to their needs, thus eliminating the requirement for people to travel down to Boulder; and has arranged for funding from Boulder County for a consultant who'll

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Tommorrow Night!

Come one come all! Join us for a fun night with your neighbors, doing something together that will provide food for hungry people. Rise Against Hunger’s meal packaging program is a volunteer-based initiative that coordinates the assembly-line packaging of highly nutritious dehydrated meals comprised of rice, soy, vegetables, and 23 essential vitamins and minerals.

Since the inception of the meal packaging program in December 2005, millions of meals have been used primarily to support school feeding programs in developing countries. Hunger is the common thread among the world’s most challenging issues. Targeting hunger—specifically by supporting school feeding programs—leverages support to other causes including poverty, disease, education, and the welfare of women and children. Nederland Community Church has joined the community to pack 21,000 meals over the last couple years, and we will be at it again, **5 Oct 6pm at TEENS, Inc. - 151 East St., Nederland**

Children’s Ministry

Sunday School continues each week at 9 am! Bring your young ones to Sara, so they can learn the lessons of the Bible and the example of Jesus!

We always have a message for children in worship, and usually offer childcare afterwards, with fun educational activities.

This month we are starting a new program, Family First Sundays. On the first Sunday of each month we will welcome the kids to stay in worship. Sermons will be shorter. Youngsters will be invited to learn about and join in Communion. We’ll have extra coloring pages and worksheets in the pews. We’ll know it’s working when the youngsters raise their hands to ask for prayer!

Family First Sundays will start slowly, with Sara taking the kids out during the sermon on 1 October (to finish their kitchen project), then bringing them back to hang out with their families. Maybe eventually we’ll get to the point of having a table in the sanctuary for them to be at once a month—a ‘pray-ground’ at which to learn a little more about faith. But we won’t rush them, or your patience.

Yes, there will be moments of distraction. Yes, it will take some time to train them. Yes, it could take Hansen some time to shape worship better for young people to be involved. But eventually, we hope, that because we have pledged to nurture and care for their journey of faith, people of all ages will feel comfortable and have their own way to participate through the first worship of each month.

Memorial Service



Frank Lutz’s Memorial Service will be on Saturday, 7 October, 2 pm at NCPC, with a reception afterwards. Susan appreciates all your prayers and cards. Memorial gifts in Frank’s honor can be sent to the Boulder Humane Society, Nederland Area Seniors, or the Nederland Community Presbyterian Church.

Fellowship Time

Have you been looking for a way to serve at church, but can’t make a long term commitment? Arranging the fellowship time after worship is for you! Sign up on the sheet outside the kitchen, or contact BG with any questions.(303-748-9172, bbrooksrnm@aol.com).

CHURCH ONLINE.....

Check out the church website (www.nederlandcpc.org) and our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/nederlandcpc) for recorded sermons, videos of special worship music, pictures and stories about the life of the church, articles about religion, & plenty more!

Welcome to Jukka!



Congratulations to Jukka Pawley (pronounced you-ka), who will be starting this month as our new Director of Music Ministries!

Jukka grew up in an evangelical missionary home, and took part in church music of all kinds: orchestra, choir, and band. After sharing his gifts of singing and violin as a child, he moved to Finland as a teenager to study the violin more seriously. As an adult he has played and sung in many contexts, has taught children's choirs, and does now teach music lessons at Brightwood. He knows a wide array of sacred music, and is even enrolled back in school to become a funeral director.

Jukka (say it again to yourself, 'you-ka') believes that music is part of the way for folks to heal and to understand God. *"It is my belief that God speaks through music and it would be my honor to be of service to this community church."*

We are going to figure out some details over the next few weeks (when is practice, how often do we practice), so if you are interested in trying out choir—sing loud, it's a big world—watch for more news!

Congratulations~~~~~

Congratulations to Isabella and Jackson Watts for their baptism last month! Parents Bob and Cari pledged to raise them knowing that God is on their side, and the church promised to nurture and care for them in love!

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evaluate the needs of communities across the entire Peak to Peak region with the longer term intention of working with all necessary agencies to arrange for ways to satisfy those unmet needs.

You can continue to support the Food Pantry at their upcoming fundraiser!

Stewardship Season

Dear NCPC Community,

Since becoming elder for finance at Nederland Community Presbyterian Church, I have grown... a lot. You might recall the times I stood up in church and apologized before asking for your financial support of a mission project or our annual budget. With the help of presbytery workshops, the writings of theologian Henri Nouwen, conversations with Hansen, and much self-reflection, my approach to stewardship has evolved from 'fearful' to 'gratitude'. Let me explain.

Many of you know that 2016 was a stressful year for my family: We lost two very important family members; after living in the mountains for 25 years we moved down the hill; Luke had surgery following a hockey 'incident'; and, like many of you, we spent five days evacuated from home during the Cold Springs fire. When things finally calmed down, I realized that, despite the grief and stress, I was still incredibly blessed. That's when I understood that being grateful is about taking a wider view of things. Yes, I deeply miss my dad and my brother, but both live on in the stories and lessons and memories I hold in my heart. And while we miss living at 8,200 ft, we now have a huge vegetable garden and enough house projects to keep us out of trouble for years!

My 'attitude of gratitude' definitely extends to our church community. I am grateful for the wisdom and guidance of our seniors, for the families with young kids who bring bright energy into our building, for empty nesters who, like Dan and me, are rediscovering their 'pre-kid' relationships, and for each person who brings their unique perspective into our little brown church with the bell. Frequently I marvel at the generosity of those who give their time and resources to local mission work that makes the mountain region a better place, as well as those who seek to affect change internationally.

Once again, it is stewardship time at NCPC. When you consider whether and how much to pledge this year, please pray and contemplate all the blessings in your life. Recognize your gifts from God. Think about how the church has affected your life, and the lives of your neighbors. Consider how different our community would be without the church. Then, be excited to fill out your pledge form, not out of compulsion, but in cheerful gratitude for the abundance that God has given to you.

Watch your mailbox for a pledge form, or pick one up in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for your continued support of all that we do here, to serve and love our God and neighborhood.

~ Marylou Harrison Elder for Finance

VIDEO SERMONS!

For four years we have made audio recordings of the sermons available online. Thanks to Will Ford, we are starting to video the sermons! They will be uploaded to the same YouTube channel (search for "Hansen Wendlandt"), and still linked to our church website and Facebook page. So, you can still catch the ones you miss, re-watch to the ones that make you scratch your head, and share with friends.

We have received great notes from people literally around the world (from Kentucky to Turkey), who listen to our audio sermons. And just a day after we put the first video recording online, we got a note from a North Carolina man, who says this: *"I am a young man, but I am a shut in, so I can't get out to church. So, for me it's more than just that I like most of your messages. It feeds me. Your ministry is important, and I thank God for you and Nederland."*

If you enjoy one of the sermons or pieces of special music that Will records, like it on Facebook or YouTube, and more people will find God's love through our little church in the woods!



Willi & John Brocklehurst
Crystal Epperson
Greta Habak
Barbara Lawlor
family of Frank Lutz
Miles Pancoast
Mike Smith
Pat Strawn
Vince Suich
family of Kent Waltermire
Town of Nederland Police & Fire
Departments
all those serving now
in the military
all our brothers and
sisters dealing
with hurricanes,
earthquakes, and wildfires...



Membership Interest Group

About once or twice a year, the Nederland Community Church welcomes folks to a new member interest dinner. We share some food and laughs, tell stories about our faith background, learn about the foundations of this congregation and the Presbyterian denomination, and explain the simple process of becoming an 'official' member of the church.

What 'official' membership does for you is that it offers an opportunity to declare your faith to the world, it allows you to vote in the formal meetings we have twice a year, and it opens you to serving in a few select leadership positions. What it does for the church is to inspire folks to see new people making a stand, and it raises our congregation's voice when we gather to vote on denominational issues.

Any participants are still just as valued to our community; you can still join in every aspect of church, serve in so many important volunteer roles, have a voice at those formal meetings, etc. But if you are interested in taking that next step, we'll be gathering on Sunday 5 November, 11:30am (after worship) for a couple hours. If you have special dietary needs or want childcare, let Hansen know. See you then!

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:

Elder for Christian Ed, Aimee Tomlinson
Elder for Cultural Engagement, Will Ford
Elder for Fellowship, BG Brooks
Elder for Finance, Marylou Harrison
Elder for Property, Jim Reis
Elder for Worship, Dean Rundle
Deacon, David Ford
Deacon, Jaydene Morrison
Deacon, Nancy Waldron
Custodian, John Callahan
Director of Childcare, Sara Sandstrom-Kobi
Director of Finances, Cindy Hauser
Director of Music Ministries, Jukka Pawley
Guitarist, Emily Haynes
Pastor, Rev Hansen Wendlandt
Pianist, Daniel Herman
Rocky Mtn. Mission Work Coordinator, Jim Reis

Open Doors, Open Minds, Open Hearts.