

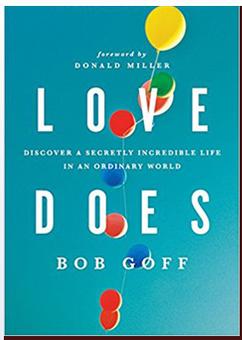
# The Bell Tower

## NEDERLAND COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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## Gatherings



Book Club is still reading Love Does, by Bob Goff, each Tuesday at 6 pm. We'll start a new book in March.

### Soul Sisters

Soul Sisters (the NCPC women's group) meets on the third Thursday of each month, so that's 15 Feb, 5 pm at The Oyster Bar. Come get to know some other ladies, with or without a margarita.

### Men's Group

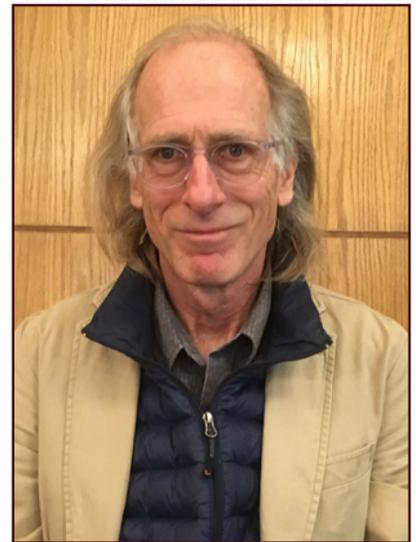
Men's Group meets this month on 25 Feb, 4 pm at Black Sheep Brewing (13 Navajo, aka, Jim Stevens' garage). This is a simple chance for men of the church to get to know each other better, with or without a beer. Guys of all ages are welcome.

## The Sacred Music that Matters to Me

### Morning Has Broken

John Records

The hymn that speaks to me that I've chosen is "Morning Has Broken", No. 469 in the Presbyterian Hymnal. I can't say whether I was aware of this hymn before Cat Stevens 1971 recording, or whether it was in the Hymnal of my youth of the 1950s and 60s, but I feel like I've known it for a long time. The words were written in 1931 by English poet and children's author Eleanor Farjeon, and set to an older Scottish Gaelic tune. It soon thereafter was recognized by Percy Dearmer and Ralph Vaughan Williams who were putting together a children's Hymnal. I love this song because from the start and throughout it makes the connection between the miracle of the present day and the miracle of creation.



*John Records*

*For 2017 our Elders and Deacons told you why they love this church. For 2018, it's your turn, to tell us: What Sacred Music is important to you? Can you write a short essay about your favorite hymn? Talk to Hansen, if you'd be open to it.*

## Lent

The beginning of Lent is 14 Feb this year, which happens also to be Valentine's Day. Maybe you can get ashes with your sweetheart, but you can't get them at NCPC! We will keep hosting Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services (29 & 30 Mar), but if you want to remember your mortality with the centuries-old practice of smudging ashes on your forehead, perhaps visit St Rita's.

For the Sundays of Lent (18 Feb through 25 Mar), worship is a time to prepare ourselves for new life, which we celebrate on Easter, 1 April.

## NCPC Online

ICYMI, the most popular social media post in January was... The Martin Luther King Jr weekend sermon Facing Our Enemies: Love 'Em, from 14 Jan!

Go check it out on our church Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/nederlandcpc](http://www.facebook.com/nederlandcpc)) or Hansen's YouTube channel ([www.youtube.com/hansenwendlandt](http://www.youtube.com/hansenwendlandt)), or it's linked from our website ([www.nederlandcpc.org](http://www.nederlandcpc.org)), under Worship. The Anthem, We Are Marching, from 21 Jan, was also a favorite, very much worth listening to again.

When you interact with our online content, that has a way of spreading the good news with our community, which makes you a modern media-vangelist!



## Presbytery of Plains and Peaks

Nederland Community Presbyterian Church is part of a regional group of PCUSA churches, the Presbytery of Plains and Peaks, which includes pretty much northern Colorado and western Nebraska. There are 170 of these bodies throughout the US, to help support the over 10,000 congregations. In each Presbytery, leaders meet four times a year to handle business of the denomination. Sometimes the meetings are routine (some might say 'boring'), but once in a while, we have something fun to discuss. Our next meeting is 10 February, at which we will discuss whether to support a new rule in the whole denomination, to include 12 weeks of paid family leave in pastor's health coverage. For our congregation's size, we get one vote for the Pastor, and one for an Elder. Session has commissioned Marylou Harrison to be our Elder at that event. If you want to read about the overture, Hansen can share with you all the information he has.

## Annual Meeting

On Sunday, January 21, 2018, Nederland Community Presbyterian Church held its annual congregational meeting. During this meeting, our folks heard reports on what's happening in our church community in the areas of Worship, Christian Ed, Cultural Engagement, Fellowship, Church Building and Property, along with an in depth discussion of NCPC's financial picture.

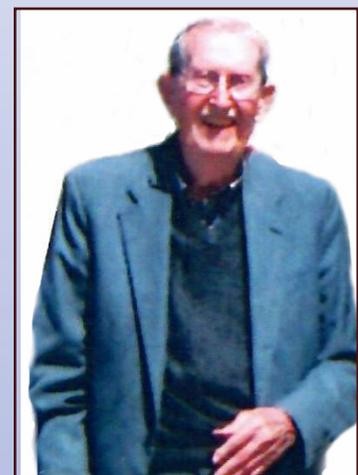
We voted on three folks to continue serving as Deacon (David Ford) and Elder (Marylou Harrison & Jim Reis). Congrats to them, and thanks for your service!

The congregation also voted to accept the new Terms of Call for our pastor, Hansen.

Check out the 2018 Narrative Budget on our website. And please email Marylou Harrison ([Marylou.nederland@gmail.com](mailto:Marylou.nederland@gmail.com)) if you have any questions.

## John Stinton

We got word that John Stinton passed away just before Christmas. He has been a summer participant at NCPC for many years. Keep his family in your prayers, and take a look at his amazing obituary (linked here, on our website, and Facebook page).





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.

## 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).



## Sunday School

is going so well! Check out some of the awesome activities that Sara and the kids are doing, over in their corner of the fellowship hall.

## Children and Videos

We've been recording more and more of the worship service each week and I've had a few requests to start recording the children's sermons. I think it would be wonderful to include the children's sermons to our list of recordings. I think it would be great for the parents to see their kids and I think the kids would get a kick out of it. That being said, Hansen and I both understand not every parent wants their child online. If you have any problem with us recording your child please let Hansen or I know and we won't include them.

*Thanks - Will Ford, Elder of Cultural Engagement*

## Sunday School Activities



