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NEDERLAND COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

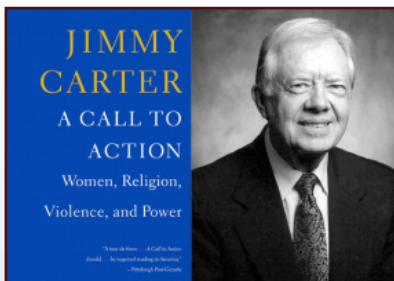


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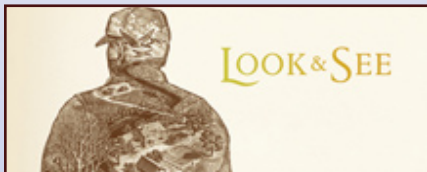
Gatherings



Book Club



Our next book is *A Call to Action*, by Jimmy Carter. The subtitle of the former President's last book is "Women, Religion, Violence, and Power", which should fit very well with our ongoing worship series! We'll discuss three chapters per week, starting on 8 May at 6 pm in the sanctuary.



Wendell Berry – One of the most beloved books that the Book Group has ever read was *Hannah Coulter*, by the novelist, poet, and farmer Wendell Berry. There is a new documentary about his life, called *Look and See*. (You can learn about it at www.lookandseefilm.com.) Our Nederland library will be showing that film on 1 May, 7 pm, totally free. Join us to learn more about this fascinating author, and what we can do to stay connected to God's Creation!

The Sacred Music that Matters to Us

We all have our favorite music that connects us with something holy. In a diverse congregation, it is inevitable that the types of songs that lift one person in prayer will be so different from what inspires another to faith. Part of my job is to pay attention to what 'works' in our community, and plan for us to sing and listen

Sometimes we should try a new hymn; or, other times an old classic is best; and there are plenty of relatively recent songs that seem to be favorites here. Always I try to choose lyrics that relate to the themes of worship, with a variety of tempos and styles. Often I choose songs that someone recommended. And to be honest, there are a few songs I just don't like, so we don't sing those much – the privilege of the pulpit!

Given all that, have you ever noticed when certain songs show up more often? We sing *God Rest Ye, Merry People* All every Advent, because it's my favorite! But there are several popular Easter songs that we've skipped, because they are just too hard to sing. The most common hymn we have used is *Be Thou My Vision*, 14 times since I've been here! But some of the other very famous hymns have language that offends some of our members, so I've put them on the shelf. In the *Bulb There Is a Flower* has been the most sung song from the small hymnal (12 times). But a handful of those songs are—at least to my ears—so sappy and boring, that I just can't handle them. The insert that has been used the most often is *Gather Us In* (13 times), and there are several I'm looking to work in some day, such as *Down By the Riverside* and *He Walks with Me*, which are coming soon, I promise!

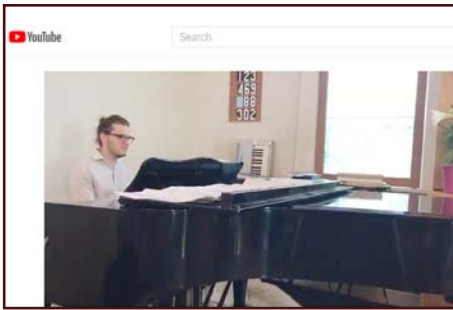
In the theology of our tradition, music is a form of prayer. And just as we ask your prayer requests each Sunday, you are always invited to tell me what your musical prayer request.

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.

Work Day – It's time for the annual church cleanup day! Please join us on Saturday, June 2nd from 9am-1pm. We will be planting dozens of annuals/perennials in the garden on that day, so grab your hand tools and come help us! There will be several other projects (replacing sensor lights, weed eating, mowing) so come lend a hand if your available.

NCPC Online

The most popular social media post in February was... the Gathering Music on Easter, 1 April, Jesus Christ Is Risen Today, which actually has more



YouTube views than anything we have posted in three years! Take a listen to Daniel's intro and the congregation's singing! You might also want to see our recent Guest Musician, Alexa Wildish, who played the song Water for Earth Day, 22 April; or check out the women of the congregation giving the sermon about Deborah on 15 April.

You can see it all on our church Facebook page (www.facebook.com/nederlandcpc) or Hansen's YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/hansenwendlandt), or linked from our website (www.nederlandcpc.org), under Worship. 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!

Rocky Mtn. Mission UPDATE:

It will be a busy summer for Rocky Mountain Mission in Nederland, as NCPC will once again host church groups from across the nation. For six weeks teens and adults will live in our church building and do volunteer work in our community. We will be doing projects helping seniors and folks in need, as well as building accessible trails and installing benches at Chipeta Park. We are looking for support from our church members in several ways.

- *Can you host RMM groups at your house, for a campfire, conversation, and picnic for 15-30 people on a Wednesday evening? We are looking for hosts on the following dates: June 20, June 27, July 11, Aug 1, and Aug 8. Please contact Hansen (ncpcpastor@gmail.com) if you can help with this.*

- *We will have a potluck at the church on Sunday evenings, to welcome each arriving RMM group. We ask church participants to bring a dish and break bread with the visiting groups on following dates: June 17, June 24, July 8, July 15, July 29, and Aug 5. Please let Hansen know, or just show up with something good to eat!*

- *We would love to have volunteers come help the kids with service projects during the week, especially on Mondays and Tuesdays (and Thur & Fri IF you have already met the groups). Contact Jim Reis (jreis11@gmail.com) if you can join June 18-19, June 25-26, July 9-10, July 16-17, July 30-31, or Aug 6-7.*

Men's Group

Men's Group meets this month on 20 May, 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.

Soul Sisters

Soul Sisters (the NCPC women's group) meets on the third Thursday of each month, so that's 17 May, 5 pm at The Oyster Bar. Come get to know some other ladies, with or without a margarita.



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, bbrooksrmn@aol.com).

Church Recycling

Around Earth Day we added a few things to help make our church recycling more effective. You'll notice a large blue bin in the fellowship hall, with a flyer above that describes what can go into our single-stream. As well, we now have blue bags in the kitchen recycling bin, behind the trash can; so hopefully groups won't get confused about which one is which. Thanks for helping us be stewards of God's Creation in small and big ways!

Highlands Camp

Summer isn't that far away! Check out our local Presbyterian camp in Allenspark, Highlands Camp (www.highlandscamp.org), for when you can send your youngster for regular summer camp for all ages, high adventure camp for middle and high schoolers, drama camp for middle and high schoolers, grandparent/grandchild camp for younger ones, and more. Scholarships are available. And they are always looking for college staff and volunteer nurses, if you know anyone who might fit the bill.

(The Highlands summer program director, Danny Winters, joined us in worship on 22 April, and left a pile of coupons for your kids!)

Vacation Bible School

Each year Highlands sends three of its staff members to Nederland to lead our joint Vacation Bible School program (with St Rita's and Calvary Chapel). This year we are on the schedule for July 23-28. Registration information will be out soon, but block that week for your child to learn and grow!



Jerry Griess' *Memorial Service*

will be 23 June at 3 pm.
Come celebrate his life with
Rosalie and the family.

Children's Videos

In our latest worship series (Behind Every Good Man...) we have been highlighting stories of women in the Bible, who tend to get overshadowed by their male counterpart. The goal, of course, is to show how in God's Kin'dom of peace and justice, women are right beside and often ahead of men. In order to help the children learn those themes, Sara will be showing a video during childcare each week. Along with activities and stories, hopefully this sparks good awareness. You can see all those videos on our Facebook page. Just scroll down the posts, or search on YouTube for these titles: "Gender Equity Explained by Children", "I Will Be a Hummingbird", "Always Like a Girl", "Nike What Are Girls Made Of", "Kids' Assumptions Towards Gender Roles", and "Malala's Magic Pencil". These videos come from Sweden, Kenya, America, Russia, Britain, and Pakistan, but you can bring them into your home, by re-watching them with your kids, and having your own conversations as a family, about women's equality and empowerment.

Children's Bibles

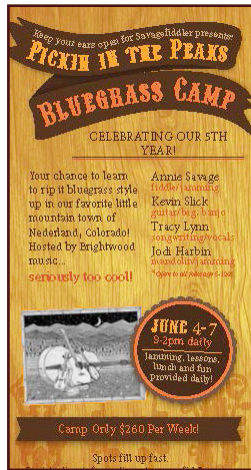
We want our youngsters to grow with the faithful stories that describe holy values, so we teach them here in childcare, Sunday School, and in the children's message during worship. But no matter how well we do at church, those stories and values stick a lot deeper in their souls when they learn them at home. So, starting this spring, on 20 May (and each year subsequent), our youngsters who have graduated Kindergarten are going to receive their own Bible from the church!

Parents, you don't have to understand everything about God, to lead them in faith. Just read with them from their Bible, talk about the stories, and connect them to your life and family. (Also, the Session of the congregation will be writing some little notes in each Bible, so kids can find them as they grow and remember this nurturing environment. If you want to sneak in a note around your favorite story, connect with Hansen before the worship service.)

Area Agency on Aging

Do you provide care for an older family member or friend, or are you interested in learning more about local resources for caregiver support? You're invited to attend Caregiving Symposium, a free event sponsored by Boulder County Area Agency on Aging and TRU PACE, on Thursday, 17 May 8:30 – 4:00 (come for all or part), at the Plaza Convention Center, 1850 Industrial Cr, Longmont. This features a large resource fair, workshops on caregiving issues, lunch, and more. Pre-registration is required by 9 May, at www.2018caregivingsymposium.eventbrite.com or 303-441-1685. (Walk-in registration, without lunch, is permitted also.) Respite care assistance is also available; call 303-678-6284.

Pickin' in the Peaks



For the fifth year, NCPC will kick off the summer by hosting a bluegrass camp! Led by Annie Savage, with support from Brightwood Music, this is one of the coolest events for our young local musicians: fiddlers, guitarists, banjo players, mandolin pickers, song writers, singers, and Pastors who sit in the office listening to great music!

June 4-7, 9-2 pm each, for ages 5-120, all levels of musical ability, on \$260, scholarships are available! *Registration and more information can be found at www.savagefiddler.com.*

RIP Bailey Phelps



Former NCPC Parish Associate, Rev Dr Bailey Phelps, died Monday, April 9. A private family service will be held. Please no phone calls or visits.

Bailey was a Presbyterian Pastor, fabulous storyteller, and tribal member of the Cherokee Nation. He wrote two books about storytelling and Scripture, and made one CD of American frontier stories and songs. He preached here three years ago, with a children's message a lot like this video (or, www.baileyphelps.wordpress.com/free). More recently, Bailey played his Native American flute for hundreds of Presbyterian educators at a national conference. Thank you for your prayers for his wife Dale and the family.

Willi & John Brocklehurst
Colleen Commons
Rich Deubel
Crystal Epperson
Greta Habak
Justine Irwin's tribe
Barbara Lawlor
Bill Martin
Roy Newton
Skylar Nicholson
Miles Pancoast
Ken Robinson
Charlie Smart
Pat Strawn
Bette Ventrella
Town of Nederland Police & Fire Depts.

all those who have and are now serving in the military
the many churches preparing to join us for Rocky Mountain Mission
all the many folks in our lives who are dealing with grief and stress who do not want their names publicized...



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
Guitarist, Emily Haynes
Pastor, Rev Hansen Wendlandt
Pianist, Daniel Herman
Rocky Mtn. Mission Work Coordinator, Jim Reis



Open Doors, Open Minds, Open Hearts.