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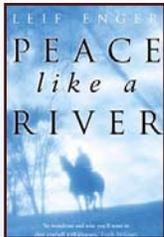


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Gatherings



Book Club



Our next book is *Peace Like a River*, by Leif Enger. It is a story of a little brother on an epic journey, which will fit perfectly with the June worship series, Little Brothers.

From an online description of the novel: "Affecting and dynamic, *Peace Like a River* is at once a tragedy, a romance, and an unflagging exploration into the spirituality and magic possible in the everyday world, and in that of the world awaiting us on the other side of life. In Enger's superb debut effort, we witness a wondrous celebration of family, faith, and spirit, the likes of which we haven't seen in a long, long time—and the birth of a classic work of literature."

The Kimbles recommended this one, it gets great reviews, and how interesting that the first comparison on Goodreads.com ('Readers Also Liked') is *Hannah Coulter*, one of our favorite books of the last four years. We start on 12 June at 6 pm, with the first 75 pages or so. Meet in the Guyer Garden, since the Rocky Mountain Mission kids will have turned the sanctuary into a bedroom!

The Sacred Music that Matters to Me

Jim Kimble

In 1896 pastor Cleland McAfee wrote a hymn that has become a favorite of mine in recent years, partly because of the circumstances of its creation. When two nieces aged 3 and 6 died in a diphtheria epidemic, Mr McAfee was inspired to compose words and music to express God's care for us even in our times of grief. In *Near to the Heart of God*, McAfee expresses his faith that God can be a refuge for us, a "place of quiet rest" as the hymn says, even in our bad times of stress, sadness, or failure.

The hymn tune is easy to sing, even to harmonize, and the refrain, which we sing three times, emphasizes that it is Jesus, sent to us from the Father's loving heart, who redeems us from our cares. Like the Psalms of lament, it shows the strength of the author's faith in spite of life not being fair or smooth. Of the time he composed the hymn, McAfee said "I knew I could not say that we understood what had happened. We cannot understand the mind of God. We cannot understand His reason for letting such tragedy come. But we can understand His heart. We can trust His love whatever happens, and we can find peace and comfort always if we stay near to the heart of God."

As a Methodist for my first 23 years and a Presbyterian ever since, I have sung this hymn very few times in church. It is one we should get to know better, especially in our sorrowful times.

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.

Welcome to Bailey! – Our new Community Coordinator for Rocky Mountain Mission is Bailey Johnson! While Jim Reis leads the groups in sweaty work each day, Bailey gets the afternoons and evenings to make sure they build community, have fun in the mountains, and dive into spiritual conversations and activities.

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Bailey has lived in town for two years. Before that she went on a mission trip in Kenya, and then completed a Christian leadership course back home in Indiana, so that she could help young people have similar life changing experiences while helping their neighbors. She is full of energy, and you get to meet her at worship on 10 June, where she'll be leading us in a song.

Bailey says of herself...

“Snowboarding and connecting with people are two of my favorite things. Though I am young, I prefer hanging out in Nederland and staying around the mountains versus going down to Boulder or Denver. I enjoy skateboarding, basketball, pool, being outdoors, swimming, anything fun. I have 4 dogs and 4 siblings. Though the summer is here, I'm excited for snow! I'm super excited and thankful for this job opportunity. Can't wait to see what the Lord does.”



Outdoor Worship

For quite a while NCPC has a tradition of moving outside for one Sunday a year, to worship in God's own sanctuary of nature. This year we meet on 10 June, 10 am at Chipeta Park. This location will be much easier for folks who don't drive, as well as easier on those volunteers who pack up the tables. Bring your favorite chair, something for the sun, and a dish to share!

Men's Group

Men's Group meets this month on 10 June, 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 21 June, 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, bbrooksrnm@aol.com).

NCPC Online

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The most popular social media post in May was... the Sermon about Zipporah on 3 May! Juuust behind it was the Sermon on Delilah

from 20 May. Both of these are about the hard truth of toxic masculinity, and the Good News of God's guidance toward a better world filled with peace and justice.

You might also want to see Will Ford singing Believer by Imagine Dragons, on the last Sunday of April. This song's author, Dan Reynolds, explains that it was his response to a persistent painful spinal condition, social anxiety, and dealing with the success of his band, "and rising above that, finding a place of perspective where I could be appreciative of the pain in my life and make it my greatest strength."

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!



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. Talk to Aimee Tomlinson to register your kids.



Jerry Griess' Memorial Service

will be 23 June at 3 pm. A reception will follow, where we can share our Jerry stories. Memorial contributions can be made in Jerry's honor to Nederland Community Presbyterian Church or Nederland Area Seniors.



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 five 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 June 27? 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, 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 IFF 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, or Aug 6-7.

New Worship Series

The Bible is full of stories about brothers. There are fights and reconciliation; there are brothers who work together. Sometimes they show love their dad; sometimes they fight him. (Almost sounds realistic, huh?) Jesus even uses the metaphor of 'brothers and sisters' to talk about how his followers share faith

So, for the next month, we'll be looking at four of these stories, in our new series, Little Brothers:

What did Jesus' little brother learn from him and teach us?

What do we do with hot button conflict that tears apart people who love each other?

How do we work for reconciliation, after hot words and actions?

How do you listen to God's purpose for you, when surrounded with such chaos in life? *Join us all through June!*

Church to hire a homeless outreach worker!

With the receipt of a great grant, Nederland Community Church will be hiring an outreach worker, to serve our area's summer homeless campers.

The Summer Homeless Advocate for Residential Encampment (SHARE) program has three goals. An outreach worker will connect people who are experiencing homelessness in the Nederland-area wilderness with programs and resources that already exist down the hill. We will teach safer camping practices, particularly with regard to campfires, but also to waste, water, weather, and wildlife. And by collecting extensive data and stories, we will begin to learn effective strategies for managing care to people in need and for keeping communities and public lands safe; by so doing, we can share best practices with other areas that struggle with the recent and rising phenomenon of homelessness moving into the wilderness.

The SHARE program has been developed out of the Nederland Interagency Council on Homeless Encampments (NICHE), a partnership guided by the Community Church and supported by several government offices, law enforcement agencies, human services organizations, and other groups whose work involves responding to issues regarding homeless camping. Thanks especially go out to Boulder County Housing and Human Services for making this program possible, as well as the ongoing support of the US Forest Service, Boulder County Sheriff's Office, Boulder County Commissioners, Peak to Peak Forest Watch, and Nederland Police, Fire, and Town Hall. The Boulder Shelter for the Homeless, Bridge House, Colorado Parks & Wildlife, and many others have also helped in coordinating our response to the issues that arise with homeless camping.

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
Willi & John Brocklehurst
Brown Family
(Tinkerbell, Cowboy & Odin)
Town of Nederland Police
& Fire Departments
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
RMM Community Coordinator, Bailey Johnson



Open Doors, Open Minds, Open Hearts.