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NEDERLAND COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

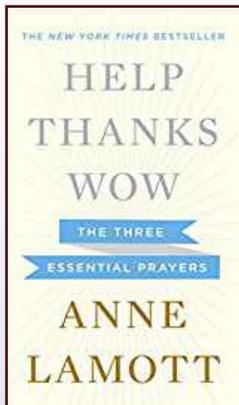


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Gatherings



Book Club



This summer we are reading a couple shorter books about Prayer, to coincide with our worship series, "How to Pray". We start with Anne LaMott's little primer, *Help Thanks Wow*. Then we'll get into some actual prayer practices, with Tony Jones' book, *Soul Shaper*. The former is a bit about the idea and purposes of prayer. The latter one is about learning about styles of prayer; and while it is geared to youth ministers to teach their teenagers, I find it sooo much more approachable and broad than any of the floofy prayer books they made me read in seminary... Just consider yourselves young again, and we'll try out some different ways to connect with God. We start on 10 July at 6 pm, with the first chapter.

The Sacred Music that Matters to Me

Bette's dad used to sing the hymn, *In the Garden*. She says he was a man of music, and was even invited to share music on a Billy Sunday crusade! But since Bette's mom was pregnant with her sister, dad stuck around and sang at the house. The family would sing in the car. They sang in the church choir. When Bette would visit home as an adult, they would drag her up to sing with them again. To be clear, mom couldn't quite carry a tune; but they loved to sing together all the same.



So many of our favorite hymns come with memories like this. There are other folks in the church who love this same hymn, which we played for Violet's funeral two years ago. Think of the songs that your parents used to sing. Can you remember them happy? Do you remember them teaching you? What does it say about your ancestors' faith, that they sung some of those classics?

For 2017 our Elders and Deacons told you why they love this church. For 2018,

With the receipt of a great grant, Nederland Community Church has hired an outreach worker, to serve our area's homeless campers. Congratulations to Claudia Schauffler, who will be serving as our Summer Homeless Advocate for Residential Encampments!
The SHARE program has three goals. First, Claudia will connect people who are experiencing homelessness in the Nederland-area wilderness with programs and resources that already exist down the hill. Second, she will teach safer camping practices, particularly with regard to campfires, but also to waste, water, weather, and wildlife. And third, 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
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Socks and Sandwiches

We have started back up! We meet each Thursday at noon in the Guyer Garden to serve a lunch, offer socks and hygiene products, and give out trash bags and education for how folks can camp safely. This ministry to the homeless has been great for campers and volunteers alike. If you want to get involved, talk to Hansen, Diana, or Kathy.

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.

**2018 Nederland Community
Summer Day Camp**



Vacation Bible School
For kids entering K-6th grade
When: July 23-27, daily 9am—noon
Where: St. Rita's Catholic Church
326 CO 119, Nederland
Cost: Free

A partnership with Highlands Presbyterian Camp

Sponsored by:
St. Rita's Catholic Church
Nederland Community Presbyterian Church
Calvary Chapel

For questions and to register contact Aimee Tomlinson
aimee.tomlinson@gmail.com

Stinton Memorial

You are invited to a Memorial Service celebrating the life of John Stinton.

*Sunday, July 15th, 2 pm at Stinton Some-R-Home, 332 West Spring St
The family welcomes your participation, with light refreshments following.*



Rocky Mtn. Mission UPDATE:

Rocky Mountain Mission has already hosted two groups of teenagers, who have come from Texas, New Mexico, Montana, and Colorado, to live at the church for a week, in order to do volunteer work in our community. They've been doing projects helping seniors and folks in need, as well as building accessible trails and installing benches at Chipeta Park. We have three more groups lined up, and you can join them in a couple ways.

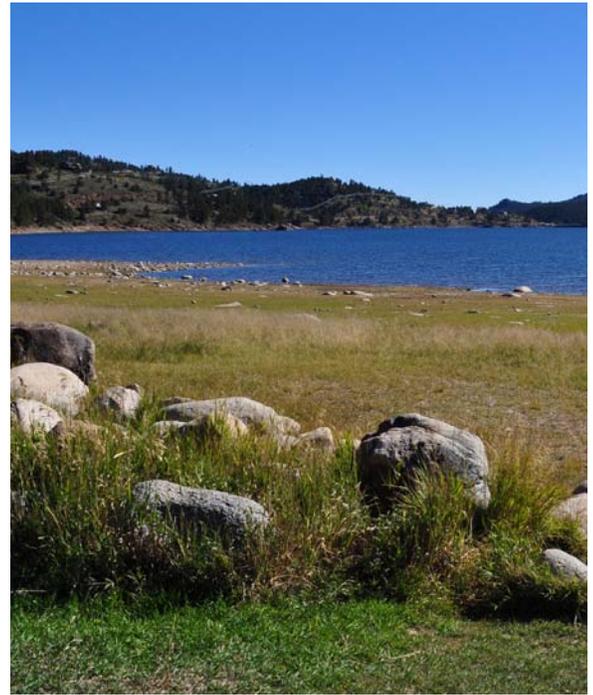
- We will have a potluck at the church on Sunday evenings, to welcome each arriving RMM group. We ask church participants to bring a dish and break bread with the visiting groups on following dates, at 6 pm: July 8, July 15, and Aug 5.
- We would love to have volunteers come help the kids with service 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 July 9-10, July 16-17, or Aug 6-7.

New Worship Series

Starting on the weekend after Independence Day, we start a new worship series. Each week for the rest of the summer, we'll be learning "How to Pray". There are prayers of lament and despair all through the Bible, prayers of gratitude and awe, prayers of supplication and healing, prayers for ourselves and for others. Sometimes we tell God our heart, and other times we listen. Maybe we pray with song or AJ Heschel talked of his feet praying as he marched. There are prayers written for us and prayers we carry from our deepest soul... Each week we'll learn from Bible stories, and practice different styles of prayer, hopefully drawing each of us closer to the source of our being.

General Assembly

NCPC is part of the Presbyterian Church (USA), a 1.7 million member denomination. So, even if organized religion turns you off, once in a while, it's good to gather and make decisions for our future. All last month that was happening in St Louis, with 900 commissioners like us. After one worship service, they collected \$47,000 and marched to a local jail to pay the bail for non-violent offenders, answering Jesus' call in Luke 4:18. Another day they passed resolutions about creation care and supporting LGBTQ+ people. There were strong statements about immigration and gun violence. Our new co-moderators are Vilmarie Cintron-Oliviero, an ESL teacher from Florida, and Rev Cindy Kohlmann, a church executive in Boston. And of course, there was a lot of boring business about organizational rules and finances. All this is for the well-being of our friends in faith, so that our good work can continue to shape God's world. Learn all about the meeting at <https://ga-pcusa.org/general-assembly-news>.



Brown Family
 (Tinkerbelle, Cowboy & Odin)
 Colleen Commons
 Rich Deubel
 Crystal Epperson
 Greta Habak
 Barbara Hardt
 Justine Irwin's tribe
 Barbara Lawlor
 Bill Martin
 Roy Newton
 Skylar Nicholson
 Miles Pancoast
 Ken Robinson
 Charlie Smart
 Pat Strawn
 Bette Ventrella
 Michael & Sadie
 Town of Nederland Police & Fire
 Departments
 all those who have and are now
 serving in the military
 the many churches joining us for
 Rocky Mountain Mission... ..



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
 SHARE Outreach Worker, Claudia Schaffler

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