

The Bell Tower

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. At the beginning of August we start to learn about and try some actual prayer practices, with Tony Jones' book, *Soul Shaper*. While this book 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 meet each Tuesday at 6 pm, starting with chapters 3 & 12.

The Sacred Music that Matters to Me

Eric Meyers
(as told to Hansen)

My great-grandparents were involved in raising me, and great-grandma loved *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*. My aunt ran the church choir, so I sung with them. My other aunt ran the Sunday School, so I went there too. When my voice finally broke, I sang my first solo in church. When I hear that song, it brings back tears. It makes me think of my family getting on their horses and going to heaven.



New Member Interest Dinner

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 with other churches to vote on denominational issues.

Every participant is equally valued in our community. So, if you choose not to join formally (yet), you can still participate in every aspect of church, serve in so many important volunteer roles, have a voice at our own formal meetings, etc. But if you are interested in taking that next step, we'll be gathering on Sunday 12 August, 11:30am (after worship and fellowship). We'll plan to go to a local restaurant and talk over lunch. Let Hansen know if you want to join!

NCPC Online - ICYMI

The most popular social media post in July was...
The first sermon in the new worship series, [How to Pray: What Is It?](#)
You might also want to see our fabulous Guest Musician, Sara Emmitt.



Her Word in Song, [Butterfly](#), was so wonderful and fit so well for the service on *How to Pray: Help*. 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!

Vacation Bible School

- Sierra Tomlinson, 10 yrs old

"In VBS this week, we are learning how God is changing everything—our hearts, our identity, our purpose, and our community. We start out with some energizers. [editor, an 'energizer' is a silly dance, also called 'holy motion'.] It is fun to do the energizers like 500 Miles, All-Star, and Pharaoh Pharaoh. We made heart pillows, leather bracelets, sand art, and paracord bracelets. Then we have Bible study. At Bible study we sometimes get to act out the Bible. Then we go outside to play some games. Our teachers are super FUN! They do more fun stuff than any other year. We all really love VBS." Those VBS teachers, by the way, served each afternoon in some mission around town. For two days they helped elderly folks with yardwork and house work; and for two days they repainted our nursery room. Thanks to Highlands Camp for sending us great staff!



Men's Group

Men's Group meets this month on 19 August, 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 16 August, 5 pm at The Branding Iron (formerly 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).

Ministry to Our Homeless Neighbors

Our Socks and Sandwiches ministry has served over 90 meals in 7 weeks. Volunteers have been great, not only at food hospitality, but even more so with simply meeting people compassionately. Despite the many social boundaries that separate us, we are breaking down walls and building relationships.

As well, our SHARE outreach worker (Summer Homeless Advocate for Homeless Encampments) has made contact with about 60 different homeless campers, and more than a dozen individuals and families have accepted help. We've connected people to transitional housing, assistance with ID and Medicare applications, job opportunities and interview training, transportation to medical and mental health appointments, help with medications and car repairs, addiction support and signing up for WIC, and many referrals to the Boulder County Coordinated Entry system. Real life changes take a lot of work, and we are glad to be able to support some of our most vulnerable neighbors.



Rocky Mtn. Mission *by Jim Reis, RMM Work Coordinator*

It has been a busy summer for Rocky Mountain Mission (RMM) at NCPC!

To date RMM has hosted **51** volunteers from **6** churches who came and lived at NCPC while serving in the community over 4 weeks. Another **11** local volunteers from NCPC/community have pitched in one or more times to help with RMM projects. Additionally we had **25** volunteers from West Lafayette High School (IN) volunteer for an afternoon of hard work on 16 July. They teamed up with our RMM group #4 from Ft Calhoun, NE to clean up a squatter trailer in the woods, 150 yards off the road in the Sunnyside neighborhood. The area was a sprawling mess with trash, tires, appliances and a literal ton of construction material that has been there for more than two years. Rocky Mountain Mission had **44 volunteers** come together to accomplish this major clean up in just under 4 hours! I am very proud that RMM was the driving force in our community that made this clean up possible.

We have also completed our major community projects at Chipeta park. We rebuilt the trail from the pedestrian bridge to the fishing pond, making it ADA accessible for wheelchairs so folks with mobility issues can enjoy the park. Additionally RMM repaired the pedestrian bridge, lined the rim of fishing pond with rock to make the trail safer for wheel chairs, and put in eight benches along the path for people to take a break and enjoy the scenery.

We have completed **19** other projects that include beautifying the Nederland roundabout and helping many seniors/disabled people. We have returned to help several people a second time and one person four times. We have one week of RMM left to help more seniors in the community and build a wheel chair ramp for a church member.

Your support of our Little Brown Church has made it possible for the amazing amount of GOOD work we have done to help people the community this summer. Thank You and God Bless!

Prayer Group

Many folks have been moved by the How to Pray series, and some have decided to gather for a prayer group. Would you be interested in meeting together once in a while (weekly, monthly?), simply to be in prayer with a supportive community? This is informal, at the sanctuary, just a chance to calm your spirit in praise or please, thanks or silence. Jaydene Morrison is organizing it, so please contact her with any questions or to sign up.

Caring for God's Creation

The church wants to model faithful behavior, in every way possible. Recently, we have been trying to do a better job at recycling, to answer God's call to be stewards of Creation. Apparently, recycling is still tricky for a lot of us. So, when you're discarding your refuse in the fellowship hall, take a look at the three flyers: trash, recycle, and the top-10 do-not recycle list!



Brown Family
(Tinkerbell, Cowboy & Odin)
Colleen Commons
Rich Deubel
Crystal Epperson
Greta Habak
Barbara Hardt
Justine Irwin's tribe
Barbara Lawlor
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 one more church joining us
for Rocky Mountain Mission...



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TEENS, Inc.**

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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