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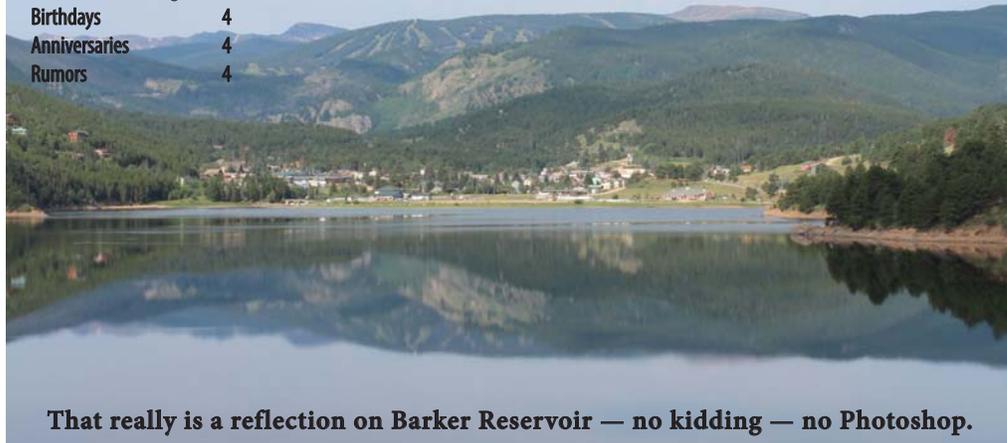
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NEDERLAND COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Congregation of caring friends and neighbors . . . growing
to live our motto: *open doors, open minds, open hearts*

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That really is a reflection on Barker Reservoir — no kidding — no Photoshop.

From the Pastor

An Introduction — An Invitation

You may have read the *italicized text* below in an earlier e-mail or as an insert in the Order of Worship on July 21. However, be sure to read the invitation below the italics — an invitation to speak your truth and to be heard. — Ed.

If you listen to me long enough, you'll hear a southern accent sneak out. I tried to get rid of it through college in Iowa and England, but returning to my home state of Arkansas for grad school dragged me back to the occasional "y'all" and a penchant for collard greens and SEC football...

After studying just a bit too much philosophy, I wandered my way to study religion in Boston. Splitting my time rather evenly between the Charles River and great Cambridge libraries, I had big plans, but of course, God has God's own way. Instead of rowing for the national team, I started coaching for MIT. Instead of doing a (silly) PhD, I worked with a couple churches.

Thus, providence aligned itself to bring me to Boulder to coach the CU Men's Crew and serve St Andrew Presbyterian Church. After four great years down your mountains, I was called

to Charlotte as a pastor for youth & mission.

North Carolina offers great gardening weather, good rock climbing, and lots of Presbyterians. But I miss skiing and 14ers and riding my bicycle to work. And I especially miss little mountain towns like Nederland, and the sorts of people who are drawn to enjoying its nature, and living in community with a global awareness.

So, it is with abundant delight that I come back west to grow with y'all. Let's join our questions and stories, over vegetarian meals and porch-side guitars.

Let's talk about Jesus and the deep parts of our lives, with hot coffee and cold beer.

Let's help each other pass the difficulties and appreciate the good, as we breathe in the Spirit and breathe out compassion on our town.

Now, I want to hear your story.

- What should I know about you as a person?
- What is important to you about this church, our town, or your spiritual journey?



SAVE THE DATE — Concerts are alive and well once again in our community.

The third of the 2013 series will be held Sunday afternoon, **August 25, 4:00 p.m.** in the NCPC Sanctuary.

The concert will be provided by Caitlin Strickland, piano and Takanori Sugishita, a professional violinist. They will each be playing some solo works, a Beethoven Sonata, and then some show pieces.

A reception will follow hosted by Ned's Red, the local chapter of the Red Hat Society.

PLEASE THANK Jan Tafoya for organizing this concert series. — Jim Hubbard

There are only two kinds of people in the world — those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

— Thanks to Kate Crain for this "filler." ☺

- What do you love about your faith lived out, and want to see happen more at NCPC?
- What frustrates you about God or how we serve God at NCPC?
- How can I help you and the church grow, whatever 'grow' means to you?

For these first weeks at Nederland Community PC, the most valuable thing I can do is listen. As much as I'll try to help plan powerful worship services and look for opportunities to be a pastoral presence around town, my number one priority right now is to get to know you. So, please, give me a call (303-258-3579) or e-mail (ncpcpastor@gmail.com), to schedule a time for us to get together.

Peace and God bless,
Hansen





HELP NEEDED!

The *Never Ending Food Drive* began in July as one way for NCPC to increase its support of the Nederland Food Pantry (NFP). This expands our food collection support from the first Sunday of each month to every Sunday. Canned meat, tuna fish, and peanut butter are some items needed regularly. Canned food is needed every day and not just Sundays.

The number of people using the Food Pantry has increased. To meet the growing need, the Pantry has expanded its hours: the first and last Thursdays of every month AND every Saturday from 10:00 am to noon.

Your cash donation to the Nederland Food Pantry is especially appreciated. It enables purchasing important items that are not donated. Make checks *payable to NCPC*, with a note in the **memo: Food Pantry**. Mail your check to NCPC, PO Box 467, Nederland CO 80466-0467, or place it in the collection plate Sunday morning.

Food and cash donations can be dropped off any time the church is open. You don't need to be a member of NCPC or attend Sunday services to help out those in need. For more information please check the NCPC web site at <http://www.nederlandcpc.org>

— Dennis Whalen



Persistent Hunger

CUB SCOUTS will again be using space at the church for meetings during the school year.



A complete schedule will be handed in by September 1, 2013 that will include meeting times and days. I believe it will follow last year's schedule of Tuesdays and Thursdays.

IF YOU HAVE a child interested in Cub Scouts please contact Barbara Hardt at publisher@themountainear.com or 303-810-5409. — Barbara Hardt

Mission Committee Update — Dennis Whalen

The Mission Committee has been busy. First, a Nederland Food Pantry Board of Directors was established to provide better oversight of the Food Pantry and The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) managed by the USDA.

This opens increased opportunities for monetary grants and it helps Chris Current, Executive Director of the Food Pantry, with the fund raising and administrative tasks. The establishment of this Board will help assure the services provided by the Food Pantry will continue well into the future.

Although the Food Pantry Board has only met twice, we already have a volunteer handbook, by-laws and we are working with United Way towards a possible \$1000 grant.

We expect the Board to meet monthly for the next several months and then, hopefully, be able to meet quarterly. The Board consists of several members, including Wes Stiefer as Treasurer and myself, Dennis Whalen, as President.

As the person responsible for The Emergency Food Assistance Program, and as President of the Nederland Food Pantry Board of Directors, I've become actively involved with the Nederland Mayor's Task Force on Housing and Human Services.

This group has been working on several items including getting various Boulder County agencies, and other low cost providers, better represented with office hours at the Community Center.

We're also working to get public transportation along the Peak to Peak highway from Allenspark to Black Hawk. We've even had a Gilpin County commissioner attending some of the meetings to help assure inclusion of the entire greater Nederland Community in our planning.

Obviously not all of this will occur immediately, and it will take much effort. However the attitude of the participants, including Boulder County Public Health, United Way, and several independent service agencies, is positive.



REGULAR SUNDAY SCHOOL will begin this fall for kids 1st grade through 12th grade. Sunday school will take place BEFORE church at 9 a.m.

With this idea, parents can participate in choir or drop kids off and go have breakfast or coffee while we study. Then kids can participate in the service. We hope to bring music back once a month into the service for the kids. All will fall into place once Hansen is actively working with us to determine how to take this group in a positive direction. — Barbara Hardt



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL had 12 children, 3 teen volunteers and 3 church volunteers from Nederland. This year we were fortunate

to have 3 volunteers from Highlands Camp participate by running the programs. It was a fresh new approach that combined all the grade levels and focused on getting the kids to interact with each other. Playtime, music time, Bible study and more were part of the everyday process.

Next year we hope to have a full day camp with even more to offer the kids. This will allow kids to participate that were not able to this year, because of time constraints on the parents with work schedules. — Barbara Hardt



A HUGE THANKS to the Nederland Community Presbyterian Church for the space for the first "Colorado Bluegrass Camp" in June. The camp had over 30 in attendance and 5 phenomenal teachers from the band "Colorado" leading.

Students learned Mandolin, Violin, Guitar, Banjo and Upright Bass. We hope to have a similar camp next year and will start planning in January for that.

— Barbara Hardt

Name Tags

Please wear your name tag. It will help Hansen, our new pastor, get to know you and to learn your name quickly.

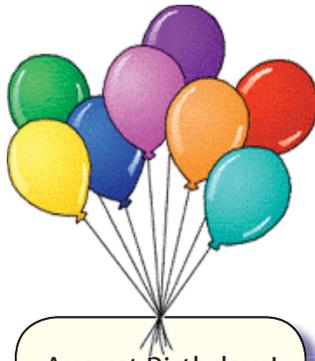
You only have to learn 1 new name, he has to learn 60+ names and faces!

RUMOR HAS IT that the NCPC youth are going on a mission trip at the end of the month.

Perhaps we will have some news and photos *after* the trip to share in the next newsletter.

RUMOR ALSO HAS IT that there is a lot of thinking going on and ideas being kicked around regarding new programs for our youth and the rest of us. Perhaps you have some ideas too. Hansen has extended an invitation on page 1 — take him up on it.

NEXT MONTH we should have an up to date calendar of church activities.



August Birthdays!

- 7 Linda Bennett
- 8 Valerie Armstrong
- 9 Michael Rundle
- 15 Kristina Heller
- 22 Jaydene Morrison
- 23 Julia Stadele
- 24 Emily Haynes
- 25 Ginny Leever
- 28 Dean Rundle
- 30 Dennis Whalen
- 31 Tami Kochen



August Anniversaries!

- 2 Larry & Lynn James
- 4 Dean & Janice Rundell
- 5 Carolyn Armstrong & Mark Moll
- 6 Frank & Justine Irwin
- 11 Emily & Mark Haynes
- 15 Megan & Lee Stadele
- 27 Carol & Bob Rhoads



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