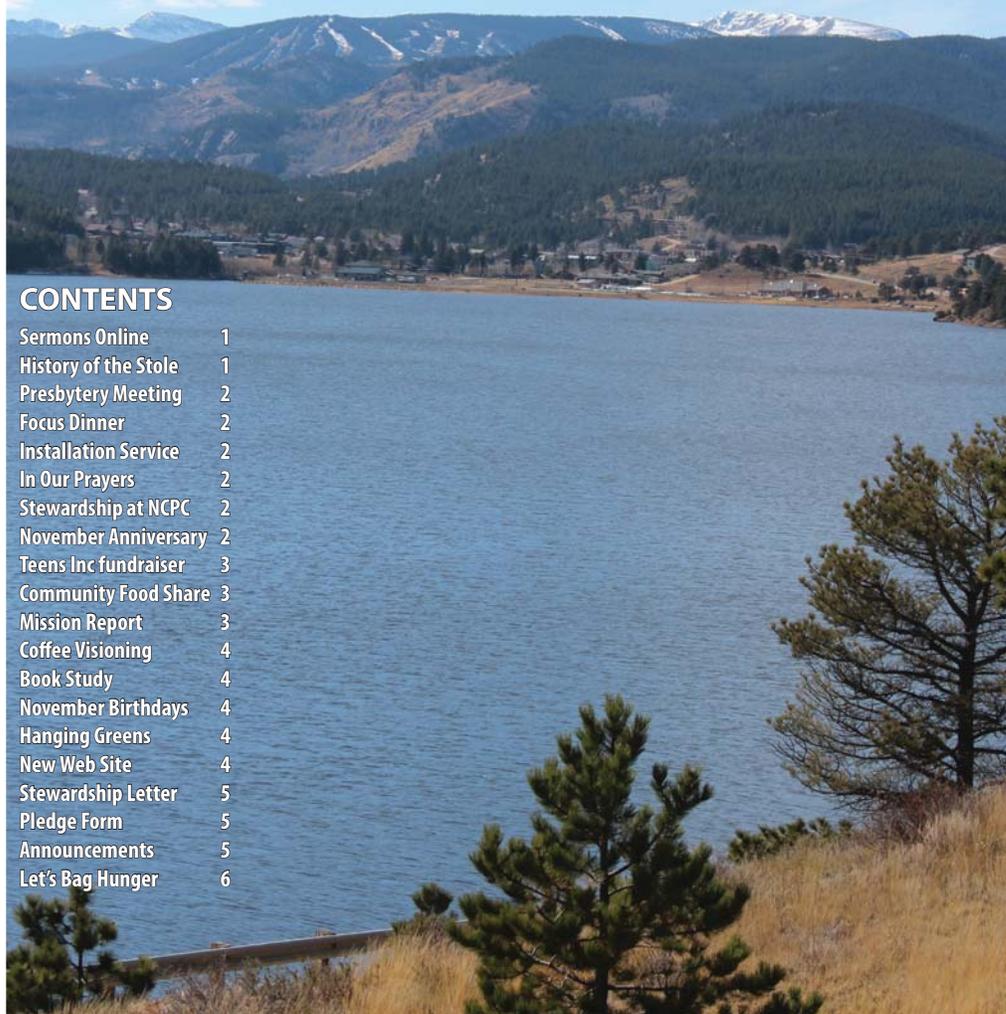


# The Bell Tower

November, 2013

**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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If you wonder why, or what a stole is, here's a short explanation:

This weird church-y word comes from Latin and Greek, from generic words for "garment". Jewish faith leaders and Roman imperial leaders both wore similar things around their necks, and early Christian leaders might have borrowed the imagery.



Or, some people think the stole developed as an extension of the towel Christ used to dry off his disciples' feet, at that epic story of servant leadership.

However it started, my favorite story behind why pastors wear stoles *now*, is how it symbolizes a yoke between myself and this congregation. Some compare this to Jesus' bonds, as he carried the cross. Others might point to when Jesus offered us a yoke of rest, as he takes our yoke of difficulties.

Either way, when I wear a stole, I remind myself that I am putting on the weight and responsibility of walking with you through burdens of life and journeys of faith. It is, therefore, as much a sign for me to remember my calling, as it can be a symbol of comfort for you.

Next month we can tackle the symbolism of the robe!



— Hansen

**Sermons Online** — When we launch the new website, it will be very easy to listen to sermons online. Until then, you can find them at YouTube.com, by searching for

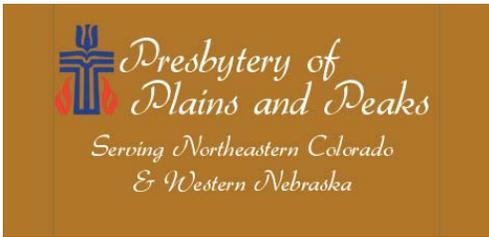


"Hansen Wendlandt". By clicking on his name, you will be directed to Hansen's channel with dozens of videos and sermons.

## History of the "stole"

Before my formal installation I did not wear a stole, on purpose. After my installation, whereat I received a new stole made by Pakistani women, I do intend to place that piece of fabric around my neck at every service of worship. (Thanks, Violet, for reminding me!)





Following are a few highlights from the latest quarterly meeting of our regional body of 40 PC(USA) congregations.

- We discussed churches affected by the flood, directed the worship offering toward their cleanup, and heard a report from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance: *“We won’t be the first ones to come in after a disaster, but we will be the last ones to leave.”*
- We reviewed the finances for the Presbytery. The operating budget (for things like leadership development, congregational support and Highlands Camp) should sustain us for 2013, but it is suffering mightily. Budgeted expenses are well down, but **income is also down by \$182k**. Part of this is certainly economic, but five churches have also chosen to withhold or postpone about \$133k in per capita apportionments, as they continue to consider theological issues. The mission budget, on the other hand, is stable, partly because three of the aforementioned five churches have fully kept up with their pledge to local and denominational mission.
- Highlands Camp served as a shelter for many residents during the flood. Staff did an awesome job. Since, they have cleaned up much of the damage, although the lost revenue is weighing heavy.
- We heard a very good sermon from Rev. Nancy D’Ippolito, along with a worship service full of very diverse music.
- The Council reported a lot of discussion about staffing models and our commitment to mission and Highlands.
- Dates for 2014 Presbytery meetings were set as February 7-8 in Fort Morgan, May 3 in Berthoud, August 9 in Bridgeport and October 24-25 at Longmont Westview.

### Youth and Children Focus Dinner

On 27 October 8 teens, 4 children and 9 adults gathered at the Haynes house to make decisions about moving forward with Youth and Children’s Ministry at NCPC.

Everyone participated in the discussion, from a 6-year old who shared that “Sunday School is fun,” to adults who reminisced about what they enjoyed from Youth Group.

Keep your eyes out for a poster that summarizes all the comments. And be excited that activities ramp up on 10 November!



*This photo doesn’t accurately represent what went on at the Focus Dinner — (this newsletter needs reporters and photographers to help capture the various events and activities of a vibrant, fun-loving and growing congregation. Think what a difference that would make.)*  
Just do it! 😊

**CHILDREN K-5 WILL** have a Sunday morning class 9-9:45 each week. Youth in grades 6-12 will gather for fellowship and learning a couple times a month, maybe with a mission project or dinner and a movie; a schedule will come out very soon.



THINK BACK TO your childhood. Would another caring adult have made a difference in your life? Might you feel called to serve the younger folks in our community? Contact Barbara Hardt or Hansen, if you have any questions about volunteering or participating!



Violet Aandres; Judy Anderson; Becky Binge; Shirley Filer; the Fogelburg Family; the parents of Marylou Harrison; Frank Irwin; Megan Stadele; Joye Stanich; Robyn Wysong; for those who are unable to worship with us on a regular basis; and for those serving in the military.

November Anniversary!  
23 Bob & Cinda Kochen



### INSTALLATION SERVICE



*Many folks contributed food for the reception following the installation service . . . and this dynamic duo made sure the presentation was “par excellence” . . . hugs and thanks to all who helped!*

### Stewardship at NCPC

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY is November 17. It’s that time of year again—time to reflect on Stewardship—how we choose individually to steward and share our resources—financial, time and talents—with our community. As the graphic says, this really is **heart work**—a very real time for *inner reflection* on personal values and commitments.



We are blessed and grateful for your on-going dedication and commitment to our church and to its missions in the community.

We are blessed and grateful for our congregation—year round and seasonal—who help support our church financially, volunteer your time, donate your gifts, sing in the choir, play your instrument during worship, help pull weeds and spruce up our grounds and facilities, bring your smiles and conversation to fellowship after worship, host the fellowship

[ Continued on page 5 where you can read the stewardship letter and clip out a pledge form. ]



As a TEENS, Inc. board member I'm excited to announce our 4th Annual *Night on Ned* Event,

**November 13th.** Our goal this year is to raise \$10,000 through donations from community members who will enjoy a progressive dinner hosted by Salto Coffee Works/Tin Shed Sports, First Street Pub & Grill, and New Moon Bakery.

The confirmed keynote speaker, Silas Tittes of Eldora, is pursuing his doctorate degree in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology from the University of Colorado. Silas graduated with the first class at Chinook West High School in 2007, served as a Peer Supervisor, worked as a Mountain Youth Corps Member, and built the Teen Center stage so he and many other teens could play concerts there.

For the past sixteen years TEENS, Inc. has been on the cutting edge of providing services to youth and families in our community, whether it's organizing backpacking trips that build leadership skills, creating a drug prevention coalition, or employing over 60 teens per year.

All donations from Night on Ned will be used to further TEENS, Inc.'s mission to empower youth and their families to make healthy choices and thrive.

Does this sound like something you'd like to support? We have only a few spots left!

Contact Amy Hartman,  
[amy@peaktopeakcounseling.com](mailto:amy@peaktopeakcounseling.com) or  
303-807-0864.



**Community Food Share** (CFS) is Boulder and Broomfield Counties' food bank.

It collects donated food from a variety of sources and stores the donated food in its warehouse where it is sorted, packaged, and checked for spoilage. Over 50 local basic needs agencies rely on Community Food Share for free food to pass on to their clients. It also operates programs like the Feeding Families program which provides free food to families with school-children living in poverty.

Community Food Share supplies food to local nonprofit organizations that in turn distribute the food to their clients, free of

## Report from the Mission Team

80 Households and 140 individuals were provided food by TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program) during September. TEFAP serves approximately one half of the overall number of Food Pantry clients.

There has been no TEFAP food distribution this month due to the government shutdown. We are still able to get food from Community Food Share for the larger Nederland Food Pantry.

The Food Pantry did receive a grant from United Way to help the food pantry serve the increased number of clients as a result of the flood. The food pantry is also working on another grant.

The Board of the Food Pantry is working on establishing a budget review process, and a job description for the Executive Director, with the hope that we can hire a part time paid Executive Director sometime within the next year. Currently Chris Current, the Executive Director spends a minimum of 20 hours/week, and for most weeks much more, working in support of the Food Pantry.

Boulder County Human Services

charge. (e.g., Nederland Food Pantry)

### Mission

Community Food Share's mission is to ensure that people in Boulder & Broomfield Counties are food secure.

Global Ends Statement:

1. Food insecure individuals have access to nutritious food.

- Target audience: Households up to 130% of the poverty level, with children being the highest priority

- Target: three meals per day

- Food is available every day of the year

- CFS food supply is consistent with USDA nutrition guidelines

2. Procuring and distributing food to our target population occurs in an effective and efficient manner.

3. Food insecure individuals are assisted in accessing food from federal, local government and non-profit programs.

On August 1, 2013, Community Food Share moved into a new facility located in the Colorado Tech Center, in south

personnel are now available at the time of the food distribution on the last Thursday of the month, to provide guidance and assistance to food pantry clients and others.

A Legal Clinic was held on Saturday, 10/19, with 10-15 people seeking assistance from the volunteer legal team. Plans are to have one or members from the legal team available in the Community Center on the last Thursday of the month when Boulder County Human Services personnel are also available.

The Food Pantry is now storing, using prior to the expiration date and restocking some food items in support of the Community Center preparedness for its use as a shelter. Although the Red Cross or other agencies are supposed to provide food, etc., when a shelter is established, they've never been able to respond to Nederland in the past, and it's anticipated this will not change in the future.

— Dennis Whalen, Mission Elder  
Home 303.642.1435, Mobil 303.862.1501

Louisville, off of Dillon Rd.

Mailing address: Community Food Share,  
650 S. Taylor Ave., Louisville, CO 80027



Friday, November 1, all SNAP (food stamp) participants had their benefits cut. While a loss of \$36 a month for a family of four may not sound like much – the picture above shows what \$36 can buy.



For the 9th year in a row, CFS

has earned the coveted 4-star rating from Charity Navigator. Less than 1% of charities nationwide have earned such a distinction! Community Food Share takes accountability seriously. If you should ever have any questions about how your dollars are being used, please do not hesitate to contact us.

[Just thought you might like to know where much of the NFP food comes from. CFS urgently needs volunteers to help with its "Let's Bag Hunger" food drive—See page 6! Will you help? Maybe a youth/adult mission opportunity? — Ed.]



**Coffee at Buffalo Bills** — Now every Tuesday morning at 9 (this is a new day), folks gather for coffee to discuss who we are as a church, what we are called to do next, and how to move toward it. Come, join the ongoing conversation!



As a summer resident, I felt privileged to be able to take part in the vision meetings that occurred while I was in Nederland. The exchange of ideas was interesting and challenging. I have always been impressed that the Nederland Community Presbyterian Church is open to everyone's ideas, including those of us who are not members.

I also found the vision gatherings to be a great time of fellowship with the people who chose to take part. If you have never taken part in one of these meetings, I would encourage you to do so. It's a good way to share your ideas (and everyone has one or two!).

It's also a great way to get to know others and what their vision of the future of the church. If you are unable to attend because of the timing of the meetings, I'm sure Hansen would be open to meeting at other times if he knows you're interested. I look forward to seeing what has been going on when I return to Nederland next year.

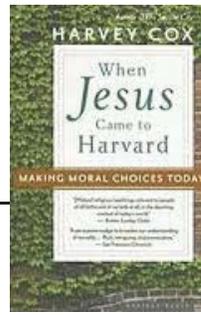
— Barbara Stiefer

**[Hansen is indeed interested in your participation in a "visioning group." Tuesday morning at 9 a.m. is not a convenient or practical time for many of us. What do you suggest? Is there a time and place that works for you? Tell Hansen what will work for you. That may work for others too.— Ed.]**

*The way you live your life is the best sermon.*

## THE NCPC EVENING BOOK STUDY

NEED NO EXPERIENCE - BRING OPEN, INQUIRING MIND



The book club ramped back up October 29! We will meet each Tuesday at church for the traditional soup, bread and discussion, 6:30-7:30. The first book is . . . *When Jesus Came to Harvard*, by Harvey Cox, which you can purchase on Amazon.com for one penny!† The Introduction prompted PLENTY of discussion at that first meeting! November 5 we started with chapters 1-3, and continue with a couple chapters per week. Anyone who can provide soup and/or bread, please contact Hansen! † (Alas, shipping is \$3.99)



### Hanging of the Greens

**SAVE THE DATE!** Sunday, December 1 is the annual Hanging of the Greens at NCPC—a day for fellowship and good food.

Join us after church for a hardy potluck and hanging of the greens. We will decorate the church and a freshly cut Christmas tree.

Bring your favorite holiday dish to share and your holiday spirit too. Share the spirit of Christmas with us as we enter this joyous holiday season.

**Potluck? Potluck! That means you are invited. Bring a dish if you can — but by all means bring yourself and your appetite — for good food and fellowship — and pitch in and lend a hand if you can.**

**NEW WEBSITE COMING SOON** — We know the church website is missing right now. Very soon we'll be launching it anew, with a new host. If you have any skill in web arts (esp. WordPress), and have the time to help out, then please contact Hansen. A very basic page sits at [www.nedcpc.org](http://www.nedcpc.org) (below). We expect to have a more done by the end of November . . . and by the end of the year be up and running with links to Facebook, YouTube and a fully functioning event calendar.

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You are here: Home Site Under Construction

We're not down . . . just our web site!

**Sunday worship is at 10:00 and all are welcome.**  
**The choir practices at 9:00 a.m. Sundays — all are welcome.**  
**Sunday School meets 9:00 – 9:45 a.m. — K-5**

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We lost our website when our domain name/URL ([nederlandcpc.org](http://nederlandcpc.org)) expired!  
 We're in the process of creating a new web presence under a **temporary domain** — [nedcpc.org](http://nedcpc.org).  
 Very basic information is above.

We are working to get a new, full site up and running with a new host. Check back often, or if you have a request or suggestion regarding our web presence, then **please do** e-mail us at "contact" [at](mailto:ncpcpastor@gmail.com) ([@](mailto:ncpcpastor@gmail.com)) our temporary URL.

Facebook Like 0



### November Birthdays!

- 1 Mary Commers
- 2 Rosalie Bargmann
- 2 Esther Rings
- 5 Charlene Morrison
- 5 Debbie Stevens
- 6 Dave Blanchard
- 9 Hayden Hardt-Zeman
- 10 Russ Peterson
- 11 Kathleen Henningsen
- 17 Cinda Kochen
- 24 Floy Walberg
- 25 Dan Harrison
- 25 Janice Rundle
- 26 Eleanor Busch
- 27 Pat Ennor
- 30 Charlie Allen
- 30 Mark Haynes

***Regret the delay.***  
**The newsletter should have been out ten days ago ☹ . . .**  
 and circumstances developed that demanded precedence!  
 Will do better next month.  
 — Ed.



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Last year our church congregation celebrated its 100 year birthday and in 2015 we will be celebrating the sanctuary's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. This year, we are celebrating a new beginning with the successful hiring of our new pastor, Hansen Wendlandt. With this new beginning, we will be seeing a revival of many of the programs and services that have been the lifeline of our church over the years as well as many new ones we hope will address the needs of our current population. Of course, none of these programs and services could have been possible and will not be possible without the support and participation of everyone who currently attends, as well as, the many friends and visitors we get throughout the year. "Our Little Brown Church with a Bell" has been and is a church home for not only of nearby residents but for many folks scattered across the country who stop in for the summer or when in the area.

As we move forward, we need to do some planning so what resources we have can be maximized to do God's work here in Nederland. We need your help to achieve this goal. This is the time of the year when we survey to see what finances we may have available as well as your physical participation. Our church has minimal staff so it depends on your active participation in the various activities that are required to keep the doors open and the programs going.

Our stewardship campaign consists of two parts. One is your financial pledge for the coming year. Your pledge gives the Session input to plan programs and for any physical upkeep required for the buildings and grounds. The second is your input on areas that you would like to actively participate whether in the various programs or help maintain the physical structure. Please watch your mailboxes for an important mailing that includes a Time and Talent form along with an Annual Pledge Card.

We understand you may have uncertainties about declaring your intentions for the coming year. It is truly an act of faith and the annual budget is put together on faith that the resources will be available. This can and will be modified throughout the year by the Session.

Please give this one annual request prayerful thought and return your pledge by Nov. 17th.

Wes Stiefer, Treasurer  
 On Behalf of the NCPC Session

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service, and generally just make yourselves useful when things need to be done.

Although we may sometimes forget to acknowledge and thank one another for our many contributions to keeping our church a vibrant member of the Nederland community, we couldn't do it without one another—all of us—our whole church family.

Today we benefit from the legacy of those who came before us; those who devoted their hands, hearts and minds to beginning a legacy of service to one another and our community.

As you reflect on how you might support your mountain community church, think of the legacy you would like to leave—*footprints in the sands of time*—for those who follow after in a century from now.

YOUR PLEDGED FINANCIAL GIVING enables the session elders to map out a responsible budget for 2014.

WHAT YOU MAY NOT KNOW: pledged time and talent commitments are a huge support and time savings to those who plan worship services, special events and mission. **Please complete and return the time and talent survey too.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE SESSION** will meet Sunday, November 17, following fellowship after worship.

**THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER deadline** is **Monday, November 25.** (00:00 - midnight)

**FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP** is enjoyed by most of us. Please consider hosting this activity—or bring something to share.

**THE NEVER ENDING FOOD DRIVE** keeps on keeping on because of your generous participation. It's "never ending" because poverty and hunger keep rolling along in this nation of ours...Hmm, time to rethink?

**THE CHURCH DIRECTORY** is long overdue for an update—updated information, new folks and photos—it's a big job and a very important one. Can you help out? Gather information? Take photos? Help with layout and publishing? Please talk to Hansen or Gary Ennor.



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In gratitude to God and in support of the ongoing mission and program budget of my church, my/our faith commitment for the year 2014 will be:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ weekly – monthly – yearly (please circle one)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

*Please place this form in the pledge box on the credenza in the church on or before **Stewardship Commitment Sunday, November 17,** or you may send it to the above address, Attention: Treasurer.*

**Thought Gems . . .**

**Time to Turn Our Lights On!**

*If there is light in the soul,  
 there will be beauty in the person.  
 If there is beauty in the person,  
 there will be harmony in the house.  
 If there is harmony in the house,  
 there will be order in the nation.  
 If there is order in the nation,  
 there will be peace in the world.*

— Chinese Proverb

*The kind of ancestors you have is not as important as the ones your children have.  
 The best things in life are not things.  
 Keeping a neat house is like threading beads on a string with no knot in it.  
 A happy home is more than a roof over your head; it's a foundation under your feet.*

*The forest would be quiet if no birds sang except the best.*

*Marriage may be made in heaven, but man is responsible for the upkeep.*

*Instead of putting others in their place; put yourself in their place.*

— Thanks to various Amish folk for these thoughts.

**FROM COMMUNITY FOOD SHARE**



**2 Volunteers,  
greeting for 2 hours  
can secure enough  
food to feed  
a family of 4  
for 2 weeks**

*Our largest annual food drive is only a few weeks away—November 17-27, 2013. We are hoping that you and/or members of your group can help us again as greeters at grocery stores to remind shoppers to donate.*

Weekends and evenings are most important for us to cover with volunteer Greeters, **but anytime you are available is good!**

Weekday evening time slot is 4:30 – 7 pm

Saturdays and Sundays time slots are: 9 – 11:30 am; 11:30 am-2 pm; 2 – 4:30 pm; 4:30 – 7 pm

We try to break up weekdays in the same time slots as weekends, but, again, **whenever you are available to be a greeter is when we need you!!**

If you can help us, please call or e-mail Sue Ericson at Community Food Share to get signed up:

Pick a store and a time

Call or email Sue to get scheduled

She will send you a confirmation and an attachment of instructions for greeters via e-mail.

Know that you have helped us towards our goal of receiving 100,000 pounds of food from this food drive!! **You Rock!!!**

Contact Sue Ericson at Community Food Share: (303) 652-3663 ext. 202, or cell: (303) 591-0516 or email: **sericson@communityfoodshare.org**

We also need people to sort food in warehouse, **but if we do not have greeters, there is NO FOOD to sort. We need about 1 sorter for every 30-40 greeters!!!**

Greeters are needed in Boulder, Broomfield, Gunbarrel, Lafayette, Louisville and Niwot.

(Gary Ennor can e-mail you Sue's flyer which lists the participating stores in Boulder/Broomfield.)



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