

The 10585

Monthly Newsletter of the Church in the Wildwood March 2017

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Lent Begins March 5 – Let Us Prepare our Hearts for Easter

On Easter, we celebrate the miracle Jesus did for us by rising from the grave and reconciling the world to God. During his lifetime, Jesus performed many other salvific and healing acts, and several of them are recorded only in the Gospel of John. Let us explore, between now and Easter, some of those events. **Pastor Diane will preach an encouraging, uplifting sermon series titled “Only in John: Stories Found Only in John’s Gospel.”** Curious about the topics? Here is the schedule:



- March 5 – John 2.1-11, “Jesus’ First Miracle: The Wedding at Cana”
- March 12 – John 3.1-21, “Jesus’ Secret Conversation with Nicodemus”
- March 19 – John 4:1-29, 39-42, “Jesus’ Forbidden Conversation with the Samaritan Woman at the Well”
- March 26 – John 8:2-11, “Jesus Forgives the Woman Caught in Adultery”
- April 2 – John 11:1-44, “Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead” (Rev. Jim Price preaches.)
- April 9 – John 12.12-19, “The People Spread Palm Branches as Jesus Enters Jerusalem” (Palm Sunday)
- April 16 – John 20.1-23, “Jesus Appears First to Mary” (Easter Sunday)

Team Talk

The Administration Team met on February 15, 2017. Members of the team present were Newman McAllister (by Skype), Marsha Soyka, Ian Elliot and Stacey Okvath. Jeff Chapman, Rebecca Wujcik, Sunde King, and Pastor Diane Martin also attended. Marsha gave the reflection. The minutes from the January 25, 2017, meeting were approved, with the addition of Church in the Wildwood to the heading. Financial figures were not yet available for January.

Rebecca reported that she has made a list of all devices in the church that use batteries, including thermostats, with a note to replace them once a year. The website was down for a time but has been reinstated. Ian will repair the broken rope in the bell tower. The metal post office boxes that were formerly in the Pastor’s office were sold to Rod Smith for \$50. The Team agreed there is no need to pay

\$10 per month for the ability to send outgoing faxes – that service will be discontinued. Newman is still out of town, but upon his return he will coordinate with Nathan Martin about looking at repair of electrical system that controls the lights that illuminate the stained glass windows at the rear of the sanctuary. Jeff is still working on a proposal, to be funded by anonymous donors, to improve the wireless listening devices for sermons on Sunday and the purchase of a wireless handheld microphone to be used during worship by congregation members.

The choir took a break in January but is singing again in February. Pastor Diane discussed several revisions to Policy No. 3, the Safe Church Policy. After discussion the matter was tabled for further revisions. Pastor Diane reported extensively on her numerous activities since the last team meeting. Lent begins on March 1. Her Lenten sermon series is entitled “Only in John: Stories Found Only in John’s Gospel.” The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 21, at 4:45 p.m.

Coffee & Conversation – Tuesdays, 10 a.m.

Join Pastor Diane for casual conversation and a variety of hot Keurig brews every Tuesday morning for an hour or so. Let’s talk about the scripture for the next Sunday’s sermon (see schedule, above), and whatever other topics arise!



March 14 & 28 – Wildwood Food Pantry

The Wildwood Food Pantry dates this month are March 14 and 28, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Dinner is served until 7:30 p.m. Please contact Craig Gooding (761-0484) or the church office (684-9427) if you can help. You are welcome to join us for the weekly dinner, whether you need food assistance or not. We would appreciate a few more people to help us better serve and support our guests; this need not be a weekly commitment. Please contact the church if you can assist in greeting our guests, serving or cooking the dinner, or putting together boxes of food. You can also help by getting the word out in the community that we offer this service to our neighbors.

The pantry always needs non-perishable food, toiletries, and potatoes. Right now, we especially need **canned tomatoes, jelly, pork ‘n beans, seasonings (including salt and pepper), canned fruit, and powdered milk**. Thank you for your loyal support and contributions to the food pantry.

March 26 – Monthly Potluck

Our Hospitality Team is hosting our monthly potluck lunch on March 26. The theme will be announced soon. Please bring a dish to share, and enjoy the great fellowship we share!

We also need coffee hosts after worship in April. Can you help? There is a sign-up sheet on the wall in the kitchen, or you can contact the office. To volunteer to help with Hospitality Team events (potlucks, coffee hour, etc.), contact Craig Gooding at 761-0484.

Prayer Team

Are you willing to pray for various needs? Please let Pastor Diane know, and she will add you to the list of pray-ers. You’ll be notified by email, and if you don’t have email, someone will call you to let you know. Please also let Pastor Diane know if you have a prayer request for the team.

May 28 – Blackwood Legacy Coming to the Church in the Wildwood!

Coming to us on a love offering basis (no cost to us), from Nashville, Tennessee, is the Blackwood Legacy quartet. Read about them below, but please start inviting all of your friends, co-workers, neighbors and family members to this event, because we want to pack our beautiful sanctuary with guests!

This group will minister during our regular Sunday morning service, on Memorial Day weekend, and you won't want to miss their timeless blend of new country and folk gospel music. Rick Price and Chris Blackwood formed the Blackwood Legacy as a tribute to the legendary music of the Grammy and Dove award-winning group the Blackwood Brothers Quartet.



The Blackwood Legacy is comprised of Rick Price, Luke Yates, Hunter Sparkman and Paul Secord. On tour more than 250 dates per year, they truly demonstrate the love of God through their music, ministry, and testimonies.

Inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame with the Blackwood Brothers, Rick Price has more than 30 years of gospel music under his belt. Believing that "the road to the future is paved with memories of the past," and recognizing the need to reach audiences of all ages, Price has gathered some of the finest musicians on the gospel scene today. He is joined by Luke Yates, a pianist and vocalist originally from the Spokane, Washington area; and tenor Paul Secord, songwriter, musician and worship leader. The group's newest addition is lead singer Hunter Sparkman, a Nashville-based Christian recording artist, songwriter and musician. The Blackwood Legacy was recently signed to Mansion Records and have released several albums under their new label.

You can find other information and music clips on their website, www.blackwoodlegacy.com, and the band's brief promotional video can be accessed at <https://vimeo.com/147681419>. Put it on your calendar now, and invite your friends. We will all be richly blessed!

July 1-9 – Green Box Arts Festival

Once again, the Church in the Wildwood is hosting the Sacred Music Festival during the Green Box Arts Festival. This year, the Sacred Music Festival will feature a **bluegrass ensemble led by our friend from Colorado College, Keith Reed.**



Keith is the Studio Professor for Bluegrass Music at Colorado College. He grew up playing bluegrass banjo and guitar and, as a professional musician, has done extensive touring and has two critically acclaimed recordings. He is a lecturer and teaches bluegrass guitar, banjo, and bluegrass ensemble at Colorado College in Colorado Springs. Keith is bringing together to

perform with him during Green Box some of the finest bluegrass musicians in the country. These include Ronnie Bowman, Gabe Witcher, Irl Hees, and Don Rigsby.

Watch for more details later, but we can tell you this much already:

- The ensemble will perform an outdoor afternoon concert that is open to everyone, on Saturday afternoon, July 1.
- Then they will play a smaller set in the evening at the Church in the Wildwood. This will include an educational component, during which the musicians will discuss the history of bluegrass and the philosophy behind their styles of playing.
- On Sunday, July 2, the ensemble will perform during our worship service at the Church in the Wildwood, drawing upon the spiritual roots of bluegrass and taking worshippers on a tour of both religious and musical history.
- Then, on Sunday evening, July 2, the Colorado Vocal Arts Ensemble will present a concert, which is also open to the public, in our sanctuary.
- Jim Van Namee will return to teach a four-day photography workshop for middle and high school students. (This is the only youth workshop we are hosting this year, as some events will be taking place at Ute Pass Elementary School.)

For Your Calendar (March & April, and Looking Ahead)

March

- March 14 (Tues) – Food Pantry & Community Meal, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- March 21 (Tues) – Admin Team meets at 4:45 p.m.
- March 26 (Sun) – One Great Hour of Sharing offering received
- March 28 (Tues) – Pastor Diane & Nathan leave for Ontario, Canada (emergency trip to visit sister-in-law who is in chemotherapy)
- March 28 (Tues) – Food Pantry & Community Meal, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

April

- April 2 (Sun) – Rev. Jim Price preaches here (possible special dramatic reading presentation by the youth)
- April 5 (Wed) – Pastor Diane & Nathan return from Ontario, Canada
- April 9 (Sun) – Palm Sunday worship with children's procession, the waving of palms, and lots of hallelujahs!
- April 11 (Tues) – Food Pantry & Community Meal, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- April 14 (Fri) – Good Friday evening service, with a reading of Jesus' crucifixion narrative
- April 16 (Sun) – Easter! Pastor Diane needs to hear from you if you really, really, really want to have that early sunrise service. Otherwise, we'll have brunch, a 10:30 service, and then an Easter egg hunt for the kids.
- April 23 (Sun) – Installation of Rev. Anne Cabbage at Broadmoor Community Church, 3:00 p.m.
- April 25 (Tues) – Food Pantry & Community Meal, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- **April 29 (Sat) – Church in the Wildwood hosts the Southeastern Association's 2017 Workshop, led by the Rocky Mountain Conference's Communications Director, Cory Kibler. Learn how our church**

can be more connected by using digital, print, online, and social media. This is great information for each of us personally as well! Lunch is provided; let us know if you can help with serving. Registration details to come soon!

Looking Ahead

- May 28 (Sun) – Blackwood Legacy quartet will lead us in worship during our normal 10:30 service.
- June 8-11 – Rocky Mountain Conference Annual Celebration (aka Annual Meeting) at Laramie Community College in Cheyenne, Wyoming
- July 1-9 – Green Box Arts Festival, featuring Keith Reed Bluegrass
- July 15 – Thin Air Nationals Car Show in Green Mountain Falls
- July 29 – Bronc Day in Green Mountain Falls, with parade
- October 14 – Southeastern Association Fall Gathering, location to be announced soon

Kids' Church

It's every Sunday during worship, after Kids' Corner. We have a great team (Jane Scanlon, Debby Elliott, Cassandra MacDuff, Mary Balin, Peter Scanlon, Bonny McAllister, Vaughn Drinen [when he's back in commission], and Stephen Hansen [youth assistant]). There's a place for you on the team too! Our program requires very little prep, and is only about 30 minutes long each Sunday. But it means so much to our young people! The curriculum we're using is based on Desmond Tutu's *Children of God Storybook Bible*, with lots of conversation and crafts related to the stories. Please pray for this ministry, and please let Vaughn, Jane, or Pastor Diane know how you would like to be involved!

Choir news

Our choirs practice every Wednesday evening: Bell Choir at 6:00 p.m., and Chancel Choir at 7:00 p.m. If you can't be there every week, you may come the Wednesday before the Sunday you're available to sing. Music is a great and glorious gift from God. Come share your gift with us as we praise and glorify God through music.

— Mary McInnis Balin, Music Director

Prayer requests

Please pray with us for our country, our elected officials, and our government as we seek to be instruments of God's will. Let us pray for more peace, more love, and God's guidance to bring about loving change in the world. *(For confidentiality reasons, since this newsletter is published online, to see the full list of prayer requests, please ask to be added to our prayer team.)*

New formats for directory, newsletter and website

- **Directory** – We're adding photos! Please meet Karl Huseboe by the window on the stage in Tatter Hall after worship if he hasn't taken your photo yet. Or if you have a non-copyrighted photo you would rather have us use, please bring it in.
- **Newsletter** – We're going weekly, and it will be in the form of an email (rather than an email attachment like this one). We'll still print hard copies for those who don't have email. Please make sure we have your current email address.
- **Website** – It will contain links to the newsletter and will be much more interactive. We want to add more photos, so if you have some, please get them to us by email, Facebook, disk, or hard copy.

We need a volunteer who will ...

- Extract the sermon from the recorded copy of the worship service each Sunday, and post it to our web site. See Jeff Chapman.
- Save disposable plastic food containers (big margarine tubs, for example) for packing up extra food after pantry dinners. (This request comes from the Methodist group who cooks here on the fifth Tuesday evening of every month.)
- “Donate back” extra copies of our old blue hymnal (*The Singing Church*) if you have copies at home. We are using them again, along with the *New Century Hymnal*, and we anticipate a need for more hymnals during the summer months. Please bring them in at your convenience!
- Help Pastor Diane and Sue Frindt spiffy up the library one day in the next few weeks.

February Statistics

Date	Attendance	Offering
2/5	33	\$1441
2/12	40	\$513
2/19	35	\$335
2/26	37	\$308
ACH/Online giving		\$875
Total for February		\$3472

Groups and classes at our church

Cub Scout Pack 33

This group meets every **Monday** when school is in session, at 6:30 p.m. Please call the church office for info.

Hatha Yoga

Diane Kremer teaches Hatha Yoga in Tatter Hall every **Wednesday** from 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. Please contact the office for info. A donation of \$5 per session (which is donated back to the church) is appreciated.

T.O.P.S.

The local T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) group meets in our building at 10:00 a.m. on **Thursdays**. (This is a time change, 30 minutes earlier than before.) Please call the church office for info.

Spanish

Lolita Hilbert is available to teach Spanish for age 10 through adult. Please call Lolita (719-687-4408) to schedule a class. A donation of \$5 per session (which is donated back to the church) is appreciated.

Birthdays

Gerry Brazier	Mar 2
Dave Soyka	Mar 5
Martha Crabbs	Mar 6
Mike Thomas	Mar 18
Nathan Martin	Mar 19
Diane Martin	Mar 21

Lolita Hilbert	Mar 22
Tom Janecek	Mar 25
Benjamin Shaw	Mar 30

Normal office hours

Tuesdays

10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Pastor in office

Wednesdays

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Office Administrator in office

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Pastor in office

Thursdays

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Office Administrator in office

Staff

- Pastor: Rev. Diane Martin
- Bookkeeper: Sunde King
- Custodian: Lolita Hilbert
- Nursery Attendant: MaryAnn Davis
- Music Director: Mary Balin
- Accompanist: Rebecca Janecek
- Administrator: Rebecca Wujcik
- Ministers: All of God's People