

The 10585

Monthly Newsletter of the Church in the Wildwood April 2017

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It's Time to Do Some Easter Shopping: Candy and Lilies

We want Easter at the Church in the Wildwood to be as intergenerational and as joyous as possible! Please bring bags of wrapped candy on or before Palm Sunday (April 9) to stuff into our plastic eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter morning (April 16).

Easter lilies will adorn our Easter worship service. You may either bring in a lily on or before Easter morning, or donate \$10 by Palm Sunday and we will purchase one for you. If you would like to dedicate your lily to someone, please provide the following information so that we may include it in the bulletin on Sunday morning: your name; the name of the person you wish to honor; whether you're bringing a lily in or you're providing \$10 so we can purchase a lily for you.



Holy Week at the Church in the Wildwood

April 9 (Sunday) – Palm Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Pastor Diane and the children will parade into church with palm branches and hallelujahs! During Fellowship Time, let's all pitch in and stuff the plastic eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday.

April 11 (Tuesday) – Coffee & Conversation, 10:00 a.m.

Let's gather and reflect on what the resurrection means for us today.

April 13 – Maundy Thursday Worship, Community Congregational Church in Manitou Springs, 7:00 p.m. As last year, our sister congregation invites us to worship with them on this holy evening.

April 14 – Good Friday Worship, 7:00 p.m.

Come and relive the somber tones of the crucifixion and the tomb. We'll hear a reading from Fulton Oursler's book *The Greatest Story Ever Told* and a brief sermon by Pastor Diane, and we will leave in silence after the altar is stripped bare.



April 16 (Sunday) – Easter Celebration!

9:00 a.m. – Breakfast. Please come for our traditional Easter breakfast of Southwestern casserole and sausage. After you eat, please plan to help us hide Easter eggs throughout the building.

10:30 a.m. – Easter Worship! There will be no Kids' Church, so our service will be especially family-friendly.

11:30 – Easter Egg Hunt for the kids!

Team Talk

The Administration Team met on March 21, 2017. Members of the Team present were Newman McAllister, Marsha Soyka and Sunde King. Ian Elliot, Stacey Okvath, and Rebecca Wujcik were excused. Jeff Chapman and Pastor Diane Martin also attended. Jeff gave the reflection.

The minutes from the February 15 meeting were approved, with one correction – the proposed wireless microphone is for the use of the congregation. Expenses have exceeded income through February in the sum of \$10,910.

Nathan Martin repaired the electrical system that controls the lights that illuminate the stained glass windows at the rear of the sanctuary. Nathan also changed all the burned-out light bulbs in the church, replacing them with those that are energy-efficient, and installed dimmer switches for the large circular sanctuary lights. Ian is to replace the sanctuary bell rope and will be asked to develop a fire emergency plan for the church. Newman reported that Jim Dunkley inspected the boiler system and thermostats recently after a complaint of uncontrolled high temperature in Tatter Hall. He found no defects but a zone valve is leaking: he will repair it in the summer. Jeff is still working on a proposal, to be funded by anonymous donors, to improve the wireless listening devices for sermons on Sundays and the purchase of a wireless microphone for use of the congregation during worship. Marsha will inspect the two exhaust fans in the kitchen and one in the sanctuary. Stacey and Alvin Okvath donated the coat racks near the sanctuary entry. Pastor Diane will look into new entryway doormats. Pastor Diane is still revising the Safe Church Policy and it was tabled. The pictorial church directly should be printed soon.

Andrea Wixo and Teresa Legarski are representatives of newly formed Girl Scout Troop 46286. They appeared along with Jonathan Dooley, the Cubmaster. The Troop was granted permission to meet at the church on the same schedule as the Cub Scouts – from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. on every Monday when school is in session, beginning April 10. They will primarily use the large room above Lower Fellowship Hall. They will begin with about 12 girls.

Marsha reported that Church Mutual, the church's casualty and liability insurance company, is offering free, for three years, sensors to be installed in the church to detect frozen or broken water lines, or the incursion of surface water. The Team approved the project, and Marsha will superintend. The Green Box Arts Festival wants to display their large furnished dollhouse on the stage in Tatter Hall from mid-November through January. The Team approved the project, conditioned upon the Festival insuring the dollhouse against casualty loss, and with a waiver from the Festival that would protect the church in the event displayed items are damaged or missing, through no fault of the church. The Team discussed developing a fee schedule for the rental of the church to members and the public for meetings, dinners and receptions. Newman will investigate what Sallie Bush and the Chipita Park Association charge.

The quarterly congregational meeting will be held immediately after morning worship on April 23.

Pastor Diane reported extensively on her numerous activities since the last Team meeting. She is encouraging all members to attend the special Southeastern Association workshop at the church on April 29, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The subject is "How to Use: Online Tools to Engage with the World." She discussed the church's worship schedule during Easter.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 18, at 4:45 p.m.

Rev. Jim Reid Providing Emergency Pastoral Care March 28 – April 5

In Pastor Diane's absence, please call Rev. Jim Reid, interim minister at Community Congregational UCC in Manitou Springs, if you have emergency pastoral care needs. Rev. Reid's phone number is (720) 685-5255. Please also note that Pastor Diane will have unlimited phone and text service (at no extra cost to her!) while she is in Canada, so please do not hesitate to call her too.

Scout Scope

The annual Blue and Gold Dinner of Cub Scout Pack 33 was held on March 20. Jonathan Dooley, Cubmaster, acknowledged the success of each scout. He and the leaders awarded them with their earned badges. The scouts thanked their parents for help and guidance. At the conclusion of the awards ceremony, the hungry Cub Scouts were ready to eat! Their parents had prepared a lot of food as part of a cook-off of soup, chili, and favorite dishes. The great group of boys enjoyed the entire evening.

A new Girl Scout troop is being formed, and will meet at Church in the Wildwood. They are excited about this new venture. We welcome them! — Helen Huseboe

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. Sometimes we talk about the scripture for the next Sunday's sermon, and sometimes other topics arise. We are grateful to the Rocky Mountain Conference UCC for the \$300 grant to purchase beverage pods and sweet snacks for this project. (Sue Frindt will host the group on March 28, and we will not meet on April 4. Join us when Pastor Diane hosts the group on April 11.)



March 28, April 11 & 25 – Wildwood Food Pantry

The upcoming Wildwood Food Pantry dates are March 28, April 11, and April 25, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Dinner is served until 7:30 p.m. You are welcome to join us for dinner, whether you need food assistance or not.

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.** (We have plenty of peanut butter right now.)

Volunteers are always needed to cook and/or serve the dinner, greet and visit with our guests, put together boxes of food. Please contact Craig Gooding (761-0484) or the church office (684-9427).

April 29 – SEA Workshop with Cory Kibler, at Church in the Wildwood

The Southeastern Association of the Rocky Mountain Conference (UCC) presents:

See next page! Please let Pastor Diane or Rebecca in the church office know by April 21 if you plan to attend. Your cost is covered, and your lunch is included! Please also let Pastor Diane know if you're available to help set up and serve lunch. (We'll be getting box lunches from a local restaurant.)

**SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS SPRING WORKSHOP 2017
HOW TO USE: ONLINE
TOOLS TO ENGAGE
WITH THE WORLD**

WHEN
April 29th
10am – 2pm

WHERE
**Church in the
Wildwood UCC**
10585 Ute Pass Avenue
Green Mountain Falls, CO 80819

FEATURING · **Cory Kibler** · Director of
Communications Ministries · **Rocky**
Mountain Conference · **UCC** ·

**A WORKSHOP INSPIRED BY THE
RMC'S VIVID DESCRIPTION OF
THE FUTURE SUMMARY:**

"When people seek a community
of faith, the most exciting one they
see is a UCC community in their
neighborhood"
How do we get there? **Together!**

WHO? YOU

WHY?

Be the church.

Be the Body of Christ
Share Earthly and Spiritual
Resources

Radically Connect

HOW? COME !

\$25 per church (lunch included)

RSVP:

donnabristow@earthlink.net

WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

Learn how to help your
church:

- *Plug into the processes
of becoming ONA, JP,
A2A, etc.*
- *Connect with other
churches, and other
churches that don't
know they're not
connected*
- *Connect with the UCC at
the Association,
Conference and national
levels*
- *Use web sites and social
media*
- *Write press releases and
submit them to the
Conference*
- *Navigate the RMC web
site*

April 30 – Monthly Potluck: “Cook’s Choice”

Our Hospitality Team is hosting our monthly potluck lunch on April 30. The theme is “Cook’s Choice: A Theme-less Theme”! Please bring a dish—any dish—to share, and enjoy our great fellowship! Please contact Craig Gooding (761-0484) if you need more information. We also need coffee hosts for Fellowship Time after worship in April. There is a sign-up sheet on the wall in the kitchen, or you may leave a message on the office phone. Thank you!

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 (End of March, All of April, and Looking Ahead)

March

- March 28 (Tues) – Pastor Diane & Nathan leave for Ontario, Canada (emergency trip to visit sister-in-law who is in chemotherapy)
- March 28 (Tues) – Sue Frindt hosts Coffee & Conversation, 10:00-11:00 a.m.
- 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 4 (Tues) – No Coffee & Conversation
- April 5 (Wed) – Pastor Diane & Nathan return from Ontario, Canada
- April 9 (Sun) – Palm Sunday worship with children's procession, waving of palms, and hallelujahs!
- April 11 (Tues) – Coffee & Conversation resumes, 10:00-11:00 a.m.
- April 11 (Tues) – Food Pantry & Community Meal, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- April 13 (Thurs) – Maundy Thursday service at Community Cong. Church in Manitou, 7:00 p.m.
- April 14 (Fri) – Good Friday evening service, with a reading of Jesus' crucifixion narrative
- April 16 (Sun) – Easter! See schedule on Page 1.
- April 18 (Tues) – Admin Team meeting, 4:45 p.m.
- April 23 (Sun) – Quarterly congregational meeting, immediately after morning worship.
- April 23 (Sun) – Installation of Rev. Anne Cubbage 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 SEA's 2017 Workshop (see page 4, above)**

Looking Ahead

- May 28 (Sun) – Blackwood Legacy quartet will lead us in worship during our regular 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 (See Vaughn Drinen to help plan!)
- October 14 – Southeastern Association Fall Gathering, location to be announced soon

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.

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.)*

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, Vickie Samuelson, 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

We Need Volunteers Who Will ...

- Make regular posts to the church's Facebook page.
- Help us get the audio track of the sermon up on the web site each week. We already record it; we just need someone to work with the file. 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're going to need them when our summer visitors are here!
- Help Pastor Diane and Sue & Ron Frindt continue to organize the library.

Westside CARES News

The Church in the Wildwood supports Westside CARES by hosting our food pantry as an extension of their ministry, and by participating in events they sponsor. Please save these dates and watch for more information soon:

- The Feast of St. Arnold: Saturday, June 10
- Retirement Party for Executive Director Steve Brown: Saturday, June 24

Westside CARES is in need of the following items:

- Men's teeshirts
- Men's boxers and briefs – all sizes
- Men's shoes
- Men's jeans – size 30-36
- Women's khaki pants – size 6, 8, 10
- Diapers – sizes 1, 4 and 6
- Family- size toothpaste
- (No household items, please)

We will be closed on Tuesday, April 11, for staff/volunteer in-service. We follow School District 11 closures for inclement weather. If District 11 is closed, Westside CARES is closed. If District 11 declares a late start, Westside CARES opens at its normal time.

March Statistics

Date	Attendance	Offering
3/5	42	\$ 1,572
3/12	43	\$ 429
3/19	27	\$ 587
3/26	35	(Not available)
Online giving (as of March 22)		\$ 875
Estimated expenses for March:		\$10,000

Groups and classes at our church

Cub Scout Pack 33 and Daisy & Brownie Troop 46286

These groups meet every **Monday** when school is in session, at 6:30 p.m.

Hatha Yoga

Diane Kremer teaches Hatha Yoga in Tatter Hall every **Wednesday** from 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. 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**.

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

Patty Glatfelter	April 8
Ron Frindt	April 22
Helen Huseboe	April 29

Anniversaries

Tom & Rebecca Janecek April 13

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

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Pastor 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