

The 10585

Monthly Newsletter of the Church in the Wildwood
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We Share the Joy of the Resurrection!

Starting with a raucous and rambunctious Palm Sunday procession with the kids, and ending with a wildly abundant Easter egg hunt, we celebrated Holy Week with joy to fit the



season, here at Church in the Wildwood. Our Good Friday service was poignant, with readings from *The Greatest Story Ever Told* and audio from *Jesus Christ Superstar*. The

southwestern egg casserole and hot cross buns at Easter breakfast were delicious, as usual. Our Easter service opened with the choir singing and bells ringing, and was filled with the joy of the empty tomb and the chirping of baby chicks. A record number of Easter lilies were dedicated to loved ones. Easter baskets were filled to brimming after church, and the children even planned a surprise Easter egg hunt for the adults! To top it all off, the pile of suitcases, collected for

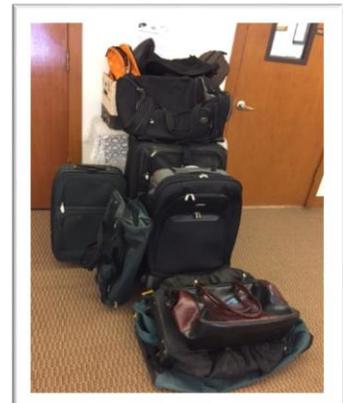


local children going to foster homes through Cases of Love, just kept on growing!

What a week!
What a God!
What a Savior!
What a love!

— Pastor Diane

(Photos by Jane Scanlon)



Team Talk

The Administration Team met on April 18, 2017. Members of the Team present were Newman McAllister, Marsha Soyka, Stacey Okvath and Sunde King. Jeff Chapman, Rebecca Wujcik Pastor Diane Martin, Peter Scanlon and Alvin Okvath also attended. Sunde gave the reflection.

The minutes from the March 21 meeting were approved, with one correction – the Green Box Arts Festival will display the dollhouse here, rather than constructing it (it has already been constructed). Expenses have exceeded income through March in the sum of \$14,896. Ian Elliott has resigned from the Team, citing family and work obligations.

Peter Scanlon reported that he is leading a ministry team to investigate how the church might become open and affirming (“ONA”). This is a designation given by the UCC to those churches who affirmatively extend a welcome to all people, including those who are lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender. The first stage of the process is education and talking with members who have questions or reservations about the designation and its consequences for the church. There will be materials placed on tables near the sanctuary, and members will be invited to check the UCC’s website on ONA. Next would be an informational meeting of the membership. After that meeting, if there is a sense that something near unanimity of favorable opinion exists, then a congregational meeting would be scheduled to vote on the designation.

Ian Elliott replaced the rope in the bell tower. The septic system will be pumped in June, prior to the Green Box Arts Festival. Marsha will investigate repair of the two fans in the kitchen and the one in the sanctuary. Marsha is working on obtaining the sensors to be furnished free for three years by Church Mutual – they detect frozen or broken water lines or the incursion of surface water. Rebecca reported that two church keys are still missing and she had five extra keys made. She has ordered new letters for the marquis in front of the church. The Scrip program is used sparingly and will be promoted more in the future. Rebecca will investigate replacing the outdoor trash cans, one of which leaks and one which is missing its rollers. Stacey will continue to clean the tracks of the sliding glass doors downstairs. Jeff is finalizing work on the improvement of the sound and listening systems in the sanctuary, funded by anonymous donors. There will also be sufficient monies to purchase a public address system for Tatter Hall. After a recent snowfall there was water in the closet next to the music room. Jeff reported this likely was caused by the clogged roof drain, which he cleaned out. Rebecca will put this task on a reminder list for the spring. Pastor Diane is still revising the Safe Church Policy and it was tabled. The long-awaited pictorial church directory will be printed by the end of April.

There was further discussion about developing a fee schedule for the rental of the church to members and the public for meetings, dinners and receptions. Rebecca will contact other UCC churches in the area to inquire about their rental rates. The agenda for the special congregational meeting on April 23 was discussed. A church workday was scheduled for Saturday, June 17, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Newman will ask John Schwabe to lead the effort.

Pastor Diane reported extensively on her numerous activities since the last Team meeting. She is sending out surveys to church members, through SurveyMonkey, in preparation for staff reviews thereafter. She is encouraging all members to attend the Southeastern Association workshop at the church on April 29. The subject is “How to Use Online Tools to Engage with the World.” She is assisting

Vaughn Drinen, who has agreed to build a float for the Bronc Day parade in July. She may take vacation to Wisconsin in early summer to check on her father's health.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 16, at 4:45 p.m.

Scout Scope

The scouts are having a busy spring. The dens are meeting weekly, and our final pack meeting for this spring will be on May 22 with a picnic (weather permitting). The Bears will do their crossover at that meeting. Our little Tiger Cubs made four lovely scarves which are being given as gifts to local citizens who have made a difference in our community.

The Girl Scout troop held their organizational meeting on April 3. We will have news from them very soon. — Helen Huseboe

Shop with Scrip

Some of you might remember this program, we introduced it years ago. In recent years we haven't used it much. However it is a simple way for the church to earn some extra funds. Scrip is fundraising while you shop. Here's how it works: members buy a scrip gift card through our scrip program. You pay the full face value, but the church will earn an immediate rebate percentage that's typically between 3% and 15% depending on the retailer. Then you use that gift card on your normal purchases. You're not spending extra money, and there's no selling involved - you're just earning for our organization - Church in the Wildwood!

There are over 700 companies participating from hotels to restaurants, spas, car rentals, gas, groceries, clothing stores, movie theaters, and more! Rebecca has printed out an updated list of participating retailers in case anyone would like to take a look. She will place orders 1-2 times during each month.

— Rebecca Wujcik, Office Administrator

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. This month we will talk about some of the scriptures that relate to our conversation about being an ONA congregation. (See "Team Talk," above.) We are grateful to the Rocky Mountain Conference UCC for the \$300 grant to purchase beverage pods and sweet snacks for this project.



May 9, 23 & 30 – Wildwood Food Pantry

The upcoming Wildwood Food Pantry dates are May 9, 23 and 30, 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 **jelly, pork-n-beans, cereal, instant oatmeal, pasta sauce, canned tomatoes, and meat**. Volunteers are always needed to cook and/or serve the dinner, greet and visit with our guests, and assemble food boxes. Please contact Craig Gooding (761-0484) or the church office (684-9427).

May 28 – Monthly Potluck

Our next monthly potluck lunch will follow worship on May 28. Because we are hosting the Blackwood Legacy that day (see below) and will have extra guests in worship, some of our hosts have decided to make this a BIG potluck. Watch your bulletin or call the church office for details. Invite your friends!

May 28 – Blackwood Legacy Coming to 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!

June 4 – Pentecost Sunday – Receiving New Members!

What better way could there be to celebrate the birthday of the church than to receive new members? Four people have already indicated to Pastor Diane that they want to join Church in the Wildwood on Pentecost Sunday. Is this something you have been thinking of? Contact Pastor Diane at 710-233-8982. She will give you an Inquirer's Packet and schedule a time for a conversation with you after you have looked it over. (If you haven't been baptized, it is traditional to also do this on Pentecost.)

Association Workshop to be Rescheduled

The Southeaster Association's workshop, How to Use Online Tools to Engage the World, which was to be hosted by Church in the Wildwood on Saturday, April 29, was canceled due to snow. The reschedule date will be announced this week, and we hope Cory Kibler, the presenter, will be available on a date that our church is also available, so that we will still be able to host it here. The upside of this is that it gives you more time to sign up. Watch for details in your bulletin and email, or you may call the church office for more information.

2017 Pictorial Directories Are Ready

If you didn't get one after church on April 30, please check in the office this week, as Rebecca will be running more on Wednesday. If your information is incorrect or you would like to have your picture taken (or retaken) or if you want to submit a photo for publication, please let Rebecca know.

July 1-9 – Green Box Arts Festival

Once again, Church in the Wildwood is hosting several events 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.

The schedule of events at Church in the Wildwood has changed. Here's what we have so far:

- The bluegrass ensemble will perform a concert that is open to everyone, in our sanctuary on Saturday evening, July 1, from 7:00 to 8:15.
- On Sunday, July 2, the ensemble will perform during our worship service at Church in the Wildwood, drawing upon the spiritual roots of bluegrass and taking worshippers on a tour of both religious and musical history.
- From 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 2, the ensemble will present a "Bluegrass Master Class" at our church. This will include a smaller set of selections and an educational component, during which the musicians will discuss the history of bluegrass and the philosophy behind their styles of playing.
- On Sunday evening, July 2, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., the Colorado Vocal Arts Ensemble and Timothy Takach will present a concert, which is also open to the public, in our sanctuary.
- Allison Earnest, award-winning photographer, will teach a four-day photography workshop for middle and high school students on July 3, 5, 6 & 7. (This is the only youth workshop we are hosting this year, as some events will be taking place at the Green Box Workshop near the lake.) Their exhibitions will take place on Friday, July 7, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at our church, and on Sunday, July 9, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Green Box Workshop.

July 29 – Bronc Day

The 79th annual Bronc Day Festival will take place in Green Mountain Falls on Saturday, July 29. This year's theme is "Wild West Fest." Vaughn Drinen (son_vegitt@hotmail.com) has volunteered to head up the team that will build our float. Alvin & Stacey Okvath have offered the use of their 4x8 trailer, and Vaughn is cooking up some plans. Get on the team! Help build the float! Host tours at the church! March in the parade! Maybe even plan a yard sale at the church that day? See Pastor Diane.

For Your Calendar

May

- May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 (Tuesdays) – Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Diane. (See article on page 3.)
- May 4 (Thursday) – National Day of Prayer. Our church will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. You may drop in for private prayer, or attend the community event from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Ute Pass Cultural Center in Woodland Park.
- May 7 (Sunday) – Worship with Communion, 10:30 a.m. Sara Weatherman will visit us in worship!
- May 9, 23 & 30 – (Tuesdays) Wildwood Food Pantry & Community Dinner. (See article on page 3.)
- May 14 (Sunday) – Bring Your Mother to Church Day, 10:30 a.m.
- May 16 (Tuesday) – Admin Team meeting, 4:45 p.m.
- May 21 (Sunday) – Worship, 10:30 a.m.
- May 28 (Sunday) – Blackwood Legacy quartet leads us in worship, 10:30 a.m., followed by a BIG potluck lunch. (See articles on page 4.)
- May 29 (Monday) – Memorial Day

Looking Ahead

- June 4 – Pentecost Sunday; receiving new members. (See article on page 4.)
- June 8-11 – Rocky Mountain Conference Annual Celebration (aka Annual Meeting) at Laramie Community College in Cheyenne, Wyoming
- June 17 – Church Beautification Day (inside and out)
- 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

Church Finances

As discussed during the informational meeting on April 23, giving during the first quarter of the year was not sufficient to cover our expenses. We ask you to consider utilizing our ACH (automated clearing house) program or any automated payment system that is available through your bank, to ensure that your giving is consistent, even when you are not in church. Contact Sunde King for details. Thank you for your faithfulness to Church in the Wildwood.

Building Use

As a way to augment the giving of the faithful members of Church in the Wildwood, our Admin Team is looking into opportunities to make our building available to the community. If you know of a group or an event that needs a location, please have them contact Rebecca Wujcik or Pastor Diane.

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! Please pray for this ministry, and please let Vaughn, Jane, or Pastor Diane know how you would like to be involved!

Music Ministry Needs

We want to include a greater variety of music in our worship services. Do you play an instrument? Do you sing (but can't commit to being in the choir)? Would you be willing to play or sing for special music one Sunday? Would you like to learn how to play in the bell choir? Please see Mary Balin or Pastor Diane. 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. Come share your musical gift with us as we praise and glorify God through music.

— Mary McInnis Balin, Music Director

Audio Ministry

Craig Gooding records all of our worship services and preserves them on CD, so if you miss a service or want to hear parts of it again, he will be happy to burn a copy of it on CD for you. Just let him know!

We Need Volunteers Who Will ...

- Make regular posts to the church's Facebook page.
- Maintain the church's web site.
- 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!

Westside CARES News

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 tee-shirts
- Men's boxers and briefs – all sizes
- Men's shoes – size 9 or larger
- Men's jeans – size 30-36
- Family- size toothpaste
- (No household items, please)

Westside CARES follows School District 11's 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.

April Statistics

Date	Attendance	Offering
4/2	34	\$ 668
4/9	54	\$ 1,862
4/14 (Good Friday)	33	Offering not received
4/16	87	\$ 1033
4/23	33	\$ 551
4/30	38	\$ 560 (est.)
ACH/Online giving		\$ 875
Total for April		<u>\$ 5,549</u>
Estimated monthly expenses		\$10,000
Estimated shortfall for April		\$ 4,451

(Other: One Great Hour of Sharing special mission offering \$339)

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.

May Birthdays

Abbi Chapman	May 1
Dave Shaw	May 5
Sue Frindt	May 9
Stacey Okvath	May 9
Alec Wujcik	May 21
Rebecca Wujcik	May 31

Church 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. – 4:00 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 (719-233-8982)
- Administrator: Rebecca Wujcik
- Bookkeeper: Sunde King (719-233-2455)
- Custodian: Lolita Hilbert (719-687-4408)
- Nursery Attendant: MaryAnn Davis (719-684-9345)
- Music Director: Mary Balin (719-213-5543)
- Accompanist: Rebecca Janecek (719-963-0988)
- Ministers: All of God's People