

The 10585

Monthly Newsletter of the Church in the Wildwood
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Blackwood Legacy Brought Us Back to Our Gospel Roots

Sometimes we just need a reminder of why we're here. On May 28, the five singers/musicians of the Blackwood Legacy brought us that reminder, filling our Sanctuary with songs of praise and stories of testimony to the great love of our eternal God.



It was pure gospel goodness, and nearly 100 people drank it in during our Sunday morning worship service. We left with smiles on our faces and Holy Spirit fire in our hearts, and a new determination to share this joy with others. How these men manage to minister so richly while performing four concerts in 48 hours baffles many of us, but we are grateful, and we sent them on their way with full stomachs, renewed spirits, and hopefully enough financial support to extend their ministry to a few more of our nation's hospitalized veterans.

You can keep up with the Blackwood Legacy at <https://www.blackwoodlegacy.com/>, or follow them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/blackwoodlegacy/>. And yes, we do plan to invite them back next year!

For Your Calendar

Everything in June

- June 2 & 3 (Fri, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.; Sat, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.) – Florissant Library Book, Bake & Plant Sale
- June 4 (Sunday) – Pentecost worship and ONA meeting (See articles below.)
- June 6, 13, 20 & 27 (Tuesdays) – Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Diane.
- June 7 (Wednesday) – Diane Kremer’s final yoga class at Wildwood until the fall, 10:15 a.m. (During the summer, they meet at Marcroft Hall in Chipita Park.)
- June 7, 14, 21 & 28 (Wednesdays) – Bell Choir Practice, 6 p.m.; Chancel Choir Practice, 7 p.m.
- June 8, 15, 22 & 29 (Thursdays) – T.O.P.S. group meets here
- June 8-11 – Rocky Mountain Conference Annual Celebration (aka Annual Meeting) at Laramie Community College in Cheyenne, Wyoming
- June 10 (Saturday) – Westside CARES Fundraiser: Feast of St. Arnold (feastofsaintarnold.com)
- June 11, 18 & 25 (Sundays) – Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Coffee & Fellowship, 11:30 a.m.
- June 11 & 25 (Sundays) – \$5.00 Barbecue Lunch at Gymkhana Grounds in Woodland Park (See article below.)
- June 13 & 27 (Tuesdays) – Wildwood Food Pantry & Community Dinner. (See article below.)
- June 17 (Saturday) – Church Beautification Day (inside and out), 9:30 a.m. (See article below.)
- June 20 (Tuesday) – Church Admin Team meeting, 4:45 p.m.
- June 24 (Saturday) – Westside CARES Retirement Party for Executive Director Rev. Steve Brown (See postcard on bulletin board.)
- June 25 (Sunday) – Hymn Sing & Bell Choir during worship
- June 25 (Sunday) – Family Bingo Night at Sallie Bush Community Building

Extra Things in July

- July 1-9 – Green Box Arts Festival, featuring Keith Reed Bluegrass (greenboxarts.org)
 - July 1 (Sat) – Bluegrass Concert, here, 7 p.m.
 - July 2 (Sun) – Bluegrass Music during Worship, here, 10:30 a.m.
 - July 2 (Sun) – Bluegrass Master Class, here, 3 p.m.
 - July 2 (Sun) – Colorado Vocal Arts Ensemble performs, here, 7 p.m.
 - July 3 & 5-7 – Youth Photography Class, here (must pre-register online)
- July 8 (Saturday) – Little Chapel Food Pantry (Divide) hosts Alpine Music Festival (See brochure in entryway.)
- July 9 & 23 (Sundays) – \$5.00 Barbecue Lunch at Gymkhana Grounds in Woodland Park
- July 15 (Saturday) – Thin Air Nationals Car Show in Green Mountain Falls
- July 22 (Saturday) – We host Southeastern Association Workshop on using online tools, 10 a.m. (See article.)
- July 29 (Saturday) – Bronc Day in Green Mountain Falls, with our float in the parade (see Vaughn Drinen) and our yard sale (see Stacey Okvath) (See article below.)

Extra Things After That

- August 6 (Sunday) – Karl Huseboe preaches, as Pastor Diane recovers from hand surgery
- August 13 (Sunday) – Ecclesiastical Council for Logan Bennett at First Congregational UCC in Colorado Springs, 3 p.m.
- October 14 (Saturday) – Southeastern Association Annual Meeting, Black Forest Community Church

Team Talk

The Administration Team met on May 16, 2017. Members of the Team present were Newman McAllister, Marsha Soyka, Stacey Okvath and Sunde King. Jeff Chapman, Rebecca Wujcik and Pastor Diane Martin also attended. Newman gave the reflection.

The minutes from the April 18 meeting were approved, with two corrections: “ONA” instead of “O & A,” and its purpose is to extend a “welcome to all, including lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people.” The April financial report was not yet available.

Rebecca reported that the septic tank will be pumped before the Green Box Arts Festival begins on July 1. The door that leads to the porch in Tatter Hall needs to be replaced. The drain to the water fountain isn't working properly; Newman will repair it. Stacey reported that she and Alvin have cleaned all the tracks for the outside sliding glass doors downstairs—a great improvement to their utility. Marsha reported that the bearings in the large fan in the kitchen are likely defective because the fan will run, but only with a great racket. A professional will be needed for repair. The fan in the sanctuary needs attention to the wiring. Nathan Martin may be able to assist with this. Marsha also reported that she installed the water/broken-pipe sensors in the basement, with the wireless component in Tatter Hall. Jeff is finalizing work on the improvement of the sound and listening systems in the sanctuary, including two projectors and capacity for video streaming of the worship service, funded by anonymous donors. Vaughn and Nathan Martin are assisting. There will also be sufficient monies to purchase a public address system for Tatter Hall. Some of the obsolescent panels and equipment from the choir loft have been removed to make room for the sound and video improvements. It is too late in the season to trim the lilac bushes in the front of the church, so Carla Chapman will do this after the Green Box Festival. Newman will ask Ian Elliott about designing a fire exit plan for the church.

Pastor Diane presented the final revised version of the Safe Church Policy, which was discussed and adopted. Pastor Diane presented a church rate sheet and building use agreement. It was discussed and adopted, with exemptions for the Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts. The longtime use by other groups or persons of the building, without charged fees, will be reviewed by Pastor Diane. Rev. Darlene Avery would like to use the Bride's Room for counseling, and it was agreed that if she had a number of clients in a single day, the maximum fee would be \$50, and no security deposit would be required. Rev. Avery will furnish liability insurance, with the church as a named insured, and she will be issued a key to the building. Pastor Diane reported that she will continue to work with Vaughn Drinen on the church's Bronco Day (July 29) float. Staff reviews continue. Church membership is at 31 with six more individuals scheduled to join on June 4. Pastor Diane has developed a member information form. The Team approved a fundraising yard sale for the church, also to be held on July 29, to be organized by Pastor Diane and Stacey. There are many toys in the room downstairs next to the nursery that could be part of the sale. There is a sewing machine on the stage in Tatter Hall. Inquiries will be made to determine ownership. An informational meeting will be held in Tatter Hall the evening of June 4, to discuss ONA designation of the church. The church cleanup day is still scheduled for Saturday, June 17, beginning at 9:30 a.m., under the leadership of John Schwabe.

Pastor Diane reported on her numerous activities since the last Team meeting. She continues to be the registrar for the UCC Southeastern Association. She is looking forward to the May 28 service that will highlight the Blackwood Legacy Quartet, a gospel group. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 20, at 4:45 p.m.

Scout Scope

The Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts met for the final meeting of the school year on Monday evening, May 22. Seven Webelos advanced to Boy Scouts and will join the group in Manitou Springs. Several badges were presented, and new Tiger Cubs are joining the pack. Planned summer activities include a fishing day, a Skate City outing, the Bike Rodeo in Woodland Park, camping, hiking and participation in the Bronc Day parade. The Girl Scouts are also in the process of planning summer activities. Monthly meetings of both groups will resume on Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m. when the new school year begins.

— 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. We are grateful to the Rocky Mountain Conference UCC for the \$300 grant to purchase beverage pods and sweet snacks for this project. Stop in! Bring questions! We'll ponder the answers!



June 4 – Pentecost Sunday

You won't want to miss the very exciting worship service we are planning for June 4!

- Our Conference Minister, Rev. Sue Artt, will be with us in worship, bringing greetings from the Rocky Mountain Conference.
- We will honor the following graduates:
 - Cassidy Basham, Martha Crabbs' niece, graduating from Smoky Hills High School
 - Daniel Crabbs, Martha Crabbs' grandson, graduating from Arapahoe Nursing School
 - Joseph Crabbs, Martha Crabbs' grandson, graduating from UNC
 - Weston Smith, church's snow shoveler and lawn mower, graduating from UCCS in engineering
- Wanda Massey and Nathan Martin will provide special music.
- We will receive the following individuals into membership of this congregation:
 - Tanna Francis (Kaylee and Tucker)

- Pamela Hurt & Vickie Samuelson
- Bryan Langston & Wanda Massey
- Peter Scanlon
- We will partake of Holy Communion.
- We will receive (in addition to our regular offering to support the work of this congregation) the UCC's Strengthen the Church special mission offering, through which we build "not only the church we have grown up knowing, but the church God is calling us to be!"
- And we'll experience touches of the Holy Spirit throughout the service.

Also June 4 – Open & Affirming (“ONA”) Congregational Conversation

Please plan to attend and participate in our conversation and information meeting on the possibility of becoming an Open & Affirming (“ONA”) congregation. The meeting will take place at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 4, and pizza will be provided. Members and friends are welcome to attend the meeting; however, should we proceed to a vote at a later date, only members will be allowed to vote.

June 13 & 27 – Wildwood Food Pantry

Our Food Pantry & Community Dinner take place on the second, fourth, and fifth (when there is one) Tuesdays of each month. Upcoming dates are June 13 and 27. Food boxes are given from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Dinner is served until 7:30 p.m. **Right now, we are low on pork-n-beans, snacks (granola bars, etc.), and bread.** We always welcome non-perishable foods, toiletries, and potatoes. Everyone is invited to join us for dinner during pantry, even if you don't need a food box. If you would like to help prepare a meal, please sign up on the bulletin board upstairs in the kitchen. Please contact Craig Gooding (761-0484) if you have questions. Thank you for your faithfulness in this ministry!

June 17 – Church Beautification Day, 9:30 a.m.

There will be a church clean-up day on Saturday, June 17, beginning at 9:30 a.m., under the direction of John Schwabe. The Green Box Arts Festival begins on July 1, and we want the church to be sparkling, inside and out. There is a task waiting for each of us, so plan to help out. Put it on your calendar now and sign up on the sheet outside the church office!

June 25 – Monthly Potluck: “South of the Border”

Wow! You really came through for our May potluck! We were able to feed all of our guests and send the Blackwood Legacy boys off with full stomachs! Thank you! Our next monthly potluck will follow worship on June 25, with a theme of “South of the Border.” Dig out all of your great Mexican recipes.

July 22 – Rescheduled Association Workshop – Here!

The Southeaster Association's workshop, “How to Use Online Tools to Engage the World,” has been rescheduled to Saturday, July 22. Hopefully we won't be snowed out again! This workshop is free of charge, and lunch (catered by The Pantry), is included. Let Pastor Diane know if you plan to attend.

July 1-9 – Green Box Arts Festival

Registration is now open for Festival events, and volunteer opportunities are available too. Go to www.greenboxarts.org to sign up.



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, Tim Crouch, Irl Hees, and Don Rigsby.

Here is the schedule of events at Church in the Wildwood:

- 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. We are also having a yard sale that day, and we’ll need a lot of help with that! To help with the sale, call or text Stacey Okvath, 719-661-1688.

Building Use

As a way to augment the giving of the faithful members of Church in the Wildwood, our Admin Team is looking for 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.

Church Finances

It is no secret that our church's expenses are exceeding our income. We know that you believe in this church and want to help it succeed in its mission of spreading God's love in the world.

Here are three ways you can help:

Shop with scrip. On the table in the entryway is a clipboard with a list of retailers. If you shop at any of those places, you can earn funds (between 3 and 15 percent) for the church by ordering prepaid scrip gift cards through the church office. It doesn't cost you extra; it just earns the church a rebate!

Consider automated giving. 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. New forms are on the table in the entryway. **New feature: You can choose the day(s) on which your contribution is deducted from your bank account.**

Church yard sale. Start collecting your unwanted items and bringing them to church. We'll store them downstairs until the yard sale that we're having during Bronc Day on July 29. To help with the sale, call or text Stacey Okvath, 719-661-1688.

Prayer Requests

Please pray with us for our earth, our country, our government, and our elected officials, 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

We're trying to decide whether (and if so, how) this should continue through the summer. If you have an opinion on this, please talk to Vaughn Drinen, Jane Scanlon, or Pastor Diane.

Mother's Day Quotes

As promised, here is the list of things the children said they love about their mothers, during the Kids' Corner on Mother's Day:

- She's really nice.
- She is the best.
- She's beautiful and I love her every day.
- She cares, and she gives me shelter.
- She's active.
- She's pretty, and she plays with me.
- She gives me food.

- She has beautiful hair.
- She has make-up.
- She's 50.

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!

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.

Help Support a "Sister" Food Pantry

The Little Chapel Food Pantry in Divide offers a great deal on lunch every other Sunday afternoon. Just \$5.00 gets you a burger, hot dog or bratwurst, full sides, and a soda. It's hot off the grill, run by some of the best outdoor chefs up the Pass. It's at the Ute Pass Saddle Club grounds, 111 N. Center Street, in Woodland Park (on the left as you're coming from Green Mountain Falls). Remaining dates are:

- June 11
- June 25
- July 9
- July 23
- August 6

May Statistics

Date	Attendance	Offering
5/7	41	\$1,396
5/14	52	\$ 690
5/21	41	\$1,479
5/28	93	\$1,049
ACH/Online giving		\$ 875
Total for May		<u>\$5,489</u>
Estimated monthly expenses		\$10,000
Estimated shortfall for May		(\$ 4,511)

June Birthdays and Anniversaries

Rod & Beeper Smith June 9
Newman & Bonny McAllister June 17

Recent Deaths

- Jonathan Bachelor (friend of the congregation) – We will let you know as soon as we know when and where his memorial service will be. (We hope to host it at Church in the Wildwood.)
- Wanda Laine Pieper (Helen Huseboe's cousin, Caledonia, MN)
- Dan Martin (Nathan Martin's oldest brother, Wayzata, MN)
- Richard Bolen (Pastor Diane's cousin, Madison, WI)

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