

The 10585

Monthly Newsletter of the Church in the Wildwood July 2017

10585 Ute Pass Avenue, P.O. Box 26, Green Mountain Falls, CO 80819-0026



It's Green Box Week!

It all starts on Saturday, July 1, and the activities continue through next Sunday, July 9. We are hosting some of them here at the Church in the Wildwood, and dozens of other events are happening in several other locations here in Green Mountain Falls. You can see the entire Green Box schedule at www.greenboxarts.org.



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. As a professional musician, he 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 Rigby.

Here is the schedule of events at the 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.
- 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 Teen Photography Workshop on **July 3, 5, 6 & 7, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** The students' 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. (This class is full.)
- We are also hosting the three-day Green Box Arts Camp: Collective Creativity Through Music Workshop on **July 5, 6 & 7, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**, in Tatter Hall.
- On **Wednesday, July 5**, the Mayor's Forum will take place in Tatter Hall from noon to 1:00 p.m.

The members of the Church in the Wildwood are very grateful to the Kirkpatrick Family Fund for providing the grant that made it possible for us to host and sponsor these events for our community.

For Your Calendar

Everything in July

- July 1-9 (Saturday through the following Sunday) – Green Box Arts Festival (See article above.)
- July 1 (Saturday) – Green Box Bluegrass Concert, 7 p.m. (See article above.)
- July 2 (Sunday) – Worship with Green Box Bluegrass Ensemble, here, 10:30 a.m. (We will postpone Communion until the following Sunday.) “Sweets & Desserts Potluck” for fellowship time, 11:30 a.m.
- July 2 (Sunday) – Green Box Bluegrass Master Class, 3 p.m. (See article above.)
- July 2 (Sunday) – Green Box Colorado Vocal Arts Ensemble Concert, 7 p.m. (See article above.)
- July 4 (Tuesday) – Happy Independence Day! (Church office closed.)
- July 5 (Wednesday) – Green Box Mayor’s Forum, Tatter Hall, noon. (See article above.)
- July 5 (Wednesday) – Chancel Choir Practice, 7 p.m. (No Bell Choir Practice today.)
- July 6 (Thursday) – T.O.P.S. group meets here, 9 a.m.
- July 8 (Saturday) – Little Chapel Food Pantry (Divide) hosts Alpine Music Festival. (See article below.)
- July 9 (Sunday) – Worship with Communion. **We need a volunteer to host fellowship time.**
- July 9 (Sunday) – \$5.00 Barbecue Lunch at Gymkhana Grounds in Woodland Park (See article below.)
- July 9 (Sunday) – Green Box Bingo Benefit at Sallie Bush Community Building, 6 p.m.
- July 11 (Tuesday) – Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Diane, 10 a.m.
- July 11 (Tuesday) – Wildwood Food Pantry & Community Dinner, 6 p.m. (See article below.)
- July 12 (Wednesday) – Bell Choir Practice, 6 p.m.
- July 12 (Wednesday) – Chancel Choir Practice, 7 p.m.
- July 13 (Thursday) – T.O.P.S. group meets here, 9 a.m.
- July 15 (Saturday) – Thin Air Nationals Car Show in Green Mountain Falls
- July 16 (Sunday) – Worship, 10:30 a.m. Ron & Sue Frindt are hosting fellowship time, 11:30 a.m.
- July 18 (Tuesday) – Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Diane, 10 a.m.
- July 18 (Tuesday) – Church Admin Team meeting, 4:45 p.m.
- July 19 (Wednesday) – Bell Choir Practice, 6 p.m.
- July 19 (Wednesday) – Chancel Choir Practice, 7 p.m.
- July 20 (Thursday) – T.O.P.S. group meets here, 9 a.m.
- July 22 (Saturday) – We host SEA Workshop: Using Online Tools, 10 a.m. (See article below.)
- July 23 (Sunday) – Worship, 10:30 a.m. **We need a volunteer to host fellowship time.**
- July 23 (Sunday) – \$5.00 Barbecue Lunch, Gymkhana Grounds in Woodland Park (See article below.)
- July 25 (Tuesday) – Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Diane, 10 a.m.
- July 25 (Tuesday) – Wildwood Food Pantry & Community Dinner, 6 p.m. (See article below.)
- July 26 (Wednesday) – Bell Choir Practice, 6 p.m.
- July 26 (Wednesday) – Chancel Choir Practice, 7 p.m.
- July 27 (Thursday) – T.O.P.S. group meets here, 9 a.m.
- July 29 (Saturday) – Bronc Day in Green Mountain Falls: float, yard sale, tours. (See article below.)
- July 30 (Sunday) – Worship, 10:30 a.m. **We need a volunteer to host fellowship time.**
- July 30 (Sunday) – Wedding, afternoon, here.



Extra Things After July

- August 6 (Sunday) – Karl Huseboe preaches, as Pastor Diane recovers from hand surgery
- August 13 (Sunday) – Hymn Sing during Worship, 10:30 a.m.
- August 13 (Sunday) – Ecclesiastical Council for Logan Bennett at First Congregational UCC in Colorado Springs, 3 p.m.
- September 2 (Saturday) – Wedding, afternoon, here.
- September 9 (Saturday) – Wedding, afternoon, here.
- October 14 (Saturday) – Southeastern Association Annual Meeting, Black Forest Community Church

Team Talk

The Administration Team met on June 20, 2017. Members of the Team present were Newman McAllister, Stacey Okvath and Sunde King. Jeff Chapman and Pastor Diane Martin also attended. Stacey gave the reflection. The minutes of that meeting were not available at the time of publication of this newsletter and will be included in the August edition. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 18, at 4:45 p.m.

Vacancies on the Admin Team

We have a couple of spots open on our church Admin Team, and we would love to have you join us. The Admin Team, a rough equivalent to many churches' Board or Council, meets once a month, on a Tuesday evening, for about two hours, with the opportunity to volunteer to take on projects as desired. See Jeff Chapman for info.

Thank You for Your Help on Church Beautification Day

We tackled many projects, indoors and out, on Saturday, June 17, under the leadership of John Schwabe. The list of helpers is probably not complete, but the names we wrote down are Carla & Jeff Chapman, Craig Gooding, Peter Scanlon, Sue & Ron Frindt, Vaughn Drinen, Pastor Diane & Nathan Martin, Mary Balin, Stacey & Alvin Okvath, and Marsha Soyka.

The list of tasks completed is even less comprehensive, but here's some of it: • Sweep gravel and sand from steps and parking lot • Cut back overgrown lilacs • Plant perennials • Trim and clean flower beds • Add mulch • Selectively trim west garden area • Wash signs, siding, and walkways • Move benches from west garden area to front walkway area • Remove mirror and move file cabinets in Music Room • Sort, organize and streamline Kids' Church Room and adjoining room • Clean carpets in entryway, stairs, Tatter Hall, and admin office • Scrub white tables in Tatter Hall • Repair curtain rod in Bride's Room • Tighten kitchen faucet • Repair gate latch to lower level classrooms • Repair ceiling light in food pantry • Trim fraying entrance mats • And more, we're sure! Thank you so much!

Open & Affirming Update

Twenty members of the congregation gathered on Wednesday evening, June 28, to consider whether to adopt the proposed ONA covenant statement. (Our current membership is 35, so this was well above a quorum.) After about 90 minutes of discussion, the following statement was adopted by 89 percent of those who voted:

“In addition to our other stated core beliefs and values, the Church in the Wildwood is an Open and Affirming congregation. As an Open and Affirming congregation, we embrace the dignity of every person as created in the image of God. Our church provides an opportunity for each of us to worship with people who are different from each other, and we are blessed by that experience. We welcome into full membership and participation persons of every race, language, culture, age, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity and expression, physical and mental ability, economic status, and spiritual background. We declare that as an Open and Affirming church, all are welcome.”

Our next step is to send the adopted statement and the minutes of the meeting to the UCC Coalition for their final approval. After that, people who search the UCC website for an Open & Affirming church in our area will find us, a safe place to worship. We celebrate the courage of all to speak and vote according to their conscience.

Building Use

As a way to augment the giving of the faithful members of Church in the Wildwood and to extend Christ’s extravagant hospitality, 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 Jeff Chapman or Pastor Diane.

Shop with Scrip

This program is a simple way for the church to earn extra funds, at no cost to you or the church. Basically, scrip is fundraising while you shop. Here’s how it works: You order a scrip gift card through our scrip program. You pay the full face value, and the church earns a rebate percentage that depends on the retailer but is typically between 3 and 15 percent. Then you use that gift card on your normal purchases. More than 700 companies participate in the scrip program, including hotels, restaurants, spas, car rentals, gas, groceries, clothing stores, movie theaters, and more. Grab a copy of the updated list of participating retailers from the table outside the office, or look it up at www.shopwithscrip.com. Then let Pastor Diane know if you would like to place an order. (Please also let her know if you would like to volunteer to manage this program.)

Have You Considered Automated Giving?

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. One way you can help is by using **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. **Note that you may now choose the date each month when you’d like your contribution to be deducted.**

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. After Green Box, we’ll begin a casual conversation about the book *The Shack*. Stop in! Bring questions! We’ll ponder the answers!

July 11 & 25 – Wildwood Food Pantry

Our Food Pantry & Community Dinner takes place on the second, fourth, and fifth (when there is one) Tuesdays of each month. Upcoming dates are July 11 and 25. **Right now, we are low on canned tomatoes, canned broth, fruit, canned pasta, meat, and pancake mix. 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. Contact Craig Gooding (761-0484) with questions. Thank you!

July 22 – Rescheduled Association Workshop – Here!

The Southeastern Association's workshop, "How to Use Online Tools to Engage the World," has been rescheduled to Saturday, July 22. This workshop is free of charge, and lunch (catered by The Pantry), is included. If you had signed up for the April date, please let Pastor Diane know whether you are still available to attend. If you hadn't signed up for the April date, you may still sign up to attend the workshop this month. Just let Pastor Diane know.

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. Please help!

We are also having a yard sale that day, and we'll need a lot of help with that too! To volunteer, call or text Stacey Okvath, 719-661-1688. Meanwhile, start collecting your unwanted items and bringing them to church. We'll store them downstairs in the nursery that's closest to the Kids' Church Room until the yard sale on Bronc Day on July 29. (Please note that if there are items in that room that you donated or know the donor, and want them back, please take them. We do not want to hurt anyone's feelings!)



We also want to offer tours of the church with a little history, water, and lemonade, through the day. If you'd like a cool, indoor way to help, please let Vaughn or Pastor Diane know.

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

Through July, any children or youth who want to help with the float will have the opportunity to go to Kids' Church with an adult teacher or leader and draw and paint the scenes on the poster board and the sheet. What's our float going to look like? Here's a hint: kind of like the picture, but smaller. To help, please talk to Vaughn Drinen, Jane Scanlon, or Pastor Diane.



Volunteer Needs

- **Music:** Special music (you choose the music and the date), bell choir members (we play every three months or so, and we practice for an hour almost every week).
- **Office:** Now that our office administrator, Rebecca Wujcik is no longer with us, Pastor Diane would love some office help with tasks that come up and with folding and collating the bulletins each week. If you could offer just an hour or two each week, it would be a blessing!
- **Cleaning Rags:** Our wonderful custodian, Lolita Hilbert (she's the one who crochets the lovely lapel pins for us on special days), has asked if we can bring in old rags, towels, and tee-shirts for her to use when she cleans our building. Please leave them in the maintenance closet, next to the church office. Also, if you're willing to take home a load of Lolita's used cleaning cloths about once a month and wash them for her, please let Pastor Diane know, and she'll arrange it with Lolita.

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.

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 July 9, July 23, and August 6.

ALSO – The Little Chapel is hosting the Alpine Music Festival on Saturday, July 8, at the Ute Pass Saddle Club Grounds, in Divide, across from the water tower. It's from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and tickets are \$21 at the gate. See Christian singer/songwriter Brandon Heath, other local artists, carnival games, food, more!

Did You Know? 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!

June Statistics

Date	Attendance	Offering
6/4	46	\$ 1,725
6/11	36	\$ 768
6/18	33	\$ 412
6/25	40	\$ 480
ACH/Online giving		\$ 775
Total for May		<u>\$ 4,160</u>
Estimated monthly expenses		\$10,000
Estimated shortfall for May		(\$ 5,840)

July Birthdays and Anniversaries

Wanda Massey	July 3
Lolita & Jim Hilbert	July 6
Bryan Langston	July 6
Melissa Gooding	July 9
Mary Balin	July 11
Norman Jennings	July 14
Pam Hurt	July 18
Bob Patchell	July 22
Tanna Francis	July 24
Al Balin	July 27
Al & Mary Balin	July 29

Church Office Hours

Tuesdays: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Pastor in office
Wednesdays: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Pastor in office
Thursdays: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Pastor in office
Fridays: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Pastor in office

Staff

- Pastor: Rev. Diane Martin (719-233-8982)
- 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