

The 10585

Monthly Newsletter of the Church in the Wildwood
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Bronc Day at Church in the Wildwood

Saturday, July 29, was the 79th anniversary of this Green Mountain Falls festival, and we really showed up for “Wild West Fest”! Our yard sale brought in more than \$1,000 to help support our general fund.

We still have a lot of items left, so we’re keeping the sale open on an ongoing “drop-in” basis for a few days. (We need a few volunteers to help with that.) Remaining items will be donated to charities.



Our covered wagon float won second place in the parade. And best of all: hundreds of people who participated in the day now know that God is still speaking at the Church in the Wildwood!

We want to thank the dozens of volunteers, community-wide, who put in hundreds of hours to make this event a success. The leaders here at church were Vaughn Drinen and Stacey Okvath, and we extend a special thank-you to Vaughn and the entire Okvath family.

SEA's July 22 Workshop Is Helping Us to Engage the World

Church in the Wildwood hosted the Southeastern Association's workshop, "How to Use Online Tools to Engage the World," which was rescheduled from April because of snow.

Cory Kibler, director of communications for the Rocky Mountain Conference, came from Denver to lead the workshop. Of about 30 in attendance, roughly one-third were from our church. So we are well educated about how to



more effectively use these tools to expand our ministry. As a direct result of this workshop, Pastor Diane, Moderator Jeff Chapman, and office/tech volunteer Vaughn Drinen are working to improve the church's Facebook page and website.

Vacancies on the Admin Team

We have added Vaughn Drinen to the church Admin Team, but we still have one or two spots open. We would love to have you join us. The Admin Team, a rough equivalent to many churches' Board or Council, meets once a month, in the evening, for about two hours, with the opportunity to volunteer to take on projects as desired. If you want to have a larger role in decisions that guide the future of this church, consider volunteering for this team. You would be serving for just the balance of a one-year term, with the option of running for another year at our annual meeting. See Moderator Jeff Chapman for info or to volunteer.

Green Box Is When Summer Really Begins in Green Mountain Falls!

From Saturday, July 1, through Sunday, July 9, our church was abuzz with activity as we hosted several events of the annual Green Box Arts Festival. This year, the Sacred Music Festival featured a bluegrass ensemble led by our friend from Colorado College, Keith Reed, and an ensemble of the finest bluegrass musicians in the country: Ronnie Bowman, Tim Crouch, Irl Hees, and Don Rigsby.



(In the photo, Wildwood's own Newman McAllister and another guest, John Clecker, jam with the band during the Bluegrass Master Class.)



The Sacred Music Festival also featured impressive original compositions composed by Timothy Takach and performed by the Colorado Vocal Arts Ensemble. We also hosted the four-day Teen Photography Workshop by award-winning photographer Alison Earnest; the three-day Green Box Arts Camp: Collective Creativity Through Music Workshop; and the Mayor's Forum Lunch on Wednesday.

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 August

- August 1 (Tuesday) – Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Diane, 10 a.m.
- August 2 (Wednesday) – Bell Choir Practice, 6 p.m.
- August 2 (Wednesday) – Chancel Choir Practice, 7 p.m.
- August 3 (Thursday) – T.O.P.S. group meets here, 9 a.m.
- August 6 (Sunday) – Worship with Communion (Karl Huseboe preaches), 10:30 a.m. (No Kids' Church until September 10); Coffee & "Sweet Fellowship" (Helen & Martha), 11:30 a.m.
- August 6 (Sunday) – \$5.00 Barbecue Lunch at Gymkhana Grounds in Woodland Park (See article.)
- August 6 (Sunday) – Family Night Potluck and Bingo at Sallie Bush Community Building, potluck 5 p.m., bingo 6:30 p.m.
- August 8 (Tuesday) – Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Diane, 10 a.m.
- August 8 (Tuesday) – Wildwood Food Pantry & Community Dinner, 6 p.m. (See article below.)
- August 9 (Wednesday) – Bell Choir Practice, 6 p.m.
- August 9 (Wednesday) – Chancel Choir Practice, 7 p.m.
- August 10 (Thursday) – T.O.P.S. group meets here, 9 a.m.
- August 12-19 (Saturday through Saturday) – Pastor Diane on vacation
- August 13 (Sunday) – Lay-led worship with Hymn Sing, 10:30 a.m. (No Kids' Church until September 10); Coffee & "Sweet Fellowship" (xxx), 11:30 a.m.
- August 13 (Sunday) – Ecclesiastical Council for Logan Bennett at First Congregational UCC in Colorado Springs, 3 p.m.
- August 15 (Tuesday) – Coffee & Conversation with Sue Frindt?, 10 a.m.
- August 16 (Wednesday) – Bell Choir Practice, 6 p.m.
- August 16 (Wednesday) – Chancel Choir Practice, 7 p.m.
- August 17 (Thursday) – T.O.P.S. group meets here, 9 a.m.
- August 20 (Sunday) – Worship with Daniel Scherling as guest organist (see article below), 10:30 a.m. (No Kids' Church until September 10); Coffee & "Sweet Fellowship" (xxx), 11:30 a.m.
- August 22 (Tuesday) – Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Diane, 10 a.m.
- August 22 (Tuesday) – Wildwood Food Pantry & Community Dinner, 6 p.m. (See article below.)
- August 22 (Tuesday) – Church Admin Team meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- August 23 (Wednesday) – Bell Choir Practice, 6 p.m.
- August 23 (Wednesday) – Chancel Choir Practice, 7 p.m.
- August 24 (Thursday) – T.O.P.S. group meets here, 9 a.m.
- August 24 (Thursday) – Kids' Church planning meeting, time to be determined
- August 25 (Friday) – Woodshed Red performs at Sallie Bush Community Center, 7 p.m. (\$5 cover)
- August 27 (Sunday) – Worship, 10:30 a.m. (No Kids' Church until September 10); Monthly Potluck Lunch (Theme: "Foreign"), 11:30 a.m.
- August 29 (Tuesday) – Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Diane, 10 a.m.
- August 29 (Tuesday) – Wildwood Food Pantry & Community Dinner, 6 p.m. (See article below.)
- August 30 (Wednesday) – Bell Choir Practice, 6 p.m.



- August 30 (Wednesday) – Chancel Choir Practice, 7 p.m.
- August 31 (Thursday) – T.O.P.S. group meets here, 9 a.m.

Extra Things After August

- September 2 (Saturday) – Wedding, afternoon, here
- September 9 (Saturday) – Wedding, afternoon, here
- September 10 (Sunday) – Kids’ Church Kickoff and Bell Choir performs
- October 1 (Sunday) – Neighbors in Need offering; World Communion Sunday
- October 14 (Saturday) – Southeastern Association Annual Meeting, Black Forest Community Church

Team Talk (Two Months)

June 20, 2017

Members of the Admin Team present were Newman McAllister, Stacey Okvath and Sunde King. Jeff Chapman and Pastor Diane Martin also attended. Stacey gave the reflection.

The minutes from the May 16 meeting were approved, with corrections. Sunde presented the financial report through May. At Pastor’s suggestion the usual two facing sheets were combined into one, showing all income and expenses. Through May, the income from tithes and other sources totaled \$37,143.99 and expenses totaled \$52,500.20, for a deficit of \$15,356.21. However, \$8,222.58 of the income was specially designated for worship enhancement and audio/visual improvements, and few disbursements had been made from those funds through May. Thus, the deficit is larger than it appears.

Rebecca Wujcik has resigned as Administrative Assistant and Marsha Soyka has resigned from the Team.

The septic tank was pumped in June. The door that leads to the porch in Tatter Hall still needs replacing. The church clean-up day on June 17, led by John Schwabe, was a success. Many people contributed. Carla Chapman and Marsha Soyka cut down and removed the lilac bushes in front of the church. They will later be replaced. The Okvaths cleaned the carpets in Tatter Hall and the hallways and stairs leading thereto. An anonymous donation paid for all the exterior windows in the church to be washed, save those in the sanctuary. Newman will contact Sterling Penman about repair of the fan in the kitchen. The insulated hot water heating pipes in the youth room in the basement are no longer attached to the ceiling. Nathan Martin slid a large filing cabinet underneath to hold them temporarily. Newman will contact Jim Dunkley for advice on repair and also to replace the leaking zone valves for the hot water heat. Newman still intends to ask Ian Elliott to design a fire exit plan for the church when he next sees Ian at worship. Jeff reported that as part of the audio/visual improvements, public wifi is now available throughout the church and in the front courtyard.

Rev. Darlene Avery is using the Bride’s Room for counseling. There was further discussion about the church’s evolving rental policy and a small business incubator guide that could be beneficial. Jeff and Pastor Diane reported that the church’s arrangements to accommodate the Green Box Arts Festival, set to begin on July 1, are complete. Pastor Diane reported that Bronc Day float construction and the collection of personal property for a yard sale that day are progressing. Jeff sought and obtained approval from the Team for moving the sound booth-audio/visual controls from their present perch in the choir loft to the rear of the church, adjacent to the wall and west of the usher pew. The installation will be L shaped and will enable the operator to accurately monitor proper function, a difficult task from

the choir loft. Pastor Diane reported that the “sewing machine” mentioned in the May minutes was a projector. If determined not to be useful, it can be sold at the yard sale. Jeff reported again that the Kirkpatrick Family Foundation would entertain a grant application for funds to improve the interior of the church. The final deadline in 2017 is September 1. The church would have to spend a few thousand dollars in architect fees for the application plans. A committee, with an energetic chair person, would need to be formed, to begin work in July. Stacey volunteered to serve on the committee. The first deadline in 2018 would be March 1.

Pastor Diane and Jeff will proceed toward hiring a new Office Admin after the Green Box Arts Festival concludes. Sue Frindt is volunteering in the interim, and other help will be sought from the congregation. There are now two vacancies on the Admin Team; possible replacements were discussed.

The ability of church staff to bring animals to work was discussed. Rebecca Wujcik brought her dog to work and Lolita does also. Neither sought explicit consent but it was and is tolerated because church leadership did not object. The following motion was made by Stacey, seconded by Newman, and unanimously adopted, to be Policy Number 4 of the church, effective July 1, 2017:

Resolved, except for properly certified service animals, paid church staff may not have any animals within the interior of the church.

An informational meeting was held in Tatter Hall the evening of June 4 to discuss ONA designation of the church. Jeff, as Moderator, has called a special meeting of the congregation for June 28, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., to consider ONA designation. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

July 18, 2017

Members of the Admin Team present were Newman McAllister, Stacey Okvath and Sunde King. Jeff Chapman and Pastor Diane Martin also attended. Pastor Diane gave the reflection.

The minutes from the June 20 meeting were approved, with corrections. The financial report for June was presented. Through June all income was \$59,025 and all expenses were \$69,244, for a deficit of \$10,219. However, the June income includes \$17,270 from the Green Box Arts Festival from which only partial disbursements have been made; and designated contributions in previous months for audio/visual and worship enhancement in a sum exceeding \$8,000, from which only minuscule disbursements have been made. An approximate calculation, taking these monies into account along with the eventual disbursements, would add an additional \$18,000 to the deficit.

The small room in Lower Fellowship Hall, next to the furnace room, is flooding with the heavy rains. The theory is that the drain from that portion of the roof in the rear of the church is being overwhelmed by the rain, causing water to leak over the side of the roof into the furnace room. Stacey said she and Alvin would look to see if the drain is clogged and needs to be cleaned out.

Pastor Diane reported the church will make a profit of approximately \$2,600 from the Green Box Arts Festival. Float construction continues for Bronc Day (July 29) although more hands are needed to assist. There is an immense amount of property stored in the church for the yard sale at Bronc Day. Only a few items will be marked for a minimum bid – most items will be sold at the price suggested by the buyer. Volunteers are needed to assist with the sale. A concern was expressed as to what happens to those items that cannot be sold. Pastor Diane was confident that the remaining items could be responsibly

disposed of at no cost to the church. It was agreed that the church can obtain, as a merchant, a desktop version of the Square card swiper/chip reader, so that purchasers at the yard sale can use credit or debit cards for payment. It could also be used for worshippers to make a donation after church because people tend to write fewer checks, forget to plan for the offering that day, or want to accumulate points on their credit cards. The marketing workshop hosted by the Southeastern Association of the UCC is rescheduled at the church for Saturday, July 22, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., with lunch provided. Pastor Diane reported that 33 people are enrolled with approximately 1/3 from our church. Sue Frindt, on Tuesdays, and Vaughn Drinen, on Thursdays, are helping out in the church office. The search for an Administrative Assistant is therefore postponed. Jeff reported that work continues on the audio, visual and worship enhancement improvements. Newman reported that Sterling Penman took a brief look at the inoperative kitchen fan and will send someone to take a closer look. Newman heard from Jim Dunkley about the leaking zone valves in the hot water heating system and about reattaching the pipes that have sagged in the youth room, all in the basement. There is a goal to complete those repairs by the end of August, ideally with donated labor costs. The outside door to Tatter Hall near the kitchen was discussed. Stacey is going to look for a replacement.

Upon motion of Sunde, a second by Stacey, and unanimous approval, Vaughn Drinen was appointed to the Administration Team. Pastor Diane will not be in the pulpit on August 6 and August 13. She has surgery scheduled on her hand for August 3 and will be in church on August 6, but Karl Huseboe will preach. She will be on vacation thereafter for a week. The service on August 13 will be without preacher, with gospel hymns. The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Church Beautification Day / Church Work Day



On Saturday, June 17, we tackled many projects, both indoors and out, in preparation for our very busy month of July. We want to share a couple of photos of that day. We may be planning another work day to take on some of the drainage problems around the church: cleaning and reinforcing gutters, etc. Please watch for details. Thank you for your faithfulness!



Upcoming Special Musical Events at Church in the Wildwood

Sunday, August 13 – Hymn Sing

Did you enjoy our hymn sing on June 25? Then you'll be happy to hear that we're doing it again. Our Chancel Choir will lead our late-summer hymn sing, so come and sing more of our old-time favorite hymns, mostly from our "old" hymnal, *The Singing Church*.

Sunday, August 20 – Daniel Scherling, Guest Organist

We are honored to have Daniel Scherling, assistant organist at Broadmoor United Church of Christ, minister for us on our large organ twice each year. He played for our 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service, and he will be back on August 20, ministering during our 10:30 a.m. worship service.



Sunday, September 10 – Wildwood Bells Perform

Our bell choir will perform during our 10:30 a.m. worship service.

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 open in prayer and often ponder questions that the Sunday sermon has raised.

August 8, 22 & 29 – 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 August 8, 22 & 29. **We always welcome non-perishable foods, toiletries, and potatoes. We are very low on pasta sauce, pork-n-beans, and single-serving oatmeal mixes. We're also low on jelly, instant potatoes, soup, meat, bread, and boxes for distribution. (We are also requesting seasonings and broth mixes so we can help Westside CARES distribute their surplus of rice. If you bring large containers of these items, we will repackage them into small bags to be distributed with the rice.)** Everyone is invited to join us for dinner during pantry, even if you don't need a food box. Come for the fellowship! 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) if you have questions. Thank you!

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.**

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

For the last few weeks, we have been working on the Bronc Day float and decorations. Pastor Diane and Vaughn rearranged the Kids' Church room and are considering curriculum options for future Kids' Church sessions. If you wish to help with Kids' Church or with the curriculum, please reach out to Pastor Diane or Vaughn. Plan to meet with us on Thursday, August 24 (time TBD) and to participate in Kids' Church Kickoff on September 10, after we take a six-week summer break.

Thanks to donations of magazines and other supplies, we now have a few more Wild Bags hanging on the coat racks to keep our younger members busy during worship.

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:** We've been moving office furniture around between the two offices to make the space of the admin office more efficient. We've always got a list of small projects that a volunteer can come in and complete. See Vaughn Drinen or Sue Frindt.
- **Gutters:** See Nathan Martin, Alvin Okvath, Jeff Chapman, or Newman McAllister for updates on how you can help with this drainage project.

Westside CARES News

We filled the basket! We far exceeded the request for 400 ballpoint pens for Westside school children, and we threw in some nice eraser packs to boot!

Church in the Wildwood is a partner church of Westside CARES, and our food pantry is an extension of their ministry.

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
- Women's underwear – size 4, 5, 6
- Family- size toothpaste
- Deodorant
- (No household items, please)

Volunteers Needed:

Backpack Distribution

Two volunteers are needed to hand out backpacks from the Westside CARES office on Monday through Wednesday, August 14-16, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Resource Room

Thursday evenings from 4:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Must be able to multi-task, lift 30 lbs., sort, tag, and distribute clothing and toiletry items per voucher system. Good people skills and easy going personality are required. Training provided.

Tuesday Front Desk Reception

Answer phones, greet neighbors and other visitors, pull files, and replenish hospitality area. Tuesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Must be even-tempered, able to multi-task, and have exceptional people skills. Training provided.

Lord's Dinner Supply Closet Stocker

Volunteer needed to inventory and restock the supply closet for the Lord's Dinner. Will need to move supplies from the Westside CARES office to Sacred Heart Church. Time commitment: approximately 1 hour per week (during Westside CARES business hours). Must have transportation, be able to lift 10 lbs., and carry supplies down a flight of stairs.

If interested, contact Deb Mitguard at Debra.Mitguard@westsidecares.org or call 389-0759 Ext 108.



Help Support a “Sister” Food Pantry

On August 6, the Little Chapel Food Pantry in Divide is offering a great deal on lunch. 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).

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!

July Statistics

Date	Attendance	Offering
7/2	89	\$ 1,609
7/9	60	\$ 2,726
7/16	40	\$ 592
7/23	59	\$ 991
7/30	58	\$ 628
ACH/Online giving		\$ 775
Total for July		<u>\$ 7,321</u>
Estimated monthly expenses		\$10,000
Estimated shortfall for July		(\$ 2,679)

August Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunde King	August 2
Tucker Francis	August 7
Ron & Sue Frindt	August 12
Karl & Helen Huseboe	August 24
Peter Scanlon	August 31

Church Office Hours

Tuesdays: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Pastor in office (Sue Frindt, office volunteer, part-day)
Wednesdays: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Pastor in office
Thursdays: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Pastor in office (Vaughn Drinen, office volunteer, part-day)
Fridays: 10:00 a.m. – Noon	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