

April 2023

This past week two Canada Geese began to wander around the door number two, the main entrance of Lutheran Medical Center. These two geese are well known to staff, volunteers, and many patients because each spring they nest near the front door. While the female is cute and people try to make her comfortable (not good for the goose), the male is territorial, protective and downright aggressive towards those trying to enter the hospital. I find it rather amazing these two geese go on about their business despite the cars, concrete, gawking people, and noise. The geese have used the water, fountain, a flowerpot and the grassy area for their nest with seemingly no concern



for what is happening around them. They know their why and despite the interference they do their thing.

While Canada geese are not my favorite birds, I do think we can learn from these two regular visitors. As a community of faith, we know our why. “Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age”(Matthew 28:19-20). But in what ways do we allow our environment to distract us from doing our thing which is sharing the good news of Jesus resurrection? To be honest our rapidly changing complex culture demands our attention. As tempting as it may be, checking out or disengaging from our surroundings is not all that practical. (I keep taking twitter off my phone only to reinstall it a week later.) The question becomes how do we engage culture while remaining true to our calling?

Our Lenten small group gatherings, and the sermon series revealed WRPC is a congregation willing to grapple with this question. The fact everyone wore pink and indulged me by watching *Mean Girls* is a wonderful example of a generative and engaging spirit. Like the geese using the flowerpot to nest we too can use the take advantage of the art, music, and other cultural landmarks without losing our why. With a rapidly changing world (boomers retiring, demographic shifts, the hospital moving farther west) we face many challenges. These changes can seem daunting (hatching multiple eggs at the front door of the hospital) but we know the power of Christ to change lives, bring hope and to literally raise us to new life. Like those geese let us not be discouraged by what we see around us but instead let us focus on the new life being incubated by the holy spirit in our lives and in the culture around us.

SESSION-

At the Annual Congregational meeting held February 26, the by-laws were changed as to the number of Elders and Deacons on the respective boards from 12 members to 9.

Also at the meeting officers for the coming year were elected. Elected for Elders were Anne B. to a 3 year term, and for a second 3 year term, Bonnie, with Brenda elected to a 3 year term as Deacon.

What is still needed is 3 members from the congregation at large to serve on the Nominating Committee for the coming year. If you would like to serve contact Jim N.

Session approved the replacement of the 50 plus year old furnaces. Our many thanks go to Pat C. and helper(s) who have volunteered to install them according to code.

Session approved activities:

MISSION: The annual concert is June 25, to benefit Lomagundi Clinic Mission Partnership (LCMP). **STEWARDSHIP:** to participate 4 special Presbyterian Offerings One Great Hour, Pentecost, Peace and Global Witness, and Christmas Joy. **WORSHIP:** Easter Sunrise service with Jefferson Avenue Methodist at the Outdoor Worship Center.

Clerk of Session

Ruth B

**Session Hybrid meeting
7 PM Thur., April 20**

A CARING REMINDER FROM THE DEACONS:

If your family suffers a loss or illness, or you would like to request prayer, please contact:

Whit (cell) 303-981-9993

Church Office, 303-422-2354

Prayer Chain: Nancy R.

Deacon Tri-Moderators: Eleanor, Marcia, Jeanne

PRAYER CHAIN – Prayer Chain is a quick way to have your prayer concerns passed on to part of the church family and enables the church to support you more rapidly in your time of need.



HOLY WEEK

- **Palm Sunday Service 10 AM on Sunday, April 2**
- **April 6 Maundy Thursday 5:45 PM Inter-generational Soup Dinner and Service** Food is provided with Communion in Fellowship Hall
- **April 8 Community Easter Egg Hunt 1:00-3:00 pm here at WRPC**
- **April 9 is Easter Sunday 6:15 AM Sunrise joint service with Jefferson Ave Methodist in the Outdoor Worship Center**
Easter Breakfast 7:30-9:30 AM, and at 10 AM a worship service indoors with special music and events celebrating "He Is Risen!"

WORSHIP



- **Most Wednesdays at 5:30 pm, there is a Healing Prayer service via Zoom.** The link is in the weekly E-Post or contact the office for more details or to request an email with the link.
- **WRPC Worship Sundays Is hybrid--in person & on Zoom!** 10 am Sunday WRPC worship is a hybrid, continuing in person in our sanctuary with the regular service parts including communion the first Sunday of the month and offertory each Sunday, but reaching out **also by Zoom to members and friends unable to attend in -person.** We hope to see you Sundays, but if you're unable to attend in person, The link is in the weekly E-Post or end-of the week all church email. **tune in at 10 am using the Zoom link.**
- **Holy Week: April 2-April 9**
 - **Holy week begins Palm Sunday, Sun. Apr. 2** with a **palm processional** during worship.
 - **April 6** is the **Maundy Thursday--Soup dinner and Communion around the tables in Fellowship Hall.** **Come at 5:30,** and the **meal/service starts at 5:45.** Food will be provided.
 - **Young Adult Ministry & Christian Education** host a **community Easter Egg Hunt** here Sat., April 8 from 1:00-3:00pm. **Donations/ help welcome! Contact Linda V.**

WORSHIP (continued)

- **Easter Sunday is April 9**-and starts with a **6:15 am** joint Sunrise service with Jefferson Ave Methodist members in the Outdoor Worship center, then Fellowship is hosting **Easter Breakfast from 7:30 am-9:30 am** in **Fellowship Hall**. For further details, see the Fellowship's article below. **Finally, the 10 am indoor service with Easter plants, special music and events!**
- **Wear blue-Sunday, April 23!** A speaker from **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** will be preaching this Sunday. Please **invite friends and family for this special Sunday!**

FELLOWSHIP Plan now to attend the annual WRPC Easter Breakfast.

Early to Bed, Early to Rise!!

Fellowship hopes you are working up an appetite for our annual Easter Breakfast. This year, there is a little change in timing, but you can still look forward to a delicious pancake breakfast to start your Easter Day.

On April 9th, Easter Day, WRPC will have a sunrise service, followed by a soft-start to our annual breakfast.

- **Coffee and tea will be available at 7:15 am**, after the early morning service.
- Our **full breakfast** will be served, beginning at **7:30 am, and ending at 9:30 am** allowing time for all to join together for the **worship service at 10:00 am**.

Come and enjoy pancakes, whipped up and flipped by our faithful and entertaining chefs, Jeff, Ralph, and Mick. How could those pancakes be anything but delicious? We look forward to seeing you in Fellowship Hall, for breakfast on Sunday, April 9, 2023, presented by the WRPC Fellowship Committee.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Happy Spring!

Things are really "hopping" around WRPC! Our young adults will be sponsoring a community **Easter Event**. They are reaching out to invite our congregation and our neighborhood to come and enjoy an **Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 8th between 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM**. The event will include food, games, activities and more! **We would appreciate donations of candy and if you are interested in helping** contact Linda V.

CE's annual spring event is a **Dinner and Mystery Theater** called "**Murder at the Burger Joint**", this clever whodunit, is set in the 50s and is presented by the Windsor Gardens Theater group under the direction of LuAnn Buckstein. Come join us here at WRPC in the Fellowship Hall on the evenings of **Friday, May 26th, and Saturday, May 27th, at 5:00 PM**. Tickets are \$20. For tickets and information contact Linda V. Looking forward to seeing everyone for a fun filled time!!

Grace and peace,
Linda

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY & BREAKFAST

April 8th 8:30 a.m. breakfast followed by lesson. Please **RSVP to Eileen** so she can bring enough study materials.

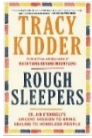


MISSION Hybrid meeting April 5 at 10am

- Thanks for all of your help on the St. Pat's luncheon benefitting **The Carpenter's Helpers / Metro Habitat for Humanity!** We couldn't have done it without the help of each and every one of you!! So far, we have raised **\$580** for Carpenter's Helpers and as usual, I know there is at least one check that has been promised to be sent in so hopefully we'll get to \$600. For some comparison, last year the amount we brought in on the day of the event was \$485. Way to go team! The \$600 should buy quite a few nails and screws or maybe one window.
- The **Mission Bake Sale** is Sunday, April 23rd following worship! Keep checking upcoming announcements for more details!
- **FAMILY PROMISE provides shelter and meals in Wheat Ridge and N. Lakewood.** WPC's mission has supported the Family Promise (FP) organization for the past several years. Our contribution is to provide an evening meal for these homeless families one night of the week every other month. This amounts to 6 or 7 meals over the year. The meals feed about 15-20 people. Family Promise is always in need of snacks and easily prepared food items and hygiene items. If you would like **to donate or help with** either one or more of the **bi-monthly meals or providing the regularly needed items**, please call **Betty N. or Jeanne**.



THURSDAY BOOK GROUP meets **3:00 pm**
Thu., April 20 at the home of Roger & Belinda
We'll be discussing *Rough Sleepers* by Tracy
Kidder. The new book by the Pulitzer
Prize-winning journalist Tracy Kidder
chronicles the work of Dr. Jim
O'Connell, who has dedicated his
career to caring for homeless patients. Please
RSVP.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER – Looking to One



Great Hour of Sharing: On Palm
Sunday, April 2, we will receive and
dedicate the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
in our church family. One Great Hour of Sharing
is the single largest way that Presbyterians
come together every year to work for a better
world.

Around the world, millions of people lack
access to sustainable food sources, clean water,
sanitation, education, and opportunity. The
three programs supported by OGHS are
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the
Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-
Development of People--all work in different
ways to serve individuals and communities in
need. Their work fits together to provide people
with safety, sustenance, and hope.

One of the three important programs supported
by OGHS is the Presbyterian Disaster
Assistance Program. As we know from recent
bulletin inserts, PDA is there in Ukraine working
with our partners, providing immediate basic
emergency assistance for survival, and ongoing
financial and technical assistance as the
network of faith communities providing
humanitarian assistance grows in the months
ahead.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has through
the last years also developed and supported a
global response to natural disasters such as the
Turkey-Syria earthquake.

SINGLE LADIES LUNCH

Sunday, 11:45am on April 30th at 3
Margaritas at 10160 W 50th
Ave, Wheat Ridge.
Please RSVP to Janette.



WRPC Thoughts and Prayers:

With Sympathy. . .

A service **celebrating the life of Bob
B. was** held here Wed., Mar. 29 at 10
am. Bob died March 20 while in
hospice. Prayers for his family and friends for
comfort and healing.

With Concern. . .

WRPCERS on the move: Gordon has moved
to Applewood Our House Assisted Living
Memory Care Lakewood, 1900 Upham St,
Lakewood, CO 80214, Office Phone: (303) 205-
1900; **Dot** is temporarily in Arizona with her
son. Please update your directories with
Gordon's new address and pray for them in
these transitions.



**Neighborhood News Matthew 25 Coalition -
First Sunday Presentation.** On Sunday, April 2,
we'll have Andrea Loya, executive director of
Casa de Paz (CdP) with us. This is the volunteer
organization that welcomes guests who are
released from the immigration detention center in
Aurora. They provide a safe temporary space so
that they can connect with their loved ones and
make plans to reach their final destination. Since
2012 they have welcomed over 7,000 guests
from 80 different countries. There'll be an
overview of the immigration process and how
Casa de Paz helps reunite families separated by
ICE immigration detention. Do join us at **8:45**
Sunday morning April 2 in Fellowship Hall to
hear more about this important program meeting
a current critical need. If you can **bring**
individually packed snacks to donate to CdP
that would be most helpful. The Casa is currently
in need of these for their participants.

DENVER PRESBYTERY OPPORTUNITY

**Reclaiming Our Calling: Deacons & Ruling
Elders and the Care of Souls Webinar**

Ruling elders and deacons are invited to the
second **leader formation webinar of 2023,**
April 27, 7:00–8:30 p.m. Eastern (5-630
Mountain). Participants will join with Rachel and
Matt Rhodes to learn more about both the
theoretical and practical realities of caring for
one another in the church and the important role
that church leaders serve within that.

This webinar will be recorded and
interpretation into Korean and Spanish is
available. There is a **registration deadline of**
April 19. For more **information and**
registration links, visit the PC(USA) Leader
Formation website.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **Diabetes ZOOM Meetings 4:30 pm Thursdays** This is a community event offered by former Arvada Pres. member David Reed. The meetings are for any type of diabetic, any age. We meet to support each other and have speakers on occasion. It's valuable information and updates for diabetics and pre-diabetics and their families.
- **Drawing Classes with Sandra Davis 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon** Colored Pencil; 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 4th Tuesday Acrylic Pen; 4th Wednesday Watercolor Pencil. For more details, please contact Sandra by phone or email below. Location: Wheat Ridge Presbyterian Church 9180 W 38th Ave, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033. Fee: \$40 per class (Fee includes paper which will be supplied for you in class.) Register with Sandra at sdavis@adsnart.com
- **Larry Angus** reports some good news that Dr. Elaine Pagels of Princeton University has sent these words for the back cover for his next book. "In his new book, *The Forbidden Gospels*, the Rev. Larry Angus combines the intellectual curiosity of a scholar with and the heart of a pastor, advocating for what he calls a deeper, more honest, and meaningful faith." This is the book that the Book Club read recently, and Elaine's endorsement is major. He says he plans to publish this Fall and will hope some in the church will help with its "launching" when the date is set.
- **Uplift Internationale Annual Gala 4:00-6:30 PM Sat. April 15** at Children's Hospital 13123 E. 16th Ave, Aurora, CO 80045 Come learn more about the lives you're changing. Your attendance will contribute to *Mending faces...one child at a time!* Enjoy delicious food, Filipino entertainment and more... **To purchase tickets, go to the UI website.**
- **Evergreen Chorale presents Very Vivaldi.** Come and experience the brilliance of Vivaldi's choral masterpiece, "Gloria," and his Guitar Concerto in D Major, when the Evergreen Chorale presents Very Vivaldi. We'll be performing at **Evergreen Lutheran Church, Friday April 21 at 7:30 pm** and at **Wellshire Presbyterian Church in Denver, Sunday April 23 at 4:30.** The concert, in collaboration with the Evergreen Chamber Orchestra, will also feature fabulous English and Italian madrigals, and includes incredible soloists and Colorado's renowned guitarist Alex Komodore. There are only two

performances! Reserve your seats today. Visit ovationwest.org to purchase tickets. Before going online to purchase tickets, for groups of 10 or more, we can issue a number specific to your group and everyone can get an extra 15% discount off the already very reasonable price of admission. It is not required for all members of your group to purchase tickets for the same performance. Everyone can choose the performance which works best for them! With the group number everyone will receive the group discount. Let me know if I can assist you! Sarah Ellis, Volunteer Group Sales Coordinator, 720-217-5766

- **Mental Health and Wellness Series:** The City of Wheat Ridge with the Jefferson Center for Mental Health (JCMH) is providing classes for the community to better understand mental health issues and how to help someone who may be struggling. If interested, please register at the City of Wheat Ridge website. The trainings listed below are at the Wheat Ridge Recreation Center located at 4005 Kipling St.
 - **April 27, 6 p.m. – Five Dimensions of Wellness with Rachel Vilner**
 - **May 25, 6 p.m. – Putting Out the Fire: Preventing and Managing Burnout**
- **Congrats & Thanks to Walt Pettit!** The Urban Renewal WR Board of Directors unanimously elected Walt to continue as the chair (3rd consecutive term).

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2 Palm Sunday 8:45 am First Sunday Presentation from Casa de Paz 9 am Choir Practice 10 am Worship/Communion 11 am Fellowship Time	3 6:45-8:45 Band practice in Music Room	4 9:30-Noon Art Class in S. C.E. room	5 10 am Mission Hybrid meeting	6 5:45 pm Maundy Thursday Soup Supper & Service	7 9:00-2:00 Duplicate Bridge Group	8 8:30 am Sat AM Women's Breakfast/Bible Study 1:00-3:00 pm Community Easter Egg Hunt 4:00 pm Easter Breakfast Setup
9 Easter Sunday 6:15 am Sunrise Service in OWC 9 am Choir Practice 7:30-9:30 Easter Breakfast 10 am Easter Service	10 6:45-8:45 Band practice in Music Room	11	12 10 am Matthew 25 Hybrid meeting	13	14 May Newsletter articles due 9:30-2:30 China Painters 9	15 4:00-6:30 pm Uplift Internationale Annual Gala
16 8:45 am Adult Education 10 am Worship 11 am Fellowship Time 5-7pm Zambuko band in Muisic room	17 6:45-8:45 Band practice in Music Room	18 9:30-Noon Art Class in S. C.E. room	19	20	21	22
23 Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Sunday "Wear Blue" 8:45 am Adult Education 10 am Worship 11 am Fellowship Time	24 6:45-8:45 Band practice in Music Room	25 Limited staffing in office—5/2 9:30-Noon Art Class in S. C.E. room	26 Limited staffing in office—5/2 9:30-Noon Art Class in S. C.E. room	27 Limited staffing in office—5/2	28 Limited staffing in office—5/2	29
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