

NEDERLAND COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"The Little Brown Church with the Bell"



We are a Congregation of

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Open & growing minds

Open & faithful hearts

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New Wednesday Night Book Study Begins Wednesday, April 21st at 6:30

We have just completed our Lenten Wednesday evening "Soup, Supper and Book Study" of Pitmann McGehee's book, "The Invisible Church: finding spirituality where you are". The book was challenging and thought provoking; the discussion was inspiring and spirited; but simply spending time together as Christian friends talking about our faith and things that really matter was the most fulfilling of all.

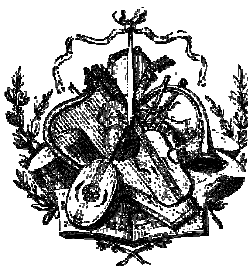


We are now ready to begin a new book, "The Heart of Christianity – rediscovering a life of faith" by Marcus J. Borg. This book is a consolidation of Borg's scholarship and teaching in recent years and is destined to become a hallmark of Christian literature for decades to come. It is a highly readable and valuable glimpse into the essence of the Christian faith. Borg provides a way for an important, positive, and faithful rethinking of the gospel. Join us for this challenging read, especially if you have been struggling with traditional Christian dogma.

"Broadly speaking, there are two different visions of Christianity in North America today. The earlier vision is the product of the last few hundred years, especially the last 150 years. This earlier vision of Christianity is literalistic in its understanding of the Bible, absolutist in its understanding of the ethical teachings of the Bible, and exclusivist-meaning Christianity is the only way. That's the vision of Christianity that the majority of us grew up with, whether we are mainline Protestant, Catholic, or conservative Protestant. But that way of seeing Christianity has become unpersuasive to millions of people--who can't be literalists or absolutists or exclusivists. But now there is an emerging vision, an emerging paradigm." – Marcus Borg

Sign up at worship on Sunday mornings, on the website (nederlandcpc.org), or call 303 642-7226. We will have a book for you and plenty of soup in the pot. The study begins on Wed, April 21st at 6:30.

MCMAA Benefit Concert – a HUGE Success



You missed a rollicking good time if you did not attend the MCMAA benefit concert on March 14th. "Bodha", a local Celtic/Old Time string band, played to a large and appreciative audience who just couldn't get enough. Thanks to some special giving, we were able to actually exceed our goal for the Theater Department at Nederland Middle/High School which went to help defray expenses for their upcoming musical production: "**Seussical the Musical**" (April 8 – April 17). The mission of MCMAA is to "Support and promote music and art in and around the Nederland community", and what a fine way to support our youth this was!

By the way, if you missed "Bodha", they will return as part of our MCMAA Summer Series on September 19th. Watch for the announcement of the entire concert series in weeks to come.

Parking and Accessibility



Having a wife on crutches for a few days this winter made me mindful of how grateful I am for two strong legs. It also made me appreciate once again how we are a church family that is intentional about being a “Welcome Place” for everyone in our community, including the mobility impaired. The handicap ramp shows our neighbors how intentional we are about that commitment.

Recently we received a generous gift from the David H Shortridge, II Foundation which enabled us to upgrade the restroom facilities, and while doing so we modified one restroom to make it more wheelchair accessible. Now, in addition to all new fixtures, mirrors, and a fresh coat of paint, there are grab-bars installed for comfort and safety in the women’s restroom.

One concern now remains; the need for enough parking space close to the ramp for those who have difficulty walking. Parking in front of the church is very limited, so the Session has been weighing several options and would like to hear suggestions from you. Installing “Handicap Only” signs is the first option. However, that would permanently eliminate two parking spots even when they are not needed, and with the signs in place, any car without the proper permission can be ticketed even when loading and unloading. Another suggestion is that before we eliminate parking we should be sure that alternate parking options are being used.



We are blessed to have a large parking lot across the creek behind the church. The lot is graded and free of snow most of the time, thanks to a working agreement with the Town of Nederland. The town maintenance staff maintains the surface in exchange for allowing the town to identify the lot as “Public Parking” for their various events. It is a beautiful arrangement, but for many years the lot was underutilized by our church members because of the creek.

Now, with the installation of the beautiful Guyer garden bridge, paved walks and our new back door, the parking lot is much more accessible and can be a wonderful solution to our parking issues. However, on most Sunday mornings the parking lot is never filled to capacity, while the few spots in front of the church quickly disappear. If you are able, please use the parking lot across the creek and reserve the parking spots in front of the church for those with mobility issues. If accessible parking continues to be a concern for you, please let us know!

- Thanks - Don

From the Colorado Haiti Project, Inc.

Dear Friends at Nederland Presbyterian.

On behalf of the Colorado Haiti Project, thank you for your recent generous gift of \$575. ... As you may know, Dr. Maurice Fauvel, along with four other medical professionals and a non-medical coordinator spent about a week and a half in Petit-Trou de Nippes, Haiti. During this time they treated hundreds of patients, battled heavy rains and rising rivers, and got cozy with creatures in their tents. For more on their experience, visit the blog at:

www.chp2010medmission.blogspot.com.

Because of generosity like yours, we are able to do so much more to help our brothers and sisters in Haiti. Mesi anpil (thanks very much).

Sincerely, Paul Casey, Executive Director

The Milestone Ride!

Saturday, July 17, 2010

Cleon Kimberling invites cyclers to help celebrate his 80th Birthday and help raise scholarships to camp by joining him on a “Milestone Ride”. Cleon is a huge supporter of Highlands Camp and wants to do something special for his 80th birthday, so he is organizing a 20 mile ride **from Lyons to Highlands Camp**. If you want to join Cleon for this ride, there are many of us who are ready to pledge our support, and many children and youth who will benefit from your efforts. Visit: www.highlandscamp.org to register, then let us know so we can support you.



By the way, we have two \$25 discount coupons that can be used in combination with our traditional \$50 campership if you are interested in attending camp this summer. First come, first serve.

Welcome Curt Will and Ann Runyan



NCPC extends a warm welcome to our newest member Curt Will. Curt joins us by letter of transfer from First Presbyterian Church in Boulder. Curt and his fiancée, Ann Runyan have been with us since last July and live up in the Ridge Road area – (should we rename that Presbyterian Hill?). Curt is already active in the Food Pantry ministry and he looks forward to being involved at NCPC.

Curt is originally from Iowa so many of you will have stories in common to share. His background is rich in experience including work in telecommunications. He enjoys wood turning, creating websites in his areas of interest, and being a father and grandfather.

Welcome Curt and Ann!

Curt Will & Ann Runyon
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In our prayers:



Continued prayers of recovery and healing for Rhonda Skeie’s father, Lew Holland, Kathleen Henningsen’s father, Don, Emily Hayne’s mother, Janet Fish, Gwen Burak’s Aunt, Barbara Bateman.

Prayers for Justine Irwin as the doctors continue to determine the best treatment for her knees. Prayers for Darla Miller and unborn child as she faces surgery. Prayers of support for Kathy and Ben Brantley as they temporarily reside in California for Ben’s work. Continued prayers of comfort and peace to Susan Morrison’s mother, Irene and to Aaron Berkley’s grandmother, Lucille Smart and as always, prayers of comfort and love to all those who are unable to worship with us on a regular basis including Florence Gruchy, Jane Bauder and Gloria Fraiser, as well as those serving in the military and away at school. Let us to continue to pray for the wellbeing of the people of Haiti and Chile after the earthquakes and devastation.



April Birthdays

Joyce Ogden	1
Megen Stadele	2
Susan Wagner	2
Allison Hardt-Zeman	7
Bill Stiefer	7
Diana Nelson	11
"JC" McDowell	12
Doug Trostle	12
Matt Davis	18
Lee Stadele	18
Bakke, Scott	19
Rich Deubel	20
Jonah Bolin	23
Susan Lutz	23
Larson Burak	25

April Anniversaries

Craig & Rhonda Skeie	4
Don & Pennie Dexter	8
Janet & Paul Turnburke	23

Counselor’s Corner:

I have a couple sitting in front of me. They are on opposite ends of the couch, bodies turned away from each other, arms crossed. I know they both love each other and want to stay together, but right now they are in a painful, difficult place. Both people feel they have compromised too much, and that they are unable to bend anymore. Both people feel wronged and are waiting for the other person to make amends.

This situation happens throughout our lives in many different forms. A parent and a teenager are constantly battling. Staff members and the boss can’t agree on how to do business. A small disagreement in a community organization turns into an all-out war with people taking sides.

The field of psychology offers a seemingly endless supply of solutions for people in conflict, depending on the theoretical point of view. A Psychodynamic counselor might look to the past for similar conflict patterns. They believe that by repairing the original pattern of conflict, healing will occur in the present. Behavioral counselors could suggest exploring the current disagreement moment by moment and determining which actions need to be changed. In replacing harmful behaviors with healthy ones, change will come about. Multicultural and Feminist counselors might dissect the power dynamics of the relationship and offer insight into the societal patterns that have influenced the disagreement. These counselors believe education and awareness can create change.

So how did this couple even get to my couch, with all these choices? Across theoretical orientations, the psychology research points to one primary factor in creating change: the relationship between the counselor and client. The debates and studies over techniques and theories will continue indefinitely, but for people ready for change the connection created in the counseling office will always be waiting. Amy Hartman www.peaktopeakcounseling.com



Sun	Mon	Tue	April 2010 Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10:00 Food Pantry 6:30 Choir 7:30 Maundy Thurs. service of <u>Tenabrae</u>	2	3
4 8:30 Potluck Breakfast 9:00 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Easter Worship	5 9:30 Tai Chi 12pm NAS Lunch	6	7 9:30 – Painting 12pm NAS Lunch	8	9	10 9:30 – 11:00 USDA and Food Pantry
11 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship 10:30 Church School	12 9:30 Tai Chi 12pm NAS Lunch	13 CWS 1:00 – 3:00	14 9:30 – Painting 12pm NAS Lunch 1-3 Writing <u>Wkshop</u>	15 6:30 - Session	16	17
18 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship 10:30 Church School	19 9:30 Tai Chi 12pm NAS Lunch	20	21 9:30 – Painting 12pm NAS Lunch 1-3 NAS Board 6:00 Soup/Book Study	22	23	24
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