

## NEDERLAND COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*"The Little Brown Church with the Bell"*



### ***We are a Congregation of***

*Open & welcoming doors*

*Open & growing minds*

*Open & faithful hearts*

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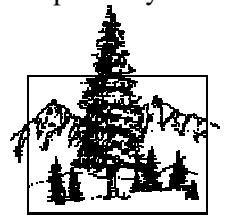


## ***Highlands Camp and Conference Center*** ***65 Years of Grace in a Beautiful Place***

In addition to their regular pastoral duties, one of the "Terms of Call" (aka employment agreements) we make as Presbyterian Pastors is to participate in the work of higher judicatories (for example, the Presbytery of Plains or Peaks, or Synod of the Rockies). Presbyterian Pastors are members of the various presbyteries in which they serve, so we have privileges and obligations to the Presbytery much like members have to their church. Guided by the Book of Order, the Presbyteries and Synods of our denomination are organized into committees, much like a church session, so there are always plenty of opportunities to serve. This year I begin a three year term on Highlands Camp and Conference Committee as the Moderator of the Operations Sub-Committee.

The Highlands Camp and Conference Center in Allenspark is a remarkable asset for ministry here on the Front Range. Since my arrival, our youth group has used Highlands for five retreats, and we always send a few children and youth to summer camp. Highlands also offers an incredible variety of retreats, workshops and camps for adults and families throughout the year. It is easy to register for any of the exciting 2010 camps and the many other programs available at Highlands by visiting their beautiful website: [www.highlandscamp.org](http://www.highlandscamp.org). You will also find information about Highlands scholarship program on their website. And don't forget, NCPC offers partial camperships to any child who wants to attend Highland Summer Camp.

This year Highlands will celebrate its 65<sup>th</sup> year of service that began back in 1945 with a few rustic cabins. Over the past 65 years the facilities have been maintained, improved and in 2002, Highlands opened the new retreat center, a comfortable and inviting place with accommodations you would expect to find in a modern hotel.



Of course, to operate Highlands it takes an incredibly dedicated and gifted staff, and like any church program, is dependent on the support of volunteers. NCPC has been generous in our mission giving to Highlands over the past decade, but our own budget constraints have made it necessary to reduce our pledge this year. However, that does not mean we need to reduce our greater commitment to Highlands.

### **NCPC Work Day at Highlands Camp – May 8**

Each spring Highlands schedules "Work Days" when volunteers help the staff open cabins and buildings that have been closed for the winter, and do other special projects to help prepare for the very busy Summer Program. This year two Work Days have been scheduled for Saturday, May 8 and 15, from 9:00 to 4:00, with lunch provided (folks, believe me, this is not camp food). Because I moderate the Highlands Operations Committee which schedules these events, I would like to organize a group from NCPC to help with this effort on the May 8 workday. If you would like to join me that day to meet the staff, tour the facilities, and enjoy the fun and fellowship of an old fashioned camp workday, please let me know. I would love to have you join me!

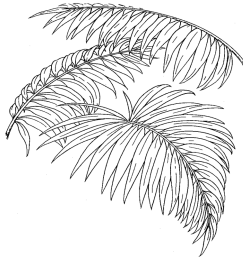
DAYLIGHT  
SAVINGS  
TIME



MARCH 8TH



## Holy Week and Easter



### One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Palm Sunday, March 28

From the beginning over 50 years ago, this offering has been an ecumenical effort. As denominations changed and merged, the number has varied, but currently the One Great Hour of Sharing community officially comprises nine Christian denominations. Each year this offering makes possible disaster relief, refugee assistance, development aid and more. Recognizing that the hope we have in Christ is lived out in our hope for one another, we respond with gifts that help our sisters and brothers around the world find the hope for a brighter future.

#### **Where do our OGHs offerings go?**

The Presbyterian Hunger Program receives 36 percent, while the Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance each receive 32 percent.

After witnessing the destruction caused by the Haiti earthquake and the devastating 8.8 quake in Chili, the need has never been greater. In addition, in recent years we have seen refugees of wars, hurricanes, tsunamis, wildfires and floods. Presbyterians have played a significant and immediate role in responding to these crises before most of us were even aware of the severity of these disasters.

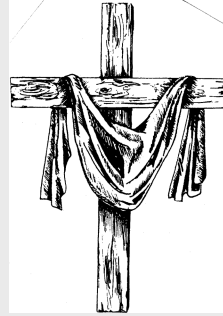
Help your child remember to place their daily offering in their fish banks and as a family, prayerfully consider what you can give toward this worthy cause.

#### **Thank you David H Shortridge II Foundation**

You may have noticed the work that has been accomplished to modernize our restrooms and make them handicapped-accessible. Soon new racks will be built which will make food distribution from our Food Pantry much easier and more efficient

These valuable projects, which make our limited space much more useable, are made possible by a generous grant from the David H. Shortridge, II Foundation.

April 1, 7:00pm



### Maundy Thursday Service of Darkness

On Maundy Thursday, we remember how the mood of the city changed toward Jesus. The week of betrayal, arrest, trial and execution of Jesus will be retold through scripture and music in a traditional "Service of Tenebrae."

As the story is told, candles will be extinguished, symbolizing how the darkness of our world seemed to have overcome the light of God's love as Jesus died.

## Easter Sunday

April 4

### 8:30 – Potluck Breakfast

Bring your contribution and gather around the table at 8:30 for this fun tradition. The choir will begin their rehearsal at 9:00



### 10:00 – Easter Worship Celebration

The crowning worship celebration of the Christian year is Easter Sunday. Worship begins with the return of the "Alleluia" to our liturgy and song.

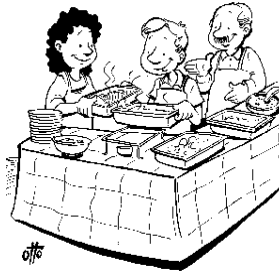
*If you would like to provide an Easter lily for our worship on Easter morning, you may make a donation of \$10 to NCPC and note: "Easter Lily". After worship you are invited to take your lily home or give to a friend.*

### Church Potluck

March 14

Immediately following worship

Bring something in a crock-pot, a casserole, salad, dessert, or *whatever!* Everything else will be provided. The delight of a potluck is the "luck of the pot" and there is always a delicious surprise. So, plan to join us.



### A Time with Our Children



Children and youth are a high priority here at NCPC. We want them to be included and feel a welcome part of our church family. We are so thankful for people who feel called to this important ministry because our children are the future of our church. Recently a group was formed to share the opportunity to lead the "Time with Our Children" each Sunday morning in worship. Their talent and unique gifts are a blessing to all of us who are "Children of God". Be sure to express your appreciation to these new worship leaders.

### A Note from Hogwarts

(delivered to your computer or mail by your Owl)



Watch out ... this March, our movie is "The Prisoner of Azkaban" -- the third movie in the Harry Potter series! It's truly a film for all ages, so everybody from little kids to Grandma and Grandpa are invited!

The date is March 13, the time is 6 pm, and the location is the Brantley household, 3660 Ridge Road, which you can reach by Muggle transportation, a train that departs London from platform 9-3/4, or carpooling from church via Mr. Weasley's car (rides will be available upon request when you RSVP). Dinner and chocolate frogs will be served, and of course don't forget to bring your broom.

Please RSVP to Kathy at [kathybrantley@gmail.com](mailto:kathybrantley@gmail.com) or 303-258-3101.

### Session and Deacon Vacancy

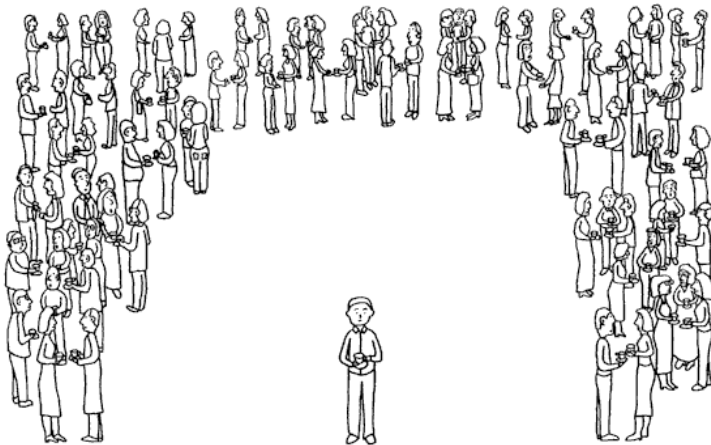
Every church depends on volunteers to fulfill a variety of needs, and each of us must do our part if we want NCPC to continue to be an effective witness to Jesus Christ in our community.

Our nominating committee continues to await God's call to fill one vacancy on each, the Session and Board of Deacons. These are important leadership positions in our church, so we don't want to rush to fill them. We believe in the Biblical Call process which involves patience and faith that God is at work. If you feel called to serve in either of these positions, please speak with Jim Hubbard who is moderating the Nominating Committee.

Thank you – Your Nominating Committee

### AFTER-SERVICE COFFEE

THIS IS THE TIME WHEN NEWCOMERS CAN GET TO KNOW THE CONGREGATION



**Mountain Community  
Music & Arts  
Association**



**MCMAA Concert  
To benefit the NMSHS Theatre Dept**

**Sunday, March 14 at 4:00**

Nederland Community Presbyterian Church

**“BODHA”**

**Celtic / Old Time / Scandinavian tunes**

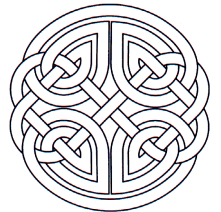
- David Rynhart - guitar, flute
- Ryan Drickey - fiddle
- Spirit Segars – bodhran, vocals

*A reception with the musicians follows the concert where you can enjoy the art work of Rebecca Linn and Jim Velnosky presented by “The Palette Gallery of Nederland”*

Seats are limited. Make reservations at:  
[www.MCMAA.org](http://www.MCMAA.org)  
or phone 303 642-7227

Many families in our community have been directly affected by the economic difficulties that plague our community and nation. The Mountain Community Music and Arts Association (MCMAA) recently learned that the Nederland Middle/High School Theatre Department is struggling to meet production costs for their upcoming production of, "Seussical the Musical." *The mission of MCMAA is to promote music and art in and around the Nederland community. We feel that the time-honored and much anticipated spring musical is a source of great pride for the Nederland community and must go on, and so MCMAA is organizing a benefit concert with a goal of raising \$500 for the NMSHS Theater Department. **At the concert, the students will also perform a “teaser” from the upcoming musical. This fun evening will be a musical treat for you and a valuable assist to the NMHS Theater Department. Visit MCMAA.org, or call 303-642-7227 to make pre-paid reservations which are strongly encouraged. Suggested donation: prepaid adult \$10 or \$12 at the door. Children are always free!***

**Please note:** If you are unable to attend but would like to make a tax deductible donation to the NMSHS Theater, write a check to “MCMAA” (in the memo write: NMSHS Theater) and send it to MCMAA, PO Box 467, Nederland, Co 80466.



**Thanks to Chef Hubbard**



The flapjacks were flying off the griddle as Jim Hubbard stirred up his infamous sourdough pancake batter and slapped it on the griddle.

Everyone had a deliciously good time eating pancakes, sausages, orange slices and guzzling coffee and OJ at the Shrove Tuesday celebration. Kathy Brantley especially liked the chocolate chips mixed in her pancake, and Judy Hubbard thinks she'll make it a staple too. M-m-m, finger-lickin' good! Thanks Judy and Jim for all your help.

**Directory Updates**

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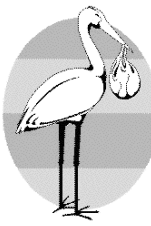
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**In our prayers:**

Prayers of peace and comfort for Kathy & Ben Brantley over the loss of their baby during the second trimester and to the Burak family over the death of their relative, Linda Rees. Continued prayers of recovery and healing for, Frank Lutz, Rhonda Skeie’s father, Lew Holland and Kathleen Henningsen’s father, Don. Prayers of joy for the birth of Edward Atticus Behr McDowell, and a quick recovery for mother, Chrissy McDowell. Prayers for Liz Preston as she continues to battle Boulder County in the selling of her house. Continued prayers of comfort and peace to Susan Morrison’s mother, Irene, and to Aaron Berkeley’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. Prayers for peace and healing to the people of Chile and Haiti in the aftermath of the recent earthquakes and travel mercies for Mo Fauvel who is there giving medical assistance.



**Congratulations and Welcome!**

**Congratulations to John and Christian “Chrissy” McDowell upon the birth of their son Edward Atticus Behr McDowell. He was born Feb. 3, 2010 at 5:07 pm, weighing 9 lbs, 14 oz. “Behr” is the disguised spelling of the name given to him by his older brother: “B-e-a-r”.**

John is our new church accompanist and worship pianist. John and Chrissy live in Louisville with their three children, newborn Edward, John Christian “JC”, age 4, and Adelaide “Addy”, age 2. Chrissy stays busy being a mother while studying nursing. John graduated with a bachelor in biology and minor in music in 2007. He currently teaches piano lessons and is always accepting more students. He also works as a carpenter for Tebo Development and freelances doing remodeling work. Besides working at our church, John plays at his own Catholic Parish in Denver, *Our Lady Mother of God*. John was music director at St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church in Boulder from 2005-2007. He worked as a staff scientist for Conoco Phillips Refinery from 2008-2009 and was a chef (apprentice to Rudi Elsener) at the Red Lion in Boulder from 2002-2005. If you haven’t already had a chance to do so, please give the McDowell family a warm welcome.

**Counselor’s Corner:** I remember as an undergraduate student speaking with a psychology major whose father recently died. “At the moment I’m in denial, but if I move quickly through the stages of grief I should be done by summer vacation,” she said. Being an English major myself I couldn’t speak to these stages, but as a human being I had a feeling she was in for some surprises. Grief can be difficult business. In the 1960’s, Elizabeth Kübler-Ross, M.D. and her colleagues found themselves floundering when it came to patients who were facing death. Kübler-Ross decided to take the time to sit and talk with dying patients. Through these connections Kübler-Ross developed her stages of dying: denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance. Since the 1960’s mental health care professionals have taken her model and expanded it to include stages for any type of grief or loss. Some of these modified models include intricate formulas for determining how long it will take a person to complete grieving. Recently I was sitting with a client who was sobbing on the couch. In the midst of very challenging life circumstances he turned to me and asked, “Shouldn’t I be over this by now? I’ve been grieving for 3 months already!” A well-meaning friend of his had passed on one of these formulas to him, and he recently passed the deadline for when he should be done grieving.

Grief, like life, is messy, confusing and surprising business. Some guidelines can be helpful; they remind us that we are not the first, nor the last to be traveling through grief. But as guidelines turn into rules, the grief process can be stunted. As we face our own losses may we find the strength and grace to give ourselves enough time and space to discover our personal grief process.

**Amy Hartman [www.peaktopeakcounseling.com](http://www.peaktopeakcounseling.com)**



**March Birthdays**

Larry James	1
Schubert Ogden	2
Marylou Harrison	4
Rhonda Skeie	5
Darian Robinson	15
Jerry Griess	16
Steve Filer	17
Craig Skeie	17
Mary Wingate	20
Ben Brantley	24
Liz Preston	27
Judy Anderson	28
Michelle Bolin	28
Phillys Wright	29

**March Anniversaries**

Marylou & Dan Harrison 27

March 2010						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 9:30 Tai Chi 12pm NAS Lunch	<b>2</b> <b>6:30 Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>3</b> 9:30 – Painting 12pm NAS Lunch  6:30 Lent “Soup and Book Study”	<b>4</b> 10:00 Food Pantry	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9:00 Choir 9:30 Youth Choir 10:00 Worship and Communion <b>FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY</b>	<b>8</b> 9:30 Tai Chi 12pm NAS Lunch	<b>9</b> 1:00 -3:00 CWS	<b>10</b> 9:30 – Painting 12pm NAS Lunch 1-3 Writing <u>Wkshop</u>  6:30 Lent “Soup and Book Study”	<b>11</b> 6:30 - Session	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9:30 – 11:00 USDA and Food Pantry  <b>6:00 Movie Night @ Brantleys</b>
<b>14</b> 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship 10:30 Church School 11:00 Potluck lunch <b>4:00 MCMAA Benefit Concert</b>	<b>15</b> 9:30 Tai Chi 12pm NAS Lunch	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9:30 – Painting 12pm NAS Lunch 1-3 NAS Board  6:30 Lent “Soup and Book Study”	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship 10:30 Church School	<b>22</b> 9:30 Tai Chi 12pm NAS Lunch	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9:30 – Painting 12pm NAS Lunch 1-3 Writing <u>Wkshop</u>  6:30 Lent “Soup and Book Study”	<b>25</b> 10:00 Food Pantry	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 9:00 Choir <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> 10:00 Worship (One Great Hour of Sharing fish banks) 10:30 Church School	<b>29</b> 9:30 Tai Chi 12pm NAS Lunch	<b>30</b> 6:30 Choir Practice	<b>31</b> 9:30 – Painting 12pm NAS Lunch  6:30 Lent “Soup and Book Study”	<b>Notes:</b> <b>April 1, 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service of Shadows</b> <b>April 4 – Easter Sunday: 8:30 Potluck Breakfast</b> <b>10:00 Worship Celebration</b>		



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