

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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Rhythms of Life

Sunday mornings in our house are usually hectic as Pennie and I prepare to leave for church on time, especially now that there is snow on the ground and we must leave early enough to actually drive the 30 mph speed limit down Magnolia road or risk getting stuck in a snow bank. Then after church, we arrive home exhausted but in a much more relaxed state of mind. It's that way every Sunday.

There is indeed a rhythm and a beat to our lives and the world we live in. Each year we can hear chainsaws buzzing from miles around as folks prepare firewood for the winter, and after the first snowstorm there is always a line of cars at Udo's waiting to have their studded tires installed.

Anyone who has ever planted a garden knows that a year of gardening has a rhythm to it, one that is determined by the weather. There is a season to plant, to grow, and to gather in the harvest.

The church year has a rhythm to it too. We're now in what's called "ordinary time," Sundays after Pentecost until the 29th of November this year when we begin the season of Advent.

Our stewardship lives have a rhythm as well. Most churches are like us and conduct stewardship campaigns in the fall, a hold over from our agricultural past when tithes were measured in bushels rather than dollars. Most local churches and other non-profit groups see a spike in giving during Advent, the days between Thanksgiving and Christmas, when generosity seems to peak. (It probably has something to do with tax planning too, but I prefer to think of it as generosity.) And in predictable rhythm, giving declines in many churches in January, when holiday-shopping credit card statements arrive. Our Sunday morning offerings increase during the summer months when many of our Summer Members arrive for the season. It's a predictable rhythm.

But the needs of people in our communities march to a much steadier beat. There are people in our communities who are hungry and homeless year-round. There are people seeking fellowship, community and a need to express and experience their spirituality. The need for ministry and mission of the church never takes time off.

How do we respond? We are made in the image of God, the ultimate giver. May we reflect that image in our giving and in our daily living, a steady rhythm of faithful commitment. It's a powerful beat. - Don



**Daylight
Savings Time
ends
November 1,
2009.**

**Don't forget
to set your
clocks back!**

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT SUNDAY

November 8, 2009

By now you have received your stewardship letter and pledge card for 2010. In the coming weeks please pray on, think through, and talk with others, as needed, about your commitment for next year. In the next few Sundays, a number of members will take a "moment for stewardship" to share their stories of faith and commitment. Then on Stewardship Sunday, November 8, we will gather for worship as a family in Christ to formalize our commitment. I encourage you to be with us!

Ben Brantley, Session Moderator for Finance and Stewardship





Boulder County CROP Walk Results:
Early totals for the walk are: 431 walkers who raised a total of \$51,282. Nederland Community Presbyterian Church contributed 7 walkersand two dogs one of which is very large.



“Hanging O’ the Greens”

Sunday, Nov. 29 – following worship

Over **two feet of snow** fell in the last week of October! It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas, and there is no more beautiful expression of the peace and joy of the season than our own sanctuary with our Christmas tree and decorations in place. And, there is no better way for you to get into the spirit of Christmas than to join with your church family for a delicious lunch of homemade chili and cornbread (freewill donation) and then working together as we “hang the greens”. If you would like to provide cornbread, salad or dessert, please call Kathleen Henningsen.



Mountain Community Music & Arts Association!



The Mountain Community Music and Arts Association (MCMAA) has completed a very successful 2009 concert season. In addition to some extraordinary talent, we experienced some of the largest audiences in the past five years.

Soon we will begin planning for next Summer’s concerts, and we would *very much appreciate* your input. If you have completed our online survey, thank you! If not, would you please take a moment and go to MCMAA.org and link to our very brief six question survey? Thank you!



Mountain Market Christmas Carolers

Dec. 7, 11:00 – 12:00

Each year NCPC has been invited to bring a group to the **Mountain Market** at the Nederland High School to sing Christmas Carols for the shoppers. This year we will sing on **Saturday, Dec. 5 from 11:00 to 12:00**. If you like to sing carols and want to join the group, just **show up** in the Ned Middle-High School entrance hallway at **10:45**. We’ll have caroling books for everyone. This is always a fun time and an opportunity to share the joy of Christmas with our community. Come, bring a friend, and sing your heart out ... Then, we’ll all go Christmas shopping!



A Comforting Thought

One Sunday after church, a Mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about. The daughter answered, “Don’t be scared, you’ll get your quilt.” Needless to say, the Mom was perplexed. Later in the day, the pastor stopped by for tea and the Mom asked him what that morning’s Sunday school lesson was about. He said, “Be not afraid, thy comforter is coming.”



In our prayers:

Prayers of peace and comfort for Michelle Kozel at the sudden, accidental loss of her cousin. Prayers of joy for Ben and Kathy Brantley, who are expecting their first child; Continued prayers of recovery and healing for Jim Stevens as he continues to wear a compression glove to aid the skin graft on his hand; healing and peace for Susan Morrison's mother, Irene; Aaron Berkeley's grandmother Lucille Smart; and Rhonda Skeie's father, Lew Holland; and prayers of quick healing for Lila Filer who is ill with mononucleosis and for Frank Irwin who broke his foot. Prayers of continued friendship for all our friends and members who have moved away, as well as for all our wonderful summer friends who are so much a part of our congregation; 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 & Gloria Fraiser.

NCPC Choir Notes:

The Choir will soon begin preparing a beautiful Christmas Cantata for Worship on December 22, as well as special music for the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. If you enjoy the beauty and peace of a music-filled season of Advent and Christmas, why not join us for this season?



Pension Protection Act of 2006

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 is being extended through December 2009, as part of the Emergency Stabilization Act. This is an opportunity for church members age 70 and one-half and older who own an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) to make a gift to the church without being taxed. Historically any withdrawals from an IRA would be taxed prior to making a gift. This transfer is exempt from that tax until Dec. 31, 2009.

November Birthdays

Mary Commers	1
Andy Hartman	1
Rosalie Bargmann	2
Charlene Morrison	5
Dave Blanchard	6
Mo Fauvel	7
Hayden Hardt-Zeman	9
Kathleen Henningsen	11
Cinda Kochen	17
Floy Walberg	24
Dan Harrison	25
Janice Rundle	25
Eleanor Busch	26
Pat Ennor	26
Matthew Zeman	27
Charlie Allen	30
Mark Haynes	30



Free Acupuncture for Veterans

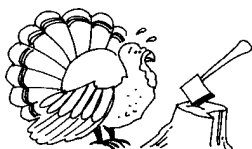
A free, community-style acupuncture clinic for veterans and those sharing their households is available every Wednesday night from 6:00 to 8:00 at the Institute of Taoist Education and Acupuncture, 325 W. So. Boulder Rd., Louisville, CO 80027. Appointments are not necessary but if you have questions you may call 720 890-1577 or visit www.acuwithoutboarders.org.

November Anniversaries

Bob & Cinda Kochen	23
Betty & Don Hunt	24

Nederland Community Thanksgiving Dinner

This wonderful Nederland tradition that began in our own Fellowship Hall years ago will be held at the Fire Station on Sunday, November 22, from 12 – 3. The turkey and potatoes are provided, the rest is a potluck, so bring a dish to share and if you can lend a hand it is always appreciated. If you would like to help cook or serve, please contact Betty Porter, e-mail: bjp421@nedernet.net or phone 303-258-3082.



November 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship and Communion "All Saints" Day Food Pantry Sunday	2 12pm NAS Lunch	3	4 9am Painting 12 pm NAS Lunch	5 9:30am Food Pantry	6	7
8 Stewardship Sunday 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship 10:30 Church School	9 12pm NAS Lunch	10 CWS 1:00 – 3:00	11 9am Painting 12 pm NAS Lunch 1-3 pm <u>LifeStory</u> writing	12 6:30 Session	13 <u>Presbytery meeting --</u>	14 USDA and Food Pantry – 9:30 – 11:00 - <u>Broomfield</u>
15 10:00 Worship 10:30 Church School	16 12pm NAS Lunch	17	18 9am Painting 12 pm NAS Lunch 1-3 NAS Board	19	20	21
22 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship 10:30 Church School Christmas Tree Hunt	23 12pm NAS Lunch	24	25 9am Painting 12 pm NAS Lunch 1-3 pm <u>LifeStory</u> writing	26 9:30am Food Pantry	27	28
29 Advent 1 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship 10:30 Church School 11:00 Chili Luncheon and "Hanging of the Greens"	30 12pm NAS Lunch	Looking Ahead: Dec 6 - 2 nd Sunday of Advent – Communion Dec 11 - Christmas Caroling at Mountain Market Dec 13 - Children's Pageant Dec. 20 - Choir Cantata Dec. 23 – 7:00 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service				



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