

## 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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## A Faith that Fits

Highlands Camp and Conference Center was originally built to house only summer church camp and youth programs. In recent years the camp board recognized the need to provide facilities for adult programs as well, so a new facility with all the comforts of a hotel was built. It is a beautiful facility, and Highlands now offers some wonderful adult programs year-round. I suggest you check them out at [Highlandscamp.org](http://Highlandscamp.org)

Last fall our Confirmation Class retreat was held at Highlands, but we chose to stay in one of the old cabins. "Horse Lodge" is less expensive to rent and the facility-of-choice for the kids. In recent years Horse Lodge has been renovated and is now clean and comfortable, but its use is still primarily for children and youth summer camp.

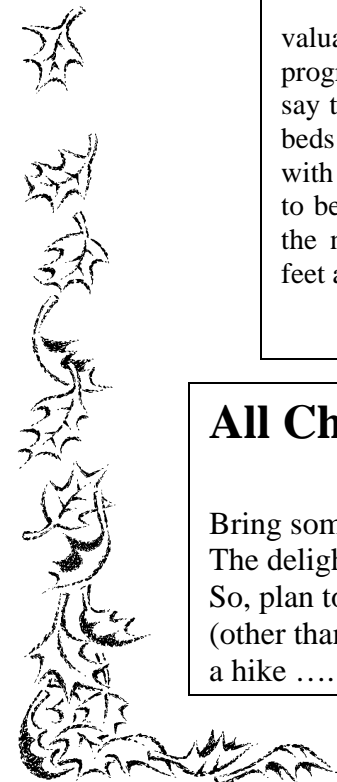
Our stay last fall reminded me how valuable the new Conference Center for adult programs has become. I would probably not say that if I was 5'8" or less tall. You see, the beds in Horse Lodge are the original ones built with children and youth in mind. I found them to be a little short on one end. I slept most of the night like a pretzel and awoke with cold feet and a stiff neck.

Isaiah told of a similar experience in chapter 28:20. He wrote, "For the bed is too short to stretch oneself on it, and the covering too narrow to wrap oneself in it." He was, of course, developing a metaphor for a religion that is inadequate to meet the needs of life. His point is that faith, our spiritual life, is not a duty to be done, but a trust to be kept and a relationship to be nurtured.

In worship these past several weeks we have been following Jesus through the Gospel of Mark as he leads his followers beyond a religion of obligation and duty, to one of sacrifice and love. James reminds us that if religion grounded in love has no response; that is if lives are not being changed and we are not growing in faith, our religious life is too small and we are going to wake up with a stiff neck and cold feet.

So just how much do we concede to God in our day to day lives? Do we come to worship the Lord of Life on Sunday out of a sense of gratitude and praise, or out of a need to fulfill an obligation or appease our guilt?

Our faith informs the choices we make and defines the very meaning of our lives. A faith that "fits" reflects the love of God for all people as seen in Jesus Christ. A faith that "fits" opens our eyes and ears to the true value of the things that make up our world. A faith that "fits" is one that responds to the world with wisdom, truth, and grace. – Don



## All Church Potluck – Everyone

October 18 - following worship

Bring something in a crock-pot, a casserole, salad, dessert, or *whatever*. The delight of a potluck is the "luck of the pot". There's always a surprise. So, plan to join us. Everything will be provided: that means no cooking, (other than what you bring), no dishes, no mess, and plenty of time for a hike .... or a nap!



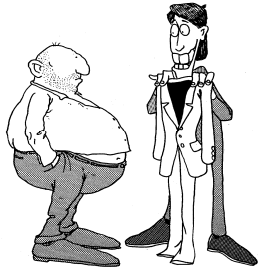
From the Mission Committee:

**USDA FOOD DISTRIBUTION** served 12 families of 22 individuals in September. This is an increase over previous months, which may indicate an increasing need for nutrition help in the local community. There is no report at this time from the Community Food Pantry. Thanks to Judy McDougall and Michael Dexter who helped with the program this month. Helpers are always needed. If you want to serve in this ministry, contact Justine Irwin.



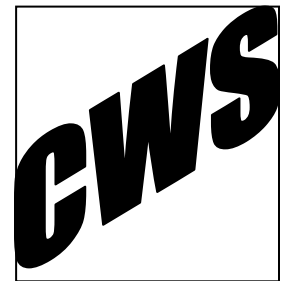
On **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY** October 4, we will be taking up the annual Peacemaking Offering. This is also the first Sunday of the Month when we traditionally donate non-perishable food items to the Community Food Pantry. Place your donated items in the basket on the credenza. Empty 1 dozen pasteboard egg cartons are often needed. Canned soups and meats are always in demand.

October 18 is the annual **CROP WALK**. Registration materials will soon arrive. If you or a member of your family wants to participate in the event this year, please see Justine Irwin to register. If you would like to sponsor a walker, seek one out after worship during coffee hour.



**A GENTLE REMINDER:** Our church no longer has a Clothes Closet. If you have clothing or other items to donate please contact the local thrift shops who may like to have useable items to sell. Please do not leave sacks of clothing and other items on the church porches. Instead, take the items to the Salvation Army or Goodwill in Boulder. If you need directions to those agencies, let us know. Thanks to Frank Irwin for repeatedly ferrying the previously donated items to Boulder.

**CHRISTIAN WOMEN IN SERVICE** is seeking new members. We usually meet on the second Tuesday of every month in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 PM. We work on community service projects, do handwork for various charities, and work toward next year's bazaar to raise funds for the community Christmas food baskets. This is an ecumenical group open to all women of faith in the community. In addition to regular business meetings, we also have covered dish luncheons and a few day-long workshops. At each meeting we have a short bible study. This is a great once a month time of fellowship as well. To join the group, contact Justine Irwin, Judy Hubbard, or Judy Anderson. We would love to have you join us. Thanks to Barbara Stiefer for hosting the annual end of summer luncheon at her home and to Mary Wingate for helping. We all had a fabulous time and the food was *wonderful!*



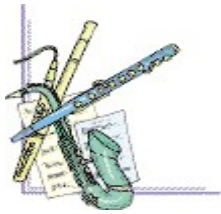
**Welcome Antonio Pastor Otero!!!**

Antonio is our new Sunday morning accompanist. He is a Graduate Student at CU Boulder and a very fine pianist. We look forward to working with Anonio in the months to come.

**NCPC Choir** – The choir is always ready to welcome new singers. No experience is necessary and we are always ready to help one another as we prepare the anthems for the Sunday morning worship service.

Soon we will begin working on our special music for the Christmas season (can it be so soon?!!!) This is the right time to give choir a try. Speak with Michael O’Neill or Don Dexter, and they will advise and encourage you.





Final Concert in the MCAA Summer Series

The "Antero Winds"



The final concert in the 2009 Summer Concert Series will take place on **October 11, at 4:00** – and what a special concert this will be! The Antero Winds have agreed to play in our series this year. These five highly skilled woodwind musicians have been attracting attention worldwide. They are lauded for their artistic sensitivity and exuberant stage presence. A reception will follow where you may meet the performers and enjoy a display of local watercolorist Susie Zurburgg sponsored by The Palette Gallery of Nederland. A suggested sliding donation of \$10-\$20/Adults, children are free. For more information please visit [www.mcmaa.org](http://www.mcmaa.org) or call 303-642-7227.

**October Birthdays**

Townes Bakke	1
Sue Hubert	1
Erica Brandon Phelps	3
Crystal Skeie	7
Dennon Jones	8
Steve Durkee	10
Susan Morrison	13
Bob Rhoads	14
Amy Hoffman	15
Kevin Kozel	15
Ali Mills	15
Jack Filer	18
Jeremy Tomlinson	19
Gwen Burak	20
Shirley Filer	21
Dan Burak	22
Lizzie Turnburke	25
Tim Murphy	30

**October Anniversaries**

Kevin & Michelle Kozel	13
Jim & Judy Hubbard	26

**Directory Change:**

**Liz Preston** has moved once again. Her new address is:  
100 S. Main St. #225  
Duncanville, TX 75116  
(same phone and e-mail)

**Michael Dexter's** new mailbox is:  
P.O. Box 454, Nederland, Co.

**In our prayers:** Let us pray for safe travel as our Summer Friends head down the mountain to their winter nests. Continued prayers of recovery and healing for Jim Stevens (Debbie's husband) healing and peace for Susan Morrison's mother, Irene; Aaron Berkeley's grandmother Lucille Smart; and Rhonda Skeie's father, Lew Holland; and let us continue our prayers of comfort for the family of Kathleen Henningsen upon the death of her mother, Barbara. 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.

Wish List

*From time to time we are asked if the church is in need of anything special that might not be covered in the budget, or jobs that need to be done. Your Session has created an ongoing "wish list" that will be published in the Bell Tower from time to time. You are welcome to inquire about any of them or make suggestions to add to the list.*



**Weed Whacker:** A good gas powered weed whacker will allow us to manage the weeds around the parking lot on a regular basis. (The neighbors will appreciate fewer thistle seeds blowing their way.)

**Homemade Cookies:**



We all enjoy the goodies at the fellowship hour following worship, and appreciate those who host it each week. If you are unable to serve as host, perhaps you can provide a dozen cookies every so often. They will be much appreciated.

**Refinish picnic tables:** The tables in Guyer Garden could use a light sanding and new coat of wood stain.

**Adopt a Plot** - If you enjoy creating beauty in the garden, perhaps you would like to "adopt a plot" in Guyer Garden or elsewhere on the church property.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<b>October 2009</b>						2	3
<b>4</b> 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship World Communion Peacemaking Offering <b>**Food Sunday**</b>	<b>5</b> 12pm NAS Lunch	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9am Painting 12 pm NAS Lunch	<b>8</b> 9:30am Food Pantry	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> USDA and Food Pantry 9:30 – 11:00	
<b>11</b> 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship 10:30 Church School <b>4:00 MCMAA Concert</b> <b>Antero Wind Quintet</b>	<b>12</b> 12pm NAS Lunch	<b>13</b> CWS 1:00 – 3:00	<b>14</b> 9am Painting 12 pm NAS Lunch <b>1:00 Lifestory Writing</b>	<b>15</b> 6:30 Session	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	
<b>18</b> 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship 10:30 Church School <b>POTLUCK LUNCH</b> Following worship	<b>19</b> 12pm NAS Lunch	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 9am Painting 12 pm NAS Lunch 1-3 NAS Board	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	
<b>25</b> 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship 10:30 Church School	<b>26</b> 12pm NAS Lunch	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9am Painting 12 pm NAS Lunch <b>1:00 Lifestory Writing</b>	<b>29</b> 9:30am Food Pantry	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	



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