

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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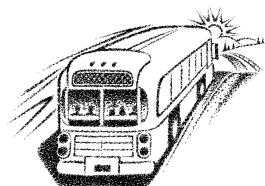
THINGS NEVER LOOKED BRIGHTER

You may have noticed as you walked into the church that things never looked brighter. Enabled by the gift from an anonymous donor, the old exterior looks new. With the help of many hours of assistance from Jim Hubbard (bending, stooping, climbing and getting splinters), the rotting, splitting, falling shingles were replaced and Melissa's Painting did a very complete and professional job of making our 97 year old "little brown church with a bell" look as good as new.

And thanks to a generous grant from the David H. Shortridge II Foundation, the Guyer Garden has an expanded and new look. Some 40+ bushes, shrubs perennials and trees now grace the garden where the west end had fallen into a general weed patch. (You can find a list on the bulletin board). A new section of fence now screens the parking lot to the west and wild flower seeds are planted along the entire east end of that area. Daffodils planted by volunteers during the August 29th "One Hour Weed Pull" will be blooming in the spring. A Sensation Maple tree has been planted on the east side of the garden and a Blue Spruce greets you as you enter from the north parking lot, thanks to the Bob Evans memorial fund. The other Blue Spruce next to it is a gift from Arden Buck in memory of his father.

It is interesting that all this began with the Town of Nederland building a planter at the entrance to the parking lot off East Third St., putting some dirt in it, and putting up a fence along the east side of the lot. Two of our members donated shrubs and put them in the planter. Two non-members, John Brocklehurst and Sue Leto brought plants from their gardens and placed them between the shrubs. They continue to help maintain the planter.

Noticing this beginning; our major donors came forward to enable this amazing transformation. We thank all who contributed their time and backs to assist this in happening as it took many, many hours of hard, back-breaking volunteer work to complete it all. Thanks to Nolan Cook and his father, Michael Dexter and his father, for their digging and rock moving skills. Wonderful things happen when a few people begin! -- Frank Lutz – Property Elder



An Evening with
Dr. Schubert Ogden
Wednesday, September 9, at 6:30

On September 9th, we have the privilege of spending the evening with Dr. Schubert Ogden as he moderates a discussion in response to our own questions of faith and practice. Faith is not a destination, it is a journey. This will be an opportunity for us to share and learn from one another as we progress on our own spiritual journeys while discovering we are all on a similar and often parallel path.

Dr. Ogden led a similar discussion last year which proved to be challenging and informative for all of us. Here are some of the questions from last year:

1. *What is faith? How do we find it?*
2. *Some people say different religions are simply different cultural expressions of one phenomenon – God, love, etc. Can you speak to that?*
3. *How does one express (one's) faith to others when "Christian" has been kidnapped and now means a very narrow view?*
4. *Why does the Bible say, "Because Christ died for us, our sins can be erased"? Why couldn't God just do that before? God is all-powerful, right? Who said that he had to kill his only Son to forgive us? (Who said He only had one Son?) Or am I missing the point of the story? Maybe we can understand that God loves us through Jesus' suffering, and somehow that gets us forgiven.*
5. *When is war appropriate?*
6. *Would you like to speak about the afterlife?*

Schubert Ogden prepared a written response to these questions last year which is available to you online at our website: www.nederlandpc.org, or link to <http://pixel4.net/ncpc/res/EveningWithOgden.pdf>

NOTE: If you have a question you would like to have discussed this year, please submit it via the website (www.nederlandpc.org), or write it out and place it in the box on the credenza on Sunday morning.

We will begin the evening with fellowship and dessert at 6:30. The discussion will convene at 7:00. Join us!



CROP Walk
 Sunday, October 18th

Where: Westview Prewsbyterian Church
 1500 Hover Road, Longmont
 Registration: 1:15 – Walk begins: 2:00pm

Together we raised over \$50,000 in 2008!!
 A portion of the proceeds benefits the Community Food Share which benefits our Nederland Food Pantry. Join the Nederland walking team. See Justine Irwin.

**Mountain Community
 Music & Arts
 Association**



MCMAA Summer Concert Series
"Piano Music of the Masters"
 September 20, 2009 at 4:00 pm

We have enjoyed some spectacularly beautiful concerts this summer. Our September 20th concert will be another special treat as **Dr. Obadiah Ariss**, one of the finest pianists around, puts our Charles Walter Piano through its paces. This concert will feature solo piano works of the masters: Brahms, Beethoven and Chopin.

There will be a reception following the concert where you can enjoy the artwork installed by The Palette Gallery of Nederland featuring the work of **Don and Christine Gaconnet**. These paintings express their love of the outdoors – and every one features ... a bicycle! Our church will sponsor the reception.

Make plans to attend and bring a friend!

Farewell to Summer Church Potluck Lunch

Stay after worship on September 13, for a delicious "Farewell to Summer" potluck luncheon with our church family.

It is rumored that Don and Betty Hunt will be in town that weekend and will join us for lunch!

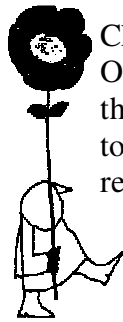
Bring a potluck dish to share. We will provide the drinks and tableware.



Church School Starts September 20

Sunday School for sixth-ninth graders will resume on September 20 with teacher Gwen Burak. It should be an exciting curriculum, so please show up! We'd love to have you!

ALSO, we will debut an elementary school class when teacher Kathy Brantley returns in October. Be there or be square!



Children's Sabbath will be October 11. Please save the date and be in church to have your children recognized!

*Kathy Brantley
CE Moderator*

September Birthdays

| | |
|-----------------|----|
| Robert Bennett | 3 |
| Lila Filer | 3 |
| Will Ford | 3 |
| Nicki Handy | 5 |
| Tim Spangler | 7 |
| Susan Jones | 11 |
| Marie Bakke | 14 |
| Michael Dexter | 14 |
| Gail Eddy | 16 |
| Don Hunt | 19 |
| Jasper Burak | 23 |
| Ed Busch | 23 |
| Frank Lutz | 24 |
| Emily Morrison | 24 |
| Jan Mussler | 24 |
| Carol Rhoads | 24 |
| David Ford | 25 |
| Austin Phelps | 25 |
| Mark Moll | 28 |
| Rachel Morrison | 30 |

September Anniversaries

| | |
|------------------------|----|
| Lee & Rich Tillotson | 1 |
| Bill & Barbara Stiefer | 2 |
| Steve Durkee & | |
| Susan Wagner | 23 |

You and Me...It Takes All Types A Brief Workshop on Communication

Two Wednesdays: Sept. 16 and 23 at 6:30

Led by Pennie & Don Dexter



Do you ever wonder why it is that the conversations you have with *some people* are always so difficult, while there are *others* who can almost read your mind? Have you had the experience of someone taking offence at what you said when it was never intended in that way? Why do two children in the same household respond so differently to instructions?

The key to good communication is being able to connect to the other person. In order to make that connection you must have a clear understanding of your own communication process. Once you understand your own values, motivations and decision making style, then you can focus on those aspects in another person.

Join us for a two session assessment and discussion where you will develop tools to understand yourself and others better and automatically "boost your people skills" using the Keirsey-Bates Temperament Sorter II©.



During the workshop you will discover ways to understand and adapt to the strengths, weaknesses, and unique contributions of one another in all kinds of relationships, whether at home with a spouse or children, or in the work place with a boss, colleagues or subordinates, or in social gatherings. This workshop will provide an understanding of your personal style and the styles of the people around you.

The workshop will convene on two consecutive Wednesday evenings, September 16 and 23, from 6:30 to 8:00pm.

Elder / Deacon Training

Harmony Presbyterian Church
September 12 from 9:30 to 12:00noon

The Presbytery of Plains and Peaks is planning an Elder/Deacon Training event for church officers from all around our presbytery. This will take place at Harmony Presbyterian Church on September 12, from 9:30 to 12:00 noon.

Doska Ross of the General Assembly Office of the Stated Clerk will be presenting the nuts and bolts of the duties of being an elder/deacon.

Dan Saperstein, Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of Plains and Peaks will present: "The Historical Foundations of our Polity/Form of Government."

This event is for church officers, and those who may be interested in assuming this role in our church leadership. We will organize a carpool of all who are interested in attending, but we must have our registration in immediately. Call Don if you are interested in attending.

*An Alert From
Church Financial Campaign Services:*

**Pension Protection Act
of 2006 extension**

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 is being extended through 2009 as part of the Emergency Stabilization Act. This is an opportunity for church members age 70 and a half and older who own an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) to direct gifts of up to \$100,000 from their IRA to the church without reporting the transfer as income. The contribution must be transferred directly from the IRA to the church. Historically any withdrawals from an IRA would be taxed prior to making a gift.

*Now a contribution can be made directly
from the IRA without being taxed.*

This is just one more way, along with gifts of stock, that members can consider as a significant way to support their community of faith, particularly as the end of the year approaches. As always, consult your tax adviser.

"Digging Deeper"

Senior High Retreat

Date: November 6 – 8, 2009

All too often, we dwell on the surface of life. We exchange smiles and pleasantries, and tell everyone that everything is alright when we know there is so much more happening in our hearts and souls. Similarly, we do the same thing with our faith. We occasionally go to church, and might even pray once in a while, but more often than not we just go through the motions and live on the surface of our faith life. You'll have a great time making new friends, while getting to know one another on a deeper level.

This retreat, "Digging Deeper" is for High School youth and will include youth from churches all around our Presbytery. Last year's retreat sold out, so if you want to attend, speak to Don as soon as possible to ensure you have a spot. Camperships available!!



Early Registration: \$110
(early registrations due by Oct 19th)
Regular Registration: \$125
(Registration closes October 26th)

**Joys and Concerns
of our Church Family**

In our prayers: Prayers of recovery and healing for Jim Stevens (Debbie's husband). Prayers of comfort and healing for Susan Morrison's mother, Irene; Aaron Berkeley's grandmother, Lucille Smart; and Rhonda Skeie's father, Lew Holland. Prayers of comfort for the family of Liz Preston upon the death of her father; and to Kathleen Henningsen and family upon the death of her mother. Continued 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. Let us pray for our president and leaders around the world, that they may work toward a universal and lasting peace.

A Note from Dorothy Greening:

"Congratulations on your 97th Birthday. I enjoy reading the Bell Tower. I read every word."





Tree and Bulb Planting
Guyer Garden
October 29, 2009

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|-------------------|---------------------|---|---|--------|---------------------------------------|
| September 2009 | | | | | | |
| | | 1 | 2 9am Painting 12 pm NAS Lunch | 3 9:30am Food Pantry | 4 | 5 |
| 6 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship and Communion **Food Sunday** | 7 12pm NAS Lunch | 8 CWS 1:00 – 2:00pm | 9 9am Painting 12 pm NAS Lunch 1-3 Lifestory Writing | 10 6:30 Session | 11 | 12 9:30 – 11 USDA / Food Pantry |
| 13 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship 10:30 Church School *11am Farewell to Summer Potluck Luncheon | 14 12pm NAS Lunch | 15 | 16 9am Painting 12 pm NAS Lunch *6:30 An Evening with Dr. Schubert Ogden | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship 10:30 Church School *4:00 – MCMAA Concert - Dr. Obadiah Ariss | 21 12pm NAS Lunch | 22 | 23 9am Painting 12 pm NAS Lunch 1-3 Lifestory Writing *6:30 Communication Workshop (Part 1) | 24 9:30am Food Pantry | 25 | 26 |
| 27 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship 10:30 Church School | 28 12pm NAS Lunch | 29 | 30 9am Painting 12 pm NAS Lunch *6:30 Communication Workshop (Part 2) | Upcoming Events: Oct 4 - World Communion and Peacemaking Offering Oct 11 at 4:00 - MCMAA Concert – Antero Wind Quintet Oct. 18 – Potluck Luncheon following worship | | |



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