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## From the Pastor's Desk

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Dear Members and Friends of CWW:

Book recommendations can be useful from time to time but so many people have a "I just read this great book" story that we tend to politely brush them off. Or I do. Well, I try not to brush any of you off...I almost always read what you ask me to read and I almost always enjoy it. Almost. I reserve the right to withhold information regarding the time someone asked me to read a love novella featuring a shirtless cowboy on the cover, but I digress.

Recently, the office manager at Stacey's practice asked that I read a book called "Out of Poverty" by a man named Paul Polak. I have no idea why he wants *me* to read this book because we barely know each other, but one night Stacey told me that this was his request. Sigh...But the book is brilliant. It's not perfect and there are some unusual methods employed by the author as he seeks to raise one acre farmers around the world out of extreme poverty. But Polak's is a voice worth considering. After all, how many people do you know who claim that they/ their organization have helped improve the standard of living for 17 million people? Even if the truth is  $\frac{1}{4}$  of that, it's an impressive claim.

Like many of us, Polak became frustrated by the fact that millions upon millions of dollars are given each year to third world countries and while infrastructure may improve, the standard of living does not for most people. "Tendpreneurs" seem to do quite well with funds sent by foreign governments, the United Nations, the World Bank, and so forth, but the common man who works the land continues on essentially the same path as before. Polak realized that he needed to go to the fields, work with the people, and listen to their needs. Then he helped one acre farmers in Africa and Asia build drip irrigation systems, design crop yield increasing plans that maximized the revenue from the land, and taught folks how to better market those crops.

More liberal folks won't like Polak's insistence that real change happens when farmers are encouraged to maximize profit via the market. More conservative folks won't like Polak's insistence that charities are still extremely useful for empowering education. In my view, that probably means he is on to something good. To be sure, Polak hasn't "fixed" poverty. There are arguments to be made that increasing crop yields will ultimately raise supply and decrease prices. However, it's an extremely useful exercise to consider what can be done by a group of people when they refuse to be cynical, listen to the needs to people, and use some invention.

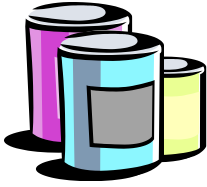
In other news, please welcome Jen Caldwell, our new Administrator if you call or stop by the office. I'm excited to have Jen here and I'm sure she's going to be a great asset to our church. There's some more information about Jen inside this newsletter so please read on...

Peace be with you,

Dave

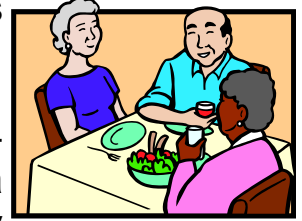
# Church Happenings

## Food Pantry Ministry Team



The Wildwood Food Pantry is open **Tuesday nights from 6 to 8 p.m.** The Wildwood Food Pantry will be called upon by our neighbors as the new year gets under way. Please remember the pantry as you do your grocery shopping. Non-perishable items are always appreciated.

We can always use the "Wildwood Pantry's Greatest Hits": macaroni and cheese, peanut butter and jelly, and pasta and pasta sauce. We are also always grateful to anyone who can help by preparing a meal for 20 or so guests and volunteers on a Tuesday night. Please contact the church office if you are interested.



If you can help greet our guests, prepare their food boxes, serve meals in the kitchen or provide a meal for about 20 people, please call the church or contact Craig Gooding at 761-0484 or [craig\\_gooding@yahoo.com](mailto:craig_gooding@yahoo.com).

## Welcome, Jen!

Welcome to our new Church Administrator, Jen Caldwell!

Jen got her degree from the University of Utah in Human Development and Family Studies where she played soccer on a full ride scholarship. After college she went to Korea in 2011 and taught English to elementary school students.

Now, Jen is living in Colorado Springs with her husband, who is a medic in the Army. Please stop by the Church Office sometime to say hello and introduce yourself!



## WESTSIDE CARES

### **WESTSIDE CARES IS IN DESPERATE NEED OF...**

All toiletry items especially soap, shampoo, conditioner and lotion.

Empty pill bottles (for repackaging shampoo and lotion), feminine hygiene products, diapers (all sizes), wipes.

### **SAVE THE DATE**

**Westside CARES Annual Banquet, Tuesday, March 13, 2012** at 6:00 p.m.

Hosted by Church of Jesus Christ, LDS

150 Pine Avenue

Entertainment by the Colorado Springs Children's' Chorale

Tickets are \$10 and available at the door or directly from Westside CARES.

For tickets or more information contact Maryann Stadjuhar, 389-0759 ext 104, [Maryann.Stadjuhar@westsidecares.org](mailto:Maryann.Stadjuhar@westsidecares.org).

### **CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS**

**Social Network:** Westside CARES needs someone to help maintain the agency Facebook and Twitter accounts.

**Web Site Administrator:** A tech savvy volunteer is needed to help make regular updates and changes to the Westside CARES web site. One to two hours monthly.

**Trucker with a Truck:** Westside CARES is in need of a strong volunteer with a truck to pick up food from Care and Share, SAM's Club, etc. on a regular basis; able to lift up to 40 pounds repeatedly. Usually about 3-4 trips a month, scheduled at least a week in advance.

**2012 Gardening Team:** Last year's community garden experiment was so successful that Westside CARES will be expanding the program from 2 to 4 raised beds in 2012. The team's first meeting will be scheduled in March to begin planning for spring planting. The community garden is located at the Westside Community Center at 1628 West Bijou Street. No experience is necessary, just a desire to help grow fresh produce for our pantry programs.

**Thursday Evening Neighbor Advocate:** Westside CARES is in need of a volunteer to fill the Neighbor Advocate position on Thursdays from 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM. Responsibilities include, interviewing neighbors, assessing needs, providing Westside CARES services or making referrals to other area agencies. Training provided.

If interested in any of these positions, please contact Deb Mitguard @ 389-0759 or email at [Debra.Mitguard@westsidecares.org](mailto:Debra.Mitguard@westsidecares.org).

### **WESTSIDE CARES CLOSURES**

**Monday, February 20**, in honor of President's Day.

**Westside CARES follows the School District 11 snow closure schedule.** When D 11 closes for snow, so does Westside CARES but when D 11 has a late start, Westside CARES opens at the normal time.

# Church Happenings

## Sunday Morning Education Series

All are invited to the combined Adult and Youth Education Class **every Sunday morning at 9:30 in the upstairs classroom**. This series of classes center on the "Nooma" videos made by Rob Bell. These videos help bring matters of faith close to home in a way that is interesting for people of all ages and will allow for youth and adults to share their faith together.



So far, these classes have been a wonderful way for youth and adults to connect. There have been lively discussions, much learning, and fun! All are welcome to join in on these classes, which happen ever Sunday mornings.

## Youth Mission Trip

This summer, July 8-14, our youth will be heading up to Lame Deer, Montana, to the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation. During this week, the youth will experience Northern Cheyenne culture, and grow individually and as a group. The youth will be hosted by Morning Glory Baptist Church, which has been hosting youth groups for many years. This will be a great chance for the kids to learn about a culture different from their own, and they'll get the chance to make some new friends along the way! If you have any questions about the trip, please contact Pastor Dave at 684-9427.

## Coffee Hosts

Want to hear your fellow churchgoers ooh and ahh over good things you know how to cook, bake, and/or buy? The Hospitality Team is inviting other members and friends to serve by occasionally handling the coffee and fellowship time after church. Watch for a signup sheet!



# Church Updates

## In-Home Bible Study

Bible Study occurs every Friday at 2:00 pm. All are welcome to come and learn, pray, and enjoy great company. Bible Study meets at the Patchell's house at 7745 Topeka Ave. in Cascade.



The next Bible Study will meet again on **Friday, February 3, 2012 @ 2:00 p.m.**

## Prayer Shawl Ministry Team



Prayer Shawl will meet again on Tuesday, **February 15, at 10:00 a.m.** Pattern, yarn, instruction, prayer, and fellowship provided! All are welcome. The Prayer Shawl Ministry Team meets at the church in the upstairs classroom.

## Hospitality Ministry Team

The annual Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner will be on **February 21st at 6:00 p.m.** Please join us in preparing for the Lenten season.



## Conversational Spanish Classes

Lolita's Spanish class meets on **Mondays @ 6:00 p.m.** Whether you are brand new to Spanish or want to dust off the Spanish skills of their youth, there is a spot for you in the class! Lolita will introduce you to important Spanish phrases and vocabulary and or help you refine your existing vocabulary.



All ages and abilities are welcome to the class – from novice to expert! The classes do not have a set fee, although a \$5 donation per session for Lolita's efforts will be appreciated. Class meets **every Monday at 6:00 PM in the upstairs classroom at the church.**

# Ministry Team Updates, continued

## “Team Talk”

### From the Administration Team’s January Meeting



The Admin Team last met on January 18th. During that time discussions included examining the fee structure of the church for funerals and weddings, planning for the Quarterly Meeting on January 29th, developments regarding the day-care center, and planning for Pastor Dave's Sabbatical.



It was decided to leave the current fee structure in place for weddings and funerals. Jeff Chapman and Pastor Dave were to prepare for the Quarterly Meeting. The daycare center plans have been put on hold for now. Jeff Chapman is seeking a few people to help with the Sabbatical planning and will ask for some help during the Quarterly Meeting. Financially, the "gap" between expenses and income narrowed during the 4th Quarter of 2011. There is a committee that is working towards a grant proposal to renovate lower fellowship hall. They hope to put the grant application together over the course of the next few months. The next meeting will be on February 22nd at 4:30PM.

As always, approved minutes of the Administration Team, monthly financial reports, and contact information for Admin Team Members are available upon request. Please contact the church office for a copy of the minutes from any meeting.

## Contribution Statements

2011 Contribution Statements have been mailed or put in your church mailbox. Please remember to check your church mailbox periodically.



## The Pack is Back!

Boy Scouts of “Pack 33” meet at Church in the Wildwood. The next meeting will be **February 20, at 6:00 p.m.** If you have interest in joining Pack 33, contact Cub Master Shawna Dowling, at (719) 684-8621 or email: [jpsmdowling@aol.com](mailto:jpsmdowling@aol.com).

## Important February Dates



### Happy Birthday!

2/09 Robbie Gooding  
2/16 Stephen Hansen  
2/19 Harry Strong  
2/20 Rebecca Janecek  
2/22 Troy Eason  
2/22 Doris Pierson

### Happy Anniversary!

2/15 Scott and Jessica Plackis-Useman



# Administrative Updates

## WORSHIP INFORMATION

**EDUCATIONAL CLASSES: 9:30-10:20 a.m.:** **Adult:** Nobody will ask you to check your brain at the door. We believe that the intellect is God given. Join us as we discuss relevant topics and read spiritually diverse material. **Youth:** Age appropriate Biblical teaching. Childcare provided during second service.

**SERVICES: 7:00 p.m. on TUESDAYS and 10:30 a.m. on SUNDAYS:** Tuesday worship is made unique by Taize-style music and 'immersion preaching'. There is time for meditation, prayer, and song. Sunday morning worship is a traditional service, with standard liturgy, joyous songs accompanied by our choir, and followed by Fellowship Hour.

## In our Prayers Prayer Requests



The Hilbert family, Barbara Rosenbach, Gerry Brazier, Charles Lind, Jr., Carolyn Bellerive, Scott and Sondra Jarvis, Cathy Jarvis, Lavina Shippy, Barbara Gafford, families with job concerns, and the Church in the Wildwood's Ministry Teams.

	Attendance	Tithes
Jan. 1/3	43	\$1289
Jan. 8/10	52	\$1905
Jan. 15/17	49	\$2068
Jan 22/24	65	\$761
<b>ACH</b>		<b>\$565</b>
<b>Month to Date</b>		<b>\$7891</b>
<b>Anticipated Monthly Expenses</b>		<b>\$10800</b>

## Scrip Program

The Church in the Wildwood has partnered with Great Lakes Scrip to help you do your normal shopping and provide for the church financially at the same time.



This is such an easy way to help Church in the Wildwood raise funds for mission trips, youth activities, membership growth, and so much more. Please stop by the church office and review the list of merchants on the tri-fold display or at the Great Lakes Scrip website ([shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com)). It's an easy way to help the church. The display is in the Lower Fellowship Hall. Visit Great Lakes Scrip Program at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) or call Lucy at 684-9427 for more information.

Sunday	Communion	1st Sunday	Minister: Reverend David Shaw Bookkeeper: Sunde King Music Director: Mary Balin
	Education Groups	9:30 a.m.	
	Worship	8:30/10:30	
Monday	Prayer Group	8:00 a.m.	Accompanist: Rebecca Janecek
Tuesday	Bible Study	8:00 a.m.	Nursery Care: Mary Ann Davis
	Food Pantry	6:00 p.m.	Custodial Manager: Lolita Hilbert
Thursday	T.O.P.S.	10:00 a.m.	Church Administrator: Jen Caldwell

# CHURCH IN THE WILDWOOD

## February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal  6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	2 10:00 a.m. T.O.P.S.	3 Office Closed  2:00 p.m. Bible Study	4
5 9:30 a.m. Adult & Youth Discussion Groups  10:30 a.m. Worship  11:40 Fellowship	6 8:00 a.m. Prayer Group  6:00 p.m. Spanish Class	7 8:00 Bible Study  9:00 Coffee & Conversation  6-8 p.m. Food Pantry  7:00 p.m. Worship	8 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal  6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9 10:00 a.m. T.O.P.S.	10 Office Closed  2:00 p.m. Bible Study	11
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