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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Members and Friends of CWW,

As I write this it is October 27. Typically, I write these letters to you several days before you read them because the newsletter has to be organized and formatted by Lucy. Fortunately for me, Lucy is very good about giving me a deadline for when she would like my article to be ready. And I knew that I wanted to discuss stewardship again this month, but I wasn't sure what to say. I'd reviewed some materials on www.ucc.org and thought about some passages in the Bible that I might reference. I was getting my thoughts together and then something happened:

A couple of folks came into church this morning looking for winter coats. Thankfully, someone had donated a number of coats a few weeks earlier. We were able to find two suitable coats and help those people. A short while later another person came to church seeking rental assistance. We were able to help her too. Those sorts of visits from people in Green Mountain Falls ebb and flow, but one thing remains constant. People are thrilled that we are here. People look to direct others our way and folks love that they can turn to us, the church community, for help. Being here and being able to help is a large part of our mission. Good Stewardship helps us take care of our neighbors. It really is that simple.

Peace be with you,

Dave

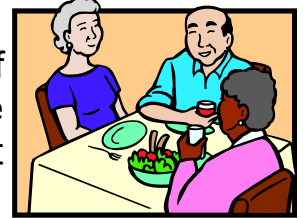
Church Happenings

Food Pantry Ministry Team



The Wildwood Food Pantry is open **Tuesday nights from 6 to 8 p.m.** Please remember the food pantry as you do your grocery shopping - a few non-perishable items can greatly help a neighbor in need. In the past three months, the food pantry has provided food boxes for nearly 80 families and close to 275 people. Thanks to everyone for your generous support of this ministry.

We also provide a meal each week - and we are always in need of volunteers to help us by cooking a meal for our guests! If you are interested in helping the Food Pantry in this way, please contact Craig at the number below. It will be so, so appreciated!



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.

New Sunday Morning Education Series To Begin on November 6th:

Most of us know by now that a gaping hole in our Christian Education Leadership has been created by Harry's call to the United Church of the San Juans. But we shall do our best in the wake of Harry's departure to offer some exciting opportunities for youth and adults alike.



Therefore, we are creating a 2 month class on Sunday mornings that will 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.

Pastor Dave is also hoping that this time will allow for firmer connections to be made between youth and adults as we begin to get ready for Confirmation class for our youth next year. The adults will be integral to the confirmation process as they mentor and share their life experiences with the youth of CWW.



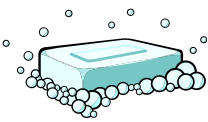
For now though, head up to **the center classroom at 9:30 on Sundays** for some exciting and interesting dialogue.



WESTSIDE CARES

Westside CARES is a multi-church social services organization on the west side of Colorado Springs. Church in the Wildwood is proud to be a Westside CARES member church, and we support them in their many initiatives to help struggling neighbors in Colorado Springs, Manitou, and the Ute Pass.

Current Needs



Men's and women's socks and underwear, bar soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion and women's hygiene products. If you are able to help with any of these, please contact the church office! Products like these are especially helpful to homeless and transient residents, who are desperately in need of support.

Flu Shot Clinic

A health initiative from Penrose-St. Francis, Westside CARES is happy to be able to offer free flu shots to anyone who is un- or under-insured (and at least 4 years of age). Flu shots will be available on **Thursday Nov. 3 from 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM** at the Westside Community Center, 1616 W. Bijou St. Please call 385-7920 x304 for more information!



Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser



Yeehaw! On **Sunday, Nov. 6 from 11 am – 10 pm**, the Texas Roadhouse, located at 595 S. 8th Street will donate 10% of your total food purchase to Westside CARES. This is a great fundraiser—Westside CARES benefits greatly from Texas Roadhouse's generosity, and you get to enjoy a delicious meal with friends or family.

For example, if your total bill is \$25, then \$2.50 will go to Westside CARES. That might sound small, but \$2.50 will buy toilet paper for struggling families, diapers for new parents or caregivers, food to fill the pantry shelves. This is the time of year when small amounts start to add up.

To participate, you must present the fundraiser invitation sheet that is included on this page in your newsletter. Need more? Just call the church office!

Thanksgiving Baskets

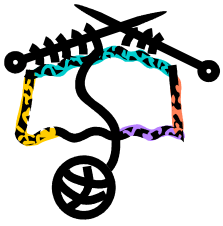


Westside CARES will soon be assembling 80 Thanksgiving baskets to distribute to west side families in time for the holiday. Each member church is asked to donate a certain item, as well as 1-3 turkeys. The Church in the Wildwood is asked to donate 80 boxes of Jell-o! Please help us meet our quota by contributing what you can to help fill the Thanksgiving baskets. Thank you!



Church Updates

Prayer Shawl Ministry Team

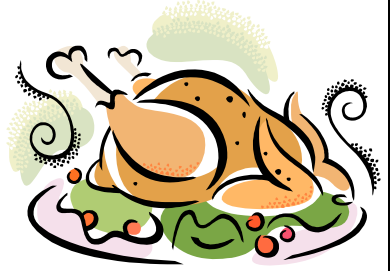


The Prayer Shawl Ministry Team is up and at it again! What better activity on a cool Fall evening or chilly winter night than knitting? Join the Prayer Shawl Ministry Team on the **third Tuesday of every month at 10:00 a.m.** at the Church in the Wildwood. Our November meeting will be on **November 15**. All are welcome—knitters and crochet-ers; advanced crafters and novices! Please contact Sandy Patchell for more information, at 684-9702. Pattern, yarn, instruction, prayer, and fellowship provided!



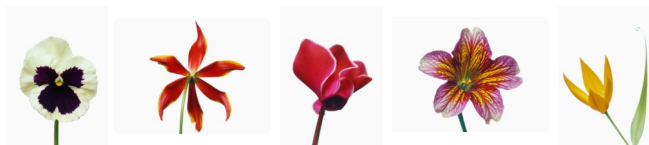
Hospitality Ministry Team

The Annual Thanksgiving Lunch will be **November 13**. This meal serves as the monthly potluck, which will not take place on the last Sunday of the month. The Hospitality Team will provide turkey, stuffing, potatoes and gravy; all are welcome to join us during this wonderful feast! Please bring a side dish or dessert to share! Sign up in Lower Fellowship Hall to bring a vegetable side dish, salad, or dessert!



A thank you to the Congregation from Margaret Peterson and family:

Thank you to everyone who gave so much love and support to our family during and after our mother Rita's final days. We appreciate the shared memories, prayers, hugs, food, notes and cards. Church in the Wildwood has always been a special place with many memories for our family. With all of our love to you - Margaret, Connie, Willie, Jimmy and Felipe.



Ministry Team Updates, continued

“Team Talk”

From the Administration Team’s October Meeting

The church’s expenses greatly exceeded income in September. The church opened accounts with Ent Federal Credit Union and placed three certificates of deposit (two for \$30,000 each and one for \$10,000) plus additional money in savings. The church has access to these monies, before maturity, without penalty. The staff will handle snow removal for the winter. Sean Torkelson, a new member, is interested in exploring the renovation of lower fellowship hall. There are no funds for such a project save a grant for all costs. Pastor Dave and Marsha Soyka will meet with Sean to discuss his ideas, the comprehensive Dream Team report done in the year 2000(which proposed the details of a renovation) along with grant possibilities from the Kirkpatrick Foundation. The church administrator was authorized to file a request with the Department of Human Services for a hardship waiver of the department’s daycare center inspection requirement that both of the smaller rooms downstairs have exits directly to the outside. To construct such an exit for the nursery room would be prohibitively expensive. No further exploration of the daycare center can proceed until the waiver is considered. A response is not expected until December. Only five to six covenant cards have been turned into the church office. Stewardship will continue to be stressed until Advent begins. The church will mail membership cards and covenant cards to all members. The Tuesday service has a small but enthusiastic attendance.



Approved minutes of the Administration Team and monthly financial reports are available to church members upon request.



The Pack is Back! Boy Scouts of “Pack 33” meet at Church in the Wildwood. The next meeting will be **November 21, 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.

Important November Dates



Happy Birthday!

11/12 Jackson Berardi-Michael
11/12 Bobbie Brazier
11/28 Craig Gooding



Happy Anniversary!

11/8 Bob and Sandy Patchell

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
Sept 27/ Oct 2	77	\$3718
Oct 4/9	61	\$635
Oct 11/16	60	\$927
Oct 18/23	74	\$993
Oct 25/30	85	<u>\$2215</u>
ACH		<u>\$315</u>
Month to Date		\$8803
Anticipated Monthly Expenses		\$10800

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). 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 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: Lucy Ohle

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8:00 Bible Study 9:00 Coffee & Conversation 6-8 p.m. Food Pantry 7:00 p.m. Worship	2 6:00 p.m. Bell Rehearsal 6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir	3 10:00 a.m. T.O.P.S. 4:30 –6:30 p.m. Westside CARES Flu Shot Clinic	4 Office Closed 2:00 p.m. Bible Study	5
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