

EPC FAMILY NEWS & NOTES

February 3, 2019

PRACTICING THE PRESENCE OF PEOPLE: A SPIRITUAL RETREAT WITH CHUCK ORWILER

Returning to lead our retreat for the second time, Chuck plans to explore the relational elements of authentic, spiritually forming community. What does it mean to truly love one another? How can we be fully present to one another while remaining fully aware of the presence of God? How do we listen to each other with the ears of God? Come find out as Chuck leads us through another wonderful spiritual experience together. Chuck is a Doctor of Ministry who served as pastor of First Denver Friends Church for 37 years.



And so, the EPC Spiritual Formation Team invites you to join us for our 3rd annual spiritual retreat, March 7, 8, 9, at beautiful Cathedral Ridge near Woodland Park, about 70 miles from Elizabeth. We hope you'll be able to get away from the stress and strain of everyday life and join us for this spiritual experience in being present to one another in the presence of God. We'll begin the main retreat on Friday evening, the 8th, with dinner and a welcome session by our guest facilitator, Chuck Orwiler. For those wishing to come early for a day of reflection before the main retreat, we're offering the option to arrive Thursday evening, the 7th, with meals and lodging. Pat Russell will be available for one-on-one spiritual direction.

If you wish to participate, you'll need to get your reservation and full payment in by today, as rooms will be available on a first-come-first-served basis. Please fill out a reservation form available in the lobby of the church and get it to Cathy Ramsey, along with your check, today. Call Cathy Ramsey with questions.



ELIZABETH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MEETS ON WEDNESDAY, FEB 6 AT 1 PM Every woman in the church is invited to the February meeting which will be held in the Fellowship Area of the church and will be hosted by Marlene Reynolds, Laura Mitchell and Angela Grivas. Please call Marlene at 303.590.8907 if you cannot attend. All are welcome.



EPC MEN STUDY ROMANS Join the men's group on Saturday mornings at 7 am in the manse. We are studying the book of Romans with a workbook by Max Lucado, one of America's leading inspirational authors. BYO coffee, and then join us for breakfast at Adriana's in Franktown following each meeting. For books and information, contact Phil Wood.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS STUDIES RELATIONSHIPS This 10:15 am adult group is studying "Emotionally Healthy Relationships" by Peter & Geri Scazzero. Contact Phil Wood for info.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL DURING SECOND SERVICE The Children's Ministry Team welcomes our kindergarten through 5th grade children to Sunday School during the second half of the Contemporary Praise Service. The children are invited to go downstairs for Sunday School.

WHAT IS A PRESBYTERIAN? Our church is part of the Presbyterian tradition and thus do things in a particularly Presbyterian way. If you have been worshipping with us for a while and would like to know more about what a Presbyterian church believes and how it is organized, please let Pastor Bruce know either by phone, text, or email (see below). We will find a date that works for everyone who is interested to be able to attend this meeting.

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Staff: Choir Director, John Dahm: Praise Team Leaders: Mike Banta, Clark Hagan, Frank Pinson: Accompanist: Susan Spear

Elders: Mike Banta, Marc Grivas, Tom Mottinger, Wayne Otte, Larry Russell, Marilyn Travis, Kim Kilgore (Clerk of Session)

Deacons: Barbara Batt, Jan Griggs, Jane Haber, Betty Haulman, Susan Hornbaker, Freda Kilgore, Patricia Mersich, Laura Mitchell, Debbie Negley, Linda Pizzuto, Jim Ramsey, Cathy Ramsey (Moderator)

This Week at Elizabeth Presbyterian Church

Date	Time	Event/Location
Tue, Feb 5	7:00 pm	AA Book Meeting in the Church Basement
Wed, Feb 6	9-11 am	NEW Ladies Bible Study at Marlene Reynolds'
	1:00 am	EPW Meeting in the Fellowship area
	4 pm	The Choir will be singing at the Valley House.
Thu, Feb 7	6-9 pm	Praise Band Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
Fri, Feb 8	12:30-3:00 pm	Food Bank in the Manse
	7:00 pm	AA Open Meeting in the Church Basement
Sat, Feb 9	7:00 am	Bible Study for Men in the Manse
	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast at Adriana's
	9:00-11:30 am	Food Bank in the Manse
Sun, Feb 10	8:30 am	Traditional Worship Service
	10:00 am	Contemporary Worship Service
	10:15 am	Adult Sunday School Class in the Manse
	10:30 am	Children's Sunday School in the basement



PASTORAL GUIDANCE Pastor Bruce Spear is available for pastoral guidance. There is no cost for this service and all conversations are confidential. Call him at 303-875-4274.



SPIRITUAL DIRECTION Pat Russell is a certified spiritual director and is available to offer guidance and support in spiritual formation. You can reach her at 720-979-7453.

ATTENDANCE AND FINANCE REPORT

“Serve the Lord your God with joy and enthusiasm for the abundant benefits you have received.” Deuteronomy 28:47

The offering last week was \$3,906.

The average offering in 2019 has been \$2,716.

The average offering needed to meet expenses in 2019 is \$3,364.

The attendance last week was 91.

Average attendance in 2019 has been 104.

PRAY FOR ZIMBABWE The Zimbabwe Council of Churches calls for an immediate end of all forms of violence. The Church pleads with those in the security sector to stop shooting civilians. We reject the use of violence and intimidation against those citizens exercising their democratic rights and fundamental freedoms in peace. The Church also urges all citizens of goodwill to assist those injured and comfort the bereaved. The Church also calls upon all public health facilities to ensure that all those affected will access immediate help and treatment without discrimination. The Church extends its condolences to all those who have lost their loved ones as a result of the violence. We would like to remind the people of Zimbabwe that the social, political and economic challenges facing our country cannot be resolved by politicians alone or by one political party by itself. Zimbabweans need to find each other and to address collective challenges through an open, inclusive and solution seeking national dialogue in a climate of trust and national unity.