

THE BUCKHORN BUGLE

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BUCKHORN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Adult Bible Study	9:00 am
Choir Practice	10:00 am
Morning Worship	10:30 am
Kids Church	10:30 am
Coffee Fellowship	11:30 am

FROM THE PASTOR

Friends,

Greetings from Masonville! I'm writing this note during a week that began with temperatures in the 70s and looks to end with several inches of snow on the ground! I'm told that radical change like that is typical for late winter in Colorado. I imagine the promise of change is true in every other facet of life as well.

I'm so very excited to begin the season of Lent together. You know, Lent is a season of change as well. It is a season in which we are invited to dive deeper into the mystery of Holy Week, Good Friday, and Easter. It is a season of preparation to enter into the tremendous mystery of the Resurrection and the promise that God's Love triumphs over evil. It is a season of preparation and of change.

Over the next 6 weeks we get to get ready to stand in front of the empty tomb, and to hear the words spoken by the men dressed in white who proclaim, "He is not here, but he has risen." The Church has for thousands of years recognized that we need to prepare to hear those hopeful, world changing words.

Some of you will engage in practices where you give something up for the season as an act of discipline and preparation. Others of you might take on a new practice where you engage more deliberately in service to one another, or you focus on a renewed commitment to prayer. Regardless of what you do, or do not do, my prayer for you is that over these next 40 days you find yourself following in the footsteps of Jesus.

You know that the earliest Christians were called *Followers of the Way*. Lent is really just a season of heightened preparation to follow after Jesus. As we make our way together through this season of change, in all its ups and downs, remember that just after the angels said to the women, "He is not here," they ran to tell the disciples and then they followed Jesus to Galilee, Jerusalem, Rome, and even all the way to Masonville, Colorado.

I'm so grateful the journey continues! Blessings to each of you as you make way into this holy season of change.

Grace and Peace,

Joseph

Rev. Joseph Moore



FROM THE SESSION

A HEALTHY CHURCH BY THE NUMBERS!

Each year, all Presbyterian churches submit an annual statistical report to the national Presbyterian Church that describes membership and finances. For Buckhorn, it's not only a good time to look back, but also to feel good about our future! Here's a snapshot:

- Our membership last year was 88, and has held steady between about 80-95 since 2010. Last year we gained some families with infants and toddlers, which is especially gratifying. We have about 30 non-members who also attend on a regular basis.
- Our average Sunday attendance during that same period has increased from about 45 to 65 each Sunday, a very healthy percent of our membership.
- The number of children has increased dramatically since we began to have Kids Church – coordinated by Kim Oglesby – during the worship service, to about 8-9 per week. It's pretty variable, sometimes 1-2 and other times 10-15, but we thank God for each one!
- There are about 8-9 faithful Adult Bible Study participants, who meet at 9am each Sunday morning under the leadership of Moneta (Mo) Harmon.
- Our Vacation Bible School (June 5-9 this year) serves over 30 youngsters from the congregation and community each year.

SESSION APPROVES PAID NURSERY

POSITION – As a result of the increase in young families, we are looking for one or two people with child care experience to staff the nursery on Sunday mornings from 10am-

noon. If you know someone who might be interested in the job, please contact Elder Robert Kroiss (817-727-9845, rkroiss@gmail.com).

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY: Session is also working on a formal child protection policy that will assure parents that their children are being well cared for when they come to Kids Church or Vacation Bible School.

OUR 2016 YEAR END FINANCIAL SITUATION:

We met our projected budgeted income for 2016. Thank you for your pledges and other contributions that made this possible. Our *One Great Hour of Sharing* and *Joy Offerings* were very generous and furthered the mission of our church. It is a joy to share our blessings with others this way.

Thank you also for the pledge cards returned during our Stewardship Program for 2017. We received 24 of the 60 cards sent out for a total pledge of \$53,320. This was the starting base for our budget for 2017, but this total cannot meet all expenses. Please search your heart and decide if you are able to increase your pledge or other giving above last year. The support of each of us continues the mission of our tiny church. It is one way we say THANK YOU for the blessings we continue to receive AND our greatest blessing – our Heavenly Father's gift of His Son for our eternal life.

2016 YEAR END FINANCES (December 31, 2016)

	Actual	Budgeted
Income	\$103,253.69	\$65,351.00
Expense	\$102,091.98	\$83,206.00
Difference	\$1,499.94	-\$17,855.00

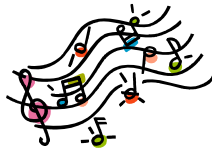
BUCKHORN CHURCH'S "COVENANT COMMITMENT" to Presbytery used to be called "per capita." With the longer new name comes a wider impact for the dollars we send to the Presbytery. Each church like ours gives a \$50 per-member amount to Presbytery. Presbytery then uses the money to support General Assembly, the Synod, and the Presbytery, which includes Highlands Camp. We are a "connectional church," which means that we – the churches together – **are** the Presbytery. For example, some of the per capita came back to us directly after the 2013 flood. So in a sense, we are giving the money to ourselves. If that is the case, how is this mission? **Our contributions make it possible for the Denomination to do its work and for our Synod and Presbytery to do theirs. The work of the church is mission!**

If you are able, you can help Buckhorn Church by making a special \$50 gift earmarked for "per capita" or "covenant commitment" sent to Treasurer Annette Manning at Buckhorn Church. Thank you for your support!

NEWS BRIEFS

OUR WINTER MISSION ACTIVITIES:

- The Heart-to-Heart Chili Lunch was held on Saturday, February 18. Savory chili, crisp salads and delicious desserts were served to 86 participants in the Fellowship Hall, followed by an enthusiastic gospel bluegrass musical performance and sing-along upstairs in the sanctuary. The event made \$710 to support local mission in the Buckhorn Valley!



- Deacons and Pastor Joseph continued to bring **COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS**. If you know of someone in the congregation or community who would appreciate a visit, please contact Deacon Moderator Gary Warner (970-667-1090) or Pastor Joseph (joseph.h.moore@gmail.com, 512-983-3329).
- Our Christmas Service was attended by about 125 of our friends and neighbors in the Buckhorn Valley and beyond. The *Joy Offering* of \$241 went to the Presbyterian Mission Agency for education and support of missionary clergy; the cash plate was sent to the *137 Homeless Connection* in Loveland.
- 874 lbs of food and 64 items of winter clothing on our Christmas Mitten Tree were donated last year to the Loveland House of Neighborly Service.

Despite our small size, Buckhorn Church has always had a big heart for helping others in our community and around the world!

HEARTFELT SYMPATHY is extended to the families and friends of:

- † **Terry Simpson**, who entered his heavenly home on December 25, 2016; and
- † **Helen Gibson**, who went to be with her Lord on January 22, 2017.

Please keep their loved ones in prayer.

FUTURE EVENTS

HOLY WEEK SERVICES AND EVENTS are listed on the back page of this newsletter.

GET READY FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 5-9! VBS for children aged 5 and up will be held Monday through Friday, June 5-9 from 9:00am to noon. Registration will be Monday, June 5 at 8:30am.

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

Would you like to contribute toward the purchase of the lovely flowers that grace our altar at Easter in memory of loved ones or in joyful celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus? The names of your memorial or celebration will be printed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. Each plant costs about \$10. If interested, contact Treasurer Annette Manning (970-278-9906 or comanfam@comcast.net).



SEE THE CALENDAR PAGES in this newsletter for all the other spring worship, fellowship and mission activities at Buckhorn Church!

Community Easter Egg Hunt



Saturday
April 15
10 am



Buckhorn Church
Outdoors on the Lawn



BUCKHORN SPRING BIRTHDAYS

MARCH

- 1 Tammy Snyder
- Carolyn Timmons
- 2 John Appelman
- LilyAnn Kendall
- 3 Deena Hansen
- 4 Gail Hole
- 5 Samuel Hartley
- 14 Ernie Freund
- Teresa O'Brien
- 17 Abby Oglesby
- 21 Frances Wilson
- 22 Marilyn Dion
- 22 Michael Nielson
- 26 Becca Oglesby
- Barb Wilkinson
- 28 Lynn Kendall

APRIL

- 3 Lois Warner
- 4 Cooper Pflieger
- 6 David Miller
- 9 Emma Appelman
- 9 Lani Gerst
- 11 Bill Gordon
- 12 Calvin Appelman
- Chuck Jacquinot
- 16 Claire Crackel
- 18 Dale Barnett
- 19 Robert Brodie
- Steve Zulauf
- 21 Steve Johnson
- 22 Lily Barnett
- 23 Joe Foreman
- 27 June Gordon
- Ryder Passman (Wilson)

MAY

- 3 Jenna Gann
- 6 Lois Ewing
- Glen Hanson
- 9 Wolfgang Schmidt
- 14 Jennifer Barnett
- 15 Sarah Bassler
- Ethel Becker
- 17 Chris Manning
- 19 Christine Jacquinot
- Bette Kitchen
- 26 Georgia Hansen
- 29 Diane Nielson

JUNE

- 2 Bret Gann
- 6 Sandy Morgenstern
- 12 Ali Hancock
- Clayton McCall
- 13 Sarah Pflieger
- 17 Patsy New
- 20 Judy Benson
- 23 Sylvia Clausen
- 26 Austin Hancock
- 27 Gene Benson
- 28 Dalton Johnson
- Avery Pflieger

March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 LENT BEGINS ASH WEDNESDAY	2	3	4
5 9:00am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship & Kids Church with Holy Communion HNS* Collection	6	7	8	9	10	11 10:00am Heart-to-Heart
12 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS 9:00am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship & Kids Church Potluck to Follow	13	14	15	16 12:17pm Mixed Blessings	17 SAINT PATRICK'S DAY	18
19 9:00am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship & Kids Church	20 SPRING BEGINS	21	22	23	24	25
26 9:00am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship & Kids Church	27	28	29	30	31	

April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 APRIL FOOL'S DAY WORK DAY 9:00am
2 9:00am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship & Kids Church with Holy Communion HNS* Collection	3	4	5	6	7	8 [WORK DAY if bad weather on 4/1/17] 10:00am Heart-to-Heart
9 PALM SUNDAY 9:00am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship & Kids Church	10	11	12	13 MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:00pm Worship with Holy Communion	14 GOOD FRIDAY PASSOVER	15 EASTER EGG HUNT 10:00am
16 EASTER ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING 7:30am Sunrise Service with Holy Communion 8:45am Men's Easter Breakfast 10:30am Worship with Holy Communion	17	18	19	20 12:17pm Mixed Blessings	21	22 EARTH DAY
23 9:00am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship & Kids Church Session Mtng to Follow	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 9:00am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship & Kids Church						

May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 CINCO DE MAYO	6 Presbytery Mtng Fort Collins
7 9:00am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship & Kids Church with Holy Communion HNS* Collection	8	9	10	11	12	13 10:00am Heart to Heart
14 MOTHER'S DAY KIDS CHURCH ENDS 9:00am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship & Kids Church	15	16	17	18 12:17pm Mixed Blessings	19	20 ARMED FORCES DAY
21 9:00am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Outdoor Worship Potluck to Follow (No Kids Church until Sept)	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 9:00am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship	29 MEMORIAL DAY	30	31			

June 2017

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Celebrate Easter
at Buckhorn
Presbyterian
Church

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Holy Week Worship & Events

Palm Sunday: April 9 – Bible Study 9 am
Kids Church & Adult Worship 10:30am

Maundy Thursday: April 13, 7:00pm
Worship Service with Holy Communion

Community Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 15,
10:00am outdoors on the church lawn

Easter "Sonrise" Service: Sunday April 16, 7:30am
Worship & Holy Communion in the Outdoor
Amphitheatre

Easter Breakfast: Sunday April 16, 8:45-10:00am in
the church basement, sponsored by the Men of the
Buckhorn Church

Easter Sunday Worship & Holy Communion: Sunday
April 16, 10:30am inside the Historic Buckhorn
Church