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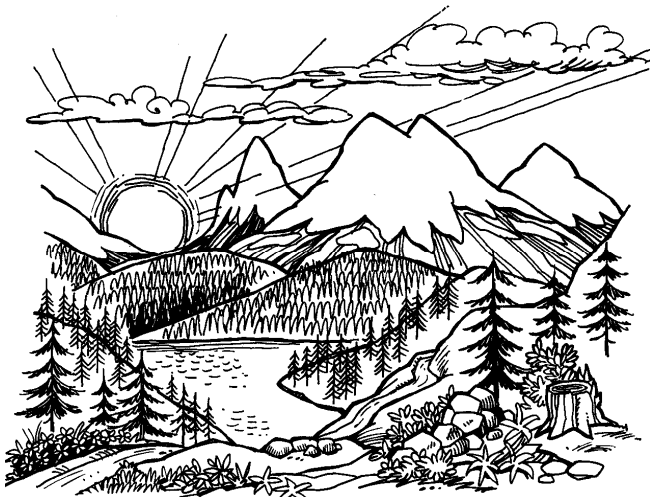
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Base Camp



By now most of our NCPC family and friends know of my plans to retire at the beginning of September. This was not the plan a few years ago, but over the past two years Pennie and I have recognized this is the right time. We love the mountains and all that comes with it, but apparently my body does not. Our plan is to relocate back to California where our families live and where the atmosphere and climate at 860 ft. is more affable than living at 8,600 ft.

After nearly 30 years of ministry Pennie and I have said goodbye to only two other congregations, so we are not very good at this. Our friends here in Nederland have become very dear to us over the past seven years and in these days with the ease of communicating instantly and regularly, we certainly plan to stay in touch (*Phyllis and Bette, for crying out loud, get a computer*).

But enough about us. We hope that these last few months will be filled with more of what we have experienced since our arrival. There is something about mountain people we have come to appreciate. I have said it before, "People who live in the mountains choose to live here for their own reasons" and there are as many reasons as there are people. The one thing we all have in common is our love and appreciation of the beauty of Creation which surrounds us.

The Bible contains many stories about mountain top epiphanies; sudden moments of intuition or understanding that comes through ordinary things. My continued interest in how the church as an institution can relate to those who identify themselves as "spiritual but not religious" has led me to envision the mountain top not only as "hallowed ground", but the common ground of all spirituality.

The Bible is also full of stories about how God calls us to be a pilgrim people; ready to move on in our quest to develop a deeper trust in God and a deeper self-awareness. So, to marry the metaphors of mountain top and journey, in the most recent edition of Christian Century, Greg Rickel suggests that churches, like our Nederland congregation, should see themselves more as a "base camp" than permanent residences. A base camp is "*a place along the journey where people stop to receive nourishment, training, basic supplies and encouragement.*"

Some of you have been blessed to live here for many years. Others visit with migrating regularity of snowbirds, but there will always be those of us who drop into your base camp to sojourn with you for a few months, or a few years only to continue on their journey.

As Pennie and I move on, we don't know for certain what lies ahead, but we have faith that God is leading us. We have enjoyed serving this congregation, but we have also received a great deal from you. You have demonstrated the authentic meaning of Christian hospitality. That is your gift. That is what you do so well. You have been for us a welcome place along our spiritual journey. For that we shall be eternally grateful.

- Don Dexter -

Mountain Community Music & Arts Association



Summer 2011 Concert Series

This year our Summer Concert Series will host artists who have become favorites of our audiences. The format will be similar for each concert. We begin at 4:00 on Sunday afternoons. A reception with the artists follows each performance.

As in recent years, if you would like to make a special donation, sponsor a concert or host a reception, please contact Don Dexter. Your support is not only necessary, but a testimony to your love for this music. Special gifts have enabled us to keep our suggested donation at \$10 and we can make complementary invitations to those for whom even \$10 is a stretch.

Here is the Summer 2011 lineup:

June 19 **Jessica and Jonathan Oddie**
Beethoven Sonata #5,
Bach Sonata in C Major
Pizzolla – tango Etudes

July 17 **Opus Two**
William Terwilliger and Andrew Cooperstock
Bernstein – Sonata for Clarinet and Piano
Four Moments from Candide
Rogers – Night Prayers, Lullaby
Schoenfield – Four Souvenir

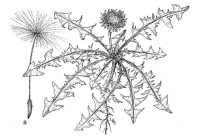
August 21 **Konrad Kono**
An eclectic mix of music and humor.
(Brock Brocklehurst refers to Konrad as
the “Japanese Victor Borge”)

September 18 **Dr. Obadiah Ariss**
Obadiah has played for us every year,
sometimes more than once, and he always
blows us away.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION BE SURE TO PICK UP
A BROCHURE AT CHURCH OR THE VISITOR’S
CENTER TO SHARE WITH YOUR FRIENDS
AND NEIGHBORS.**

One Hour Weed Pull

June 11, from 8:30 – 9:30



By our traditional NCPC definition, a “one hour weed pull”, can last *no more than one hour*. Nobody gets stuck doing more than they bargain for and there is plenty of Saturday left to spend however you like. One hour does not sound like much, but it is amazing what just a few folks can accomplish when working together.

So come join us on June 11 for our first weed pull of the summer. We will work hard for one hour, and then put away our tools and enjoy the fruits of our labor as we share Cowboy Coffee Cake, juice and coffee. Bring your gloves, a hat, and a favorite garden tool if you have one.

Congratulations Graduates!

High School: Valerie Armstrong, Crista Kocher, Kelsey Morrison and Lizzie Turnburke

College: Julia Stadele, Bachelor's of Science, Integrated Physiology & Psychology Double Major, Magna cum Laude in Psychology & Neuroscience, CU Boulder,

Graduate School: Marylou Harrison, Masters of Public Administration, CU Denver

In Our Prayers:

Let us pray for healing and strength for Rhonda Skeie who is recovering from surgery; for Gwen Burak’s mother, Carole Lloyd, undergoing chemo & radiation; Blair Justice who is having serious health concerns. Pray for those serving in the military, and those who are unable to worship with us on a regular basis, including Gloria Fraser, Florence Gruchy and Jane Bauder.

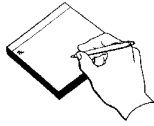
Potluck Luncheon

The potluck this month will be held on June 12 as we welcome home our Summer Friends and dedicate our new kitchen for its many years of use to come. Bring something to share and join in the parade of casseroles!!



A note from Crystal Epperson

Hello to all you good people!
 Thank you for your prayers and concerns before, during and after my hip replacement surgery. My rehab was lengthy, but I drove home from that facility. I still have a cane, but manage curbs OK and have NO PAIN! So all is well. See you this summer –
 Crystal Epperson



A note from Carole Lloyd (Gwenn's Mom)

Dear Nederland Presbyterian Friends,
 Thank you so much for the beautiful card and all your well wishes and prayers during this time of illness, surgery and recovery. I hope to get back out to Colorado and worship with you and of course sit by Gwen and the boys! You are a wonderful community giving witness to God's love and healing. Peace and Blessings and Joy to you all.
 Carol Lloyd



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Dennis & Dorothy Whalen	5
Robert & Linda Bennett	6
Debbie & Jim Stevens	6
Jim & Genette Sizer	7
Jeremy & Aimee Tomlinson	9
Rosalie Bargmann & Jerry Griess	10
Dan & Gwen Burak	11
Jon & Sue Hubert	15
Jack & Shirley Filer	18
Paul & Pam Friskopp	20
Donna & Charlie Collier	27
Diana & Al Nelson	29

Tuesday Evening Book Study

On June 28th the Book Study will begin a book that is described as "*timely and prophetic*". The Future of Faith is a major statement from Harvey Cox at the culmination of his career, and hopeful vision from one of the most observant religious writers of our time.

Soup – 6:30 Discussion 7:00

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Gary Ennor	5
Sibyl Goerner	5
Donald Dexter	9
Kathy Brantley	11
Marty Whalen-Heller	13
Liz Ford	15
Tricia Stiefer	15
Tamara Haynes	20
Ali Jones	24

Let's have some fun.

Our next art show in Fellowship Hall will be YOU – the younger you. Bring a picture of your graduation, wedding, (or???) ready for hanging. We'll spend some time guessing identities before labels are added. Enjoy seeing our church family as we used to be. Philly's Wright
 (303 258-3827)



Counselor's Corner

Change Your Behavior, Change Your Life When to Ask for Help

A man sits in front of me exploring if he wants to leave his wife. Before he came to me he weighed the pros and cons, had an affair, re-committed to his wife, talked with friends and searched for advice on the internet. But now he's at a loss, so he's coming to me to figure it out. He says he was content with his mistress and is content with his wife. I gently suggest that if he was truly content with his wife or his mistress he wouldn't be in my office. His behavior shows what he's really feeling, even if his word is "content."

Behaviors can be clues, helping us figure out the whole picture. The woman who complains she can't lose weight but always eats dessert; the teenager who wants friends but says no when he's invited out. There are always lots of reasons, many of them good, for continuing our behaviors. But eventually if we want to change something in our life—a partner, our body, our social life—we have to change what we do.

Most clients at some point say to me, "I know what I need to do, I just can't figure out why I'm not doing it." There's a myth about counseling: people come to counseling at the first sign of a problem instead of trying to figure it out themselves. The truth is people who come to counseling have researched, read, talked, explored, experimented and started all over again. They are more aware of their "problems" than anyone around them could ever be.

Counseling can help unravel why all the techniques you've tried so far haven't worked. Sometimes the goals are the problem; maybe the woman wanting to lose weight is a size two and has an eating disorder. Sometimes the environment needs to change: the teenager signs up for soccer camp in Golden and meets some new kids. As a counselor I can't predict outcomes—will he choose his wife or his mistress?—but I can help you see why your solutions haven't worked, suggest some new ones and work with you to make permanent change.

I'd love to hear from you! Please contact me with questions or comments at amy@peaktopeakcounseling.com, 303-258-7454, or find past articles on my website at www.peaktopeakcounseling.com. Amy Hartman

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
June 12 - Potluck Luncheon following worship June 19th - MCMAA Concert featuring Jessica and Jonathan Oddie - violin/piano duet. June 28th - Tuesday Evening Book Study begins "The Future of Faith" by Harvey Cox			1 3:30-5:00 <u>Karplus</u> 5:00-6:30 <u>Tipton</u>	2 10:00 Food Pantry	3	4	
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