

Clear Creek Rock House

It has been a busy spring at the Rock House with a very busy summer ahead.

This spring we had some significant focus on Mentor training. Early in the year we brought in Troy Erickson who was with “Rite of Passage” for many years and was the director at the “Q” House (halfway house) in Idaho Springs for young men (under 21) who have served their time in the prison system and are preparing for their reentry into society. Obviously, Troy has some valuable experience to share on how to deal with kids from difficult backgrounds.

The other training session was led by Psychiatrist Dr. Foster Cline. Dr. Cline is an internationally recognized co-author of “Love and Logic” books, and his private practice has a special emphasis on helping difficult kids. Dr. Cline helped the mentors address questions like, ‘How do you teach a kid respect, when they have never seen it modeled at home’, or “How can we inspire these kids to reach for success, when all the input they have had growing up is, don’t sweat it, the government will take care of you”. It was a great session and Foster has committed to come back in the fall for another training session for new mentors. Without exception the mentors felt that this was very valuable and equipped them to better love and help their mentees.

This summer there will be many ways you can join the fun and get to know some of these amazing kids.

Be a Chaperone for one (or more) of our Wild Wednesday Fun Nights. Every Wednesday night, starting mid-June through mid-August, the Rock House will host a night of fun and food for teens in Clear Creek County. We show movies, play games, use the new sport court and always have an outstanding cook-out for them. This is our way to reach out to kids to let them know about the Rock House and how our services could help them. Last year we had several summer fun nights where we had nearly 30 kids! As you can imagine it is wonderful to have 5 additional adults to help chaperone these kids and be with them on the sport court or around the firepit or upstairs in our game room or help with the cooking. These nights start at 6:00pm and go to 8:30pm – if you are interested in helping in this area even for one night in the summer, please send an email to our Volunteer Coordinator : Becca Bernal at ccrhmedia@gmail.com and she will respond with the information on what activities are available and how to sign up. .

Be a Chaperone for one of our Friday Boat Days at Chatfield. Every Friday, we take 4 to 6 lucky kids to swim and be pulled on a tube behind the boat at Chatfield. The Rock House owns a motor boat we use to help kids experience watersports. Very few kids have ever been on a boat and in a large body of water. Cheryl is an expert driver, but she needs another adult along to help chaperone the kids. This is a mostly all day excursion and includes lunch. It is awesome to see the look on these kid’s faces when they complete their first tube ride behind the boat. If you are interested in helping in this area even for one Friday in the summer, please send an email to our Volunteer Coordinator: Becca Bernal at ccrhmedia@gmail.com and she will respond with the information on what Fridays are available and how to sign up.

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We will need 10 more new mentors this fall. Mentoring is a core mission of the Rock House and each year we get referrals from the Clear Creek schools that add about 10 more kids to the program. These summer events are a great way to 'dip you toe' in the water and see if you might like mentoring one of these kids. If God is calling you to be a mentor, please contact Cheryl Holmberg at the Rock House : ccrockhouse@gmail.com and she will meet with you and explain the program so that you can evaluate if it is a fit for you.

The Board of Directors looks forward to a very active and successful 2018/2019 year where we will continue helping insure the success of our students because of your generous participation in this worthy endeavor. Our goal is to grow the mentoring and tutoring program by another 10 kids each! We can do this only with your continued help and support

-Ann and Howard Hargrove



Mark your calendars!

AUGUST 26

ROCKLAND COMMUNITY CHURCH

11:45am Right after second service!

Come and enjoy a potluck, bouncy houses,
and games!

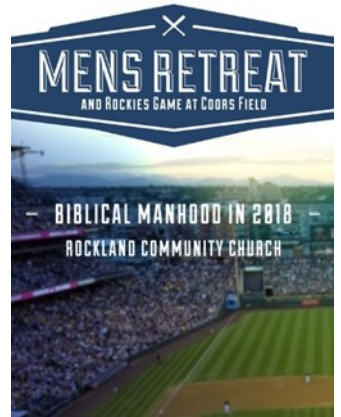


Rockland Men

Rockland Men's Retreat

Rockland Men met on June 2 for a one-day retreat at Coors Field led by our own Pastor Jim Gribnitz!

Some special guests joined us as well. We studied and discussed "Biblical Manhood in 2018" from 10am until 4:30pm, then enjoyed time together on the Club Level during the 5:15pm baseball game against the Dodgers!



2018 is starting off with a bang at Blue Spruce Habitat For Humanity!

Two homes are in the pipeline...

Construction of our third home in downtown Empire is well under way! We are working Wed. – Fri. each week in Empire to finish the home in July. We'll then start our second home in that's on Grouse Lane off Brook Forest road.

Volunteer!

If you'd like to help, it's easy to sign up for any Build Days! Visit the Blue Spruce website for more information - www.bluesprucehabitat.org, or go to <http://bluespruce.volunteerhub.com> to volunteer! Adults and youth 16 years and older are welcome. No experience is necessary...there are on-site experts to guide you! We hope you'll join us. Questions? Contact Dusty Dodge at 303-909-7565.



Rockland "Saturday Service" Events At "Hands Of The Carpenter"

We've had a great crew of Rockland folks to provide oil changes and vehicle inspections this year at their new facility in Golden! There are three bays that help 25 to 30 single mothers and widows in need... services that they often can't afford. Men, women & teens are encouraged to join the team to work on vehicles, wash cars or to spend time with the families...contact Dusty Dodge at 303-909-7565.

Service days take place on the third Saturday in January, March, May, July, September & November. It's only a 1/2 day commitment from 7:45 a.m. to around noon.



We've just started a new program called "Pit Crews" where we'll be working the first Wed. of every month from 5 to 8 p.m. doing vehicle repairs that help support this ministry.

"Hands Of The Carpenter" is a faith-based ministry at Hands Automotive in Golden. No experience is necessary...please consider joining us in this important ministry! Questions? Contact Dusty Dodge at 303-909-7565 for information about both programs, and to volunteer!



Loaves and Fishes continues to serve the county of Clear Creek. Our goal in 2018 continues to feed stomachs and souls. Last year we served over 150 families, that's over 500 mouths every week. In 2017 we distributed over 151,000 pounds of food to our shoppers! We provided 27,260 eggs, 2120 gallons of milk, and 13,360 pounds of meat! In addition to all that food we handed out 4560 rolls off toilet paper. (Man does not live by bread alone.) We also participated in Totes for Hope, where we provided a backpack of food for students at Carlson elementary for the weekend. That will continue for 25 students this summer.

Thanks to Rockland's support we have been able to continue these programs. Plus we have been able to supply nightly housing at local hotels to people who may be stuck out in the cold. We hand out shower vouchers at the Clear Creek Rec Center for people who don't have access to proper facilities. We have been able to supply tents, blankets and sleeping bags to people who are homeless. We have helped with job counseling and general life issues. Our mission seems to keep expanding as the cost of living continues to increase in Colorado. The summer months really stretch our budget as we see an increase in transients and campers that come through our doors.

We appreciate the support of Rockland. Your congregation is one of our largest donors of money and volunteers. This year we have a couple new fundraisers. We had a 24 foot motor home donated to us. We figure it will cost around \$1000 to get up and running and then we would like to sell it for \$4000. We also have started selling firewood to campers driving by our facility on route 103 heading up to the campgrounds on Mount Evans. We would appreciate any donations of money or wood to these programs.

Thanks again for all you do. The month of July is Loaves and Fishes month, please remember us when you put your dollars in the collection plate. Remember "when you do for the least of these you do for me".

Blessing to all of you,
Marty Hutt

Hello, I'm a new comer to your Church!

You cannot know the reason why I am here on a Sunday morning. The reason that leads me to seek strength from God may be as simple as a move to your community or as complicated as a personal crisis. I will probably remain with you next Sunday and the Sunday after that if you will do some things for me:

SMILE AT ME as I walk in the door
HELP ME find my place in the service
SPEAK TO ME during Fellowship hour
TELL ME GOOD THINGS about your church and pastor
NOTICE ME even if I am not a family
TALK TO ME AGAIN when I come back again and again
INVITE ME to become a part of some group or organization

If you find it in your hearts to do these things, I will come back. I will worship with you, and I may join your choir, work on your projects, teach in your Sunday School, contribute to your budget and become a highly involved member of your church. In doing so, I will find my own life immeasurably enriched.

Masthead-The Chimes / Our goal is to inform, inspire and connect the people to the community of Rockland church

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Mean Street - A day in the life

With the Food Bank and Café open most mornings, the office can easily be bustling with families and individuals needing anything from a hot cup of coffee to a simple meal, to groceries to get the family through a few days, to counseling and help locating needed services. It is truly a blessing to all of us to be a blessing to these incredible families.

In a typical week you will find staff and volunteers picking up donated food, unloading the box truck and getting the food ready for distribution to our clients in the café and food bank; going out onto the East and West Colfax handing out food and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ; meeting with individuals to help them find resources like housing, medical care and more; teaching life skill classes; locating and contacting individuals living along creeks and bridges to evaluate their needs; and ministering to our Winter Family Shelter guests by providing meals, child-care, help with tents/setup or just a listening ear.

These services, while sometimes difficult, come with great rewards! In a recent encounter during the street ministry, God used volunteers to talk with an individual in a motel room who was suffering from health challenges. He had just been released from the hospital and was feeling hopeless because he had no friends or family to support him. The volunteer shared the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the man and led him in the prayer of salvation. The man was deeply moved with tears of honesty before the Lord. The volunteer provided the man with a bible and within the next few minutes, another volunteer found out that a bible study had just begun in the motel office right next door! The volunteers were able to connect this new believer with the bible study and its supporting members within ten minutes. God is so good!

Did you find yourself saying, "I can do that"? If so, join us and see how much God will bless your socks off, there are great opportunities for families to serve together also. To join us, call our office at 303-232-2500 or visit our website at www.meanstreetminstr.org



Evergreen Christian Outreach



When the school year ends and kids are around the house more, the amount of food consumed sky-rockets! And when the budget was tight to begin with, summer becomes a real challenge for parents to keep the house stocked. That's why Evergreen Christian Outreach provides additional food to families during the summer break. Our 12-week program provides additional protein, dairy, and fresh produce in addition to shelf stable items that are easy for kids to prepare on their own.

Last summer, we had 121 kids signed up to receive additional food through our Summer Lunch program. On average, the families who used our Summer Lunch program have lived in Evergreen for 11 years.

One parent said of the program, **"It helps fill in the gaps and get us through the week with enough!"** Another wrote, **"The impact is a blessing when you are a single mom."**

Can you be a blessing to a child this summer? The items we use in the greatest quantities are things like: granola bars, juice boxes, fruit cups, and small packages of crackers. Or you can mail a donation to EChO at PO Box 1515 Evergreen, CO 80437 Attn: Summer Lunch

Prayer Shawl Ministry

This summer the Prayer Shawl ministers will meet to knit and crochet in June and July. We will meet Monday, June 11 and July 9 at 1:00 in the conference room. We will work on Baptismal Shawls and continue working on our full sized shawls. We will take the month of August off to refuel for the fall.

Anyone and everyone is welcome to join our group of faithful prayer warriors. For more information contact Liz Hawkins at Ephawk123@gmail.com.



Children's Ministry

Children bless the Rockland Staff with letters of encouragement!

Paul's Letters to the different churches were the focus of the children's lessons on Sunday mornings during the month of May. One particular lesson stood out; Paul's letter to Timothy. Paul reassured Timothy that his young age did not stand in the way of him leading others or spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Paul's purpose in writing his letters to the church leaders was in part to encourage them. Two important concepts were shared with our children as they heard this lesson; they can teach others about Jesus no matter their age, like Timothy, and they can be encouragers to leaders of the Church, like Paul. Life application is an important part of the children's lessons, so on this particular Sunday the children wrote notes or drew pictures for different staff members at Rockland. The staff were overjoyed as they opened and read each note received. What a beautiful way for our Children's teachers to put God's Word into practice with our kids!

Family Night a hit – AGAIN!

Family Night at this point could be considered a Rockland tradition. They are fun, energetic, and bring in a sizable crowd. This year's event with Illusionist, David Laflin, was stellar! The pizza dinner provided by Uno's Pizza started off the evening. Kids of all ages and adults alike were pulled in by David's illusion. There was plenty of interaction and audience participation to hold everyone's attention. At the end of the evening shared a Gospel message that spoke to the entire audience. Family Night might seem like it's just for families, but it's a great way for everyone in the Rockland "Family" to enjoy a fun evening together. So keep an eye out for next years!



Pray for VBS 2018

VBS is just around the corner! The week of June 18-22 is a stop down week here at Rockland. The building will be transformed, hallways filled, and great things anticipated as we experience SHIPWRECKED: Rescued by Jesus. Every activity, from the Bible Story to Outdoor Rec & Games, will teach the kids that Jesus is right there walking through life with them.

You can join us on this great adventure by praying for the 150 children, 25 youth, and 50 or so adults who will gather together to hear about God's great love. Who knows, VBS may possibly be the first time one of the children attending hears God's Word or learns of Jesus' love for them. Pray that VBS 2018 is a week that transforms children's lives!

-Lori Fullmer



Elders Corner

The elders are committed to keeping you, the congregation, informed about what your leadership is doing. This article is part of that effort. Also, please feel free to call any of the elders if you have a specific question or have an issue you would like to discuss.

We have met twice since the last issue of Chimes. We begin each meeting with prayer and a devotional. Jed, the lead elder this year, led a review of leadership from a biblical perspective. Jim also led a devotional on leaders as servants of Christ, His Kingdom, and His church.

Specific issues the elders took up:

- David Brown, the new Discipleship Pastor, joined us full time in May. The elders spent time reviewing his initial duties and how to effectively get him off to a good start. Discipleship Elder Gordon Steere and his team are developing specific goals for the first 12 months. A detailed plan for the first few weeks is in place for David to meet each elder and each lead deacon. We encourage everyone to stop and meet David and his family when the opportunity presents itself and welcome them to Rockland. They have purchased a home in the Green Mountain area and are excited to be part of our family of faith.
- Leadership team had a meeting with all the elders and deacons on the morning of May 19th. The theme of the meeting is The Leadership Role in a Biblical Community. This effort was being lead by Gordon Steere and Pastor Gribnitz.
- The agreement on how to govern the new entity which holds our Historic Rockland Church was discussed at length and approved. The day to day operations will be overseen by a five member board appointed by the elders. It will continue to operate within the framework of our constitution, by-laws, and policies. The operating board will be appointed this summer and then annually in December of each year.
- Liz Bent was approved as a new deacon to the Worship Team.
- Speaking of the Worship Team, they received an observation from a member that someone in line to receive communion licked their fingers before taking a wafer. They weren't sure what to do with this and neither are we, other than to suggest that this practice is not a great one.
- It was reported that the Congregational Ministry Team is putting together a women's retreat to be held this fall at the home of Linda Smith.
- We reviewed our policies for the use of Rockland's e-mail addresses and telephone list for things other than church business. Members and friends of Rockland are asked to please not use these lists for any personal reasons.

Finally, as we finish each meeting, individual elders pray for specific Rockland members or friends who are struggling with health or other serious issues.

Jed Burnham (Lead Elder), Bob Ehret (Operations), Rev. Jim Gribnitz, Steve Hannah (Worship), Jessica Kern (Children-youth & family), Rev. Ed Lange, Penny McDonald (Outreach), Linda Smith (Congregation), Gordon Steere (Discipleship).

Romania

Thank you, supporters!

45 high school students are currently receiving a secondary education in Romania thanks to the generosity of members of Rockland Community Church. This scholarship program has graduated close to 100 students since our church started its involvement 13 years ago.

While the Romanian government provides schooling, many youth in rural villages are unable to attend due to challenges related to transportation, the cost of school supplies or other financial hardships. The funding supplied by the generosity of members of our congregation, along with matching funds raised throughout the year, provides these students an encouraging future.

Rockland's Romanian Task Force (RTF) wishes to thank those generous individuals and families who have supported these students throughout the years. A new group of incoming freshmen students is currently being vetted to join the program. If you have an interest in helping change the life of a Romanian student, please contact Sue Engle at sueengle7@gmail.com.



Take A Hike

*You are invited to join other Rocklanders on
Saturday, July 7 at 9:00 AM
as we hike in God's great creation – our mountains.*



We will hike for 1.5 mile (all downhill) on the M. Walter Pesman Trail on Mt. Goliath, a shoulder of the greater Mt. Evans massive, you'll be hiking from the upper trailhead at 12,152 ft. down to the lower trailhead at 11,540 ft.

Amid breathtaking scenery you'll see a wide variety of wildflowers (there are about 333 species on the mountain), from the tiny tundra treasures through the ancient Bristlecone Pine forest which dates back to Christ's time 2,000 years ago, and onto the subalpine flora. Imagine you are in the Arctic, the Himalayas or the Alps for many of the plants are the same.

At the lower trailhead you'll walk through the World's Highest Man-Made Garden and spend some time in the Nature Center. The area is a cooperative venture between Denver Botanic Gardens, Garden Club of Denver, Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado and the Clear Creek Ranger District of the United States Forest Service.

Mt. Goliath is three miles south of Echo lake Lodge on Highway 5 (the Mt. Evans Highway). You'll need sturdy hiking shoes or boots, sunscreen, a hat, water and your lunch if you join us for a picnic after the hike.

Shirley Johnson has guided tours down the trail since 1997 and is eager to share this magnificent place. You may have hiked with us previously but that should NOT stop you from joining us again. Whether it is your first time or you make an annual ritual of this hike, please call Shirley at 303-670-0520 for further details.

Hope to see you on the trail!



Overheard by the Church Mouse

So it has been 20 years - July 1998 – that this mouse started Chimes. There had been an earlier Chimes but it was defunct for a while before the new edition was created. Going through the many copies over the years, it is apparent “we’ve come a long way Baby.”

One outstanding factor is apparent, the two articles below were in that first edition and evidently you all took it to heart. Tithe your time sounds good but the endearing quality of life that has come from our efforts as a congregation is amazing. During these 20 years we have given our time and attention to Mean Street, Evergreen Christian Outreach, Loaves & Fishes, Rock House, Mission activity in Romania and in Tanzania (and that doesn’t account for the number of Rockland congregants who have participated in other missions throughout the world).

As the mouse watches the men, women and children who go forward to take communion Sunday morning it is wonderful to take inventory of the many who not only tithe their time helping those outside our congregation but here within providing meals, quilts, Youth mission trips, building houses, gathering with men on projects, women’s retreats, Bible studies, and work sessions at the Historic church/cemetery, serving as Sunday School teachers and Bible Study leaders, participants in the worship service, etc. etc. etc.

We took it to heart and believed that this was a way of serving God that would not only strengthen our lives and faith but would help others in a myriad of ways.

That first edition may have looked entirely different but the message is still the same...20 years later...Tithe Your Time!



Tithe Your Time

*“There was an old person of Leeds,
And simple indeed were his needs
Said he. To save toil;
Growing things in the soil
I’ll just eat the packet of seeds”*

Tithe Your Time To Do God’s Work

Valuable
Optimistic
Loving
Understanding
Necessary
Trusting
Energetic
Exceptional
Responsive
Special

Are we tempted to just settle for seeds when we could have full, ripe, tasty fruits of our labor? Are we guilty of taking the easiest way? Do we think in terms of least effort?

The old person Leeds may be indicative of those today who believe they don’t have the time, the patience, the dedication to plant, tend and nurture a seed.

As members of our church community we all carry with us the seeds of harvest—our talents, our awareness of other’s needs, our desire to do God’s work.

At Rockland, with so many opportunities to plant our seeds, we can begin by Tithing Our Time. That’s it! Ten percent (at least) of each day to do God’s work. It won’t be tax deductible but it will move you closer to God—and that is the point of the exercise isn’t it?

Pray for us in Tanzania

In less than a week, twenty of us are headed for Tanzania for a mission trip of a lifetime. Yes, 20 hearty souls from Rockland of all ages and backgrounds are following God's call to serve the people in Tanzania, and we need your prayers.

We're going for a lot of reasons. We're going to support, encourage, and pray for our ministry partners in Tanzania: the hospitals, hospice, children's centers, an orphanage, Plaster House, and the local churches. We're going to love on the poorest of the poor and the least of the least. We're going to pray for many who need prayer and God's blessings so much. We're going to work at Pastor Abel's Ilboru Primary Schools as servants of Christ and partners with Ilboru Church.

We are indeed going for all these reasons. But, more than anything we're going because God called us and put it on our hearts to go. Our overriding purpose is to share the love of Jesus and proclaim the Gospel message, the amazing message that Jesus died to pay the price for our sins. We want to be a bright light and a witness for Jesus. We pray that God will give us the encouragement, the faithfulness, and the opportunities to make disciples of the people we encounter.

We 20 servants will not do these things on our own; we will accomplish these things only with the power of the Holy Spirit. Please pray that we would have the power and the courage and the faith that can only come through Him. Please pray for us by name: Dunbar, Ellen, and Meg Ivy; Bernis Rubright; Grace Kern; Jim Mortland; Cindy and Izzy Talbot; Cindy, Juliana, and Lauren Lainez; Kelly Selva; Curtis and Diana (honorary) McMichael; Louise Decker; Don and Iris MacIntosh; Frank Mathews; Nancy Clement; Steve Selinske; and Steve Hannah.

Thank you in advance for your prayers.



Dr. Karin Wollschlaeger-Lewis on her mission trip to Tanzania with St. Joseph Hospital OB/GYN residency program. Dr. Karin was participating in the Global Women's Health. Rockland is certainly serving the people of Tanzania in many ways!



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10:30am Contemporary Service**

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