

# Chimes

June 2019

## Reaching out to Romania

On May 19, the following Rockland members were commissioned, soon to embark on a trip to Cluj, Romania. Their objective was to better understand first-hand our outreach mission in Romania.

Lynne and Cara Feldkamp  
Howard and Ann Hargrove  
Stan and Nancy Hill  
Bob and Kitty Ehret  
Richard, Penny and Ariana Kunter  
Heidi Duston  
Dusty Dodge

Rockland currently supports 45 high school students who are receiving a secondary education in Romania with oversight through World Vision Romania. This scholarship program has graduated over 100 students since our church started its involvement in the early 2000s. Participants will have had a chance to meet with these students, review their activities and gain knowledge of the program and community projects in which the students are involved.

St. Mary's daycare is innovative project in Cluj for mentally challenged adults. While we take these types of facilities for granted in the United States, they are very rare in this underserved part of the world. For many years, Rockland raised funds and church members contributed to the physical structure, the furnishings and general needs of this "school." While no longer actively soliciting funds for the program, we remain committed to the ongoing success of St. Mary's.

By the time this issue is printed and mailed, the group will have returned home, no doubt with wonderful stories to share! Anyone interested in supporting a student through the Romanian Outreach program is encouraged to contact Sue Engle at [sueengle7@gmail.com](mailto:sueengle7@gmail.com).

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# Tanzania Action Committee

Greetings from Rockland's Tanzania Action Committee!

June 23 and 30 are Tanzania Sundays at Rockland. Please come by the table in Fellowship Hall to learn more about Rockland's ministry in Tanzania. We would especially like to see some of our current sponsors and say "hello."

A large part of Rockland's financial support to Tanzania is to students in the Secondary and Pathways programs. Secondary education is similar to our four high school grades; they are known as Forms 1-4. The girls we sponsor attend Christian secondary schools. The Pathways program supports secondary students who have scored well on national exams at graduation and wish to continue their education towards a vocation or profession.

We currently have several Secondary and Pathways students who are in need of sponsors. Some past sponsors have had to drop their sponsorship due to illness, financial, or family obligations. A full sponsorship for 2019 is \$900; a half sponsorship is \$450. This covers room, board, books, tuition, uniforms, test fees, and health insurance, where available. If you are interested in sponsoring a student, please stop by our table on one of the Tanzania Sundays for more information.

We are deeply appreciative of all of our current and past sponsors. One wonderful part of our program is letters that are sent from the students to their sponsors. The most recent letters were received around Easter, and letters back to the students are going out in May and June.

Plate collections at Rockland during the month of June will go to fund the NICU at Arusha Lutheran Medical Center. This facility is a leading resource for critically ill newborns in northern Tanzania. We have been in partnership with ALMC for many years.

Hope to see you on June 23 and 30 in Fellowship Hall!  
-Kelly Selva



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## A Global Approach

How proud we Rocklanders are of our own Dr. Karin Wollschlaeger. In a recent article in the APO (Association Of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics) medical journal Karin's latest mission work is described: "A Global Approach to Medical Education" gives details concerning years of service and describes her mission trip to Tanzania which inspired her to develop a global health elective for residents

Throughout her career, Karin, a clinical associate professor at Saint Joseph Hospital in Denver, Colorado, has traveled on medical missions to Ecuador, Peru, India, Nepal, Zimbabwe, and South Sudan, and spent a year prior to her residency working with World Relief in Cambodia. Her commitment to working with underprivileged populations around the globe has led her to embark on a new project she hopes will instill the same passion for service in her residents. Karin HAS developed an ob-gyn global health elective at Arusha Lutheran Medical Centre (ALMC) in Arusha, Tanzania.

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In April 2018, Karin traveled 9,000 miles to Tanzania for a 17-day clinical mission trip. The 15-person mission team consisting of Karin, an internal medicine physician, two physiotherapists, a respiratory technician, a lab specialist, a biomechanical engineer, and several nurses and the nursing school to hold teaching sessions and grand rounds at the medical center during their trip. Doctor Wollschlaeger also participated in surgery and clinical work with the ob-gyn department.

However challenging travel and program logistics may be, the lasting emotional effects of their work are far more difficult to overcome. Living conditions in Arusha are extremely poor. Many local inhabitants live in a state of abject poverty, crowded into urban slums without consistent food security, basic services like clean water and drainage systems, and with limited access to public services such as health care and education. Through their clinical work and hospice visits, the mission team encountered several patients suffering from terminal illnesses in unfathomable conditions. You might imagine such dire circumstances would leave only hopelessness in its wake. However, in Karin's experience, quite the opposite is true. This – the unfaltering resolve, spirit and gratitude of the people of Arusha – is what she wants her residents to witness.

Participants in the program not only had ample opportunities for hands-on learning, but through their work also developed character, professionalism, empathy and, as Karin hopes, a lifelong passion for service. Even after eight mission trips and years of medical experience, she says, "I have learned that I can still be overwhelmed and shocked by poverty and illness. I spent a year living in Cambodia, and worked in South Sudan where conditions were worse, and I thought I had seen everything. But, I'm glad these things still affect me."



*I want my residents to come away with an appreciation of the grace and strength shown by people suffering in extreme poverty in the final stages of their lives; an appreciation for their own education and skills, which they can use to help others; an appreciation for the access to health care which they are privileged to have; and an appreciation for the need of health care access for all women, regardless of ethnicity, religion or financial status.*

Now, using her experiences from last year's mission trip and the relationships she formed, Karin developed a month-long global health elective in Tanzania for ob-gyn residents at Saint Joseph Hospital



# What's New at Mean Street?



Delicious home-cooked meals, that's what! We have expanded our café services to include home-cooked meals daily! Mean Street has been operating a café next to our food bank for many years where our guests were able to grab a cup of coffee and a pastry, but we have now added to our menu so that our guests can eat a warm breakfast, fruit smoothies, soups and other delicious and nutritious foods four days per week!

This new addition has been a wonderful success and our guests appreciate the variety. Not only can they enjoy great food, they also have a chance to sit awhile and visit with Cheryl, the café manager, as well as other kind volunteers who listen to their stories and share the love of Jesus with them. Cheryl noted that since expanding the café, guests have begun to build a real comradery and bond between them. They sit and eat longer, visiting between them as they show support, caring and compassion for each other in a family atmosphere.

Café volunteers shared that a guest came in recently right about closing time and was visibly upset. He said he had gotten clean from all drugs, gotten a job, committed himself to Christ and was making a new start but that his wife was still on meth and had received full custody of their children. He was so afraid for the future of his children but did not know what to do. The volunteers prayed with him, and soon after he came back and said that his wife's mother had said he could move in with her and that she would help him make a stable home so that he could gain custody of his children! Please pray as this situation is still in progress.

Volunteers are also ministered to as they serve others. One volunteer came to serve at Mean Street stating that a church that she tried to volunteer with was very judgmental about her religious past and she felt very uncomfortable with them. She had been raised a Jehovah's Witness and was searching for what religion was all about. The church gave her a Bible and just told her to read it. She felt drawn to Mean Street to serve where she met café volunteers that began to gently tell her of who Jesus is and this new volunteer was shocked! She had never heard that Jesus was God and she immediately wanted to become born again! The love and compassion she felt allowed her to truly come to know her Lord and Savior!

These stories happen daily as we see God's mighty hand at work. If you would like to know more about Mean Street Ministry or would like to volunteer with us, please contact us at the information below. As our founder and executive Director, James Fry, always says, "Come on in, the water's warm!"

*-Diane Chapman*

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## Loaves and Fishes

Loaves and Fishes has had a busy Spring! We provided 120 Easter baskets to our shoppers. Thank you to all of you who sponsored a family food basket or a children's basket!

Our newest event was the Idaho Springs Wing Crawl. Seven of our top restaurants cooked up their best buffalo wing recipes vying for the title of "Best Wings in the Springs"! Tickets sold at \$25 and with that ticket you were able to taste wings at all seven establishments and then vote for your favorite. It was a lot of fun to walk around Idaho Springs, shop and sample wings throughout the town. Annie and I saw many Rockland people during our "Crawl". We were praying to get at least 50 participants. We ended up with 110 and raised more than \$2800 for our mission at L&F! The new event came from a woman who had never volunteered before and just stopped by with an idea for a fundraiser. It is amazing who God will put in our paths!

We are starting to see a turnover in our staff of volunteers. We are looking for drivers that can pick up food at Walmart on Thursday mornings, once or twice a month, 8:30 to 10am. We need people who would like to stock shelves and help our shoppers on Thursdays or Fridays, mornings or afternoons.

Plus we need an organization or a few people that might want to prepare four casseroles for our shopper lunch the first or second week of each month. Please give us a call if you would like more information.

Once again I would like to thank all of Rockland for your incredible support. During my first year as director I have seen so many little miracles, whether it's God supplying a food that we have just run out of or helping one of our shoppers find a home or a new job. It is an honor to be able to work with our clients and you make that possible.

*-Marty Hutt*



# MOPS

## Another great year!

On May 15, your Rockland MOPS finished another successful year of ministry to mothers of young children. And no, the fire truck parked outside our final meeting was not the result of taking this year's theme, "Find Your Fire," too far. It was in fact a fun surprise from our leadership team—a MOPS adaptation of the popular show, "Amazing Race." As the photos on our Facebook page can attest, a memorable time was had by all. Though, as a mom of three girls myself, so much had happened between my morning adventures dressing in full fire fighter gear and catching up with my husband at the end of the day that I *did* actually forget to tell him the story. When he found the photos online, his response reminded me that there is still one boy in my house: "How could you FORGET about driving a fire truck?"



The end of the MOPS year coincides with the end of the school year for many reasons, not least of which is the reintroduction of our school-age children into daily household life. It is a natural time to reflect together on what we've all learned over the past year. In MOPS, we heard speakers on everything from the deeply personal—marital health and self-care—to the universal—keeping Christ in Christmas and how MOPS impacts families and communities around the globe. In addition to outside speakers, Mentor Moms within our ranks share wisdom and humorous insight, often drawing on scripture and life experience in equal measure. Thankfully, there are no tests, as some of us are balancing nursing babies and the only hot cups of coffee we're likely to enjoy all week while listening.

We did end the meeting with a survey though. Common answers to the question, "What is your favorite part of MOPS?" include, "The childcare," "A meal I didn't have to cook," and "Friends." The childcare is key; it is such a blessing to be able to make meaningful connections and conversation with other mothers while knowing all of our children are feeling loved and nurtured by the staff and volunteers downstairs. MOPS Kids incorporates coloring activities, Bible stories and interactive games into their play time. As our group continues to grow, though, so do our childcare needs. Please consider volunteering to help support this important ministry by caring for some beautiful children on a flexible basis. If interested, please contact [Bailey Hollister- \(208\) 755-0376 or baileymote@hotmail.com](mailto:Bailey Hollister- (208) 755-0376 or baileymote@hotmail.com)



Over the summer, we will regroup with our families. Relax. Rejuvenate. The usual bi-weekly MOPS meetings break until September 4, but we maintain friendships through casual, once-a-month play dates and Mom's Nights Out. If you or someone you know is seeking fellowship with other mothers of pre-school aged children, you needn't wait until the fall. You are even welcome to bring any older siblings along to the summer festivities, usually hosted at a park, rotating through different neighborhoods in the Denver metro area. Once the school year begins again, we continue these informal gatherings with seasonal touches, like a pumpkin-painting party in October, or an egg hunt around Easter.

This year, we "graduated" two MOPS members, women whose youngest children are heading to first grade next year. While they will not attend regularly in the future, they have formed bonds that will last and promise to pop in from time to time for the annual fundraiser artisanal market or MOPS Swaps, an opportunity to exchange outgrown clothes, toys and books for new-to-you items. Likewise, several mothers, myself included, will move into a new phase of life—returning to work, moving away from the area—and will no longer be consistent attendees. But like many other faith-based organizations that are grounded in common life experiences, the ones that matter most to us, like parenthood, we will never truly leave. A part of each of us remains entwined with the stories of so many others. The fire will never fully go out.

Next year's theme is "To the Full." It is with hearts full of gratitude for the support Rockland offers our group and heads full of ideas for the future that we close our year.

-Rachel Dempsey



this is motherhood  
WITH MOPS

# Kid's Ministry

## Come to the Table- Spring Communion Class

This year we offered the Communion preparation class twice, once in the fall and a second time in this spring. The classes were smaller and more personal for those students who participated. The celebration of the student's first Communion is a special milestone in their faith development; one we celebrate together as a community. The important elements we desire for them to take away from participating in the class are:

**Remember**...what Jesus did through his life on earth and death on the Cross.

**Receive**...this special gift from God with believers all over the world.

**Rejoice**...and give thanks for the promise of everlasting life.

It was a privilege to share in the moment when these four students took the Lord's Supper with their families and church community for the first time on Mother's Day, May 12- Jacob Hicks, Jace Johnson, Walker Potitte, and Elizabeth Neal.



## VBS 2019 MANE EVENT DETAILS

**DATES:** June 24-28      **TIME:** 9:00-12:00pm

**WHO IS TREKKING:** kids age 3 (by 5/1) – 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduates

**COST:** \$50/first child in family, \$45/each additional sibling

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**REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR ALL THOSE TAKING THIS EPIC ADVENTURE**



Get ready for a weekend  
of family fun!

Camp is a great place for  
families with toddlers  
through High School



**Registration begins in late July!**



# ...overheard by the church mouse



*...I can do everything through him who gives me strength. – Philippians 4:13*

Let me tell you a story...it was Bright Sunday (the Sunday after Easter) when one of our members invited the Jeffco Deputy who makes a very visible appearance each Sunday in the name of safety for our parishioners, to join us after worship services. When invited to our special dinner at noon in Fellowship Hall, he accepted. During the course of the meal, a Rockland member asked how he was doing and in reply he said "it's been a very difficult week." Seems this Deputy was the first on the scene at that horrendous car pile-up on I-70 (Thursday April 25). There he found a pile-up of 24 cars, 4 semis and four people dead. He said it had been such a difficult week for him...until he came to "guard" Rockland that morning. Seems our outreach, friendship, and compassion had given him a respite from the awful days before. Little did our Rocklander know what she was giving to the Deputy when she invited him to join us all. God works in wondrous ways.

*...wisdom is knowledge with a moral compass.*

Do you want to get away from the bluster of our complicated living? Do you want a little time out? Perhaps you might "get away" by enjoying some good music. Rockland is hosting "Classical Connection" an acclaimed, long-running series of user-friendly classical music appreciation classes taught by Betsy Schwarm, former on-air host with the vintage KVOD radio and current pre-performance speaker for the Colorado Symphony and Opera Colorado. No music reading ability is required, just active curiosity and engaged listening. The group meets the third Tuesday of each month from 11 am to 12:30 pm in room 113 here at Rockland. The charge is \$8 to spend time with Beethoven, Brahms, Bach, Vivaldi, Tchaikovsky, Strauss, Debussy, Chopin, etc. etc. etc. Questions? Betsy.Schwarm @earthlink.net.

*...how are you restoring yourself?*

Ladies of Rockland...Mark your calendars! October 12 for a day retreat at Linda Smith's home. The guest speaker will be Carol Kuykendal, gifted Christian speaker and author. We are very excited to have her speak and look forward to sharing this time together. Questions?: Tammy Roth- coroth@comcast.net

*...definition of the word BIBLE: Basic Instruction Before Leaving Earth.*

It was Memorial Day, Monday May 27, at the Historic Church and Cemetery. There were local pioneers staked out around the property to answer questions on genealogy, life and activities of those buried or memorialized here at this National Register of Historic Places. The service began at 2 pm. Rev. David Brown, US Marine who served in Afghanistan and new minister from Rockland Community Church was our Memorial Day Speaker. The 1905 pump organ was played by Jean Gan as we joined in music and group singing. The Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem was led by Tom Hobson, European Theater WWII. Sid Platt, US Navy will share some tidbits about local history. The Rockland Bell Choir, Rockland Vocal Choir and Joyful Noise Quartet filled our 1879 small church with praise music for our veterans and community. It was an exceptional experience commemorating Rockland's history.

*...make a joyful noise unto the world*

When you read Chimes article on D-Day, it's a great feeling that Rockland was well represented in Normandy for this 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as Tony and Nancy Pranaitis, and Steve Engle were there in France on June 6 for the remembrance of this momentous occasion. Check out the article in this month's Chimes.

*...Thousands of tired, nerve-shaken, over-charged people are beginning to find out going to the mountains is going home, that wilderness is necessary – John Muir*

As we go into summer, take a moment to celebrate living here in our Colorado mountains. Do you realize the number of tourists who show up just to see and experience what we have at our fingertips? So, make a date with yourself to spend time in our glorious mountains. It is good for your body but even more for your soul. Enjoy what we have right here in our backyard. And remember "*we don't stop hiking because we grow old... we grow old because we stop hiking.*" And if physical problems keep you from getting up and out into our mountains, sit back and enjoy the view. You can't beat it! Happy summer!

*...hike more...worry less!*

# Clear Creek Rock House

The Rock House had a number of exciting events in May! Before school ended we invited the Clear Creek School District staff for an appreciation night on the 17th to show our deepest gratitude for their amazing work this year. The Rock House wanted to honor these incredible people for their extraordinary investment into the students of Clear Creek County and our community. We also had our annual Mexican Fiesta on May 21. This is always an amazing opportunity to invite all 5th and 6th graders and their families to show them what the Rock House has to offer. It is an introduction to making relationships with these students to truly make an impact in their lives. At the fiesta we had piñatas, snow cones, cotton candy, donkey rides, archery, donkey bingo, games, and prizes. One of our favorite events of the year!

As the school year came to an end, we are getting ready for our summer activities! Wild Wednesdays occur weekly at 6 p.m. at the Rock House. This time is open to any 6th-12th grader in Clear Creek County. Whether it's games on the athletic court, grilling or a bonfire in the courtyard, or karaoke inside, our staff and volunteers are available to offer a great, fun alternative during the summer. If you have any interest in the Rock House or investing in our students as a tutor, mentor, or event volunteer in the future, this is a perfect opportunity for a test-drive. You can be added to our Google Calendar invite or simply show up! Email: [volunteering@clearcreekrockhouse.org](mailto:volunteering@clearcreekrockhouse.org) for more information!

Our director, Cheryl, also weekly takes students down for boating at Chatfield Reservoir. Tubing behind the speedboat is a favorite, but we also bring our kayak and paddleboard for fun on the beach. For many of the youth we work with, an opportunity like this would not be possible, so it is always fulfilling for our volunteers to see the joy on their faces. Throughout the school break we also do a number of other activities, like the Rockies game which we attended on May 29! Each event or activity with a student is an opportunity to simply be present, each moment building a foundational relationship, and with our actions and conversations showing students the unconditional love our God has for them. Check out our calendar on our website for upcoming events or request to be added to our monthly e-newsletter!

The tutoring and mentoring programs will be celebrating the students' commitment at our Mexican Fiesta. We will also have a Mentor Appreciation Cookout to conclude the school-year to thank these life-changers. The impact we have as the Rock House is truly known when you speak to our volunteers. Whether it is a tutor who worked patiently and skillfully with a student and they get to celebrate that passing grade or a mentor that finally had that breakthrough conversation with their student they had been praying for, the Rock House staff is continually humbled to hear the testimonies of the remarkable people who make up our family.

We are so grateful for your support and could not do what we do without you!  
-Rebecca Bernal



April 17<sup>th</sup>: Climbing at Earth Treks



Quality one-on-one mentoring



April 2<sup>nd</sup>: Tubing at Echo



## Greetings from your elders!

Your elder board has met three times since our last Chimes update in March. We began each meeting with prayer and a devotional inviting the Lord's wisdom in our discussions. We have certainly sensed His good guidance in what He is calling us to do at Rockland. A Document Review Team was formed by the elders to begin the process of proposing some revisions to our constitution and by-laws. The team consists of: Jed Burnham – chair, Bob Ehret, Pastor Jim Gribnitz, Patrick Heck, Shirley Johnson, Brian Mess, Linda Smith

The team is beginning with the constitution and will move to the by-laws after the review of the constitution is finished. The first meeting focused on two general areas: first, things in the constitution that could be made clearer; second, additions to the constitution recommended by the Alliance Defending Freedom. As you recall from the annual meeting, ADF has agreed to defend Rockland in the event we are sued at little or no cost. They do not require us to change our governing documents but did review them at our request and have made suggestions they believe will aid any legal defense.

The team has been working together and has a (very) rough red line draft of the constitution that still needs further prayer, discussion and review. The next step, once the team has agreed on a final draft, will be to present it to the elders for their input. After the preliminary blessing by the elders we plan to use general meetings to discuss with any interested members of the congregation. Once we are comfortable with the constitution the same process will be used to review the by-laws. All revisions will be presented for approval at the 2020 annual meeting.

## Other:

- **Outreach to Puerto Rico:** A team consisting of Pam Russell, Judy Wanning, Penny McDonald, Steve Hannah, David Brown and Jim Gribnitz traveled to Puerto Rico to evaluate the potential of an outreach partnership. New Jerusalem Church was identified as a strong potential and the Outreach ministry will be pursuing this possibility. Keep this team in your prayers as they seek God in this.
- **New Deacons:** Ed and Cheryl Hadsell were approved as interim fellowship deacons to be confirmed at the 2020 annual meeting.
- **Fall Picnic:** Plans for the fall picnic were reviewed. Thank you, fellowship team!
- **Jim's Sabbatical:** Plans for the month of July when Pastor Gribnitz will be on sabbatical were discussed.
- **New Members:** Elders reviewed how new members are inducted into the church. Some potential members are reluctant to join since we have required them to come forward and be formally recognized. It was decided to recognize new members by asking them to stand and be introduced rather than coming forward. We have had several families join already directly as a result of this new way of welcoming.
- **Memorial Services:** The number of memorial services has increased significantly this year compared to our past experience. This increase puts pressure on the caring ministry staff (Dawn and Ed). The Congregational Ministry team is praying through options to determine how best to serve the needs of the community with the resources (staff, money, and volunteers) we have at our disposal.
- **Easter:** Easter services were great this year, and the Worship Team is developing a plan for our 2020 Easter services that would include two traditional services and one contemporary service.

If there are any questions or comments please contact Jim, Ed or one of the other Elders. Please continue to pray for your elders as we continually God's will for His church.

*Respectfully,*

*Jed Burnham, Joyce Dunbar, Bob Ehret, Pastor Gribnitz, Steve Hannah, Jessica Kern, Pastor Lange, Penny McDonald, Gordon Steere.*

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

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# The Lights of Rockland Historic Church

Some people may think that historians learn about history by memorizing dates, reading obscure documents, and looking at old papers. In fact, the truth is that we just bumble around until history chooses to speak to us. A case in point concerns the lights of the Rockland Historic Church and how they were developed.

After Chris Nims had spent a lot of time gaining historical status for the historic church, we decided that we needed to have electricity. After some effort we were able to have electricity connected to the church. At that point, we decided we needed to wire the church and get the lights working. The group assumed that since this was an old church the earlier members must have placed candles in those candelabras.

DUH! Little did we know! History had not yet spoken to us. I began to suspect something was wrong when I noticed that there is a fixture in the upper left-hand corner of the church as you face the front that was missing in a 1938 photograph of the Sunday school class. If the early members had used this fixture as a candelabra, there should have been a fixture located near the window in the Northwestern corner of the church. I cropped the picture of the Sunday school class to show just the area where pictures should've been. I then took a picture of the current church with our wonderful flame simulating LEDs in the fixture.

Being a good engineer, I next calculated the number of slats from the window to the fixture in the current photograph, and I did the same thing in the fixture of the Sunday school class. Guess what? There was no fixture where one should have been in the Sunday school picture. Whoops! The History Group had just installed a large number of LEDs that had simulated flames. Needless to say, I wanted to get more information before I brought this up to the group that worked so hard to obtain and install all those light bulbs.

This year we have had two major sources of information regarding the history of the church. One source was my discovery of a website that features *Colorado Historical* newspapers. If one goes to that site, types in Rockland, and also types in Jefferson County you can find out a large amount of information about little details of the Rockland community. There was an article that appeared in that paper that noted that as of December third of 1939 the Church held a meeting after the service. They were to discuss purchasing light fixtures for the church. Wow history had finally spoken to me.

A second source of information that became available recently came from the Hiwan Museum in Evergreen. One day I was sitting in the Fellowship Hall helping people put together the Chimes when Polly came in and gave me a package. It came from the Hiwan Museum addressed to the historian of Rockland Church. In that package was an accounting book that listed all sorts of transactions which took place from 1939 until 1966.



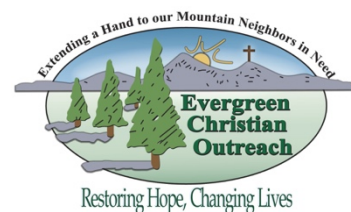
One of the articles that appeared in the book was a note that Mr. D.F. Hagood had been paid \$50.74 for guess what? - light fixtures. Finally, history had revealed itself to me. So, the next time that you see an Historian, you can realize that he is just waiting for history to catch up to him.

-Sid Platt

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## EChO

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 128 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.

Who are the recipients of the EChO Summer Lunch program? A mom of three who works at one of our local grocery stores. One of her kids is a 13-year-old boy and when she heard that we will provide her with additional milk, she was overwhelmed! Another mom of three teenagers, one with development challenges is a school bus driver for Jeffco Schools.

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A third mom has an elementary aged son and she has just recently completed some training to be able to provide esthetician services and has started a new job at one of the area salons. 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. If you or someone you know would like to sign up your children for the program, please send an email to: [info@evergreenchristianoutreach.org](mailto:info@evergreenchristianoutreach.org)

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## D-Day Anniversary with Rockland's Dr. Tony Pranaitis

June 6, 2019 -- the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day, the largest amphibious invasion in history. More than 160,000 Allied troops (about half of them American) invaded western Europe (by sea, and paratroopers by air) overwhelming German forces, the turning point in World War II which resulted in the restoration of freedom from Nazi control in Europe and potentially the rest of the world.

The government of the United States called upon brave men and women who served willingly, many risking their lives, many giving their lives, for the protection of worldwide freedom. The first French town in the region of Normandy liberated by the Allies was St. Mere Eglise, and every morning to this day, in the town square, the American flag is raised *before* the French flag, in grateful memory of the freedom enjoyed today by the sacrifices of those brave men and women 75 years ago.

The same United States government that orchestrated the D-Day invasion has invited the Sound of the Rockies chorus from Denver (in which I sing) to be the sole singing ensemble honoring those brave men and women who risked their lives and gave their lives on this sacred occasion of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

It will be the largest gathering of world leaders in world history. It will be the final return of the few remaining survivors, who are now in their 90's. The Sound of the Rockies chorus has chosen to answer the call of the United States government, to sing on the beaches of Normandy, in the cemeteries, in the cathedrals, and in the town squares as the world remembers that fateful day.

Along with the rest of the chorus, I am humbled and proud to be invited.

In all of my years of singing and the many experiences I have had, this will be the greatest honor, to represent my country as we pay respects to those who answered the call 75 years ago and changed the course of human history.

The Sound of the Rockies chorus has achieved notable recognition in chorus competition placing in the top five for most of past 10 years, which led to this invitation. The Sound of the Rockies has invited barbershop harmony singers from other area choruses to participate in this mission, and over 90 men will be singing in Normandy.

I have had the honor of meeting a Normandy survivor, who served under General Patton, and invaded Utah Beach during the Normandy campaign. This American soldier is Jewish, of German descent, and he lost his entire family in the Holocaust. He died in April of this year, just shy of his 98th birthday, and I will sing in his honor along with the thousands who served with him.

I will be representing you as I represent the USA and the State of Colorado and the Barbershop Harmony Society as we fulfill the call to sing. Hearts will be deeply touched by the solemnity of this occasion, and music will inspire and bring healing to those hearts in ways that words cannot express.

At great cost the Allies prevailed in the summer months of 1944, and thank God they did. It is good for us to remember those who paid the price for our freedom, to have grateful hearts, and to know we are indebted to them for their sacrifice.

Thanks to all who join me in this historic remembrance.

-Dr. Tony Pranaitis



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## Rockland Fall Picnic August 25, 2019

11:45-1:00pm

There will be pony rides, Westernaire Wranglers, line dancing with a grizzly rose instructor, roller roper to mount a life-size Fiberglass horse and a cowboy to teach you how to lasso a calf, and so much more!

Rockland will provide the main course  
Please bring a salad, side or dessert!  
*(Last name beginning with  
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