

Chimes

April 2021

We're Back!

When we began to publish Chimes in the summer of 1998, it was simply with the expectation that the Rockland congregation would be informed about the activities within our church. Little did we know that for almost 23 years Chimes would have the pleasure and privilege of keeping you up to date on the life of Rockland.

Last May we published online, not with a copy in your mailbox. It was obvious that we did not have the many hands it takes to prepare our publication for the mail. Not only was the May edition the first online but it was the last for a while as activities were reduced because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

But here we are today, wondering just what is coming next. Our lives have been totally disrupted...our health, schools, jobs, politics, protests, illness, depression and death among our friends and family. We could throw up our hands and yell "ENOUGH."

Then one Sunday morning Jim showed a chart, breaking us all down into various groups including race, sexual orientation, education, etc. etc. etc. Within these groups there was despair and frustration. However, there was one group, one single group, that was upbeat and handling our chaotic circumstances with grace and faith. Who were they? Those who belong to a religious group. We are still finding camaraderie despite the general loneliness experienced by the general public.

What does that tell us? Well, look back at the time Jesus was walking amongst the people. He gave them hope in the form of sharing their faith. That is where we are today Seeing what is happening around us and knowing we cannot change it, we are holding tight to our faith and know "this too will pass."

Perhaps through this storm we will also recognize the value of our sharing and comforting each other. It is not only our faith in God that will carry us through, but also knowing that we have so many here at Rockland who care deeply for us all. Imagine what desperation we would experience without our faith. But we do not have to...we are together here at Rockland and our prayers will always focus on better days.



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Elder's Corner

The Rockland Elder Team includes Tracy Adreon, Joyce Dunbar, Pastor Jim Gribnitz, Todd Graber, Kevin Grieve, Patrick Heck, and Peter Miterko. Jed Burnham and Steve Hannah retired from Elder service at our annual meeting in February, but they continue as Elders Emeritus, providing invaluable experience and wisdom to our Team. Shirlene Haynes serves as Secretary, and does a masterful job keeping us organized.

The Elders meet at least monthly, and often more frequently. We enjoy a close working relationship with the Pastors and staff. Our goal is also to have a close relationship with all who attend Rockland. We want to get to know you, receive your input, and pray for your needs. If you are new to Rockland, or if you feel disconnected on account of COVID, we want to help integrate you into our great Rockland family!

The Elders spend much time in prayer, seeking the Lord's guidance. During COVID our Rockland Community Church has faced many challenges and issues, and we praise God for bringing us through the pandemic intact. We are ready to embrace the post-COVID world as a strong and vibrant body.

Some of our priorities for 2021 include:

- **Integration.** We have many new members, and many old members who have been homebound through the pandemic. We know we have many in-person and on-line attendees who are considering membership. Many of these folks feel disconnected or not fully connected with Rockland and our Church family. Pastor Jim is committed to getting EVERYBODY connected in 2021, and the Elder Team is committed to helping. We are working on a plan for one on one outreach. **Kevin Grieve**, the Elder who stewards our Discipleship Ministry, and **Pastor David Brown** are making plans for gatherings outside the worship service as soon as it is safe. These and other steps to get everyone connected are a top priority.
- **Care Ministry.** One of Rockland's strongest attributes has long been our Care Ministry. **Pastor Ed Lange's** retirement and COVID have created challenges for all of our care teams. **Joyce Dunbar**, the Elder who stewards our Care Ministry will be working closely with our new Care **Pastor Paul Lucks**, to ensure our Care Ministry will be stronger than ever.
- **Volunteers.** Rockland's strength as a Church family has been closely linked to our vibrant cohort of volunteers. For decades faithful volunteers have worked in our Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. Many of their students went on to become members of Rockland, as did their children. As late as early 2020, numerous folks worked in Fellowship, serving coffee and donuts and catering many gatherings each year. A dozen volunteers regularly showed up to get Chimes out the door and in the mail. Operations volunteers worked to keep the Church grounds (and often the interior) beautiful and tidy. Our volunteer ranks have been depleted by COVID. Pastor Jim and the Elders are committed to rebuilding our volunteer ranks as quickly as possible as we emerge from the pandemic.

Peter Miterko

New Staff Members

We have new staff members here at Rockland illustrating our optimism for the future and better days ahead for us all. Let's introduce them:



Paul Lucks, Care and Missions Pastor

On March 1 Paul became our third pastor.

Paul and Sandy have been married for 41 years and have four grown children Naptali, Tim, Andrea and Ben. plus 12 grand-children who are scattered throughout Colorado, Nebraska and California. Paul and Sandy have lived in Aurora for the past 12 years.

Paul describes his life-giving interests as reading, tennis, golf, watching TV movies and hanging out with family and friends

One of his favorite scriptures is Psalm 16: 7-8 *"I praise the Lord because he advises me. Even at night, I feel he is leading. I keep the Lord before me always. Because he is close by my side, I will not be hurt."*

Kyle Buchanan, Operations Director

Kyle and his wife, Stephanie, have five children: Courtney (25), Rachel (22), Brandon (20), Jackson (14) and Sophia (10). According to Kyle, his three older children are still in Texas, where he was born and raised...lived there most of his life. His older daughters are out of college and work in Austin and Houston. His oldest son is still in college. Kyle says we may have seen Jackson and Sophia around the church. They both go to school in Evergreen where they all live.

Kyle says when he is not working, he loves to spend time with his family hiking, ski boarding fishing and being together. He also likes to cook.



The Buchanan family has been in Colorado about three years, having moved from Houston. They were at their last church for about eleven years. During that time he served on several committees, lead mission trips to the Dominican Republic, worked on capital campaigns to build two buildings and spent three years on staff in a similar role to his new position at Rockland.

As he told Jim, working at a church is the best job he has ever had. He feels incredibly blessed that God has lead him here to Rockland...and incredibly blessed to be surrounded by a God loving and supportive congregation and staff.

Annie Barnett, Care and Missions Associate

Annie began her work Labor Day in September. She lives with her parents, Heidi and Carlton Barnett, both members of Rockland. Heidi was the Children's Ministry Coordinator with Lori for several years. Annie is the middle children between two brothers, Carter and Ben. Carter is finishing his Master's degree at University of Texas in Austin with his wife Kayln. Ben is a sophomore at Baylor University studying business.

Annie loves playing her violin and the piano. She was always a part of the orchestra while in school. She also is interested in becoming a chaplain, which is why she is currently studying at Denver Seminary.

Her favorite scriptures are: Isaiah 40:8 *The grass withers and the flowers fall. but the Word of our God stands forever.* and John 3:30 *He must increase, but I must decrease.*

**Janis Graham, Office Administrator**

Janis came on staff September 28 and loves being a part of the staff and part of the Rockland community.

She is a Colorado native, born and raised in Denver. In 1977 she moved to Evergreen where she still lives. she has two grown children, Heather who lives in Evergreen, and Matthew who lives in Florida with his wife Liz and their daughter Charley.

Janis explains that her favorite thing to do is to be outside, enjoying God's creation and knowing He is the Creator, all knowing, all seeing, and ever present. From there she loves reading, especially the Bible and watching Hallmark movies. She also loves sailing, but has not done that for many, many years.

Janis explains that she has several scripture verses: "the first would be the life verses the Lord gave me when I was a baby Christian, John 1:1-3. The next is Psalm 46:10 and the last is Psalm 91:1-2 but the whole Psalms an amazing. However, how can you pick a favorite out of all the verses in the Bible?"

Zach Silva, Kids Ministry Coordinator

Zach has had this position at Rockland for four months. He is a student at Colorado Christian University and is originally from Houston, Texas where his family is now. Zach's interests include sports, music and board games. His favorite scriptur is Hosea 214-15.



Overheard by the Church Mouse

Here we are again...finally. We have all had such disruptions in our lives. Rockland has had a colorful history (as the third oldest church in Colorado) but nothing quite like this past year. As we look forward to a brighter tomorrow we are delighted when more of us can meet at worship services, when Bible studies are drawing in more of our people, when Sunday School increases and in spite of our masked society, we can visit with dear friends between services.

We have new people joining us and for that we are thankful. I'm sure many of us are aware that a number of churches did not make it through this pandemic and their doors are shut. Not Rockland!!! We appear to be gaining speed and coming out of the challenges that were set before us.

I don't want it to be redundant but I do want to share with our new folks and those who forgot...that the mouse we refer to in this column was a little guy who made a visit to the Old Historic Rockland Church. Seems the preacher at that small church was just getting started when the congregation began to laugh. Needless to say that the speaker was startled by the laughter. He could not see that a small mouse had climbed up to the pulpit, but below eyesight of the preacher, and sat there listening intently to the sermon...thus "the church mouse." Perhaps this is just a reminder to listen to each other.

Recently I received a poem that might say something to you.

"And the people stayed home
read books and listened
and rested and exercised
and made art and played
and learned new ways of being
and stopped
and listened deeper
someone meditated
someone prayed
someone danced
someone met their shadow
and people began to think differently
and people healed
and in the absence of people who lived in ignorant ways,
dangerous, meaningless and heartless,
even the earth began to heal
and when the danger ended
and people found each other
grieved for the dead people
and they made new choices
and dreamed of new visions
and created new ways of life
and healed the earth completely
just as they were healed themselves."

Kitty O'Meara wrote this during the 1869 Potato Famine in Ireland. It was published in 1918 during the Spanish Influenza epidemic but it seemed to be written yesterday here in our country.



All Aboard Rockland's Rocky Railway

Kids and all of you VBS Volunteerfanatics, 2021 is coming to ROCKLAND!!!

All Aboard Rockland's Rocky Railway

@ VBS 2021
Registration Starts 4/11!

June 21-25
9:00AM—12:00 PM
Age 3-5th Grade



Jesus' power pulls us through.

Bright Sunday is Coming!

For centuries in all Christian faith traditions, the week following Easter Sunday was observed by the faithful as "days of joy and laughter" with parties and picnics to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. The Sunday after Easter is known as "Bright Sunday" or "Holy Humor Sunday". Here at Rockland, we traditionally celebrate "Bright Sunday" by inviting everyone to wear bright, colorful attire, then after the last service we gathered to celebrate the day with a potluck.

Things will be a bit different on Bright Sunday this year, but we are still going to celebrate on Sunday, April 11th. There will be no potluck, instead, we invite all to join in a time of Fellowship from 10:30-11:00 in Fellowship Hall. We will have Donuts, yes, DONUTS and Coffee. You might even find a latte or macchiato, if that is your beverage of choice!

Get ready to celebrate on **April 11th, 10:30-11:00am.**

Pull out your brightest outfit and come join in as we *celebrate with "joy and laughter"* on Bright Sunday!



Historic Rockland Church and Cemetery

Hello Rockland, it is good to visit with you again. I wanted to share some items on what is going on at Historic Rockland Church.

We put in a new gravel road in the middle of Rockland Cemetery. This is meant to give all visitors easy access to graves and memorials which were difficult to reach. The road was always planned on our maps and it was time to make it reality. If you have a grave or memorial that you want to visit feel free to drive up the road. There is a turnaround at the top.

We have had a wedding in January and we are available for small events with COVID restrictions.

We are taking reservations for burial plots and for memorial plaques and fence post memorial plaques for anyone that you would like to honor or remember someone. special. Burial and wedding guidelines are available with details on cost and procedure.

We still have on our calendar to hold Memorial Day and Christmas programs and this is difficult to plan with COVID restrictions. We will let you know.

Capital improvements for a restroom, storage area, picket fence replacements, kiosk for cemetery locations, water retention, and waste water disposal are still planned. The capital fund raiser we planned to launch was put on hold du to COVID. This is a terrible time to ask for money. We have a planned information folder that we hope to release when all returns to normal. We are currently working on rezoning with Jefferson county to allow these improvements.

Last, come visit us. It is a perfect outing even if you can't get out of the car. I have keys and would love to open access to the inside of the church. It is a beautiful, rustic and pioneer just like it was in 1879. Our location is 24225 Rockland Road which intersects US 40 frontage road about 1 1/2 miles east from Rockland Community Church. Come spring you may want to adopt a grave to clean and care for. We are the historical beginning of Rockand Community Church.

For information or access to church call, email Steve Engle, 303-526-0893, empiresge@aol.com. I can share as much or as little history as you might want.

-Steve Engle

Hello All, We will have an Online Memorial Day Message from Historic Rockland on *Monday, May 25 (Memorial Day) at 7:00pm*. David Brown, US Marine Corps and Minister at Rockland has produced this message especially for all of us. Log on to www.rockland.church a little before 7:00pm to link in. For those of you in town, the historic cemetery will be open for visitation at any time. We have new flags for our veterans, We have repainted and relabeled the wooden grave crosses and have flowers for all the graves.

Blessings to you all in dealing with Covid-19 and all the latest precautions.

-Steve Engle



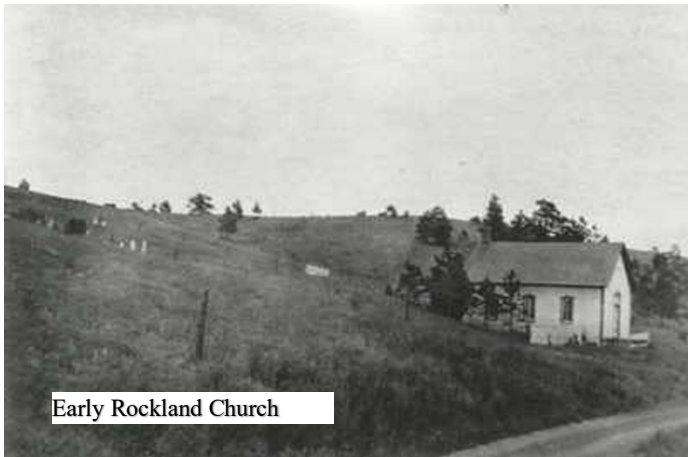
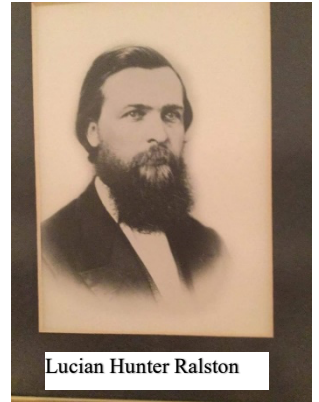
A Church is Born

Colorado became part of Kansas territory in 1854. The territorial capital was located near the present town of Topeka Kansas, but little was known about the western end of the territory that was populated by wild miners and Indians. A young Lieutenant Lucian Hunter Ralston who graduated from Centre College in Kentucky in 1852 was sent to investigate the western part of the territory. As part of his trip, he came up what we now know as Mount Vernon Canyon, and he fell in love with the canyon. He returned to fight in the Civil War, but later came back to found one of the major families in the Eastern part of Colorado.

Colorado territory was created in 1861 when the state of Kansas was created as part of the Kansas Nebraska act. No schools or churches were located in Mount Vernon Canyon at that time. In fact, there was little development in much of Colorado. The territorial legislature did create a school system in the sense that they defined school districts throughout the state. They did not however build schools. That was left to the individual communities. Mount Vernon Canyon was designated as school district 13 but there was no school.

The Mount Vernon Canyon area was surveyed in 1867 soon after the Civil War ended. Since the land was now surveyed people such as miners, ranchers, and farmers begin to move into the area.

Some of the early settlers became well known and famous in the state, such as Katherine Lee Craig whose family bought property that we now know of as the Katherine Craig Denver Mountain Park. The family arrived in 1870 when there was no church and no school.



Several people in the area got together and decided to build a school in 1874. The school was referred as District 13 school.

Soon after that what was to be the congregation of the Rockland historic Church began to meet at the school for services. The congregation of Rockland Church can be dated back to 1874.

Colorado became a state in 1876. With that development came further interest in developing a church.

Construction was started in 1879 for what today is known as the Historic Rockland Church.

A carpenter was engaged to build the church for \$200 using material that was available locally. The windows and the door were shipped to Colorado from Missouri by mule train.

The church was dedicated on January 10th of 1880.

In a column in the *Golden Globe* for August 28, 1880 that had the heading *County correspondence*, the School board gave a name to the district when they named the school district *Rockland School District*. The Church was also named Rockland Church.

The community finally had a church!

-Sid Platt

Clear Creek Rock House



During the past year of COVID we have stayed very busy with one-on-one contacts with mentors and mentees and virtual tutoring.

When COVID hit, many of the parents of our kids were pushed out of work. Since many live in hotels and trailers they didn't have a good way to cook. We were hearing that our families needed to be fed. So our staff felt moved by the Holy Spirit to provide hot food to our Rock House family. During March, April, May, our devoted staff, planned, purchased and cooked 70+ hot dinners (3 times per week) and delivered to the families of our kids. We couldn't have done this service without the help of Rockland Church which donated extra money to help us buy all this food.

The families were so appreciative since they were having trouble getting unemployment and didn't get COVID checks (they are off the radar). But the best part was that each family allowed our staff to pray with them every time a dinner was delivered. For many of these families this was the first time they were talking to God.....a REAL blessing to all.



Also, the Rock House has teamed up with Kitchen One-for-One ministry to serve hot tacos, out of the Taco Truck, the first Thursday of the month during winter and spring to the deserving folks in Clear Creek County.

As you can see from the pictures below, we put up lights, light a fire, have good music and Hot Cocoa to go along with the magnificent food.

In the past Thursday events, we served well over 100 to 150 meals per night as folks came by in their cars and we served them through the window. We had kids from the Rock House, families from Loaves and Fishes (food bank across the street), Young Life Kids and neighbors.. It was a blessing to the entire community.

Many Thursdays we have 5 to 6 Mentor/Mentee pairs enjoying Tacos while they met (socially distant) inside the Rock House (we are doing mentoring one-on-one now as we move through this Covid time). Love is still on the menu !

We loved it. The Kids Loved it and I am pretty sure Jesus Loved it !!
All in His Name.



Blessings to you Rockland Congregation, and thank you for the continued support of the Rock House ministry as we reach out to kids that are not being reached otherwise. Another note of thanks: because of the generosity of Rockland, we have contracted with a painter to paint and refurbish the outside of the Rock House and replace rotten boards this spring. It hasn't had attention like this for over 20 years !!

In His Grip.
Howard Hargrove

Mean Street Ministry



As many of you may have heard, we lost our dear Betty Fry on February 23rd. Betty was 89 years old and worked at Mean Street until almost the day she died. She was a hard worker, a dedicated servant of the Lord, compassionate to all, mother to our clients, and the woman who raised our wonderful founder, James Fry. Betty had mentioned recently that she was ready to go home and God decided that was a good idea too. We know today she is in glory, singing to the Lord in person, but she will be sorely missed by all here on earth.

Happy almost spring to our wonderful Mean Street family! As we muddle through the last of this winter, we look forward to warmer weather in anticipation of what the Lord will do in this new season.

The Lord has continued to bless Mean Street Ministry with needed supplies, both food and material services. We have been able to continue to serve our clients and our numbers have certainly increased as the need grows. And as always, your continued faithful support as volunteers and donors is at the very forefront of our ability to serve!

As for our services, we are still visiting the motels on east and west Colfax each week, we are still serving a hot meal Mondays through Thursdays in our café, we still open our food bank each Tuesday and Thursday, AND we are excited to announce that we are almost ready to open our new service – showers for our clients here at Mean Street! We have had wonderful volunteers working to renovate the showers that were already here in the gymnasium, also adding a new hot water heater for the showers as well as hookups for a washer and dryer! And we could not have done this without our very generous donors who have provided funds for this endeavor!

The washer and dryer that we are installing will not be for client use, but for the many towels that we will be using each time the showers are open. We are currently in search of a washer/dryer set to fill this need. We are looking for a top load washer, possibly an older model that still fills with plenty of water and a gas dryer. If you know of a set that is in great working order and not too expensive, please give us a call! Thank you!

When our new showers open sometime in April, we will need MANY more volunteers to help facilitate this service! Our plan now is to offer showers Mondays and Wednesdays during our open client hours of 8:30 a.m. to noon. Shower volunteer opportunities will include instructing clients on how the service works, passing out towels and toiletries and cleaning the showers after each use. If you are interested in these volunteer opportunities, please call us!

Thank you for taking the time to catch up with Mean Street Ministry. We are so thankful for you and your support!

In Christ,
Diane Chapman

Evergreen Christian Outreach

Hard to believe it's been a year since the lockdown started. As an organization we made the choice not to close the food bank because we felt it was more important than ever to be there for our community. First we went to the food box method, where the shoppers would get whatever was in the box, whether they wanted it or not. Then we tried having them shop under canopies on the lawn. And then through luck of having a wrap around porch, we moved the food bank shopping on the porch. We had a system where we would wheel out the shelves every morning and put them back into Bancroft in the evening. And there we stayed until October 2020.



During that time the stories that we heard from our shoppers were heartbreaking. Many had good jobs and life was going along just great. But COVID 19 had other plans for them, they got laid off, or lost their jobs completely. They would choke up when explaining that they never thought they would ever be in the position to have to come to get help. They had not planned for a pandemic, and neither had EChO. When the weather started getting cooler EChO knew we had to do something different. The old building we were in was not made for social distancing and we really did not want to go back to the boxes. So we didn't, EChO purchased a building instead.

Now all of EChO, except for the Resale shop is at our new location of 27888 Meadow Dr. in Evergreen. A few blocks away from our old location We were able to move in on a weekend and have the food bank open the following week, as well as client services and our Job Center. We still have work to do in the building, yet we are so grateful to begin a new chapter at EChO. We very much appreciate all of your support.

-Jo Haynes

Loaves & Fishes

What a ride it's been! Loaves and Fishes had to make a lot of changes during this pandemic. Thanks to God and our wonderful volunteers and donors, we have been able to thrive. We only had to close one week to readjust, find some younger volunteers and decide to set up a roundabout in our parking lot and hand out pre-packed food boxes to our shoppers. The immediate demand for food went up by 30 per cent but we were able to handle the increase need. We were worried about our donations from churches and our other income streams decreasing but God provided. Rockland and others kept up with their support, other grants became available and people we had never heard from wanted to help our mission. We are now close to being back to normal. We are aiming at June first to be serving meals again and having normal shopping procedures back in place.

During the crisis we had a building project in place. We built out our back room into a beautiful director's apartment with a kitchenette and a modern bathroom with laundry. There were numerous hiccups during construction, as always. We finished construction by the end of 2020 just in time for our new director and his new bride to move in. Our new director is Taylor Billingsley. Taylor and his wife, Noel live on site and serve as the property managers. He graduated from a small Baptist university north of Austin, Texas. They both have always had an interest in serving Christ and are already making changes at Loaves and Fishes and are teaching Bible classes for middle schoolers, at our neighbor, The Rock House. We are so glad God sent this couple to us and are excited for their new life together in the mountains of Colorado!

We have learned many things during this pandemic. The main thing is that life is always going to throw challenges at us. It is during these times of trial that draws us closer to God. It strengthens our relationship with him and builds our faith. We at Loaves and Fishes are just so glad he was at our side during this crisis and believe that better things are just ahead for our mission. Thank you to all for your prayers and support

*Blessings,
Marty Hutt*

Habitat for Humanity



Rockland Volunteers and Support Are Needed!

There's lots happening at Blue Spruce Habitat For Humanity!

Two homes are in the finishing stages...

Two homes are under construction in Empire are well underway. Framing and exterior work, electrical, heating, plumbing, insulation, drywall, flooring and paint have been completed on both homes. The next step for our fifth home is to install doors, cabinets, base and trim. Our sixth home is in the process finishing up the siding. Next is to install flooring, doors, cabinets, base and trim. Foundations for our seventh and eighth homes will be poured in the next two months. All of these homes are being built for very deserving folks in our community. And we have big plans for more badly needed and affordable homes in Evergreen and Idaho Springs!

Volunteer!

We are now opening up our home builds once again to volunteers! It's a fun experience, and a great way to learn about the steps in home construction. Work days are Monday through Friday. We follow mask and social distancing guidelines to keep everyone safe.



If you'd like to help, it's easy to sign up for any Build Days! You can sign up for full or half 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. And your financial support is truly appreciated and helps us build homes!

Questions? Contact Dusty Dodge at 303-909-7565.



Rockland Volunteers at “Hands Of The Carpenter”

Our Rockland crew is back at work providing vehicle repairs at their 3-bay facility in Golden! Hands help single women with their transportation needs by providing affordable vehicles and repairs, services that they often can't afford. A broken down vehicle often leads to homelessness.



Join our Rockland “Pit Crew” team! We volunteer once a month on the first or second Wednesday evening from 5 to about 8:30 p.m. to perform vehicle repairs, and have fun doing it! We follow mask and social distancing guidelines to keep everyone safe. Please consider joining us in this important faith-based ministry! No experience is necessary.

And please consider donating an unused or “trade in” vehicle that Hands would repair and place with a woman in need.

Contact Dusty Dodge at 303-909-7565 for more information and volunteer!

Your financial support of these important ministries is always very much appreciated!



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The silver lining of the pandemic was productivity of the prayer shawl ministers whose fast fingers and complete dedication did not hinder their progress. Forty shawls were completed and have been distributed to people in need of God's love and comfort. While we could not meet in person each dedicated knitter worked at home. Now, we are able to meet in Fellowship Hall once again.

We meet on the second Monday of each month between 1:00 and 3:00. Please join us if time allows.

We have yarn, needles and patterns to share.

Questions? Email Liz Hawkins:
Ephawk123@gmail.com



Student Ministry

Hey Rockland Family and Friends!

My name is Ryan Lownsberry, and I am the Youth Director for Student Ministries at Rockland! Many of you might know or recognize my lovely wife Polly, and our two children, Emma (3) and Liam (1).

I've been working with our student ministry for 5 months now, and have seen some incredible growth in the students and their heart to follow Christ and love their neighbors. In the past few months we have partnered with Mean Streets, hosted ski days, deepened our small groups, and are looking forward to much more!

Coming up, we have a youth retreat, high school and middle school mission trips, and plenty of excursions. Our students love helping out Sunday mornings, and thoroughly enjoy youth group, where we've talked about how to read the New Testament letters, hearing God's voice, how to be a part of the kingdom of God, and what Jesus came for "...that they may have life and have it to the full" (John 10:10b)





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