

Chimes

September 2022

Camp Rockland Picnic August 28, 2022



What a joy to see 225 smiling faces at the Camp Rockland Picnic on a beautiful Sunday, August 28, 2022!! The creative decorations(Thank you Joy Gabler!) put everyone in a "camping" mood. People feasted on delicious food! Kids slid down the slide and waited in line for the "balloon lady" to finish the creation made especially for them. It was evident by the loud conversation and laughter that participants were enjoying the warm Christian fellowship. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped to make the day successful. If you could not attend, we missed you! See you next year!

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LAST CALL TO APPLY FOR...

ROCKLAND COMMUNITY CHURCH
STEPHEN MINISTER TRAINING

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CONTACT ANY CHURCH STAFF MEMBER

Widows Walk

ALERT: Starting in October the Widows Walk is changing its gathering date. It will now meet on the second Tuesday of the month. Our new meeting date is October 11 from 10 am - 11:30 and is held in the Adult Education Classroom on the lower level. Widows who have lost their loved ones are invited to journey with others and honor your journey. Our time together is setting our intention to heal. Yes, it is a commitment but also fellowship with others. Each month there is a scripture focus and discussion. If you have any questions, you can contact me at Gloriaowens@centurylink.net. Leave your phone number and I will call you.

Why Community Bible Study?



COMMUNITY
BIBLE STUDY

With a vision of “Transforming lives through the Word of God,” Community Bible Study’s (CBS) mission is to make disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ through in-depth Bible Study available to all. CBS has been doing just that for more than 45 years.

So, why CBS? Unlike many theme-based Bible studies, we are an expositional study that studies verse by verse and focuses on the Word of God through 5 essentials of personal Bible study:

1. At-home study questions, taking about 10-15 minutes per day
2. In-depth teaching with cultural and historical references/background and clarifications for confusing or controversial points
3. Small-group discussions and review of at-home-study answers
4. A commentary for each lesson written by scholars trained in theology
5. A caring community

CBS is a beautiful picture of God’s intention of living in community through Him.

We also provide a NextGen Ministry that goes beyond childcare. Yes, for two hours, your children (preschool through high school) will be cared for by our excellent teachers and caregivers. The younger generation will begin to memorize scripture, learn to pray for each other and their families, sing praise songs, do Bible-based crafts, and play with the heart of a child of God. Elementary-aged kids through high school will study the same books as the adults with more age-appropriate material.

Earlier this year, we added a coed Young Adults group, aged 18 to 30 years. Men and women meet on Thursday evenings in a private home for fellowship over dinner, reviewing their completed at-home study questions, and watching the teaching time together.

The Evergreen/Golden CBS meets in person at Rockland on Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:40 and Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. We are also providing online-only options at those times, as well as a Wednesday online-only group. There is also a Wednesday morning group at the Conifer Community Church and a Thursday evening group at the Bergen Park Church. For 2022-2023, Evergreen/Golden will be studying *Christian Living* (Philemon, 1, 2, and 3 John, and Jude) and *The Book of Revelation*.

We welcome women experienced in studying the Bible and others who have barely cracked it open. No matter where you are in your familiarity with the Bible, CBS will deepen your knowledge and love of this life-changing book. You will be surprised at the insights and applications God has in store for you.

Classes begin September 8th (Thursday) and September 13th (Tuesday). For more information or to register, go to <https://evergreengolden.cbsclass.org/>

Student Ministries

Robby Kleber

Robby recently joined the staff as the Resident Pastor of Student Ministries. He is a recent graduate of Denver Seminary with a degree in Apologetics and Ethics. Robby feels blessed that the Lord called him to Rockland.

Robby moved to Colorado with his family when he was 5 years old. In high school, he took up the guitar and was called to music. He attended the University of Northern Colorado to pursue a performance degree.

After graduation, he visited his aunt, an accomplished opera singer, in Germany, where he learned German. He apparently knows a few other languages, so be sure to ask him about his linguistic skills.

Robby, having no children, states that he will treat Rockland Youth as IF they were his own.

Should Robby get any spare time, he enjoys exercising and weightlifting, reads a lot of books, and enjoys discussing philosophy and theology. On the lighter side, his favorite color is blue, he loves fish and chips, his favorite living guitarist is Tommy Emmanuel, his favorite composer is Bach, and he loves a good challenge.

We welcome Robby to Rockland!

Upcoming Events and Study for the Youth Groups

Over the next few months, the Middle and High School Sunday Night Youth Group has several fun activities and service opportunities coming up.

In September there will be a Hike for Pizza, open to all middle and high school students. They will hike The Outer Loop Trail near Kittredge, and get pizza at Guido's after the hike. In October there will be a trip to one of the nearby corn mazes. In November a lock-in with the students is planned.

The Youth Group also has a study series this fall. Topics that have been covered or will be covered:

- *Can I Ask That?* It is for students to feel free to ask questions in Church and know they can get answers
- *The New Testament's Overall Reliability*
- *The Problem of Evil and Suffering with the Good Christian God*
- *Does The Bible Conflict with Science*
- *What Happens When a Christian Falls from Grace?*

In October the students will be doing a series that goes through 1 Timothy for four weeks.

When Advent comes around there will be students from middle and high school becoming more involved with the Sunday morning services.



Elders' Corner

The elders have been busy this summer. We are overseeing a renovation of Fellowship Hall, and we have embarked on a search for a Family Pastor to lead our Children and Youth ministry programs. In addition, we are taking steps to make our contemporary service better than ever. We will keep you up to date as we make progress on these initiatives.

In the last issue of Chimes, we talked about the meeting of elders, deacons, and staff which took place in May. That meeting focused on how we can encourage more of our members and regular attendees to serve Rockland and our greater community. For the past several years the mission of our congregation has been to "Worship-Connect-Serve-Give". The "Serve" part is important because it allows folks to serve the Lord as well as build strong relationships with one another. Following the May meeting, Jim and the staff have been working with each of our ministry teams to see how we can get more of the congregation involved. Our goal is for each member and regular attendee to serve.

This fall, we plan to build more awareness around the important work Rockland and our ministry teams engage in outside of worship services, and how God has blessed our efforts to improve people's lives. We want our entire Rockland family to understand the positive impact the Church has on both our congregants and the greater community. The Lord has blessed us with people and resources to be His hands and feet. Our worship services are fantastic, but we want our members and regular attendees to understand Rockland's reach outside of worship.

In Him, Your elder team:

Your Elder Team

Tracy Adreon
Jed Burnham
Joyce Dunbar
Jim Gribnitz
Todd Graber
Kevin Grieve
Patrick Heck
Peter Miterko



Shirlene Haynes
Clerk and Recorder



Patrick Heck

Technical Help Wanted

On occasion, the editor gets stumped on how to do something on the Mac. Are there any Mac whizzes that might be willing to help out with solving a problem? Usually, the answer can be found online, but having personal tech support on call would be great! Contact: janbakken@gmail.com

Prayer Shawl Ministry

What Happens to the shawls once they are completed?

Each prayer shawl is lovingly created by hand at church in Fellowship Hall and in people's homes. Once they are completed, they are brought to a gathering where they are prayed over and then prepared for distribution. Each shawl is given a tag that says:

Prayerfully created by the Rockland Prayer Shawl Ministry Team

Shawls are then wrapped, numbered, and tagged. They are brought to the closet in the office hallway where people can come to take one for someone in need. Most of the shawls are distributed to members and friends of the church. Thirty shawls have been completed this year and 18 have been given out so far this year.

Did you know that we have Rockland shawls all over the world? Many shawls have been given to people in Tanzania and Romania. Individual requests have had shawls sent to family members in Germany, Switzerland, and many throughout the United States. The notes we receive warm our hearts and keep our hands working. One recent note was particularly full of gratitude:

Thank you SO, SO SO Much for the beautiful shawl. I am so grateful for your prayers & compassion. Thank you for thinking of me during this time and for adding me to your prayer lists. I am experiencing success thus far with my treatments, and I continue to feel better and better. Thank you for helping ensure my comfort during this time. You are all angels! With all of my thanks and gratitude.

We love the work we do and continue knitting and crocheting with joy in our hearts. On behalf of all members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry, keep the comfort flowing.



Rockland Talks

Pick up a card in the narthex. More details are on the backside.

Save the Date

Rockland Talks

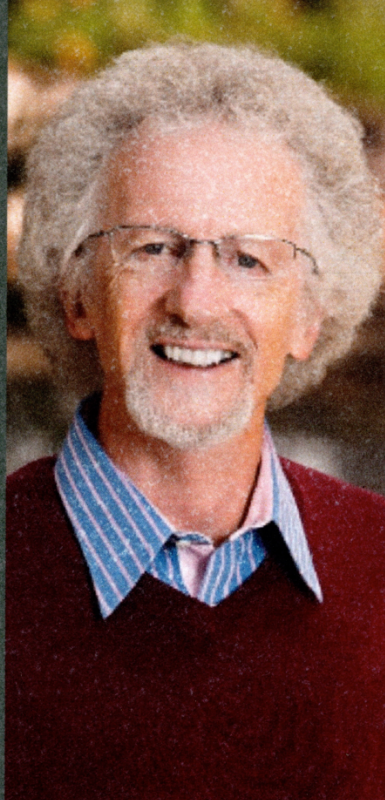
PRESENTS BEST-SELLING AUTHOR &
SPEAKER

Philip Yancey

"Engaging Culture Through a Biblical Lens"

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27TH 2022
6:30-8:30 P.M.

\$20 for individuals • \$35 for families

A portrait of Philip Yancey, an older man with white curly hair and glasses, smiling. He is wearing a red sweater over a blue and white striped collared shirt.

Rockland Foundation

There were presentations by Rockland Foundation in July of this year to assist those who are planning their estates and wills. All Rockland families were invited. This is a great way to make a legacy gift that helps sustain Rockland Community Church far into the future.

If you were not able to attend a presentation or would like more details regarding a gift from your estate or will to Rockland Foundation, please, reach out to us at email:

RocklandFoundation.CO@Rockland.Church.

We will be happy to provide any information you may need. Thank you for considering Rockland Foundation as a worthy opportunity.



Rockland Testimonial

*It is always fascinating to hear stories of how God has worked in someone's life to bring them where they are today. Enjoy this testimony of God's goodness in the life of **Kevin Grieve**, one of our elders.*

My father was a devout Roman Catholic and I was raised in the Catholic tradition. My mother was a devout atheist. It was a house divided which ultimately led to my departure from the faith in high school and college and delayed my return to living as a follower of Christ. Despite my wandering off the ranch, two of my college gymnastic teammates, who were Christians, kept my mustard seed alive and were Christian role models to me.



I met my wife, Tami, in college, and during the early years of our marriage, she carried the Christian lamp and was the quiet, steadfast Christian leader in our home.

With the birth of our first child, I was overwhelmed with the miracle of life and God's creation. The journey of my return to Christ had begun.

When we came to Rockland, about fifteen years ago, it was when I began, in earnest, to have a transformed heart, led by the power of the Holy Spirit and by the Rockland community. As I matured in my faith, through the discipling mentorship of Ken Williams and the weekly Men's Bible study, I began to experience my faith and life with a different lens and heart: immense gratitude, comforting peace and contentment, deep joy, intrinsic worth, and I no longer feared death. Church became less compartmentalized and more integrated into our lives. I became a cheerful "giver" to Rockland and its ministries.

Given our children's ages at the time of joining Rockland, two of our children were confirmed at Rockland, and our youngest participated in the youth program and went on multiple mission trips. We took our entire family to Tanzania which led to me becoming a Deacon on the Outreach ministry and sponsoring several children in Tanzania and Romania through Rockland, as well as Ghana through World Vision. Tami and I went on the church trip to Israel, and it was the most impactful trip of our lives. We not only immersed ourselves in the Word but saw church history in the flesh, with the added benefit of creating new friendships with our fellow Christian pilgrims.

Today, I serve as an elder with the Discipleship ministry while Tami is a Deacon with the Care ministry. We have three children, a wonderful son and daughter-in-law, and two precious grandchildren.

Kevin

Christian Job Opportunities

Executive Assistant at Crawford Broadcasting Company



Christian broadcaster Crawford Broadcasting Company in Aurora has an immediate opening for an executive assistant in its Corporate Engineering department. They offer competitive pay plus benefits and a Christian workplace that can't be beat.

Applicants should contact Cris Alexander at crisa@crawfordbroadcasting.com.

Seasonal Employment Operation Christmas Child



Operation Christmas Child is currently looking to hire approximately 200 Christian men and women to fill paid positions for a four-week project with Operation Christmas Child. This seasonal employment is from mid-November through mid-December in Englewood, CO. Besides being paid, they are offering the joy of being part of a community of believers whose efforts make a difference around the world.

Customer Service Team Member Job Description: [Samaritan's Purse Customer Service Team Member in Englewood, CO.](#)

Warehouse Team Member Job Description: [Samaritan's Purse Warehouse Team Member in Englewood, CO.](#)



Historic Rockland Church and Cemetery



Historic Rockland Construction Update

We are in the midst of a capital campaign to build a restroom to replace our two-hole outhouse. We believe that this project is vital to the continued existence of this little church and cemetery grounds. A restroom allows us to host weddings, burial services, and special events which can provide continuous revenue for upkeep. We turn away many events because of the lack of a restroom. Chris Nims and Phil Gerou have developed a fully functional plan for this restroom. Our General Contractor is Bryan Wolniak.

Costs have increased due to manpower and material shortages. The good news is that we have completed and received approval permits from Jefferson County to proceed with the project. Cost projections are between \$110,000 and \$135,000. We have \$67,000 due to your generosity. We will continue to encourage donations and apply for funds as they become available. Your comments on the project are always appreciated. Donations need to be designated as "Historic Rockland Church."

You will see physical progress beginning in October when the fresh and sanitary tanks will arrive. Below are the remaining plans for the Phase I construction:

- Printing of plans
- Excavation for tanks and supply lines, so they will be buried and out of site
- Import padding for tanks
- Tanks, risers, lids
- Concrete footers, walls, and flatwork.
- Required engineer inspections of footers and walls
- Waterproofing concrete
- Backfill

In case you missed the wonderful article in the Denver Post on the Historic Rockland Church just type in *Historic Rockland Church Golden* in your browser. The article brought many more visitors to the Memorial Day Service and an increase in donations.



Boys and Girls together, you might ask? The outhouse tilts slightly from left to right. The rest is left to the imagination. Just one at a time.

Music Ministry



You may already know our wonderful organist and pianist, Susan Hutchinson Banning, but perhaps you would like to know more about her.

Susan grew up in Rugby, ND. She recalls loving music and piano at a very young age and sitting at the piano and making up music. She was able to play by ear and upon hearing a melody could play it with harmony.

Her family attended a very small Episcopal Church. She played Silent Night on her toy piano at a Christmas Eve service when she was three. Although she does not remember this, her mother told the story. Susan states that that was the “beginning” of a very long love of music and sharing her musical abilities as a staff member at several churches.

Susan played for local churches throughout elementary school and high school. She loved playing the old pump organ and later had the opportunity to play an electronic organ. Susan played clarinet in the school band and accompanied the school choirs. She was awarded several state and national honors for her clarinet abilities.

Susan received a BA in piano performance from the University of North Dakota. She then studied piano pedagogy with a famous pedagogue Frances Clark, at the New School for Music Studies in Princeton, NJ.

Susan began playing the piano and organ every Sunday in 1982. During these 40 years, she has been on the staff at four churches: St. James Catholic Church in Denver, Columbine United Church in Littleton, Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian Church in Lakewood, and at Rockland. She has graced the Rockland staff since 2004.

Another part of her musical career has been teaching piano at a private studio in her home. She has been teaching for 40 years. She loves working with people of all ages to help them learn music. Susan also loves to write and arrange piano music. She has written many sacred and original compositions, many of which have been played at Rockland.

Susan’s husband, Chuck Banning, died suddenly in 2018, so she has been working on rebuilding her life since his death. Rockland staff and congregation members have been a huge comfort to her during this time of change. She is very grateful for all the love and support she continues to receive.

Susan has one daughter, Julia, who is married to Brian Jackson, and they have two children, Hazel, soon to be six, and Franklin, soon to be three. As they live very close to Susan, she loves spending time with them. You may have heard Brian and Julia sing at Rockland.

Besides musical endeavors, Susan loves gardening, cooking, exercising, reading, drawing, and coloring!!! She has two small Maltese dogs: Sir Martin and Prince Harry.

Susan is very grateful to God for gifting her with musical abilities and for being able to share that gift each week with His people. Amen!

Overheard by The Church Mouse

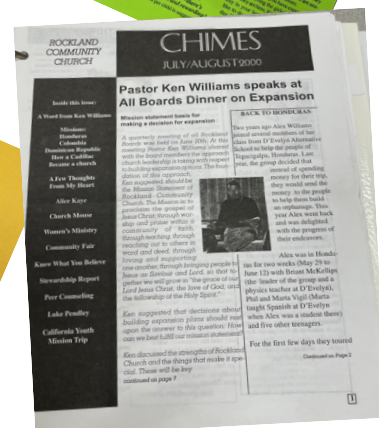
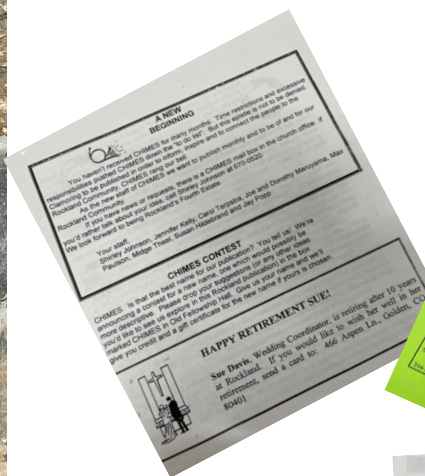


"I will lift mine eyes into the hills from whence cometh my help".... Psalm 121:1

Do you remember how our church mouse became a part of Rockland Church? It was many years ago, down the hill at our historic Rockland Church, when the trip up here in the mountains was difficult and there were few people living in our hills. However, there was a group who felt passionate about the location and built a church. This became the third oldest church in Colorado. It was January 1880 when the church was dedicated, and it was intended to be a church where all denominations could worship, and the community could gather.

Through the years Rockland has served those who wanted to gather. When the congregation grew, it was necessary and desirable to move up the hill to land that had been donated. The Rockland worshippers were ready to build a new church, which they did in 1960.

As Rockland has grown through the years, there were many activities and events. Now as the Church Mouse, I began to think we ought to share these activities and feelings with each other. How? Well one morning, in 1998, Shirley Johnson was leaving a meeting at Rockland when an idea struck. Now, Shirley had been a journalist for years, so her thoughts turned to communication. Let the people know all the good things that were happening at Rockland. And thus...that summer the first Chimes was published...*our goal is to inform, inspire and connect the people to the community of Rockland Church.* As Church Mouse I was concerned that the people here at Rockland would forget me...but no! Included in each edition was a column *Overheard by the Church Mouse*. They even included the



story of how a visiting pastor at the historic Rockland Church was preaching when the congregation started giggling. He was, needless to say, dumbfounded until he looked down over the top of the altar, and there sat a small mouse paying full attention to every word he said. Thus, the Church Mouse.

Through the years, Chimes grew and expanded, speaking to many aspects of life at Rockland. It has been 24 years since Shirley got the wild idea of a Rockland publication. She wrote, edited, and encouraged many others to become a part of Chimes. Through the years Chimes has changed as has our church. Early on, being more like an announcement sheet it then grew to include the activities of the congregation, local mission involvement, and many international missions. Chimes included stories about the congregation and reported in detail, 45the many activities throughout the years.

Combining two interests, Shirley scheduled a hike each year on the Pesman Trail on Mt. Evans. She wrote in Chimes about the adventure on the mountain where you take the highest road in North America to get there. She has worked as a volunteer Forest Ranger for the U.S. Forest Service for as long as she had been editor of Chimes. Once a year those two special interests were put together because the hike was just for Rockland people.

Rockland thanks Shirley for her dedication to getting Chimes off the ground and sustaining its publication for over twenty years!

Our goal is to inform, inspire and connect the people to our community of Rockland Church.

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A Beloved Ragamuffin Project

Back in August, the Outreach Team heard of Mean Street Ministry's need for canned beans, canned meat, and peanut butter. They immediately went into action to purchase these much-needed items for Mean Street's Food Bank, which provides food assistance for the homeless population two days a week. With a recent increase in clients and a shortage of food donations, Mean Street is especially grateful for the donation Rockland Community Church made on September 1. This donation is estimated to provide 578 meals, allowing the Mean Street Ministry to continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus.



Jack Wolfe, Walmart Shopper

Thank you, Rockland, for your continued and generous support!

Caring Connectors

Caring Connectors ministry was seen in action on Sunday afternoon, September 11, 2022. Paul Ahlquist, a former longtime choir member, and dear friend is now in assisted living. Ten choir members and pianist, Susan visited Paul and the other residents with some families, as they enjoyed listening to and participating in singing some traditional hymns of the faith. Paul joyfully became part of our group again. This experience was very heartwarming and was appreciated by all.



MOPS Fundraiser at Rockland

Mothers of Preschoolers



It's back!

Come join us on Wednesday, Nov 30th from 9:30-12 pm in the Fellowship Hall for the MOPS fundraiser: Holiday Hoedown!

This fun and music-filled event will feature a catered brunch, silent auction and drawing, live entertainment (no formal dancing, it is optional), childcare, and a good time!

Cost: \$25

Email, call, or text Maria Gordon for further ticket details:

auntria80@gmail.com

303-229-4301

Rockland has a ministry jewel that is waiting to be discovered. **MOPS!**

MOPS stands for Mothers of Preschoolers, ages 0-6 years. It is for moms of any age, faith, or no faith, expecting a first child or mom to many. It is a place where moms can come together and be reminded of the importance of the work they are doing as moms, of whom they are becoming as women, and where they are encouraged to discover they are a child of God who loves them!

Rockland MOPS introduces moms to a church community through the doors of friendship, hospitality, practical teaching, and mentoring.

MOPS is:

- A community of Grace
- Connection to women in a fleeting, yet critically formative phase of life
- Intergenerational relationships
- Discovery and Learning Lab for moms where the next generation of church leaders are developed
- Part of the Rockland DNA – connecting all generations to Christ

Rockland MOPS welcomes new members. We encourage you to join us with your little ones on the first and third Wednesdays. We meet upstairs in Fellowship Hall. Share the gift of MOPS with all of the moms in your life! For more information contact: MOPS@Rockland.Church

Adult Bible Study

Adult Ed meets each Sunday at 10:30 am in the adult Ed classroom Room 106. Generally, the format is a free exchange of the text and subject of the sermon preached that morning. It is an opportunity to delve deeper into the sermon topic and share questions and perspectives with Christian brothers and sisters.



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Sunday Services: 9:00am & 10:30am
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