

Discipleship

What did Jesus Mean When He Told Us to “Make Disciples” in Matthew 28?

By Paul Lucks

It’s a question worth slowing down to think about and answer. So, what is disciple-making, precisely? NOT discipleship, but *disciple-making*? Consider the following shortlist of options:

- Is disciple-making simply, “Doing deliberate good to help someone follow Christ”?
- Is disciple-making “Everything the church does”?
- Is disciple-making something that only God can do?
- Is disciple-making simply helping Christians grow to maturity?
- Is disciple-making ministry leadership training?

Perhaps the bigger, more challenging question is, “Is it possible to develop a robust definition that will capture the essence of what Jesus meant when He said to His disciples, “*Go and make disciples of all nations?*” So, what exactly were Jesus and Paul telling us to do?

Justin Gravitz says we must start by acknowledging three truths.

1. God has given us the job of making disciples.
2. God is the one who causes disciples to grow.
3. Disciples can be made in many ways. This is true whether we use the dictionary definition of a disciple or the one used by discipleship.org, “*someone who is following Jesus, being changed by Jesus, and is committed to the mission of Jesus.*”

The challenge of reaching disciple-making clarity revolves around these three truths. Taken together we can conclude several things.

First, since God has given us the job of making disciples, we can do it if we abide in Christ. This is clear because God would not give us a task that’s outside our ability to accomplish.

Second, even if we don’t abide, we can expect mature disciples to emerge from every church or ministry. This is the result of the Spirit’s

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work in the life of faithful believers. So then, the mere development of mature disciples does not necessarily indicate effective disciple-making. These mature disciples could be because of me (and God), in spite of me, or unrelated to me.

Third, careful thought must be given to *how* to make a disciple. This is especially important because disciples go in the same ways, they have grown in. So, the task of making disciple-makers requires attention to more than just whether or not one disciple grows.

To simplify everything let's anchor our exploration in one assumption: Jesus' way of making a disciple is the best way. We start there because the Bible teaches that Jesus' life *and* ministry are to be an example for us. Jesus tells us in Luke 11:29 that we are to take up his yoke and learn from him. As Jim Putman so succinctly put it, "We cannot separate the teachings of Jesus from the methods of Jesus and expect to get the results of Jesus."

Jesus' way of making disciples provides a fixed point from which to consider all possible ways to make a disciple. *When Jesus' way is best then our goal isn't simply to make a disciple, but to make a disciple in a manner consistent with Jesus.*

Our goal then is to make disciples that fit Jesus' disciple-making style.

Again, when answering the question, "What is disciple-making, precisely," we cannot simply look at effectiveness, but we must consider the whole picture of why a disciple is being made, how a disciple is being made, and what type of a disciple is being made. So finally, then, we are ready to answer the question, "What is disciple-making, precisely."

1. Disciple-making is a specific type of relationship that is carried out by individuals whose *primary motivation* is to be like Jesus. It is helping others to respond to people and life situations as Jesus would if He were in my place. Motivation makes a difference because why we do something sets up how we will do it. Each of these motivations puts God and His plan at the center but also incorporates a strong personal reason that the individual is discipling.

2. Disciple-making must be carried out with *methods* that are relational, intentional, and missional. This must be the case because Jesus' way is the best way. We can expect the disciple-making relationship to become warped when we do not align our methods to His.

3. Disciple-making always leads to fruit that *multiplies*. Specifically, the multiplying fruit of disciple-making is:

A. **New disciples (converts).** If disciple-making never reaches the lost then it isn't Jesus-style. Jesus came to seek and save the lost, and the disciples embodied that as they went.

B. **New disciple-makers.** If disciple-making doesn't make new disciple-makers then it misses the essential element in becoming like Jesus in a holistic sense.

C. **Three-Dimensional Momentum.** Jesus-style disciple-making produces a momentum that freely moves across social, racial, economic, or political boundaries. This momentum always moves *outward* toward the lost, *in* towards the Church, and *downward* in the life of the individual believer. The Body of Christ is built up and expanded by this momentum.

To sum up, disciple-making is a specific type of relationship that is carried out by people who are primarily motivated by being like Jesus. They use Jesus' methods that are relational, intentional, and missional, and it leads to fruit that multiplies in the form of new disciples, new disciple-makers, and three-dimensional momentum.

Student Ministry

Hey, high school and middle school students!

Join us Sunday nights this fall as we gather for food, fellowship, and fun. We will meet at 5:30 on Sunday evening to share a meal, play games, make friends, and study the Bible together. The series will be centered around how we find our identity in Christ. We will focus on seeing ourselves the way Christ does instead of how the world sees us.



High school and middle school students will split into different small groups as we dive deeper into discussion groups where we'll talk about how we can apply these principles to our daily lives.

Please plan to be here for this exciting 6-week event beginning on Sunday, September 10th, and running through Sunday, October 15th. This series is a great opportunity for our students to invite their friends, classmates, and teammates. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Pastor Aaron.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:18

As the weather begins to cool, we begin to spend more time inside. The children return to the classrooms. Is now a good time for you to go beyond your comfort zone and begin something new? Come join our Prayer Shawl knitting team to learn to crochet or knit. We are happy to teach anyone who is interested in using their hands to share God's love. We have the tools you need to get started.

We meet on the second Monday of each month and the fourth Tuesday from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.
The fall schedule is:
October 9 and 24
November 13 and 28
December 11

For more information, contact Liz Hawkins: Ephawk123@gmail.com

Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving. Colossians 4:2
Liz Hawkins

Girls at Camp Onaway in New Hampshire enjoy the yarn sent by the Prayer Shawl group to make their own projects.



Elders' Corner

Seed for the Sower

"He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness." 2 Corinthians 9:10

Who are the sowers? They are you and I, and collectively, Rockland Community Church. What is the seed? It is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Who supplies the seed? God. Why are we sowing? To bring the light and life of Jesus into a dark and lost world.

October 1 marks the kick-off of the giving campaign that will help fund the mission of Jesus Christ at Rockland Community Church in 2024. This includes the numerous ministries Rockland provides to those who call Rockland home and desire to connect all generations to Jesus. Our ministries touch lives for Jesus in our community, starting in the mountains of Jefferson and Clear Creek Counties, Golden, Lakewood, the Greater Denver Metro Area, and stretching all the way to Africa and Europe. All this is made possible by faithful believers in the Gospel of Jesus Christ who generously give from hearts of gratitude and joy. This is what God is leading us to do.

As I matured in my walk with Jesus, I began to realize all that He had done for me. His incredible gift of salvation was of value beyond price. There was no way I could ever repay Him for what he did for me. He changed my life by giving me a new life, rescuing me from the darkness in which I had been living, and bringing me into the light of His Glory. *"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed"* (John 8:36). Jesus set me free! through His sacrifice and grace. I gained my freedom from darkness and death and now live in the light of life – His life.

In Matthew 19:21, Jesus tells the rich young man, *"If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me."* As I was struggling with that passage, God brought a preacher across my path who said to me, "Gary, God doesn't want your stuff – He wants you!" His words hit me like a bolt of lightning. If I had truly given my life to Jesus, then He had access to all I possessed. I had given all those things to God when I gave myself to Jesus. I came to realize that God owned all those things, and I was the steward of them – for Him. They are available to Him for His purposes whenever He asks. He provides the seed, and He wants me to sow it - for Him. Once I came to that realization, the feelings of obligation and guilt regarding giving vanished, replaced by an overwhelming sense of gratitude. The joy of my salvation in Christ returned as I grew closer to Him. I'm grateful for those who faithfully sowed the seeds of Jesus into my life – pastors, Bible teachers, family, and trusted friends, all committed to being sowers for Jesus.

As the Rockland Giving Campaign approaches, the elders humbly request that you prayerfully ask God to reveal to you all that He has done in your life and then bask in the loving warmth of the joy of your salvation.

"The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:6-9

Gary Severson, Operations Elder

Rockland Fellowship

On August 27th, Rockland celebrated its annual Fall Picnic. The church provided barbecue chicken and pork sliders, while our congregation filled in with delicious sides and an assortment of fresh salads! Rockland served several types of tasty cupcakes to top off the event. The day's festivities included corn hole, an inflatable slide to entertain the kiddos and colorful face painting by a local artist. Fun was had by all!



Help Wanted

The Chimes Folding Crew is looking for more volunteers to fold and label the newsletter. Chimes is mailed out four times a year. The commitment is only about three hours. There is good conversation and there are usually snacks. Please consider joining us. Contact Jan Bakken at janbakken@gmail.com to be added to the list. The next mailing will be in November.

Tanzanian Action Committee

Fall 2023

The 2023 Mission Team had a successful trip to Tanzania in July. This year's team members were Katie Bellott, Nancy Clement, Steve Hannah, Anaya Kern, Grace Kern, Scott Kern, Sonya Ostrander, and Diane Wein. Due to some travel delays the seven-day trip was condensed to five, but the team made the most of it! Our longtime partner in Arusha, Patrick, and Gasper and Ludovick from Kibokoland Adventures took good care of everyone, and shuttled the team to the various activities planned for the week.

The mission consisted of the following activities:

Two days of "Eyeglasses and Evangelism" clinics, where Maasai community members were invited to have their eyes tested for simple reading glasses and were then asked if they would like to hear more about Jesus. Four hundred Bibles were also given out!

Two days in the field with the Milky Goats and Water Bearing Donkeys programs, where two different villages and churches were visited who have been the recipients of these important animals. The donkeys have provided access to clean drinking water for several widows in the community by enabling them to carry it from water sources back to their villages. The goats are also doing well, and the first offspring of each goat are placed with new families.

One medical tour day, which included visits to our longtime partners at the Arusha Lutheran Medical Center, Selian Hospital and Plaster House, an organization that treats children with birth defects or major injuries. Team members had a firsthand look at the important work being done at these facilities.

Visits to various schools that provide educational and vocational training for the secondary and post-secondary girls that many of Rockland's members so generously sponsor. The team was impressed by the quality of the education that the students are receiving, which includes instruction in English and a focus on both Maasai heritage and a modern education.

Student Day at Ilboru Church, provided a chance for the team to visit with many of our sponsored girls. A visit with other students at the church was also included, as was a visit with the orphans of the Children's Center, which has been supported by Rockland for many years.

All in all, it was a very successful trip!

The TAC will have an opportunity to share more about our work in Tanzania on two different Sundays in October. Hope to see many of you then!

For more photos, go to [Rockland.Church/Tanzania](https://www.rocklandchurch.org/Tanzania) and click on the Tanzania Notebook button.





Women's Ministry

Greetings Rockland family!

My name is Lisa Rohrbough. I am the new coordinator of the women's ministry at Rockland and wanted to introduce myself. I grew up on a small dairy farm in Wisconsin and accepted Jesus as my Savior at a young age while attending our local Baptist church. Shortly after receiving my Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree, I moved to Colorado. I've worked as a nurse here, in critical care then in day surgery, for over 32 years.

I've been married to my husband, Brian, for 24 years and we have two children, Rachael and Isaac. We homeschooled them both and they are now graduated. In my free time, I love spending time with my family and with our cats and dog. Years ago, I started a Facebook Christian homeschool group which has grown to over 55,000 members. I also have a passion for cooking, and I create my own keto recipes and blog them. It has been so much fun to learn about creating a website, food photography, and all kinds of things I've never done before!

My family attended Calvary South Denver Church for many years until our pastor retired. Then while church searching, I had two patients, within a very short span of time, tell me how wonderful Pastor Jim is and how awesome Rockland church is. My daughter and I started attending and absolutely fell in love with the church. When my daughter and I started attending Pastor Jim's women's Bible study, we were immediately surrounded by some truly amazing ladies, and I realized that I'd been missing these deep friendships.

I have been so blessed by the Bible study and the women's ministry at Rockland and am so excited to see what God will do as we move forward. Pastor Paul is leading this ministry, and his clear vision, insight, and wisdom is inspiring! The women's ministry desires to love, serve, and pray for one another while providing some amazing opportunities for all to share their individual God given gifts and talents, while growing in their faith.

We have two save the dates for you!

- **Rockland Women's Ministry Kickoff Potluck** will be on **Thursday, October 5, from 6-8pm.**
- **Ladies Advent by Candlelight Service** will be held on **Tuesday, December 5, from 6-8pm.**

I'd love to talk to you further about the upcoming events, the vision for the ministry, and about how we can best serve you and meet your needs! You can contact me at Lisa.Rohrbough7@gmail.com

Blessings,

Lisa Rohrbough



Lisa Rohrbough

Rockland Testimonial

Raised in a church-going family, my entire life revolved around church activities and church friends. Since my parents were believers, I assumed I must be as well, being baptized as a baby, believing in God and spending most of my time at church.

Just as my Dad was the family provider my Mom was the homemaker and perfectionist who taught me everything I needed to know. God was my policeman who was always watching to see if I did anything wrong. Always seeking attention and accolades, I tried very hard to live my life to please God, make everyone happy and be self-fulfilled by using my talents and gifts. This was especially true in my many church music positions.

Nate and I were high school sweethearts who married, raised our 3 daughters and 1 son to be involved in the church and accept the same values as we were taught growing up in the Midwest. However, being a career Air Force family and moving 28 times in 42 years made it difficult to 'stay the course' and with all 6 of us being very involved in church activities, we became the perfect (NOT) poster family. We would argue about what to wear to church and arrive as the 'perfect, happy, smiling family' while faking the struggles of family and life.



I started playing organ and singing for weddings at age 12. It was the one place I could be assured of accolades. This continued until 2005 when, due to my husband's disease, I had to watch my music and speaking disappear in the 'rear view window' as the song states. It was Easter Sunday, and I was the church organist. While playing the opening hymn, Christ the Lord is Risen Today, my hands suddenly froze, and I couldn't move my fingers. They walked me out---down the middle aisle, which was the only way out. If I had been naked, humiliation could not have been any worse. For 18 months, I received shots in my knuckles every three weeks, was diagnosed with clinical depression, a nervous breakdown, having no use of my hands to use my gifts and talents, including teaching piano, cooking, and sewing. Unfortunately, the doctor could never find a medical diagnosis for why this happened.

After about a year, one of my older adult piano students called me to ask when I could start teaching again, and I slammed the phone on her when she suggested that maybe I needed a personal relationship with Jesus. After I hung up, I fell to the floor and screamed at God, "What do you want from me? I'm doing everything I can for YOU, Lord. He said (not audibly), "I gave you your talents and gifts, but I want you. I didn't understand at that time, but it was the beginning of my path to understanding that knowing ABOUT God wasn't enough. He wanted me to KNOW HIM and to KNOW JESUS as my personal Savior, friend, and Lord. Still not understanding, I continued to live for myself and received accolades that affirmed I was serving and pleasing God. I am so blessed that God never gave up on me.

In 1999, my family and I noticed changes in my husband's behavior. In 2003, he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's while I was attending Denver Seminary full-time, getting an MA, and taking a 2-year Spiritual Direction class. Believing that seminary would finally provide me with that close relationship with Jesus, I was disappointed to find I was still experiencing an emptiness. I again fell on my knees and cried out. I asked him what having an intimate and personal relationship with Him really meant, especially considering I was doing, daily devotions, reading the Bible, only to fulfill class assignments, and praying. Why did I feel nothing except for having a little more knowledge? Paul says in 1 Corinthians 8:1 that knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. I'm missing something Lord. I still don't know what being intimate with YOU feels like.

About two years later, while driving to the seminary, God spoke (not audibly) and told me I would find intimacy with Jesus through Nate's disease. This time, I received the message. On Memorial Day, 2015, Nate went home

to be with the Lord, and I moved back to CO. After 75 years of spending my life 'doing,' my life began to be about 'being' and just finding satisfaction and fulfillment 'being' in God's Presence. I am a new creation, dead to sin, but still a sinner saved by grace, and alive in Christ.

How have these experiences changed my life? It's a long story, but at 84, I am truly experiencing the pure joy of just 'being in Christ,' finding contentment in all circumstances, and experiencing the peace that truly passes all human understanding. To keep these changes moving forward requires unceasing prayer.

I lived in a world that was all about me 'doing' and trying to please God, others, and myself. I am now free to live my life by just 'being.' My conversations with the Lord are different. I now ask him to help me 'be' and I enjoy just being with Him. I can honestly say that my greatest joy is 'being' in the Presence of Jesus Christ. It takes lots of prayer and desire to want to spend time with Him, but it produces the greatest rewards.

Fifteen years after Alzheimer's claimed my dear Nate's mind, Jesus took Him home to eternity, and I moved back to my CO home. Since August of 2015, the Holy Spirit has been my guide to help me 'seek first God's kingdom and His righteousness.' It is after that He 'adds everything we need' to live in Christ. They say PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT. Well, perfection cannot be achieved on this earth, but as I look forward to spending eternity with my Lord, I can look forward to Jesus Christ bringing my earthly practice to a heavenly perfection. My only task is to be obedient to Him in all circumstances.

As I experienced the struggles of life, Psalm 40: 1-4 became my mantra. I felt like I was in a pit with no way out. The Lord eventually showed me that He was the only One who could rescue me, and He promised he would eventually give me a 'new song in my mouth.' God is faithful to His promises. I literally wake up every morning with a song on my lips---and He has---and continues it daily.

I'm grateful for the journey that I get to live every day and even more grateful that I can give God ALL the Glory NOW and FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN

Shirley Lindsay

Rockland Staff

In January, Grace Davidson officially joined the worship team at Rockland after volunteering in the tech booth for almost eight years.

Grace has been playing the piano since she was nine years old and percussion since she was 12. Throughout high school, she was involved in jazz band, wind symphony, marching band, and winter percussion ensemble, playing keyboard, percussion, and drum set. She graduated from Wheat Ridge High School in 2019, and once she graduated, started attending Red Rocks Community College and worked in retail for about 3 years.

In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her family and friends, reading, golfing, and going to many concerts.

Grace is very excited to be on staff at Rockland, as well as attend the Wednesday morning Women's Bible Study, help her mom with the decorating committee for Women's ministry, as well as being a part of the young adult life group this Fall.

She appreciates everyone's help during the past few months as she was transitioning into this new position and is looking forward to what God has in store for her in this new chapter of life.



Grace Davidson

Evergreen/Golden Community Bible Study



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“Transforming lives through the Word of God” has been Community Bible Study’s vision for more than 45 years.

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

For 2023-2024, Evergreen/Golden will be studying *Ephesians*, *Ruth*, and *1 and 2 Samuel*. 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 other groups in Bergen Park, Conifer, and a Wednesday online-only group. We even have a new hybrid group (in-person and online) for our travelers and snowbirds.

Our NextGen Ministry is dedicated to helping raise up the next generation through excellent teaching with age-appropriate lessons for babies through high school, including memorizing scripture, learning to pray for each other and their families, singing praise songs, doing Bible-based crafts, and playing with the heart of a child of God. Elementary-aged kids through high school study the same books of the Bible as the adults.

In addition, the Evergreen/Golden CBS coed Young Adults group, aged 18 to 30 years, meets Thursday evenings in a private home. Starting at 5:30 pm, we fellowship over dinner, review the home-study questions, and watch the teaching time together.

No matter where you are in your familiarity with the Bible, CBS will deepen your knowledge and love for this life-changing book. You will be surprised at the insights and applications God has in store for you.

Classes begin Thursday, September 7th, and Tuesday, September 12th. For more information or to register, go to <https://evergreengolden.cbsclass.org>.

In-Home Communion

The In-Home Communion ministry at Rockland is a part of our Caring ministry. This ministry seeks to connect our congregants through the Eucharist. The Eucharist is about remembering Christ's sacrifice for us on the cross. Taking the elements parallels what Jesus and His disciples did at the Last Supper before His crucifixion. This Rockland ministry trains and equips faithful volunteers to go out and serve communion to those who are homebound or otherwise not able to be a part of our Rockland services. Requests for In-Home Communion for either oneself or a family member can be directed by phone, email, or in person to Paul Lucks, Care & Missions Pastor, x209, or Chris Elmgreen, Executive Administrative Assistant, x203.

Overheard by The Church Mouse



Earth's Rain and Christ's Reign

Dear friends,

We've all gotten a lot of rain this spring and summer, and it's done wonders for soothing our fears of fire danger. With the large amounts of rain, there is another problem... There is such a thing as too much at one time. The ground can only saturate so much and when it can no longer absorb it, the water overflows. One evening, one of the window wells in my little burrow became overwhelmed with the rain. The pump was blocked by foliage and the cascade of water ran down the wall onto the floor. Towels would not be enough to stop it, I knew that much, but I attempted to hold back the water just enough to prevent the wall from being damaged and getting the furniture wet. With some help the pump was running as it should, and I used a carpet cleaner to pull up water from the carpet. Fans ran for a few days and the wall was bleached to prevent mold. Meanwhile... I was pondering.

In the Bible, rain is mentioned 102 times as prophetic messages, prayer passages during times of drought, symbolism in Daniel 32:2, Psalms, etc, a curse, a blessing, a sign to answered prayer, and nourishment to the earth. It occurs as an event and sign to the people in Exodus 9:23, and 1 Samuel 12:17-18, etc. While I was searching for these verses, I found Malachi 4:1-3: "For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, and all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And the day which is coming shall burn them up," Says the Lord of hosts, "That will leave them neither root nor branch. But to you who fear My name The Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings; And you shall go out and grow fat like stall-fed calves. You shall trample the wicked, for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day that I do this," says the Lord of hosts.

The description of The Sun of Righteousness got me thinking about Christ's reign. His return and eternal reign will be the final and absolute restoration of Creation back to the Creator. We have assurance that He will fill us with Grace like a river. He leads us by the still waters, and we are refreshed and comforted. Rain washes away the dirt of the earth, but Christ washes away the dirt of the soul. Jesus is the one True King, and He will reign above all rain. When we live in freedom because of the salvation and mercy He extends us, we are free to breathe and have peace. Luke 18 reminds us to come to Christ as children. Might I encourage you to have that childlike faith to trust in the freedom you've been granted, take the confidence Christ provides, and splash in the puddles of His joy Everlasting and the happiness He promises?

Christ will reign eternal, but for the moment, we have the rain temporal. Storms may rage, our windows will flood without adequate pumps, and our basements will resemble ponds. The winds will blow, and trees will fall. The rains of our life on earth will pour, but Christ's reign will be more powerful than the worst of these, and it is in that power that we find rest.

God Bless you, friends.

The Church Mouse.





A Beloved Ragamuffin Project

Meet Arturo. He found Mean Street Ministry (MSM) about 8 months ago through a friend and came in because he needed to go to a "church place." He says, "I straighten up when I'm here. Here is positive."

Arturo thinks the people are the best thing about MSM because they are kind and respectful. "I used to have anger issues and had to learn to be respectful. I appreciate that the people here are respectful," he says. For Arturo, being at MSM helps him with everything from stress to thinking straight, and he is happy to give back and help out whenever he's at MSM. A fun fact about Arturo - he loves to fly fish!

Rockland, thank you for your faithful support of MSM. Your donations and time volunteering help make stories like Arturo possible. If you are new to Rockland and would like to find out more about Mean Street Ministry, please visit us at meanstreetministry.org or call us at 303- 232-2500.



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The Power of the Dollar

Did you know that food banks and pantries pay less for food?

We are grateful for everything that we receive, however if we operated on food donations alone half of the 120 people that receive food per week would not get

anything. So, in order to guarantee that the shelves are stocked, we order it through Food Bank of the Rockies. That is not a bad thing though because we pay much less for food.

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Cereal	\$7.99	\$0.81
Eggs	\$5.99	\$1.36
Milk	\$4.99	\$1.39
Tuna	\$3.29	\$1.25
	What our customers would pay	What we pay
	\$37.02	\$10.16

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We made some fun memories at the Rock House over the past few months, despite the short summer and the unpredictable weather. We enjoyed getting to know one another through our weekly Summer Fun activities and by sitting down to share dinners together. When the rain came we played indoor games, such as bingo, and when it stopped raining we went outdoors to make s'mores around the fire pit. The kids had a blast in competitive games and races. We participated in the local Georgetown parade and spent time at the lake boating. Five of our students attended a local church youth camp. They all said they felt closer to the Lord and that it had been a wonderful experience. We also went camping for 4 days at Boyd Lake with our youth group. The students loved it and didn't want to leave. It was a great summer! We are very grateful to have the opportunity to serve the youth in our community and look forward to seeing the students return for our school-year programs and special events.

If you are interested in volunteering or knowing more about any of our programs, feel free to contact Director Cheryl Holmberg at director@clearcreekrockhouse.org



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With Gratitude,
Ruth Baker
 Clear Creek Rock House Media Specialist & Volunteer Coordinator

Rockland MOPS Holiday Hoedown Silent Auction and Brunch!

Join us on Wednesday, **November 29, 2023** at **9:30 AM** for a delightful morning filled with festive cheer. This exciting event will be held in the beautiful fellowship hall at **Rockland Community Church** in Golden, CO.

Get ready for a lively gathering where you can bid on a wide array of unique items at our **silent auction**. From exquisite local goods to exclusive experiences, the auction promises to have something for everyone.

But that's not all! As you indulge in a scrumptious brunch, you'll be entertained by live music, toe-tapping beats, and a joyful atmosphere. Bring your friends along to make lasting memories together.

Whether you're looking to find the perfect holiday gift or simply want to soak up the holiday spirit, the Holiday Hoedown Silent Auction and Brunch is the place to be. Mark your calendars and join us for this unforgettable event!

Questions? Contact Maria Gordon - (303)229-4301 or auntria80@gmail.com



Historic Rockland Church and Cemetery

Restroom & Storage Areas Near Completion

We just put in 1,500 gallons of drinkable water into our freshwater cistern. The sink and toilet have been installed. The lights work. We just need the plumbing to be hooked up, electrical completed, and the mirrors to be installed.

Once completed, we will have a tour and celebration. We are so grateful for all your interest, support, and contributions to make this a reality. Come by anytime and see what is happening.

Do you know anyone who would like a wedding in a small white historic church? We should be ready by the end of September.



We've had 5 burials and 3 Memorial posts at the cemetery this past month. If you need us we are here for you.

Steve Engle-Sexton



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Welcome Home.

ROCKLAND COMMUNITY CHURCH

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