

**The Evangel**  
**Newsletter of Community Presbyterian Church**  
**Lake City, Colorado**  
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**Sunday Potluck Brunch December 7**

The next potluck brunch is scheduled for Sunday, December 7 following worship. Please bring a dish to share and join us for a great time of food and fun!

**KLUB Christmas Program**

The annual Christmas program by the KLUB children is scheduled for 5:00 pm on Wednesday, December 17. All Lake City residents are very welcome to enjoy the program and then stay for refreshments with the kids' parents following.

**Christmas Worship Opportunities**

The Lake City Community Choir will present its annual Christmas Concert at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, December 23 in the Community Presbyterian Church sanctuary. A reception in Darley Hall follows the concert.

Grace Fellowship will offer a family Christmas Eve Service at 5:00 pm on December 24 at the Alpine Gateway Center. Community Presbyterian Church will offer its annual Service of Lessons and Carols, with candle lighting, at 7:00 pm on December 24. St. James Episcopal Church has scheduled its annual Christmas Eve Mass for 11:00 pm on December 24 in the sanctuary of Community Presbyterian Church.

**New Missions Giving Initiatives**

The generous financial support of Community Presbyterian saints has made it possible for the church to give to several worthy beneficiaries over the past few weeks. A Mission Management Committee was appointed by the session of CPC in October, consisting of Mary and Jay Farrar, Lynn Hudgeons, and Shelby Bonner. John and Nancy Guthrie have served as ex-officio members. The committee requested and received session approval for donations to the following charitable organizations.

- Lake City Christian Community Service (\$1,500)
- Lake City Student Ministry (\$2,000)
- Presbyterian Church (USA) Disaster Assistance Fund (\$2,000 for storm relief)
- Presbyterian Church (USA) Self-Development of People Fund (\$1,000)
- Heifer Project (\$1,500)
- US Red Cross (\$1,000 for storm relief)

Roughly 40% of these recent disbursements are a tithe (one tenth) of receipts to date for the facility renovation capital campaign. That tithe for mission use was authorized by

the session earlier this year. The remainder of the disbursements is drawn from mission funds reserved in the 2008 CPC budget.

Your generous giving allows us to be generous to our neighbors in need, in Lake City and throughout the world. Thank you for your giving to our church in response to God's boundless grace.

### **Physical Facility Renovation Update**

Stripping and repainting of the exterior walls of the sanctuary has been completed by Pat Holley's crew. The sanctuary also has a new aluminum roof. Pat's crew will replace the siding on Warner and Darley Halls this winter as the weather allows. The steeple will be renovated during the summer of 2009.

Trinity Electric Company of Gunnison has buried the power lines from the service pedestal on the west side of Darley Hall so that they are no longer threatened by ice and snow. Trinity Electric workers have also replaced electrical outlets and heaters throughout our facilities.

### **Highlights from the November 13, 2008 Meeting of the Session**

- Pastor John reported on his October continuing education conference, *Change the World*, held in Dayton, Ohio.
- The session reviewed the status of the church's endowment fund portfolio and elected to give the Endowment Investment Committee no new direction at this time. The EIC has not recommended any changes to the portfolio during the current downturn, and the session continues to endorse the committee's management.
- The session heard the report and approved the recommendations of the newly appointed Mission Management Committee.
- The session approved Pastor John's request for vacation November 24-28, 2008.
- The session completed review of the church rolls for the year 2008.

### **Pastor's Bible Study**

The Pastor's Bible Study remains underway, following coffee fellowship each Sunday morning (except on potluck brunch Sundays). Participants are studying the book of Genesis, for ten sessions. Everyone is welcome! See Pastor John for more information.

### **Lamplighters Women's Bible Study**

The Lamplighters Women's Bible Study will suspend for the holidays, resuming on January 8, 2008. The Lamplighters are studying the gospel of John. Class time consists of prayer and group discussion over assigned daily homework for the previous week. A 30-minute follow-up lecture is available on-line. New participants are always welcome! Please see or call Nancy Guthrie for more information.

### **Tuesday Book Study**

The Tuesday Book Study group has completed a three-week review of C.S. Lewis's *The Problem of Pain*. In January the group will take up the recent bestseller, *The Shack*, by William Young. Everyone is welcome! See Pastor John for more information.

### **Youth Programs Report**

Lake City middle and high school youth spent an intense 24 hours November 14-15 at D-Now, a discipleship retreat led by youth directors Seth and Crystal Dady. The youth spent Friday night at various houses in Lake City, played games, cooked meals, and spent time in small groups, praying and growing in discipleship.

The youth will be going to Grand Junction to do Christmas shopping in December. Bible studies, Hang Nites, and Sunday gatherings continue, with a break scheduled during the Christmas/New Year holidays.

**Joyous Christmas!  
God has come to live with us!**