

The Evangel
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Lake City, Colorado
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KLUB Christmas Program

The KLUB kids presented their annual Christmas program on December 17 for appreciative parents and friends. Kids and parents stayed for cookies and punch following the program, and met with the KLUB adult volunteers. The KLUB Christmas program is always terrific!

Christmas Choir Concert

The Lake City Community Choir under the direction of Milt Pullen presented its annual Christmas Concert on December 23 in the Community Presbyterian Church sanctuary. Attendees were inspired and moved by a traditional and contemporary selection of choral music. A reception in Darley Hall followed the concert.

Service of Lessons and Carols

The Community Church sanctuary was nearly full as visitors and town residents gathered for the annual Service of Lessons and Carols. Volunteers read scripture passages from Isaiah, Micah, and the Gospels, interspersed with traditional carols. The Lake City Choir performed two pieces from their Christmas repertoire. The service ended with lighting of congregational candles and singing of "Silent Night." A wonderful and magical event, as always!

Highlights from the December 18, 2008 Meeting of the Session

- The session discussed a pamphlet, "The ABC's of Natural Church Development" by Christian Schwartz.
- The session reviewed the status of the church's finances, as presented by treasurer Helen Thompson. The church's financial position remains strong as of December, thanks to the generosity of so many CPC saints.
- Jay Farrar reported on plans for continuing facility renovation work and the status of funding from the State of Colorado.
- The session met with Zach Guthrie, in accordance with the PC(USA) constitution, to determine his readiness to make a public profession of faith and join Community Church in membership. Zach was joyously approved by the session and will make his profession of faith on Sunday, January 4.
- The session approved Sunday, January 4 as the date of installation for new and returning members of the session. John Roose will be installed for a one-year term, Jay Farrar for a two-year term, and Lynn Hudgeons and Durell Thompson both for three-year terms.

- The session approved a supplement from church funds to congregational giving to the annual PC(USA) Joy Gift offering, to bring the church's contribution to \$500 (if necessary).
- The elders discussed ways and means to reach out to unchurched Lake City residents. Several of the elders will speak to unchurched friends to see what kinds of efforts might prove effective. Prayers for this initiative are urgently requested!

Sunday Potluck Brunch January 4

The next potluck brunch is scheduled for Sunday, January 4, following worship. Please bring a dish to share and join us for a great time of food and fun!

Pastor's Bible Study

The Pastor's Bible Study will resume on January 11. Participants are studying the book of Genesis. Everyone is welcome! See Pastor John for more information.

Lamplighters Women's Bible Study

The Lamplighters Women's Bible Study will resume on January 8. The Lamplighters are studying the Gospel of John. New participants are always welcome! Please see or call Nancy Guthrie for more information.

Tuesday Book Study

The Tuesday Book Study group will take up the recent bestseller, *The Shack*, by William Young beginning January 6. Everyone is welcome! See Pastor John for more information.

Community Men's Prayer Breakfast

All of the men of Lake City are invited to the weekly Thursday prayer breakfast that has been running for many years. The men gather for breakfast, fellowship, prayer, and informal Bible study. Representatives from all of the Lake City churches are normally there. Come join us at 6:30 every Thursday morning!

Youth Programs Update

The youth of Lake City and their hard-working directors, Crystal and Seth Dady, are taking a break over the school's Christmas/New Year hiatus. Activities will resume in January with continuing fellowship/devotional meetings and Bible studies. Separate winter retreats for middle school and high school youth are scheduled for February.

**A Joyous Christmas Season to all Community Church saints!
God's deepest blessings on your New Year!**