

The Evangel
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Newest Member of Community Presbyterian

On Sunday, January 4, Zach Guthrie made a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ, affirmatively replied to the membership vows of the Presbyterian Church, and became a full member of our fellowship. Welcome, Zach!

New and Returning Session Elders Installed

Also on January 4, returning elders Jay Farrar, Lynn Hudgeons, John Roose, and Durell Thompson were installed for new terms of office on the Community Church session. John will serve a one-year term, Jay a two-year term, and Lynn and Durell both full three-year terms.

Highlights from the January 8, 2008 Meeting of the Session

- The session continued discussion of, “The ABC’s of Natural Church Development” by Christian Schwartz.
- The session reviewed the status of the church’s year-end finances, as presented by treasurer Helen Thompson. The church finished 2008 with a positive balance for the year. Thanks sincerely to all those who give generously to support the ministries of Community Presbyterian!
- John Roose will oversee the construction of the columbarium when weather conditions permit.
- Jay Farrar reported on upcoming renovation work planned by Pat Holley Construction and Trinity Electric of Gunnison.
- The session continued discussion regarding ways and means to reach out to unchurched Lake City residents. Prayers for this initiative are urgently requested!
- Mary Farrar will serve as the elder representative to the winter meeting of Western Colorado Presbytery, February 17-18 in Cortez.
- The session began deliberation on a stewardship campaign chairperson for 2009.
- The session planned a gathering on January 12 to view a video recording of one of the speakers at the “Change the World” conference attended by Pastor John and Nancy Guthrie last October.

Ecumenical Prayer Meeting for Lake City

On Thursday evening, January 22, some thirty-five representatives from every Lake City church met in Darley Hall to pray for the Lake City community. Participants reported an energizing and stirring experience of praying with other Christians. Future prayer meetings are tentatively planned. Stay tuned!

KLUB Kids Are Back!

The Wednesday afternoon KLUB program has resumed for the winter/spring school semester. During the month of January the kids are hearing stories of King Solomon and later kings of Israel and Judah. Each Wednesday brings snacks, stories, games, crafts, and singing to some twenty-five Lake City children. Please hold these precious kids and the KLUB program in your prayers. Crystal Dady is the KLUB director.

Pastor's Bible Study

The Pastor's Bible Study on Sunday morning has been studying the book of Genesis. Only two sessions remain in this study; then the class will take up a new book of the Bible. Everyone is welcome to the Pastor's Bible Study! See Pastor John for more information.

Lamplighters Women's Bible Study

The Lamplighters Women's Bible Study has resumed for the winter and spring. The Lamplighters are studying the Gospel of John. New participants are always welcome! Please see or call Nancy Guthrie for more information.

Community Women's Bible Study Resumes

Ruthanne File has resumed her leadership of a Bible study for all Lake City women, focused on the prophet Daniel. This group meets every Sunday at 4:30 pm in Darley Hall. New participants are always welcome. See or call Ruthanne for more information.

Tuesday Book Study

The Tuesday Book Study group has been discussing the recent bestseller, *The Shack*, by William Young. A new study will begin on Tuesday, February 10. Everyone is welcome! See Pastor John for more information.

Community Men's Prayer Breakfast

All of the men of Lake City are invited to a weekly Thursday morning prayer breakfast. 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!

Worship Update

Within the past couple of years three of our most talented and treasured keyboardists (Janet Potter, Nancy Scott, and Mary Ann Underwood) have become summer residents of Lake City. During the other months of the year we miss them (and their husbands), and we miss their worship leadership, too! In recent weeks we have been relying on Suzie Wampler and Rosie Whitelock to play for us during worship, and we are most grateful for their willingness to serve. (Alan Moore, who has also played for us in the past, has been in Houston in recent weeks caring for his father, who is very ill.)

Facility Renovations Continue

Pat Holley's crew, with the help of a glass supplier from Gunnison, removed the old, discolored Plexiglass covers on the sanctuary stained glass windows during the week of January 11 and replaced them with new tempered glass covers. The change, as seen both from the outside and inside of the sanctuary, is remarkable! The stained glass can now actually be seen from outside, and the inside of the sanctuary is markedly brighter when the sunlight streams through the windows. A terrific improvement to our worship space and atmosphere!

Pat's crew will soon replace the old Lexan covering for the sanctuary solar heating system and reinstall the solar panel on the south wall of the sanctuary. Trinity Electric of Gunnison has a few remaining minor projects to be done (one sanctuary heater, safety outlets, etc.)

Youth Programs Update (from Crystal Dady)

We are just returning from a refreshing Christmas break and as we plan the details of this spring semester we are excited to begin our regular youth activities again!

We will continue meeting every Sunday night at 7pm at the Presbyterian Annex with the middle school and high school kids for .epic. This is our main meeting time which includes snacks provided by members of the community, games led by our volunteers, a time of praise and worship, and a Bible teaching and discussion led by Seth.

Monday nights are our high school Bible study nights. The girls meet at the Dady's at 7pm and are still studying women in the Bible such as Ruth, Rahab, Mary, and Eve. The guys meet at 7pm at the Annex and are currently studying Psalm 119. The junior high Bible studies are a new addition to our schedule as of last fall and they are going great!! The girls meet at Jordan and Charity Johnson's house at 6:30 every Friday night and are discussing a book called *Do Hard Things*. The guys now meet Saturdays at 5:30pm at the Annex to study the same book.

Wednesday nights this semester we will resume meeting at people's houses around the community for Hang Nite. Every Wednesday we will alternate having a high school or middle school Hang Nite. Hang Nites are designed to be a time of fellowship, relationship building, and a chance to get to know members of the community as a youth group.

We are looking forward to our middle school and high school winter camps which are coming up in late January and February. High Altitude is the high school camp we attend in Fraser, CO; it is January 30-February 1. Snowbound is the middle school camp in Buena Vista, CO; it is February 20-22. Every year it has been an incredible time to hang out with the kids outside of Lake City and challenge them with the truth of the Gospel.

We are working with a group of students who are interested in furthering their relationship with the Lord and taking on some leadership responsibilities in the group. Seth is working with three of the high school guys on leading worship

and Crystal is meeting regularly with two high school girls who are leading/interested in leading a middle school girl's Bible study.

Please continue to pray for us as we seek God's will for this youth ministry and abide in Him for all of our strength, wisdom, and hope. We ask that you pray for the kids in town, that their ears and hearts would be open to His love and truth and lives would be changed by the Gospel of Christ!

Spring Renewal Opportunities

Koinonia, *Walk to Emmaus*, and *Presbyterian Cursillo* are transformative opportunities for spiritual renewal and growth. Here are the spring 2009 dates for these weekends in western Colorado and on the Front Range:

Koinonia (men and women)	March 6-8, 2009
Walk to Emmaus (men)	April 16-19, 2009
Walk to Emmaus (women)	April 23-26, 2009
Cursillo (men and women)	April 23-26, 2009

Koinonia and Emmaus events are held near Cedaredge. Cursillo events are held near Colorado Springs. Brochures are located in the literature rack in the sanctuary entryway. Please see Pastor John for more information. All of these events offer powerful opportunities to be renewed and enlivened. Please pray about attending one!

Sunday Potluck Brunch February 1

The next potluck brunch is scheduled for Sunday, February 1, following worship. Please bring a dish to share and join us for a great time of food and fun!

Forgiveness Retreat

Ed and Mary Nettleton will lead a retreat centered on the topic of forgiveness on Friday evening and Saturday, February 13-14, in Darley Hall. All Lake City churches and all others interested are invited. The retreat emphasizes the experience of joy and liberation that follows the act of forgiving, both for the forgiver and the forgiven. The Nettleton's have led this retreat a number of times, but this is the first time it will be offered in Lake City. Please sign up to participate on the sheet posted in Darley Hall. See Pastor John for more information.

Please Pray

The Community Presbyterian Church family mourns the loss of summer resident Bruce Sinclair who left this life on January 7, 2009. Please keep Mary Sinclair and James and Mary Ann Underwood in prayer.

God's blessings to you and your dear ones in 2009!