

The Evangel
Newsletter of Community Presbyterian Church
Lake City, Colorado

September 2009



Winter Worship Schedule

Following a busy summer of two full worship services, we began our winter worship schedule on September 27. We will have one worship service at 9:30 am followed by coffee fellowship until early June. Monthly potlucks on the first Sunday of the month will start on October 4.

We pray for safe journeys for all our congregational members as they return to winter quarters, for warm and eventful winters and springs, and safe returns in 2010.

Pastor Search

During CPC's pastor search, we will be served by the Committee on Ministry (COM) of the Presbytery of Western Colorado. COM has selected Jim Cory to moderate Session meetings. We are also delighted to have Beth Burk who will again serve as our liaison. Our church has been blessed with excellent pastoral services as we begin the interim period. To date, the pulpit has been filled by Ed Nettleton, Konrad Rock, Adrian Washington, David Whitelock, and John Roose.

To begin the search process the Session prepared questionnaires that were filled out by members of the congregation. The responses to the questionnaires will be very helpful to the PNC as they begin the search. A meeting for all those interested in reviewing our existing Mission Statement was also held. Following the meeting, an update of the church's mission study was completed and sent to COM. A congregational meeting is scheduled for October 25 to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). The PNC will fill out a Church Information Form (CIF) that will be matched with Personal Information Forms (PIFs) to begin the work of finding the person God has selected to be the next pastor of CPC. This process includes the reviewing of PIFs from prospective candidates followed by an exchange of e-mails to find interested candidates. The PNC will then view sermon DVDs, and set-up phone and in-person interviews. The chosen candidate will be presented to the congregation for election as our new pastor. Please keep this entire process in your prayers over the months to come. Please also hold the Session of CPC in prayer as they work to guide the church through the interim period.

Westminster Presbyterian Church Youth Visit

Over the Labor Day weekend, CPC hosted an energetic youth group from Westminster Presbyterian Church in Pueblo, CO. The group of 9 children ranging in age from 10-17 was led by Rev. Adrian Washington. He was ably assisted by four adult leaders, Charlene, Jack, Cindy and Chas, (their 3-year-old daughter Emma), and the church dog, Bruno.

The group stayed in the Annex and spent the 3-day week-end working on local

civic projects with Ben Hake. They also took time to enjoy the beautiful surroundings of Lake City. Projects and fun trips included trail work in Memorial Park, boardwalk staining at the Hinsdale County Museum, tours of Hard Tack Mine, a cookout at Lake San Cristobal and horseback riding and fishing at San Juan Ranch with Bill and Donna Williams. On Sunday, Adrian led our two worship services while the youth helped with reading, greeting and offertory duties. It was wonderful having them with us and a great time was reported by all involved.

Church Camp Manager Needed at X Lazy F Ranch

X Lazy F Ranch is looking for a manager for the summer months starting in 2010. The ranch is located on Black Mesa near Crawford, CO. Their ad reads: "Solid experience working with people. Responsibilities include booking groups in, and maintenance of facility. Mail resume to: Lance Earley, 420 Mesa Street, Delta, CO 81416 or Lee Campbell, 1603 Eastlawn, Durango, CO 81301. Deadline is Nov. 1, 2009."

Pix Mahler Visit

Community Presbyterian Church hosted Presbyterian Missionary Pix Mahler on Tuesday night, September 29, with a potluck dinner followed by an excellent presentation on her work in Haiti. Pix is devoted to nurturing relationships between Presbyterians in the United States and ministries of the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti. She wrote "I try to live my faith so that I can say what I believe and live my beliefs at the same time." Everyone that attended enjoyed good food and fellowship followed by slides and a talk about her mission work supported by PC (USA) and other donors. Thank you to all that helped support this important work – it was a wonderful evening!

2010 Stewardship Campaign: *Growing a Generous Heart!*

CPC celebrated Pledge Dedication Sunday on August 9 with the collection of pledges of time, talent, and treasure for the year 2010. Pledges of financial giving currently total \$98,970. We are deeply thankful for affiliate members Tony and Betty Touchon who put in countless hours coordinating the 2009 stewardship campaign. Thanks also to all those who spoke at worship services, or wrote articles for bulletins and the Evangel during the campaign.

The Session of Community Presbyterian would like to thank all our members, affiliate members and friends who have been so generous with their time, talents and treasure. We believe that your generosity is an expression of thankfulness in response to God's abundant blessings. We are still short of our budgeted goal of \$112,000. Late pledges are most welcome!

Church Renovations Update

Work on the exterior of CPC's sanctuary is nearing completion. Fresh coats of paint have been applied to the sanctuary and the Manse. Darley and Warner Halls have been re-sided with horizontal lap boards that match the sanctuary and Manse. Interior painting is almost completed. Scaffolding now surrounds the steeple which is being reinforced with steel braces and new siding. The narthex

has been spruced up with fresh paint and a beautiful oak floor that slants to accommodate handicapped access. It all looks wonderful. Pat Holley's talented crew hopes to be finished in a few weeks.

Congregational Meeting Set

A congregational meeting of Community Presbyterian Church is scheduled for Sunday, October 25 immediately following worship. Beth Burk will be present for the meeting. On the agenda is the election of the PNC and the election of two individuals for the Elder Class of 2012.

Wednesday Grill and Bible Study Concludes

The annual Wednesday Grill and Bible Study series has ended following an excellent study of I and II Corinthians. Grill and Bible Study will resume in the summer of 2010.

Columbarium Update

John Roose has assumed responsibility for the completion of the Columbarium. Leo Coniglio has been hired to do the stonework and will begin work as soon as his schedule allows.

Highlights from August and September Meetings of the Session

Special Session Meeting - August 21, 2009

- The Session met at the home of Paul and Lynn Hudgeons to discuss the responsibilities of operating the church while they search for a new pastor.
- New honorariums were approved for pulpit supply: \$150/per service, \$200/for two services.
 - The current Mission Statement needs to be revised.
 - The Nominating Committee will meet to form the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC).
 - The Session endorsed John Roose's application to enter the Commissioned Lay Pastor (CLP) Program.

Special Session Meeting - August 29, 2009

- Session meet with Beth Burk to discuss how to proceed with the process of beginning a pastor search. Beth began the meeting with an exit interview on John Guthrie to discuss John's tenure with us. The discussion was very positive and helpful. The following was approved at the meeting:
 - To use pulpit supply during the interim period instead of an interim pastor.
 - To use an ordained Presbyterian minister to serve Communion and moderate Session meetings on the first Sunday of the month.
 - To have the Mission Statement ready for review by COM on September 28.
 - To have Beth moderate the Congregational Meeting on October 25.

Regular Session Meeting - September 3, 2009

- John Roose was selected as our moderator for this meeting.
- The Session discussed the following:
 - Updating the Mission Statement. It was decided to give the congregation worship and pastor questionnaires to determine their feelings on each. A meeting for individuals interested in helping with the update was set.

- Pulpit supply - individuals were selected through October.
- The need for pianists during winter months.
- Seth and Crystal Dady will be told they can remain in the Manse indefinitely.
- Karen Roose was elected as our Representative to Student Ministries Council.
- Lori Winblood will attend the Presbytery Meeting on September 25-26 in Ouray.
- Preparations for pending visits from Westminster Presbyterian Church in Pueblo and Pix Mahler.

Fall 2009 KLUB Begins

KLUB (Kids Living Under the Bible), our Wednesday after-school program for elementary grade children has resumed for the fall. Crystal Dady continues as director. The kids meet from 4:00 until 5:15 pm every Wednesday. Children enjoy a snack, explore a Bible story, sing songs, play games, and create crafts.

Volunteers are always needed to provide snacks for the kids - a snack sign-up sheet is posted in Darley Hall. Please pray for our KLUB kids and volunteers throughout the new school year!

Youth Programs Update

The fall youth programs schedule is underway. The Lake City youth programs (.epic.) are supervised by the Lake City Student Ministry Council which has a representative from all Lake City churches, two youth representatives, and one parent representative.

This program is vital to the youth in our community. Please keep the .epic. kids, volunteers, and directors (Seth and Crystal Dady) in prayer throughout the year. CPC provides substantial financial support for .epic. through your giving to our church. We also provide housing for Seth and Crystal in return for work on the church grounds.

Sunday Potluck Brunches Resume

Sunday, October 4 marks our first potluck brunch of the fall season. Please bring a dish to share and join us for a great time of food and fun!

Memorial Gifts

Memorial gifts may be made at any time and may be designated for the capital campaign, endowment fund, or as specified by the family of the deceased. If you wish to give anonymously, we will be glad to honor your request.

God's blessings to each and every one of you!