

The Evangel
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Greetings

This Evangel finds us all in the middle of Lent. Lent reminds us that Christ suffered for us and reflecting on that suffering leads us to examine our lives in the shadow of Christ's Cross. Beneath the cross we learn about the value that Christ places on our lives. He died for us. As we dwell at the foot of the cross, we come to know and understand how incredible is the joy of Easter. Easter is only a few weeks away. We hope that all of you who share a connection with Community Presbyterian Church will have a joyous Easter. It is the resurrection that gives us all hope.

Sermons at CPC lately have been from Luke. John Roose has led us with sermons that have focused on Christ's teachings and parables as He proceeds on his way to Jerusalem. This year we in Lake City are once again planning to have many worship services during Holy Week. It is always a very worshipful time.

Lake City 2010 Holy Week Worship Schedule

Traditionally, the clergy in Lake City work together to plan Holy Week. This year we will have a Seder service which is a remembrance of the final meal that Christ had with his disciples and involves foot washing; a Tenebrae service which involves lessons and carols that end with the darkness of the crucifixion; and Stations of the Cross which help us remember the reality of Christ's death. On Sunday after a combined community breakfast there will be a combined Church Easter Service in the Armory. This is always a wonderful time of worship and celebration in Lake City.

- Maundy Thursday Seder/Last Supper/Tenebrae Worship Services - Thursday, April 1, 6:00 pm, First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
- Stations of the Cross - Friday, April 2, 5:00 pm, St. Rose Catholic Church
- Good Friday: Good Friday Liturgy – Friday, April 2, Noon, St. James Episcopal Church
- Easter Worship with Communion, - Sunday, April 4, 8:00 am, Grace Fellowship
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- Community Easter Breakfast - Sunday, April 4, 9:30 am, First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
- Community Easter Worship Service - Sunday, April 4, 11:00 am, Armory

The Seder, Tenebrae, and Stations of the Cross services remind worshipers of the suffering Jesus endured for us, before the joyful celebration of Easter. Please take advantage of these wonderful worship opportunities.

CPC Pastor Nominating Committee

John Roose has been leading worship since August with our General Presbyter, Jim Cory, driving from Montrose once a month to lead communion. The PNC is continuing to receive PIFs from candidates. The work of the committee has been slowed by the illness of Shelby Bonner. Shelby is one of the members of the committee, her husband John is the PNC chairperson. Both John and Shelby have been in Denver for several months where Shelby is receiving treatment for her illness. We are all concerned for both of them and are praying for Shelby's complete recovery.

In the meantime, the committee has held several meetings and has scheduled a Congregational Meeting on April 18 to bring church members up to date with their progress. Please also pray for the PNC and the work they are doing.

Pastor's Bible Studies

Bible Study continues to meet on Sunday mornings after our worship service. We are finishing a study of *Sure I Believe - So What!* by James Montgomery Boice which focuses on the letter of James. We have been surprised by the very practical and direct advice of James. Please plan to join us in these wonderful studies; new participants are always welcome!

Tuesday Book Study

The Tuesday Book Study group is finishing its reading and discussion of *Blue Like Jazz* by Don Miller. We are completing this study with somewhat mixed reactions from our participants, but it has been a good discussion. We are about to begin a new book by Timothy Keller called *The Reason for God*. Keller's book considers arguments that are commonly used against believing in God. See John Roose for more information.

Mission Trip to Show Low, AZ

The American Indian Christian Mission (AICM) in Show Low, AZ provides a healthy and spiritual environment for the youth of Navajo and Apache children from two of the largest Indian Reservations in AZ. AICM has offered a Christ-centered education to hundreds of children since 1985. Through various ministries they develop relationships of trust and respect with the children, their families, local pastors and tribal leaders. This year several volunteers from Lake City joined Lyn Lampert who headed the mission trip from our town. Three volunteers from our church, Joanie Anastasion, Irene Pate, and Lori Winblood went on the trip. Their wonderful testimonials will soon be posted on the church website in [Missions and Outreach](#). Be sure to check them out.

KLUB (Kids Living Under the Bible)

Children continue to gather in Darley Hall on Wednesdays after school for KLUB, where they enjoy a snack, Bible story, games, crafts, and singing. We are very thankful for our Director, Crystal Dady, and all of the volunteers who provide this opportunity for the kids to grow and learn.

Youth Ministries (.epic.) Update (From the Youth Directors)

The .epic. youth groups meets several times each week under the leadership of Seth Dady. February was a busy month with high school and junior high winter camps. This

is a great time for our youth leaders to connect and enjoy time with the kids. Epic. youth will continue meeting throughout the summer with trips and fun scheduled activities for the kids to enjoy.

Lake City Choir

This is the second winter in which we have not had a choir in Lake City. We miss our choir, but with Claire Jessee no longer living here in winter, we are without a director. Many of us who sang in the choir enjoyed singing every Monday evening during the winter. Hopefully we can organize a choir next winter so we can continue to praise the Lord in song.

Sunday Potluck Brunch - April 18

The next CPC potluck brunch is scheduled for Sunday, April 18, following communion and worship led by Jim Cory. With Easter falling on the first Sunday in April we have changed our normal potluck of the first Sunday. Please bring a dish to share and join us for a great time of food and fun!

One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing begins this Sunday, March 21. The Presbyterian Church (USA) encourages churches to collect the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering each Easter season. The OGHS offering goes to support three ministries of the PC(USA): Self Development of People, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and Presbyterian Hunger Programs. Community Presbyterian has participated in the OGHS for many years, and continues to do so again this Easter season. Please give generously to the OGHS using the special envelopes in the pews, or write OGHS on the memo line of your check. Thank you for your generous help to these three important missions.

Lake City Community Prayer Service

Lake City Community Prayer Services have been held throughout the winter months. The next service is scheduled for March 18, 7:00 pm in Darley Hall. Lyn Lampert will lead the service. The National Day of Prayer also offers the opportunity for Lake City residents to join Christians from all parts of the USA in prayer. These meetings continue to be moving and powerful. Please join us!

Vacation Bible School 2010

Community Presbyterian's 2010 VBS week is scheduled for July 12-18. Crystal Dady will again serve as VBS Director. Youth and adult volunteers are always needed to work with the children. Please call or e-mail the church or Crystal Dady if you can help with VBS this summer.

2010 Stewardship Campaign

Tony and Betty Touchon have graciously agreed to serve as co-chairs for Community Presbyterian's 2010 Stewardship Campaign. Ron and Sandra Yates will also help with the campaign, which will take place over a three-week period in July and August. Please be in prayer regarding your level of commitment, in terms of time, talent, and treasure, to Community Presbyterian Church for the year 2010. Thank you for your consistent and generous support of our church's many ministries in years past. God

has great plans for our future!

Facility Renovations Update

The final phase of our renovations of our church is approaching. Mike Olivieri will be restoring the last section of the steeple this spring. Hopefully we can finish the entire project this summer by putting some landscape gravel around the sanctuary.

We are proud of the way it has all turned out. It is our hope that people can worship in this church for another one hundred years.

Columbarium Update

As soon as the ground thaws work is planned to begin on the columbarium. Concrete will be poured and rock work by Leo Coniglio will commence. Volunteer help may be needed with parts of this project; please see John Roose if God is calling you to serve our church in this way.

We wish you all a joyous and meaningful Easter!