



### A Fascinating Letter!

On Sunday, August 26, the Rev. Tom Poole worshiped with us. Rev. Poole had a most interesting tale to tell when he introduced himself at the beginning of worship. Here is the text of the letter we received from him when we asked him to put his story on paper.

I was en route to Creede from Crested Butte. I stopped in Lake City to see if the Community Presbyterian Church was as I had remembered it. It was shortly after 8:00 am when I arrived. The church was open. I looked around. Not much had changed since I was last here.

Ms. Janet Potter, who was preparing her music for the service, said there was an early service at 8:30. She invited me to stay. I was not properly dressed for church but decided to stay anyway. I sat on the back pew.

At one point during the service, Rev. John Guthrie asked all who were visiting the church for the first time to stand, give their names and tell where they came from. I stood. When it was my turn, I said I was Tom Poole from Wakulla County, Florida, but this was not really my first time to visit the church.

My Dad, Everett Poole, was the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Guthrie, Oklahoma. He was also a trout fisherman. Dad, my mother Aileen, and my older brother, Dick, had left that Sunday morning from Officer Ranch (now the San Juan Ranch) located about twenty miles this side of Creede near the Rio Grande Reservoir turn off. We almost stayed here when fishing in Colorado. We were on our way to Gunnison in our 1936 Buick.

Graham Frasier, the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Cushing, Oklahoma, was a close friend of Dad's. Rev. Frasier, his wife, Boots, and his two daughters, Charlotte and Carol, had joined us at Officers for the last two weeks. Rev. Frasier liked to fish, but was not very good at it. The Frasier's were following us to Gunnison.

We had planned to worship here that Sunday morning, but when we arrived shortly before 11:00 am, we found the church open but empty. Dick and I walked next door to the manse. No one answered the door. We reported to Dad. He told us to ring the bell. We did. We let it lift us up off the floor. But our call to worship fell on deaf ears.

Dad gave the invocation. Mom played the piano. We sang hymns, scripture was read, and we prayed. Rev. Frasier, an accomplished tenor, sang a solo. Dad preached, we sang some more, and Dad gave the benediction.

I wish I could tell you Dad's text and the subject of his sermon, but I can't. It was 1938, and I was only seven. What I can tell you was that Sunday worship service, here in this church was very special.

Rev. Tom Poole  
Crawfordville, Florida

### New Pictorial Directory

New 2007 Community Presbyterian Church pictorial directories have been produced and printed under the able leadership of Mary Farrar and John Roose. They turned out great! If you would like to have a pictorial directory, please call the church office. Donations to defray printing expenses are most welcome!

### Service of Healing and Wholeness

A Service of Healing and Wholeness is scheduled for Sunday, November 18, at 7:00 pm. This service consists of prayer, singing, a brief meditation by Pastor John, and the opportunity to light candles for particular individuals. The service provides an opportunity to pray with and for those who are suffering physically, emotionally, or spiritually.

### Mission Project New Orleans

The mission team to New Orleans is almost ready to head out for the Big Easy! Volunteers will help build new homes under the auspices of Habitat for Humanity. Intrepid trip organizer, Walter Potter, has provided guidance and coordination for the 38 volunteers from Lake City and the Presbytery of Western Colorado. With this many folks going, Walter says, chances are very good that two crews will be formed to work on two different houses. Community Church members and affiliate members on the crew are Jon Eidson, Bruce Heath, Chesta and J.B. Norton, Irene Pate, Janet Potter, and Walter Potter. Other folks from Lake City are also on the crew, along with Presbyterians from Durango, Bayfield, Grand Junction, and elsewhere. Walter has done a terrific job making this trip happen.

The session of Community Presbyterian Church has authorized a contribution of \$5,000 to Habitat New Orleans. Your generous giving to Community Church makes it possible for us to support faithful ministries like Habitat. Thank you!

### Stewardship Update

The current pledge total for 2008 is about \$87,700. Thanks sincerely to all of you who so have so generously pledged to the operating budget of Community Presbyterian Church. Many of you have also filled out blue "Time and Talent" cards. Generous giving of time, talent, and treasure is one sure sign of a strong and growing discipleship under Christ. Thank you!

### Historic Structure Assessment Grant

Community Presbyterian Church has been vigorously pursuing the possibility of grant funding from the Colorado Historical Society in order to renovate our physical facilities. In September the church received a draft report from the architect hired to assess our facilities. His report included "critical" repairs and renovations totaling \$192,505, and "serious" issues totaling \$38,863.

Jay Farrar, who has coordinated communication with the Historical Society, has already written and submitted a grant proposal to the Historical Society that proposes a \$144,376 grant from the state for those items deemed "critical" by the architect, with \$48,129 to be paid by our church, that is,  $\frac{3}{4}$  to be granted by the state, and  $\frac{1}{4}$  paid by Community Church. Jay hopes to hear from the administrators of the State Historical Fund in January regarding our newest proposal.

Regardless of the amount of the state grant, the session of Community Presbyterian will very likely authorize a special campaign next spring to raise funds from our members and friends for the needed repairs and renovations. The session's plan is to complete as many of the renovations

as possible during the summer of 2008. Please stay tuned; we will provide more information on the status of the state grant as it becomes available!

### Student (Youth) Ministries

Lake City middle and high schoolers continue to meet regularly under the leadership of Seth and Crystal Dady. Seth is the official director of the ministries, while Crystal serves as his volunteer assistant. The youth have been meeting on Wednesday evenings for fellowship, study, and prayer. The high school guys and girls are meeting separately on Monday nights for Bible study. The Dady's are meeting every Saturday morning with students interested in assuming leadership roles in the group. Seth and Crystal also meet periodically one-on-one with many of the students. The middle and high schoolers will be attending separate winter retreats early in 2008. Student ministries in Lake City are thriving and active!

### KLUB is Underway!

Our Wednesday afternoon program for elementary and preschool children is now underway! The program has a new name, KLUB (Kids Living Under the Bible). Crystal Dady is directing KLUB for the academic year 2007-2008. Thus far about 15 children have been coming to KLUB on Wednesday afternoon. Volunteers from Community Church and other Lake City churches provide snacks, tell a story from the Bible, lead singing, instruct young ones in a craft, and lead games. Adult volunteers and snack providers are needed! Please call the church office or sign up on the sheet in Darley Hall if God is calling you to serve in either of these ways.

### New Women's Bible Study

A new women's Bible study has begun on Thursday mornings! Nancy Guthrie is serving as the facilitator for a study of Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians. This class involves some homework, weekly small group meetings, and a lecture delivered over the Internet. There are 22 scheduled small group meetings; the study will finish in the spring of 2008. Thus far about eight women have been attending the small group meetings. Nancy reports that the study is going very well. Newcomers are always welcome! Please call Nancy or the church office for more information.

### Study of the Psalms

Pastor John is leading a seven-week Sunday morning study of the Psalms. New participants are most welcome! Join us for a brief but powerful study of the prayer and songbook of the ancient Hebrew people, and for moderns as well!

### Wednesday Book Study

Avid participants are studying Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book, *Discipleship*, on Wednesday evenings. Pastor John is facilitating this study, which will continue through next spring if there is continued interest. Participants will study a number of books over the fall, winter, and spring months. Please join us!

### Annual Congregational Meeting

The congregation of Community Presbyterian Church met on Sunday, October 21, following worship. The congregation approved new terms of call for Pastor John, and elected Joanie Anastasion, Barbara Moore, and John Roose to serve on the 2008 elder nominating committee. Jay Farrar also presented the 2008 budget to the congregation for study and questions, and provided an update on the status of our State Historical Society grant proposal.

### Presbyterian Cursillo

Presbyterian Cursillo (pronounced cur-see'-yo, a Spanish word) is a powerful renewal event for Presbyterians, held over a 72-hour period from Thursday through Sunday evening. During a Cursillo weekend participants worship, sing, listen to talks by clergy and laypeople, enjoy small group fellowship and sharing, and very often find their Christian journeys renewed and revitalized. Presbyterian Cursillo is restricted to members of Presbyterian churches, but there are similar events for members of other denominations. Cursillo and its relatives are unique opportunities to re-energize your spiritual walk with God. Please see or call Pastor John for more information about Cursillo or other three-day renewal events.

### Chancel Flowers

Volunteers are needed to provide flowers for the chancel each Sunday. A volunteer sheet is posted on the bulletin board in Darley Hall, or you may call the church office. Flower arrangements need not be elaborate! Volunteers may buy flowers from Velvet Faces in Lake City or elsewhere. Please let Pastor John know if you would like to have a notice in the worship bulletin acknowledging that the flowers are in honor or in memory of someone.

### Musicians for Worship

Our worship is enhanced by the gifts of any and all musicians willing to use those gifts in our services. Please talk to Pastor John or sign up on the sheet posted in Darley Hall.

### Library Donations

Community Presbyterian Church has a small library that is always in need of donations of new Christian books. Books may be dedicated to loved ones. Please see or call Pastor John.

### New Saints in Heaven

Members and friends of Community Church were grieved in recent weeks over the deaths of dear friends Nan Huddleston (September 29) and Laura Linsey (October 10). Nan's funeral service was held at St. Paul's Methodist Church in Ponca City, Oklahoma. A memorial service for Laura was held on Sunday, October 28 in the Community Presbyterian Church sanctuary.

Please hold Bob Huddleston and Ellis Linsey in your prayers, along with all those who are grieving with them. Christ told his disciples, "Because I live, you also will live."

We also received word that Doug Bostwick, a long-time affiliate member, passed away in Albuquerque in October. Please hold Doug's family and friends in prayer.

### Please Pray

The following members and friends of Community Church are struggling with health issues: Jeannie Farnsworth, Dot Main, Mary Ann Underwood, Emma Jean Vickers, Dale Bishop, Delbert Frieze, Ellen Melcher, and Jay Godwin. Jerry Sharpe's father, Chester, passed away on October 2. Willis Mackey has come under the care of hospice at home in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Please keep all of these saints, and their families and friends in your prayers.

We were thrilled to see Stuart Burchett in worship with us last month, following successful bypass surgery!

The Lord Bless and Keep You!