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**Community Church Welcomes a New Member!**

Barbara Hoaglin joined our body of saints on October 19. Barbara and husband Bob are seasonal residents in Lake City, with a winter home in Florida. The Hoaglin's have been coming to Lake City for a number of years, ran the Trail's End Restaurant for some of those years, and now own a cabin on Lake San Cristobal. We are thrilled to welcome Barbara to our fellowship!

**Congregational Meeting Report**

The annual congregational meeting of Community Presbyterian Church was held following worship on Sunday, October 19. The nominating committee nominated John Roose and Jay Farrar to fill vacancies on the session, and Lynn Hudgeons and Durell Thompson to second three-year terms beginning in January 2009. The congregation elected all of these nominees unanimously. Beginning in January 2009 the session will consist of Mary Farrar and John Roose (Class of 2009), Jay Farrar and Lori Winblood (Class of 2010), and Lynn Hudgeons and Durell Thompson (Class of 2011). Newly elected elders will be installed in January.

The congregation also elected unanimously the nominating committee's recommendations for at-large members of the 2009 nominating committee: Joanie Anastasion, Jessie Ezell, and Barbara Moore. Two session members, to be selected later, will join these three members to form the 2009 nominating committee.

The congregation also approved session-recommended changes to Pastor John's terms of call (salary package) for 2009. Elder and Clerk of Session Jay Farrar presented the 2009 budget to the congregation and provided an update on the sanctuary renovations currently underway.

**Missions Giving**

The session at its October 9 meeting approved the appointment of an ad-hoc committee to select recipients of mission funding from our church. The 2008 Community Church budget establishes \$9,000 to be given to missions beyond our obligations to our denomination. In addition, with approval from the session, 10% of receipts for the facility renovation capital campaign will also go to missions. To date that tithe amounts to roughly \$4,000.

The missions funding committee has met once to establish initial recipients for these funds, and is scheduled to meet again on October 31 to finalize those plans. Look for a report in the November edition of the Evangel. Your generous support of our church enables us to help those in need. Thank you for your faithful giving!

**Sanctuary Renovations Continue**

Workers under the direction of Lake City contractor Pat Holley continue their work stripping paint from the exterior of the sanctuary and replacing deteriorated siding. The workers have painted the east and west sides of the sanctuary and are working on the north and south sides. The sanctuary also now sports a new metal roof. Pat plans to replace the discolored plexiglass covers on the stained glass windows with tempered glass before the snow falls. Progress for this fall will ultimately depend on the weather.

Remaining work on the sanctuary, Darley and Warner Halls, and the manse will be completed during the summer of 2009.

Trinity Electric Company of Gunnison has also been contracted to bury power lines from the service pedestal on the west side of Darley Hall and to replace substandard wiring, outlets, and electric heaters throughout our facilities. The electrical work is scheduled to begin in early November.

### **Columbarium Update**

All of the niches and parts for the columbarium have arrived. Lake City contractor and Community Church member Paul Hudgeons will employ a stonemason to build the enclosure for the columbarium as soon as possible, either this fall or next spring.

### **Highlights from the October 9, 2008 Meeting of the Session**

- Pastor John reminded the elders of the upcoming meeting with the Western Colorado Presbytery Triennial Visit Team, scheduled for October 16.
- The session approved the Rev. Konrad Rock to fill the pulpit on October 26 while Pastor John is away for continuing education.
- Jay Farrar reported on the status of the facility renovations and related finances.
- The elders heard the report of the 2008 nominating committee (Joanie Anastasion, Lynn Hudgeons, Barbara Moore, John Roose, and Lori Winblood), and approved the slate of elder nominees selected by the committee, to be presented to the congregation on October 19.
- The session approved the nominating committee's recommendations for members of the 2009 nominating committee, to be presented to the congregation on October 19.
- The session approved changes to Pastor John's terms of call, to be presented to the congregation on October 19.
- The session continued work on the constitutionally mandated review of the church rolls for the year 2008.
- The session approved minor changes to the preliminary 2009 budget which was produced in June 2008.
- The session appointed Mary Farrar, Jay Farrar, and Lynn Hudgeons to serve as session members of an ad-hoc committee to select recipients of 2008 mission funding. The session also recommended John and Shelby Bonner as at-large members of this committee.

### **Fall 2008 KLUB Update**

KLUB (Kids Living Under the Bible), our Wednesday after-school program for elementary grade children is now fully underway. 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 each Wednesday. Attendance has varied between twenty and thirty children so far this fall. Please pray for our KLUB kids and volunteers throughout the new school year!

### **Pastor's Bible Study**

The Pastor's Bible Study has resumed, following coffee fellowship each Sunday morning (except on potluck brunch Sundays). Participants are studying the book of Genesis this fall and into January, for ten sessions. Each class session includes a video presentation by noted Old Testament scholars and small group discussion. Please see Pastor John for more information, and plan to join us!

**Lamplighters Women's Bible Study**

The Lamplighters Women's Bible Study has also resumed. These women meet every Thursday at 10:30 am in Darley Hall for a study of John's gospel. Class time consists of prayer and group discussion over assigned daily homework for the previous week. A 30-minute follow-up lecture is available on-line. New participants are always welcome! Please see or call Nancy Guthrie for more information.

**Community Choir Rehearsals**

The Lake City Community Choir meets every Monday night at 7:00 pm in our sanctuary to prepare for the annual Christmas Concert, set for Tuesday, December 23. Everyone is welcome to join the choir! Call Nancy Scott or Durell Thompson for more information.

**Sunday Potluck Brunch November 2**

The next potluck brunch is scheduled for Sunday, November 2 following worship. Please bring a dish to share and join us for a great time of food and fun!

**Youth Programs Update**

In addition to weekly fellowship gatherings and Bible studies, the young people involved in our .epic. youth programs have been to Montrose in recent weeks for bowling, movies, and fun. Discipleship retreats and a Christmas shopping trip to Grand Junction are scheduled in November and December.

Please keep the .epic. kids, volunteers, and directors (Seth and Crystal Dady) in prayer throughout this year. Volunteers are always needed to work with the youth. Call Seth or Crystal to find out how you can help!

**Pastor's Potluck Dinners**

All members and friends of Community Church are welcome to join the pastor and his family for supper on a Friday night of your choice! Guests are invited to bring a dish to share with others and to gather at the pastor's home for good food and conversation. A sign-up sheet is posted on the Darley Hall bulletin board. Come join us!

**Pastor's Reflections on Being a Missional Church**

Nancy and I just returned from a conference that challenged those present to return home and make their churches more "missional." Missional churches are those that acknowledge and work diligently in response to their call to care for those in need outside the boundaries of the church. This idea is, of course, not new. See, most pointedly, Matthew 25:31-46 and recall the second part of the Great Commandment: love your neighbor as yourself. Sharing the good news of redemption and joy through Jesus Christ is a part of this caring for others. All churches are, of course, missional to some degree. The continuous question is, how is Jesus calling us today to be more caring to those in need, and to those who have not heard or responded to the good news of life in him?

One of the speakers at our conference reminded us that Jesus didn't come to start a new religion, but rather to usher in a new kingdom: the kingdom of God. He encouraged those present to look on their missional planning and work as a means of building that kingdom, one stone at a time. How, then, is God calling each one of us, and all of us together, to grow the kingdom? What gifts and talents has God given you, and us, for carrying out that work? And what passions do you, and we, carry burning inside for extending the love of God to others? We can all pray for the wisdom and direction of the Holy Spirit as we turn our focus outward to a hurting world, both as

saints of Community Presbyterian Church, and, for many of you, as saints of other particular churches in other parts of our nation.

The transformation that takes place as churches become more missional always requires some risk, but it is risk well taken. That risk is an element of our calling as disciples of a living and vibrant Lord who summons us to deny ourselves, take up our crosses, and follow him. So, how do you perceive God calling you, and us, to be more missional? Please share your dreams and passions with me or with one of our elders. Who knows what God might do?