



Evangel Publication Schedule

As noted in the July edition of the Evangel, we hope to publish every month. Unfortunately, we fell behind in August and that edition never appeared. We are still working out the bugs in our new publication schedule, but we are committed to it! Look for a new Evangel each month!

Stewardship Update

The 2007 stewardship season has ended, but stewardship covenants are still missing and needed from some of our saints. Stewardship covenant cards are available in the pew racks or on request from the church office. You may also simply send a note to the church office indicating your pledges of time, talents, and financial giving for the year 2008. The current pledge total for 2008 is \$74,640. Thank you sincerely for your support of God's work in and through Community Presbyterian Church!

Community Presbyterian Church Endowment Fund

Community Presbyterian is blessed to have an endowment fund whose current value is about \$580,000. Interest income from the endowment fund supports the operational budget of our church. Contributions to the fund are always welcome, and estate planning may also include this means of supporting the ministries of Community Church. The Endowment Committee has also recently established a brokerage account so that stocks can be easily transferred to the church. The members of our Endowment Committee are Pat Ezell, Ed Smith, Tom Robb, Jay Farrar, Ron Bruce, and Helen Thompson. Please see or call one of these folks for more information about contributing to the fund. Thank you!

Vacation Bible School 2007

Vacation Bible School was held Monday through Friday, July 16-20, 2007 under the able leadership of Crystal Dady, one of our new student ministries directors. The curriculum used this year was *Avalanche Ranch* by Group Publishing. Thirty-nine children registered for VBS this summer, and they had a terrific time with our western-themed program. All of the adult and youth volunteers had a great time, too!

Ice Cream Social 2007

The annual Community Church Ice Cream Social happened Sunday, August 12. We experienced overflow crowds once again, with many visitors and many friends from St. James Episcopal Church. Thanks to all who brought ice cream and sweets!

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! Copies have been distributed and will be mailed to out-of-town members. If you have not received a copy and would like one, please let us know. Donations to defray printing expenses are most welcome!

Wednesday Grill and Bible Study

Wednesday Grill and Bible Study is nearing completion for the summer of 2007. Participants are enjoying burgers, hot dogs, and covered dishes, followed by a study of the book of Revelation using a curriculum by Kerygma, a well-respected Christian publishing house. It has been a great study. Please plan to join us next year!

Fall/Winter/Spring Worship Schedule

We return to one 9:30 am service of worship on Sunday, September 30. Coffee fellowship will follow worship. Our new summer worship schedule worked wonderfully well in equalizing attendance between the two services. We needed extra folding chairs only a few Sundays, and we often had a full house at both services.

Service of Healing and Wholeness

A Service of Healing and Wholeness is scheduled for Sunday, September 9 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.

Gold Hill 2007

The annual Gold Hill Cookout, after being rescheduled several times because of rain, is now set for Sunday, September 16, at 1:00 pm on Gold Hill at Vickers Ranch. Please bring meat to grill, drinks, and utensils for your family, plus a side dish to share with others. Please bring a friend, too!

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. The next Colorado Cursillo is scheduled for October 25-28, 2007. See Pastor John or Nancy Guthrie for more information about Cursillo or other three-day renewal events.

Mission Project New Orleans

Walter Potter is serving as the coordinator for a mission trip to New Orleans in November, in order to build a house with Habitat for Humanity. Community Church will be inviting all of the churches from the Presbytery of Western Colorado as well as all of the churches in Lake City to join with us. The trip is planned for November 6-10. Please see or call Walter if you would like to have more information. This trip offers an opportunity to help others in a significant way, as well as an opportunity for personal growth. Join us!

Historic Structural Assessment Grant

The architect hired to assess the needs of our physical facilities visited Lake City with his team of collaborators in July. We are expecting his report very shortly. With that report in hand, Jay Farrar will submit a grant proposal to the Colorado Historical Society for partial funding to finance the necessary repairs and renovations. That work is planned for the summer of 2008. A special campaign to raise the remaining funds for the renovations is a possibility. We will keep you informed!

Columbarium Update

Architect and affiliate member David Hoey has completed preliminary plans for the columbarium to be built in the memorial garden on the east side of Warner Hall. Pat Ezell is directing the effort to construct the columbarium, which will be a beautiful memorial to those whose ashes rest there. Individual niches will be available for purchase when the structure is complete. Please see or call Pat for more information.

Stephen Ministries Update

The Stephen Ministry program trains lay people to provide one-on-one care for anyone who is suffering due to a crisis such as a death, divorce, illness, etc. Several members of Community Church and other Lake City churches were commissioned as Stephen Ministers about three years ago. Last fall the Stephen Ministers of Lake City met to assess and discuss the future of the program. These dedicated volunteers chose to discontinue formal affiliation with the Stephen Ministry program, but to remain available to work with anyone who might need a friend in a time of crisis.

New Affiliate Members

Several wonderful folks became affiliate members of Community Presbyterian Church over the past couple of months. Welcome to Jon Eidson of Weatherford, Texas; Dan and Anita Plies of Lake Forest, California; Jim and Donna Stritzke of Stillwater, Oklahoma; Ron and Sandra Yates of Houston, Texas; and Norma Grantham of Houston, Texas. We are thrilled to have you as affiliate members!

Children's Fellowship Becomes Kids Living Under the Bible (KLUB)

Children's Fellowship, our Wednesday afternoon program for Lake City kids, has been renamed Kids Living Under the Bible (KLUB). Crystal Dady, co-director of the Lake City Student Ministry (youth programs), will also direct KLUB for the academic year 2007-2008. KLUB will begin on Wednesday, September 12, running from 4:00 until 5:15 pm. 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.

Women's Lunch Bunch

The Women's Lunch Bunch is a new fellowship ministry of Community Presbyterian Church. All women are invited to meet at 11:30 am every Thursday at Sweet Pea's Restaurant. The lunch bunch has been meeting since June, and everyone attending reports having a terrific time! Please call the church office for more information.

New Women's Bible Study

A new women's Bible study will begin in October. Nancy Guthrie will serve as coordinator for a study of Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians. This class involves some homework and weekly small group meetings. There are 22 scheduled small group meetings, and the study will finish in the spring of 2008. Childcare will be provided. Please call Nancy or the church office for more information.

Wednesday Book Study

A new Wednesday evening book study will begin in October, led by Pastor John. Participants will study a number of books over the fall, winter, and spring months. Book suggestions are welcome, and all members of the Lake City community are welcome! See Pastor John for more information.

Annual Congregational Meeting

The annual congregational meeting of Community Presbyterian Church is set for Sunday, October 21, at 10:30 am, following worship. On the agenda: consideration of changes to the pastor's terms of call, election of members to the 2008 elder nominating committee, and review of the proposed 2008 Community Presbyterian Church budget.

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. Sue Hoey has provided lovely arrangements from her garden! 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.

Please Pray

The following members and friends of our Community Church are struggling with health concerns: Jeannie Farnsworth, Dot Main, Nan Huddleston, Laura Linsey, Mary Ann Underwood, Emma Jean Vickers, Willis Mackey, Dale Bishop, Lisa Gray, Stuart Burchett, Delbert Frieze, and Jay Godwin. Joanie Anastasion's mother, Josephine, passed away on August 25. Please keep all of these folks in your prayers.