

Chronology of the Rico Church (last updated 10/2005)

1890 Lewis Franklin Hill donates land

1891 Church built by the Congregationalists. Cost \$4,000. Dedicated July 17. Rev. S. C. Dickinson, pastor

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1895 The church was thriving, with pastor, Rev P. H. Mason. Names that appear in the records include Mrs. Trimble, Joseph Meridith, ? Wood, Mrs. Wakeman and Mrs. Stewart Piedmont. The organ was purchased (on time) (apparently for \$108.00) in October, 1895.

1896 The church ledger for 1896. Shows R. T. Jones as a member. 37 others. Collection for March 1 (2 services) was \$6.15.

Paid \$36.00 to Rico Aspen Mg Co, owed on organ. Pastor was P. M. Mason who was paid \$100.00 per month. Usually in parts as the money came in. (Balance of April salary paid on June 12). A 1/2 ton of coal was \$3.50.

The ledger cost \$0.75. Mrs. Trimble was paid \$7.00 a month as janitor. Also often in arrears.

By October the pastor was R. S. Nickerson, who was also paid in parts. Treasurer's balance was usually about \$75.00.

Rev Nickerson also appears as a Presbyterian missionary to the Eskimos on St Laurence Island

in 1924, according to the Rico Item (newspaper). He was trying to get musical instruments for them.

1897 The ledger continues for 1897 in another hand. Electric bills were \$5.00 per month. The Jan 1897 collection

totalled \$103.25 Communion wine was \$1.00. The treasurer's balance dropped to \$2.40 by the end of February.

And so it went. The church twice sent \$5.00 for India relief in May. The pastor was consistently a half month behind.

Coal went up to \$5.75 a half ton. A good collection (\$135.91) in December allowed the church to catch up on

the light bill (\$46.00 in arrears) and even spend \$1.00 on wallpaper. Year end balance \$3.95.

1898 February -- paid Mr. Wood \$33.50 for papering the church. Coal dropped to \$5.40 a half ton. Nickerson was

paid for the rest of 1897 (?) and disappeared. Mary Moore was janitor at the same \$7.00 per month. A Rev. G. H. Chatfield appeared in March as the paperhanger got another \$13.00. Coal dropped to \$4.75.

Chatfield seems to have been making only \$50.00 to \$70.00 per month. Mrs. A. C. Troxel took over as janitor.

Then a Mrs. Barlow. Balance at year end -- \$0.51.

1899 Beatrice E. Burke takes over as treasurer. Collections: Jan \$80.86. Feb \$60.91. March \$61.11

Coal is back up to \$5.75. Chatfield is still pastor. Paid him \$45.75 in jan, \$50.00 in Feb, \$58.05 in March.

He seems to disappear in april; other names appear, and a Rev H. L. Markell is pastor in July. Other preachers

also appear one time (supply?).Markel seems to be paid a different amount every month, \$60.00 in Nov.

Balance at year end -- \$7.22. Audited 1/15/00 by R.T. Jones and two others.

1900 Financials continued much as above. H. L. Markell still pastor. Mrs. Herman now janitor. Maggie L. Krantz

becomes treasurer in July. In August, Solomon Enfield is paid \$25.00 for "enlarging church." Coal now at \$3.00.

1901 Markell still pastor in Jan but disappers and a Rev Page appears in June through year end. YE balance \$4.42.

1902 W. J. Youngclaus, treasurer. Coal now at \$3.25 a half ton. Rev. Page continues. Janitor now gets \$10.00.
Mention of a parsonage fund (debt?). Balance at year end \$65.27.

1903 Janitor back to \$8.00. A Rev. Lennox appears in Sept. A Chester Carney in November. YE balance \$31.42.

1904 Chester Carney salary seems to be \$25.00 to \$30.00 per month. Geo Hicks is janitor at \$6.00.

1905 Rev Belsey appears in March. Communion wine \$0.50. 1905 was not a good year. Attendance and giving had been falling off each year since 1902. The Rico population was down; total income for the year was only \$138.25 and expenses totaled \$170.90. Rev Belsey and Rev. Bissell preached several services during the year; apparently Sunday School continued. The parsonage was rented for \$7.00 a month. Electric was \$1.50 a month.

1906 Rev Belsey continues. Pay is usuually about \$6.00 a Sunday. Elect bill is only other recorded expense!

1907 Total collection Jan - May is \$82.27. Belsey and others (Morrison, Shiny, Enfield, Snyder, ?) preach.
Church apparently happens only once or twice a month. No pastors noted for the entire year.

1908 Records very slim. No pastor noted. Hardly anything going on. Rev Belsey was paid \$8.00 a Sunday on 6 Sundays.

1909 Light bill \$1.50 per month all year.

1910 Taxes on parsonage \$10.00. Rev Belsey preached twice

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1912 Rent from parsonage \$10.00 per month. Taxes \$8.45.

1913 Rev Brown, Rev Morris, Rev Ross (several times) preached. Parsonage cleaning -- \$2.00. Broom for church - \$0.50.

1914 Rev Ross mentioned twice.

1915 The church closed after a slow 1914 season. (it would reopen for one service in 1916).

1916 Rev Holmes. Paid him \$5.00. One service, May 8. Collection \$2.86.

1917 No services. Spent \$30.76 on taxes & insurance. Balance year end \$103.17. The "1896 ledger" comes to an end.

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1924 Past pastor Rev Nickerson is a Pres missionary to the Eskimos on St Laurence Island. In May, the church was re-shingled and cleaned up for reuse, according to the Rico Item (newspaper).

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1944 21 Rico people organized a Presbyterian church in the unused building.
1945 Jan 23. Presbyterian church established. In 1944, twenty-one Rico residents had petitioned the Presbyterians to organize the Rico church. This was done in 1945, with the following charter members, M. Anna Engel, Bertha Logsdan, Frieda Jones, Sue Jones, Mrs. Roy (Alice) Pettingill, Mrs. Wesley Snow, Mrs. Della VanArsdale, Karen Wagonner, Mrs. Jessie Jones, Mary Jo Calloway and Mary M. Calloway. Joe Calloway, Clarence and Ruth Tuller, Kenneth and Anna Cross, Nora Myers, Ruby Baer, Lola Roubidoux, Twylla Chadwick, Velma Giorgetta, Nelda Carlson, and Ema Swank were also involved but did not join as charter members.

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1951 Rev Manning served as pastor for several years. Dates unknown.
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1958 Church building deeded to Presbytery by Congregationalists
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1965 Names mentioned in church records include M. Anna Engel, Rev. McCluggage, Ila Starks, Dennis and Judy Dow, Frieda Engel, Bertha Logsdan, W. H. and Irene Lee, James and Ila Starks, Mrs. R. E. McCluggage, Elizabeth E. Pellet, Richard and Ruth Pettingill, and Alice Pettingill.

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1970 Towaoc pastor Carl Dixon begins year round Sun 3:30 PM services; continues to 1982.
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1975 Names mentioned in church records include M. Anna Engel, Rev. Carl Dickson, Jessie Jones and Alice Pettingill. A communion service is recorded on July 13, 1975.
1976 Presbytery reports 2,525 members
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1981 Winter months often saw 3 in the congregation, Jessie Jones, Freda Engel and Alice Pettingill.
1982 From 1982 to 1990, June-Oct services only; no pastor.
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1984 church dissolved. Building empty.
1985 The church is empty, it closed in 1984.
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1989 Church reestablished
1990 August 12, Maynard Fox, preacher. Sept 2. Carl Hanson.
1991 July 28. Carl Hanson, preacher. Aug 4 & 11&18, Al Spotts. Sept 1(24)&8(15)&15, Harold Parker, Jr.
1992 Rico commission met on Mar 11. 4 present. Met again Sept 2, 6 present. Last service Sept 27. Electric complete 86 in worship June 15. Xmas service Dec 20. Sept 28, sheetrock work on inside.
1993 June 27. Carl Hanson, preacher. Services June 2 through Sept 1. Avg attendance, 31. Avg offering, \$90. Rededication, Aug 8. Bill Cox preached.
1994 May 4. Rico commission met. 9 present. Al Spotts preached during the summer.
1995 Feb 8. Rico Commission met. 5 present. The church is used for summer services. Names include Ken and Marlene Hazen, Roger Henn, Carl Hanson, many others. Restoration plans are being made.
1996 Church acquires deed to small house to the west. Not cleared until 2005! June 30. Roger Henn, preacher. July 1. Al Ruth. Aug 25, Jim Petersen. Sept 29. John Patton. Work begins on manse.
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1998 May 14. Rico Commission met. 9 present. Attendance for summer 374; average 35. Total offering \$1581. 10 services.
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2000 July 6. Rico Commission met. 15 present.
2001 church addition begun. Jim Coats summer pastor.
2002 church addition "completed" in July. April 26 RST met. 12 present. Aug 11, RST met. 15 present. Still some finish work to be done on addition. Addition named the "Ken Hazen Annex." Church caps ordered.
2003 Jim Patton, summer pastor. Others also preached.
2004 Nov 7, Carol Burgeson begins as pastor. Every Sunday services at 10:30 AM begin.
2005 Regular services continue in 2005. Adult Bible Study and Friday Youth Group established. Rico Sewer project approved by voters as town finally begins to recover.
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2015 Year round population of Rico reaches 500. several businesses have been established on Glasglow. Church attendance averages 100 in the summer and 50 in winter. The church is established as a "regular" congregation with a full time pastor.