

Rico Community Church

July -- August, 2006 Newsletter



From the Pastor's Desk . . .

Dear Christian friends:

The Celtics put it this way;

“The High Creator, the Unbegotten Ancient of Days,
was without origin of beginning, limitless,
He is and He will be for endless ages of ages,
With whom is the only-begotten Christ, and the
Holy Spirit,
Co-eternal in the everlasting glory of divinity.
We do not confess three Gods, but say one God,
Saving our faith in three most glorious Persons.”

How then do we express our faith? Most likely we come and worship, singing and praying and sometimes being silent together to contemplate that greatest mystery of all, that the God of the Universe loves each one of us.

We have had many opportunities to share the love of God with those around us. So it is that all of us give thanks for the beautiful summer days and evenings we enjoy here in the mountains; not too cool, not too hot, with just enough rain to satisfy us. Adding to the joy and excitement of the summer are those residents who come to stay for awhile in their homes, swell our attendance, enrich our praises, allow us to hear the full organ (thanks, Dave Lucas), and deck the sanctuary with flowers from gardens all around our beautiful mountainside town.

It has been my honor to be your pastor for nearly two years. At the end of 2006, however, my contract with the Presbytery of Western Colorado comes to an end. At that time I will move on to what God calls me to do next. Between now and then those involved on the Rico Planning Team as well as the Evangelism and Church Development of the Presbytery will earnestly seek the will of God for our Rico Community Church. I invite your prayers for the future as we all seek to follow God's plan in yet another area, and that is for a discerning mind for all who are concerned.

A final word from our Celtic friends, “May God kindle in our hearts a flame to love our neighbors.”

In joyful Christian service,

Pastor Carol Burgeson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol".

Summer Worship

Pentecost Sunday, June 4; Kite Day / picnic at the park

About 40 folks joined us at Rico's Jones' Park to enjoy pot luck followed by kite flying. More pictures are on the web site.



July 16th Service

Summer attendance has been in the 35 to 40 range. At this service Julie Vergari led the youth and congregation in the VBS song “Father Abraham” followed by Jerry Martin singing and sharing his Christian testimony.



VBS, held June 5-7, was attended by fifteen younger believers and eight adult helpers. Mac Vergari, Alex Ortiz, Tyler Marion and Kelby Nunley taught lessons on Creation. Pastor Carol led Bible studies on Noah, Moses and Jesus. Bibles were awarded to all participants; these were made available from the Cassidy Fallon Memorial fund. A great time was had by all. More pictures are on our recently updated web site (www.RICOCHURCH.ORG).



Chimes lesson by David Lucas



Planting seeds – youth night



4th of July Celebration

Following up on the VBS story of Noah, the church, in partnership with the Rico Library, combined efforts to make an “Ark” float for the annual Rico Fourth of July parade. Women from the Forestry Service also participated by dressing as animals marching beside the float. Tyler Marion, John and Pastor Carol played the part of Noah’s family. Many children from the community rode the float, also dressed as animals, along with a plethora of animal toys.



Bar-D Wranglers Family outing

Seventeen VBS students and family members made the 100 mile trip to Durango for a memorable night of food and cowboy entertainment on July 22nd. This event was also sponsored by the Cassidy Fallon Memorial Fund.



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