

Rico Community Church

March--April, 2006 Newsletter

From the Pastor's Desk . . .

Dear Christian friends,

The members of the Rico community, were saddened by the sudden death of Cassidy Fallon, just over one year old, one of our younger believers here at the church. More than 100 friends and family members attended the Memorial Service on Saturday, March 11. We spoke of the sure hope of the resurrection through our Lord, Jesus Christ. A responsive, warm and caring spirit was evident throughout the day which ended with a short graveside service followed by a dinner at the Court House provided by friends from Rico and Telluride. Please keep the Fallon family in your prayers. Darcy and the children have been active in our Friday Youth Night Program.

Speaking of youth, Kelby Nunley and Mac Vergari had an out-of-town experience attending the annual First Presbyterian Church of Durango Ski Retreat. Jenny Nunley went with them as a sponsor.

We continue to observe the period of Lent with several weekly activities. On Friday Evenings (6:30-7:30) John Burgeson moderates a group study on the Beatitudes. *What Jesus Meant* by Erik Kolbell is our background material. This group meets in the Henn House (Manse) while the youth take over the church building (6:30-8:30) where they are engaged in making puppets and rehearsing short plays which they then put on during the Time for Younger Believers at Sunday Worship Service during these weeks before Easter.

Our Good Friday Tenebrae service will be on April 14 at 5:30. Following the service the youth will dye Easter Eggs to take to their homes. On Easter Sunday the younger believers will have an egg hunt during their special time at the celebration of Christ's Resurrection during the 10:30 Worship Service.

Come and study the book of Luke with our early birds. This group meets every Sunday at 9:00 AM.

We give thanks for the snowfall this past week to frost the mountains. May God, who after all is the Alpha and Omega, bless you and keep you during these weeks of reflection on the Passion of our Lord, and may the risen Christ be your Easter Joy.

With Peace in Him,



Pastor Carol Burgeson



By Ken Hazen

Church Happenings

World Day of Prayer Service, March 5, 2006



Several members of the congregation participated by reciting the Lord's prayer in a non-familiar language. Martina Reeser gave us a German version, Linda Yellowman delivered it in the Navajo tongue. Tommy Smith read from *THE UNVARNISHED NEW TESTAMENT*, Laurie Adams recited Aramaic and pastor Carol read a Greek version. Gerry Griebel also read, and Lauryce Hecker capped it all off by singing the prayer as Max Reeser led a congregation sing-along.



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Lauryce Hecker Concert

On January 22, 2006, Rico's own concert soloist, Lauryce Hecker, sang for us in concert. Lauryce, a member of another Christian denomination, frequently fills in for us as organist on Sunday mornings. Her voice is magnificent, and those who attended were truly blessed.



Talent Night, February 25, 2006

Marlene Hazen, with the help of Sue Eleison, hosted this Saturday night community event; many Ricoites participated. There were about 50 in attendance. See all the pictures in the Rico Bugle for March, available on the web at www.ricobugle.com. The picture below is of Max, Kelby, Kaitlin and Wyatt singing "I'm Gonna Leave Old Texas Now." Other acts included music from the Reeser family, Tommy Smith's original poetry, tongue twisters by John Burgeson, the Todd Jones' 60s parody, Wyatt Jones' harmonica, Laurie Adams' drum beats, and a patriotic medley by Lauryce Hecker.



Snow in Rico, March 8-12, 2006

After a dry and sunny February, March came in like a lion with over three feet of the white stuff. Travel from Rico either north or south was – exciting..



(Photo by Becky Stephens, Rico Bugle)

Upcoming Events

Saturday, March 25th, 1:00 PM.

Wedding of Cedar Johnson and Candy Plylessor

The Friday night Lenten study group will continue through April 7th. The time: 6:30 to 7:30 PM.

The Friday night youth activities continue. All ages welcome. The time: 6:30 to 8:30 PM.

Friday, April 14th, 5:30 PM.

Good Friday and Tenebrae service. Following the service the youth will dye Easter Eggs.

Sunday, April 16th, 10:30 AM.

Easter service. We will celebrate communion. The children will enjoy an easter egg hunt as part of the service.

A number of people responded to our offer to receive this newsletter electronically. Many others prefer regular mail. We are happy to use both methods. Contact us to make a change (either way).

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