

Rico Community Church

May -- June, 2006 Newsletter

Easter Sunday, April 16th

A Time for Younger Believers (Eleven of 25 worshipers that day)



From the Pastor's Desk . . .

Dear Christian friends:

"What a wondrous time is spring," a line from a favorite praise song, "Pass It On," runs through my heart and mind during the month of May. I look for early signs of spring alongside the woods and roadside, especially here in the mountains. Yesterday I heard the screeching of a hummingbird, an early arrival, urging us to hang the feeder on the front porch.

The most wonderful sign of spring for Resurrection People is all that goes on at church to celebrate Easter. We had our Tenebrae (Darkening of the Sanctuary) Service on Good Friday followed by the children's egg dyeing party. Resurrection Sunday Morning Worship found 25 folks here singing and praising our Savior as **Lauryce Hecker** played "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today, Alleluia." We continue to grow and live as people who desire to follow Jesus. Our Early Bird Bible class is helping us do just that as we study and share new findings in the gospel of Luke.

Speaking of new, we are going to have this year's Vacation Bible School, June 5, 6, and 7 during the evenings. **Ken Hazen** has agreed to launch us off with supper at 5:30 and the school will continue until 8:00 PM.. An article about the VBS appears elsewhere in this issue of the Newsletter.

I look forward to greeting our "Summer Residents" and others who visit our church. Rico becomes quite populated from July through September. Please feel free to stop by for a chat while you are in town. Or, just come into the church and enjoy a quiet time of prayer and meditation. It's a good place to cool off on hot summer days.

With Peace and Joy,



The congregation hides Easter Eggs



Johnson-Plymesser Wedding, March 25th



Upcoming events:

Saturday, June 3, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Work day at the church. Lunch provided.

Sunday, June 4, noon to 3:00 PM. Kite Day picnic (covered dish) at Jones Park to celebrate Pentecost.

Monday-Wed, June 5, 6 & 7. 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM. Vacation Bible School. See details, next page.

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Tenebrae Service, April 14th



Easter Egg Dyeing, April 14, 2006



Patrick Fallon and son, Jimmy Stone



**Marilyn Griebel and younger believers,
May 7th**



A present for the church, May 7th



VBS Announcement

On June 4, 5 and 6, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 8:00, we will hold a Vacation Bible School. **Ken Hazen** will cook supper at 5:30 for all who attend (helpers included). The theme will be **"Three Great Arks."** The first night will be Noah's Ark; the children will begin building an ark to be used in the town parade on the 4th of July. The second night includes a study of the Ark of the Covenant, Moses and the ten commandments. The third night we will study how the Church is like an Ark and the children will learn a dance to the Beatitudes of Jesus led by **Laurie Adams**. This will be an ecumenical school; each night will be a self-contained-unit, so feel free to send the children as many nights as you wish. There will not be a nursery, but there will be activities for all children three years old through the fifth grade. Youth entering 6th grade and up may volunteer to help with the younger children. There will be music, games, drama groups, biblical studies, and lots of hands-on learning.

There is no pre-registration. Offerings for each of the evenings will be sent to Mississippi's Katrina Relief.

All children three years and up are welcome to attend this year's VBS, including visitors to the area and other friends whom you wish to invite.

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