

**Rico Community Church
November -- December, 2005
Newsletter**



From the Pastor's Desk . . .

Dear Christian friends,

It is difficult to believe that I've been your pastor for a complete year. You have been so gracious to John and me. Thank you for your wonderful warm welcome to us. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue to serve both God's good people here and our Lord Jesus Christ.

You are cordially invited to participate in and enjoy an Ecumenical Communion Service, **Thanksgiving Eve, November 23, at 7:00.** Following the Worship Service all of you are invited to stay for fellowship and homemade pie.

The first special event of the Advent Season will be The Annual Community Church Christmas Communion Candlelight Service and Soup Supper on **Sunday, December 4 at 2:00 PM.** All are invited to this joyful event to be held with members of the United Church of the San Juans from Ridgway, Montrose, and Ouray. Dr. Dick Engdahl will have a message for the younger believers and I will give a Communion Meditation. Following the Candlelight service, Marlene Hazen and her helpers will serve a delicious Potato Soup Supper. Join us in the joy of the Christmas Season with carols, stories and expressions of friendship.

Our **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Saturday, December 24,** will be at **5:30 PM.** We will celebrate the Lord's Supper together as well as carol singing.

Christmas Morning; Early Bird Bible Study at 9:00 and Worship Service with Communion at 10:30.

I pray that you will take time for prayer, study and service during this most blessed time of the year. And God's Grace will be with you through faith in Jesus Christ.

Peace and joy,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carol".

**Kirken O' The Tartans
(Blessing of the families)**

Sunday, October 30th, was a gala day at the church as Jim Lynch accompanied worship with bagpipes. People wore plaids, and ate shortbread; pastor Carol preached a challenging sermon on "Resistance," how sometimes we must resist evil in the world, and how that may offend some people, and why that is OK.

Jim Lynch, playing "Amazing Grace."



Families gathering for the blessing:



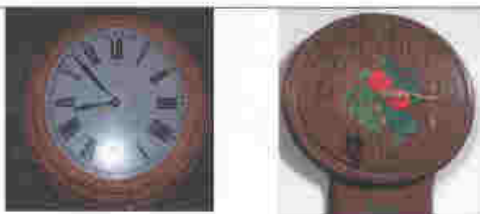
On the porch after service:



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The Clock

For about 100 years the church has had an old clock (of course, once it was new) on the back wall. Last year it stopped, and at a meeting of the Steering Team we regretfully retired it. A new clock was donated by affiliate members Harry and Sue Clemens.



Looking for a document

Do you know Ginger Hinton? Did you borrow a Rico Church document (binder, journal, ?) from her a year or so ago?

We need it back please, as we are working on the history of the church. Thanks.

60 Years ago:

Our church was built in 1891 and served Rico for many years before closing in the late 1930s. On Jan 23, 1945, it was reestablished. The following were charter members, M. Anna Engel, Bertha Logsdon, 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.

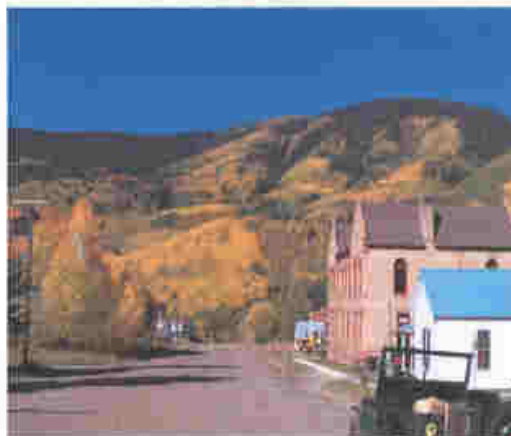
Kaitlin Nunley teaches Sunday School

Beginning last month, Kaitlin Nunley is taking care of the younger children during the second part of worship. The picture below taken Nov 6th is of her, Ryan Fallon, Max Reeser and Addie Jones.



Youth Group meets every **Friday Evenings from 6:30 to 8:30** (Pizza Supper, last Friday of every month).

Fall Colors in Rico



Henn House Breakfast

30 Ricoites accepted our invitation for a pancake breakfast and a tour of the refurbished manse (Henn House) on Saturday, September 17th. Becky Stephens and Derek Levy provided real New England maple syrup.



After years of legal work, the church finally has a clear title to the Henn House. Thanks much to Steve Gammill (Presbytery) and local attorney Nichole Pflerse.

Records indicate that in the early 1900s the church owned the property, using it as the parsonage. Apparently sold in the 30s, it was reacquired and restored to its present condition in 1995-6.

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