

Rico Community Church

November -- December 2006 Newsletter



From the Pastor's Desk . . .

Dear Christian friends:

"I can do all things through him (Christ) who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13 gives us the best reason for living a positive life. As we learn more and more of the plan that Christ has for our lives, we become convinced that the Bible, God's Word to and for us, helps us discover and live out that plan. I believe that God's plan is a most positive one for the Rico Community Church. There is evidence of this as the new PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee) moderated by Marlene Hazen, which includes her husband Ken, Marilyn and Gerry Griebel, Jake Boyer, Claire Bennett and Carl Hanson, prays for and actively seeks a new pastor for the church. Please join the committee in this effort by encouragement through your conversations, notes, and prayers.

As the monthly Youth Pizza Nights and Sunday Morning Worship Services continue, the cool nights and warm sunny days of autumn in the San Juan Mountains are most welcome. The community and church came together for a lively time on Reformation Sunday by celebrating "Kirken' O' the Tartans." Karen Ragland played her bagpipes during the Worship Service and the refreshments including scones and shortbread home-baked by Chef Eamon O' Hara, Marilyn Griebel and others encouraged friendly conversation. We look forward to our annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve service at 7:00 PM Wednesday, November 22. The offering for the evening will be used to provide meals for local folks who are experiencing financial needs.

As we enter the season of Advent, may we realize that we live in between two Advents. We prepare our hearts for Christ and his love to live within reminding our selves that the Wonder of the manger eventually gave way to the cross and the cross will one day be exchanged for the crown of his coming Glory. Worship all you can during this holy season and love your neighbors and their families as well as you do yourself and your family. And I will try to do the same.

With Abounding Peace and Joy,

Pastor Carol Burgeson

Kirken o' the Tartans, October 29, 2006

"Kirken o' the Tartans," which celebrates "Scots away from Scotland," was a high point in our church year. Linda O'Hara was probably the only real Scot attending; the rest of us enjoyed the traditions of the day, Eamonn O'Hara's incredible scones, Scottish shortbread, plaids everywhere and this group picture taken after service.



Younger Believers search the Scriptures



Passing the Peace of Christ

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Youth Night, October 27, 2006

Six youth and three adults enjoyed an evening of Halloween fun playing eating pizza and chocolate chip cookies, playing Twister, creating artistic pumpkins, and other games. Kelby Nunley was particularly helpful in leadership of the younger children.



Younger Believers, Nov 11, 2006



Twister



Pumpkin Contest

Upcoming Special Events

Sunday Nov 19	No 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM. Worship Service Suzy Meyer, preaching
Wednesday, Nov 22	7:00 PM Thanksgiving Service (Pie, coffee and fellowship)
Friday Nov 24	6:30 PM Youth Pizza night
Thursday, Dec 7	6:30 PM Town Pageant rehearsal
Friday, Dec 8	7:00 PM Town Pageant
Sunday, Dec 10	9:00 AM Adult Bible Study. 10:30 AM Worship. Service Noon. Steering Team Meeting
Sunday Dec 17	9:00 AM Adult Bible Study. 10:30 AM Worship. Service 2:00 PM Christmas Service with the Ridgway Church of the San Juans and the Rico community. (Soup Supper)
Sunday, Dec 24	Regular services in the morning 5:30 PM Christmas Eve Service (Communion)

Other News

We have recently updated our website, www.RicoChurch.org, with new pictures and historical information.

On the home page is our pastoral call statement. If you know of a person seeking a church call, please acquaint him or her with our position statement. The job, which is half time, is to begin in January, 2007.

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