

The Rico Community Church September-October 2005 Newsletter



From the Pastor's Desk . . .

Dear Christian friends and neighbors,

Many of you have made summer a beautiful experience here at the Rico Church. Dave Lucas, an affiliate member and a superb musician, has been playing the organ for Worship Services. When he and his wife, Ginny, took a vacation in July, Ginger Hinton took over to accompany our worship singing on the piano, continuing in September after Dave returned to Oklahoma. One Sunday Jim and John Patton played and sang for us. In addition to our new blue Presbyterian hymnals, we now have, thanks to our new blue Presbyterian hymnals, we now have, thanks to our new blue Presbyterian hymnals, we now have, thanks to Gerry Griebel and John Burgeson, a Praise Song Book.

Many visitors have stopped by the church during the summer months, and all have commented on the lovely landscaping. A thank you to all involved, especially to Tommy Smith, our landscape guru, and Ken Hazen who has kept our fast growing grass mowed.

At the July Rico Steering Team meeting, we talked about our vision. We agreed that as well as numerical growth we would like to grow spiritually. We want our church to be a safe sanctuary, a center for community activities and to provide a wide variety of youth activities. We see ourselves someday as a fully organized church.

I see God's hand in our lives together as believers. Marilyn and Gerry Griebel, representing us as short-term missionaries, helped us see ourselves as people supporting the mission of the larger Christian family. When they returned from their medical mission trip, we held a Bolivia Night Potato Dinner on August 15. The Griebels presented an interesting talk, sharing honors with Derek Levy, from our community who lived in Bolivia while he wrote a thesis for his Master's degree in anthropology. 53 Ricoites attended this entertaining and educational fun evening.

Living in the Henn House (manse) this summer has been a wonderful experience. Our front porch is a dropping-by-place for friends and neighbors. We held an open-house breakfast, September 17th, for the community – over 30 attended. Who knows how many angels unaware we entertained (Hebrews 13; 1,2)?

In Christian love and service,

Pastor Carol Burgeson

Our Summer – Fall Musicians Dave Lucas Ginger Hinton



Affiliate Members

Rico enjoys a number of "summer people," folks who love our cool summers but opt for warmer climes in winter. Most call another church "home," but are also interested in the support of this church. In addition to our seven regular members, the following are registered:

Claire Bennett	Telluride, CO
Sam and Barbara Blair	Los Lunos, NM
Key Crane	Naturita, CO
Paul and Margaret Dow	Montrose, CO
Sue Eleison	Cortez, CO
Charles and Betty Foster	Tuma, AZ
Carl and Carol Hanson	Bayfield, CO
Roger and Angie Henn	Ouray, CO
Virginia Hinton	Tuma, AZ
Don and Audrey Keep	Olathe, CO
Dave and Virginia Lucas	Lawton, OK
Paul Moore	Sun City, CA
Neal and Barbara Muldoon	Montrose, CO
Carol Orrel	Cortez, CO
Jim and Charlene Patton	Dolores, CO
John and Charliessen Patton	Cortez, CO
Jim and Janet Paterson	Montrose, CO
Judy Putzier	moving
Joy and Joe Russell	Lawton, OK
Lynn and Alice Sanburg	Eckert, CO
Margareth Stoll	Dearborn Heights, MI
Mary Watkins	Park City, UT
Maxine Webster	Athens, TX

Missions Update

\$500.00 was donated by the church to Presbyterian (PCUSA) relief efforts related to the Katrina disaster. Our prayers are with these people.

We'd love to hear from you. Our addresses are below:

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Please let us know address changes, comments, questions, additions, deletions, etc.

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Youth Activities

On July 29th eight youth and four adults from the church made a trip to the big city of Durango. We swam at Trimble Hot Springs, ate at the Old Tymers Cafe, shopped the mall, and came back to Rico where four of the older youth participated in a "lock in." Thankfully, everyone crashed at 1:00 PM, only to be wakened about 6:30 in the morning as Ken Hazen came in to make breakfast. It was a great experience. Here are a few pictures.



Fifty-three attend "Bolivia Night"



Derek Levy, Marilyn and Dr Gerry Griebel

It was potato dishes all over the church on Monday, August 15th, as the community celebrated the return of the Griebels from their mission trip to Bolivia (where the potato originated). After enjoying each others' culinary achievements, we all settled back to hear the Griebels' description of their trip and Derek's superb slides of his three-year Bolivian residency.



Following the presentations, a number of parents of Rico youth stayed to see the video their talented offspring created at the recent youth lock-in.



Correction. In our last newsletter we had the wrong dates for Helen Baer Cooper. Mrs Cooper attended here from her birth in 1917 until leaving Rico in 1933. Apologies. The Baer family contributed the book "The Baer Facts" to our church. It has many interesting details of the family and this church in the mid 20th century.