

Rico Community Church

September – October 2006 Newsletter

From the Pastor's Desk . . .

Dear Christian friends:

Looking out on our congregation this past Sunday morning reminded me that many of our summer visitors have returned to their winter residences and that we were mostly year-round local Rico folks gathered to worship on a beautiful sunny autumn day. Ginger Hinton has graciously played the organ and piano for worship as she often stays in our area until later in October. Although our group was smaller in number the same friendly atmosphere of love and care for one another prevailed.

School has started once more in Rico. Our enrollment has increased to 19 students with two new teachers. We have added a pre-school class. I am a volunteer music teacher one hour a week which increases my joy in serving the Rico Community. The students are all very attentive and enthusiastic.

For several Sundays in September we have focused our worship experience on the practical themes of patience, listening, inner peace, and being a "Bless you" congregation. This week we will study that perfect gift, "**wisdom**". Our text for these studies is the biblical epistle, James. These studies challenge us to live for Christ and share God's love from a more comprehensive understanding of **Faith at Work**.

On the last Sunday of October (29) we look forward again to the celebration of the Kirken O' the Tartans or Scots away from Scotland (original home of Presbyterians). This is a time of rousing music heard a few decibels louder played by one of our area pipers, the eating of Scottish shortbread, and sharing in an appreciation of those who were and are reformers of the Faith.

Thank you for taking your time to send notes, letters, emails, and verbal statements of encouragement for the Rico Community Church Ministry. Please continue to keep our "wee local congregation" in your prayers through the winter months.

With thanksgiving and joy,

Pastor Carol Burgeson



Notice!
Rico Steering Team Meeting
Sunday, October 15, after service
at the Burgeson's home
to discuss future ministries

Two of our newest Younger Believers

We have two new babies in the congregation this fall. Avery Ireland, being admired by her big sister Sarah -



and Abigail Blair, held by grandpa Sam.



A Summer Worship Service

Jordan O'Hara and three of her charges, Mac Vergari, Jimmy Stone Fallon and Ryan Fallon listen to Pastor Carol during the "Time for Young Believers."



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Youth Night & Sleepover

The last Friday of every month is usually “youth night,” where “youth” is loosely defined as anyone who wants to assert a claim. On July 28th fourteen youth and three adults gathered – first for pizza and a baseball game (see Max batting and Kaitlin catching in the picture below) -



Following the game, the nine youth who had attained at least the 4th grade were invited for a lock in in the church. Here is a picture of C.J., Mac and Wyatt taken about midnight -



Chimes Presentation

Our summer organist, Dave Lucas, exceeded himself this summer by instructing our youth on the chimes. Here they are, ten of them, presenting “Jesus Loves Me” to the congregation



Upcoming Events

Friday-Saturday, September 29-30. Presbytery Meeting in Lake City, Colorado

Sunday Oct 1 **No** 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study
10:30 AM. World Wide Communion
Sunday.. Rev Bill Postler, preaching

Sunday Oct 8. **No** 9:00 Adult Bible Study.
10:30 AM Regular service.
Rev Jim Patton, preaching

Sunday Oct 15. 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study.
10:30 Worship.
Rico Steering Team meeting at the Burgesons following service.

Friday Oct 20 6:30 PM Youth Pizza night at the church

Sunday Oct 29 Kirken O' the Tartans

Rico Peace Garden -- 3rd Year -- September 9th, 2006

This was the third year our friends Steve Snelling and Laurie Adams have coordinated a Rico Peace Garden. Our church had a booth – Gerry and Marilyn Griebel and John Burgeson attended it during the day. We had activities for the children, peace buttons and literature, and sold (at cost) Free Trade coffee, tea and cocoa. This annual all-day event is both non-partisan and non-sectarian.



Other News

We bid a sad goodbye last month to Julie Vergari and her sons, Mac and Lee, who have moved to Montrose. They will be missed. Julie served as our church treasurer for the past two years, a chore that now will be handled by Marlene Hazen and Marilyn Griebel.

On Saturday, September 16th, we held the 2nd annual Henn House Open House; 17 of the community attended. The event was followed by neighbor Fraser Houston's book signing in the library next store.

Pastor Carol and John will be leaving for Texas on September 25th. On Saturday the 30th Carol will officiate at the wedding of their youngest daughter Mary Burgeson and Eric Berkus.