

August 20, 2009



Dear Friends in Christ,

Great shed, huh? I've been learning a lot about construction while Jack has been building it. Stop by to admire it next time you're here – it will be housing the lawn mower soon.

I waited until today to send out this newsletter so that you could hear about last night's Session meeting. But first I want to make sure that all of you who are out of town have heard about the death of Marv and Mary Motz's daughter Natalie from complications following her broken ankle. Our hearts go out to the whole Motz family, including Paul on the loss of his niece.

One way to nurture one another is with fellowship. Please remember **THE CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 23**, in the manse back yard at 12:30 after worship.

Sloppy Joes and lemonade will be provided; bring a dish to share. And yes, it would help if you could bring your own table service. We will have some special guests including **JOAN DIMMITT** and her sister.

After taking a well-earned vacation in July, Session was back at work last night at a specially scheduled and lengthy meeting last night. There is space today only to list some **UPCOMING DATES** based on their actions:

MONDAY, AUGUST 24 – We will have a booth at Adams State's **COLLEGE FAIR!** We will have information about our congregation and flyers recruiting singers for a revived church choir (plans in progress).

By September 13 or so – all of the remaining **DONATED TEXTBOOKS** will have gone to an organization in Denver that will resell them (with a commission to us), ship them for mission use, or recycle them.

Sunday, September 13 – monthly breakfast (for which we still need a host) and **FIRST SUNDAY FOR THE UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP** to join us for breakfast and then hold their worship service at 10:00 in the back portion of Fellowship Hall and their Sunday school on the second floor at the same time.

Sunday, October 6 – **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY** and receipt of the **PEACEMAKING OFFERING** – of which one-fourth will be kept for Session to distribute for local efforts to increase peace within our community.

By then we also hope to have a regular **PIANIST**; Claire will be playing at least until then. And – we're hoping that by then the **BLACKSMITH PAINTING** will be repaired and rehung in Fellowship Hall and the **STAINED GLASS WINDOW**, which Neil Herrera is cleaning and repairing, will be mounted on the back balcony wall.

Friday, October 23 – a workgroup with LaPuente and workers with Habitat will begin building **BUNK BEDS** for future work group use. This is assuming we have been able by then to raise a minimum of \$1500. out of an estimated \$4000. needed for the materials and for commercial mattresses. Session has established a special fund and we'll be having at least one Minute for Mission about this soon.

Saturday, October 24 – Trish Schneider will lead a **BEREAVEMENT WORKSHOP** for us and for the community. After lunch, while Trish works further with Valley clergy, you are invited to help create a **COMMUNION TABLE COVER FOR ALL SAINTS** under the direction of Kay Laws and Phoebe Russell and help plan a special **ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE** for worship on All Saints Day.

Sunday, November 1 – During our special **ALL SAINTS SERVICE** we will remember congregational members, family and friends who have died and celebrate our belief in the communion of saints.

PW is meeting later today to plan the **BAZAAR** for November 19. Then Session has endorsed holding an ecumenical **LESSONS AND CAROLS** service in December (like last year's special carol service here).

In case you weren't in worship last Sunday, here are the scriptures for this coming Sunday:

1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43

Psalm 84

Ephesians 6:10-20

John 6:59-69

In Christ, Katherine