

ALAMOSA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS

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Dear Friends in Christ,

This week's photo is from beyond our congregation. It's of Cynthia (Cindy) Bolbach, an elder from National Capital Presbytery, who was elected Saturday night as Moderator of the 219th General Assembly (2010). Since our PC(USA) General Assemblies now occur only every other year, Ms. Bolbach will be our denomination's Moderator for two years. General Assembly continues meeting all this week in Minneapolis. As always, there are both routine and major topics up for debate. Please hold the GA in your prayers as commissioners seek God's will for our life and work in the PC(USA). GA's logo is at the end of this newsletter. You can see it incorporated into the Moderator's stole in the photo.

Besides praying for GA, please remember to **pray** also for our family and friends, especially Lynette Cotton, Eric, Gerry's brother Gene, John's friends Jennie and Dexter, and Nancy's brother-in-law Dick. Nancy sends her greetings and says that all is well with no change in Dick's condition. Remember this week the people of Guatemala suffering from flooding; workers attempting to cap the oil spill in the Gulf; Israel and the U.S. as their leaders meet; all those looking for work; all those in military service; and AIDS orphans in Africa.

As you turn your attention around the world in prayer, you might also go to www.pcusa.org to read the "God's Mission Matters" April 2010 podcast, "Encountering Jesus with new eyes," from Pueblo Presbytery missionary **The Rev. Karla Koll in Guatemala**. Here's the direct link: <http://www.pcusa.org/resource/gods-mission-matters-april-2010-podcast-open-your-/>. While you're at the website, check out also the posting for **Sara and Rusty in Peru**: <http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/missionconnections/armstrong-sara-and-russell-edmondson/>.

Back here in Alamosa we're about to travel, not for missions but for fun. Here is the verified ticket information for our **church theater trip to Creede**. We have twenty sure reservations, so that means we can get the 20% discount. We also have a few "maybes" and that's okay, as long as you pay now for the "maybes." We can cancel reservations up to a week before the performance as long as we don't go below the total of twenty, but we CANNOT ADD ANYONE TO THE LIST AFTER THE GROUP RESERVATION GOES IN NEXT WEEK. So if you've been debating whether to go or not, please SIGN UP NOW. Ticket prices already include tax. At the discounted rate for our performance they are: **\$21.60 orchestra; \$15.20 balcony; and \$13.60 student ticket** (for ages three through college). Please give Jack Johnson a check for your tickets, made out to Alamosa Presbyterian Church, with "CRT" or "theater trip" on the memo line. (Even though the check is made out to the church, the ticket is not tax-deductible.)

And here's another performance for you – this one is free and comes with popcorn and ice cream cones. **St. Thomas Episcopal Church** (around the corner from our building) invites you to join them **THIS SATURDAY, JULY 10, at 4:00 for a showing of "The Blind Side."** Enjoy fellowship with our neighbor congregation and a movie on top of it.

Also coming up: the **Rededication and Open House for San Rafael Presbyterian Church in Mogote**. Events go on all day on Sunday, July 25. I can't be there but I hope you will go down after our own worship service to tour the renovated building and enjoy the lunch, hymn sing, and cake and punch. Please call Margie Medina to let her know you're coming so that she has an accurate count for lunch: 719-376-2418.

Our Handbell Choir is now on vacation for a month. Have you enjoyed their music? Members are: Nancy Seefeldt, Jack and Sarah Johnson, Jill and Noel Herrera, John Halvorson, Eric Griffis, and Sharon and Dave Furukawa. Courtney Furukawa joined us for July 4 and Justin Johnson was with us earlier in the year. I really enjoy directing the Choir – and would love to have you join us when we resume practices in mid-August.

Here's a closing question for you this week. **ARE YOU GETTING THIS NEWSLETTER IN THE U.S. MAIL? AND DO YOU HAVE E-MAIL?** This newsletter began as an electronic one, and we added snail mail copies for people who didn't have internet service. Along the way, we've probably been mailing paper copies to some of you who could be getting the newsletter via the internet. Right now we're mailing out about 45 paper copies a week at 1st class postal rates, with another 10 copies or so on a monthly basis. If you could receive the newsletter electronically, please send your e-mail address to the church at: alamosapresby@yahoo.com. We'll save money and you'll get the newsletter a day or more sooner. **THANK YOU!**

In Christ, Katherine

