ALAMOSA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS

June 24, 2010

Dear Friends in Christ,

This week's newsletter highlights some upcoming events. For those of you reading this today via e-mail, remember **tonight**'s spaghetti dinner fundraiser for Tim Dellett's annual bike trek for Habitat -- 5:30-7:30 pm at the Community Room at Hospice, 514 Main Street in Alamosa (just next to Rainbows End). Then **this Saturday** is Habitat's next ReStore, 9am-noon. And **Sunday** Eric and I are leaving after worship for the Sacred Harp sing in Pueblo. It's not too late for you to join us; just let me know you want to go.

On July 9, 4:30 – 6:30 pm, you are invited to an artists' reception for the "Missions of the Upper Rio Grande" exhibit at the ASC Community Partnerships building (corner of Main Street and Edgemont Blvd in Alamosa, CO). The reception includes a presentation by Father Derrek Scott of Sacred Heart on the relationship between the Parishes and Missions in the San Luis Valley, as well as the history of the missions. This event and the exhibit are open and at no cost to the public. Refreshments will be served. Call 719-587-8227 for more information.

Of course **Sunday, July 18**, is our service at the **Sand Dunes**. Afterwards Eric and I will be leaving for a week's **vacation** to visit our older son, Matthew, and my parents.

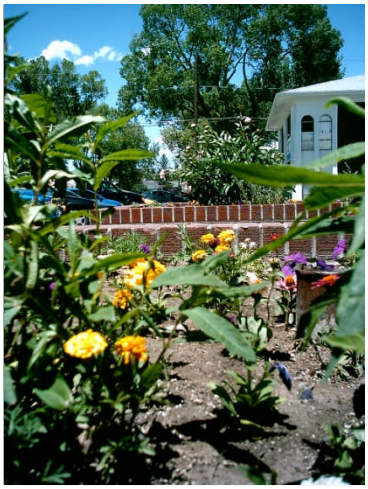
Would you be interested in an **APC trip to the Creede Repertory Theatre** to see *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*? Nancy had suggested we might do this as a church outing, and it sounds like fun. Matinee tickets are $19 in the balcony and $27 in the orchestra; for a group of 10-19 there is a 15% discount, which would make the tickets $16.16 for the balcony and $22.95 for orchestra seats. (If we could put together a group of 20 or more, there would be a 20% discount.) The first three matinee dates in July probably wouldn't work, but here are three dates we might consider. All are for 2:30 pm.

Probably the best date:	Sunday, August 1	Alternative dates:	Wednesday, July 28
			Saturday, August 21.

There will be a **sign-up sheet in the narthex** this Sunday for you to indicate your interest. Let's see how many people we can get together!

Two events that have been on my mind and are finally on my calendar for August: On **Friday, August 13**, Sr. Johnette Sawyer and I will host the first of what I hope will be monthly **Taize** worship services here in town. I'll tell you more about them as the time comes closer; if any of you have ever attended the weekly Taize services Johnette does during Lent at Sacred Heart, let me know. And, on **Sunday afternoon, August 29 and Monday evening, August 30, Sacred Harp** singing will be coming to the Valley. Pete Mathewson of La Junta will present at workshop, probably at Adams State, on Sunday afternoon followed by a regular monthly "sing," probably here at our church, on Monday evening.

Charlie Goff recently sent the minutes from May's **Blister Fellowship** Steering Committee meeting. Here are three upcoming events for **this fall** in Charlie's words. (You can read the entire set of minutes on the narthex bulletin board.)

- We will ask Sam Vance and Luis Escobedo to organize a Community Firewood Cutting Mission at three different locations in the SLV (Alamosa/La Jara/Antonito area; Monte Vista/Del Norte area; and San Pablo area (probably at the church). This will likely be a one-day event for the entire cluster sometime in late summer or in the fall.
- A Cluster-wide fellowship, perhaps music sharing, will be chaired by Henry Hanna and Katherine Griffis. This will probably be held centrally in Alamosa, perhaps September 11th or 25th.
- An Energy Efficiency Exploratory Committee (EEEC?) composed of one or more persons from each congregation in the San Luis Valley/Salida Cluster will explore energy/financial savings in the operation of all of our churches. This will be a longer term group, which Charlie Goff will initially chair.

In Christ, Katherine