



ALAMOSA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS

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Dear Friends in Christ,

This week's edition of our newsletter brings two changes. I'm working on a banner for the top – What do you think of this for a start? John may not want to be our official “poster boy” but his grin in this photo is just too good not to use again.

Second, this week the newsletter is going to an expanded mailing list – all Active Members and everyone in the out-of-town section of our congregational phone directory, along with assorted other people who have asked to receive it. I hope those of you getting this for the first time will want to keep on hearing the church news. If you do and if you have e-mail, please send us word at: alamosapresby@yahoo.com. We'll send you future editions via e-mail. Of course, if you'd rather not hear from us, send us an e-mail to that effect or drop us a note: Alamosa Presbyterian Church, P. O. Box 111, Alamosa, CO 81101 or call the church: 719-589-4384.

Our spring break work groups are coming thick and fast. Last week's group has left and this week's group, from Oklahoma State, is here and working hard on the Habitat house. Jack made the trip to Pueblo on Tuesday and got the remaining mattresses for the bunk beds, so we're now ready for the larger groups that will be arriving soon. Jack also put in a good bit of time this week on the leaky water fountain in the Sunday school wing. He had to get the City to shut off water to the whole building for awhile so that he could install a shut-off valve on it, prior to replacing it altogether.

Strong People Strong Bones continues on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 8:30 (but not this Friday) and the original group members (known among themselves as The Dumbbells) have graduated from lighter to heavier weights. That means there is plenty of opportunity for you to begin exercising with us. So far Sarah still has dibs on the purple weights, though. Come see the pastor run for the phone while wearing ankle weights.

Tuesday mornings the History Sorters are still sorting and sifting away. Phoebe has been organizing our many photos. Sarah is still cataloguing the library. And Sharon and Katherine are plugging away at verifying and updating the church Register. The Handbell Choir is meeting on Tuesday evenings for now and we welcomed our newest and youngest member this week when Justin joined us. Justin is also our shortest member, but don't count on that lasting for long.

Wednesdays at noon I've been taking conversational Spanish at the SLV Immigrant Resources Center. This week was the last in the winter term; registrations are now being accepted for the spring term to begin the week after Easter. The flyer on the narthex bulletin board has more information if you'd like to improve your own Spanish skills. Also on Wednesdays but in the evenings, the weekly Lenten study, *Seven Spiritual Gifts of Waiting*, based on Holly Whitcomb's book of the same name, has been a lovely time of worship and reflection for the last several weeks. We won't be meeting next week but we'll have our final gathering on the Wednesday of Holy Week, March 31.

If you're getting this newsletter in a paper copy, you're probably getting the photo at the top in black and white. That's because I'm printing this week's copies at Kinko's in Colorado Springs. As many of you know, Eric is in the Springs for some medical care and I'm always glad when I can make it up to be with him for a day or two. Snow is moving in, but I'm counting on better weather to get me safely over the Pass and back to be with you on Sunday morning. See you then!

In Christ, Katherine (The Rev. Katherine B. Griffis, Interim Pastor)

PS Session: Yes, we are meeting this coming Monday, March 22.

PPS **SPECIAL MUSIC THIS SUNDAY – DON'T MISS IT.**