



ALAMOSA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS

Dear Friends in Christ,

This week's newsletter has three items.

FIRST – PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP BEGINS AT 10:30 IN OUR SANCTUARY. We will be doing the Service of the Palms indoors this year while Sacred Heart does their own service indoors also in their gym.

SECOND – This week past was full of deaths and illness in the Valley and among our friends and family. Please **KEEP IN PRAYER** all of the families who lost loved ones on La Veta Pass, on Hwy 160, and in the snow. Please also keep in prayer Kathi's daughter Michelle and great-grandson Lucas, both ill.

THIRD – HAVE YOU EVER PICTURED OUR CONGREGATION AT ITS IDEAL BEST? IMAGINE THAT OUR CONGREGATION WAS TOUCHED BY A FAIRY GODMOTHER'S WAND. HERE'S SESSION'S IDEA OF WHAT WE WOULD LOOK LIKE. HOW WOULD YOU CHANGE THIS PICTURE?

“Provocative Proposals”*

(An Imagined Portrait of Our Congregation as We Most Want It to Be)

Our church has renewed vigor with a growing congregation.

- We have a fully active and supported music program.
- We have an active choir, bell choir and special musical groups.
- We have a Sunday School with children from nursery age into their teens.
- We have an active youth group with youth leadership.
- We have an active adult education program with Sunday and weekday activities.
- We are building on our bi-cultural church heritage and are finding new ways to include Anglos, Hispanics and other ethnic and racial groups.
- We have a depth of volunteer leadership and laypersons to help coordinate the various church activities.
- We welcome those who seek to question their own beliefs and the teachings of other theologies (including those we hold to be true).

Our financial status has been assured.

- Through donations from an active membership as well as endowments, the church's overhead costs are secure.
- We have a fully-funded bilingual Secretary/Office Manager to assist the Pastor(s).
- We have the financial strength to provide for local, national and international missions of the congregation's choosing.

We are an active force for outreach into the community.

- We host other denominations in our facilities and provide a home for the local Head Start program.
- We support ecumenical worship and activities such as the (multi-church sponsored) Vacation Bible School, church camps, etc.
- We work with other Presbyterian Churches of the “Blister Fellowship” to support improvement of church and community infrastructure.
- Our support of workgroups allows us to coordinate with other churches and non-profits for the benefit of the community.
- Our new kitchen and other recent physical plant improvements support our outreach activities.
- We work closely with Adams State and NGOs to coordinate community service projects.

* Term “Provocative Proposals” is from *Memories, Hopes, and Conversations* by Mark Lau Branson.

Remember, this isn't a picture of where we are now (although some of it is already true). It's a first draft of how Session sees us being truest to ourselves and to Christ's call. Please tell Session members what you would alter to make this picture reflect your excitement and hopes for the congregation as well. In Christ, Katherine