



November 12, 2009

Dear Friends in Christ,

Calling all of you VETERANS – I meant to recognize you in worship last Sunday and forgot. So – we’ll do it up proud this coming Sunday. **How about wearing your uniform?**

If you haven’t yet been upstairs to see the **bunk beds**, maybe these photos will tempt you. Ask Bob how heavy they are (and how much we missed Gena’s help moving the last of them). Volunteers are still needed to do a bit more sanding and put on the second coat of polyurethane. Then we’ll add the plywood on top of the slats. It

looks as though there’s some money left toward the mattresses; once all the figures are in, we’ll see how many we can order toward the twenty-four we need.

As I give thanks for all of the gifts of money and labor that made the beds possible, I’m also thinking about our **Congregational Thanksgiving** coming up on November 22. Check out the pictures in the narthex from our past and be making up your list of things and people in our congregation’s past and present for which you want to give thanks. Then on **Thanksgiving Day**, November 26, **La Puente Shelter** celebrates its Thanksgiving Feast beginning at noon. Please **call Sarah** at 587-3499 if you could volunteer to cook, serve or set up.



Still speaking of November 22, the congregational meeting to elect officers has been rescheduled for December 6. (Look for the official notice beginning next week.) We will, though, be **decorating the church** for Advent and Christmas after worship on November 22, with chili lunch to follow. The Christmas closet is the only place in the building I haven’t yet investigated, and I can hardly wait! Jack called just now as I was writing this about getting the trees cut on the 20th, so I know we’ll have some beautiful ones.



Of course, even before the 22<sup>nd</sup> we have a big week coming up. **NEXT THURSDAY** the 19<sup>th</sup> IS THE BAZAAR. **ARE YOU READY?** That afternoon, if you can get away for a bit, you are invited to stop in at **Milagros** from 1 to 3 for a special coffee-tasting with Alamosa poet Sandy Albee Lacy. And that evening is the second meeting of **Overcomers Anonymous**, our new support group for co-dependents. (Note that OA is meeting on Thursdays rather than Tuesdays.)

On Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> next week, **Phoebe and Jocelyn Russell** have the opening reception (4-9 at the Inn of the Rio Grande) for their Mother/Daughter Art Exhibit. Show hours are Saturday noon to 7 and Sunday 10-4. Thanks to Ellen, who gave me the **birthday calendar**, I also happen to know that Friday is Phoebe’s birthday.

Other November birthdays: Bill Chase on November 3, Pauline Moore on November 6, John Halvorson on November 23, and Margie Medina on November 30. Did I miss your own special day? Let me know so that I can add you to the list. Happy Birthday to all of you November babies.

**CAN AND TAB RECYCLING:** We have the **Habitat box for cans in the kitchen and a baggy for tabs in the narthex.** How about making the **fourth Sunday (Communion Sunday) each month our day for bringing in cans and tabs?**

**Scriptures** for this coming Sunday:

- 1 Samuel 1:4-20
- 1 Samuel 2:1-10
- Hebrews 10:11-25
- Mark 13:1-8

In Christ, Katherine (geraniums next week?)

