November 20, 2009

Dear Friends in Christ,

I thought I'd get this out to you all on Wednesday as a last-minute **bazaar** reminder, but there was too much going on. I hope you all made it – and in case you didn't, talk with the "bazaar ladies" about the few items left over. As it is, there were so many people here yesterday I don't know how many more could have fit through the door. CONGRATULATIONS, PW!!! It will take at least two weeks to feature bazaar pictures. Those today are just from the set-up -- look for photos of the bazaar in progress next week.

For those of you who missed the bazaar, or those of you working at it all day, you might want to know that **First Christian Church** has their own **bazaar tomorrow**, November 21, 8-3. Also tomorrow: **"The Science of Gratitude,"** 10-noon at Adams State School of Business, Room 142. There is a $10 charge for this "gratitude" workshop. Call 937-2840 for more information. Of course tomorrow is also a day to **pick up your pecans** if necessary; you can also get them next Tuesday.

Also TODAY AND THIS WEEKEND – **Phoebe and Jocelyn Russell**'s annual Mother/Daughter Art Show at the Inn of the Rio Grande. The Opening Reception is today, 4-9 pm; show hours are Saturday 12-7 and Sunday 10-4. Don't miss **church this Sunday**, though, as we have our TIME OF GIVING AND REJOICING FOR THIS CONGREGATION'S LIFE – along with church decorating and chili afterwards! Also this Sunday – our first Book of the Week. You can sign it out if you get to it in time.

At the Art Show you can wish Phoebe a happy birthday. Please also keep in **prayer** her brother, Gerry, who is not expected to live much longer. Pray also for strength and endurance for Marv as he faces a new health concern. Don't forget our veterans and our men and women currently serving in the Armed Forces. And remember to give thanks – and pray for continued healing – for John and Ellen's dear Katie, who continues to make remarkable progress but still has a long way to go.

As a reminder, La Puente Shelter is having its Thanksgiving Feast at noon on Thanksgiving Day. YOU, your friends and family are all invited. Come and eat – and/or come help with set-up, cooking or serving. The Shelter still needs cooked turkeys, mashed potatoes, pies and stuffing. Call Sarah or Landry at 587-3499 to help.

Okay, Communion isn't on the fourth Sunday, it's on the LAST Sunday of the month. So if you're interested, bring your aluminum cans and tabs on **November 29** for **recycling**. Then **December 6 is our congregational meeting** for elections.

The planters in front of the church will look pretty special after decorating Sunday, as they do also in the summer. Now picture the long covered walkway along the middle section of the church. Picture it again with large urns of flowers, one under each arch. In my mind's eye I see (you guessed it) red **geraniums**. The western sun might be too much for them, though. What do you think? Would colorful flowers be a good addition in that location? Would geraniums be right? Do you think we could plant something to have color there all year 'round? As you know if you've ever looked for a parking space in front of the church on a weekday, there are a lot of people who see the front of our building every day. Do you have another suggestion for making our outside look as full of life as our inside? There, I finally fit it in!

Scriptures for Sunday:	2 Samuel 23:1-7	Revelation 1:4b-8
	Psalm 132	John 18:33-37

In Christ, Katherine