



November 5, 2009

Dear Friends in Christ,

Were you there Sunday? In case you missed it, the ribbons have the names of people who have died and are especially dear to those who were in worship that day (and Betty May's name also). The scroll at the bottom bears the names of all members of Alamosa Presbyterian Church who have died since the merged congregation began in 1966. I didn't have the sense to take a picture of the completed art project before it was disassembled, but there are copies left of Kay's commentary on it for those who are interested. It was built around the baptismal font and provided the focal point for our celebration of the communion of saints. (Yes, it did include the flowered skirt in last week's photo.)

All Saints was the pivot from last month's focus on bereavement and grieving to this month's focus on thanksgiving. In worship on **November 22** we will be naming the qualities, events, and people for which (and

whom) you are thankful in the past life of Alamosa Presbyterian Church and its predecessors, First and Second/Emmanuel. We'll also be naming those things in our congregation's present for which we are thankful. Don't wait until November 22 to start thinking about it – begin your list now!

Looking ahead more immediately, here are some last minute reminders:

TOMORROW – CHURCH WOMEN UNITED'S WORLD COMMUNITY DAY, 1 PM AT SACRED HEART.

SATURDAY – “Unplug the Christmas Machine” is at Adams State in the morning. Then the ASC Community **Orchestra concert** is at 7:30 pm in Leon. The program includes Beethoven, Mozart and Grieg, and you'll find me in the second violins if you care to come.

SUNDAY – BREAKFAST AT 9:30, HOSTED BY “L-Z.” THE UU'S WILL BE WITH US. SLV Federal Bank designation cards are in the narthex for those who are interested.

MONDAY – SESSION IS AT 7 PM.

TUESDAY – TRUSTEES MEET AT 6:30 PM.

Also tomorrow a crew is **MOVING THE BUNK BEDS** into the church in the morning. The beds and ladders are stained and have their first coat of polyurethane; most of them still need a light sanding and the second coat of polyurethane, but we'll work on that here. **TAKE A LOOK AT THEM SUNDAY MORNING!** By the way – some of the moving crew will be at **STRONG BONES** first – **NEW EXERCISERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.**

And – tomorrow afternoon (2-8 pm, after the World Community Day) and Saturday (9-3) I'll be at a workshop on Nonviolent Communication sponsored by ASC Community Partnerships and the Center for Restorative Programs. I'll probably have my cell phone on “vibrate,” but I'll check for messages on the breaks.

Beginning next Tuesday, we will host a weekly **support group on co-dependency** here at the church. Meetings are Tuesdays 5-6 pm in our Library. Call Nancy at 589-2930 for more information. I'm grateful we have the privilege of providing space for such an important ministry.

Wilma was in today checking out the pecans. Don't forget about the **Bazaar** – it's almost here. The **sign-up sheet** is in the narthex for chili and soup; remember that other contributions are always welcome, and vital for an exciting day on November 19. Baked goods will also be needed the day of the bazaar. Questions? Call Ellen at 589-4240 or Jill at 589-3410.

Will I ever talk about monthly can recycling and geraniums for next spring? I'll try again next week.

Scriptures for Sunday: Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 Hebrews 9:24-28
Psalm 127 Mark 12:38-44

In Christ, Katherine