

October 16, 2009



Dear Friends in Christ,

“Grief and Loss in the Worshipping Community.” Some people don’t even want to think about the topic. Others would love to, but have some obstacle in the way of coming to our **BEREAVEMENT WORKSHOP** on Saturday, October 24. Which group are you in? Although this is open to members of churches and faith communities throughout the Valley, the workshop was planned primarily with YOU in mind. We need to order enough lunches, which is why we’re asking for registrations. So please let me know you want to come by signing up! If cost is the obstacle for you, please sign up anyway – there are scholarships available.

(That goes for those of you who’ve already signed up at the full price as well.)

The church calendar is getting full. This coming Sunday, October 18, is Domestic Violence Awareness Sunday. There is nothing special planned in the worship service, but I’ll be wearing a purple ribbon; both Tu Casa and the Colorado Council of Churches have written to us about the day. This is a cause dear to my heart; ask me some time about Denis’s Eagle Scout project creating a Silent Witness display. The “Strong People Strong Bones” exercise class is going strong, and our “history sorters” have been collecting information from brass plaques around the church. **QUESTION FOR THE WEEK:** Who carved the ornamentation on the Communion table? (The answer is on the plaque – you get bonus points if you can tell me anything about the carver.) Next weekend is not only our grief workshop and All Saints art project; we will also be having a work group here to **BUILD THE BUNK BEDS!!!** I got to see a prototype bed yesterday – looks good! Then that Sunday is Reformation Sunday (and Communion) and that afternoon I assist with the women’s Bible study at the county jail for the first time – Dave Baker was in the other day to take the photo for my I.D. badge.

Coming up, of course, is our celebration of **ALL SAINTS** on Sunday, November 1. Then on Thursday, November 19 is the **78TH ANNUAL BAZAAR**. Please consider helping by making chili, soup or pies for the luncheon. Baked goods will also be needed the day of the bazaar. Ellen (589-4240) or Jill (589-3410) can answer your questions. Peeking ahead, we will have a special **THANKSGIVING** time during worship on November 22, followed by decorating the church for Advent and a chili lunch.

Speaking of giving **thanks**, stop by to see the new green curtains in the choir room. Thank you, Alma and Nancy! Thanks to the UUs for last Sunday’s delicious breakfast. Thanks to Pricilla Hill, Pueblo Presbytery’s Stated Clerk, for the Clerk of Session training she did here for Valley congregations earlier this week. And thanks to our Session, who waded through a tremendous amount of business at last Monday’s meeting, and to Charlie Goff, who came from Salida to meet with us. Thank you, also, dedicated women of PW, who continue to meet so faithfully and to serve this congregation and the mission of the larger church. We had a lively meeting Thursday in the church library.

Do you have any **children or teens** coming through your house? High school students are invited to the Presbytery’s High School Retreat November 13-15. Kids are invited to College Heights Baptist’s Fall Festival Halloween alternative Saturday, October 31 from 4:00 to 6:30 with hay rides, games and prizes. Children 10 and under get free registration for the Food Bank Network’s 5K Monster Mash Dash, also on October 31. (All ages are eligible for the Dash.) And your children especially might enjoy the upcoming concert at College Heights by the Watoto Children’s Choir of Uganda, next Wednesday, October 21, at 7:00 pm.

Here’s a last-minute call for anyone interested in an upcoming Presbyterian **Cursillo** (now Pilgrimage) weekend, October 22-25, in the Colorado Springs area. And that catches you up on most of the church mail; look for information next week on how churches can help protect members from H1N1 Flu.

Scriptures for Sunday: Job 38:1-7 and 34-41 Hebrews 5:1-10
 Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c Mark 10:35-45

In Christ, Katherine