



ALAMOSA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS

September 1, 2010

Dear Friends in Christ,

News about **people** first – and some more pictures from our Creede trip.

We have received the following note from **Sally Gonzalez**:

“Thank you to all my church friends for the caring calls and visits and the comforting condolence cards that I received during the passing of my grandson Christian and my son Larry.”

Sally also provided updates on some of our homebound friends. **Helen Cordova** does not always receive her mail and can hardly hold the phone receiver any more. Please remember her in your **prayers**. Sally says that **Susan Valdez** is also quite ill; she celebrated her ninety-first birthday recently. Among other prayer concerns, please remember especially **Curt Furukawa** and his family as he faces deployment to Afghanistan. Sharon, bring in a picture and we'll put it on the map in the hall as the time comes closer. One more prayer concern: **Pete and Susie Mathewson**, with us in worship Sunday and here for Pete to lead the Sacred Harp workshop, were hit by a drunk driver Sunday night on their way back to Lathrop State Park where they were camping. Their truck was badly damaged; they themselves were unhurt but very shaken when I saw them Monday morning. Monday evening's portion of the workshop was cancelled as a result. (See below for the next Sacred Harp opportunity.)

Our **building** is looking gorgeous after last weekend's two work days. John and Ellen Halvorson, Noel Herrera, Sharon and Dave Furukawa, Katherine and Eric Griffis, Jan Oen and Don Thompson, Ray from the UUs, Alissa from La Puente, and five members of the Wilkesboro, North Carolina work group staying here all labored to clean carpets, paint walls, finish the front doors, repair the sanctuary floor, and clean the kitchen and other rooms. Ellen, Jan and Sharon kept us fed while we worked. John and Ellen were in again Tuesday for more painting and floor cleaning.

The **September calendar** is coming with this newsletter. Note that the **Handbell Choir** is up and ringing again on Thursdays. The next ecumenical **Taizé** service is Friday, September 10 at Sacred Heart. And the first monthly **Sacred Harp** “sing,” building on last weekend's workshop, will be Sunday, September 12, 6:00 – 8:00 pm in our narthex.

Another September date to note: September 21 will be the **first anniversary** for our **Strong People Strong Bones** exercise group. Since that's a Tuesday this year, we'll do something to celebrate in class on Monday, September 20. Current members – let's plan. Everyone else – why not celebrate by joining us? Special anniversary rates are in effect! (Actually, the class is free – and anyone from the community is welcome, so please get out the word.)

Upcoming events **from our mailbox**: the Alamosa **Senior Citizens Center** is offering breakfast this coming Saturday, September 4, from 7 to 11 am as part of the Early Iron Festival. The price of \$5.00 will get you biscuits and sausage gravy, scrambled eggs, milk, coffee and juice. **Autumn@Adams** brings a wealth of special events to Adams State September 13 to the 18th. The **ASC Cares Volunteer Fair** is on September 29. SLV non-profits (that could include us?) are invited onto campus to represent their agency and recruit for volunteers. And The **ASC Cares Day** Community Plunge is October 2. Nonprofits are invited to submit project proposals for students, faculty and staff to tackle that day.

Other opportunities: the **liturgist** sign-up sheet in the narthex is waiting for your name. Training is available – just ask. CCI Cultural Exchange is still looking for **host families** for international students. AND – if you know a teenager who might be interested in the Presbytery's **High School Retreat** this fall, see Katherine for information.

A final note **about this newsletter** itself. It was begun as a weekly update for those of you who are involved in activities here at the church. Some of you who are connected but not especially active probably don't need to hear from the church every week and may even find it annoying. If you are in that category, you'll find a notice with this mailing letting you know that from now on you'll be receiving a month's worth of newsletters at a time, as do those of you who are out of town. If you'd prefer to go on receiving the newsletter weekly, just let me know and it will keep coming your way. (Is that what Dorothy and Wilma are reading so carefully in this photo?)

In Christ, Katherine

