



Newsletter

Mancos United Methodist Church

#5 Aug 2009 – Sept 2009

One of the duties of the Pastor/Parish committee is to make an annual evaluation of the pastor as well as the church. It's quite thorough and similar to having an annual physical, taking the pulse of the church and examining its activities.

The questions cover worship, nurture/education, service, evangelism, stewardship, and administration. It's good to take stock of where we are, consider areas to improve, and re-evaluate our goals.

Our mission statement and goal is to "Grow where we are gifted." That's a good question for each of us to ask ourselves, "Am I developing my God-given talents?"

On a recent Sunday, Pastor Craig asked the question, "Why do you come to church?" I wish I had recorded all the answers! Some were "It's a sanctuary of peace and love;; to be with the fellowship of believers; to be inspired to face the week ahead; love is spoken here; for the experience of corporate worship - prayer, sermon, music; here there is a genuine concern for each other and the welfare of the community; to be invigorated to try harder to be a better person."

I thought these responses indicated a healthy church, built on a foundation of love and service.

We are pleased to report that Pastor Craig and his family are happy to serve us another year. Our evaluation of the church showed high scores - but there is always room for improvement!

Mary Ann Ott, chair

Members of P/R committee: Dorothy Reno, Betty Alexander, Keith Nelson, Jean Bader, Sue Ryter, Amy Wise

SUNDAY, AUG 2
THURS-SUNDAY 6TH-9TH
WEDNESDAY, 12TH
SATURDAY, 15TH
SUNDAY, 30TH

Music in the Mountains
Women's Walk to Emmaus
Community Dinner
Brass Band Festival in Silverton
Church Service at Transfer

PRAYER CONCERNS (AS OF THE LAST BULLETIN)

Dave Reigler

Connie Seader

Leroy Espinoza

Patrick Kennedy
Nelly Schwab

Ed Knight
Linda Starliper
Phyllis Johnson

Charlie & Dorothy Reno
Lloyd McNeil

Recipe from Nancy

Peach & Raspberry Parfaits

- 2 medium sized peaches, rinsed and pitted
- 1 container raspberries, rinsed and gently patted dry
- 2 teaspoons of sugar
- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 envelope dry whipped topping mix (such as Dream Whip)
- ½ cup 2% milk
- 1 container (6 ounces) vanilla yogurt
- 8 shortbread cookies (such as Lorna Doone)

Mint to garnish (optional)

Cut 1 ½ peaches into ½ inch pieces; reserve the remaining half for snacking, set aside 4 peach pieces and 4 raspberries for garnish. In a medium sized bowl gently stir together remaining peach pieces, remaining raspberries, sugar and vanilla. Let stand 5 minutes.

In a large bowl, combine whipped topping mix and milk. Beat on low speed for 1 minute, then increase speed to high and beat for 4 minutes until fluffy and stiff (makes about 2 cups), fold 1 ½ cups of the whipped topping into yogurt in a small bowl (reserve remaining ½ cup topping)

Begin by layering, place about 1/4 cup in the bottom of 4 glasses. Top each with ¼ cup of yogurt mixture. Crumble one cookie into each glass. Repeat layering ending with cookies. Dollop reserved whipped topping over parfaits, about 2 tablespoons for each. Garnish with reserved fruit and mint if desired.

PER SERVING 222 calories, 5 g fat (1 g sat.); 4 g protein, 40 g carbs;
3 g fiber, 106 mg sodium; 8 mg cholesterol

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Aug

2 - Betty Rogers
4- Kerisha Hawkins
5 - Sharon Spinney
6 - Martha Lochle
6 - Marge Garrett
8 - Brad Macurda
11 - Rosalind Buffaloe
11 - Logan Hawkins
14 - Brad & Maggie Goodell (anniv)
15 - Jay & Sharon spinney (anniv)
17 - Wesley Ott
21 - Noma Macurda
21 - Mike & Manda Guillette (anniv)
22 - Rodney Cox
23 - Howard & Gloria Thomas (anniv)
27 - Nancy & Dick Saletzki (anniv)
30 - Charlie & Dorothy Reno (anniv)
31 - Brad Goodell

Sept

3 - Dick Saletzki
6 - Morgan Darden
7 - Margaret Bristol
11 - Manda Guillette
12 - Boe Hawkins
15 - Wyatt Goodell
20 - Dave Stevick
23 - Connie Goodell
26 - Dan Corcoran
27 - Matthew Richard

Deadline for the next Newsletter is Sept 21. Articles for the Newsletter and e-mail changes should be given to Connie or sent to Dick Saletzki at rdsnkb@aol.com

THANK YOU PAGE

To Pastor Craig and Jennifer for doing the children's program. Also to those who drove, provided food and helped with the various activities.

To the gardeners and waterers who keep the Church grounds looking so beautiful.

To all who did the work on the bathroom doors and painted the bathrooms, kitchen and hall.

To all the Sunday school teachers. Angels in the Wings coordinators and volunteers. To all of the musicians, worship leaders and the newsletter publisher.



THIS IS PART OF THE GROUP THAT WENT ON CONNIE'S TRIP TO MONUMENT VALLEY.

WE NEED TO THANK CONNIE FOR ALL OF HER WORK IN SETTING UP ALL OF THE CHURCH TRIPS. THESE THINGS DON'T HAPPEN WITHOUT A LOT OF EFFORT ON HER PART.

TRIP TO CREEDE AS REPORTED BY NOMA

Our trip consisted of a stop in Pagosa Springs, where we took a group photo on the overlook to Wolf Creek Pass. (see next page) We stopped in South Fork at the Visitors Center for lunch, visited with some of the Nelsons' friends camped there, and then proceeded to Creede. Our lodging was cabins at Cottonwood Park Lodge along the Rio Grande River, about 6 miles south of Creede. We went into the town to visit some of the shops and go site seeing, while some of the men chose to nap. We had dinner at the Creede Hotel Restaurant next to the Repertory Theatre, where we saw the play "Swiss Family Robinson". The day seemed to be enjoyed by all. The next morning we had a lovely buffet breakfast furnished by the lodge. The van then headed back to Mancos. The Macurdas and Nelsons took the circular road trip into the mine area called Bachelor Loop Road. It was a very scenic drive looking down into the town of Creede, of the surrounding mountains, and the remains of the old railroad and mining camps in the area.



Pictures from recent Church activities.