



Community of Grace Presbyterian Church

In the life of our church...

...for the week of November 29, 2009.

Seeing as God sees, and making a difference

in the lives of those in need.

All Church

Thank you for your generous response to this year's stewardship campaign. So far we have received 94 pledges totaling \$297,560.00. While some families have had to cut back their giving due to economic or other conditions and some other families have relocated (and this is having a real impact on our 2010 budget), the 94 pledges received represent an increase of \$27,846 from the giving by the same families in 2009.

We still hope and expect to receive pledges from a few remaining families before Session finalizes the 2010 budget. If you wish to make a pledge, please contact me at timfluetsch@xmission.com or 801-733-6111 or deposit a pledge card in the worship offering plate on Sunday. The 2010 budget will be very tight. The reduced pledges and relocated families will have a material impact on the budget. Also, in 2009 we had a pastor for only 8 months. Whereas we expect to have a pastor throughout the year in 2010.

Again, thank you for blessing our community with your financial support.

Tim Fluetsch, Treasurer

No Sunday School – Sunday November 29th (Thanksgiving Day Weekend)

Christmas Season Baptisms. Baptism for infants, children, youth and adults can be arranged at any appropriate time following adequate preparation. However, the Christmas season seems particularly appropriate and also tends to provide more opportunity for visiting family and friends to join in this celebration of God's grace and bonding with the Family of God. We will be offering baptism on two Sundays. A baptism is scheduled for the early service on December 6, and the additional Sunday date will be determined by the needs of the individuals and families involved. There will be some pre-baptism preparation/discussion time needed and we need to plan/schedule for that. So, please email Pastor Bill at bill@cogpc.org by Sunday, November 22nd to let him know you'd like to talk about the possibility of a December baptism. Please place in the subject line of the email "Baptism".

Office Upgrade – Savings of more than \$20/month: After months of searching and negotiating, our office recently upgraded our old black & white copier to a new color copier. We will be eliminating our other printers and utilizing this multi-functional copier, printer, and scanner as a complete workstation. New codes have been uploaded and assigned to various usage groups. Further information for training will be forthcoming. Watch your email for training times.

Hanging of the Greens Families – Lunch and decoration assignments will be available in Room 9 (south side of the gym) following the 11:00 worship service.

Monthly Church Event Calendar – Copies of our monthly calendar and other special event information is available at the **Welcome Desk**.

Fall worship includes an 8:30 contemporary service and 11:00 am traditional service.

Children

Birthday Party for Jesus – Welcome to Bethlehem! Sunday December 20 (9:45-10:45) Community of Grace Children and youth will be celebrating Jesus' birthday in the gym during the Sunday school hour. Neighbors and friends are definitely welcome to join in the fun activities and enjoy the food; come celebrate Jesus' birthday!

NEW MEMBER CLASS:

Kathy Jones was born and raised in St. Petersburg, Florida and has lived here for 22 years. She is single and shares her home with her mom, Joanne, her dog, Tucker and cat, Holstein. Kathy loves all outdoor activities but her biggest passion is whitewater rafting. She has her own raft and spends a lot of time every summer on river trips. She would love to do a Grand Canyon river trip someday. She is also an avid scrapbooker. Kathy has been a pediatric nurse for 29 years and works at Primary Children's Medical Center. She lives nearby the church and visited when she started looking for a church about 2 years ago. She was raised in the Southern Baptist Church but has found the Presbyterian Church, and COG in particular, to be a perfect fit for her. She really enjoys the fellowship and service opportunities. Welcome, Kathy!

Adult

Alpha Class (9:45-10:45) All adults are welcome to participate in this course designed to bring you into a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. This class will begin with a video presentation in Room 1AB followed by small group breakouts for discussion.

PW

NO PW Martha Craft Circle on Tues November 24

Plan to attend the annual PW Christmas Dinner December 7. This year's program will feature the Bell Choir from Hilltop United Methodist Church. Tickets will be on sale in the narthex November 8 through November 29. This is a busy time of year with the celebration of Thanksgiving, so remember to purchase your tickets early. Child care is available for this event. You can sign up for child care when you purchase your dinner tickets. Join us in welcoming the Advent season. Bring a friend. All women are welcome.

Faith In Action

Faith & The Land – Is the future of Utah's wild lands important to you? Do you ever turn to Utah's wild landscapes for spiritual inspiration, renewal or insight? Would you like to join with people from other communities of faith to be a dynamic voice for the protection of Utah's wilderness heritage?

Please check out the information in the Narthex and listen for God's message to you. Are you being called to become **a face and a voice supporting the protection of Utah's wild lands?** We'll be taking **group pictures and sending postcards** to our Congressmen

Faith in Action upcoming events: Volunteer Sign up sheets and details on the Narthex Welcome Desk

Wednesday November 25th – Turkey Give-a-way – COG volunteer positions are now filled; thank you!

Sunday December 6th – 10,000 Villages bazaar. Fair trade items will be available for purchase in the Narthex from 9:30 to 12:30. Give a gift this year that "gives twice"...show God's love with your support for 3rd world artisans.

Saturday December 12th – Salvation Army Bell Ringing - Community of Grace will be ringing bells at two Smith locations from 10am-7pm

Saturday December 19th – Crossroads Food Co-op. If you are a Co-op member, please consider ordering an extra share for someone in need this month

Crossroads Food of the month for November is canned Fruit. The thrift store item of the month is Bedding—sheets, pillows, pillowcases, blankets, sleeping bags.