



# Pinedale Community UNITED CHURCH of Christ

## Fall Newsletter 2009



### From Your Pastor

Our last church newsletter was published in August just before I had surgery. Since then I have changed from a PC to a Mac. I am still getting to know all the new software and will need to create a completely new newsletter layout. Meanwhile church life continues so I thought I'd better just get this out in letter format. Thanks for your patience.

### Upcoming

November 15<sup>th</sup> we will be welcoming **new members** during worship. If you would like to become an official member of our congregation, please let Carol know. That afternoon **confirmation** classes will begin for those in middle school and high school. If you have not received a letter regarding these classes and your child is eligible please call the office.

November 22<sup>nd</sup> after worship we will be **decorating** for Advent.

This year's **Community Thanksgiving Day Worship and Meal** will be at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church. Plan now to help with meal preparations. Come to worship. Bring your family and friends for the meal Thanksgiving Day! All are invited.

The first Sunday of **Advent** is November 29<sup>th</sup>.

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### Ongoing

Approximately thirty people have participated so far in three separate **dinner for eight**. Our goal is to get to know each other better through this small group opportunity. Folks report surprising conversations, good food, and puzzle pieces.

Four weeks **sermon series** on Hebrews:

October 25 “From Old to New”

November 1 “From Works to Worship”

November 8 “From Temporary to Eternal”

November 15 “From Fellowship to Membership”

## Opportunities

Pastor Carol is looking for committed adults to **mentor** each student through the confirmation process.

We always need more **nursery** volunteers on Sunday mornings.

Could you provide **treats** for Wednesday afternoon kids' Bible classes?

We need to complete our **Landscaping** project including curbing, trees, ground cover and sprinkler system. We need to raise part of the financing immediately, in order to save money by making use of vendors greater availability this fall. We plan to do most of the work next spring. See Ken Konicek if you can help.

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If you would like to host or attend a **dinner for eight**, simply sign-up during worship.

## Updates

Several **special services** were well attended this summer including our annual worship at the lake August 16<sup>th</sup> which was led by Bruce & Nancy Reed and Julie Konicek, and our September 6<sup>th</sup> Labor Day weekend service at the home of Jim & JJ Huntley.

We shared a wonderful **World Communion Sunday** October 4<sup>th</sup> when St. Andrew's Episcopal Church joined us for worship. Members of both churches participated throughout the service including a special presentation of breads. Everyone stayed for fellowship hour after worship. St. Andrew's is currently without a priest. We are keeping them in prayer.

**Kids' Bible Classes** meet Wednesday afternoons from 3:30-4:30 for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. This year we are also offering an abbreviated program for **preschoolers** led by Amy Graham. Thanks Amy!

Our new **website** is up and running at [www.pinedalecommunitychurch.org](http://www.pinedalecommunitychurch.org).

**Pastor Carol** continues to heal from surgery and various infections. She still has a small open wound that needs twice daily care. She tires easily. BUT, overall she feels great. We've all noticed she's lost weight. Her sugar levels are good and her blood pressure is under control. She is doing her best to take good care of herself for all of us. So you can keep praying and quit worrying.