

Creede Community Church
Annual Meeting – 2010 in Review
February 6, 2011

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Agenda

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Declaration of a Quorum

Changes or Additions to the Agenda

Approval of Minutes for Annual 2009 Annual Meeting

Nominating Committee – Approval and Election of Slate

Reports – Highlights, Joys & Concerns – Chairs or designees

Goals for the Church 2011

Old Business

New Business

Adoption of budget

Approval of pastor’s housing resolution

Approval of Clyde Dooley as signatory

Adjournment and Benediction

Response – The Summons vs. 4 (follows)

Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me come and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I’ll go, where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

(Words: John Bell)

Minutes of Annual Meeting 2009

Feb. 14, 2010

The meeting was called to order by co-moderator Rita Odem. Pastor Jeff Scott opened with prayer. Ed Hargraves gave the attendance at 36. Rita Odem declared a quorum. The Agenda was approved without changes or additions.

Since copies of the minutes of the annual meeting for 2008 were e-mailed or handed out earlier, the minutes were not read at the meeting. There were no changes or additions to the minutes. The minutes of the annual meeting for Feb 1, 2009 were approved as submitted (motion Kazie H, second Debbie W).

Rita Odom presented the proposed slate of officers for 2010. The slate was approved as submitted.

Colorado Registered Agent

Debbie Whitmore explained the reason why we need to have a registered agent as required by the State of Colorado. Since Charlene Ameel is clerk of the church, it was moved and seconded that she be approved as registered agent.

Highlights from committee reports

Deacons Report: Rita Odom thanked the departing Deacons for their dedicated work and welcomed the new members

Pastor's Report: Jeff Scott gave thanks to all those who served in various committees through out this past year.

Old Business

Discussed pastor survey. A report will be sent to the congregation in the near future.

New Business

Budget: Don Dustin gave background information on the development of the budget for 2010. This past year the church was blessed with a donation of \$30,000. \$15,000 was designated for general budget and \$15,000 was put in an emergency fund for the facilities. At the end of the year the \$15,000 for general budget was not needed since we meet our yearly budget without this money. It was decided to give the money to the Mission Committee to be spent as needed. The Budget for 2010 is \$128,000. Motion was approved and seconded.

Pastor's Housing Allowance: Don Dustin explained the change in housing allowance. The church will pay the pastor the monthly amount and he is responsible to pay the rent and other cost. This will save the church from having to write checks to a number of different places. The cost will not go up as a result of this change. Motion to approve by Jody S. Seconded by Debbie W. The motion was approved. (see attached document)

Co-Moderator Jenny VanRy led the congregation in prayer to give thanks for the last year and prayer of hope for the future.

Motion was made & seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Jeff Scott gave the Benediction

Proposed Slate of Officers & Committees for 2011

Nominees for vacancies in ***bold italics***

Moderator: Jenny VanRy

Vice Moderator: ***Stan Lentz***

Treasurer: ***Clyde Dooley***

Assistant Treasurers: Jim VanRy, Bob Summers

Clerk: ***Rita Odom***

Trustees: Clyde Dooley, Kazie Hayes, Teresa Lack, Debbie Whitmore, ***Jim VanRy, Lindsey Leavell***

Deacons: Mary Ashley, George Ameel, Greg Pearson, Greg Singer, ***Kim Fairchild, Gea Wyley***

Mission Outreach/Helping Hands: Judy Blanch, Mary Ashley, Nell Wyley, Dan Madrid, Robin Christianson, Trary LaMee, ***Judie Mietz, Jim Mietz, Julie Lentz***

Christian Education: Johanna Gray, Judy Blanch, Rita Odom, Judie Mietz, ***Erin Tiley***

House Committee: Judy Blanch, Mary Ashley, Dan Madrid, ***Mark Tiley***

Youth Committee: Tricia Nelson, Rita Odom, Jeff Scott, Mark Tiley

Appraisal Committee: Jenny VanRy, ***Stan Lentz***, Debbie Whitmore, Phil Lack, George Ameel

Pastoral Relations: Jenny VanRy, Clyde Dooley, Stan Lentz, Rita Odom, Charlene Ameel

Clerk's Report

Membership as of January 2011

87 Members

31 Associate Members

Changes in Membership

2 New Members

1 Member Deceased

3 Inactive Members

Memorials: 2

Sandra Adkisson

Kris Kroll

Average Attendance in Worship: 45

Sermon – Pastor's Report

Luke 17; 20-21

Already, But Not Yet

The Coming of the Kingdom (NRSV)

Once, Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, and he answered, "The kingdom of God does not come with things that can be observed; nor will they say, "Look, here it is!," or "There it is!" For in fact, the kingdom of God is among you" (Lk. 17:20-21)

It is fitting that the next several weeks of this season of Epiphany, the Gospel selections from Matthew encompass Jesus' sermon on the Mount. Through those teachings, Jesus came preaching, teaching, and embodying a radical new way of living, in the flesh. But it was just the beginning. Some term it the 'Kingdom of God', others the 'dominion' or 'reign' of God, still others yet the 'Kin-dom'. Whichever way you slice it, Jesus represented its fulfillment. But contained in this ***kingdom come*** we pray often is a

paradox or seeming contradiction. Jesus on the one hand often spoke of the coming of his kingdom as **a future thing yet to be consummated** and yet also spoke of it as **a very present reality**.

How can we make sense of something that is an 'already' here but 'not yet' paradox? A common illustration is to speak of an arriving train approaching a station and has come into the outer precincts of the rail yard. We often say in the same breath that the train indeed is here already but has not yet arrived. Jesus is what I would call an 'already but not yet' guy in the best sense. When it came to the Good News of salvation and eternal life for all humanity, it was news that was too good not to be realized and celebrated in the here in now. Surely, Jesus offered all this as a present reality. At the same time, it was such good news that its fulfillment was a future ongoing promise, yet to be completed, the coming of Christ and the kingdom; good news already here, always coming, surely yet to come, hardly a contradiction.

As I reflect on this past year of mutual ministry with all of you at CCC and the prospects for our journey ahead, I like the **'already but not yet'** proposition, because:

- We can stand at this place in time and glance back at, celebrate, and honestly assess the year in our rear view mirror...**the already**.
- While sharing our mutual hopes and project a few "dreams and visions" (Joel 2:28) for the year ahead...**the not yet**.

Would that we could accomplish this discipline daily in our own lives! Again, in the best sense, I'd suggest this is a faithful way to reflect on who and whose we are as we grow in faith. It also gives us some direction as to where we've been and where we're going. So I invite you for a few moments to cast your eyes faithfully with me on the **already and not yet** of this wonderful place. A few highlights, by no means exhaustive, from the areas of ministry here at CCC. Thank you for the opportunity to minister, to serve, to love and to learn with you.

Reflection on Ministry Area Highlights

1. Worship and Pastoral Care

Already

I am particularly gratified to see the number of special worship services we offer here and have built upon each year, both within and without the church as gestures of Christian witness and hospitality. The spectrum ranges from Rogation/Frontier Sunday and public Blessing of the Animal to Blue Christmas alternative service in December to the new wonderful new wrinkle with Community Palm Sunday service and 4th of July service to the outdoor August church in the Wildwood. In all, we engage/invite worship ecumenically with folks of all backgrounds. I am ever thankful for the gifts among us as Christ's body, including the gifts of music and voice, so evident each Sunday, each worship and community event.

Not Yet

- Working cooperatively with others, I would like to explore/offer alternative worship opportunities for young families and youth; possibly prior to Sunday worship or some other mid-week time.
- Expanded worship team participation and planning – to fully engage all the gifts in this faith community and our talented community.

2. Christian Education – Sunday School, Youth (Families), Study Groups

Already

Sunday school: As a congregation, we are blessed and so thankful to have dedicated Sunday school teachers and volunteers, year-round, regardless of our numbers. May we continue to support all the opportunities to engage our younger ones through Sunday school, an always awesome Vacation Bible School, and planned events and outings throughout the year.

Youth (and family) ministry: For a couple of years now, we have had no formal youth group organization. We have tried to stay engaged through quarterly events and some joint planning with the Creede/Mineral County Rec and the SADD group (Students Against Destructive Decisions) at the school.

This past year's efforts included a Spring rock climb in Gunnison, bench building service project with the forest service, coordinating/hosting a series of 5th quarter after ball game hosting events by 3 churches and Creede/Mineral County Rec.

Adult Study: The Bible and book study group has met weekly, year round, and enjoys wonderful fellowship and learning. We alternate home locations and leadership with 8-10 participating regularly from various faith backgrounds. This makes for a rich and engaging time together. The last few months we've been immersed in the *Good and Beautiful Life* involved with the Christian disciplines and what the book calls "soul training". Interested? Come join us!

Not Yet

- We have a substantial crop of "tweens" coming up through the ranks in our church and community. I'd like to see us pursue regular worship events, outings, or programming to engage/involve them and their parents in meaningful ways.
- Recent studies indicate that children and youth are "not opposed" to intergenerational gatherings, whether for worship or recreation. May we also seek to work cooperatively with other churches or organizations when possible.

3. Mission and Outreach/Helping Hands

Already (please see MO/HH report)

It has been an exciting year on many fronts to be involved with this vital and growing ministry of the church. Rumor has it, this is the "funnest" committee to be on! I believe there is a wonderful mix of opportunities for folks to get involved through their gifts and passions. The congregation, in turn, becomes engaged as the outstretched hands of the church.

- We enjoy the satisfaction of channeling mission dollars to numerous local, regional, and wider church entities. This includes local individuals in need.
- We are excited to advocate, promote, and partner with various programs and ministries including guest speakers and visitors who bless us – La Puente, Adelante, Habitat for Humanity, Tu Casa, Heifer International, Gideons.
- Mindful of the wider church, we try to act locally, regionally, and beyond.
- We enjoy the sweat and fellowship of hands-on activities. It may be co-laboring on mission trips to Texas, or this year, Louisiana and Oklahoma, helping a parish family in their relocation renovations; or locally working with others from CCC, and town, on the habitat home here in Creede.
- We like to get out in the community. Canvassing/donating smoke and CO detectors town wide . On monthly trips to La Puente Home to prepare meals. Fellowshiping with other churches on the summer 4-wheeler rendezvous picnic.
- A number of us share duties on the House committee, preparing snacks for after worship events, taking leadership roles in fundraising dinners, sprucing up around the church and town.

Not Yet

- Continued balance and growth in our areas of witness - through giving, program and ministry advocacy/promotion, and hands-on aspects of mission.
- Pursue opportunities for "green" advocacy, involvement, and leadership both within and beyond the church - on the range of matters related to conservation and earth stewardship.

4. Leadership - Trustees, Diaconate, Moderators:

Already

Trustees: We had a largely new slate of Trustees this last year (and this one with 2 new Trustees coming on board). This last year has been a testament not only to their willingness to serve but their leadership and good spirit. As I look back on the year I am grateful for the Trustees' oversight and encouragement in several areas:

- Facilities repairs and upgrades made particularly as applies to energy conservation,
- Attentiveness to stewardship (with respect to both mission giving and cost controls) in tough economic times - a largely positive 2010 budget outcome resulting!

- Taking on new assignments including long term planning on several fronts.

Deacons: Thank you to the Diaconate for their quiet and often unseen work in preparing for the needs of worship and communion, special and alternative worship services, and being the caring hands of the church for those in the church, community, or in facilities. I also appreciate them having been another set of eyes for the pastors seeing who may be hospitalized, lonely or in need of a timely visit.

Moderators: The Moderator and Vice-Moderator model we employ now continues to bear fruit. It provides for transition yet consistent leadership. Better yet, this style of leading taps the richness of two leaders, their styles, gifts and passions. Akin to the expression “it takes a village”, it perhaps takes at least two moderators for me to serve at my best! Actually, it takes all the “ministers” of the church, in you, the congregation. We have been blessed to have Jenny and Rita on the front line at CCC in part, (but not limited to)

- Being a supportive presence at committee meetings and ministry functions of the church
- Providing the wise voice of counsel to pastor or parishioner when needed
- Offering the warm CCC welcome to a summer first time visitors and more

Not Yet

Trustees: Given the “skill set” evident among the ranks, I suggest each Trustee be tasked to an area for which they have talent or passion. i.e., budget, stewardship and giving, church policies and procedures, maintenance/capital improvements, long term planning.

Deacons: It is with some sadness that we bid adieu to two members and leaders of the Deacons, in Rita Odom and Carol Pierce who have completed their terms. And so may we all look forward to this new year of ministry together with new faces and new possibilities. In particular, I’d like to see us continue to be intentional about our visiting and inviting, both as we go into the lives of others and invite them into the life and mission of CCC. Call it hospitality, call it witnessing, call it evangelism, may the Deacons also be the feet of the church this year.

Moderators: Along with the pastor, continue to serve increasingly as a presence/representative of the church at the Conference and wider church level.

5. Administration, Wider Church & Community, and Other

Already

Administrative Assistant: I want to thank Carla Branda who has served capably and faithfully as Administrative Assistant since June, balancing her responsibilities with family and other commitments - always with a smile and good spirit as she has learned the ropes...and straightened out a few knots in the process! May we all give thanks for sometimes unsung efforts in streamlining files, updating the data base and directory, not to mention handling Board minutes, office communications, newsletter and preparing the annual report. Thank you Carla!

Pastor’s Evaluation and Continuing Education: Last year, the Appraisal Committee surveyed the congregation, met and discussed results with me, and set mutual goals going forward. I value the process as to areas of growth for me personally as well as for the church. As part of my continuing education I attended 1. the Festival of Homiletics in Atlanta to listen to some of the country’s top preachers 2. Our Conference 3 day clergy retreat with two speakers from Renovare (church renewal etc.) 3. Lectures by Paul Young, author of the Shack, in Dallas, as guest of Phil and Teresa Lack.

Wider Church and Community:

- I completed my final year on the Rocky Mountain Conference Mission Committee - tasked with reviewing and approving applications for Mission projects throughout the three-state area.
- In my dual-standing role (one foot in both Presbyterian and United Church of Christ camps) I continue to be a member of the Association of Presbyterian Tentmakers – advocating for alternative models of

ministry, particularly tent making (bi-vocational ministry). I have attended a few cluster meetings of San Luis Valley Churches looking into options for joint ministry in this regard.

- I continue to serve on the Mineral County Fairgrounds Association Board with a particular interest in seeing a swimming pool and aquatic program become part of that complex. This has involved visiting and studying other facilities in the State along with their construction costs and operations budgets.

Other

Church Website and Facebook account:

This past year, Sandy Wagnon has done “yeo-woman’s” work on taking over the reins of our website from our good friend Gordon Atkinson in Texas (who is to be warmly thanked for his donation of time and effort over the years). Over the last nine months, Sandy has been revising both format and content on the church website along with establishing a facebook account. I encourage everyone to visit and interact with us (sign-on as a friend at facebook). Also, please submit relevant material from your ministry or committee. The site is beautiful. The home page features our sun-drenched stained glass. The photo albums on facebook will be especially cherished by anyone who has to spend time away from Creede part of the year. May this serve as just one more connection to your church home! Even if you don’t personally have a facebook account, you may visit the website at www.CreedeCommunityChurch.org and click on the facebook icon. And thanks again Sandy and Gordon.

Not yet?

As many of you know, after several seasons in Creede and Mineral County, one gets to know just about every member of the community. As the pastor here at CCC, it has been a joy and a privilege to do so – in this community, as rich in texture and depth as any I have lived in.

From the pond hockey rink to the Rio Grande, from the baptismal font to the graveside, there is a lot of **not yet** ministry that awaits all of us in this wonderful place.

In Christ and in Creede,
Jeff

Moderator’s Report

I hope that as you read through the various reports and budget sheets, you won’t get lost in the facts. Rather, I hope that you will see the various reports as examples of how we are growing and changing as a church. This is a time for us a congregation to celebrate the ways the Lord has blessed us through the past year and to look forward eagerly to ways he will use us in the year to come.

To me, the core of our church is our time of worship together. Seeing the children light the candles, sharing the peace and joy of the Lord, taking time during the various holidays to reflect and rejoice in our Savior’s presence among us all are ways that we are immersed in the presence of the Spirit. Our special services for Easter, Rogation Sunday, Church in the Wildwood, and our community Christmas program are those extra special times when we come together to worship and praise.

A special thanks to our trustees, the various committee member, and our administrative assistant, Carla Branda, who work tirelessly for our church. Budget planning, potlucks, bazaars, weekly Sunday school lessons, planning for worship, maintenance on the church, Vacation Bible School, typing, filing, organizing and so many more activities do not happen magically with the waving of a wand (although sometimes we truly wish they would!). It takes dedicated individuals to give of themselves, their time and talents to make CCC the open and welcoming church that it is.

Finally, I would like to thank Pastor Jeff for his pastoral leadership through this year. I am grateful that the Lord has given us both Jeff and Hilda and that they are such a vital and integral part of our church family.

I would also like to thank Rita Odom for her dedication to our church. It has been a pleasure to serve as co-moderator with her these past two years.

We can look at our annual meeting either as an ending - a tidy way to wrap up another year of church business, or as a beginning - ready to face the challenges that the Lord has put in front of us. I invite you to join me in taking the first step in this next year as we joyfully embrace the work that the Lord will set before us.

Deacon's Report

Deacons for 2010 were Greg Singer, Mary Ashley, George Ameel, Greg Pearson, Carol Pierce and Rita Odom. Carol and Rita have served as co-chairs for the last three years, and both, regretfully, leave the Diaconate this year. They are thankful for the good gift of serving you and have been blessed by the gifts you have given to them.

Your deacon's role, in the life of Creede Community Church, is cooperating with the pastor in ministering to the spiritual needs of our church family and helping with the preparation and administration of the sacraments of the Church. So, throughout the year, the diaconate strives to focus on involving more people in our Church's life and on growing our membership. We offer services and programs to help our members grow in their faith. As always, we urge all of you to sign-up to be the liturgist or to give the children's message, which is a great opportunity to be involved in our worship services. Also, hymn requests and sermon topic requests are encouraged. Please tell Jeff, a deacon, or a moderator your ideas, or write you ideas down and place them in the offering plate.

This year we continued with our efforts to be a real presence as Deacons. Visits were made throughout the community, and personal letters were, again, sent to our membership. Charlene Ameel also graciously continues with her card ministry. So please stay in touch, give us your joys and concerns, and let us know when gestures of care, celebration and concerns can be shared either personally or through a card.

The Deacon's would like to thank our host of supply ministers and guest speakers. The list includes Trish Schneider, Doc Howard, Zeke Ward, Gini Christian, Tom Rehling, our Gideon friend, George Blickhahn, and friends from La Puente and Tu Casa. We extend our heartfelt gratitude and thanks to Trish Schneider for her pastoral care coverage when Jeff is away.

2010 was filled with an abundance of inspiring special services and community outreach activities. We began our year with a first ever mission trip outside our state. The Deacons were proud to take part with Mission Outreach to participate in the Texas Coast Mission work trip to do disaster assistance work. What a joy to take part in that Calling. Services celebrated from Lent through Easter included Ash Wednesday, a special community Palm Sunday service, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunrise service on Sunnyside and Easter Service. Frontier and Rural Life Sunday followed by blessing of the animals has become a wonderful tradition. We observed National Day of Prayer hosted at our church along with a fellowship breakfast. Our members with beautiful voices always join with the Community Choir to observe a community Memorial Day service, and our beautiful children always help us to celebrate joyous Mother's Day and Father's Day celebrations. Summer brings our friends and associate members back to us and makes our church burst with joy and fellowship. With the 4th of July occurring on a Sunday in 2010, the Diaconate helped plan an early service with brunch following to share the day with the community. We were blessed as well to participate with the Episcopal Church in an hour of honoring God and Country on the 4th. The Diaconate gives thanks to Ladies Aid and to all who participate in the annual Ladies Aid Bazaars. Our special "Church in the Wildwood" had an attendance of over 100 worshipers this year. The planning team is to be commended for their devotion, and we were all blessed in the spirit of ecumenism.

The Deacons are always pleased to participate through food and fellowship. Your Deacons joyfully participated in another rendezvous church picnic at Animas Forks with our sister Church in Silverton and, this time, with the Church in Ridgeway for a wonderful day of outreach and fellowship. In late August, the Deacons along with the moderators were pleased again to offer a special service featuring hymns and the history of our Church.

Fall comes and we say goodbye to many of our friends and associate members, but we are staying more in touch through our new website format that is so user friendly, through facebook, and by email. Trish Schneider, Deacons and others brought us a lovely All Saints service in October. Our singing and speaking members participated in a moving community Veteran Day service and a memorable Thanksgiving service. Our sanctuary is always beautifully decorated in preparation for the first Sunday in Advent. We experienced a rich and rewarding advent season throughout our Advent Sundays, our Blue Christmas/Longest Night Service, community Christmas service, the children's play, Christmas Eve and a blessed Christmas service.

A new year brings reflections on the past and hope for the coming year. Your deacons want to express their thanks to all of you for sharing your special gifts throughout the year. Your gifts bring us the joy of sharing God's love and reward us all with spiritual growth. Our thanks to all of you for your help and participation, throughout the year, in the life and mission of Creede Community Church. May God continue to bless your lives and the life of our Church. Our hope is to continue to serve with compassion and generosity in 2011.

Trustee's Report

Trustee members in 2010 included Bill Blackford, Chris Coulson, Teresa Lack, Clyde Dooley, Kazie Hayes and Debbie Whitmore. We appreciate all of their efforts in managing the church. We would like to extend a special thanks to Chris and Bill who are going off the trustees committee.

The Trustees spent 2010 completing projects that were planned in 2009 and dealing with maintenance and budget issues. During the winter of 2009 – 2010, the water line from the city main into the church froze. A temporary water line was installed until the weather warmed enough dig and replace the line in April. The bricks on the south side of the church were repaired and repointed.

The previous Trustees had planned several energy saving projects and some of these projects were completed in 2010. A new high efficiency furnace and additional registers were installed in the old fellowship hall. This has improved the heating for the administrative assistant's office. An additional programmable thermostat was installed in the old fellowship hall so that office can be warmed up for the hours that Carla is working.

Insulation was installed in the knee walls and around the foundation of the church building. Jeff said that he could immediately feel a difference in the basement areas. This will help us reduce the costs of heating church and make the building more comfortable in the winter months.

The trustees are currently working on getting an energy audit completed to help us find additional ways to save our resources and improve our energy efficiency.

The trustees discussed earmarking a portion of our funds each year to create a Building Fund to be used to keep all of our buildings maintained and to cover unexpected expenditures like the

water line replacement. We voted at the Trustees January 12, 2011, meeting to set aside \$5,000. This is shown on the Balance Sheet under the Fund Balance area.

During 2010, the budget was a major area of concern. Pledges and plate contributions were behind where they had been in 2009 for much of the year. The Trustees were concerned that if the shortfall continued through December, we would go further into the church's cash reserves than we intended when the budget was created. Thanks to the efforts of the stewardship committee and to our membership and donors, we actually ended the year \$1,000 over budget in Pledge and Plate. Expenses were also less than budgeted and we ended up using just over \$6,000 of our savings to balance the budget (instead of the \$7,600 that was budgeted to be used.) Also, our thanks to Bill Pierce who negotiated a reduction in our insurance premium.

The 2011 budget goes further into the cash reserves. The trustees worked hard to find areas where expenses could be reduced. The budget is \$200 more than last year, however it includes a contribution for the Conference Office Building purchase (\$1,500) and an increase in Church maintenance (\$2,000) to cover the insulation which was completed in 2010 but not billed to the church until 2011.

Christian Education

The past year has been a busy one for Christian Education. Children continue to help with Sunday worship services by handing out bulletins along with ringing the bell.

Children and adults made their annual trek to Hooper pool in January of 2010.

Baobab Blast was the theme for Vacation Bible School 2010. The Key Verse being "From east to west, the powerful Lord God has been calling together everyone on earth." Psalm 50:1. Children explored daily themes of Trust, Love, Follow, Care, and Share. Along with the daily Bible lessons, children were active with crafts, science experiments, music, games, and snacks. A favorite craft was the Mancala game the children made. On the last day of VBS, children were transported to the old Boy Scout Camp on Miner's Creek. Family and friends joined together for a wonderful lunch. Campers went on a brief hike on the Miner's Creek Trail. For the Sunday service, the children performed a new version of Kumbaya complete with African percussion instruments. The children had a great time!

Many of the children participated in the Hanging of the Greens service which follows Thanksgiving. Children also decorated ornaments. And, the children's Christmas Pageant, directed by Judy Blanch, was presented to the congregation on December 12th.

2011 promises to be a fun year. A few trips are already scheduled for Creede Community Church families. A trip to the Hooper Pool is scheduled for Saturday, March 5. We will meet at the church parking lot at 9:00 to go down together. Let Judy Blanch or Johanna Gray know if you could help with transportation. And, a Bowling Party is scheduled for Saturday, April 30th. More details will be provided as the date gets closer. Plan to join us and be prepared to have some fun!

The 2011 Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 13 through June 17. The 2011 VBS theme is: **Shake It Up Café: Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe**. The Bible verse for the week comes from 2 Corinthians 5:17a "If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation." Children will be learning about the festivals in God's word. Today's Specials and Secret Ingredients include:

Session 1: Israelites Celebrate Passover, Exodus 13: 3-10

Be Ready for God

Session 2: Festival Celebrations of the Israelites Leviticus 23

Give Happily to God

Session 3: Jesus Celebrates the Festival of the Booths, John 7:37-44
Session 4: Jesus Celebrates the Passover, Luke 22: 8-20
Session 5: Celebrating the Festival of Weeks and Pentecost, Acts 2

Believe Fully in Jesus
Remember Jesus Often
Celebrate God Forever

Some of our youth are now in Middle School. Members of Christian Education would like to meet with the Youth Committee to continue offering programs which pertain to their spiritual growth.

Finally, we would like to give a **special thank you** to those who helped with the Children's Sermons, Vacation Bible School, and Sunday school. We could not do them without YOU!

Mission Outreach / Helping Hands / House Committee

Judith Blanch, Chair
Mission Outreach / Helping Hands / House

2010 MO/HH Committee Members

Mary Ashley Robin Christensen
Nell Wyley Jim & Judie Mietz
Kazie Hayes Trary LaMee
Dan Madrid

2010 House Committee Members

Judy Blanch
Mary Ashley
Dan Madrid

Upcoming Events:

1. You're invited!! We NEED your Support!
Tuesday, February 8, 2011, 5 - 6 pm
Potato Bake Dinner with Love Offering for Mission Trip(s)
Lake Charles, LA and Oklahoma (Sharp's property)
2. Fifth Quarter, Sloppy Joe Dinner following basketball game with Lake City
Friday, February 18, 2011, 6:30 pm (or as soon as the game ends)

Mission Outreach contributed \$3500 in 2010 to the following groups:

- Creede Early Learning Center \$1000
- Habitat for Humanity (Mineral County) \$1000
- Mineral County Public Health Antibiotic Program \$200
- La Puente (Alamosa homeless shelter) \$300
- Adelante (transitional support for families coming out of homelessness) \$200
- Tu Casa - (domestic violence shelter) \$300
- Creede Elks Lodge Scholarship Fund \$500

In 2010 Mission Outreach presented the following programs:

- Christmas Adelante Family Gift Giving Program - our generous congregation supplied all requested gifts for 2 families (6 individuals)
- In December, church volunteers prepared and served lunch for 40 residents at the La Puente Shelter (now scheduled as a monthly event)
- Heifer International Christmas 2010 donations total \$600
- Gideon's Sunday
- Fill a Bag - Food Collection for Mineral County
- 4-Wheeler Picnic with Silverton and Ridgeway Churches
- St. Patrick's Day Smoke Detector and Carbon Dioxide Alarm Town Canvas
- Rogation / Frontier Life Sunday - Blessing of the Animals
- Potato Bake Fund Raising Supper for Texas Mission Trip

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- May Pentecost Service included guest speakers from La Puente, Adelante and Tu Casa
- Habitat for Humanity Speaker for Bike Ride Support - donations to Habitat for Humanity
- Potato Bake Fund Raising Supper for Brook Tiley as she set off for work at an orphanage in Brazil
- National Day of Prayer Breakfast served prior to Worship Service

Mission Outreach Trip

- January 16 - 23: Disaster Recovery in Texas City, TX and Galveston, TX

Mission Outreach promoted the following 5 for 5 UCC special offerings:

- Our Church's Wider Mission(OCWM) - annual budget
- Strengthen the Church - Pentecost
- One Great Hour of Sharing - Easter
- Christmas Fund (In August so as not to conflict with Christmas Eve Helping Hands offering)
- Neighbors in Need - World Communion Sunday in October

Helping Hands

Thank you to all who generously contributed to Helping Hands, including the offering collected at the Christmas Eve Service! During 2010, Helping Hands was able to provide \$4070 in financial aid for the following:

- 6 Rental payments \$825
- 4 Medical/Dental payments \$689
- 6 Utility payments (propane/electric) \$799
- Car payment \$100
- Insurance payment \$205
- Completion of handicapped shower \$150
- Emergency travel \$200
- Smoke detectors, CO detectors \$156
- Tompkins Gift and Gas funds for school lunch deliveries to shut-in \$200
- Burial expense \$200
- Cremation expense \$200
- Habitat for Humanity Reflective Address Signs provided to all trailers \$204
- Student Loan payment \$42.30
- Shelving materials \$40.11
- 201 Community Choir Christmas Program CD \$60

House Committee

Mary Ashley continues to do a terrific job cleaning the church. Thank you, Mary!

2010 House Committee Events

- Fifth Quarter Sloppy Joe Dinner following basketball game with Primero
- Palm Sunday Fellowship Breakfast partnered with the Baptist Church
- Easter Bunch following Sunrise Service
- Church Cleanup Day - June 5, 2010
- Community Independence Day Breakfast following July 4 worship service
- Miner's Creek Breakfast (partnered with the Baptist Church) served before the Wildwood Worship Service
- Pro Clean Carpet Cleaning Service for all church carpeting - October, 18, 2010
- Parsonage Rental - Dan Madrid is the contact for parsonage rental maintenance.

Ladies Aid Society

Officers for the year were Leslie Dustin, president, Penny Coulson, vice president, Karen Tempfel, treasurer, Judy Blanch, secretary, Kay Wyley, co-treasurer, and Sarah Garrett, historian.

The Ladies Aid Society completed another very successful year in helping our community. As a group, we are very proud of our accomplishments. Our two fundraisers, the July and August bazaars and rummage sale, were very successful and provided the funds to make our work possible. Income from these fundraisers totaled \$13,386.73!

Special thanks go to all the chairs of our events and activities throughout the year. Each of their contributions in time, energy, and money, was invaluable.

- Christmas Corner: Leslie Dustin, Judy Blanch, Judie Mietz
- Cookie Exchange: Judy Blanch, Barbara Teunis, Benita Cain
- Bereavement Receptions: Ginger Alexander
- Valentine Cards: Penny Coulson
- Spring Exchange: Penny Coulson
- Migrant Bags: Nell Wyley
- After Prom Breakfast: Nancy Blackford
- Chile Relleno Casseroles: Nancy Blackford and DeAunn Lowe
- Rhubarb Jam Session: Barbara Taylor and Sarah Garrett
- June Picnic: Margaret Lamb, Judy Blanch, and Carol Pierce
- July Bazaar: Sarah Garrett and Barbara Taylor
- July Kitchen: Rita Odom
- Jewelry: Penny Coulson, Diane Singer
- July Rummage Sale: Carol Pierce
- August Bazaar: Kay Harbert and Judy Blanch
- August Kitchen: Ginger Alexander
- Prayer Blankets: Nell Wyley
- Prayer Pillows: Betty Green
- Ladies Aid Notecards: DeAunn Lowe
- Card Ministry Notecards: Judie Mietz and Melissa Dunlop
- Ladies Aid Cookbooks: Karen Tempfel
- Ladies Aid History Books: Sarah Garrett
- Ladies Aid Directory: Sarah Garrett
- Toilet Topper Santas: Benita Cain and Nell Wyley
- Jewelry and Ornament Crafts: Leslie Dustin

Ladies Aid contributed \$16,536 to organizations and individuals in Mineral County. The following list notes the many ways we offered support:

- Mineral County Food Bank (canned meat, milk and egg vouchers)
- Utility payments (propane, wood, electricity)
- Housing and rent payments
- Medical expenses (surgery, medicine, eyeglasses, counseling, dentistry)
- Gasoline and travel expenses
- Cleaning assistance
- Grocery gift cards
- Senior lunches (14 on program)
- Bereavement receptions (9)
- Clothing needs
- Toys for Tots
- Funeral expenses
- Smoke detectors and CO detectors
- Adelante and La Puente assistance
- Health insurance and COBRA payments
- Creede Community Center contribution
- Creede Early Learning Center contribution
- Creede Community Church contribution
- Mineral County Fairgrounds
- Migrant Bags
- Christmas Cookie Exchange (45 boxes delivered)
- Christmas toy project sponsored by Elks
- After Prom breakfast
- Ladies Aid Historical Record Book donated to school library
- Secret Santa for local family
- Prayer blankets and pillows
- Card ministry
- Baby blankets
- One Great Hour of Sharing: Haiti Relief
- Reflective House Number Signs
- 3 Scholarships for pre-school and CRT summer camp
- Mission trip sponsor
- Mineral County Arts and Recreation contribution
- 4H Club contribution

- Handmade quilt to recovering soldier
- Community Thanksgiving Dinner
- Gideon's International (Bibles)
- Newborn caps for each of the ambulances
- Cremation expenses
- Car payments

Ladies Aid held 9 bereavement receptions under Ginger Alexander's leadership:

- Pricilla Hamm (January 4)
- Carol Rivera (January 4)
- Kris Kroll (March 4)
- Irma Slaght (May 22)
- Sandra Adkisson (June 7)
- Ivan VanAiken (June 12)
- Paige Widger Harris (June 12)
- Doolie Matush (July 17)
- David Scott Mallow (September 17)

Several administrative functions were modified at the beginning of the year:

- Our regular meeting day was changed back to the second Thursday of the month.
- Our calendar year was changed to September through June. Adding a June meeting (our annual picnic) gave many of our summer-only members a chance to attend a meeting.
- The Guidelines under which we operate underwent a much-needed update. The three major changes involve narrowing our scope to Mineral County, adding a \$200 maximum to our assistance, and including a 6-month time period before assistance would be offered again. All these changes hinge on a review of any extenuating circumstances.
- A Spring Outreach or Exchange event was added to facilitate reaching out to shut-ins.
- The August Rummage Sale was eliminated and a second day was added to the July Rummage Sale. Overall this was a successful change.
- Instead of holding our usual salad luncheon, we visited the school for lunch on two occasions. On one of these occasions, we presented Diana Leggitt with a Ladies Aid cookbook and a Cafe Ole gift certificate as a thank you for her hard work and dedication in managing the senior lunch program.
- A Ladies Aid web page was created and added to the church web site. Check it out at www.creedecommunitychurch.org.

Major changes were made within the group at the September meeting as a result of no one stepping forward to take the presidency.

- Ladies Aid organized business meetings will occur only in February, June and September.
- There is a stronger dependence on the Chairs for various events. Events without a chairperson will not take place.
- An assistance committee has been formed to handle all assistance requests. The committee members are Nancy Blackford, Judy Blanch, Leslie Dustin, and Karen Tempfel.
- There will only be a July bazaar and rummage sale (2 days). The August bazaar and rummage sale has been cancelled for 2011.

The group decided to try these changes for one year and to discuss how everything is going at the September 2011 meeting.

Music

Community Church members participated in a number of musical events during 2010. In addition to Sunday services, the choir and other church musicians performed for a Palm Sunday service and a Community Christmas service, both at the Baptist Church. Members also participated in the Church in the Wildwood service at the Boy Scout Camp on Miners Creek in August.

The Choir continues to be an important part of the worship service every Sunday morning. We were all very thankful for the regular weekly members in 2010: Julie and Stan Lentz, Ray and

Gina Sharp, Penny Coulson, Erin Tiley, Genny Basler and Jody Stroh. We also enjoyed the participation all of the summer members and visitors who share their talents and join the choir for the whole summer or even just one week.

Johanna Gray, Jenny VanRy and Debbie Whitmore were the pianists for Sunday services in 2010.

Special music was provided by several musicians including Josh Mietz (clarinet), Veronica Turner (soprano), David Schneider (tenor), Jim VanRy (keyboard with Jenny), Jeff Scott (percussion), Johanna (flute) and Debbie(flute), and Steve Baxter(guitar and voice).

Website & Facebook Report

The website and facebook have added a new dimension to keeping in touch with and quickly updating everyone involved in the church. Content is, typically, updated several times per week with pastor comments, reminders, requests, happenings, upcoming events and photographs. This ensures that visitors to our sites have the latest information available which is also an incentive for them to return frequently. Upcoming events are available on each page of the website and reminders are commented on facebook. Soon a new "Pastor" page will be included on the website with biographical information, favorite photos, inspirational quotes and more. Nine photo albums and wall photos of church-related activities were created on facebook over the last year. These albums facilitate sharing large volumes of photos with CCC members and visitors. Currently 30 people are connected with CCC on facebook, and we continue to encourage people to sign up and become friends in order to gain access to all functionality and to receive the latest church news. Please contact Jeff Scott or Sandy Wagnon with any additional thoughts or suggestions.

Housing/Living Allowance Resolution

I hereby certify that at the Annual Meeting of **Creede Community Church** organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of **Colorado** held the **sixth (6th)** day of **February, 2011** at which said meeting a quorum was present and acting throughout, the following resolution was adopted and ever since has been and is now in full force and effect:

"RESOLVED, that the Pastor be paid a monthly housing/living allowance in the amount of **eight hundred and eighty three dollars and thirty three/cents (\$883.33)**, effective March 1, 2011 through February 2012. This allowance includes lodging, utilities, trash, water, sewage and telephone and is derived from actual expenses incurred prior to this resolution. The amount, herein established for the current period, will be reviewed and adjusted as appropriate by the Trustees during the annual budgeting process."

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this **sixth (6th)** day of **February 2011**.

Pastor _____ Date _____

Moderator _____ Date _____

Income Statement & Budget

Creede Community Church
Income Statement
For the Period from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 and 2011 Budget

	2010 Budget	2010 Actual	2011 Budget
Revenues			
Pledges & Open Plate Offering	\$ 100,803.00	\$ 101,937.58	\$ 100,000.00
Memorial Contributions	390.00	270.00	250.00
Bazaar/Ladies Aids Projects	6,500.00	8,000.00	7,000.00
Other Donations	3,534.00	4,736.62	4,625.00
Other Income	9,665.00	9,121.41	8,760.00
Transfer from Savings	7,600.00	0.00	0.00
Total Revenues	128,492.00	124,065.61	120,635.00
Expenditures			
Mission and Outreach Expenses	13,630.00	14,897.92	13,715.00
Pastoral Expenses	74,963.00	72,971.79	75,667.00
Worship & Communion	2,578.00	1,998.27	2,000.00
Church Facilities Expense	15,121.00	15,856.59	16,850.00
Parsonage Facilities Expense	2,800.00	3,392.47	970.00
Insurance Expense	4,173.00	4,203.00	4,400.00
Administrative Assistant	6,614.00	5,269.49	7,320.00
Administrative Expense	8,613.00	7,428.88	7,764.00
Total Expenditures	128,492.00	126,018.41	128,686.00
Revenue Over/Under Expenditures	0.00	(1,952.80)	(8,051.00)
Non-Operating Income/Expenditures			
Other Expenses-Capital Project	0.00	(4,175.00)	0.00
Net Non-Operating Income/Expenditures	0.00	(4,175.00)	0.00
Net Income	\$ 0.00	\$ (6,127.80)	\$ (8,051.00)

Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2010

Cash and Other Current Assets	\$ 111,161.27	
Helping Hands Checking	1,552.76	
Church Building	431,688.56	
Parsonage	121,495.69	
Fellowship Hall	271,103.64	
Total Assets		\$ 937,001.92
Payroll and Other Liabilities	\$ 989.23	
Fund Balance Beg. of Year	937,158.43	
Designated Fund Bal. - Bldg.	5,000.00	
Helping Hands Fund Balance	1,552.76	
Revenue Over/Under Expenditure	(7,698.50)	
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance		\$ 937,001.92

2011 Calendar – February to August

FEBRUARY			
DAY		TIME	WHAT
6	Sunday	11 am	Abbreviated Worship ANNUAL MEETING Potluck
8	Tuesday	5 – 6 pm	Mission Outreach - Baked Potato dinner fundraiser
10	Thursday	10 am	Ladies Aid Meeting
11	Friday	5 pm or at end of the 3:30 HS boys basketball game	5 th Quarter Dinner sponsored by Creede & Mineral Arts and Rec in CCC fellowship hall, menu TBD
13	Sunday	11 am	Worship, Communion
18	Friday	6:30 pm or at end of 5 pm HS boys basketball game	5 th Quarter Dinner sponsored by CCC in fellowship hall, menu is Sloppy Joes
20	Sunday	11 am	Worship
27	Sunday	11 am	Worship
	Thursdays	6:30 pm	Weekly Bible Study, home locations rotate (see bulletin)
MARCH			
5	Saturday	9am - ?	Christian Ed sponsored trip to Hooper Pool
9	Wednesday	5:30 pm	Ash Wednesday service
13	Sunday	11 am	Lenten Worship 1, Communion
17	Thursday		CO & Smoke Alarm town-wide canvas St. Patrick's Day
18	Friday	10 am	Church Board meeting
19 - 25	Saturday - Friday		Mission trip to Oklahoma to Ray & Jean Sharp's home – volunteers needed
20	Sunday	11 am	Lenten Worship 2
27	Sunday	11 am	Lenten Worship 3
	Thursdays	6:30 pm	Weekly Bible Study, home locations rotate (see bulletin)
APRIL			
<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>		<i>Church Board meeting</i>
3	Sunday	11 am	Lenten Worship 4, Potluck
10	Sunday	11 am	Lenten Worship 5, Communion
17	Sunday	TBD	Palm/Passion Sunday service – might be a joint Community Service @ CCC – <i>Please stay tuned for details</i>
21	Thursday	6:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Service of Tennebrae and Communion
22	Friday	TBD	Good Friday service – might be a joint Community Service @ CCC – <i>Please stay tuned for details</i>
24	Sunday	6:30 am	Easter Sunrise Service (meet/caravan at CCC parking lot to Sunnyside)
		8 am	Easter Breakfast (potluck sign-up)
		10 am	Children's Egg Hunt
		11 am	Easter & "One Great Hour of Sharing" special offering
30	Saturday	TBD	Bowling & Pizza Party – <i>Please stay tuned for details</i>
	Thursdays	6:30 pm	Weekly Bible Study, home locations rotate (see bulletin)
MAY			
<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>		<i>Church Board meeting</i>
1	Sunday	11 am	Worship, Potluck
5	Thursday	6:30 am	National Day of Prayer Breakfast at Creede Baptist
8	Sunday	11 am	Mother's Day, Worship, Communion

15	Sunday	11 am	Special Rogation/Frontier Life Sunday Worship with Guest Speakers - <i>tentative</i>
15	Sunday	12:15 pm	Public Blessing of the Animals at Scott's Parsonage - <i>tentative</i>
30	Monday		Memorial Day Observance with Community Choir @ Town Park
	Thursdays	6:30 pm	Weekly Bible Study, home locations rotate (see bulletin)
JUNE			
<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>		<i>Church Board meeting</i>
<i>TBD</i>	<i>June</i>		<i>Welcome Back dinner - for seasonal people</i>
5	Sunday	8 am	Early Bird Services begin and run through the end of August
		11 am	Worship, Potluck
9	Thursday		Ladies Aid Picnic
9 – 12			RMC UCC Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, Utah
12	Sunday	11 am	Pentecost, Communion "Strengthen the Church" special offering
13 - 17	M – F	9 am – noon	Vacation Bible School: Shake It Up Café: Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe
19	Sunday	8 & 11 am	Father's Day, Worship
25	Saturday		54th Anniversary of United Church of Christ
26	Sunday	8 & 11 am	Worship
	Thursdays	6:30 pm	Weekly Bible Study, home locations rotate (see bulletin)
JULY			
<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>		<i>Church Board meeting</i>
3	Sunday	8 & 11 am	Worship, Potluck, Stewardship Presentation Week 1
4	Monday	10 am	4th of July Parade
		Dark-thirty	Fireworks Display
10	Sunday	8 & 11 am	Worship, Communion, Stewardship Presentation Week 2
13	Wednesday	All day	drop-off Items for and set-up for the Ladies Aid Bazaar and Rummage Sale
14	Thursday	All day	Ladies Aid Bazaar and Rummage Sale
15	Friday	All day	Ladies Aid Rummage Sale
17	Sunday	8 & 11 am	Worship, Stewardship Presentation Week 3
24	Sunday	8 & 11 am	Worship, Stewardship Commitment Sunday
31	Sunday	8 & 11 am	Worship
	Thursdays	6:30 pm	Weekly Bible Study, home locations rotate (see bulletin)
AUGUST			
<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>		<i>Church Board meeting</i>
<i>TBD</i>	<i>Some Saturday</i>		<i>4-Wheel Picnic Rendezvous with Silverton and Ridgway Churches</i>
7	<i>Sunday</i>	8 am	<i>tentatively planned - Church in the Wildwood, public Breakfast and Worship @ Miner's Creek Cabin</i>
		11 am	Worship, Fill-A-Bag promotion for Creede Food Closet
14	Sunday	8 & 11 am	Worship, Fill-A-Bag promotion for Creede Food Closet, Christmas in August special mission offering
21	Sunday	8 & 11 am	Worship, Fill-A-Bag promotion for Creede Food Closet
28	Sunday	8 & 11 am	Special Deacon's Sunday services Last Early Bird Service Fill-A-Bag collection for Creede Food Closet
	Thursdays	6:30 pm	Weekly Bible Study, home locations rotate (see bulletin)