



**Church Office Hours**  
**Monday—Thursday**  
**8:00am to 2:00pm**

Our staff members can  
be reached individually  
by phone or email  
between 8am and 2pm,  
Monday through Friday:

**Matthew Miller**

505-764-2902

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505-764-2903

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505-764-2911

If you have an after-hours  
emergency, you can reach  
pastoral staff through our  
helpline at 505-764-2910

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## Sanctuary Return Delayed



*Tuesday, August 19th, 2025.*

Our return to the Sanctuary for 11 AM worship has been delayed  
due to a permit issue. On this coming:

**Sunday, August 24th,**

**we will continue to hold both worship services in  
the Fellowship Hall.**

An email will be sent out when we have the final inspection and  
are clear to return to the Sanctuary for worship.

**Thank you for your patience as we approach  
the completion of this project!**

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

### **Wednesday, August 20th**

- Archives, 10:00 am.

### **Thursday, August 21st**

- High Desert Pipes and Drums, 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

### **Sunday, August 24th**

- In-person Fellowship Hall Worship Service at 8:30 am.
- Through the Bible Class at 9:45 am in CE Room 219.
- Adult Sunday School at 9:45 am via Zoom/In person in Kerygma Room.
- Godly Play Sunday School (ages 3 through 5th grade) at 9:45 am in CE Rooms 210 & 211.
- In-person/Livestream Worship Service, at 11:00 am.
- Gun Violence Class, after 11:00 am service in Kerygma room.

### **-Monday, August 25th**

- Women's chorus rehearsal, 6:30 pm in choir room.

### **-Tuesday, August 26th**

- Tuesday Study & Prayer Group, at noon via Zoom.
- Sandia Pipes and Drums rehearsal, 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.
- Session, 6:30 pm.

### **Wednesday, August 27th**

- Archives, 10:00 am.
- DAR, 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall.

### **Thursday, August 28th**

- Book Club, 10:00 am in conference room.
- ABQ Girls' chorus rehearsal, 4:30 pm in choir room.
- High Desert Pipes and Drums, 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

### **Sunday, August 31st**

- In-person Fellowship Hall Worship Service at 8:30 am.
- Through the Bible Class at 9:45 am in CE Room 219.
- Adult Sunday School at 9:45 am via Zoom/In person in Kerygma Room.
- Godly Play Sunday School (ages 3 through 5th grade) at 9:45 am in CE Rooms 210 & 211.
- In-person/Livestream Worship Service, at 11:00 am.

### **Monday, September 1st**

- Church Office will be CLOSED, for Labor Day.

### **Tuesday, September 2nd**

- Tuesday Study & Prayer Group, at noon via Zoom.
- Sandia Pipes and Drums rehearsal, 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.



## **GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION EVENTS**

We will offer a five week study from  
**the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship**  
Gun Violence Curriculum called

### **“Courageous Conversations about Gun Violence Prevention”**

This will occur after the 11:00 am service  
on the following dates:

**-August 10, 17, and 24.**

**- September 14 and 28.**

*(Lunch will be provided)*

On August 23, Immanuel Presbyterian Church will  
host an event offering education regarding safe gun  
storage. **They will need volunteers to help with this  
event.**

If you are interested in the class,  
or volunteering on  
August 23, **please sign up in the church office or  
contact Becky Dees at 505-350-6152.**

## - COMMUNITY LIFE ACTIVITIES -



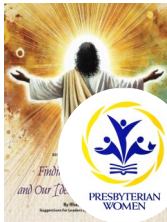
### Mark Your Calendars!

From September 14th - 21st

**FPC will once again host Family Promise.** Volunteers will have an opportunity to purchase food items for homeless families participating in this mission or to prepare and serve dinner for them.

***New volunteers are strongly encouraged to help out!***

More information will be forthcoming, but in the meantime please consider how you can contribute to this experience! *If you have questions please contact Ann Calderwood.*



### Presbyterian Women Studying

***"Finding Resilience, Joy and our Identity in Jesus Christ"***

Beginning this month, Presbyterian Women are gathering:

- Sarah Circle meets at 12:15, Second Sundays.
- Kerygma Circle meets on Second Mondays at 12:30, both in Kerygma Room.

Additionally, if those times are not convenient, there will be an online gathering to discuss the study on Third Mondays, beginning September 15. *(Please contact Susan Smith if you are interested in this one, [sankeil1246@gmail.com](mailto:sankeil1246@gmail.com))*

This study offers an opportunity to study and discuss the healing strength that Christ offers, as we read scripture from the New Testament and reflect on its meaning for us today. The author of the study, the Reverend Dr. Rhaskell Hunter has a history of working with Presbyterian Women and is planning to be at the PW of the Synod of the Southwest Gathering in Arizona, October 24-26.

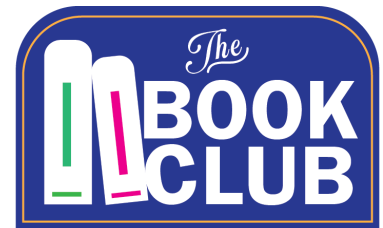
All women of the church are invited! Study books at \$15 each and available in the office.

***(Make checks payable to Presbyterian Women).***

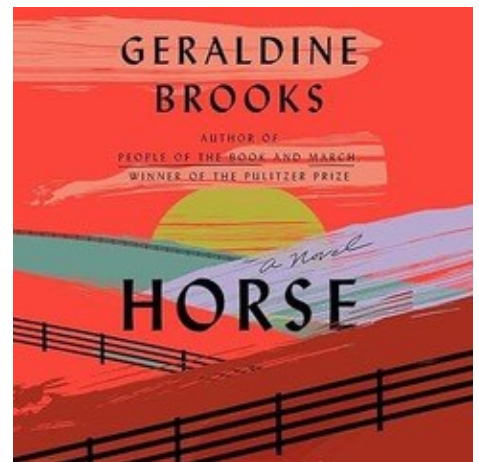
Please consider this opportunity for study, spiritual growth together and making new friends.

### Grief Support Group

A grief support group is in the process of being formed. No details yet, but if you are someone who would be interested in participating or learning more as we plan, please be in touch with Susan Smith ([susankeil1246@gmail.com](mailto:susankeil1246@gmail.com)). Depending on the interest to start, we will determine if we will meet in person or via zoom.



### ***"Horse"*** by Geraldine Brooks



Please join us on Thursday, August 28th at 10:00 am in the Conference room, for our monthly book club

***Everyone is welcome!***

*For more information, contact:*

*Cristy Dockter*



## Church Women United

### an ecumenical Christian women's fellowship

BY MARILYN STOOPS  
CWU COMMUNICATIONS



**W**ill gather for their **World Community Day** celebration on **Friday, September 5th** at **Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 6901 Wyoming NE.**

The morning will begin at 9:30 a.m. with coffee fellowship, followed by the program at 10:00 am.

*Rev. Anne Morawski* will be our featured speaker. She was the Lutheran Campus Pastor at UNM/CNM for 15 years. Since her retirement in 2017, she has been volunteering with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Budapest, Hungary. She is "home" now, but has plans to return to Hungary in November.

She will share what it is like living in Hungary, being well aware of it being an authoritarian country, as well as the story of her journey, knowledge and experience around this and how it might relate to what's happening in America today.

In addition, *CWU women will collect school supplies for those children needing them.*

**For more information, contact Shirley Nilsson at 505-463-3657.**



## NIGHT AT THE PARK

FRIDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 5TH  
AT 6:05 PM

ROUNDROCK  
EXPRESS

VS

ALBUQUERQUE  
ISOTOPES

**RSVP By Tuesday September 2nd**  
**Discounted \$15 lower level box ticket**

**All are Welcome!**

**For tickets contact Rev. Andrew Black**  
**andrew@fpcsantafe.org**

 **NAMI** Albuquerque  
National Alliance on Mental Illness

### Free Conference

"Promoting a supportive culture in your faith community."



**What:** NAMI Albuquerque is holding a Pathways to Hope conference on August 22-23, 2025. The conference will provide spiritual, mental and behavioral health discussion and education. The two-day conference will include national plenary speakers as well as locally developed workshops and discussion opportunities. Lunch provided. Register at [www.nami.org/PathwaystoHope](http://www.nami.org/PathwaystoHope)



**Where:** Gateway Center's Education Building

5400 Gibson Blvd., SE, Albuquerque, NM 87108

"Convenient parking is on the east side of the Gateway Center. Enter at the Valencia light"

## - COMMUNITY LIFE ACTIVITIES -



If you have a book from the Church Library.... We are looking for you!



Please, return any books you may have, below is a list of books that are missing.  
Please look for the books on your shelves.

### Library missing books:

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| 1- John Knox for Armchair theologians  | 8- Invention of wings                         |
| 2- Born of a Woman   | 9- I Am Malala                                |
| 3- Jewish Pioneers of New Mexico   | 10- John Adams by David McCullough            |
| 4- An Illustrated History of New Mexico  | 11- John Calvin: A Sixteenth-Century Portrait |
| 5- Presbyterian Questions-Presbyterian Answers:<br>Exploring Christian Faith               | 12- Pie Town Woman                            |
| 6- Good in the Dock  | 13- Pie Town                                  |
| 7- Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu. The Book of Joy:<br>Lasting Happiness in a changing world. | 14- Ruth                                      |
|  | 15- Snowmen All year                          |
|  | 16- The Harvey Girls                          |
|  | 17- A Spark of Light                          |



## Godly Play

BY SUE CAMPBELL

**The Fall of 2025 school year started Sunday, August 17, 2025.** *And will continue through December 21, 2025.*

- Children from 3 to 6 years old meeting in room 210
- Children 7 and older in room 211.

**There are several Sundays when there will be NO Godly Play classes:**

**\*September 7** (Family Camp at Ghost Ranch)

**\*October 12** (APS Fall Break)

**\*November 16** (Women's Retreat at Norbertine Retreat Center)

If you have any questions regarding Godly Play program or are interested in helping with the program (we always welcome anyone who is interested and willing) please contact Pastor Essie.

Thank you to all our teachers and helpers! We look forward to the Godly Play Year!