



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

Our staff members can
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by phone or email
between 8am and 2pm,
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Women's Retreat

The Norbetine Center
November 14-16, 2025



Tabernacles: Finding God in our Daily Lives.

This year our women's retreat will look at the story in Exodus 25
and the first tabernacle.

In this ancient story it is said that the Israelites gathered the
shards of the first Tablets and added them to the Tabernacle
along with the new Tablet from Moses. Anne Lamott comments,
that our "brokenness belongs with our holy."



End of daylight saving time 2025: Daylight Saving Time in the US will end on Sunday,
November 2, 2025, at 2 a.m., when clocks "fall back" to standard time.

What does this mean? Clocks will "fall back" one hour, starting on Sunday morning!
Set your alarm! So you won't be early 1 hour before the service!

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday, October 29th

- Archives, 10:00 am.
- Chancel choir rehearsal, 6:30 pm.

Thursday, October 30th

- Young Voices, 1:30 pm.
- ABQ Girl's choir, 5:00 pm.
- High Desert Pipes and Drums, 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Saturday, November 1st

- Watercolor Society, 8:30 am in FH.
- Women Chorus, 9:00-3:00 pm.

Sunday, November 2nd

- In-person Sanctuary 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, 11:00 am.
- Officer training, 12:30 pm in Kerygma room.

-Monday, November 3rd

- Young Voices, 4:30 pm.
- Enchanter's rehearsal, 5:30 pm.
- Women's chorus rehearsal, 6:30 pm in choir room.

-Tuesday, November 4th

- Tuesday Study group, at noon via Zoom.
- Sandia Pipes and Drums rehearsal, 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.
- Opera SW, 6:30 pm.

Wednesday, November 5th

- Archives, 10:00 am.
- Chancel choir rehearsal, 6:30 pm.

Thursday, November 6th

- Young Voices, 1:30 pm.
- ABQ Girls' chorus rehearsal, 5:00 pm in choir room.
- High Desert Pipes and Drums, 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Saturday, November 8th

- Delta Kappa, 8:00-2:00 pm in FH.
- Opera SW, 10:00-12:00 pm.

Sunday, November 9th

- 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, 11:00 am.
- Officer training, 12:30 pm in Kerygma room.
- Sarah Circle, 12:30 pm in Kerygma room.

Monday, November 10th

- PW Circle, 12:30 pm in the Kerygma room.
- Young Voices, 4:30 pm.
- Enchanter's rehearsal, 5:30 pm.
- Women's chorus rehearsal, 6:30 pm in choir room.

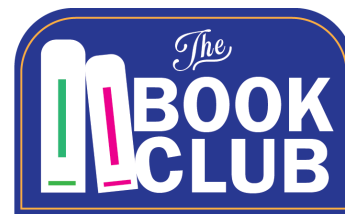
Tuesday, November 11th

- Men's Breakfast, 7:30 am in FH.
- Tuesday Study group, at noon via Zoom.
- Sandia Pipes and Drums rehearsal, 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.
- Opera SW, 6:30 pm.

Men's Breakfast

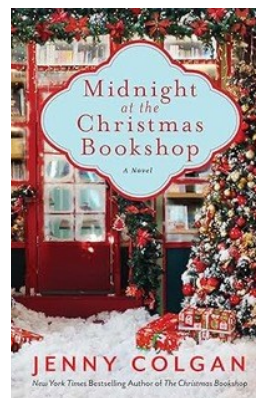


Join us! At the Men's Fellowship Breakfast on Tuesday 11th at 7:30 am. *You can register in the Office.



"Midnight of the Christmas Bookshop"

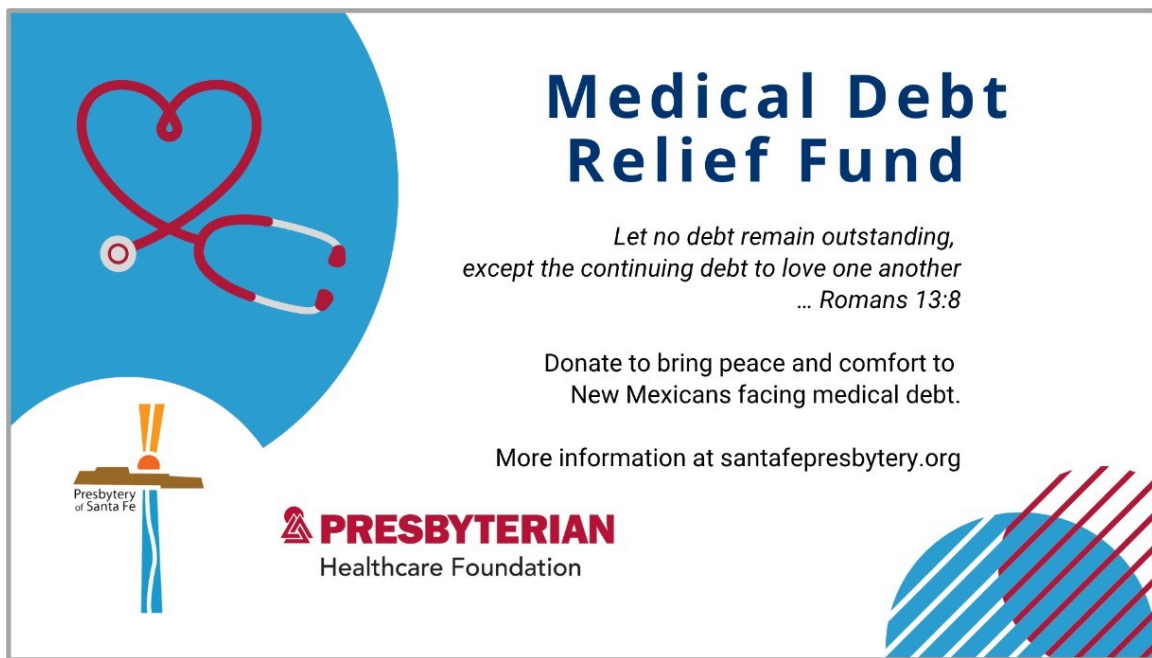
by Jenny Colgan



We are taking a break for November!

Please join us on **Thursday, December 11th** at 10:00 am in the Conference room.

Conversation Lead by Lorna Wood.



Romans 13:8-Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another....

The Presbytery of Santa Fe has joined with Presbyterian Healthcare Foundation (PHF), a 501(c)(3) organization, in an exciting partnership to ease a crisis facing many New Mexicans: crushing medical debt.

Medical debt is not usually the result of unwise decisions but of unforeseen circumstances. It can be devastating to those living on the margins, and is especially hard on the elderly, on veterans, and on the poor. New Mexico is the third poorest state in the U.S. Recent data cited by the New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty shows the following:

- **Nearly one in four New Mexicans have medical debt in collections.**
- **59% of all negative items on consumer credit reports are due to medical debt.**
- **37% of adults who have a problem with medical bills used up all of their savings to pay these bills.**
- **Patients with medical bill problems are three times more likely to postpone needed care.**

We now have a wonderful opportunity to lighten the burden of medical debt for many New Mexicans. The partnership between the Presbytery of Santa Fe and PHF allows donations collected by the Presbytery to purchase uncollected medical debt owed to Presbyterian Healthcare Services (PHS) at the rate of \$0.07 on the dollar. PHS writes off the remaining \$0.93. Patients who receive debt forgiveness are randomly selected using an algorithm based on Federal Poverty Guidelines, with a focus on those who work, sometimes at multiple jobs, but do not earn enough to live on. PHS provides 100% financial assistance to all patients with incomes at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guideline, so the program aims to help those that do not qualify for total assistance. Every patient whose debt is forgiven is notified by PHS that a financial contribution from the churches of the Presbytery of Santa Fe and its partners has covered their debt.

Over the past three years, our total collected contribution from churches, individuals, and faith partners is \$118,043. This amount has erased over \$1.68 million of medical debt for 899 individuals in New Mexico.

Just a \$10 donation forgives \$142 of medical debt; a \$25 donation forgives \$357 of medical debt. The potential benefits and blessings to the people of New Mexico are enormous, as PHS operates nine hospitals and serves one in three New Mexicans with healthcare or coverage. We encourage other faith communities to participate in this effort to bring peace and comfort to our New Mexico community.

Learn more and donate at santafepresbytery.org

The Compassion Services Center

By Marjorie Buck

Located in the International District, feeds, showers, and offers a safe-sober place to stay.

They serve hundreds of homeless in our community. Members of the Tuesday Study and Prayer Group visited the center recently with our friends from the Raindrop Foundation.

Donations of gently used towels, warm clothes and shoes are welcome, there is a box in the upper commons labeled The Compassion Services Center for all donations.



Border Encounters

Inviting Proximity,
Deepening Understanding,
and Inspiring Action

DATES: MONDAY, DECEMBER

1ST- FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

COST: \$695/ PERSON

A Transformative Experience at the
U.S.-Mexico Border

Border Encounters provide an
immersive experience of
connection, learning, and
reflection.

You'll meet asylum seekers, hear
from immigration experts, and
listen to stories of forced
displacement—challenging your
perspective and inspiring you to
take meaningful action.

SAMPLE SCHEDULE

Border Encounters are immersive three-day experiences that deepen understanding of migration through expert insights, site visits, and meaningful dialogue at the U.S.-Mexico border.

Opportunities Include:

Located adjacent to the U.S.-Mexico border, Abara House will serve as a hub for Border Encounters—offering on-site lodging, gathering spaces, and contemplative environments for reflection. Future Home

- **Day 1: Understanding the Border → Orientation & Welcome**

→ Root Causes of Migration → Border Realities → Immigration Law 101

→ Reflection & Discussion → Dinner & Community

- **Day 2:** Crossing into Juárez → Dignified Storytelling → Juárez Migration Realities → Lunch with Shelter Residents → Exploring Juárez → Dinner in Juárez

- **Day 3:** Reflection & Action → Theology of Migration → Healing & Resilience → Border Perspectives → The Future of Abara House → Final Debrief & Closing Dinner

Opportunities Include:

Visits to migrant shelters in El Paso
and/or Ciudad Juárez

Authentic meals prepared by local neighbors

Visit the historic Hacienda Restaurant

Q&A with border patrol officers

Circle processing and reflection spaces

GET INVOLVED TODAY

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What is a Border
Encounter?



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Autumn Serenade

Fall in Love with the Young Voices
of the Santa Fe Opera

The Albuquerque Chapter of the Guild of the Santa Fe Opera invites you!
to the first annual Autumn Serenade free concert introducing the Young Voices of
the Santa Fe Opera.

WHEN: November 15, 2025

TIME: 4:00-5:00 PM

WHERE: First Presbyterian Church, 215 Locust St NE, Albuquerque

DETAILS: Doors will open at 3:30 PM. The Concert will be followed
by a reception with light snacks.



**RESERVE YOUR
FREE TICKETS:**

[HTTPS://WWW.SANTAFEOPERA.ORG/WHATS-ON/
YOUNG-VOICES-FALL-SERENADE/](https://www.santafeopera.org/whats-on/young-voices-fall-serenade/)