



**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:

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

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## BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Help us lead worship!



KIDS

All the cool kids!



DAY

Sunday, August 9th



TIME

11:00 am Service



LOCATION

Sanctuary!

You & me?  
We're  
neighbors!

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HEY! IF YOU ARE A COOL KID, HELP US LEAD WORSHIP! WITH REV. ESSIE AND REV. MATTHEW. CONTACT ESSIE TO BE PART OF...

#THE COOL KIDS CLUB

## CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

### **Wednesday, August 5th**

- Archives, 10:00 am.

### **Thursday, August 6th**

- A Child's Garden, 9:30-10:46 am in the FH.
- ABQ Girl Choir rehearsal, 5:30 pm in choir room.

### **Friday, August 7th**

- A Child's Garden, 9:30-10:46 am in the FH.

### **Sunday, August 9th**

- In-person Fellowship Hall Worship Service at 8:30am.
- 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.
- In-person/Livestream Worship Service, 11:00 am.
- Sarah Circle, 12:30 pm in KR.

### **Monday, August 10th**

- Enchanted Mesa chorus, 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary.
- New Mexico Women's chorus, 6:30 pm.

### **-Tuesday, August 11th**

- Men's Breakfast, 7:30 am in FH.
- Staff meeting, 10:30 am in CR.
- Tuesday Study & Prayer Group, at noon Via Zoom.
- Mission, 3:30 pm in KR.
- Sandia Pipes and Drums rehearsal, 5:15 pm in FH.

### **Wednesday, August 12th**

- Archives, 10:00 am.
- Social S. Network, 11:30 am in FH.
- Personnel, 6:00 pm.

### **Thursday, August 13th**

- ABQ Girl Choir rehearsal, 5:30 pm in choir room.

### **Sunday, August 16th**

- In-person Fellowship Hall Worship Service at 8:30 am.
- Through the Bible Class at 9:45 am in conference room.
- 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.
- Deacons meeting, 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

### **Monday, August 17th**

- Enchanted Mesa chorus, 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary.
- New Mexico Women's chorus, 6:30 pm.

### **Tuesday, August 18th**

- Worship and music, 3:00 pm.
- Sandia Pipes and Drums rehearsal, 5:30 pm in FH.

### **Wednesday, August 19th**

- Archives, 10:00 am.
- DAR, 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

### **Thursday, August 20th**

- ABQ Girl Choir rehearsal, 5:30 pm in choir room.

### **Friday, August 21st**

- NamI, 8:00am-3:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

### **Saturday, August 22nd**

- NamI, 8:00am-3:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

### **Sunday, August 23rd**

- In-person Fellowship Hall Worship Service at 8:30 am.
- Through the Bible Class at 9:45 am in conference room.
- 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.

### **Monday, August 24th**

- Enchanted Mesa chorus, 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary.
- New Mexico Women's chorus, 6:30 pm.

### **Tuesday, August 25th**

- Building and grounds, 9:30 am
- Staff meeting, 10:30 am.
- Sandia Pipes and Drums rehearsal, 5:15 pm in FH.
- Session, 6:30 pm.

### **Wednesday, August 26th**

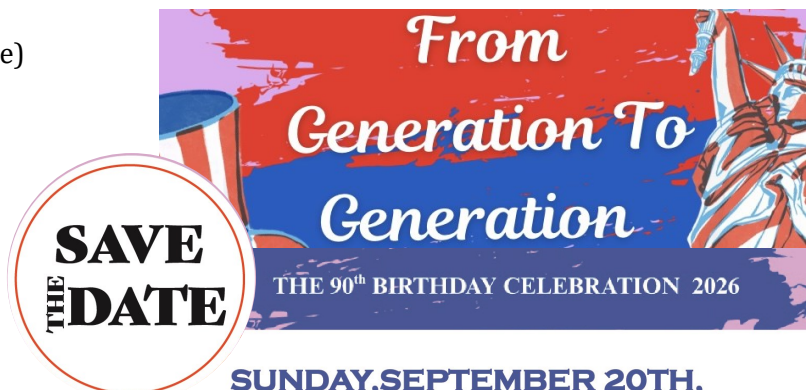
- Archives, 10:00 am.

### **Thursday, August 27th**

- ABQ Girl Choir rehearsal, 5:30 pm in choir room.
- Book Club! "The Frozen River" at 10:00 am in the CR.

### **Sunday, August 30th- ONE SERVICE**

- In-person/Livestream Communion Worship Service at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary.
- Community Potluck after the 10:00 am service.



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH,  
2026 AT 12:00 PM**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
215 LOCUST NE, ABQ NM 87102



# GODLY PLAY ...is back!

## 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR SCHEDULE

**August 16th will be the first Sunday of Godly Play for the 2026-2027 school year**

**We will not have Godly Play on the following Sundays:**

**August 30th:** Fifth Sunday of the Month, Sunday Service at 10am

**September 6th:** Labor Day Holiday

**October 11th:** Fall Break

**November 29th:** Fifth Sunday of the Month, Sunday Service at 10am

**December 6th:** Women's Retreat



# SARAH CIRCLE

**is back!**

Next Sunday the Sarah Circle will be meeting at 12:30 in the Kerygma Room. If you wish to join us on Zoom please call the office.

The study books are available in the church office if you wish to purchase one, the cost is **\$14**.

If you would like to volunteer to lead a lesson, please email Cristy Dockter

### **SCHEDULE:**

**August 9** -Introduction and Lesson one: Unity in Christ Wisdom from God

**September 13** -Lesson two: Connected in Christ

**October 11** - Lesson three: Freedom in Christ

**November 8** - Lesson four: Living Freely and Responsibility to Care

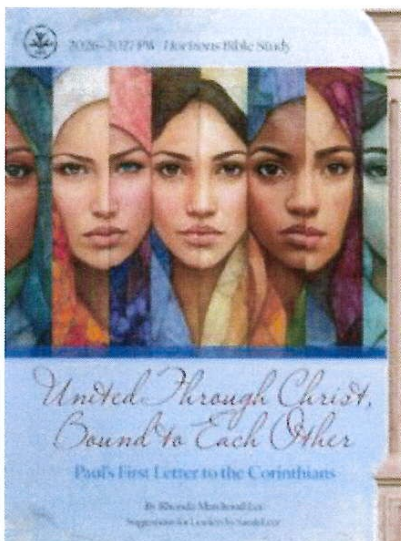
**December 13** - Lesson five: For the Good of the Community

**January 10** - Lesson six: "Now You Are the Body of Christ"

**February 14**- Lesson seven: Christian Love

**March 14** - Lesson eight: Hope in the Resurrection

**April 11** - Lesson nine: Connected by God's Love



# MEN'S BREAKFAST



**JOIN US!**

At the Men's

Fellowship Breakfast on

**Tuesday 11th at 7:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.**

*\*You can register in the Office, so we can get a burrito for you!*



# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women of the  
Presbytery of Santa Fe

Invite you to a

## SUMMER GATHERING

@ New Life Presbyterian Church  
5540 Eubank Blvd, Albuquerque

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH**

**FROM 10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM**

### *The program includes:*

- 10am Welcome
- Opening Devotional
- 2026-2027 Horizons Bible Study preview presented by Catherine Robinson
- Lunch (\$10 donation suggested)
- Chris Casanova will share her experience at the UN Convention on the Status of Women
- Closing Prayer

**RSVP to Susan Keil Smith, by August 5th**  
at: [susankeilh246@gmail.com](mailto:susankeilh246@gmail.com)

\*Anyone who would like overnight  
hosting, please let me know\*

***Please share the information with others!***

## MEET

*Luci Astorga*

Administrative Assistant

Luci was born and raised here in Albuquerque. She attended Menaul School for both middle and high school. Luci has her bachelor's degree in Music from Sam Houston State University. She is very grateful to be joining such a kind and efficient team.



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*With the people you love*

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We are in the Sacramento Mountains, surrounded by Lincoln National Forest, and are located about 30 miles southeast of Cloudcroft, New Mexico.



If you are interested in join us, you can sign up at the Church Office. We will send you the registration form.  
**The last day to register is August 30th.**



## Executive Summary for First Presbyterian Church – Albuquerque, New Mexico

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07/21/2026

The following is an executive summary of the most pertinent observations and recommendations important to the work of First Presbyterian Church as leadership communicates the results of Horizons' feasibility study to the church.

### Observations & Conclusion

- Eighty-two percent (82%) of respondents indicated that a capital campaign to fund the plans in the Case Statement aligns with and supports the mission of FPC Albuquerque. On a scale of 5 (Extremely Important) to 1 (Not Important), the survey respondents weighted average scores on each project's level of importance relative to accomplishing the church's mission were as follows: Fire Suppression & Alarm System (4.72), HVAC System Upgrade (4.46), Organ Software Upgrade (3.92), Sanctuary Improvements (3.58), and Exterior Signage (3.33).
- There is a foundation of confidence in overall church leadership, with the opportunity to strengthen transparency, collaboration and shared leadership. Sixty-four percent (64%) feel FPC is already providing adequate information as plans are being developed. Thirty-six percent (36%) of survey respondents believe the church is currently experiencing forward momentum and 48% feel the church is holding steady.
- Just under a third of survey respondents indicated they would be willing to volunteer in a capital campaign role, even without knowing what those roles might look like.
- We have a good start on significant Lead Gifts indications, but several more will be needed if the church desires to fully resource all the projects within a 3-year timeline.
- Conditions currently exist for a successful three-year capital campaign in the range of \$875,000-\$1,125,000. FPC is in a solid position to be led through a successful capital campaign prioritized around the highest perceived needs.

### Recommendations & Keys to Success

- We recommend that church leadership first determine the order of projects/priorities to be addressed, as funds raised will allow. Fire Suppression & Alarm System and HVAC System Upgrade should be the priorities. The inclusion and timing of the remaining projects should be influenced, if not determined, by the funds committed in this campaign.
- We recommend that a Lead Gifts strategy is set in motion to secure the top 10-20 commitments as soon as possible. The Lead Gifts work will be followed by the public phase of a capital campaign.
- The capital campaign will emphasize faith and discipleship more than merely fundraising.
- Constant communication and transparency throughout the campaign and follow-up will be essential to our success.

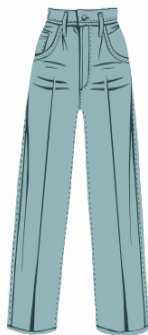
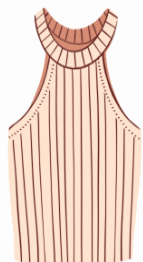
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# FAMILY PROMISE GARAGE SALE



8 ————— AUGUST  
10am- 2pm



**Renovations are under-  
way at the new home of  
Family Promise of  
Albuquerque (FPA)!**

As we prepare for our big move, we need to downsize some of the excess items we have collected over the years.

**Join us for a Garage Sale on  
Saturday, August 8th from 10:00  
am to 2:00 pm.**

**No donation will be refused!**

We will have clothing, shoes, toys, furniture, and more. Share with friends, family, congregations, neighbors, social media, and even partner organizations.

We are excited for this next chapter in FPA history and to share it all with you. Cash, Zelle, and credit /debit cards will be accepted.

**Help us prepare for our big move by paring down out  
overflow items! Clothing, furniture, gifts, and more!  
All donations welcome!**

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4121 Mesilla St NE  
ABQ 87109

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