



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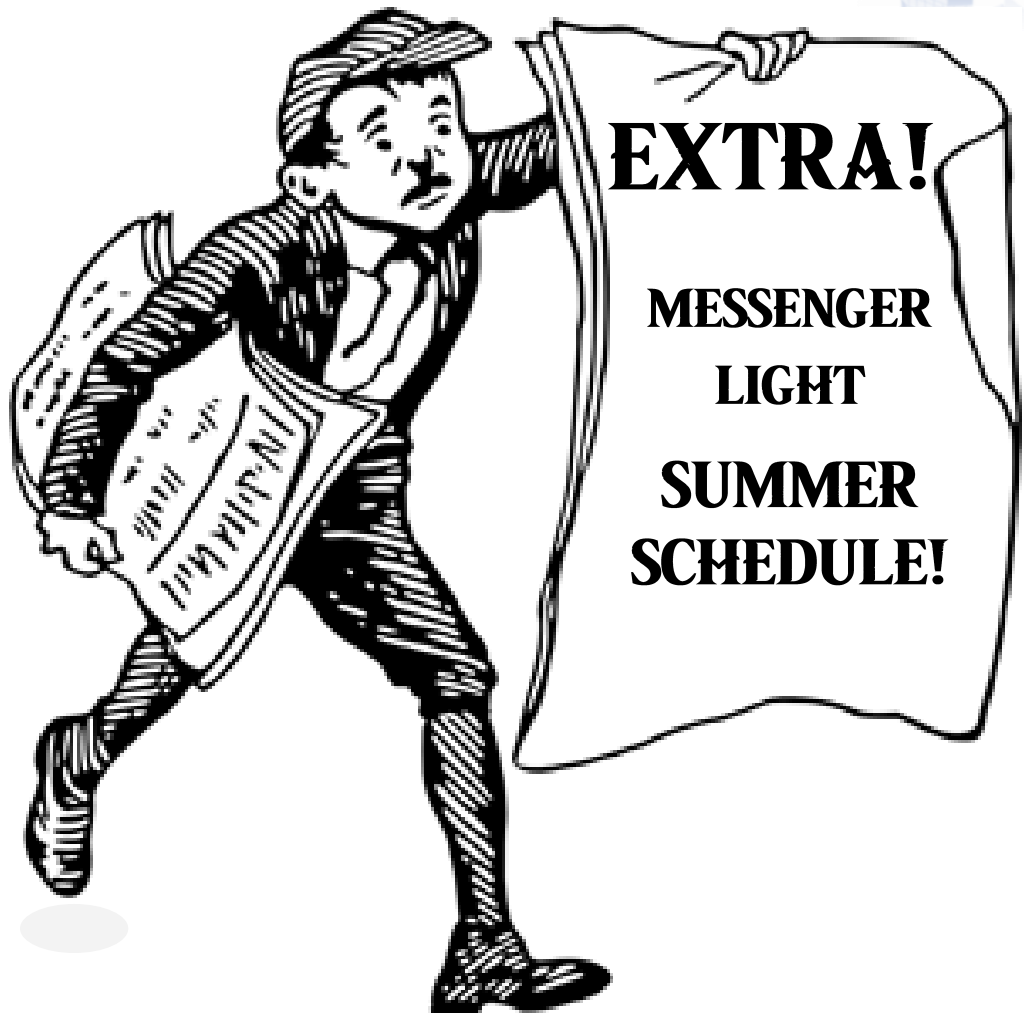
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If you have an after-hours emergency, you can reach pastoral staff through our helpline at 505-764-2910

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**T**he **Messenger Light**, is having a “tiny” change for this summer. From May through July, there will be only one messenger issue for the month. Every first Wednesday of the month you will receive a copy physical or by email of the latest's month issue. And you may be wondering...*why?* As you know, summer at the church is not as busy as previous months, and we want to give you consistent, good and accurate information of the events happening in our community.

***Coming up summer dates: June 3rd and July 1st!***



One Communion in-person/Live Stream Sanctuary Worship Service at 10:00 am on May 31st, followed by a Church Potluck.

\*More information on page 4.

## CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

### **Wednesday, May 6th**

- Archives, 10:00 am.
- A Child's Garden, 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm.

### **Thursday, May 7th**

- ABQ Girl choir rehearsal, 5:00 pm in choir room.

### **Saturday, May 9th**

- NMM Philharmonic, 2:30 pm.

### **Sunday, May 10th- MOTHER'S DAY!**

- 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.
- Sarah Circle, 12:30 pm in the Kerygma room.

### **Monday, May 11th**

- Kerygma circle, 12:30 pm in the kerygma room.
- A Child's Garden, 5:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- Women's chorus, 6:30 pm.

### **Tuesday, May 12th**

- Men's Breakfast, 7:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.
- Sandia Pipes and Drums rehearsal, 6:00 pm in FH.

### **Wednesday, May 13th**

- Archives, 10:00 am.
- Social services network, 11:00 am in the FH.
- Chancel Choir rehearsal, 6:30 pm.

### **Thursday, May 14th**

- ABQ Girl choir rehearsal, 5:00 pm in choir room.

### **Sunday, May 17th**

- 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, May 18th**

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

### **Tuesday, May 19th**

- Worship and music, 3:00 pm in the conference room.
- Sandia Pipes and Drums rehearsal, 6:00 pm in FH.

### **Wednesday, May 20th**

- Bern CO, 9:00-3:00 pm in the FH.
- Archives, 10:00 am.
- Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm.

### **Friday, May 22nd**

- Menaul Baccalaureate Service, 4:00-7:00 pm.

### **Sunday, May 24th**

- 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, May 25th- MEMORIAL DAY**

- Church Office will be Closed.

### **Tuesday, May 26th**

- Sandia Pipes and Drums rehearsal, 6:00 pm in FH.
- Session, 6:30 pm.

### **Wednesday, May 27th**

- DAR, 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall.
- Archives, 10:00 am.
- Chancel Choir rehearsal, 6:30 pm.

### **Sunday, May 31st- ONE SERVICE AT 10:00 AM**

- Communion in-person/Live Stream Sanctuary Worship Service at 10:00 am
- Potluck, after 10:00 am service!

**For more information or questions about the May calendar, please call the church office.**



## Sarah and Kerygma Circle

### Our Circles:

**Sarah Circle** - meets in the Kerygma Room at 12:30 p.m., every third Sunday August through May.

**Kerygma** - meets in the Kerygma Room at 12:30 p.m. every second Monday August through May.

### Next meeting:

**Sarah Circle, Sunday, May 10th**  
**Kerygma circle, Monday, May 11th**

The perfect Mother's day gift...

# PLANT SALE

*The Sunbonnet Shop*

If you are looking a last minute Mother's day gift... The Sunbonnet Shop will be selling Geraniums on Sunday, May 10th, in commons 2. You can choose from a variety of colors!

**\$10 EACH**



**“Family Promise of Albuquerque is a non-profit organization that assists families who are at risk for homelessness, currently experiencing homelessness or recently exiting homelessness.**

The core of our program is our shelter, where we strive to help as many families with children as possible. No matter how families define their household, where children are concerned, we are here to help”



### From May 17th - 23rd, First Presbyterian Church

will again be hosting families who are participating in the Family Promise program. There are still opportunities to serve and provide a dinner or to donate miscellaneous food items for those who are seeking employment and housing.

\*If you are willing to volunteer please check to the sign-up schedule in Commons One.

If you have questions please contact the church office.

# MEN'S BREAKFAST



Join us! At the Men's  
Fellowship Breakfast on  
Tuesday 12th at 7:30 am in  
the Fellowship Hall.

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

## ONE COMMUNION IN-PERSON/LIVE STREAM SANCTUARY WORSHIP SERVICE



### *In-person and on-line communion service.*

Everyone is welcome at Church!

We look forward to seeing you on May 31st at 10:00  
am for a communion service in the Sanctuary.

Followed by a Church Potluck.

*This happens on every 5th Sunday of the month, the  
next service like this will be on August 30th.*

**There is an invitation to the table for you.  
We hope to see you there.**

## GRADUATES ANNOUNCEMENTS



### **Shyloh Aguilar**

Graduate from West Mesa High School,  
attending UNM pursuing her nursing degree.  
Daughter of Hector and Jessica Aguilar.

### **John Palmer Lamb**

Bachelor of Business Administration,  
Major: Finance, from Loyola University, Chicago.  
Grandson of Mary Johnson.

**Chloe Catherine Lamb**, master's in Counseling  
Psychology, from Wayne State University, Detroit.  
Granddaughter of Mary Johnson.

### **Nathan Neuschwander**

Graduated from an environmental high school with  
an environmental study. Grandson of Sue and Bob  
Bowersock.

### **Abigail A. Puckett**

University of Michigan, School of Dentistry, with a  
degree DDS. Granddaughter of Joanne Puckett.

### **Yared Miller**

Graduate from Menaul School, attending UNM in  
the fall. Son of Matthew and Marie Elena Miller.

### **Elder Soren Briggs**

Graduate from Menaul school, attending UNM in  
the fall. Son of Micaela and Spencer Briggs.

### **Grace Halbgewachs**

Bachelor's degree in Education . Specializing in  
Middle School education: English, Literature, and  
Social Studies. Granddaughter of Ron Halbgewachs.

### **Quiara Cortez and Aiden Gilbert**

FPC Choral Scholars.

Bachelors of Vocal Performance, from The Univer-  
sity of New Mexico.

### **Sam Green**

Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology, from  
Arizona State University in Tempe Arizona.  
Grandson of Sue Campbell.

### **Julia Dees**

Graduate from Ursinus College in PA with a Bache-  
lor in Neuroscience, attending Accelerated Bache-  
lor of Science in Nursing at UNM in the fall.

Daughter of Becky Dees.



# THE ADULT SUMMER CLASS

**Starting May 24th**



We will study from the first centuries CE to the present, the question of who wrote the Bible has fascinated readers, theologians, and scholars. While countless viewpoints have circulated, the matter of who wrote the Bible remains a compelling issue. In shedding light on core questions about the Bible's writing - searching for Its Origins and Authors offers you a provocative and enlightening look at the creation of this beloved book.

FPC YOUNG FAMILIES

*Day At*

DOMIGO BACA  
PARK- MEET BY  
THE SPLASHPAD

JUNE

SUNDAY

14

AT 12:30 PM

2026

7521 Carmel Avenue NE Albuquerque NM  
87113

*See you there*

PACK A PINIC LUNCH FOR  
YOUR FAMILY AND ENJOY  
SOME FUN GETTING TO  
KNOW OTHER YOUNG  
FAMILIES FROM FPC!

## – MISSION NOTES –

! On April 19th and April 26th form letters, legislators' addresses, and email contacts where made available in Commons 2 and with assistance from committee members, We were able to gather **140 letters** for Senators Martin Heinrich and Ben Ray Lujan and Representatives Melanie Stansbury, Gabe Vasquez and Teresa Leger Fernandez.

**Thank you for making this possible!**

*If you want more information on the work of Bread for the World you can go to [bread.org](http://bread.org).*

Sneak peak to next month messenger...

# PRIDE MONTH

“**Love wins. Love** is greater than weaponized fear. This is what we know to be true. **Our God is a God of liberation who** sets us free from the fear that holds us back from knowing and **loving ourselves, God and one another**”

*Rev. Essie Koenig-Reinke  
Pride Sunday Service 2025*

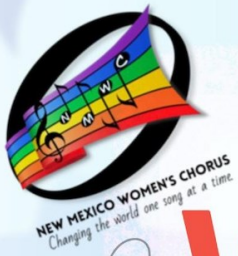


## **Pride Sunday Service** **June, 7th 2026**

Please join us for a celebration of love and community, at the 11:00 service in the Sanctuary and will include the Sacrament of the Lord's Table.

We will be having the company of the New Mexico Women's Chorus who will be singing at the service.

Everyone is welcome, ***we hope to see you there!***



This is

# WHO WE ARE



SAT | JUNE 6 | 7 PM

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SUN | JUNE 7 | 4 PM

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