

First Presbyterian Church of Albuquerque's

MESSENGER LIGHT

April 15, 2026



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

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SID FENDLEY & FRIENDS 20TH ANNUAL

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SUNDAY 19 APRIL 2026 | 4:00-6:00 PM

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday, April 15th

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

Thursday, April 16th

- Young Voices, 1:30 pm.
- ABQ Girls' chorus rehearsal, 5:00 pm in choir room.

Saturday, April 18th

- Logan Michael Fortuna Memorial service, 10:00 am in the Sanctuary.

Sunday, April 19th

- 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.
- Deacons meeting, 12:30 pm in the FH.

-Monday, April 20th

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

-Tuesday, April 21st

- Worship and music, 3:00 pm.
- Building and Grounds, 5:30 pm.
- Sandia Pipes and Drums rehearsal, 6:00 pm in FH.

Wednesday, April 22nd

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

Thursday, April 23rd

- Book club, 10:00 am in the Conference room.
- Young Voices, 1:30 pm.
- ABQ Girls' chorus rehearsal, 5:00 pm in choir room.

Saturday, April 25th

- Women's chorus, 9:00-5:00 pm in the FH.

Sunday, April 26th

- 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.
- ABQ Girls' chorus concert, 1:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

Monday, April 27th

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

Tuesday, April 28th

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



We are having our **Scholastic Book Fair!**
Sunday April 13– Saturday April 19

Church members may shop on Sunday 19th
between services
and from 12:00– 12:30 pm.

Or anytime during the week from
7:45 am– 5:30 pm



Hope to see you there!

The perfect Mother's day gift...

**PLANT
SALE**
The Sunbonnet Shop

Will be selling **Geraniums** and hope to
fill **pre-orders** the week of May 4th.

If you would like to pre-order, please
contact Susan Smith:
susankeil1246@gmail by April 24th.

\$10 EACH

GRADUATES ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deacon Marie Miller is beginning to gather names of members and friends who will be graduating from High School, College or Graduate Programs.

Please call the Church Office or Marie at (505) 301-9509, to give us your name or the name of a family member.

Thank you!



Music Events

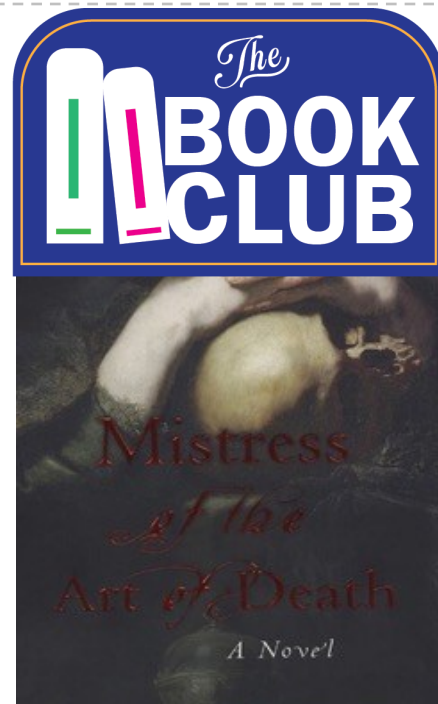
Matthew Black Music

First, we have a special **musical guest coming to the Presbytery the weekend of April 24-26**. Matthew Black is a singer-songwriter I've had the privilege to know for many years, and he will bring his catchy and relevant music to us in a few different events the weekend of April 24-26.

Specifically for our **YOUTH**, we are hosting a youth event with Matt on **Saturday, April 25th, 2 pm, at First Presbyterian Church ABQ.**

Matthew will lead youth in some songs, talk about songwriting and lead some exercises, and encourage our youth in their pursuit of music! We'll wrap up around 3:30 pm.

*If you want to attend Matthew's concert, it will be Friday, April 24th, at 7 pm, at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church (ABQ). Admission will be free, but a freewill offering will be taken. If you want to know more about Matt's music, you can read/listen [here](#).



The Book Club

Is meeting on Thursday, April 23rd, discussing the book "*Mistress of the Art of Death*" by Ariana Franklin

Lead by Barbara Seaton. If you want to join them you can contact: **Cristy Docker.**



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APR 26

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YOU DO MISSION!

You have heard this line before:

how can you do mission without spending any money and with very little effort?

Advocacy and Bread for the World

This is the time of year when our **Offering of Letters to our members of Congress** can have the greatest meaning. We can urge them to pass legislation and ensure funding that will help end hunger.

In Bread for the World's, our advocacy for nutrition has never been more important.

We are making a difference in the lives of our youngest citizens. Research confirms the impact good nutrition from pre-natal through childhood has on health, learning, school attendance and school graduation rates.

WIC is aimed at bolstering the nutrition and healthcare of low-income pregnant women, breastfeeding women and children under age five. SNAP provides food benefits to low-income families to supplement their grocery budget, making nutritious food more affordable for an average of 41 million people in the United States each month. In 2023, the National School Lunch Program gave 4.6 billion lunches to nearly 30 million children in need.

- On April 19th and April 26th form letters, legislators' addresses, and email contacts will be available in Commons 2 along with assistance from committee members. Letters will be mailed to the legislators' Washington DC offices in bulk to have the greatest impact.

If you want more information on the work of Bread for the World you can go to bread.org.



In 2023, more than **47 million** people in the United States experienced food insecurity, **including 1 in 10 children.** Nutrition assistance programs like SNAP and WIC help families weather short-term hardship, support mothers and babies, and protect the health and development of future generations.

