

First Presbyterian Church of Albuquerque's

MESSENGER LIGHT

September 3rd, 2025



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

**First Presbyterian
Church (USA)**

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Sunday, September 21st
8:30 am & 11:00 am Sunday Worship Services at

The Sanctuary

We will be celebrating as a community our return to worship in the
newly renovated Sanctuary, where only for this one time
both services will be held.

Followed by the

90th
BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATION

in the Fellowship Hall

Hope to see you there!

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday, September 3rd

- Archives, 10:00 am.
- ACG in the Fellowship Hall, 5:30 pm.
- Chancel choir rehearsal, 6:30 pm.

Thursday, September 4th

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

Saturday, September 6th

- Family Camp, (Ghost Ranch)
- Water Color, 8:30 am in FH.

Sunday, September 7th

- 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.
- NO Godly Play Sunday School.
- In-person/Livestream Worship Service, 11:00 am.
- Deacon meeting, 12:00 pm.

-Monday, September 8th

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

-Tuesday, September 9th

- Men's breakfast, 7:30 am in Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday Study & Prayer Group, at noon via Zoom.
- Sandia Pipes and Drums rehearsal, 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday, September 10th

- Archives, 10:00 am.
- Social Services Network, 11:30 am in FH.
- Personnel, 6:00 pm.
- Chancel choir rehearsal, 6:30 pm.

Thursday, September 11th

- ABQ Girls' chorus rehearsal, 4:30 pm in choir room.
- High Desert Pipes and Drums, 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Saturday, September 13th

- Opera SW, 10-12 pm in the Sanctuary.

Sunday, September 14th

- 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.
- Sarah circle, 12:30 am in Kerygma room.
- Gun prevention Class, after last service in FH.

Monday, September 15th

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

Tuesday, September 16th

- Tuesday Study & Prayer Group, at noon via Zoom.
- Worship and Music, 3:00 pm in conference room.
- Sandia Pipes and Drums rehearsal, 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.
- Opera SW, 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

FIBER ART coming soon...



If you are a crafty person and just love art... This group is for you!
More info to come...

Men's Breakfast



Join us! At the Men's Fellowship Breakfast on Tuesday 9th at 7:30



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:

- **September 14 and 28.**
(Lunch will be provided)

– 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, s 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). Depending on the interest to start, we will determine if we will meet in person or via zoom.

The Tuesday Study and Prayer Group

BY MARJORIE BUCK

On October 7, the group will begin a study of How We Learn To Be Brave:

**Decisive Moments in
Life and Faiths
by Mariann Edgar Buddy.**

The author is the bishop and spiritual leader of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington and the Washington National Cathedral.

This will be a 7 week study and the group meets from noon until 1:30 on Tuesdays on zoom.

*Contact the church office for more information and to be included in the zoom link emails.

- COMMUNITY LIFE ACTIVITIES -

Church Women United

an ecumenical Christian women's fellowship

BY MARILYN STOOPS
CWU COMMUNICATIONS



Will 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.



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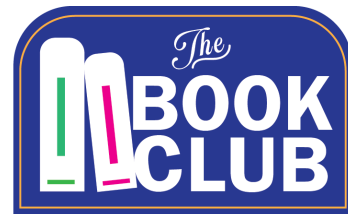
NIGHT AT THE PARK

**FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 5TH
AT 6:05 PM**

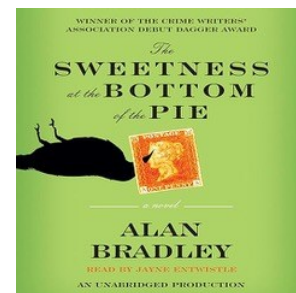
ROUNDROCK EXPRESS VS ALBUQUERQUE ISOTOPES

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

All are Welcome!
For tickets contact Rev. Andrew Black
andrew@fpsantafe.org



"The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie by Alan Bradley



Please join us on Thursday,
September 25th at 10:00 am in the
Conference room, for our monthly
book club

Everyone is welcome!
For more information, contact:
Cristy Dockter



Gingerbread Southwest, a gingerbread house contest and auction!

What is a gingerbread house contest and auction? It is a fundraising event that raises funds for local entities that focus on children.

A great way to kick off your holiday!

This year, Gingerbread Southwest has selected **A Child's Garden Preschool**, a non-profit, 501c3 school that provides early learning to infants, toddlers and preschoolers and their families as **this year's event recipient!**

And we're looking for volunteers!

We strive to be good stewards of the funds we raise through sponsorships, donations, entry fees and ticket sales. This means we work really hard at keeping our costs down. We ask for discounts, when possible, ask for sponsorships and find ways to reduce our costs for our annual Gingerbread Southwest event. That way more of the funds we raise at the event goes to the school & kids we are trying to help. This year we are raising money for A Child's Garden Preschool, achildsgarden@firstpresabq.org

The City of Albuquerque Solid Waste Management Department's **FIESTA FANATICS CLEANUP EVENT** is one way we are able to reduce **the cost of renting the Balloon Fiesta Pavilion** each year. **The more volunteers we have sign up and come out to help pick up trash, the bigger the discount we get on our venue cost!**

Come help us lower the cost of our rental fee and support the kids and our community

When & Where?

FIESTA FANATICS CLEANUP EVENT BALLOON FIESTA PARK

Enter from Alameda, park in Balloon Museum parking lot.

We need all Gingerbread Volunteers to sign-in with our Gingerbread Southwest host, she'll be holding up a big sign so we get credit for our discount, and then sign the City's liability waiver.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

9AM – 12NOON

Breakfast provided

Bring hat & gloves

Direct questions to Linda Lyle at (505) 331-3821.