# MESSENGER LIGHT

August 6th, 2025



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

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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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Triennium 2025

BY LEON LAKE MUSIC DIRECTOR

This past week, leaders from the presbytery of Santa Fe and Sierra Blanca took 12 teenage students to the PCUSA's largest youth conference. 3,000 young people from all over the USA, including Puerto Rico, reflected on the theme of "dreams" as we were challenged to "Wake Up and Dream" by both PCUSA adult and youth leaders as we learned and worshipped.

# It was a FANTASTIC 4 days of what Cece Armstrong (co-moderator for PCUSA) called a much-needed revival for our denomination.

Our youth watched night after night as we worshipped together, with the most diverse panel of Preachers, Musicians, Dancers, Poets, and Organizers I have ever seen. Our youth had the opportunity to teach lessons themselves and posed many big and profound questions together in community. The youth unpacked the teachings they had learned and taught through the day in a glorious outpouring of love and encouragement through worship. My heart is uplifted by knowing that if the children are our future, then the future is bright.

"If we do not transform our pain, we will transmit it, and the thing is you can kill a person, but a dream, especially if it's from God, you can not annihilate"
-Peggy Jean Craig, Pastor at Covenant Pres of Germantown

### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

#### Wednesday, August 6th

- A Child's Garden, 8:00 am-2:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.
- Archives, 10:00 am.

#### Thursday, August 7th

- High Desert Pipes and Drums, 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

#### Friday, August 8th

- Presbytery. 10:00 am-2:00 pm in CE 200.

#### Saturday, August 9th

- PEO Meeting, 11:00 am-4:00pm.
- Music reading class with Leon, from 10:00 am to noon in choir room.

#### Sunday, August 10th

- 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.
- In-person/Livestream Fellowship Hall Worship Service, at 11:00 am.
- Blessing of the backpacks tags.
- Sarah circle, 12:30 pm in Kerygma room.
- Gun Violence Class, after 11:00 am Service.

#### -Tuesday, August 12th

- Men's Breakfast, 7:30 am in Fellowship Hall.
- Building & Grounds, 9:00 am in conference room.
- Tuesday Study & Prayer Group, at noon via Zoom.
- Sandia Pipes and Drums rehearsal, 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

#### Wednesday, August 13th

- Archives, 10:00 am.
- Social services network, 11:30 am in F.H.
- Personnel, 6:30 pm in conference room.

### Thursday, August 14th

- High Desert Pipes and Drums, 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.
- Financial Stewardship, 5:00 pm via Zoom.

### Sunday, August 17th

- 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.
- In-person/Livestream Fellowship Hall Worship Service, at 11:00 am.
- Deacon meeting, 12:30 pm.
- Gun Violence Class, after 11:00 am Service.

### Tuesday, August 19th

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



## **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:

- -August 10, 17, and 24.
- September 14 and 28.

(Lunch will be provided)

On August 23, Immanuel Presbyterian Church will host an event offering education regarding safe gun storage. They will need volunteers to help with this event.

If you are interested in the class, or volunteering on

August 23, please sign up in the church office or contact Becky Dees at 505-350-6152.

## - COMMUNITY LIFE ACTIVITIES -



## **Mark Your Calendars!**

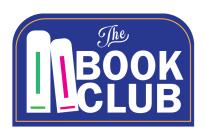
From September 14th - 21st

<u>FPC will once again host Family Promise.</u> Volunteers will have an opportunity to purchase food items for homeless families participating in this mission or to prepare and serve dinner for them.

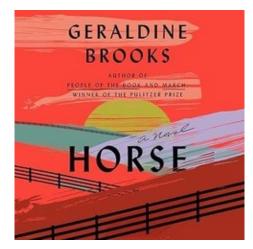
## New volunteers are strongly encouraged to help out!

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.* 





"Horse"
by Geraldine Brooks



Please join us on Thursday, August 28th at 10:00 am in the Conference room, for our monthly book club

## Everyone is welcome!

For more information, contact:

Cristy Dockter

## - COMMUNITY LIFE ACTIVITIES -

## **August 12th**



# Men's Breakfast

Join us! At the Men's Fellowship Breakfast on Tuesday 12th at 7:30 am. \*You can register in the Office.

# August 17th Patricia Last Day



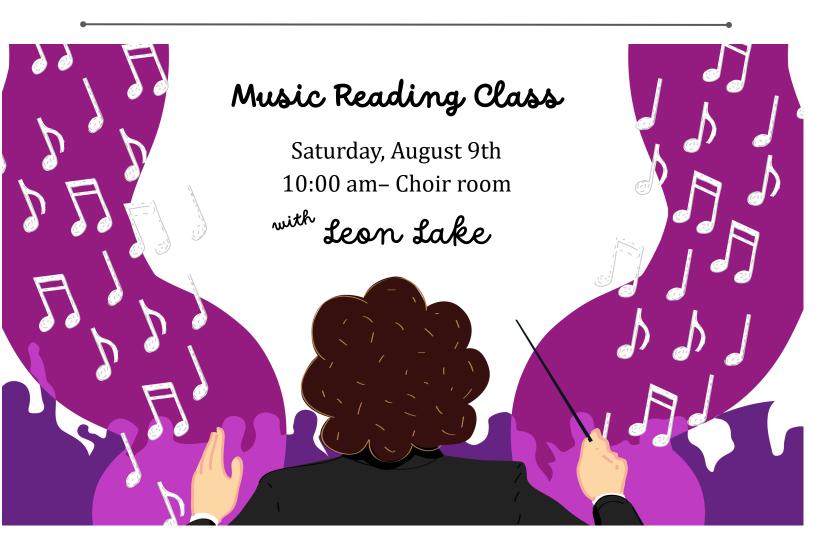
Our friendly and caring Security guard Patricia, is finally retiring. Sadly for us we will be missing her, but we are happy for her new and well deserved chapter in life! Her last Sunday working with us will be August 17th, if you want to wish happy retirement!

# Missing books Library



If you have a book from the Church Library.... We are looking for you!

Please, return any book you have or had misplace in your home, on the next page we have a list of books that are missing. Please look for the books on your shelves.



## - COMMUNITY LIFE ACTIVITIES -

## **Library missing books:**

- 1- John Knox for Armchair theologians
- 2- Born of a Woman
- 3- Jewish Pioneers of New Mexico
- 4- An Illustrated History of New Mexico
- **5–** Presbyterian Questions-Presbyterian Answers: Exploring Christian Faith
- 6- Good in the Dock
- **7–** Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu. The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a changing world.
- 8- Invention of wings
- 9- I Am Malala
- 10- John Adams by David McCullough
- 11- John Calvin: A Sixteenth-Century Portrait
- 12- Pie Town Woman
- 13- Pie Town



- **14-** Ruth
- 15- Snowmen All year
- **16-** The Harvey Girls
- 17- A Spark of Light

## **Events**



## Free Conference

"Promoting a supportive culture in your faith community."



**What**: NAMI Albuquerque is holding a Pathways to Hope conference on August 22-23, 2025. The conference will provide spiritual, mental and behavioral health

discussion and education. The two-day conference will include national plenary speakers as well as locally developed workshops and discussion opportunities. Lunch provided. Register at <a href="https://www.nami.org/PathwaystoHope">www.nami.org/PathwaystoHope</a>



Where: Gateway Center's Education Building

5400 Gibson Blvd., SE, Albuquerque, NM 87108

"Convenient parking is on the east side of the Gateway Center. Enter at the Valencia light"

# SAVE THE DATE

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## Sunday, September 21st, 2025

at noon following the Worship Service

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> To R.S.V.P Call: Saira (505) 764-2900



