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Acts II: Becoming the New Apostles

Our country is a mess. The world is a mess. I want to do something, but WHAT?

Today God is calling us to be the new apostles—if you will, to create a second book of Acts—to step up to the world’s problems, to follow Jesus as did the first apostles. But what does that mean in today’s world?

Looking to Acts

A new adult education series starts us down the path of becoming new apostles by taking a closer look at those early apostles with a fresh in-depth look at the book of Acts. The first apostles faced a cruel and hostile government, ridicule and scorn, and persecution and death. But they felt Jesus was with them as God led them to heal the sick, spread the word of God’s love for all, and resist the tyranny of the Roman empire.

This education series, entitled *Acts: When the Church Was Young* will be led by Harry Eberts and Jim Brown 9:45–10:45AM on Sunday mornings from September 17 through October 15. It will be repeated on Wednesday around the time of the

Celtic service (specific time to be determined).

Finding God in our Lives

Becoming new apostles “demands” that we look to God to find our way forward in our messy and increasingly complicated world. This five-week series, led by Spiritual Directors Jeannie Bowman and Rev. Dr. Christine Vogel, looks at the various “tools” we have at our disposal as we seek to understand and practice prayer, as well as compassionate listening and living.

The five sessions (from October 22 through November 19) are:

- Who We Are Is How We Pray
- What It Means to Practice Compassionate Listening (or Conversation as a Spiritual Practice)
- The Sacred Work Of Being Human
- Unity and Diversity
- How Our Spiritual Practices Have the Power to Change Our Lives

Join Us

Whether you have been with us more than 50 years or fewer than 50 days, or anywhere in between, you are valuable in helping this church and its people grow together in our faith and find our path as God’s new apostles.





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Dear Theophilus,

I write this sitting in a sunny then cloudy and sunny again backyard of a home in the former East Germany where religion once silenced is now silenced again by apathy and a real sense of having long lost its way. I write this remembering our church back home and imagining ways for it to be vital in today's context. I write this after hastily snatching a book from my office shelf before Jenny and I left for Germany to attend our former exchange student Justus' high school graduation, a book by Rick Ufford-Chase, a past moderator of our denomination, and a tireless and effective advocate for a just and generous Christianity. It fills me once again with hope, and yes, of course, let's keep working on this together because the world needs badly what Christ offered once and still does.

Towards the end of his book *Faithful Resistance: Gospel Visions for a Church in a Time of Empire*, Rick writes, "What would it look like to claim this as a jubilee moment in the life of our church? What if we accounted for the ways in which we have embraced the wrong vision, corrected our own excess, and returned to the heart of what it means to be the people of God? What if we chose this moment to let go of the church we have labored so much to build in order to become active participants—co-creators—with God, in this act of imagination to renew our witness as followers of Jesus, the risen Lord and the Prince of Peace?"

What if, indeed. I look forward to the fall as we continue to lay the groundwork for becoming the new apostles as together we seek to live out our calling.

*Many blessings,
Harry*

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Worship & Music

Choirs Gearing Up for Fall

Chancel Choir

Join in the music making!

First Rehearsals

September 6

Tenors and Basses 1:30–2:30PM

September 7

Tenors and Basses 5:00–6:00PM

September 7

Tutti 6:00–8:00PM

September 10

Sopranos and Altos 9:30–10:30AM

Mark Your Calendars

Chancel Choir Retreat

September 16

9:00AM–12:00NOON

All Saints' Sunday

November 5

Requiem by John Rutter

Lessons and Carols

December 17

Magnificat by Gerald Finzi

Christmas Eve 10:00PM

TGIF January 19, 2018

Requiem by John Rutter

TGIF Good Friday

March 30, 2018

The Passion according to Luke
by Heinrich Schütz

TGIF June 8, 2018

Kettledrum Mass

by Franz Joseph Haydn

Weekly Schedule

- Tuesday Sopranos and Altos
4:00–5:00PM
- Wednesday Tenors and Basses
1:30–2:30PM
- Thursday Tenors and Basses
5:00–6:00PM
- Thursday Tutti 6:00–8:00PM
- Sunday Sopranos and Altos
9:30–10:30AM
- Sunday Warm Up 10:30–11:00AM
for 11:00 service

Singing at Two Services

November 5, 2017

December 17, 2017

April 1, 2018

Chancel Bell Choir

First Rehearsal

September 6

Mark Your Calendars

Bell Choir Retreat

September 23

9:00AM–12:00NOON

TGIF December 22 5:30PM

Christmas Eve December 24 5:00PM

TGIF April 6, 2018 5:30PM

TGIF July 6, 2018 5:30PM

News You Can Use

Third Sunday activities resume this fall: Monthly **Blood Pressure Checks** will be provided for all members and visitors on the third Sunday of the month from 9:30–10:30 in the Church Office/Library. These checks are provided for the well-being of the congregation and community either to keep track of a known problem or to check that there is no problem with this “silent killer.” The **Gathering for Sunday Lunch** will also begin in September on the third Sunday.

With Gratitude from Lisa Vernon: “I left for five months to have surgery on my heart at Cleveland Clinic, followed by a sleepy recovery. I am fixed and thrilled to be back home in Santa Fe! I want this congregation to know how very touched I have been with your prayers, good wishes, and loving support. Harry often talks about caring for one another and you have certainly put this hope into action. I felt my church family’s spiritual support throughout this difficult journey, and I have felt almost overwhelmed with the love you have shown me with my homecoming. My heartfelt thanks and God bless each of you!”

After a brief summer recess, the **Fireside Chat with the Mystics** group will resume their weekly gatherings on Tuesday, August 15, 5:00–6:00PM in the Rendon Room. We continue to use the wisdom of medieval mystic Teresa of Ávila to shape our meditation, our conversations and our holy friendship. Newcomers are always most welcome; no preparation nor book purchase is necessary. Join us to enrich your spiritual journey and deepen faith disciplines. Rev. Linda Loving is convener—and often leader—of the group and welcomes your questions at lclrev@aol.com. (And we promise not to turn on the fireplace until it cools off!)

From the *Presbyterian Women*



Highlights from Session

Hello all, happy days!

As summer begins to wane, autumn begins to poke itself into our plans for the fall, we remember this formula:

PW + September = Bible Study

Will YOU join us this year? All Presbyterian women/friends are welcome!

We meet monthly, September through May on the third Friday of the month at 1:30PM at the church.

Our Bible Study for 2017–18 is entitled *Cloud of Witnesses—The Community of Christ in Hebrews*, written by Melissa Bane Sevier.

The “community” referred to here interacts, in a sense, with all other communities of faith, of which we are a part. The “Great Cloud of Witnesses” around us support and encourage us, and show us how to live our lives in faith each day. In nine lessons we are invited to explore major themes

found in Hebrews and relate them to other parts of our faith tradition. Study books are available and should produce some great discussions.

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We hope to hear from you. The first meeting is Friday, September 15.

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Do you shop on Amazon. com? Amazon will donate five percent to PW on many of your items, just go to smile.amazon.com and select your charity, Presbyterian Women. How simple is that?

Session usually meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30PM. Below are the highlights so far in 2017!

In January Session welcomed new members and “introduced” ourselves to each other with statements of why and how we are each involved.

Sharon Eklund – Chair of Personnel and co-chair of Hospitality Task Force

Jenny Vellinga – Chair of Columbarium Committee and serves on Facilities Committee

Richard Lindahl – Chair of Nominating Committee and serves on Adult Education Committee

Margaret Lyerly – Chair of Stewardship, Session Liaison to CDC, serves on 150th Capital Campaign Committee and Administration Committee and is Co-supervisor of Counters and is Vice President of the Corporation

Bill Eklund – President of the Corporation and Chair of Administration Committee, serves on Finance Committee, 150th Capital Campaign Committee, Parking and Planned Giving, and is an elected Commissioner to the Presbytery.

Jim Martin – serves on Stewardship Committee, serves on 150th Capital Campaign Committee and heads the Financial Review Committee

Bruce Black – Chair of the Outreach Committee

Presbyterian Men’s Breakfast

Nuclear physicist and FPC member Jim Toevs will be the featured speaker in September to kick off the 2017–18 Men’s Breakfast season. Jim is a longtime staff member at Los Alamos National Laboratory and has titled his September 10th address *The Nuclear Threat 75 years after Pearl Harbor*. Men’s Breakfast presents a golden opportunity for church members—and nonmembers as well—to renew acquaintances and make new friends over a cup of hot coffee and a plate of warm pancakes (or biscuits and gravy). In October the speaker will be author Jane Hasenmueller who will discuss *How Nutrient Dense Foods Can Slow the Aging Process*. Sounds like an important subject for members of FPC.

Look for more information on the Men’s Breakfast schedule in your Sunday church bulletins.

Gale Wright - Treasurer and serves on Administration Committee, Finance Committee, Investment Committee and Communications Committee; as Treasurer is ex-officio on Stewardship and 150th Capital Campaign Committees. Teaches at ELL.

Dennis Sanderson – Chair of Finance Committee, Chair of Investment Committee, works with Facilities regarding building issues and serves on Administration Committee

Rie Clark – serves on Mission and Social Justice Committee and Communications Committee [Rie has since moved to Washington, DC]

Patricia Copple – will join the Worship Committee

Steve Kinnett – serves as Session Liaison to Worship Committee and on Stewardship Committee. And is an elected Commissioner to the Presbytery.

Judi Haines – serves as Clerk of Session, Corporate Secretary and Pledge Clerk. Co-chair of the Hospitality Task Force and serves on Administration Committee, Finance Committee and 150th Capital Campaign Committee.

We listed accomplishments of 2016 (in no particular order):

- Publication of the Financial Policies Manual
- Established an active Investment Committee
- Refined the budget process to include staff
- Launched a new website for FPC Santa Fe
- Members travelled to Cuba, Colombia and Iona
- Began a Celtic Evensong Service every Wednesday

- A Youth Group was formed and a Youth Room created in the Third Floor Library
- Third Floor Library moved to Rendon Room
- Confirmation classes were held with three members joining the church on January 9, 2017
- 150th Celebration groundwork (two years)
- 150th Capital Campaign – off the ground, survey conducted and feasibility study produced
- Parking task force engaged with city and county officials and representatives
- Supported the Interfaith Shelter
- Celebrated Linda Raney's 30th anniversary as Music Director at FPC Santa Fe
- Joined with Westminster Presbyterian, and participate in the ELL (English Language Learning) Program which meets and tutors weekly
- 52 TGIF Concerts
- Revised Mission Statement and commissioned a hymn by Linda Rice Beck based on the new Mission Statement
- CDC applied for and anticipates receiving five-star rating from NAEYC
- Chartered a single-purpose task force to study Church Renewal and Vitality

Andrew Black was approved as Parish Associate and joins Session each month for Elder Training. We are focused on Foundations and Polity of the Church. We have reviewed and discussed various sections: God's Mission, Unity in Diversity and The Calling of the Church.

CDC was given an endowment of \$50,000 and a special fund was created for the endowment which is specified for CDC scholarships

Session formed a Renewal Team made up of members from Session and the congregation at large, whose mission is to meet on a regular basis over the next year for prayer and discernment over the direction of our church. Led by Harry Eberts and Andrew Black.

In May the majority of our meeting was devoted to the Triennial Review. Each member of Session has completed a questionnaire and members of the COM joined us for discussion. We received a letter complimenting the Session and the church and encouraging us to continue the work.

Session created another new fund "The Linda Raney Discretionary Music Fund" with the balance of the contributions that were made for her 30th anniversary gift.

Session unanimously approved Facilities request to extend the current custodial contract until the end of 2017, at which time plans are in place to hire two part-time custodial staff under the supervision of Facilities Manager to take over these duties beginning January of 2018. Session also approved the job descriptions, pay ranges and recruiting of same.

Session, with agreement from the Presbyterian Women, agreed to change the date of the Thank Offering from November 19 to the 12 of November to allow Stewardship Campaign to better coordinate with budget timeline. Stewardship campaign will run from October 29 until November 19.

Join the Church's Second Family

Christ's call in Galatians 6:10 to "... work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith" is at the heart of the newly formed Second Family Ministry at FPCSF. It is the foundation for creating a model of ministry that assures that everyone receives as everyone gives, that no one is left out, and it is a model that continues our great tradition of truly being a caring community at FPC.

Second Family is a ministry that offers friendship, assistance and encouragement to members of the congregation, members who through life's challenges and changes are not as independent as they once were. Or to members who would temporarily benefit from an extra helping hand and expression of love.

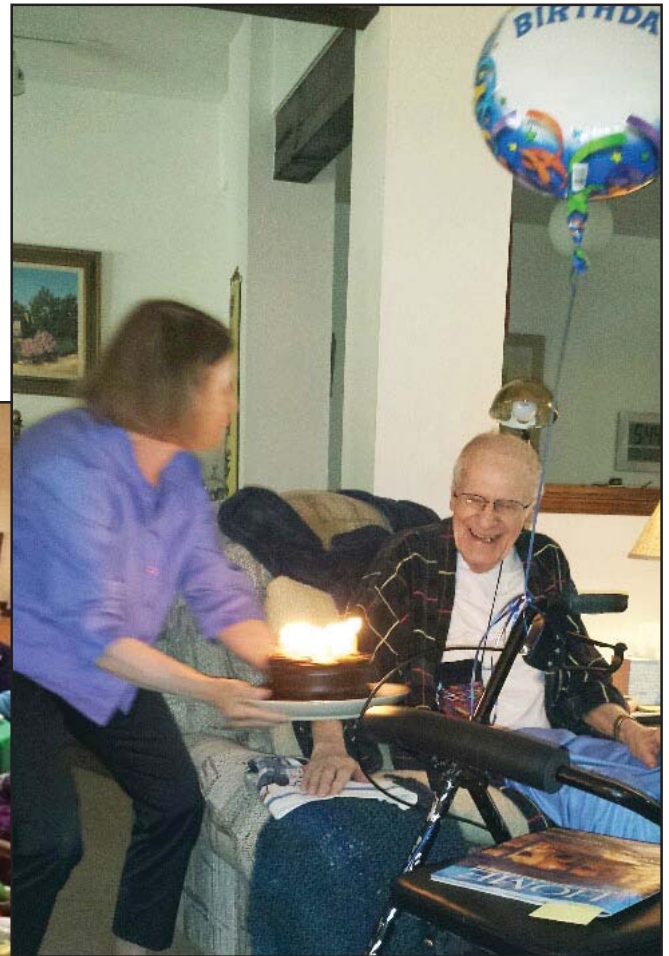
In bite-sized commitments, ministry members form circles of care around an individual, a couple, or a family,

thereby becoming a congregational "second family" using their individual gifts to serve in a variety of ways. Team members provide spiritual, emotional and physical support; visiting, reading together, sharing a meal, helping with errands or transportation, or offering to help with a household task.

There is a place for everyone and we pray that everyone will find their place as FPCSF grows into a true Second Family. Consider your gifts and how you might serve

through this exciting new ministry. Perhaps it will be spending time with someone to work a puzzle or share a devotional, time to change a light bulb or weed a flower bed, time to pick up a prescription or go for an ice cream, time to "work for the good of all".

See what a difference your "bite-sized commitment" can make in someone's life. Call Betty Kersting 505.982.4548 or Krista Peterson 505.982.8544 x10 to learn more about Second Family, a Caring Community .



Additional parts of the Second Family ministry are fun, fellowship and educational activities, such as the As I Age Luncheon pictured left and celebrating birthdays. Patti Poitras and others from the church gathered to celebrate Tom Moore's 91st birthday in June.

Building a New Church, Brick by Brick

In the church as well as in our current culture, we are at a place where the future rushes into the present completely heedless of the past. The 150th anniversary of this congregation, however, is giving us a unique opportunity to heed the past and appreciate from where we have come as a congregation.

As the State Archaeologists were excavating the land north of the church, the history of the church's role in education in Northern New Mexico came alive as foundations of the mission school was unearthed. It was a unique opportunity to heed the past and imagine what it was like when the school was operating at this site—imagining the laughter, the chatter of the girls.

Little has been said about the red brick church that preceded the current sanctuary and served the congregation well for some 60 years. The congregation had struggled membership-wise and financially from its beginning in 1867, but by 1881 the congregation was stronger and visionary leaders felt it was time to build for the future and replace the old adobe church building.

One of the most able and visionary leaders in the church was Bradley Thomas, an “Indian Agent” in Santa Fe. His diary is in the Fray Angelico Chavez History Library at the Palace of the Governors. In 1881 he was not only on the Board of Trustees, he was also beginning a term as Sunday School Superintendent, a position he took very seriously and spent endless hours working to make the Sunday School more significant in the life of the congregation.

His diary indicates that in early May 1881 the church received a letter from the Mission Board indicating

that it would donate a lot for a new church. It was also indicated that the Board of Church Election would give \$1,000 toward the new building. (At that time the congregation was not incorporated and the land on which the old adobe building sat was in the name of the Board of Missions).

In a special meeting of the Board of Trustees on May 12, 1881, a resolution was passed to build a new church at a cost of \$3,500. Later in the month a concert was held at the old church and raised \$29.75 toward its construction.

Thomas seems to have taken the lead in the effort and wrote in his diary that building the church would be a “fearful effort.” He further wrote that he did not want to be part of “building another church in my lifetime.” On July 12 he noted that the “church building is worrying us Presbyterians these days. Money is hard to raise and we know not where to look or what to do.”

So, on July 14 the Trustees voted to send the pastor, J. M. McGaughy, east to raise money for the new building and to negotiate a \$400 mortgage “held by the ladies.” How successful the effort was is not recorded in the diary.

On another day in July Thomas wrote in his diary that he had spent the full day “soliciting subscriptions”—presumably pledges or gifts for the building of the church.

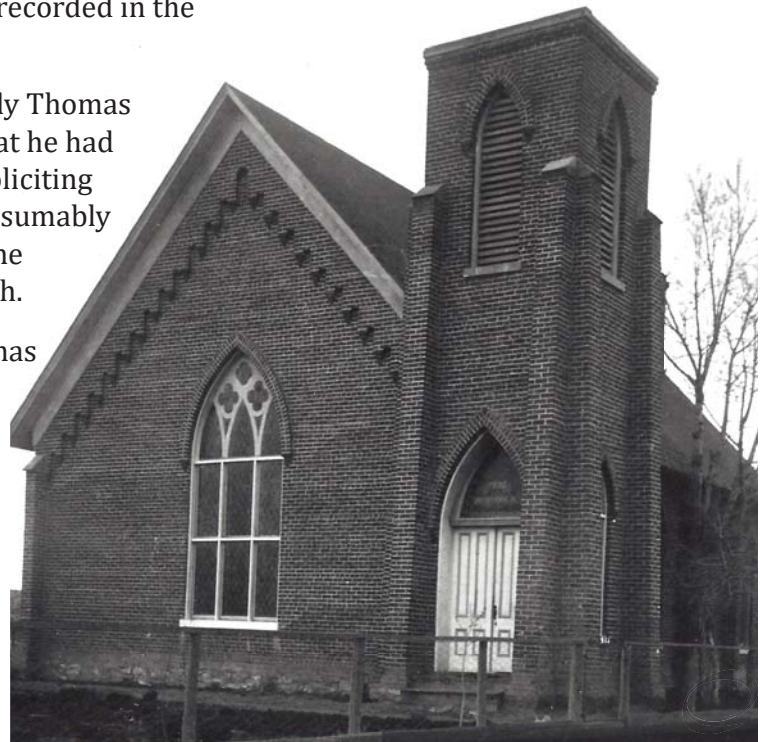
On October 25, Thomas wrote that he was in Durango. He had

made the acquaintance of James McFarland, pastor of the Presbyterian Church there and together in a buggy they went up the Rio Las Animas to a sawmill to purchase lumber for the new church. This they did at the Durango San Juan Lumber Company.

On November 28 he wrote that he had been busy that day making “preparations for starting his team to Tierra Amarillo”—presumably to bring the lumber back to Santa Fe. That evening he attended a “fair for the new church.” He deemed it a success.

And, finally, on May 21, 1882, a few days more than a year after the decision to build was made, he wrote that he attended the first service in the new building. He concluded it would be “very nice when entirely complete.”

What was the building like? In the next *noticias* we'll tour the building through the eyes of Mary Moore Kersting, daughter of Pastor Hayes Moore, who describes it in a paper she wrote as part of the church's centennial celebration in 1967.



Youth Connection

Applying the Lessons Learned from Ghost Ranch Youth Week

The Youth Connection had yet another opportunity to grow in knowledge and in their own faith when on July 10 they welcomed 12 teens and two adults traveling on an Interfaith Mission Trip to Santa Fe. In the peace of the rooftop garden our FPCSF Youth listened, learned and reflected as everyone shared about their own faith tradition, including those of Buddhists, Zoroastrians, Christians, Hindus and Jews. Then the Youth Connection shared their experience at Ghost Ranch, emphasizing some of what they learned about "Love Without Borders." It was a perfect evening for crossing borders and removing some barriers to greater understanding and peace. We hope to connect with this amazing group once again next year to continue the relationship over a workday together.



August

- 1 Kathy Hansen
- Paul Kincaid
- 3 Kati Schwartz
- 4 Marion Jackson
- Susan Ortiz
- 5 Barb Hutchison
- Carolyn Minton
- 6 Ellen Armbruster-Schoen
- Olive Smith
- 7 Anna Marie Houser
- 8 Tom Mott
- 9 Darryl Bowman
- 12 Nicholas Chastenet
- Andy Ortiz

- 13 Joann Campbell
- Jim Toevs
- 14 Adrienne Ewing-Meyer
- Seth Hinshaw
- Wynn Moran
- Mary Louise Williams
- 15 Marisol Gutierrez
- 20 Audrey Maehl
- 21 Kandi McKown
- Rosie Mott
- 22 Jim McKee
- 23 Margaret Dean
- 24 Ethel Trimmer
- 26 Lisa Bowles (CDC)
- 27 Elliot Henry
- Jim Winter
- 29 Betty Grubestic
- Harrison Hook
- 31 Sue Kingston
- Elise Packard

September

- 1 Rick Andrew
- Gale Wright
- 2 Bill Plauth
- Winky van der Hoeven
- 3 Harris Barber
- Judith Wilson
- 4 Judy Banner
- 5 Lily Bair
- Harriett Barber
- Bess Brooks
- 6 Chris Gay
- Sara Haber
- Kurt Hill
- Betty Kinnett
- 8 Tim Vellinga
- 9 Gaby Chastenet
- Mary Neff
- Greg Schneider
- 10 Judy Mikkelsen
- 12 Judi Haines
- Sam Mitchell
- 13 Liz Hinds
- 15 Lindsey Allen
- 18 Carol Smock
- 19 Mary Beth Jones
- 20 Nelda Bell
- 21 Pauline Schneider
- Josephine Shultz
- 22 Nancy Armbruster
- Anne Maglisceau
- 23 Heather Weir
- 24 Candy Elkjer
- 25 Andy Wulf
- 26 Jene Alexander
- Sue Hallquist
- 27 Michael Roybal
- 28 Rebecca Withers
- 29 Denise Lee
- Hayley Wolff
- 30 Kaye Burr

Capital Campaign Surpasses Initial Milestone

“You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity.” So wrote Paul in II Corinthians 9–11. And enriched we all were when Drew Hill, representing FPC’s Youth Connection, addressed the congregation.

“Thanks to everyone who supported our Silent Auction, we raised more than \$1000 over what was needed for our youth retreat to Ghost Ranch. Because we love our church, and understand the importance of the capital campaign, we’d like to

October

- 1 Ann Stoughton
- 2 Ray Kersting
James Smock
- 4 David Beatty
Sarah Stark
- 6 George Packard
- 8 Keytha Jones
- 9 Valerye Plath
- 10 Suzy Gearhart
Leslie Miller
- 12 Lynn Bickley
Patti Poitras
- 13 Lance Mikkelsen
- 15 Okyo Pyon
- 16 Christina Hill
- 18 Bill Eklund
- 19 Catherine Bremer
Julie Jones
Judy Montañó
Susan Slotter
- 21 Bill Elkjer
Bobby Plauth
- 22 Nancy Maret
Jim Martin
- 24 Mary Black
- 25 Jill McCormick
Jacque Rolstad
- 26 Gary Murphy
Tupper Schoen
- 29 Melissa Mitchell
- 30 Tom Tindall
- 31 Camryn Calabrese

present a \$500 pledge,” said Drew as he gave the pledge card to Plato Karayanis, the campaign’s chair. “The Youth Connection is grateful to First Presbyterian,” Drew said.

“It’s examples like this, of faith in FPC and commitment to its bold future, which have motivated nearly 100 FPC families out of 197 to thus far pledge \$1,128,000 and help the campaign reach its first milestone,” said Plato.

“We’ve taken a big step forward, and everyone who prayed for God’s guidance and provided generous support over the last three months has the heartfelt gratitude of the campaign committee.

“As we go forward, we’re mindfully aware that we have more work to do,” Plato added. “Though we’ve yet to reach our stated goal, our reasons for the campaign haven’t diminished.”

“Everyone on the committee,” he continued, “is devoted to ensuring adequate funding so that we can properly maintain and preserve our historic sanctuary, which as a community center supports more than 1500 people per week.

“We’re dedicated to helping fund easily accessible parking that creates a welcoming environment for those wanting to worship, and those seeking our hospitality, mission and ministries.

“And we’re committed to widening education opportunities through Child Development Center scholarships, and our assistance to homeless youth, and their families,” he said.

Much has been said and written about the capital campaign. FPC

members have openly expressed their gratitude to the church and to God. Church ministries have received congregation-wide recognition. Life-changing testimonies have tugged at our hearts. A new video rang true with a prayer of Who We Are. And our Celebration fellowship brought us together as a church family.

“Now, our job is to sustain this momentum for the next three years—to communicate our achievements, and to keep our mission circle unbroken” said Diane Buchanan, the campaign’s co-chair.

“This campaign,” she added “is not just for the physical assets it is also for our spiritual journey. Each step we take. Each contribution we make. Each goal reached will enrich our lives and bring us closer to God’s vision of love.

“I truly believe our acts of generosity will pay for themselves many times over, and become like the mustard seed Jesus references in Mark 4:31-32 ‘which at the time of its sowing, is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.’ “

FPC’s pastor, Rev. Dr. Harry Eberts III, summarized the capital campaign’s three-year end goal this way: “Yes, the campaign is about raising funds, but it is equally about being more in touch with one another and our community, and in tune with God’s presence in our lives. It is my great hope we will all remain conduits of God’s love and kindness.”

Neva Ann Williams



Neva Ann, who is an artist, designer, builder and musician, moved to Santa Fe in 2016 from Ojai, California, where she attended Ojai Presbyterian Church, and served two terms as a deacon.

Neva Ann has two children, Nicholas who lives in Santa Fe, and Matthew who lives in Ojai.

Tom Tindall and Okyo Pyon



Tom and Okyo moved to Santa Fe in 2016 from Los Angeles.

Tom is a retired administrator. Okyo is a retired small business owner. They have one son, Tommy, who lives in Alexandria, Virginia.

Ken and Leslie Miller



Ken and Leslie are part-time residents of Santa Fe and Houston where Ken practices law, and Leslie recently retired as director of the Center of Technology in Teaching and Learning at Rice University. They had visited Santa Fe and relatives here for many years before choosing Santa Fe as their retirement home. "We were drawn to the history and climate here, and decided Santa Fe would be a good place to live."

As a family they love to travel and experience different cultures. "Now that we're in Santa Fe we hope to continue to learn more about the history and beauty of the Southwest," Leslie said.

Ken and Leslie, in transferring their membership from First Presbyterian Houston to our church, said they were motivated to join by Harry's sermons and the friendliness of the congregation. "We always visited First Presbyterian when we were in town," Leslie said.

Ken and Leslie have been married for 47 years. Their two children and three grandsons reside in Dallas and Houston.

Heather Weir



Heather and her husband, David, moved to Santa Fe in 2016 from California. "After becoming empty nesters three years ago, we decided to move from the hustle and bustle of California," said Heather.

"We spent a gap year based in the California Sierras hiking and biking throughout the Western US, and investigating southwestern cities. Santa Fe was our favorite spot for its peaceful beauty, hiking/biking trails, and art, history, music and food," she said.

A lifelong Presbyterian, Heather attended First Presbyterian Church of Burlingame, where she served in Stephen Ministry, and as a deacon and elder.

"I particularly enjoyed the way the children were integrated in First Presbyterian Santa Fe's early morning service, and I love the music, the exhortation and challenge of the message in the 11:00AM service," she said. She then added, "The enthusiastic paper-waving replacement for applause always brings a smile to my face."

Heather and David are avid hikers and cyclists who also love camping, fishing and road trips.

Raised in Los Angeles, Heather has lived in Brooklyn; Rye, New York; the San Francisco Bay area and most recently Kirkwood, California. She and David have three grown children living in Boulder, Los Angeles and San Francisco, and a yellow lab named Carson.

Ralph and Renee Scargall



Looking for more cultural opportunities (and better restaurants), Ralph and Renee moved to Santa Fe in 2016 after 15 years in Las Cruces and one year on their sailboat docked at Marco Island, Florida.

Now retired, Ralph managed information technology projects for Southwestern Bell and subsequently AT&T. His 30-year career included assignments in Tulsa, Oklahoma; Springfield, Missouri; and Little Rock, St. Louis and Dallas.

Renee, who also began her career in information technology at Southwestern Bell, retired in 2016 from business consulting with Capgemini Consulting based in Paris.

While living in Dallas, Ralph and Renee were members of Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church, which Renee called "very dynamic." After visiting First Presbyterian, Santa Fe, "we felt it offered a similar church experience. We really liked Dr. Ebert's message, and the way he delivered it," she said.

Ralph and Renee are Returned Peace Corps Volunteers having spent 2009–2011 as volunteers in Mexico. Ralph, who is also a private pilot and former aircraft owner, has flown with Renee throughout the US, Mexico and the Bahamas.

Avid cyclists, Ralph and Renee have completed several Century (100 mile) rides, including the Santa Fe Century each May, and this year a Sport Touring motorcycle ride to Canada.

Their two sons and grandson live in St. Louis.

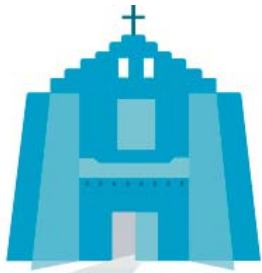
In Memoriam

Lynn Maish Babcock, 78, died on July 11, 2017, in Santa Fe. She was born on February 1, 1939 in Warsaw, Indiana to the late Wilbur F. and Violet Maish. She graduated from Warsaw High School in 1957 and earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from DePauw University in 1961. She married Dr. James Babcock in 1963. They lived in Indianapolis until 1975 when they moved to Bluffton, Indiana where he practiced Orthopaedic Surgery. Lynn raised 3 children and had a long career as a registered nurse in a variety of positions, mainly pediatrics and home health care. The couple retired to Santa Fe in 2008. Lynn was active in community service throughout her entire life. She volunteered at the Panos Free Clinic in Bluffton and more recently at Feeding Santa Fe. She served as a board member for many years at the Creative Arts Council of Wells County. Lynn was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church in Bluffton having served as an Elder and as a Trustee. She continued as an associate member of the First Presbyterian Church in Santa Fe. She was an accomplished amateur flutist and pianist. She continued to study piano until the time of her death. She and James also enjoyed opera, classical music, hiking and travel. Her loving husband James and three children survive her: Dr. Rebecca Bair (Brant) of Santa Fe, Julia Lynn Whitmore (Brian) of Palisade, Colorado and Michael James Babcock (Wendi Sams) of Atlanta. She is survived by four grandchildren: Benjamin and Lauren Whitmore, and Katherine and Sophia Bair. Her children and grandchildren were the greatest joy of her life. Lynn's kind and thoughtful presence in their lives will be sorely missed. In Santa Fe we celebrated Lynn's life on Sunday, July 23.

Helen Ortega passed away Thursday, June 8. A longtime member of the church, she cared for the kitchen in the old building prior to the new construction.

John Stephenson was a member of the church for 90 of his almost 103 years and was number one in the current church register. He founded the Community Farm, which produces some 10,000 pounds of vegetables annually during recent years. His celebration of life will be held at the farm, 1829 San Ysidro Crossing, on Saturday, August 5 at 10:00AM.

We also miss the **Rev. Lowelle Simms** who passed away on May 13.



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Galatians 6:9-10

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