



## The Great Heritage – Bold Future Campaign Reaches 58% of Goal



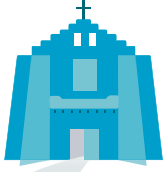
*The Great Heritage – Bold Future Campaign* was launched in May 2017 with a \$2 million capital campaign goal to provide long-term maintenance and improvement funding for our facility; to secure ample parking for our congregation and the church’s many users; and to support two of our church’s core missions. The mission segment would help provide scholarships for CDC’s less fortunate students and an additional staff liaison person for Adelante.

Thanks to the congregation’s generosity, to date we have received pledges and cash for 58% of the goal. A full report is included in FPC’s 2017 Annual Report.

A potentially significant contribution to our campaign is currently in the making. Recently, the National Fund for Sacred Places invited FPC to participate in its matching grant program for the preservation of historical facilities. Our church was one of 17 nationwide selected out of 220 applications. Since the award amount is based on what capital projects are needed to help preserve our facility, we have engaged Shawn Evans, an historic preservation architect with AOS Architects in Santa Fe, to survey the entire facility. He will submit to Session by the end of March a building conditions report along with cost estimates. After Session’s review, the report forwards to the National Fund, which will determine grant size.

The National Fund’s award, expected in April, will kick off the capital campaign’s second phase, raising the required funds to match National Fund’s grant. This phase will solicit support from the congregation and from foundations and other public sources.

*To date, The Great Heritage—Bold Future Campaign has raised \$1,158,440 in pledges and \$626,024 in cash*



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
of Santa Fe

*Behold. Be still. Become.*

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## First Presbyterian's 2018 Stewardship Results

Our goal was \$510,000 in pledges, and we received \$510,804. Thank you all for your commitment and generosity.

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“You will be my witnesses  
in Jerusalem, in all  
Judea and Samaria, and  
to the ends of the earth.”  
Acts 1:8

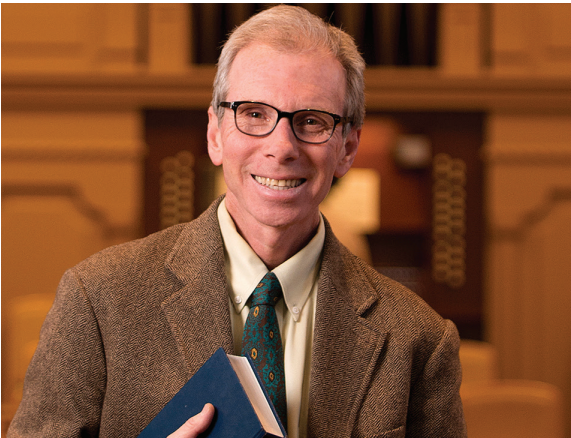
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## CDC Adelante Donations

CDC parents, staff and church members collected strollers, carriers, diapers, coats, books, clothing, toys, etc. for the Santa Fe Public Schools, Adelante, which serves 1,700 students, children, youth and their families experiencing homelessness. Currently more than 170 are infants and toddlers. Ongoing, there will be a box in CDC for future donations to this preschool population. To learn more, contact Rose Sanchez, Adelante Early Childhood Specialist, 505-467-2657.



*A huge THANK YOU to everyone who  
donated to Adelante.*



Rev. Dr. Harry  
Eberts III

## Dear Theophilus,

### “The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.”

These opening words from Mark, our lectionary gospel in 2018, locate us at the beginning of the New Year, which is to say, at the beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ. Note it is not the end of good news, nor is it the last gasp of humanity. We are now at the beginning of the teachings, insights, compassion, healing, justice, peace, holiness and humanity of Jesus.

Thank God for this. We need all the strength and courage and resilience we can get to face a world such as ours. May the Jesus shown in Mark be our guide.

Be ready, though. Mark is quick. It doesn't linger over a story or multiply words. There isn't time. It reads as if the author can't catch his breath (the word immediately is used 41 times!). God must act quickly in a world crashing down all over and places Jesus on the scene. Things will change, not sometime in the future, but immediately, for the better and for the good of all.

OK, so what might this mean for us in Santa Fe? Perhaps we find space that is not already filled with words or opinions and let God be God. Perhaps we slow down to let our souls catch up. Perhaps we lay off social media and become more social, then use it to effectively reach others with the good news we will experience. Perhaps we learn to respond quickly to the issues that bombard us every day.

That's what Mark did in his gospel. It was the first of its kind, a history yet not history, stories about Jesus but also stories about what it means to be human, unflinching by standing up to the empire with stories that walked on the surface with meanings that went deep. It gave people hope in a time of despair and light in a time of darkness.

Mark is our good news today and for the coming year. May it be an amazing beginning for the world. And God, we pray, may it begin immediately.

Many blessings – Harry



## New Apostles Step It Up

In the Lenten season, our Acts II New Apostles adult education seminary series begins an in-depth dive into social and personal issues that we confront in today's world. The first Acts II classes laid the foundation by studying the early church, Protestant Reformation, the Hebrew prophets and personal spiritual formation.

Now, the Lenten series introduces areas that will be developed further in the upcoming months, mostly during the adult education hour. Although the seminary series is not totally firmed up, confirmed presentations include: Jim Brown on Palestine lessons for today's world, reformed theology in the age of empire; Jordan and David Smith on the environment and social justice implications; a mid-week field trip to Southside; David Solem on self and congregational care; Jeannie Bowman and Christine Vogel on prayer; and Harry Eberts leading a reflections summary.

After Easter, each of the introduction class topics will branch into in-depth studies that last for four to six weeks. Some will be scheduled during the adult education hour and others throughout the week. We will invite experts to speak, and we will read thought-provoking texts.

Classes will include much discussion, and some classes will include experiential learning, including local trips. Classes will conclude with serious evaluations about our ability to help bring God's kingdom to earth, right here in Santa Fe and elsewhere.

In April, during the adult education hour, Andrew Black will lead us on a study of the environment. In May, Jeannie Bowman and Christine Vogel will help us explore ways of communing with God in prayer that may be unfamiliar to many of us.

The next offerings will be developed after seeking input from the Lenten class attendees and other members of our church family.

FPC's eNews blast and website will give more details as they are developed.

So come to the Lenten classes, consider options for additional classes, let your voice be heard, and prepare to step it up as a New Apostle.



*The new Acts II Lenten seminary series starts on February 11 with a discussion of Palestine and its lessons for today led by Jim Brown. It features highlights and photos from a recent trip where Nina Brown (shown) stands in front of olive trees planted during the trip.*



# Benevolence

by Judi Haines

Not fond of the word, sounds a bit patronizing. I like some of the synonyms much better: Generosity – Goodwill – Compassion – Humanity. Did you know FPC has a Benevolence fund? Probably not, there's not much money in it, more about that later. I'd like to tell you a story about Humanity and Goodwill and Compassion and Generosity during this past Christmas season.

Our pastor, Harry, became aware of a very human situation on the Santa Domingo Pueblo that is all too common in Northern New Mexico. An 83-year-old woman (we call her Grandma) was living in an adobe house built by her husband many years ago taking care of children, so their Moms could go to work, living in this old house that had numerous leaks. Every time it rained the kitchen would flood, the walls seeped water.

Grandma is pretty creative and had created funnels using whatever waterproof material she could find which were taped around the worst leaks hoping that the rain would funnel into the bucket beneath.

Harry called on Michael Roybal to go and assess the situation, which he did immediately. His report, in part, stated, "the parapets are in dire condition. Most of the water infiltration is coming from the exposed parapet walls that connect to the roof system. This place is not livable." Michael said he could and would fix it.

Harry brought this to Session at our December meeting. He explained about Grandma applying for HUD funds that were in the hands of the Pueblo asking for money to fix her roof. For years! Her applications were always "lost." He asked if Session could "loan" the money so that the needed repairs could be done before the deep cold of winter set in. Session debated this very briefly and unanimously agreed to guarantee payment for the work.

We called Michael, and to quote from the letter we received last night, "And a week before Christmas he had a crew out working on the roof. They worked on the parapet, they did some patchwork on the outside of the roof, and they put some insulation/drywall inside of the house.

They did a wonderful good. Her house is warmer and livable. It was the most wonderful Christmas gift we have ever received. Thank you for your generosity. God bless all of you."

The bill came in at just over \$6,600, which was ex-budget, and certainly greater than the Benevolence Fund balance, but we borrowed from Peter to pay Paul so to speak and paid Michael's bill before year end.

Now I'm telling you this story not so much to ask for donations but to remind us all that this faith community of which we are members is the most compassionate and generous group of folks I've ever known. And to let you know what we the Session did with some of that money during the Season of Goodwill – at Christmas – to help an elderly Grandma stay in the home where she's lived for over 60 years that her husband built for her, where she raised her children and grandchildren and where she cares for tiny children to this day.

As the letter from Grandma says, "God bless all of you. And a very special thanks to Michael and his crew who delayed their Christmas vacation to help out."

We have promise of \$4,100 so far to repay "Peter" and Session will cover the balance out of the operating budget or some other magical place that finance will figure out. Donations to the fund are welcome at any time.

*Judi Haines is First Presbyterian's Clerk of Session*



## News You Can Use

Immaculate Heart  
of Mary Retreat  
Conference Center

### Finding Peace in a Chaotic World

*An all-church Lenten retreat designed just for you*

Is the world weighing heavy on your heart? Are you thirsting for a respite from all that you find troubling? Mark your calendars now and give yourself the gift of some time apart to focus on what really matters. Reserve your place now for the Lenten All-Church Retreat.

- When:** March 17, 9:00am-2:00pm
- Where:** Immaculate Heart of Mary Retreat Conference Center (ihmretreat.com)  
50 Mt Carmel Road, Santa Fe 87505
- Speaker:** Susan Rush, Spiritual Director
- Music:** Linda Larkin, Harpist
- Cost:** \$25 *(includes a full luncheon and coffee/tea all day)*

#### Registration

**Deadline:** No later than March 11

Contact Jeannie Bowman (Jeannie.bowman17@gmail.com), Anne Noss (annenoss@gmail.com), Christine Vogel (cvogel.vogel@gmail.com) for reservations/questions.

#### You must pre-register to attend.

To register, get a form at the desk in the lobby, from the website, or from a bulletin insert. Payment is due upon registration.

### Retreat Personalities

#### Susan Rush



With a 40-year career in non-profit health care in Santa Fe, Susan has experience in various settings with patients, staff, faith communities, volunteers and boards.

Her recent work in the world carries a strong and positive pastoral care aspect. Her clinical pastoral education and certification through Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation has assisted her in supporting others through spiritual inquiry. As a patient supporter through her hospice service, as spiritual director and retreat facilitator, she enjoys assisting others in their search for the Sacred in one's life.

Extending a compassionate presence with a contemplative heart is her ever-present intention.

#### Linda Larkin



Linda Larkin maintains an active harp studio in Santa Fe. In addition to her roles as composer, performer and teacher, she occasionally performs with High Desert Harps, a performing ensemble, which she founded in 1998.

She has published numerous works for harp and collections of chants, which correlate with the Celtic Christianity writings of John Philip Newell. With Master's degrees in music and social work, she has worked as a professional pianist, in women's rehab and in hospice social work. She believes in the power of music to return us to our Creator.



## Adult Education Series: Become the New Apostles

Please join us for the current Adult Education series **“Spiritual Formation: How Spiritual Practices Have the Power to Change our Lives.”**

The five-part series, which began on January 21, is held each Sunday at 9:45am in the Chapel. Jeannie Bowman and Christine Vogel introduce and facilitate the subject of lectio Divina as one of the spiritual practices intended to enrich and deepen your lives by using Scripture in prayer. Don't expect lectures! Instead, come prepared for participatory discussion and individual practice in spiritual practices.

This is the fourth Foundational Course in our seminary initiative to *Become the New Apostles*.

## Poinsettias and Lilies

Thank you for providing so many lovely poinsettias on Christmas Eve. The Chancel was filled with beautiful white, pink and red blooms. On Sunday, after the Christmas service, the Deacons took many of the flowers to the shut-ins from our church. If you have not yet paid for the plants you ordered, please remember to make your check out to First Presbyterian with poinsettias written on the subject line.

Easter lilies will be ready for order at the beginning of Lent. We will have the dedication information ready to appear in the bulletin on Easter morning when the flowers first appear in the sanctuary. Watch for the sign-up sheets on the table in the lobby and as bulletin inserts leading up to Easter.

## Ushers needed for the 11am Worship

A wonderful way to meet more people in the congregation, make newcomers feel welcomed, and be an important part of service during the Worship hour is to become an usher. If you are interested in ushering for the 11am worship service, please contact Usher Captain James Smock (505-577-2465), or Worship and Music Chair Jeannie Bowman

# Worship and Music

## Interfaith Shelter Choral Program

First Presbyterian's very own Travis Bregier, assistant choir director, and David Beatty, associate musician, are working with the Santa Fe Desert Chorale to bring music into Pete's Place. Every Wednesday morning from 9:30 to 10:30, they gather a pick-up choir to sing tunes such as Chicago and New York, New York as a part of an alternative wellness program, underwritten by CHRISTUS St. Vincent Regional Medical Center and the McCune Charitable Foundation.

The Desert Chorale's Community Engagement program, Giving Voice to the Voiceless, was initiated in summer 2017 in collaboration with the Interfaith Shelter. Following this successful pilot program, Travis and David have conducted weekly choral sings at Pete's Place, raising spirits and self-esteem.

If you are at the Shelter on Wednesday mornings, or would like to stop by, please feel free to join Travis and David and sing in the choir.

## Southwest Desert Chorale to Sing at FPC

We are thrilled to announce that the Desert Chorale will sing on February 11 after rehearsing for two days at the church in preparation for their CD Launch Concert, "The Road Home," on February 13. In the service under the direction of Josh Habermann, the Chorale will sing "Dominus Vobiscum" by Sydney Guillaume, and will join the Chancel Choir in singing "Alleluia" by Randall Thompson, our final "Alleluia" before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday.



FPC's Chancel Choir prepares for their next concert on March 30.

## Worship and Music

### Chancel Choir Audience Exceeds 150 at TGIF

On Friday January 12 the sanctuary was alive with the Chancel Choir singing John Rutter's Requiem with great intensity and skill. Dana Winograd, cellist, joined the choir for a moving setting of Psalm 51. Jim Toevs, trumpet, played a lovely, lyric melody for the choral setting of Psalm 23. David Solem, organ, accompanied throughout the Requiem with great sensitivity. Nancy Maret had two solos that demonstrated the beauty of her soprano voice. The concert was dedicated to the memory of Mary Purdy, choir member and Margaret Dean's mother, who died January 8. Mary was a great supporter of the choir, and her presence at choir performances will be greatly missed.

The choir's next concert, on Good Friday, March 30, at 5:30pm, will feature "Lo, the Full, Final Sacrifice" by Gerald Finzi, "Cruxificus" from the B minor Mass by J. S. Bach, and two pieces by FPC composer David Beatty, "Crux Fideles" and "Lenten Meditation."

### Worship and Music Committee Calendar

**March 14, 6:35pm** (Moore Conference Room) – Business Meeting - open to congregational members

**April 11, 6:35pm** (Sanctuary Chancel) – Worship Round-Table Discussion – for anyone interested in worship "why's and how's"

## Calendar

### TGIF Concert Series, 2018 Winter Schedule, Music in the Triangle, Friday's 5:30pm

#### FEBRUARY

- 2 Scott and Johanna Hongell-Darsee  
Medieval ballads
- 9 Roberto Capocchi, guitar
- 16 Natasha Stojanovska, piano
- 23 NNM Piano Quartet *Brahms' Piano Quartet No. 3 in C Minor, Op. 60*

#### MARCH

- 2 Ruth Singer, flute, and David Ponder, harp
- 9 eSSO
- 16 Jan Worden-Lackey, organ
- 23 Linda Raney, organ  
Bach's Birthday Bash
- 30 Good Friday First Presbyterian Chancel Choir  
*Passion According to St. Luke* by Heinrich Schütz  
with Linda Loving, narrator

#### APRIL

- 6 Sante Fe Youth Symphony Chamber Music
- 13 Jose Lezcano, guitar
- 20 Piazzolla da Camera Piano Trio
- 20 Piazzolla da Camera Piano Trio  
Kehar Koslowsky, mezzo-soprano





## Session Highlights – Final Quarter of 2017

Session approved Bill Eklund's request for a special offering to be collected on two Sundays in October to benefit our sister the Sagua le Grande Church in Cuba. One hundred percent of the offering will go directly to our sister church.

Session approved the proposed CDC Tuition and Fee Schedule for 2018.

The Youth Connection along with their parents and leaders met with Session in November to share their experiences at the Presbytery Youth Retreat that was hosted at FPC in early November.

Session approved a joint motion from *The Great Heritage—Bold Future campaign* and the Facilities Committee to engage AOS Architects to conduct a building conditions survey, and to provide a narrative report supporting our efforts to obtain grant funds from the National Fund for Sacred Places.

Session approved Jim and Nina Brown's request to officiate at a celebration of the Lord's Supper on the Mount of Beatitudes overlooking the Sea of Galilee on December 22.

The following officers were elected to serve in 2018: Bill Eklund, president; Margaret Lyerly, vice president; Gale Wright, treasurer; and Judi Haines, secretary.

Session supported a motion by Harry and the Nominating Committee to change the Session year from January 1 through December 31 to February 1 through January 31. Rather than call special Congregational meetings to elect officers in November or December, the election will be held at the Annual meeting the end of January, and the new officers (elders and deacons) will be ordained and installed at the same time.

Session approved the 2018 Budget as revised and presented by the Finance Committee.

## Facilities News

A major Facilities project is being planned for March or July depending on the weather. The decking on two of the CDC play areas will be removed, and the roof repaired and coated. Then an artificial turf will be installed to replace the rubber tiles. This project is critical to the safety of our preschool children.

The project will require closure of the church's garage to enable storage and work space for the various contractors. During this time, we recommend that you use the Convention Center garage or street parking. This will give church members an opportunity to find their preferred parking areas before the eventual closing of the county parking lot later this year. Facilities will keep you posted on the actual closure dates.

## Presbyterian Women

### 2017 Wrap Up

We did it again! Another successful Alternative Christmas Market – thanks to every one who participated. Eleven mission-minded groups, organizations or individuals, each representing a worthy cause, and a room full of enthusiastic people gladly supporting their favorite missions made for a win-win situation.

Our “food table” overflowed with delicious home-baked goodies, thanks to our wonderful bakers, and each item gladly disappeared into a buyer’s basket, or mouth, during the course of the Market. A BIG THANK YOU to all who took part!

We also thank all who supported the Presbyterian Women THANK YOU offering in the November 2017 drive. The monetary results enabled several Presbyterian Women mission projects through out the world. Every gift, combined with others, meets a need somewhere. Thanks, again. ONWARD INTO 2018!

### Bible Study

The Presbyterian Women Bible Study group continues to meet on the 3rd Friday of each month, learning the principals of Faith from the book of Hebrews.

Have you made any new resolutions this year? It’s not to late to take a moment and ask God what special things God would like you to do in the coming year. Hebrews 11:1 – “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

Let’s all hope for a happy, healthy 2018! Winter has arrived – Will Spring be far behind?

## Back Pew Gallery

The Back Pew Gallery had a very successful 2017 season featuring nine different shows. We displayed artwork, in many different mediums, from church members as well as artists from the community. The December show, “Ornaments, Ornaments, Ornaments,” produced \$1,000 from ornaments sales and monetary contributions, which will be divided between the Dreamers Project in Santa Fe and the Presbyterian Disaster Relief Fund for use in Puerto Rico.

Come and see our present show “Let it Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow,” which will run until February 11. The next show, “Please Touch Me,” will open on February 16. The Las Tejedoras Fiber Art Guild sponsors this show.

A new show goes up every month or so. Stop in the Back Pew Gallery and enjoy the local artwork. Keep checking your bulletin for Back Pew Gallery news.

## Mission 101

*The following was excerpted from the Spring 2017 “Mission Crossroads Journal” published by Presbyterian Mission Agency.*

Presbyterian missionary, Rev. Paul Seto, was a regular attender of First Presbyterian and lived in Plaza del Monte community until his death. He had served the church in the Middle East. He remained at his post in Tehran – even through part of the Iranian Revolution – facilitating Christian-Muslim dialogue. He found his calling in the mission field devoting his life to crossing cultural, political and racial barriers. He was instrumental in establishing the Japanese Internment Camp memorial in Dog Park above the Casa Solana neighborhood. His 1944 interracial marriage to Genevieve Reynolds was illegal in the U.S. at that time. He was ahead of his time in many ways. We remember his life and work today.





# Birthdays

## February

2 Elizabeth Hook  
3 Dorothy Karayanis  
3 Jean Berghoff  
3 Sandy Morello  
4 Niàmh Musgrave  
7 Lu Santa Cruz  
7 Gwen Fuller  
9 Carol Fallis  
11 Lourdes Estrada  
12 Malissa Haslam  
12 Marjorie Lunderville  
13 Janis Gonzales  
13 Claira Haagenstad  
15 Mary Ann Amos  
17 Ralph Williams  
20 Carol McKee  
20 Bill Gee  
23 Lisa Vernon  
23 Lori Winter  
24 Penney Poole  
24 Raymond Raney  
25 Rie Clark  
27 Linda Sue King  
27 Evelyn Perea

## March

1 Laurie Wisdom  
2 Pat Roach  
2 Daniel Van Essen  
2 Lucia VanDenzen  
4 Howard Turner  
4 Alexander Barrera-Shumaker  
5 Jay Ralph  
7 Jenny Harlan  
8 Harry Eberts III  
10 Paul Vogel  
10 Luke Moran  
11 Mark Bixby  
11 Jeremy Henry  
11 Michael Woods  
12 Barbara Roush  
13 Gerald Heggen  
14 Jennifer Mallory  
15 Laurie Seth  
16 Peggy Zone  
20 Helen Foster  
24 Krista Peterson  
25 John Pasch  
25 Wyatt Moran  
26 Bobb Barnes  
26 Drew Hill  
27 Sarah Smith  
28 Dawn Wink  
29 Glennis Hinshaw  
29 Katje Musgrave  
30 Andrew Black  
30 Jeanine Martin

## April

2 Chuck Poitras  
2 Art Hansen  
4 Linda Larkin  
4 Heneida Rojas  
5 Cindy Piatt  
5 Jane Alexander  
6 Liza Doyle  
7 Jim Babcock  
7 Eleanor Stevens  
8 Grace Anderson  
10 Bo Brumble  
12 Amparo Wulf  
14 Ed Maglisceau  
14 Alex Chastenet de Géry  
14 Margo Wulf  
19 Dennis Sanderson  
20 Jane Gee  
22 Anne Noss  
24 Sid Barteau  
25 Renee Scargall  
25 Nick Wolff  
27 Pat Luiken  
27 Kathy Van Essen



“So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.”

Galatians 6:10



*Jeannie Bowman (right) shares a meal with Harriett and Harris Barber.*

## Second Family

### A Ministry of Miracles

Working for the good of all, offering friendship and encouragement, extending a helping hand with household tasks and errands, bringing a meal or sharing a devotional, these are the miracles that change lives.

In “bite-sized commitments,” the Second Family Care Team creates circles of care around members of the congregation who, through life’s challenges and changes, find themselves not quite as independent as they once were. Working within a circle of five or six volunteers, team members use their individual gifts to provide spiritual, emotional and physical support for their care partner. Second Family Ministry members are trained and supported by a leadership team that offers guidance and resources. And as is always the case, members of the ministry receive as much as they give, working as a team, forming friendships and changing lives.

There is a place for everyone in the Second Family Ministry, and we hope that everyone at FPC will find their place. Please take time to pray about sharing a meal, weeding a flowerbed or changing a light bulb with someone who needs your friendship.

Call Betty Kersting (505/982-4548) with questions about how with a “bite-sized commitment” you can become part of the miracle!

**Want to learn more about how your gifts can change lives?**

Second Family  
Information Meeting

Monday, February 19

10:00am-11:30am

Pope Hall

Parking available  
(preschool holiday)

Coffee and rolls provided





## Children's Programs

Our children's programs in the fall included festivals of light. There were several opportunities for families to experience crafts and music together in new ways. The final experience was a glorious family service on Christmas Eve with many young people dressed in costume for the pageant.

We are now entering the depths of winter and before we know it, will be celebrating Easter. There are some events that happen in between. Listed on the right is the event calendar, which focuses on building community as we celebrate festivals of reawakening.

### Sunday Mornings

During each service there is a Children's Time during the service. Both the 8:30am and the 11:00am service, children are invited to have a special time dedicated to creating a moment to experience something related to the scripture. Following this time, they are invited to participate in activities in the children's center. This is new to the children of the 11:00 service. They carefully asked if this was going to be for every time. When they were told "yes," they said, "Hooray!" There is a broad age range of children in each service. We would be delighted for your children to join us if they do not already attend. We have done a variety of art projects. New mediums are yet to be explored.

### Festivals

We often have special times when parents are invited to attend along with their young ones. These are listed below. These have been called Parent Circle Sundays. They have a fun celebration feeling. Teachers and parents create festivals to help find ways to playfully experience God.

#### February 11

Parent circle Tea Party – all ages and bring your teddy bear

#### March 11

Puppet Show – Bible story (tba)

#### March 25

Plant easter grass in preparation for Easter; color eggs

#### March 31

Saturday, egg hunt, Federal Park

#### April 1

Easter celebration

## Welcome New Members



### Lily Bair

“I like the message of this church, that all are welcome, that we are a community,” said Lily after becoming one of FPC’s newest members.

Baptized in First Presbyterian, Lily is a Santa Fe native and an original member of FPC’s Youth Connection. She is a seventh grader at Mandela International Magnet School. Her favorite subjects are Spanish and designer arts. “I like the challenge of creating things,” she said.

Lily also delights in pencil shading, and is an emerging trapeze artist. She has performed as a member of the Wise Fool New Mexico troupe, which promotes social justice through hands-on experiences in the arts of circus, puppetry and theatre.

In describing her interests and beliefs, Lily said she enjoys being with friends but that seeking “equality, diversity and self empowerment” were her passions. “I also believe in developing your inner strength.”

After high school graduation, Lily is considering a career in criminal justice or writing. “I’m a Virgo—very organized,” she added.

Lily is the daughter of Louis and Lolly Bair.



### Drew Hill

Active in First Presbyterian Church since he was a “wee lad,” Drew was one of the founding members of the church’s The Youth Connection.

Drew is an eighth grader at Academy for Technology and Classes, highly ranked by the New Mexico Public Education Department. Though college is several years away, Drew is drawn to environmental science or engineering as a career.

“I became vegan partly because it’s something I can do at my age to help protect the environment by limiting livestock methane and conserving water usage,” Drew said. “The environment, God, church and working with people give purpose to life,” he added.

First Presbyterian Church is central to his life because “it’s like a family.” Everybody knows each other, and because “the church offers opportunities for doing more in the community and world, and to learn more about God. It’s a place where I can bring my friends,” he said.

An avid fish keeper, triathlete, model train enthusiast, and trumpet and marimba player, Drew also provides audio-visual support services to the church, and is frequently seen lending a helping hand where needed. He was recently ordained to serve as Youth Deacon. Drew is the son of Kurt and Christina Hill. His sister, Sadie, who is also a member of The Youth Connection, joined FPC last year.





# Welcome New Members

## Leah Mitchell

Born in Santa Fe, Leah is an eighth grader at Monte del Sol Charter School, where she enjoys studying Japanese, photography and visual arts. “I like the characters in Japanese writing, and Japanese culture and traditions,” she said.

She also plays the violin and is an accomplished dancer with Belisama Dance, an Irish Dance Performing Company in Santa Fe. She’s performed at the James Little Theatre, and in Albuquerque and at the CRN North American Irish Dance Competitions in Philadelphia, where she finished among the top 10 in her age group.

After high school graduation, Leah would like to study arts or history, and someday open a dance school or teach dance classes.

Commenting on life at First Presbyterian Church, she said, “I like First Presbyterian because everyone knows everyone. It’s a welcoming church where someone is available if I need to talk. What I learn here I apply to everyday life.”

Leah, who was one of the first members of The Youth Connection, is the daughter of Pete and Melissa Mitchell. She has a younger brother, Sam.



*Welcome to Paula and Steve Fasken; Jim Babcock, who is moving from associate member to full member; and Tom and Sue Kingston who joined FPC after La Epistola went into production. Your photo and profile will appear in the next issue.*

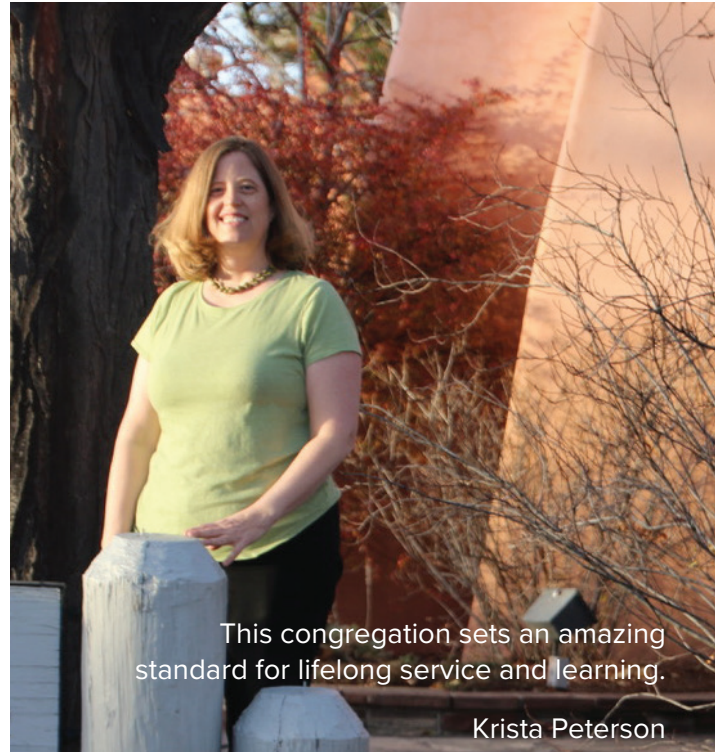
## Krista Says Goodbye

*Editor's note: Krista Peterson, FPC's long-time office administrator, recently resigned to pursue other opportunities. We all extend our thanks and gratitude for her contributions and friendship, and wish her the best. The following is her farewell to FPC.*

### **During my last couple weeks at the church, I was asked what I would miss about the church, and I came up with a few things:**

Discussing the alternative market with Jean Ball, working with Jim Brown and Mary Lou Williams on adult education programs, knowing if David Douglas had come to Morning Prayer by whether or not there were leftover Dunkin' Donuts, English toffee at Christmas from Carol Fallis, Helen Foster's insistence that cupcakes **MUST** be a part of the Child Development Center Christmas party (and Jane Stringfellow's taco soup at that party). Speaking chut-chut po-Rusky with Jim Hallquist and un poco de Español with Margarita Lopez. Getting the interesting Earth Care tidbits for the bulletin from Malissa Haslam and amazing photos from Pat Luiken in my e-mail inbox. Hearing Rebecca Heindel's beautiful flute playing and all the wonderful musicians practicing like Jan Worden-Lackey, David Solem, David Beatty, the handbell and Chancel choirs, Jim Toevs on his trumpet, and, of course, Linda Raney (though I must admit that Bach Week was not my favorite).

Working at the shelter with Liz Hinds, Don Wilson, Mary Ann Lundy, Howard Turner, and so many others; cleaning the stands after the church-sponsored Fuego game with Dennis Sanderson and Steve Sanchez; tackling the computers with Seth Hinshaw and Ryan



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Miller and our stashes of “brain food” (Heath bars)—I will not reveal the other stashes of chocolate scattered throughout the building; painting the chapel with Tim Vellinga and Tom Tindall and much of the rest of the first floor with Jenny Vellinga and Judi Haines, Dick Lindahl and Lori Doron; Gayle Lomax's cinnamon rolls and Johns Whitcomb and Vanderhagen's breakfasts; Alice Tinkle stopping by to chat when she came to copy lessons for her ELL students at Westminster; Alexander Barrera-Shumaker saying hello on his way to preschool; hearing about sailing from Bill Plauth or Harris Barber; talking over world problems with Chuck Poitras; playing the Viking game of Kubb (that Bill Adrian taught us) at a staff party at Harry's house; Mary Neff's excellent taste in graphic design and in choosing cards and Nambé gifts; Bill Eklund and Drew Hill's endless curiosity and ability to learn new things; Gale Wright's ability to do almost anything.

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I had some “first friends at First” that I knew even before I was employed by the church like Julia Hudson who was tía to friends of mine in Española, Sara Romer who lived winters at the McCurdy School dorm, and Claudia Grayson who would talk to me about handbell playing and about Northwestern when I was just a visitor in the pews.





I've had a lot of fun with you outside of work, and these are things I don't have to miss because I hope they will continue:

Visiting Catherine Bremer at the Art Museum gift shop and going to lunch; getting lost in the mountains looking for the Crawfords house; bartending at Betty's with Jenny Vellinga and Judi Haines (and hitting the Margarita Trail with them); curling on the Nintendo Wii with Paul Kincaid and Helen Sutton; dancing at the Greek festival with Ethel Trimmer and Lindsey Allen; dancing anywhere with Michael Roybal; breakfasts at Clafoutis with Freda and Betty and Mary and Britt and anyone else I can talk into going; joking with Steve Kinnett; wine (and now maybe wine) and cheeses with Marjorie and Nelda; enjoying life with Sharon and Keith on the patio at Casa Kirby; football games with the Stringfellows and Lelah Larson; getting beat at Words with Friends by Margaret Lyerly (if fun is the right word for that).

I've gained all these friends and some additional family like my New Mexico brother Andrew Black who shares many of the hobbies and characteristics of my Minnesota brother, which makes Jen and Mary and Bruce extended family. I understand Mary Black is going to be my pickle ball partner (we'll have to ask Barb Hutchison if there are partners in pickle ball). I have a new aunt—Aunt Heckie—you may know her better as Helen Sutton.

I've also lost many friends on this journey like Betty Graham, Ruth Primus, Tom Moore, Bill Stark, Erik Mason, Joe Armbruster, Lynn Babcock, Sage and Fred Mansfield and so many others.

I thank all my current and former front desk volunteers as they were my steadfast colleagues and companions: Nancy Armbruster and Nancy Peterson; Kathleen Banks—the only volunteer to negotiate a “salary” of a penny per call—and who has now moved on to working in the preschool; the wise Nelda Bell; Sharon Eklund (Go ‘Cats!); the lovely and talented Adrienne Ewing-Meyer, my lunch buddy Keytha Jones; Dorothy Karayanis and her assistant desk volunteer Plato; our newest desk person Mary Ann Lundy; Anne Maglisceau and Judy Montañó who were always looking for jobs to do; Atticus's favorite Lindy Manley; Sarah Miller who may have an addiction to Wendy's Frosties; Lu Santa Cruz, even if he has picked the wrong football teams to root for; Charlie Spring who no longer has to abide by my “no Habitat shirts” rule,

and his occasional sub Janet; Bobby Rugg who not only does the daily crossword but also writes them; and honorary desk volunteer Andy Ritch who I've decided thinks “on time” means two hours early.

I thank the mailing crew who help with the quarterly newsletter and who did a lot of mailings for the 150th Anniversary Celebration: Jim Babcock, Nelda Bell, Marjorie Lunderville, Anne Maglisceau, Nancy Peterson and Jean Withers. Carol McKee and Donna Krulitz helped with the membership database at different times. Susan Slotter used to fill in for me when I went on vacation. Lelah Larson is the one with all the answers on Sundays. I told Harry that I had to leave this job now that I accomplished my number one goal of convincing him to add a vice (it's pumpkin spice lattes). And I am especially grateful to the incredible preschool teachers in the Child Development Center; the pastoral care partners like Linda Loving, Mary Jo Lundy, Larry Haslam, Dick Rowe and all those who are involved in Second Family and the prayer shawl ministry; and Anne Liley and Bill Adrian—who formed a “troika” with me—a triangle of strength and support at the center of it all.

I cannot find words enough to thank Betty Kersting and Ray Kersting who did anything and everything they could to help me. Charlie Stringfellow was, before Bill, the Facilities Manager for all intents and purposes. We weathered several garage door problems, a very freezing February (when Michael Roybal saved us by sending a plumber to turn the heat back on), and many other adventures with the building. We drew the line at climbing down the elevator shaft when a smoke alarm in the pit started beeping. Jane Stringfellow is the champion of the preschool as well as being invaluable to the church and the Presbytery. And last, but not least, I could not have accomplished all that I did without my unpaid assistant Nancy Peterson.

In one of Jimmy Carter's books he quotes his friend the Rev. Eloy Cruz as saying, “You only need two loves in your life: for God and for the person in front of you at any particular time.” Thank you for allowing me into your lives and hearts. You are most certainly in mine!

**Krista**



## The Youth Connection A Year of Ministry and Growth

The Youth Connection finished 2017 with their usual energy and enthusiasm. From hikes where devotionals were shared on mountaintops and in caves to a star gazing pizza party and rooftop gardening, seven teens and tweens brought what they are learning on Sunday mornings to their daily lives.

The year was not only full of fun and fellowship but of exploration, discovery, and the realization that joy comes with service. Youth painted, supported the Capital Campaign with a banner and their tithes, and played an important role in the success of the Stewardship Luncheon where they greeted, organized envelopes and served guests. They joined the Second Family Care Team and bonded with Helen Sutton, helping with “household tasks,” repairs and gardening. Of course there was a Christmas party, with treats and lots of laughter as everyone helped decorate Helen’s tree and her home.

November brought another service opportunity when the Youth Connection helped host the Presbytery Youth Retreat. Friday evening our teens greeted guests, assisted with luggage and a tour, and made everyone feel welcome. Over the weekend they served meals and helped with clean up.

Early in the year, plans were made to attend Youth Week at Ghost Ranch, and our teens got busy organizing a silent auction and raffle fundraiser, complete with a roof top hot dog and burger cookout. Monies were raised, and in June six youth and two leaders left for Ghost Ranch. Many thanks go to the congregation for supporting this opportunity to make new friends and to grow closer to God and to each other. Expect to see new ways to support them as they plan for a second year at Ghost Ranch.

Confirmation class was held in the fall and three students joined the church in January. Two youth were nominated to serve as officers and both accepted, Brian Ortiz as Youth Elder and Drew Hill as a Youth Deacon.

The year ended with the Youth Connection sponsoring the Angel Giving Tree, wrapping gifts for the Homeless Teen Shelter, making Farrolitos, and helping decorate the church for Christmas.

Exciting plans for 2018 are on the horizon. Look for great things from your youth – our servant leaders – in the coming year!





## Men's Breakfast Come!

The Presbyterian Men's Breakfast hosts a monthly morning breakfast and forum for all members of the congregation, their guests and the public. The topics presented are wide-ranging, including community, social, economic, religious, cultural and political issues. Sharing breakfast and discussion through this "food for thought" event enriches the spirit of the community. Here are the upcoming programs.

### Jan. 13

Dr. Dana Millen:  
*It's Time for New Mexico to Set up its own Health Plan. Come Learn About the New Mexico Health Security Act* / Harry Eberts  
TM *Facebook link: It's Time for New Mexico to Set Up Its Own Health Plan.*

### Feb. 10

Francie Healey: *Eat to Beat Alzheimers*  
*Facebook link: Eat To Beat Alzheimer's*

### March 10

Arvid and Mary Jo Lundy: *Building Homes, Building Communities – China*

### April 14

Rev. Bob Barnes:  
*CPR to Save a Life*

### May 12

Jim Toevs and Harry Eberts: *Celtic Spirituality and Embracing the Universe – Where the "Stuff" We Are Made of Comes From*

Contact [jimelliott5247@yahoo.com](mailto:jimelliott5247@yahoo.com) for ideas for the fall and subsequent spring programs.

Visit <https://fpcsantafe.org/education/mens-breakfast/> and press the Facebook link for more information on listed events looking for the events button as a first step once on that page.

## Weekly Meditation Group

Fireside Chats with the Mystics is currently using the wisdom of our hometown mystic St. Francis! Next on the horizon, Mother Teresa's writings and works will offer guidance as we continue to gather for meditation and soulful friendship. Join us as you are able on Tuesdays from 5 to 6pm in the Rendon Room. There are no requirements for preparation or book purchase or weekly attendance. Each gathering stands alone as an opportunity to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Holy, guided by silence and reflections from faithful mystics. Consider enriching your Lenten journey by participation in this group led by Linda Loving, Jeannie Bowman, Christine Vogel and Jenny Harland. For more information contact Linda at [lclev@aol.com](mailto:lclev@aol.com). All are welcome!





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