



The Grant Challenge Shifts into Gear

The National Fund for Sacred Places Endorses FPC

“We are thrilled with the opportunity to be part of this major preservation effort. Furthermore, we deeply respect First Presbyterian’s commitment to the civic fabric of Santa Fe, and are eager to see our support bolster their ongoing partnerships in the downtown community,” said Chad Martin, executive director of the National Fund for Sacred Places when he announced our inclusion in the National Fund’s grant-making program last October.

Since then much planning has gone into how FPC will meet the challenge, which moved into high gear on April 26 with Laura Schuetz’s visit to our church. Laura, from Partners for Sacred Places, toured our facilities, ate spaghetti with CDC, met with community and church leaders, and conducted a “Champion Building” exercise with FPC Session members, Deacons and church members..

“Your enthusiasm for meeting this grant challenge is impressive. There’s work ahead of you, but based on the planning I’ve seen and the backing of your leaders, I have no doubt you’ll be successful,” she said.

“Historic sanctuaries throughout the country are the social glue of many communities, and badly need repair and maintenance. The Lilly Endowment saw the potential impact of losing these churches, and dedicated \$10 million over four years to a minimum of 50 congregations. These grants, which range from \$50,000 to \$250,000, are offered for planning, professional services and capital projects. We’re very pleased First Presbyterian Church of Santa Fe is one of the recipients. Your historic district location, community involvement and traditions are worth preserving.”

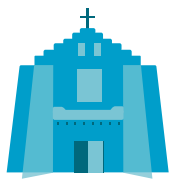
“This challenge is an addendum to our Great Heritage—Bold Future capital campaign. The grant is specific to our sanctuary, and funds raised will be dedicated solely to previously identified capital projects,” said Plato Karayanis, co-chairperson of the capital campaign committee. “That’s a real boost for the church because pledges and donations to the Grant Challenge will provide for much needed repairs to the sanctuary, and will allow us to use capital campaign funds for annex repairs and maintenance.”

Over the next several weeks, members of the congregation will be reaching out to ask for your support and the support of the community. Pray that God will guide them each step of the way.

For answers to commonly asked questions regarding the National Fund for Sacred Places and FPC’s Grant Challenge, pick up a recently published Q&A in the lobby, or contact Plato at skarayan@swbell.net, or call (505) 424-8174. Your questions are welcomed, and any time you can volunteer contributes to our goal.



Laura Schuetz of Partners for Sacred Places explains the matching grant awarded to FPC.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of Santa Fe *Behold. Be still. Become.*

Pastor

Rev. Dr. Harry Eberts III

Session

Bruce Black

Bill Eklund

Sharon Eklund

Janis Gonzales

Judi Haines

Alan Hook

Steve Kinnett

Richard Lindahl

Gayle Lomax

Jim Martin

Brian Ortiz

Dennis Sanderson

Gale Wright

Deacons

Leo/Donna Krulitz

Drew Hill

Laurie Wisdom

Lisa Barrera

Susan Clark

Jenny Warden

Alvin Baca

Carolyn Stupin

Andy Wulf

Gay Hill

Rosie Mott

Tom Mott

Darryl Bowman

Arlene Jackson

Adrienne Ewing-Meyer

Keith Kirby

Sharon Kirby

Karin Lerew

M'Lea Walsh

Djohariah Toor

Communications Committee Chair

Keith Kirby

Newsletter Coordinator

Rebecca Heindel

Great Heritage—Bold Future Capital Campaign Update

Pledges/donations to date: \$1,140,669.30

Cash received: \$782,807.063

Your generosity toward helping secure the future of our church is much appreciated. New pledges or donations are gladly accepted, and should be directed to Judi Haines, clerk of session and pledge clerk.



PresBIRDterians Susan Clark (l), Margaret Dean, and Alice Tinkle during a recent urban birding walk at the Roundhouse.

Love birds? Join the PresBIRDterians!

Bird watching, or birding, as it's correctly termed, has enjoyed resurgence in recent years among nature lovers young and old. The PresBIRDterians, First Presbyterian's very own birding group, meets every few weeks for fellowship and appreciation of some of the 500 bird species found in New Mexico. Birding is a fun, low- to zero-impact hobby for all ages. It's a great excuse to get outside, doesn't require a ton of expensive equipment (just a pair of binoculars), and it's strictly "learn as you go." Whether you're an Audubon-level expert or a backyard feeder watcher, please join us. Goofy hats are completely optional! Email Amy Gross at fpcbirders@gmail.com to receive information about upcoming PresBIRDterian birding walks and events.



Rev. Dr. Harry Eberts III

“And may you be strong for the work of healing in our world.”

Dear Theophilus,

I have some words to share with you today. It is a blessing that Jenny and I received, along with the 65 other participants from across the country, at the close of the School of Celtic Consciousness in Colorado in April led by John Philip Newell.

First, though, I hope you know by now what the Celtic tradition is within Christianity. It is that part of our heritage, Presbyterian in particular, the Empire Church pushed off to the edges when the Synod of Whitby in 664 AD sided with Rome and not the Celts. This meant that the Celts were excommunicated and banished to the far ends of the Roman Empire for believing that what God created was good, people were born blessed, all people, women and men, are loved by God, there should be no hierarchy, and that people should work for justice and peace. While history reveals that Christianity was taken over by the Empire, hierarchy, the doctrine of original sin, and too often turning its head away from the work of justice and peace, Celtic Christianity has remained true to its roots.

This is why we have a Celtic Evensong service each Wednesday at 5:30pm in the sanctuary, to remember our Celtic heritage.

And why blessings are something we need to restore into our liturgy, as a reminder.

So here are the words of blessing we received. John Philip recited them to each one of us, while another traced the sign of the Celtic cross on our foreheads with olive oil:

“In body, mind, and spirit,

May you be well this day;

And may you be strong

For the work of healing in our world.”

Tears welled up in people’s eyes, including mine.

I plan to share this blessing with our children and youth each Sunday in worship, hoping that they will know they are blessed, and that they have a part to play in the world’s healing. And I hope you will eventually say these words to them along with me, and the young will say them back, and that we will one day understand this ancient calling as our own.

*Many blessings –
Harry*

2018 Cuba Trip Report

By Bill Eklund, a member of FPC's Session.

Saturday morning program for neighborhood children in Sagua La Grande.



An FPC group consisting of Bill Eklund, Bill and Laura Humphreys, Barb Hutchison and Joe Frank travelled to Cuba in early April.

We travelled as part of a larger group from the Santa Fe Presbytery for the purpose of sustaining the partnerships between several Presbytery churches and their sister churches in Cuba. We travelled along the north coast of Cuba in a rickety old bus, being hosted at the church in Havana and the seminary at Matanzas for meals and overnight stays as we dropped off the small groups at their partner churches.

Our group spent a long weekend at our sister church in Sagua La Grande. We arrived with some 500 pounds of clothing, medical supplies and other items donated by our congregation. It was surprisingly being locked inside the church at night.

We were preceded by your generous donation of almost \$7,000, which was delivered a couple months earlier by a Presbyterian group travelling from Florida. Among other things, they are using your donation to rebuild the roof on their Spanish colonial building, which dates from the 19th century. It had been badly leaking for years before it was seriously damaged by hurricane Irma late in 2017. The Church has purchased several tons of supplies, and is now awaiting only a shipment of cement, which is in short supply in Cuba.

They are also looking into using the funds to acquire an additional part of the building that has been occupied by a local family since the building was renovated with FPC help in 2006, for future use as multi-purpose classrooms and dormitory space.

We will offer more complete information in a Sunday presentation in the coming weeks.



Volunteering Is Spiritual Practice

by Rebecca Heindel



Mary Black tutors pre-schoolers.



Volunteer Louis Bair is among several who help at the front desk during business hours.

You are one of us and I am one of you. We worship side by side. We sing praises and pray prayers together. Perhaps we even break bread together. We hear messages about living a transformed life through our faith in Jesus. We are the church. But do you ever wonder if God has something more in store for you than what you are currently practicing?

Some spiritual practice is quiet, solitary, thoughtful and meditative. It sustains and supports us as we navigate the worldliness of our lives.

But there is a balance between the spiritual practice, and a different kind of devotion. A devotion to Christian action in this world: food bags for Bienvenidos, tutoring in Santa Fe schools, driving or shopping for Second Family, mission in Cuba, helping at Pete's Place Shelter.

As much as we reach out in the community and indeed the world, we, our church, that is, needs us in devoted action, too. There are numerous areas where we are needed in jobs big and small, once or regularly, alone or in group, serving from home or at our church facility.

You are invited to prayerfully consider the different areas listed below where help is needed. Maybe God does have something new and different in store for you. Let us regard service to our church as spiritual practice!

As you ponder the list, remember that God loves a cheerful giver whether of funds, time, energy, or efforts. So if you choose to volunteer, pick what pleases you to do!

- Technology Team (don't be afraid: you will be trained!)
- Liturgy readers and/or coordinator of Liturgists
- Front desk reception in lobby, Mondays, 10am-1pm, and 1pm-4pm
- Communications: photographers, writers, artists, graphic artists, web and social media specialists
- Mail preparers (a fun, chatty group works at big table in lobby)
- Rooftop gardeners: flowers and/or veggies
- Ushers

To learn more, call 982-8544, ext. 40 or email: frontdesk@fpcsantafe.org

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).



Conversation with Author Rev. Jim Atwood on Gun Violence Prevention

New Mexicans to Prevent Gun Violence is sponsoring a presentation by Rev. Atwood on Friday, 5/18, 7-8pm, and a conversation on Saturday, 5/19, 10-11:30am at FPC. Rev. Atwood, who was featured in the film *Trigger: The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence* also authored *Gundamentalism and Where It Is Taking America* and *America and Its Guns, A Theological Exposé*. Plan to attend and learn more about the reasonable compromise that gun owners who are tired of gun violence and those who work to prevent gun violence can achieve.

Weekly Meditation Group

Fireside Chats with the Mystics has just started a new focus: Mother Theresa's wisdom and faithfulness is now guiding our spiritual growth and meditation time. We gather every Tuesday 5-6pm in the Rendon Room and newcomers are always most welcome! No book or preparation is needed – just come with an eagerness to connect with the Holy through soulful conversation, silence, and reflections on selected passages from the mystics who have preceded us on the journey. This group has been gathering for 2½ years now! Some come weekly, some more occasionally. Each gathering can “stand on its own.” For more information, or to get the code for entering the building, contact group convener Linda Loving at lclev@aol.com.



The Corporate Gun Lobby and the Articulate Inanimate Gun

*Presented by Rev. Jim Atwood, author of
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and
America and Its Guns, A Theological Exposé*

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Worship and Music

Changes in Leadership

For the past three years, I have enjoyed being the chair of the Worship and Music Committee, learning to appreciate the leadership and the inner workings of the many facets of these two closely married areas at First Presbyterian Church. Since January, Paul Vogel and I have been working closely to familiarize him with what is involved in this committee's mission, and he is ready – and willing! – to now take on the leadership role. How grateful I am to him for picking up where I must leave off, knowing that opening more space for my role in spiritual direction is where God is calling me. I am sure you will find it a joy to work with Paul in this new leadership role, and that you will all be as gracious and kind in giving him positive support as you did me, a new member to the church and community.

I want to thank Sarah Miller for her many years of service in the capacity of finding the liturgists for the 11 o'clock Sunday services. Hers has been a ministry of love in scheduling for every Sunday and special services that have required liturgical assistance to our Pastor, in marking the bulletins with the appropriate passages to read, and in calling to remind the reader of the upcoming scripture passage. Rebecca Heindel has agreed to help Sarah in this ministry until such time as another member of the congregation feels led to come forward to help. Please contact Rebecca in the church office to offer your assistance.

Malissa Haslam and Barbara Ivy will continue to minister to us through the preparation of Holy Communion. James Smock faithfully carries out the duties of Head Usher, and we are pleased that Gary Murphy has agreed to serve as Assistant Head Usher, giving James much appreciated support in his many duties. Karin Lerew and her Liturgical Arts team have been ministers to all of us who enter our sanctuary and Pope Hall, and are greeted by the beautiful banners, flowers, and appointments of beauty, keeping the liturgical calendar in changes of color and décor. We will be sad to lose Adrienne Ewing-Myers who had taken the role of custodian for the lilies and poinsettias for Lent and Advent. San Francisco will be blessed by her presence in whatever church home she finds there. I am grateful for our new Session Liaison

Janis Gonzales who has agreed to bring the committee news of the Session's needs from Worship and Music.

Pastor Harry, Music Director Linda Raney, and Children's Director Jill McCormick have been remarkable shepherds during my term, guiding the committee in making each worship experience meaningful with the leading of the Holy Spirit. The entire staff – musicians, David Beatty, and Rebecca – have been amazingly supportive, and I thank them for their patience and guidance in all that this particular ministry of worship requires from them.

God's blessings continue through this committee's work!! Lovingly, Jeannie

Fisk Festival @ First

Starting on July 27 with an organ recital by Larry Palmer, we will begin a year-long celebration of the 10th Anniversary of our organ and the TGIF Concert Series. A special four-week series of organ recitals will run from October 19 through November 9. See the splendid line up listed below of organ virtuosi that will be coming to FPC.

Watch for our upcoming TGIF 10th Anniversary Season, July 27, 2018—July 26, 2019, which will begin and end with organ concerts by Larry Palmer.

The season will also include the Fisk Festival @ First, celebrating the 10th Anniversary of our pipe organ, the C. B. Fisk, Op. 133. The Festival dates are October 19 through November 10, 2018. We are happy to announce our schedule of world-class organists for the Fisk Festival.

Mark your calendars.

Janette Fishell

Concert—Friday, October 19, 5:30pm
Master class—Saturday morning, October 20

Scott Montgomery

Concert—Friday, October 26, 5:30pm
Master class—Saturday morning, October 27

Kimberly Marshall

Concert—Friday, November 2, 5:30pm
Master class—Saturday morning, November 3



Worship and Music

Nathan Laube

Concert—Friday, November 9, 5:30pm
Master class—Saturday morning, November 10

Chancel Bell Choir to play an exciting concert of bell music for TGIF on Friday, May 18, at 5:30pm. It will include music by favorite bell composers including Cynthia Dobrinski, Karen Buckwalter, Paul McKlveen, David W. Beatty, John A. Behnke, Arnold B. Sherman, Dale Wood and Cathy Moklebust. Don't miss their wonderful concert.

The Chancel Choir will perform Paukenmesse (Kettledrum Mass) by Franz Joseph Haydn on Friday June 9 at 5:30 for TGIF. Jeff Sussman, tympanist, will join David Solem for accompaniment. Nancy Maret, Tim Willson, Michael Roybal, Margaret Dean, Barbara Roush and Nina Brown will be soloists and a Travis Bregier, David W. Beatty, Nina Brown and Barbara Roush will be a solo quartet throughout the work.

This thrilling mass was written in at Eisenstadt in August 1796 and first performed on December 26, 1796, in the Piarist Church of Maria Treu.

As Kapellmeister to the Prince Nikolaus II Esterházy, Haydn's principal duty in the last period of his life, beginning in 1796, was the composition of an annual mass to honor the name day of Prince Nicholas' wife, Princess Maria Hermenegild, September 8. The mass is also known as "Mass in Time of War." Four years into the European war that followed the French Revolution, Austrian troops were doing badly against the French in Italy and Germany, and Austria feared invasion. It is believed that Haydn reflected the troubled mood of his country and the nickname "Mass in Time of War" was given to the score.

A variety of TGIF concerts will be offered this summer including a return of the Foliás Duo, flute and guitar; Edwin Light, piano; Robert Marcus, clarinet and Lila Baca, mezzo soprano; Larry Palmer, organ; David Solem, organ and Jerry Borshad, piano; and Liz Cass, mezzo soprano and Karen White, piano to mention a few of the offerings. Remember 5:30pm Fridays—there's always music at First Presbyterian.

Music Groups Performing during Sunday Services on June 3 and July 8

In addition to weekly Opera Apprentices from the Santa Fe Opera, two singing groups will sing during the summer. Here's some of the excitement not to miss during 11am worship services at FPC.

On June 3, the Sine Nomine Singers of Georgia will sing in addition to our Chancel Choir.

On July 8, the Blair Children's Chorus (girls in grades 8-12) at Vanderbilt University will perform directed by Mary Biddlecombe. Recent concert tours and festivals have taken the choir to Ireland, Costa Rica, Oregon, England, Canada, Germany and the Czech Republic.

Children's Development Center Fundraiser



Pope Hall was filled with the laughter of children, great food, and opportunities to meet other parents of children in the Children's Development Center (CDC) during CDC's annual pasta dinner fundraiser.

Session Highlights – First Quarter of 2018

Session had a relatively busy first quarter, primarily dealing with the “business” side of things, such as approving the 2018 budget and planning for the Annual Meeting.

In January, we welcomed Janis Gonzales, Alan Hook and Brian Ortiz to the Session. Elizabeth and Harrison attended the first part of Session with birthday cakes (yes TWO) for Alan. Anne Liley, CDC director was also present to read a letter of thanks from Sabrina for the work on her Grandmother’s house.

We voted to provide Andrew Black (our Parish Associate) with office space on the third floor and convened an ad hoc committee led by Bill Eklund to gather information from the individuals who require space and develop a space plan.

We unanimously approved Personnel’s motion and recommendation that we hire David Beatty as Office Administrator – a part-time exempt position.

Session also approved a motion from Stewardship granting CDC permission to enter a joint fundraising effort with various legislators, the New Mexico Oil and Gas Association, and a petroleum company for new shades and the flooring for the playgrounds.

We reviewed and approved the 2018 Church Calendar for special offerings, special sales and fundraisers that are part of the tradition here at FPC. And we approved the first Sunday of the month for Communion, and included Celtic EvenSong services as well as Maundy Thursday.

As part of the budget process, we approved the Pledge to the Presbytery in the amount of \$10,000.

In February, the Mission and Social Justice Committee (Judy Crawford, Mary Ann Lundy, Jane Hanna, Jean Berghoff and Bill Jackson) met with Session and sought to give the Session their understanding of what their mission entails in the local church and in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Mary Ann Lundy read from a legal brief she submitted when called as a witness in the 1987 Sanctuary Trial in Arizona: “As a Presbyterian Christian I stand surrounded by a community of faith that from the time of John Calvin, affirms that when laws or actions of government conflict with one’s duty to obey God as affirmed by the inner conscience and the Christian community, then one must obey the law of God or one’s conscience. (Westminster Confession of Faith). Thus, when laws are unjust we have a responsibility to do justice, not to obey unjust laws.”

Jane Hanna spoke eloquently with our church in Northern New Mexico and our involvement in establishing schools and clinics, including the Menaul School, Ghost Ranch, John Hyson School and others.

Bill Jackson gave us the background on FPC’s involvement with Adelante, and why it is a recipient of the Great Heritage–Bold Future capital campaign.

And finally, Judy Crawford spoke of FPC’s long involvement with education and action on the US border with Mexico and ministries both ecumenical and Presbyterian, and her own involvement in groups such as Borderlinks, No More Deaths, the Dreamers, DACA, etc. I might add they brought dinner! We enjoyed the pizza and salad but most of all the fellowship with this tireless group of volunteers.

We discussed the original concept of the Circles – Mission, Jubilee, Wisdom and Stewardship and the reasons behind the organization. We agreed the concept needs to be retooled and presented again to the congregation in some updated way. Harry and Janis will develop a plan to do so in the near future.



Each member of Session indicated where they were presently serving or where they wished to serve:

- Bruce Black, Gayle Lomax and Dick Lindahl in Mission
- Dick Lindahl, Janis Gonzales, Alan Hook, Brian Ortiz and Steve Kinnett in Wisdom
- Dick Lindahl, Gale Wright and Alan Hook in Jubilee
- Sharon Eklund, Jim Martin, Dennis Sanderson, Bill Eklund, Gale Wright and Judi Haines in Stewardship

In March, Sharon Kirby and Mary Black presented a brief report from the Coordinating Team for Second Family. This relatively new Ministry at FPC is doing amazing work with a number of elders in our congregation.

We voted to establish a Nominating Committee (NC) policy as follows: The NC is comprised of five members, one from Session who will also serve as Chair, one from Deacons and three from the Congregation at large. NC to be nominated by the Session and elected by the Congregation to serve two years, staggered to achieve continuity. This policy will be written into the Bylaws.

We approved the following Session Resolution: With reference to Session Notes of July 2011 wherein the Session agreed to “observe the old Book of Order until FPC incorporates the changes from the New Form of Government 2011” the Session of 2018 rescinds that action and affirms that FPC is and will be governed by the current Book of Order or amendments to the Book of Order as adopted by the General Assembly and the Presbytery of Santa Fe every two years. Policies and Procedures adopted after the July 2011 action shall stand until revised and approved as needed or required. Examples: Facilities Use Policy, Financial Policies Manual and Archives Policy.

Submitted by Judi Haines, Clerk of Session



Facilities News

Facilities Volunteer Day – No Skill Required

Facilities Volunteer Day, designated for the second Saturday of the month, is a great time for fellowship and for adding a shine to FPC. No special skills are needed as most of the tasks are simple household jobs such as cleaning, organizing, hanging a shelf, tightening a screw, de-cluttering or just some touch-up painting. Come for the fun on May 12. Bring yourself and work scrubs. All supplies are provided.

Please note the Facilities Volunteer Day in December will be on the first Saturday of the month. Come for the Men's Breakfast on December 2 and stay for the fun.

Facilities is also looking for a handyperson to assist with repair requests from the Child Development Center, and are there any master gardeners or gardening hobbyists out there? The Facilities Committee is in need of “green-thumbed” volunteers who could be in charge of the church landscaping. If interested, e-mail Bill Adrian at facilities@fpcsantafe.org.



Presbyterian Women

Birthday Offering

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all Presbyterian women! May is the month of the Presbyterian Women (PW) Birthday Offering, where we celebrate PW's history of mission giving.

Launched in 1922, it is now an annual tradition and has funded nearly 100 major projects that continue to make positive differences in the lives of women and children.

The Birthday Offering shows PW's commitment and support in funding mission projects that improve lives of women and children around the world.

The three chosen projects for 2018 are:

COTTAGE VILLAGE, Cottage Grove, Oregon. A tiny-house community for low-income residents, Cottage Village provides quality, affordable housing and a safe, structured social community for individuals and families with low or very low incomes. The Birthday Offering grant will be used to help build 13 tiny houses and a central shared area that will serve as a protective community for vulnerable rural citizens.

VILLAGE of GRACE CENTER for PHYSICAL and SPIRITUAL HEALTH, Tegucigalpa, Honduras. The Birthday Offering grant will make it possible for the Presbytery of Honduras to purchase this retreat center. Originally established by Presbyterian Mission co-workers, it will now be managed by Presbyterian

Women in Honduras. It will offer international hospitality for retreats, workshops and mission teams from PC(USA), Solar Under the Sun and Living Waters for the World.

THE DWELLING PLACE, Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota. It provides physical, emotional and spiritual support for women and their children following their escape from a violent partner. Transitional housing, education, food, clothing, trauma-support services, programming and mentoring for women are all part of this mission. The Birthday Offering grant will help The Dwelling Place purchase a vacant lot to construct a multi-use building with spaces suitable for programming, one-on-one case management, safe living space and staff offices. This will enable The Dwelling Place to serve even more women and children who are seeking safety.

Grant amounts will depend on gifts contributed during 2018. Please give as you have been blessed, thank you.

Also in May: The PW Bible Study Circle of FPC will conclude its lessons on the Book of Hebrews, scheduled for Friday, May 13, at 1:30pm in the Rendon room. We will be celebrating PW's Birthday with prayers, financial support and a little sweetness to peak our appetites.

Food For Thought: Looking ahead to the Fall, the 2018-2019 PW Horizon's Bible Study is entitled *God's Promise: I AM With You* by Amy Poling Sutherland. The Study will take participants on "a journey through scriptures to consider circumstances which articulates God's promise of presence." Additional information will be available in the next issue of La Epistola.

A Happy and Healthy Summer To Every One!

Bible Study

The Presbyterian Women Bible Study group continues to meet monthly on the third Friday.

Back Pew Gallery

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.



Birthdays

May

1 Jim Hallquist
1 Ruby Bixby
2 Nancy Peterson
3 Richard Rowe
3 Donna Krulitz
3 Janet Spring
3 Nicol Mendiola
4 Ayla Wolff
7 John Ed Withers
7 Bill Carr
7 Marty Wilder
8 Nina Brown
8 Alice Tinkle
9 Mary Finney
10 Leah Mitchell
10 Jack Dudzik
11 Lindy Manley
11 Teresa Bremer
12 Roger Parsons
16 Robert Zone
18 Betty Kersting
18 Neva Williams
19 Jeannene Wiseman
19 Lois Neukomm
19 Michael Hodges
20 Ron Ball
20 Linda Trujillo
22 Iris Jaquith
22 Sarah Noss
23 Tom Kingston
24 Janice Mayer
25 Madeleine Wright
25 Juliett Scott-Baker
28 Gordon Wilson
28 Henry Sultan
30 Trish Flores
30 Placido Gonzales

June

1 Reba Allen
3 David Ingalls
3 Tracy Tague
5 Jane Hanna
5 Gail Willson
5 David Wiseman
5 Steve Fasken
6 Jean Ball
6 Ralph Fuller
6 Debra Sieck
7 Alvin Larson
7 Debbie Vanderhagen
10 Bobby Rugg
10 Karin Lerew
10 Steve Kinnett
12 Dale Smith
12 C.C. Wright
12 Ralph Scargall
14 Jim Brown
14 Liesl Gonzales
15 Leo Krulitz
16 Hilde Howden
16 Freda Elliott
16 Ken Miller
16 Stewart Anderson
18 Tom Minton
18 Rick Ortiz
19 Caroline Haagenstad
20 Margaret Dietrich
21 Linda Raney
24 David Solem
26 Kathleen Banks
26 Charlie Spring
26 David Carr
28 Bill Range
29 Frances Serrano

July

1 John Berghoff
1 Lisa Barrera
2 Gay Hill
2 Charlotte Whitcomb
2 Roy Woods
4 Grant Wright
4 Nicodemus Smith
7 Rebecca Heindel
8 Thomas Shumaker
11 Sara Hodges
11 Helen Doyle
12 Sharon Kirby
12 Donna Ralph
13 Kent Strange
13 Sara Hill
14 Don Wilson
14 Maurice Trimmer
14 John Miller
15 Juliana Chavez
16 Andy Ritch
22 John Whitcomb
22 Bill Adrian
22 John Vanderhagen
22 Paul Vernon
22 Jennifer Wolff
22 Howard Webster
23 Liz VanDenzen
25 Charlie Stringfellow
26 Glen Davidson
26 Henry Morello
27 Bruce Black
29 Carolyn Stupin



Mission and Social Justice

by Judy Crawford

As I sat down to write this article for our church's newsletter I thought of a number of social justice issues I could address – the turmoil in Israel and Palestine, the lack of food and resources in Cuba, the on-going search for peace in South Sudan, the gun violence in US schools and streets, and the lack of Congressional action on immigration reform. All of these issues are in the hearts and on the minds of First Presbyterian congregational members as we look outward into the world. I have chosen to write about some of the ways we, as a church, and Mission and Social Justice committee, and as individual members are working to make the lives of immigrants more tolerable during this difficult time in our country.

In January, 2017, a group of 12 to 15 church leaders from different congregations in Santa Fe led by Rev. Eberts and Rabbi Amswych came together to form a coalition designed to help immigrants. We call ourselves the Faith Network for Immigrant Justice, and are still going strong. Our focus has been on educating ourselves on the issue of sanctuary churches, raising funds for Somos Un Pueblo Unido and the Santa Fe Dreamers, providing advocacy for immigrants at the state level, and investigating the prison conditions at Cibola near Grants, N. M. We also planned a multi-faith service for immigrant justice for May 1 at 6:00 pm at San Isidro Catholic Church. In addition to the work of this group, a member of our church is providing legal aid for immigrants through the Dreamers' office. There are also those of you who provide food for Bienvenidos or for the shelter. If you want to get more involved, talk with Judy Crawford or Jim Brown.

Judy Crawford, chairs FPC's Mission and Social Justice committee

SECOND FAMILY IS GROWING

And We Need You

Discover what your "bite-sized commitment" to share a meal, listen to a story, offer a ride or help with a "chore" can mean to another FPC member who may be alone or in need of just a little bit of help.

Learn how as a part of a care circle you can make a difference with just an hour or two a month, or more if you choose.

Pray about how you might fit into this growing ministry with growing needs.

The blessings of being a member of the Second Family Care Team flow both ways. Look for an announcement soon of a "Time to Share," a time to hear the stories of care circle members who have themselves been blessed as they bless others. This might be just the right place for you to share God's love and experience one of the many joys of being a church family.

For more information, call Betty Kersting (505/982-4548).

JESUS ANSWERED HER,
"IF YOU KNEW THE GIFT
OF GOD, AND WHO IT IS
THAT IS SAYING TO YOU,

'Give me
a drink,'

YOU WOULD HAVE
ASKED HIM,

AND

he would
have given
you living
water"

JOHN 4:10



Welcome New Members



Jim Babcock

Jim moved in 2008 to Santa Fe from Bluffton, Ind., where he was an orthopedic surgeon. Jim is a long-time Presbyterian. In 1980, he was ordained an elder of First Presbyterian Church of Bluffton, where he served on session for three years and two years as clerk of session. Jim's hobbies include hiking, skiing, and reading history and philosophy. He has assisted the Interfaith Shelter and Feeding Santa Fe.

Jim said being a long-time Presbyterian attracted him to First Presbyterian Church as did the influence of Rev. David Wiseman. He has three children.



Steve and Paula Fasken

Inspired by family and Santa Fe's weather and culture, Steve and Paula moved to Santa Fe from Colorado Springs in 2006.

Steve, an avid fly fisherman, enjoys the atmosphere and sermons at First Presbyterian. Paula added, "We've visited First Presbyterian at various times over the last year, each time, loving the music emphasis and musical choices for the services. We've especially enjoyed meeting several members."

Previously involved with the oil and gas industry, Steve currently works as an investor. Paula, a professional artist since 1975, is a signature member of the American Impressionist Society. Her work has appeared in Southwest Art, Plein Air Magazine, Art of the West, Art Talk, The Santa Fean, and Santa Fe Collector's Guide. Her paintings are included in numerous private and corporate collections throughout the US, Europe and Asia.

Steve and Paula actively support Santa Fe Pro Musica, a National Dance Institute residency for two public schools in Taos, and Communities in Schools, Santa Fe. "My husband and I are also involved with a charitable foundation that works to benefit at risk and under served youth," Paula said.

The Faskens have a daughter, Melissa, who lives in Taos.

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Thomas and Susan Kingston



Tom and Sue moved to Santa Fe from Arlington, Mass., to enjoy their grandchildren and family, and Santa Fe weather and culture. Both are retired educators.

Tom, who was an organist and choirmaster at six different churches over his lifetime, four in Episcopal parishes, fell for FPCSF's music. "First Presbyterian's organ is the best in northern New Mexico," he said. He was also attracted to the "progressive character of the church and the excellence of Harry's sermons." His hobbies include urban public education, music and literature.

Sue was also attracted to FPCSF's music program. Music is an important part of her life, having served on the organ committee and as chair of the music committee at her former church, Trinitarian Congregational Church in Concord, Mass. She has joined the FPC's choir, and says her hobbies include vocal music, reading and literacy, and social justice.

Tom and Sue have two children. T. Andrew, an academic and jazz musician, lives in Santa Fe. Sarah, a scientist, lives in Brunswick, Maine.

Welcome to Lisbeth Cort and Shellie Follmer who joined FPC after La Epistola went into production. Your photo and profile will appear in the next issue.



Generous donations from friends and FPC members turned the Rendon Room and Pope Hall into galleries of collectibles.



The Youth Connection

Thank you!

The Youth Connection says “thank you” to all who contributed, supported and bought items at its Art & “Stuff” Sale. Your generosity has made our youth retreat to Ghost Ranch, and work project to Loma Verde a reality. We’re blessed to be part of such a loving family. There are so many folks to thank, but we especially want to recognize Liz Hinds, Judi Haines and Sharon Kirby for their tireless energy unpacking, pricing and set up, and Curt and Christina Hill, Melissa Mitchell, Louis Bair, Rick and Susan Ortiz, and Connie Austin for their hands-on-work ensuring everything ran smoothly from coordinating Saturday and Sunday’s events to repacking all the unsold items and clean up.

Now You’re Aging, What Next?

Rebecca Heindel told about the origin of the flute and played a number of tunes in a “Name the Tune” contest at the April gathering of Now You’re Aging, What Next? in Pope Hall. It was a time of fellowship, having lunch together and relaxing.



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.

Contact 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. Look for the events button as a first step once on that page.

Park Smarter App Now Available in Santa Fe

The Park Smarter App is available for your everyday use in Santa Fe. You can download it free from the App Store and start using it today. Once you have the app on your phone, you can determine on a map where metered parking spaces are available and put the desired amount of money into the meter without leaving your car. The app will send you a reminder when your meter is about to expire and offer an opportunity to add time – directly from your phone wherever you happen to be.



TGIF Concert Series

MAY

- 4 Las Cantantes from UNM
- 11 Maia Piano Trio
- 18 Chancel Bells
- 25 Linda Mack and Scott Hagler: Vivace Piano Duo: Russian Music

JUNE

- 1 Foliás Duo — guitar and flute
- 8 Chancel Choir: Mass in Time of War by Haydn
- 15 Jared Aragon, organ
- 22 eSSO
- 29 Rue Allison, piano

JULY

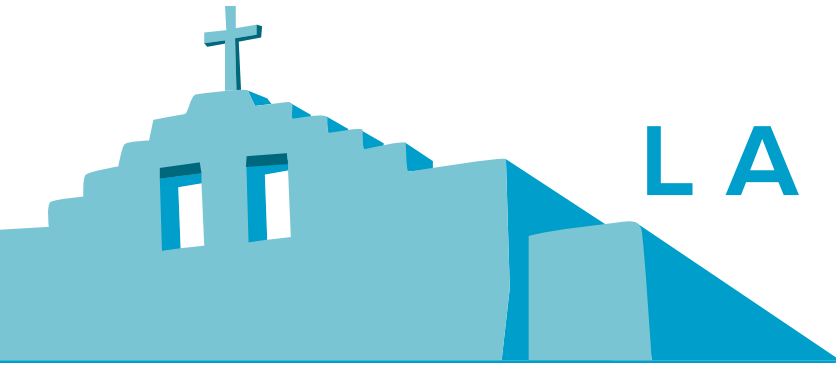
- 6 Rio Grande Jazz Trio: Bill Taylor, trumpet; Melody Brooks, horn and Thomas Leming, trombone/euphonium, playing swing era (Gershwin, Kern, Berlin, etc.), rags (Joplin), a variety of classical (Handel, Wagner, Pachelbel, etc.), a couple of tangos (Piazzolla)
- 13 Robert Marcus, clarinet; Edwin Light, piano and Lila Baca, cello, playing Max Bruch: Three Pieces and Gabriel Faure: Trio in D Minor, Op.120
- 20 Elaine Wang-Meyerhoffer, mezzo soprano, and Richard Bentley, piano

- 27 Larry Palmer, organ
Herbert Sumsion: Introduction and Theme; Bach: O Lamm Gottes unschuldig
Calvin Hampton: Lullaby (Suite 2)
Francois Couperin: Offertoire and Elevation from Mass for the Convents
Herbert Howells: Paeán (Sumsion and Howells were both pupils of Herbert Brewer at Gloucester Cathedral; Sumsion succeeded Brewer at the Cathedral, and was responsible for many Three-Choir Festival triumphs.)

2018 Summer Schedule, Music in the Triangle, Fridays 5:30pm. TGIF 10th Anniversary Season — July 27, 2018 through July 26, 2019.



Linda Mack and Scott Hagler: Vivace Piano Duo: Russian Music



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