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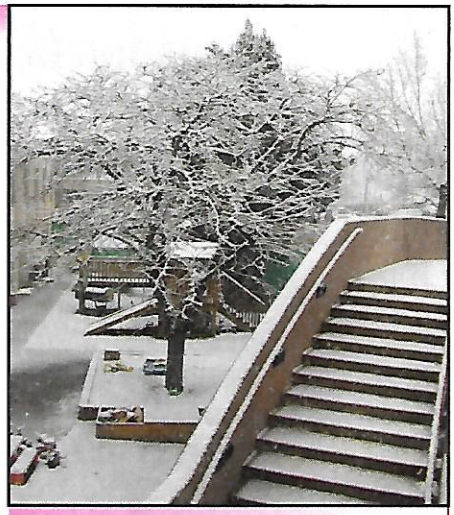

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

The big day is coming up!! Of course, I'm talking about the Souper Bowl of Caring collection on **Sunday, February 3rd**. I hear there is a football game that day too…

Starting in 1990, a group of young people decided to make the biggest sports weekend in America also the biggest caring weekend in America. Since then, thousands of youth across the country have teamed up with local partners to volunteer and collect donations to support their work of feeding and caring for the most vulnerable in their community. On February 3rd, the youth at First Presbyterian Church will continue this annual tradition, so come prepared with a donation to put in the bucket of your favorite Super Bowl team (whichever bucket gets more donations wins *our* Super Bowl).

As part of this year's 'Souper Bowl of Caring' weekend, on Saturday, Feb 2, FPC youth are joining up with other local youth groups to volunteer at Silver Horizons. Silver Horizons is a local nonprofit that provides food and financial aid to low-income seniors. On Saturday, we'll help them to sort and prepare all of their food donations at a local warehouse so that it can go out to feed hungry people in our community.

On Sunday, youth will help to receive this year's collection after both services. In past years, we've given the Souper Bowl collection to local food banks. This year, we've chosen Annunciation House in El Paso as the organization to receive our collection. Annunciation House describes their work as: "Accompanying the migrant, homeless, and economically vulnerable peoples of the border since 1978" and in the past couple months, their work has grown exponentially as they have become the hub for migrants awaiting asylum paperwork from the nearby detention center. Aside from all the heated politics surrounding our border, as followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to care for the most vulnerable in our society -and that is what Annunciation House is doing along with many churches and volunteers in El Paso. We hope that our donation will help to feed some of the most vulnerable and encourage the dedicated volunteers who go above and beyond to offer welcome in the name of Jesus Christ.

---Stephanie

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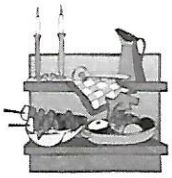
UPCOMING EVENTS:

COMMUNION/FOOD OFFERING SUNDAY &
SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY: FEBRUARY 3RD
COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED AT BOTH SERVICES.
PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR FOOD OFFERING.

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY ON FEBRUARY 3RD IS ALSO SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Youth groups around the country ask each person in worship to donate $1 to help fight hunger in their communities. Please bring your dollar for Annunciation House in El Paso. We'll ask you to come forward during the final hymn and use your donation to vote for this year's Super Bowl Champion.

THIRD SUNDAY LUNCHEON IN FEBRUARY:
ALL-CHURCH FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON:
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH, 12:00 NOON, FELLOWSHIP HALL
Please remember to bring a DESSERT to share.



THE MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH - starting at 7:00 AM - at **Weck's on Osuna** (4500 Osuna Suite 100, Albuquerque, NM). Join us for breakfast and Christian fellowship. Devotion and prayer will start us off.

SNOW DAY POLICY

The church follows the schedule for APS when the city gets snow: if APS declares a SNOW DAY, then ACG and the church will also be closed. If there is inclement weather, please call the church, 764-2900, before venturing out to come to the church.

FALL TO SPRING CHURCH HOURS: SEPTEMBER 1ST TO MAY 31ST:
Monday through Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Fridays: 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS: (cont.)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10th
SUNBONNET SHOP
ANNUAL VALENTINE BAKE SALE
COMMONS I

Buy goodies for your loved ones (or yourself!) and support Mission.

CAREGIVERS LUNCHEON

The Annual Caregivers Luncheon will be held at First Presbyterian Church **on Thursday, February 14, 2019, Valentines Day, from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM**. We would like to honor all caregivers. If you are a caregiver or know of a caregiver please call Margaret Cunningham at 764-2911 as soon as possible so we can send a formal invitation.

LENTEN STUDIES

Looking Ahead to our **Lenten Studies** – This year, we will have two small groups studying ***Short Stories by Jesus*** by Amy-Jill Levine, a study of the parables.. One group will meet **Wednesdays at noon** with Matthew Miller and another group will meet at **5:30 Wednesdays** with Stephanie Kremmel and Libby Engdahl Whiteley. Both groups will **begin Wednesday, March 13** and **meet in the Kerygma Room**. A participants' manual will be ordered for participants who register in the church office **by February 24**.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Rev. Dr. Wayne Mell will lead a book discussion of *The Secret Chord* by Geraldine Brooks. Her powerful novel tells the story of King David through the voice of the prophet Nathan. She follows the arc of David's life as presented in the biblical texts (mainly I & 2 Samuel), but fleshes out the characters and their setting in ways that bring the story vividly to life. The book raises many fruitful issues for discussion, not only about David's character and legacy, but also about the capacity of the human heart for cruelty and tenderness, betrayal and devotion, great love and great sin-all in the context of God's promise and purpose for humanity. The title was inspired by the opening line of Leonard Cohen's famous song, "Hallelujah" ("I've heard there was a secret chord/ that David played, and it pleased the Lord ... "). It is important that people read the book (it is past due to order from Church), since it will be a discussion rather that lecture class, meeting in the Kerygma Room during February.

SAVE THE DATE

Attention: ***Safety team members, deacons, elders, duty elders, ushers and any other interested persons:*** CPR/AED training (this is not a certification course, but refresher) will be held on Sunday, March 17th at 12:30. If you would like lunch, please get it quickly (third Sunday lunch) and come to Kerygma Room. This course is FREE, but we must know numbers in order to have enough instructors. Please make reservations through the church office.

UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.):

PW CORNER

Those gathered on Thursday, January 17th had a good visit together and shared a program and lunch together, plus the opportunity to see some of our PW sisters who are unable to get out. If any group would like to learn more about Godly Play, please let us know.

Several circles continue studying "God Promise: I am with you".

SAVE THE DATE: Spring gathering will be held here at FPC on Saturday, April 27.

#VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Camino de Vida is seeking volunteer tutors for English Classes

Starting Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2019

Tutors will work with **one** or **two students** (at their English level) in 1-hour class sessions.

Classes are held **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** from **5:30 - 6:30 pm** and **6:30 - 7:30 pm** - from Jan. 22 - May through May 16.

**Interested, but need alternate day/time? Please call Pastor Guillermo*

Interested - Pastor Guillermo Yela at (505) 514-9515 or Claire Lewis at (830) 796-7116.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE
2018 ANNUAL REPORT

The Building and Grounds Committee is responsible for the effective management, maintenance, use and acquisition of property, facilities, and equipment. Costs include service contracts, (pest control, custodial uniforms, tree service, elevator maintenance, etc.), repair and maintenance of the church's mechanical, heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems, overall maintenance of the church (paint, custodial equipment and supplies, grounds equipment and supplies) and utilities (electricity, gas and water).

Members of the Committee at the end of the fiscal year were:
Paul Cunningham, Moderator
Charles Arnold, John Farris, Merri Lewis, Joe Macleod, Steve Maize, David Meredith, John Rebstock, and Bill Savage
Staff Members: Hector Aguilar and Carolyn Rhodes

Utility expenses totaled **$81,125** compared to **$85,142** in 2017.
Electricity cost was **$54,717** compared to **$56,468** in 2017
Natural Gas cost was **$7,559** compared to **$9,548** in 2017
Water cost was $**18,849** compared to **$19,126** in 2017

In total, we spent **$158,640** compared to a budget of **$165,800**.

The budget for the Building and Property Committee comes in two parts – a line item is included within the church's annual budget and primarily covers the general maintenance and upkeep of the church, including utilities. The second portion is funds from the Endowment Foundation. Many of the items listed below were funded through the Endowment Foundation funds.
A partial list of items accomplished in 2018 is as follows:

LED Lighting upgrade for the entire facility/plant
Roof Inspections
Roof repairs on the CE building and Westminster
HVAC Inspections
Repair to the HVAC system
Update of the Security/Alarm system
Insurance coverage was reviewed with our insurance agent and FPC staff

Following a detailed review of each anticipated expense covered by the line item for Building and Grounds from the church's annual budget, the committee's budget was reduced by **$10,000** to **$155,800** for 2019.

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FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1. 11:45 AM Yoga Class	2. 9:00 AM-12:00 PM Youth Volunteer Event (Off Campus)
3. COMMUNION SUNDAY/SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY 8:00 AM Fellowship Choir Rehearsal 8:30 AM Early Worship Service, Fellowship Hall 9:45 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 11:00 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM Health Ministries Committee 12:15 PM Choristers Choir Rehearsal	4. 9:30 AM Library Committee 1:30 PM City Kitchen Training 6:30-8:30 PM New Mexico Women's Chorus	5. 9:30 AM Sunbonnet Workshop 12:00 PM Tuesday Study & Prayer 1:00 PM ACG Godly Play 1:30 PM ACG Staff Meeting 5:00 PM Alb. Boy Choir Rehearsal	6. 10:00 AM Archives 1:30 PM Whitechapel Bells Rehearsal 1:30 PM ACG Lead Teacher Meeting 3:00 PM Safe Church Committee 5:30 PM 12-Step Support Group 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:45 PM AA Meeting	7. 10:00 AM PW Circle (Bible Study Church) 10:00 AM PW Circle (Women Studying Women) Private Home 10:30 AM Admin. Staff Meeting 12:30-2:00 PM Sandia Men's Bible Study 1:30 PM ACG Infant Team Meeting 2:00 PM PW Circle (Christian History & Biblical Archaeology) Private 6:00 PM Community Life Committee	8. 11:45 AM Yoga Class	9.
10. 8:00 AM Fellowship Choir Rehearsal 8:30 AM Early Worship Service, Fellowship Hall 9:30 AM Sunbonnet Valentine Bake Sale 9:45 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 11:00 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM PW Sunday Sarah Circle 12:15 PM Choristers Choir Rehearsal	11. 8:00 AM-12:00 PM Center for Community Health 9:30 AM Library Committee 12:30 PM PW Circle (Kerygma) 5:30-8:00 PM ACG Training 6:30-8:30 PM New Mexico Women's Chorus	12. 9:30 AM Sunbonnet Workshop 12:00 PM Tuesday Study & Prayer 1:00 PM ACG Godly Play 1:30 PM ACG Staff Meeting 5:00 PM Alb. Boy Choir Rehearsal 5:30-7:00 PM ACG Family Involvement	13. 10:00 AM Archives 10:30 AM General Staff Meeting 1:30 PM Whitechapel Bells Rehearsal 1:30 PM ACG Lead Teacher Meeting 5:30 PM 12-Step Support Group 5:30 PM Mission Committee 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:45 PM AA Meeting	14. 9:00-11:00 AM Accountable Community for Health 10:30 AM Admin. Staff Meeting 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Caregiver Luncheon 1:30 PM ACG Two's Team Meeting	15. 11:45 AM Yoga Class 1:00-4:00 PM UNM Pathways MESSENGER DEADLINE	16.
17. 8:00 AM Fellowship Choir Rehearsal 8:30 AM Early Worship Service, Fellowship Hall 9:30 AM Blood Pressure Clinic 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 12:00 PM All-Church Fellowship Luncheon 12:00 PM Board of Deacons Meeting 12:15 PM Choristers Choir Rehearsal	18. ACG CLOSED (Presidents' Day) 9:30 AM Library Committee 12:00-3:00 PM NM Faith Coalition for Immigration Justice 6:30-8:30 PM New Mexico Women's Chorus	19. 7:00 AM Men's Fellowship Breakfast (Weck's - Osuna & Jefferson) 9:30 AM Sunbonnet Workshop 12:00 PM Tuesday Study & Prayer 1:00 PM ACG Godly Play 1:30 PM ACG Staff Meeting 5:00 PM Alb. Boy Choir Rehearsal	20. 10:00 AM Archives 10:30 AM Program Staff Meeting 11:30 AM ACG Board Meeting 1:30 PM Whitechapel Bells Rehearsal 1:30 PM ACG Lead Teachers Meeting 5:00 PM Worship & Music Committee 5:30 PM Financial Stewardship Committee 5:30 PM 12-Step Support Group 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:45 PM AA Meeting	21. 9:00-11:00 AM Accountable Community for Health 10:00 AM PWCT Meeting 10:30 AM Admin. Staff Meeting 12:30-2:00 PM Sandia Men's Bible Study 1:30 PM ACG Three's Team Meeting	22. 11:45 AM Yoga Class MESSENGER MAILING	23. 9:00 AM-3:00 PM Presbytery Meeting (Immanuel PC)
24. 8:00 AM Fellowship Choir Rehearsal 8:30 AM Early Worship Service, Fellowship Hall 9:45 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 11:00 AM Worship Service 12:15 PM Choristers Choir Rehearsal 2:00 PM Harry Wallingford Memorial Service & Reception	25. 9:30 AM Library Committee 6:30-8:30 PM New Mexico Women's Chorus	26. 9:30 AM Sunbonnet Workshop 10:00 AM Bernalillo County Health Group 12:00 PM Tuesday Study & Prayer 1:00 PM ACG Godly Play 1:30 PM ACG Staff Meeting 5:00 PM Alb. Boy Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Session Meeting	27. 10:00 AM Archives 10:30 AM Program Staff Meeting 1:30 PM ACG Lead Teacher Meeting 5:30 PM 12-Step Support Group 5:30-7:00 PM ACG Forward Planning Meeting 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:45 PM AA Meeting	28. 10:30 AM Admin. Staff Meeting 1:30 PM ACG Pre-K Team Meeting		

2018 BUILDING USE SUMMARY

On-Going weekly building use
AA Meetings
12-step Recovery meeting
Albuquerque Boy Choir
Ghost Ranch office space

On-Going regular meetings/building use
Accountable Community for Health
Albuquerque Health Care for the Homeless
NM Faith Coalition for Immigration Justice
NM Hunger Coalition
Presbyterian Health Services

2018 Building Use
Women's Specialty Medical group – Staff retreat
Grisha Krivchenia Piano Recital
Public Academy for Performing Arts [PAPA] – three concerts in 2018
AARP – Caregiver workshop
PEO Fundraiser Concert
Linda Snyder – Piano Recital
UNM Chamber Singers Concert
New Mexico Law Access/NM Legal Aid workshop
Presbytery of Santa Fe Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering
Friendship Force gatherings
New Mexico Voices for Children
Department of Health
Health Action NM
Sine Nomine Singers concert
Alzheimer's Association – Caregiver workshop
Orangewood Presbyterian Church – Youth Mission overnight
Presbyterian Health Services seminar
Shaloford Presbyterian Church – Youth overnight
Journey of Hope – The Ability Experience [overnight - 2 nights]
Countryside Vet Services – Mission workers
Pilgrimage for Unity
Kirtland Chapel Core
Presbytery of Santa Fe Education Networking committee
Medicare Training – two events
Presbytery of Santa Fe 150th Anniversary dinner/event
Church Women United
The Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande Bishop Consecration
Meals on Wheels – Caregiver workshop
Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary
Organist Guild

ALL ARE WELCOME TO THE TABLE

First Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for your generous donation of $300.00, which greatly supported our ministry during Christmas!

Additionally, we greatly appreciate your congregation putting together boxes and giving food to those from Camino de Vida.

Many thanks for being a partner with us.

Sincerely,

Pr. Guillermo

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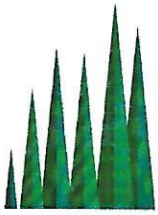

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Dear Reverend Miller-

So many thanks for the support you and your parishioners provided to our ill and isolated community members. If there is ever a good time to come speak to the congregation about the good their donations do - please let me know! 823-8065 Shauna Frost

FPC ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION
HERITAGE CLUB

The Heritage Club of the Church's Endowment Foundation recognizes members and friends who have donated $1,000 or more to the Foundation. We are pleased to welcome new members to the Club whose donations are in memory of Nancy Halbgewachs, Dan Sisk and Eric Youngberg.

Dr. Nancy C. Halbgewachs Scholarship Fund: This fund, established in memory of Nancy by her family, is managed by the Foundation for the benefit of scholarships for A Child's Garden. Nancy was one of the Founding Mothers of ACG and the preschool was always near and dear to her. Added to the Heritage Club in Nancy's memory are Ron Halbgewachs, Ronna Halbgewachs and Christine Coleman. Numerous other donors have also contributed to the fund which is now in excess of $15,000.

Dan Sisk Estate: This estate in memory of Dan has contributed to the Endowment Foundation's general fund which supports the church's budget, thus making the Estate a member of the Heritage Club.

Eric Youngberg Scholarship Fund: The scholarship in memory of Eric was established by his mother Janet Youngberg and also benefits A Child's Garden scholarships. We welcome Janet as another member of the Heritage Club.

All of these donations have been significant and a major benefit to the Endowment Foundation and the specific areas they will help.

The Endowment Foundation Board of Trustees gratefully acknowledges these contributions and all contributions made to the Foundation which help the church in areas as divergent as maintenance of our facilities, mission, Christian education, worship and music, youth, Deacons, scholarships, retired ministers and even the upkeep of our Memorial Rose Garden. We thank all who contribute. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Bowersock, Executive Director.

A BIG "THANK YOU" TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED TO OR VOLUNTEERED TO HELP WITH THE ADVENT FOOD DRIVE FOR 2018!

MEMBERS RECOGNIZED

Our 50-year members were recognized on Sunday, January 20th. From left to right:

Rolene Barnett
Joanne Puckett
Judith Woods
Robert Woods
Ann Farris
Richard Ogilvie (75 years)
Janet Youngberg (65 years)
Ron Halbgewachs

OUR FAMILY OF FAITH FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Brenda White	**Thelma Palmer**	**Jeff LawrenceRalph Brown**
John Farris	**Kirstin Kalberg**	**Gretchen Fox**
Cameron Kilcup	**Joe Katzenberger**	**Chuck Hall**
Linda Salazar	**Consy Matteson**	**Holly Hodgin**
Rhonda Gomez	**Dr. Marian Tonjes**	**Cailyn Kilcup**
Tim Burns	**Roxanna Caird**	**Kerry Kortkamp**
Kathryn Dennedy	**Dorothy Orrell**	**Kevin Kortkamp**
Bob Doak	**Bob Woods**	**Vivian Pennington**
Judd McRoberts	**Ramona Macleod**	**Gloria Stone**
Kay Maize	**Carol Marr**	
Simona Mall	**Renee Martinez**	
Tanveer Akhtar	**Dennis Sandoval**	
Connie Burns	**Anna Fisher Rebstock**	
Zach Hill	**Irfan Mall**	
Ebony Olivas	**Dolores Montoya**	
Lubna Mall	**Rodney Pierce**	
Nancy Bell	**Brian Kilcup**	

We apologize if we have inadvertently left <u>your</u> name off of this Birthday List, but please call us at 764-2900 and let us know so that we can add you to the list.

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ABOUT OUR FAMILY OF FAITH:

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Member, **Norma White,** and her family on the death of Rev. Myron White's sister, Janis Mae Lindsay, on December 24, 2018 in Loveland, CO. **Norma & Myron** were gathered with family in Estes Park, CO when Myron passed.

IN MEMORIAM:

A Memorial Service for Member, **Harry Wallingford**, who passed to Life Eternal on December 27, 2018, will be held on Sunday, February 24, 2019 in the Sanctuary with a Reception to follow in Fellowship Hall.

The Rev. Myron White passed to Life Eternal on January 19, 2019. A Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, January 27, 2019 at 3:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary, with Rev. Matthew Miller officiating. A Reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY for our church family's loved ones serving in the Middle East and elsewhere: Dion Greg Chilson/ Iraq; Joe Walz/Salt Lake City, UT (cousin of Barbara Albin); Jerett Gibson (Bob Custer's godson)/Arab Emirates; **Gus MacLeod**/ stateside; Max Forester/Afghanistan (friend of Linda & Andy Seiller); Spencer Johnson/Middle East (Son-in-law of Julie and Russell Dilts); Zhenya Diadiura/Afghanistan (Son-in-Law of Sharon Baca, nephew-in-law of Martha & David Meister, cousin-in-law of Laurel and Jake Meister); JAMR Rhodes/Syria (nephew of Chuck & Carolyn Rhodes); Corey Hanley/San Diego and Chase Hanley/Japan (grandsons of Roland DeRose); for all our military.