

First Presbyterian Church of Albuquerque's

# MESSENGER LIGHT

January 22, 2025



*Week of Christian  
Unity Prayer Service*

*Guest speaker: Dr. Toni Hawkins  
Director of the Southwest Conference of the UCC.*

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

Our staff members can  
be reached individually  
by phone or email  
between 8am and 2pm,  
Monday through Friday:

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If you have an after-hours  
emergency, you can reach  
pastoral staff through our  
helpline at 505-764-2910

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## **NMCC Service in FPC Sanctuary**

Please join us, for the Week of Christian Unity Prayer  
Service sponsored by the Archdiocese of Santa Fe Ecumenical  
Commission and the New Mexico Conference of Churches.

The Guest speaker, will provide inspiration and invitation based on  
John 11:26.

*When:*  
**Sunday, January 26, 2025**  
**3:00-4:30 p.m.**

*Where:*  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
215 Locus St NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87102



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*No registration necessary for this no-cost event.*

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

### Wednesday, January 22nd

- DAR meeting, 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall.
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm.

### Thursday, January 23rd

- ABQ Girls' Chorus, 4:30 pm in Choir room.
- High Desert Pipes and Drums rehearsal, 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.
- Opera South West, Choir room, 6:30 pm.
- Fiction book meeting, Kerygma room, at 10:30 am.

### Saturday, January 25th

- Elder-Deacon Officer Retreat, 8:30 am in FH.

### Sunday, January 26th

- In-person Fellowship Hall Worship Service at 8:30 am
- Through the Bible Class at 9:45 am in CE Room 219
- Adult Sunday School at 9:45 am via Zoom/In-person in Kerygma Room
- Godly Play Sunday School (ages 3 through 5th grade) at 9:45 am in CE Rooms 210 & 211
- In-person/Livestream Worship Service, 11am
- NMCC Service, from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm in FPC Sanctuary.

### Monday, January 27th

- Young Voices, 2:30 pm.
- Enchanters, 5:45 pm in Choir room
- Women's Chorus rehearsal in F.H. at 6:30 pm

### Tuesday, January 28th

- Tuesday Study & Prayer Group, at noon Via Zoom.
- Young Voices, 12:30 pm.
- Boy's Choir, 5:00 pm in Choir room.
- Sandia Pipes and Drums rehearsal, 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

### Wednesday, January 29th

- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm.

### Thursday, January 30th

- ABQ Girls' Chorus, 4:30 pm in Choir room.
- High Desert Pipes and Drums rehearsal, 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

### Saturday, February 1st

- Water Color Society, 8:30 in FH.

### Sunday, February 2nd

- In-person Fellowship Hall Worship Service at 8:30 am
- Through the Bible Class at 9:45am in CE Room 219
- Adult Sunday School at 9:45am via Zoom/In-person in Kerygma Room
- Godly Play Sunday School (ages 3 through 5th grade) at 9:45am in CE Rooms 210 & 211
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### Monday, February 3rd

- Young Voices, 12:30 pm.
- Enchanters, 5:45 pm in Choir room.
- Women's Chorus rehearsal in F.H. at 6:30 pm

### Tuesday, February 4th

- Tuesday Study & Prayer Group, at noon Via Zoom.
- Young Voices, 12:30 pm.
- Boy Choir, 5:00 pm in Choir room.
- Sandia Pipes and Drums rehearsal, 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

### REMINDER:

We are always accepting donations to our Rio Grande Food bin (canned/dry food) and to our Hope Found box (household supplies). These ongoing ministry partners are always in need of extra supplies!



### A CHILD'S GARDEN 2025-2026

Waitlist **Registration** begins on **January 21, 2025!**

**A Child's Garden Preschool (ACG)**, a non-sectarian community outreach program of First Presbyterian Church (FPC), is committed to providing a developmentally appropriate learning environment for a diverse population of young children respectful of the individual needs, cultural heritage and identity of each child.

**ACG is a fully inclusive program that accepts children (ages 3 months - 5 years) of all abilities, of all backgrounds and all socio-economic levels.**

The program is relationship-based, with a strong focus on learning through play, incorporating best early childhood practices and quality standards from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and the New Mexico Early Childhood Education and Care Department (ECECD).

**Our 2025-2026 New Family Waitlist opens for interested families on Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:00am.**

The waitlist is accessible only through our:

**Website. Please visit:**  
**<https://www.achildsgardenabq.org/>**  
**to get your child on the list!**



# Fundraiser

for A Child's Garden with Color Wheel Toys!

Shop at **Color Wheel Toys** the week of February 2nd – February 8th  
and **earn money for A Child's Garden!**

Here's how you can **shop** with Color Wheel Toys to earn funds for ACG:

- Shop **in person** at Color Wheel Toys located at 6855 4th St. NW or
- Shop **online** with local pickup at Color Wheel Toys

**We are open:**

-Sun 11:00am-3:00pm,

-Wed-Sat 10:00am-5:00pm or shop online anytime!



At check-out, share the **special code below** and

**20%**

of sales from your community will go back  
to your community!

Code to use between 2/2 and 2/8:  
**CHILDSGAR**

## Giving Campaign

## Thank You Note:

**A Child's Garden** would like to thank the First Presbyterian Church community for supporting our Giving Campaign in November and December. With your help we raised over **\$12,500.00 for our enrichment programs**, teacher support and tuition assistance.

You are truly making a difference in the lives of the children we serve.

*We couldn't have done it without you!*

With Gratitude and Hugs,

*Mary Matteucci*

Director



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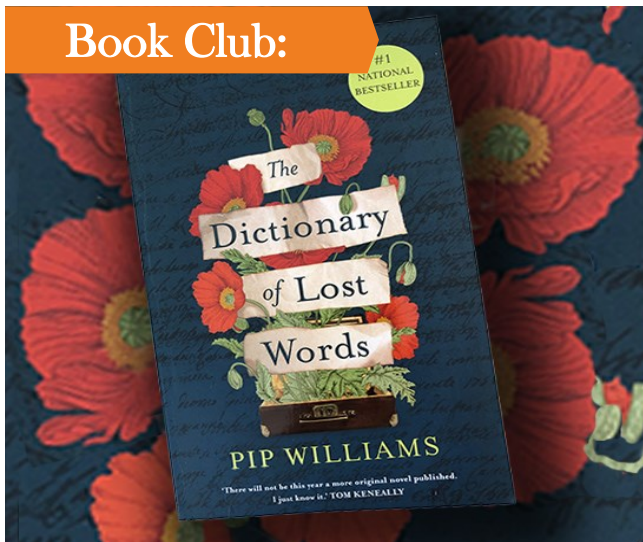
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**Elder-Deacon Officer Retreat**

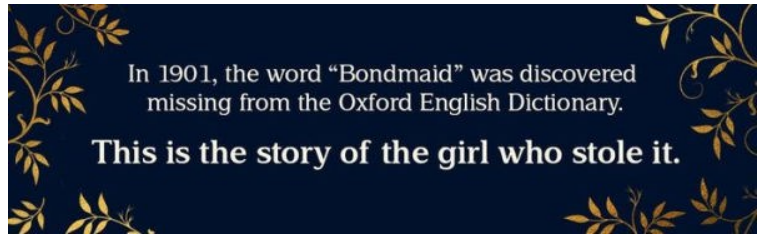
Saturday 25th in FH.

If you are an Elder o Deacon, Join us this coming Saturday 25th, for our Officer Retreat at 8:30 am in Fellowship Hall.

**Book Club:**



***- The Fiction Book Group-***



**Come and Join us for The Fiction Book Group!**

It’s having a meeting on Thursday 23th, at 10:30 am in the Kerygma classroom. They will discuss: “The Dictionary of Lost Words”.

**MISSION NOTES –**



Our friends at Longfellow School would like your support as a **Science Fair judge if possible.**

*Please see the form that follows.*

Merri Lewis currently serves as a Judge and can give you the inside scoop if you need more information.

*E-mail: lewismerris@gmail.com*



**THANK YOU!**

[APS form next page](#) ➔





**ALBUQUERQUE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

*Expect Great Things!*

**Longfellow Elementary Magnet & Community School**

400 Edith Blvd. NE

Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102

505-764-2024 Fax 505-766-5243 <https://longfellow.aps.edu/>

**Richard Ulibarri**  
**PRINCIPAL**

**Dr. Gabriella Blakey**  
**SUPERINTENDENT**

***January 13, 2025***

***Dear Future Science Fair Judge,***

*We're reaching out to ask for your generous support as a judge for our annual Longfellow Science Fair. Your participation is crucial in maintaining these important science activities at our school.*

***Event Details:***

- *Date: Thursday, February 13, 2024*
  - *Time: 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM (approximate)*
  - *Location: Longfellow Elementary Community School, 400 Edith NE, Albuquerque, NM*
- Your Role: As a judge, you'll be assigned 3-5 projects per grade level (3rd-5th) to evaluate and score using provided rubrics. Your insights and feedback will inspire and motivate our young scientists.*

***What We Offer:***

- *Continental breakfast and lunch*
- *A rewarding experience that benefits our students*

***To Participate:***

1. *RSVP: Please let us know if you can join us by Friday, January 31.*
2. *Check-In: Arrive to the gym through the green door on the day of the event. You will check in with someone from the science team.*
3. *Judging: Meet in the gym to begin judging. We will have student escorts. If you join us, please park in the staff parking lot off Walter Street. You may park in the Parent Drop-off / Pick-up Lane next to the playground fence, or along the fence dividing the Parent Drop-off and Staff Parking, or in any available parking spot. We hope you'll consider joining us. Your time and expertise will make a significant difference in the lives of our students.*

***Thank you for your support!***

***Gracias,***  
***Iliana Kimberle - [iliana.kimberle@aps.edu](mailto:iliana.kimberle@aps.edu)***  
***Longfellow Science Fair Coordinator***