

First Presbyterian Church of Albuquerque's

MESSENGER LIGHT

February 19, 2025



REVIVAL OF THE ANNUAL

CHILI Chocolate Cook-off

02.23.25

12:15 pm

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:

Matthew Miller
505-764-2902

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505-764-2903

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505-900-5317

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505-764-2906

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505-764-2911

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

**First Presbyterian
Church (USA)**
215 Locust Street, NE
Albuquerque, NM 87102
505-764-2900
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SIGN UP!
from
Feb 2nd
to
Feb 20th

**Mix them
together
Or make your
own specialty.**

**There will be Judges to taste, enjoy and
vote for the best dish-recipe!**

Help fundraise money for our Youth Mission Trip to Kentucky!

You can register in the Office

The most-voted dishes will win a prize!

*Remember to list the ingredients of your dish.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday, February 19th

- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm.

Thursday, February 20th

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

Saturday, February 22nd

- Presbytery, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, in FH.

Sunday, February 23rd

- 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, 11:00 am.
- Chili-Chocolate Cook-off, 12:15 pm in FH.

Monday, February 24th

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

Tuesday, February 25th

- 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 the Sanctuary.
- Session, 6:30 pm in FH.

Wednesday, February 26th

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

Thursday, February 27th

- Book Group, 10:00 am.
- ABQ Girls' Chorus, 4:30 pm in Choir room.
- High Desert Pipes and Drums rehearsal, 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Friday, February 28th

- Recital, Dream Variations, 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary.
- Chuck Hall Memorial Service, at noon in the Sanctuary.

Saturday, March 1st

- Water color society, 8:30 am.

Sunday, March 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 9:45 am in CE Rooms 210 & 211.

- In-person/Livestream Worship Service, 11:00 am.

Monday, March 3rd

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

Tuesday, March 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!



SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY JOIN THE A CHILD'S GARDEN BOARD! (ACG)

Would you like to get more involved in the ACG Community and contribute to important decisions about our school?
Consider joining the ACG Board!

The ACG Board is looking for new members for the 2025-2026 school year. The board brings together parents, staff, and community members to nurture a strong school community and provide leadership and guidance on a range of issues, from curriculum to tuition to fundraising. No special skills or experience required – all you need are an interest in making a difference and a desire to contribute to the future of the school.

Board Member Responsibilities

- Attend a monthly meeting on the third Thursday of the month, from August to May
- Participate in at least two committees that support important school functions
- Volunteer for one or more ACG events during the school year

Interested? Reach out! If you have questions or would like to join the Board, please email Nominating Committee members Dannie van de Werken (dannie@babycrycreative.com) or Erin Halasz (erin.halasz@gmail.com)

We are happy to help!
Support our school community.
Join the ACG Board!



SPECIAL events

MAN OF LA MANCHA

FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 23, 2025

DIRECTOR: ROBB A. SISNEROS
MUSIC DIRECTOR: COLIN BURDGE
CHOREOGRAPHER: ZANE BARKER
STAGE MANAGER: VICKI SINGER



"Man of La Mancha is one of the world's most popular musicals"

Inspired by Miguel de Cervantes' 17th-century masterwork Don Quixote and set during the Spanish Inquisition, the original 1965 production won five Tony Awards, including Best Musical.

We invite you to go and enjoy this awesome musical, featuring
Rev. Matthew Miller as Don Quixote!

General Admission: \$33.00

Senior/Military/Student/AHCC/TLC/ATG: \$30.00

VIP (Reserve Seating, Priority Entry, and 2 Free Concession Items): \$47.00

Tickets: <https://onthestage.tickets/musical-theatre-southwest>

SID FENDLEY AND FRIENDS PRESENT

The 19th Annual Sweet Jazz Concert

will be held on Sunday, March 2nd
from 4:00 - 6:00 pm
at Sandia Presbyterian Church.

This is a primary fundraiser for Family Promise and will feature great music, unlimited desserts, and a silent auction.

Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased at the door.

"I hope you can save the date for these opportunities to further support Family Promise in addition to all you're currently doing!"

-Ann Calderwood



19th Annual Sweet Jazz Concert



Silent Auction

SUNDAY MARCH 2, 2025

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

**SANDIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
10704 PASEO DEL NORTE NE**

\$25



For more information call:
505-268-0331 or 505-225-9753



SPECIAL TICKET OFFER!

Use Promo Code **SIM250UT** to purchase two tickets at **\$5 EACH**

SPRING
INTO
MOTION

FEBRUARY 21-22 7:00 p.m.

Carnival of the Animals



NDI NEW MEXICO AT THE DANCE BARNs PRESENTS
RODNEY RIVERA, Dance Barns Artistic Director, and
DR. JESSIE WENCHIEH LO, Dance Barns Music Director,
in collaboration with FRANCISCO GELLA, Santa Fe-Based Choreographer



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NEW MEXICO

dancebarns.com/tickets

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FAMILY FOUNDATION

CARNIVAL OF THE ANIMALS



Offers an innovative rendition of the beloved
Carnival of the Animals by Camille Saint-Saëns

*We invite you to go and enjoy this awesome
performance!*

featuring a live orchestral arrangement
conducted by Dance Barns,
Music Director Jessie Wenchieh Lo

Bleacher Seating: \$12.00

Lower Riser Cushioned Chairs: SOLD OUT

Tickets:

<https://ndi-nm.holdmyticket.com/tickets/442118>

Friday, March 7, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church

215 Locust Ave NE (just west of I-25 &
south of Martin Luther King Ave)*

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER "I MADE YOU WONDERFUL"



The World Day of Prayer Committee of Cook Islands prepared the worship service for the annual celebration. The Cook Islands is part of Oceania in the South Pacific Ocean and consists of 15 islands. They are self-governing while in free association with New Zealand.

This program invites us to recognize that God created each one of us with great attention and loving care.

It is hoped that women will be spiritually uplifted as they come to trust the great love of God.

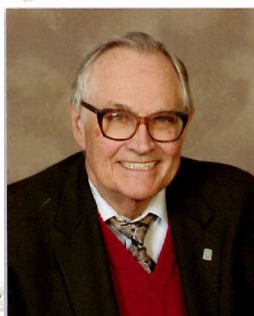
There will be two offerings. One will go to the World Day of Prayer Committee. The second will be for CWU in New Mexico. You may give to either one, or both!

Come join us...and bring a friend!

**There are two parking lots, one is north of the church, accessible from either Locust or Elm St off Dr. Martin Luther King Ave. The second is west of the church across Elm...and on the same level as our meeting space.*

May Their Memory *be* a Blessing

Dr. Hall, Charles Ainsley "Chuck"



A Service in Witness to the Resurrection for

Chuck Hall

will be on Friday, February 28th at noon in the Sanctuary.

Dr. Kathy Hsi

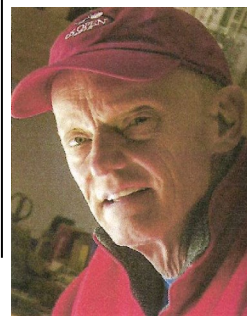


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Kathy Hsi

will be on Saturday, March 22nd at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary.

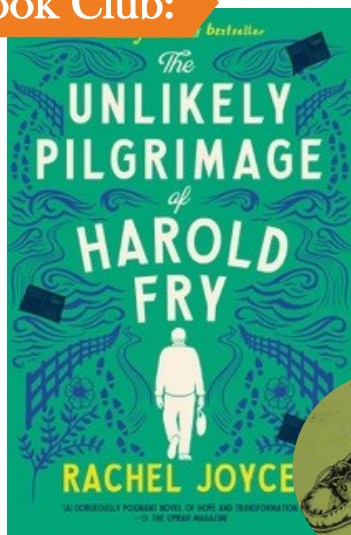
Writer. Toby Smith



Toby's Service information will be forthcoming.

- COMMUNITY LIFE ACTIVITIES -

Book Club:



- The Fiction Book Group -

"A book full of insight into human relationships, both close family and strangers. This fills you with compassion for many of the characters whilst being easy to read and with an unexpected ending ..."

Come and Join us for the Book Group!

We are having a meeting on *Thursday 27th, at 10:00 am in the Kerygma classroom.* Discussing : **"The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry by Rachel Joyce"** Lead by Diana Bateman.

Events:

DREAM VARIATIONS

A Recital of Black American Music

LEON LAKE

Counter Tenor

PAUL ROTH

Piano

Friday February 28th, 6:30pm

First Presbyterian Church
215 Locust St NE, ABQ 87102



– MISSION NOTES –

YOU DO MISSION!

You have heard this line before:

how can you do mission without spending any money and with very little effort?

Advocacy and Bread for the World

This is the time of year when our **Offering of Letters to our members of Congress** can have the greatest meaning. We can urge them to pass legislation and ensure funding that will help end hunger. In Bread for the World's 50th year, our advocacy for nutrition has never been more important. We are making a difference in the lives of our youngest citizens. Research confirms the impact good nutrition from pre-natal through childhood has on health, learning, school attendance and school graduation rates. WIC is aimed at bolstering the nutrition and healthcare of low-income pregnant women, breastfeeding women and children under age five. SNAP provides food benefits to low-income families to supplement their grocery budget, making nutritious food more affordable for an average of 41 million people in the United States each month. In 2023, the National School Lunch Program gave 4.6 billion lunches to nearly 30 million children in need.

- On February 23rd and March 2nd form letters, legislators' addresses, and email contacts will be available in Commons 2 along with assistance from committee members. Letters will be mailed to the legislators' Washington DC offices in bulk to have the greatest impact.

If you want more information on the work of Bread for the World you can go to bread.org.



BREAD
FOR THE WORLD

Offering of Letters

Working to build a nutritious,
Equitable, and sustainable
food system via the Farm Bill.

Sunday, February 23rd &
Sunday, March 2nd
9:45 am-11:00 am and after the service

First Presbyterian Church of Albuquerque

bread.org 800.822.7323 bread@bread.org

The graphic features a background image of hands writing on a document. The text is overlaid in white and blue. The logo is at the top, followed by the title 'Offering of Letters' in large white font. Below that is a short paragraph about the organization's mission. A blue box contains the dates and times of the event. Below that is the location name. At the bottom, contact information is provided.