



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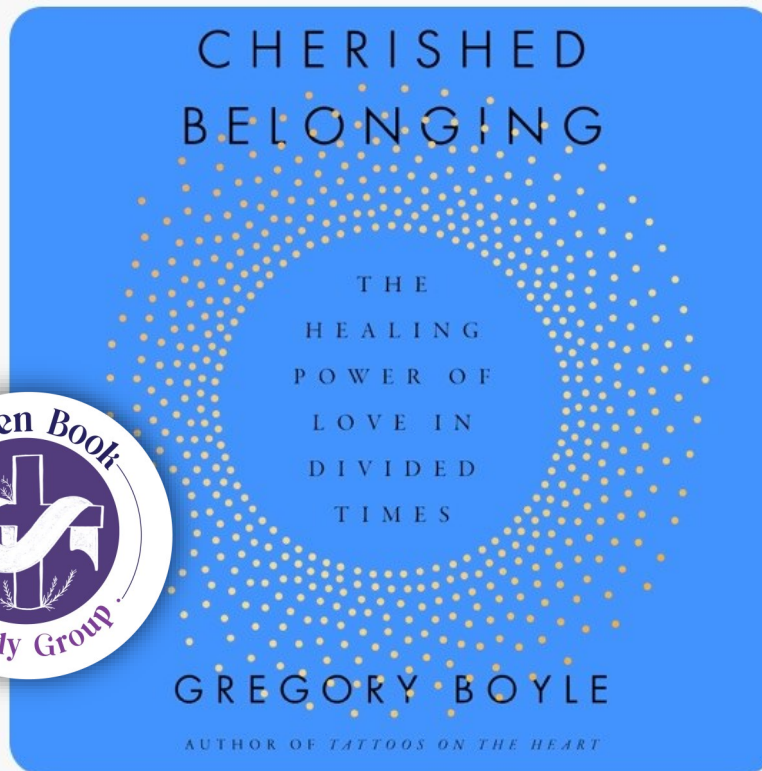
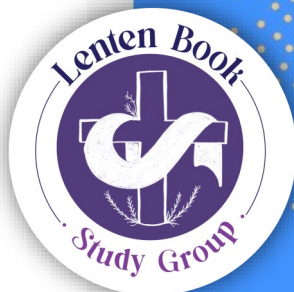
Carolyn Rhodes
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If you have an after-hours
emergency, you can reach
pastoral staff through our
helpline at 505-764-2910

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Lenten Book • Study Group •

"Cherished Belonging invites us to nurture the connections that are all around us and live with radical kindness. Boyle believes that "the answer to every question is, indeed, compassion." Through colorful and profound stories brimming with wisdom, humor, and inspiration, we understand that love is the light inside everything."

Come and join us!

Rev. Essie Koenig-Reinke: Wednesday 12th through April 16th.
At noon in the Kerygma room.

Rev. Matthew Miller: Thursday 13th through April 17th.
At 5:30pm via Zoom meeting.

*There will be 20 books available at the church with the cost of \$15 dollars
or you can buy the book on amazon or other platforms.



Daylight saving time 2025: Clocks will spring forward one hour this Sunday, March 9,
2025, which means more sunlight in the evenings, and later sunsets.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday, March 5th

- Ash Wednesday Service, at noon in the Chapel.
- Ash Wednesday Service, 6:00 pm at Second Presbyterian Church.
- ACG, 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Thursday, March 6th

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

Friday, March 7th

- Church Women United, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am in Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, March 9th

- 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.
- Sarah Circle, 12:30 pm in the Kerygma room.
- ACG Spring Silent Auction, starts in the Atrium.

Monday, March 10th

- PW Circle, 12:30pm in the Kerygma room.
- 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 11th

- Men's Breakfast, 7:30 am in Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday Study & Prayer Group, at noon Via Zoom.
- Young Voices, 12:30 pm.
- Mission, 3:30 pm in Kerygma room.
- Boy Choir, 5:00 pm in Choir room.
- Sandia Pipes and Drums rehearsal, 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

Wednesday, March 12th

- Social Services, 11:30 am.
- Lenten Book Study w/ Essie, at noon in Kerygma room.
- Personnel, 5:30 pm.
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm.

Thursday, March 13th

- A Child's Garden, from 8:00 am to 11:00 am in FH.
- Lenten Book Study w/ Matthew, at 5:30pm via Zoom.
- ABQ Girls' Chorus, 4:30 pm in Choir room.
- High Desert Pipes and Drums rehearsal, 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Friday, March 14th

- A Child's Garden, from 8:00 am to 11:00 am in FH.
- ACG Spring Silent Auction, closes at 11:15 am in the Atrium.

Saturday, March 15th

- Toby Smith Memorial Service, 11:00 am in the Sanctuary.

Sunday, March 16th

- 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.

- NO Godly Play Sunday School.

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

Monday, March 17th

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

Tuesday, March 18th

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

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.

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.*

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)**



Friday, March 28th – Saturday, March 29th
The Norbertine Spirituality Center Albuquerque, NM

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ALBUQUERQUE
MEN'S RETREAT – SPRING 2025

Registration:

**The First Presbyterian Church of Albuquerque
Men's Spring Retreat 2025**

Name: _____

Email: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

The retreat fee is \$150 for 1 night, including all programs, activities and meals. Rooms are single occupancy.

There is also an option to attend the Saturday program, including 2 meals for \$30.

Please check off how you will participate:

The entire weekend with everything included (\$150)

Saturday's program on the 29th with 2 meals (\$30)

Total to submit with registration: \$ _____

You are encouraged to attend the entire retreat.

Please register early, since space is limited on a first come/first served basis.

The timeline for registering with your fee is March 14th. Scholarships are available. Directions and other information will be sent to you when your registration is confirmed.

Please complete and return Registration Form with your check (payable to First Presbyterian Church, designating it for the Men's Retreat.)

Any questions? - Please contact the Church Office.

“PLANTING SEEDS”
Cultivating Spirit in Small Ways

With: Rev. Matthew Miller & Wayne Muller

About the author:

Wayne Muller has been a therapist, minister, community advocate, consultant, public speaker, and bestselling author of *Legacy of the Heart and Sabbath*, among others.



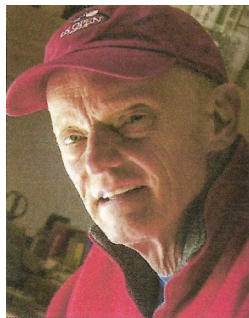
A graduate of Harvard Divinity School, Wayne spent the last thirty-five years serving the abused, bereft, sick, and oppressed. He founded Bread for the Journey, a network of ordinary people who volunteer in neighborhood philanthropy. Wayne listens primarily for what is beautiful, strong, and true within us, to learn to find nourishment as our lives unfold in new, unexpected directions.

He was Senior Scholar at the Fetzer Institute, Extended Faculty at the Institute for Noetic Sciences, and has received several awards for his work with those in need.



May Their Memory *be* a Blessing

Writer. Toby Smith



A Service in Witness to the Resurrection for

Toby Smith

will be on Saturday, March 15th at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary.

Dr. Kathy Hsi



A Service in Witness to the Resurrection for

Kathy Hsi

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

- COMMUNITY LIFE ACTIVITIES -

! **No Godly Play Sunday**, on March, Sunday 16th for spring break week.

SPECIAL events

A BOHEMIAN LIFE: MUSIC FOR VIOLIN & PIANO PERFORMANCE



Description:

Join violinist Barbara Barber and pianist **Jessie Lo** for a morning of delightful Czech music. The program will feature works for violin and piano by three Czech composers whose music reflects their heritage and love for their native land.

Sessions: 1

Class Date(s): 03-28-2025 to 03-28-2025

Day(s) of the week: Friday

Time: 10:00 AM → 11:30 AM

Instructor: Barbara Barber & Jessie Lo

Term: 2025-1

Location: Robertson Violins

Men's Breakfast

Join us at the Men's Fellowship Breakfast on Tuesday 11th at 7:30 am. You can register in the Office.



SILENT AUCTION



Join us for our **Spring Silent Auction** Open March 9th through March 14th in the A Child's Garden Atrium Bidding closes March 14th at 11:15 am.

Baskets to bid on:

Coffee and Tea- We Love Local- Spa-La-La
Date Night -Tiger Lily Treats

Items decorated by the children:

Covered sandbox, Mosaic Table & more!

Hope to see you there!

– MISSION NOTES –

Dear Friends, again we ask you to 'do Mission' by advocacy .

On March 2nd, we began our:

Offering of Letters campaign with Bread for the World.

We will continue March 9th and 16th.

You can pick up information and sample letters in Commons 2 between services and after the 11:00 am service.

If you prefer to email your legislators:

Senator Martin Heinrich	https://www.heinrich.senate.gov/contact/
Senator Ben Ray Lujan	https://www.lujan.senate.gov/contact/
Representative Melanie Stansbury	https://www.stansbury.house.gov/contact/
Representative Gabe Vasquez	https://www.vasquez.house.gov/contact/

Improving Childhood Nutrition at Home and Abroad

Here are some facts, some reasons to advocate for child nutrition programming:

1 in 5 American children and almost.

1 in 3 Black and Latino children are at risk of hunger.

Hungry children have lower scores on measures of vocabulary and letter-word recognition, as well as worse reading and math scores.

Food insecure students are about 3.5 times more likely than their peers to consider dropping out of school, and 3 times more likely to forgo academics in favor of earning income to support themselves.

WIC is aimed at bolstering the nutrition and healthcare of low-income pregnant women, breastfeeding women and children under the age of 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.

By extending the full benefit to the lowest income families and allowing families to receive the benefit in monthly payments, the expanded credit allows millions of households to afford more consistent, nutritious meals for their children.

In 2023 the National School Lunch Program gave 4.6 billion lunches to nearly 30 million children in need. In 2023, chronic hunger, as measured by not consuming enough calories to lead an active and healthy life, affected about 9.1% of the global population – nearly 1 in every 10 people on Earth.

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

From St. Paul -- "By grace you have been saved by faith. We are not saved by good works, rather we are saved to do good works for others...a purpose-filled life "

