

# Messenger Light

January 17, 2024



## Advent Project

**From the Mission Committee:** This congregation is so generous and helpful to our community. The Advent Project brought in an amazing amount of items for each of our mission partners. These pictures tell some of the story.

Diane reported that **Healthcare for the Homeless** was very grateful. She was impressed with the orderliness and welcoming atmosphere for its clients.

Food items were delivered to **Rio Grande Food Project** on their first day back in business after the holidays. The parking lot was full of clients. We were told repeatedly how much we were appreciated and how much they needed our offerings, thank you's and God bless you's abundant. We delivered ---- pounds of food.

For **Eugene Field School**, we delivered 23 winter coats, along with a good supply of shirts, gloves, underwear and socks and 30 adorable knit or crocheted hats our ladies made for the kids. Their Community School Coordinator was overwhelmed!

**Barrett House** was most grateful for our donations! They keep a list of frequently needed items on their website.

And, **Crossroads** received a great supply of the items they requested, even cases of some items.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!



### Church Office Hours

**Monday—Thursday**

**8:00am to 2:00pm**

**Friday**

**8:00am to 12:00pm**

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

**Matthew Miller**

505-764-2902

**Essie Koenig-Reinke**

505-764-2903

**Carolyn Rhodes**

505-764-2906

**Alona Watchman**

505-764-2911

**Sharon Baca**

505-764-2900

**Leon Lake**

505-764-2914

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

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## Calendar for the Week

### **Thursday, January 18th**

- ABQ Girl's Chorus, 4:30pm in Choir Room
- Women's Chorus rehearsal at 6:00pm in Choir Loft
- High Desert Pipes and Drums rehearsal, 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall

### **Saturday, January 20th**

- Ordered Ministry Retreat from 8:30am-1:30pm in Fellowship Hall

### **Sunday, January 21st**

- In-person Fellowship Hall Worship Service at 8:30am
- 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 at 9:45am in CE Room 210
- In-person/Livestream Sanctuary Worship Service, 11am
- Service of Prayer for Christian Unity, 2:30pm-7:00pm in FPC Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall

### **Monday, January 22nd**

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

### **Tuesday, January 23rd**

- Prayer / Book Study Group at 12:00pm via Zoom
- Sandia Pipes and Drums, 6:00pm-8:30pm in Fellowship Hall

### **Wednesday, January 24th**

- Daughters of the American Revolution, 11:30am in Fellowship Hall
- NM Cheese Guild at 6:15pm in Kerygma room
- Chancel Choir rehearsal, 6:30pm in Choir Loft

### **Thursday, January 25th**

- ABQ Girl's Chorus, 4:30pm in Choir Room
- High Desert Pipes and Drums rehearsal, 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall

### **Saturday, January 27th**

- PEO Gathering at 12:00pm in Fellowship Hall

### **Sunday, January 28th**

- In-person Fellowship Hall Worship Service at 8:30am
- 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 at 9:45am in CE Room 210
- In-person/Livestream Sanctuary Worship Service, 11am
- Annual Congregational Meeting at 12:00pm in FPC Sanctuary

## Annual Congregational Meeting

There will be an Annual Congregational Meeting held on Sunday, January 28th in the Sanctuary for the purpose of approving the Terms of Call for Rev. Matthew Miller and Rev. Essie Koenig-Reinke and approve Congregational meeting minutes and receive the church financials.

## Giving Options

FPC works in our ministries to reach out to members of the church and our greater community. You can send contributions by mailing checks to the church:

### **First Presbyterian Church**

**215 Locust Street NE, Albuquerque, NM 87102**

You can give online at [www.firstpresabq.org](http://www.firstpresabq.org), click on the yellow "Give Online" button in the menu bar. Follow the instructions in the new window that opens to make your donations.

**\* Remember to pay your Per Capita! The 2024 amount is \$37.00. You can pay in person or online.**

## Birth Announcement

Elisabeth Anne Tumelo Rapea was born January 10, 2024. Elisabeth is the daughter of Lindsay and Shoni Rapea, sister of Abby and Olivia and Granddaughter to Nancy Holliday and Great-Granddaughter to Imogene Holliday.

## Bell Choir

We have received some interest in restarting the bell choir. We would love to know who all is interested, in hopes of restarting rehearsals for Easter Sunday. We would meet at 1pm on Tuesday in the east transept of the sanctuary starting February 13. Please let me know if you are interested by sending an email to: [Leonlake@firstpresabq.org](mailto:Leonlake@firstpresabq.org)

## Resignation Notice

Our accomplished organist, Lana Zlotowski, has elected to part ways with First Presbyterian Church. Lana's last Sunday on the console will be January 28. Please join me and thanking her for all that she has contributed to our worship these past two years.

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







### FPC Fiction Book Group for January

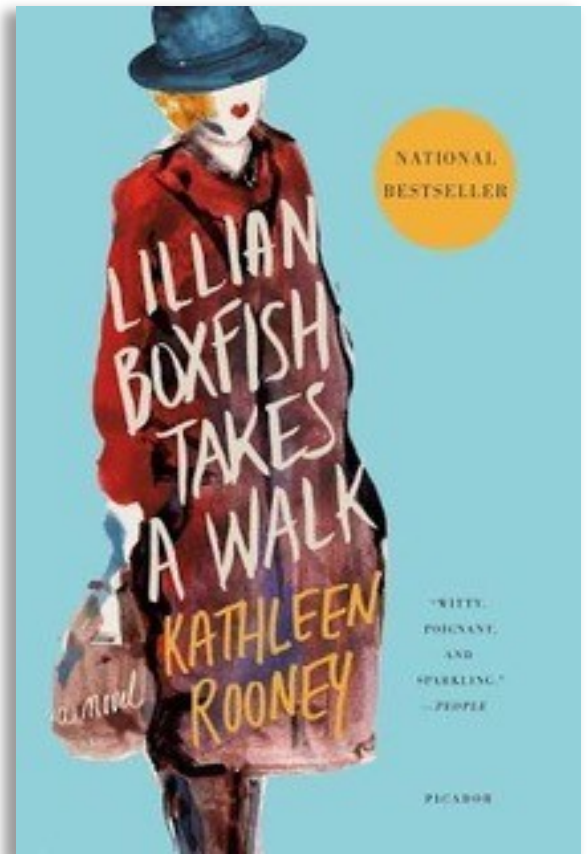
Our next book will be “Lillian Boxfish Takes A Walk” by Kathleen Rooney. We will be meeting on January 25th, 2024 at 10am in the Conference room, meeting leader is Joanne Puckett.

#### **About the book** (from the back cover):

She took 1930s New York by storm, working her way up writing copy for R.H. Macy’s to become the highest paid advertising woman in the country. It was a job that, she says, “in some ways saved my life, and in other ways ruined it.”

Now it’s the last night of 1984 and Lillian, 85 years old but just as sharp and savvy as ever, is on her way to a party. It’s chilly enough out for her mink coat and Manhattan is grittier now—her son keeps warning her about a subway vigilante on the prowl—but the quick-tongued poetess has never been one to scare easily. On a walk that takes her over 10 miles around the city, she meets bartenders, bodega clerks, security guards, criminals, children, parents, and parents-to-be, while reviewing a life of excitement and adversity, passion and heartbreak, illuminating all the ways New York has changed—and has not.

Lillian figures she might as well take her time. For now, after all, the night is still young.



**Prayer Day for Christian Unity**  
**January 21, 2024**  
**2:30 pm**  
**First Presbyterian**

215 Locust St NE, Albuquerque, NM 87102



**All are welcome to join us  
this day for prayer and  
fellowship!**

**Unity prayer service followed by  
ecumenical presentation with  
Wesley Granberg-Michaelson,  
Director of Church and Society  
for the World Council of Churches  
in Geneva.**

As we commemorate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we are reminded by your Word that all human beings are our neighbors and that we are to love them like ourselves and in the same way we love you. Help us to overcome the barriers and divisions we have nurtured against your will.

*from the Greymoor Institute*

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