## Messenger Light

October 9, 2024



## 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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## **Family Ministry Events**

Hello Church Family,

What a fun kick off for the fall season! We have enjoyed everything from ice cream trucks and backpack blessings to Family Camp and more. It is such a joy to spend time together and to grow together in faith and life. Below are some photos and glimpses of some of these fall memories we have made together!



Blessing of the Backpacks 2024

**Homecoming Sunday** 





**Blessing of the Animals** 



Family Camp 2024



Ice Cream from the Brain Freezer

#### **Calendar for the Week**

#### Thursday, October 10th

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

#### Sunday, October 13th

- 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, 9:45am in CE Room 210 & 211
- In-person/Livestream Sanctuary Worship Service, 11am
- PW Sarah's Circle meeting, 12:30pm in Kerygma room
- Cole Memorial, 2:00pm in FPC Sanctuary

#### Monday, October 14th

- PW Kerygma Circle meeting at 12:30pm
- Enchanters, 5:45pm in Choir room
- Women's Chorus Rehearsal in F.H. at 6:30pm

#### Tuesday, October 15th

- Endowment Foundation, 12:15pm in Kerygma room
- Manzano Mesa Cloggers, 4:00pm in Westminster
- ABQ Boys' Choir, 5:00pm in Choir room
- Worship & Music Committee meeting, 5:30pm in Kerygma room
- Sandia Pipes and Drums rehearsal; 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall

#### Wednesday, October 16th

- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm in Choir Loft

#### Thursday, October 17th

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

#### Saturday, October 19th

- Trunk or Treat event, 3:00pm-5:00pm in the North parking lot

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## **Congregational Meeting Announcement**

We will be holding the Stated Congregational meeting on Sunday, October 20, after the 11:00am service for the purpose of amending the First Presbyterian Church By-Laws and to Nominate and Elect church officers and Trustees for the Endowment Foundation.

## **Bell Choir Rehearsal announcement**

Rehearsal will be starting on Tuesday, October 15th at 1:30pm in the east transept of the sanctuary.

## **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:

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You can give online at **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.

#### It's Time To Vote!

The Community Life Committee would like to help with rides to the polls. There will be 20 early voting locations open in Bernalillo County from Oct 19-Nov 2 and Election Day is Nov 5. If you would like a ride to vote, please contact the church office or Becky Dees at (505) 350-6152 to arrange a day and time.

## 2024 RGFP Hike to End Hunger

The Rio Grande Food Project's Hike to End Hunger is an event that spreads awareness about hunger in Albuquerque communities and to raise funds to ensure everyone has access to nutritious food.

On Saturday, October 26, join us at the new location, just 2 miles east of Rio Grande Food Project: Pat Hurley Park Lower Loop, 5301 Rincon Rd. NW.

Registration opens at 9:00am & at 10:00am, a brief program begins followed by the kickoff. If you'd like to learn more about the RGFP visit the website for more information about programs and services rgfp.org.

## Quilters Needed for Advent!

This Advent season we will be doing a quilting project for worship, and Essie is looking for several folks with quilting experience to help us with our quilting squares! If this is a talent you have reach out to Essie for more information (essie.kr@firstpresabq.org).

**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!

## 2024 90th Birthday Celebration

The turnout for the 90th Birthday was another huge success and we would like to thank everyone who attended in order to acknowledge our most distinguished and cherished members of FPC. Thank you to the 90th birthday committee, who put forth so much effort into planning and turning their creative ideas into a reality.

















## Trunk or Treat Volunteers Needed

On Saturday, October 19, the community life committee is hosting a trunk-or-treat from 3-5 pm at the church, and we need your help! We are looking for individuals who would be willing to bring their cars and hand out candy. There will be an award for the most creative trunk decorations, should you choose to decorate. However, know that Trunk decorating is optional. We need about 15 volunteers to hand out candy make this event happen. Reach out to Essie with any questions (Essie.kr@firstpresabq.org) and sign up in the church office.

## What's really happening at the Border? Would you life to find out?

The Mission Committee is sponsoring a Border Encounter at the El Paso/Juarez border. You may have attended a Sunday School class last year when Rev. Dr. John Nelson spoke with us about conditions at the border and about the possibility of an Encounter. We know conditions at the border change constantly and are not 'as depicted by the media'. This is an opportunity to see and listen and learn some truths about what is happening there. It is an opportunity for you to bring back to our congregation impressions and information you have gained.

Tres Rios Border Ministry Foundation, located in El Paso about 50 feet from the border, partners with Abara, described as a community of peace builders, to provide Border Encounters. We will be housed in the Abara Guest House located within their facility. Meals are provided.

The dates are November 12th through 14th, three days and three nights. We can take a group of 5 – 8. A passport is required.

Tres Rios Border Ministry Foundation is an agency of the Tres Rios Presbytery (Texas). More information is available on the following websites.

https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/tres-rios-border-foundation-connects-presbyterians-to-the-border-and-beyond/

https://www.abara.org

If you are interested in attending, contact Carol Marr at cmarr2142@gmail.com or 505-710-4616 as soon as possible.

# GOBLINS IN THE GARDEN





OCTOBER 26 10:00AM-12:00PM PUMPKIN SILENT AUCTION BIDDING CLOSES @ 11:45AM

WEAR YOUR COSTUME FOR A FUN MORNING OF ACTIVITIES

TICKETS AVAILABE ONLINE & AT THE EVENT TO REDEEM FOR ACTIVITIES, SNACKS, & COSTUME SHOP







DONATIONS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! CHECK OUT OUR SIGN UP GENIUS



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ACG 2024 Fall Fundraising Activities







## COSTUME SHOP

Need a Halloween costume? Stop by the Atrium and pick up a costume!

\$5.00 per costume

Donations of clean, gently used costumes accepted.

# PUMPKIN AUCTION

Check out and bid on our decorated pumpkins in the Atrium from October 20th - October 26th.

Proceeds fund Enrichment Activities & support our Educators.

Feeling creative? Families can contribute a decorated pumpkin too!