

Messenger Light

March 13, 2024



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

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Green Tea, March 17th

Presbyterian Women invite members and friends of FPC to join us in support of Menaul School tuition assistance. Sunday, March 17th, PW will host a “Green Tea” in Commons One, between services and following 11:00 worship. Treats will be provided, and we hope you will leave some green.

Presbyterian Women have been hosting a “Green Tea” for over 45 years, each March, to support students at Menaul. This year, we will hear from the Rev. Hannah Scanlon, chaplain at the school and might expect some additional guests to share their experiences.

Please join us for this gesture of our support for the school.

From the Mission Committee

Mission in March Sunday School continues with Justin Spielmann from New Day Youth Services on March 10th. On March 17th John Bulten from East Central Ministries will be with us, followed by William Townley from HopeWorks/HopeFound on Palm Sunday. Please join us to learn how each of these agencies are fulfilling their missions.

In April we will work on our Bread for the World Offering of Letters. You will have an opportunity to write letters to each of our Representatives and Senators advocating for passage of the Farm Bill which expired in 2023 and needs their attention. If you want to learn more about the work of Bread for the World the link is www.bread.org

Calendar for the Week

Thursday, March 14th

- ABQ Girls Choir; 4:30 pm in Choir room
- High Desert Pipes and Drums rehearsal, 6:30pm in F.H.

Sunday, March 17th

- 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
- PW Sarah's Circle meeting, 12:30pm in Kerygma room

Monday, March 18th

- Enchanters; 5:45 pm in Choir room
- Women's Chorus Rehearsal; 6:30 pm in F.H.

Tuesday, March 19th

- Prayer / Book Study Group at 12:00pm via Zoom
- ABQ Boys Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 pm in Choir room
- Worship & Music Committee meeting, 5:30pm in Kerygma room
- Sandia Pipes and Drums rehearsal; 6:00 pm in F.H.
- Opera Southwest rehearsal, 7:00pm in Choir room

Wednesday, March 20th

- Lenten Study Group at 12:00pm in Kerygma room and 5:30pm via Zoom
- Bell Choir rehearsal, 1:30pm, FPC Sanctuary east transept
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm in Choir Loft

Thursday, March 21st

- ABQ Girls Choir; 4:30 pm in Choir room
- High Desert Pipes and Drums rehearsal, 6:00pm in F.H.

Sunday, March 24th

- 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

Library Committee needs you

We are in need of a committee partner or more to assist in the collecting, organizing, and issuing of library resources in the Church Library. If you foster critical thinking and have a desire to meet and serve the library's user community, then please let the library committee know that you are interested.

Save the Date

Presbyterian Women will host a Birthday Party on Sunday, April 14th, providing lunch and celebrating the PW Birthday Offering. Details to follow.

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.**

Geraniums for Sale

The Sunbonnet Shop will be selling geraniums on Easter Sunday. Plants (6 ½ inch pots) will be \$10 each. A variety of colors have been ordered: American Salmon, American Rose Mega-splash, tango violet, Rocky Mt. lavender and tango dark red. Plants will be delivered on March 27 and pre-orders will be available that Thursday, March 28th or by prior arrangement. Please contact Susan Smith at susankeil1246@gmail.com, if you wish to pre-order. Limited supply available.

Family Promise News

FPC will be hosting for Family Promise from March 31st (Easter Sunday) - April 6. Please consider the possibility of helping to host a family meal during that time at the static Family Promise site at Montgomery Christ Church.

Also, "Sweet Jazz", a major fundraiser for Family Promise will take place on Sunday, April 7 at 4:00 pm at Sandia Presbyterian Church. Attendees for this concert will be able to hear wonderful jazz, participate in a silent auction, taste unlimited desserts, and support this mission which helps homeless families find employment and housing. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at the door before the concert.

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 March

Our next book will be "*Mad Honey*" by Jodi Picoult. We will be meeting on March 28th, 2024 at 10am in the Conference room, meeting leader is Cristy Dockter

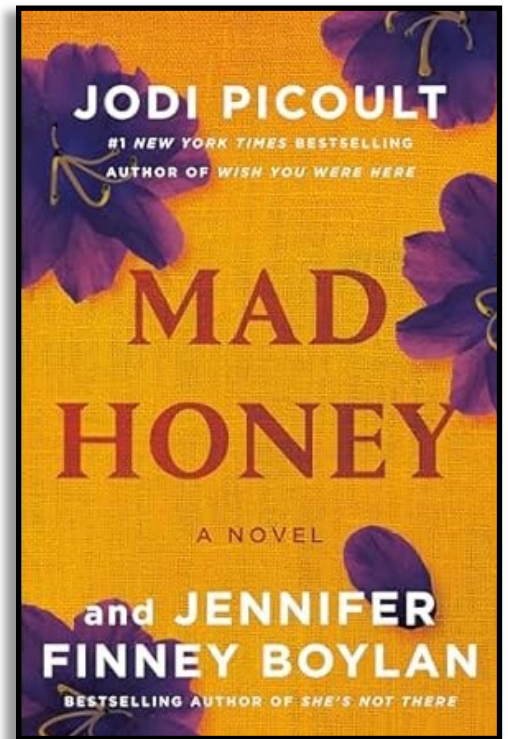
About the book (from the back cover):

Olivia McAfee knows what it feels like to start over. Her picture-perfect life--living in Boston, married to a brilliant cardiothoracic surgeon, raising their beautiful son, Asher--was upended when her husband revealed a darker side. She never imagined that she would end up back in her sleepy New Hampshire hometown, living in the house she grew up in and taking over her father's beekeeping business.

Lily Campanello is familiar with do-overs, too. When she and her mom relocate to Adams, New Hampshire, for her final year of high school, they both hope it will be a fresh start.

And for just a short while, these new beginnings are exactly what Olivia and Lily need. Their paths cross when Asher falls for the new girl in school, and Lily can't help but fall for him, too. With Ash, she feels happy for the first time. Yet at times, she wonders if she can trust him completely.

Then one day, Olivia receives a phone call: Lily is dead, and Asher is being questioned by the police. Olivia is adamant that her son is innocent. But she would be lying if she didn't acknowledge the flashes of his father's temper in Ash, and as the case against him unfolds, she realizes he's hidden more than he's shared with her.



New Library Books

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| 1. Axel's Adventure by Nancy Parker | 6. I Wonder: Exploring God's Grand Story |
| 2. Just a Worm by Marie Boyd | 7. Stranger in the Boat by Mitch Albom |
| 3. A Bear to Share by Jessica Alba | 8. In Love by Amy Bloom |
| 4. Broken Colors Still Color by Toni Collier | 9. Children of Light, Children of Darkness by Reinhold Niebuhr |
| 5. Peace Table: A Story Book Bible | |

Women's History Month presents: Mary Jo (Tawzer) Vaughn

Vaughn, twenty-five years old in this photo, started college at age fifteen studying Mechanical Engineering. She needed special permission to wear slacks so that she could scale the equipment. Mary Jo worked at the Los Alamos Z Division, part of J. Robert Oppenheimer's reorganization of the lab after work on the Manhattan Project ended. The Z Division branched off from Los Alamos to become Sandia. Vaughn became the first female Sandia wind tunnel engineer testing aerodynamics.



Holy Week 2024 @ FPC

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday, March 28th

Tenebrae service, 7pm at FPC Sanctuary

Good Friday, March 29th

Contemplative Interactive Prayer Service

FPC Sanctuary from 12pm-3pm

Holy Saturday, March 30th

Holy Saturday Walk, The Rio Grande and
Tingley Beach Loop at 9am

Easter Sunday Worship, March 31st

At 8:30am and 11:00am

FPC Endowment Foundation Heritage Club

The Heritage Club of the Church's Endowment Foundation was established to recognize contributions to the Foundation of \$1,000 or more. We are pleased to announce and welcome our most recent members, Stephen and Kathy Rhoades. Donors are recognized on the plaques in the hall outside the main conference room.

Cash donations like this are very much appreciated and are an important source of funds to help the work of Endowment Foundation in support of the church and its members. In addition to contributing to the church's annual budget, the Endowment Foundation helps support the work of the Music and Worship, Christian Education, Buildings and Grounds, Deacons, and Missions Committees. Additionally, aid is provided from the Endowment Foundation to A Child's Garden, retired ministers and their spouses, Menaul School, and scholarship funds for church members attending UNM.

Donations in support of the Foundation and its work may be made in several ways - through cash gifts, donations through wills or trusts, charitable gift annuities, and more. For information on giving to the Foundation, please contact Bob Bowersock, Executive Director, through the church office.

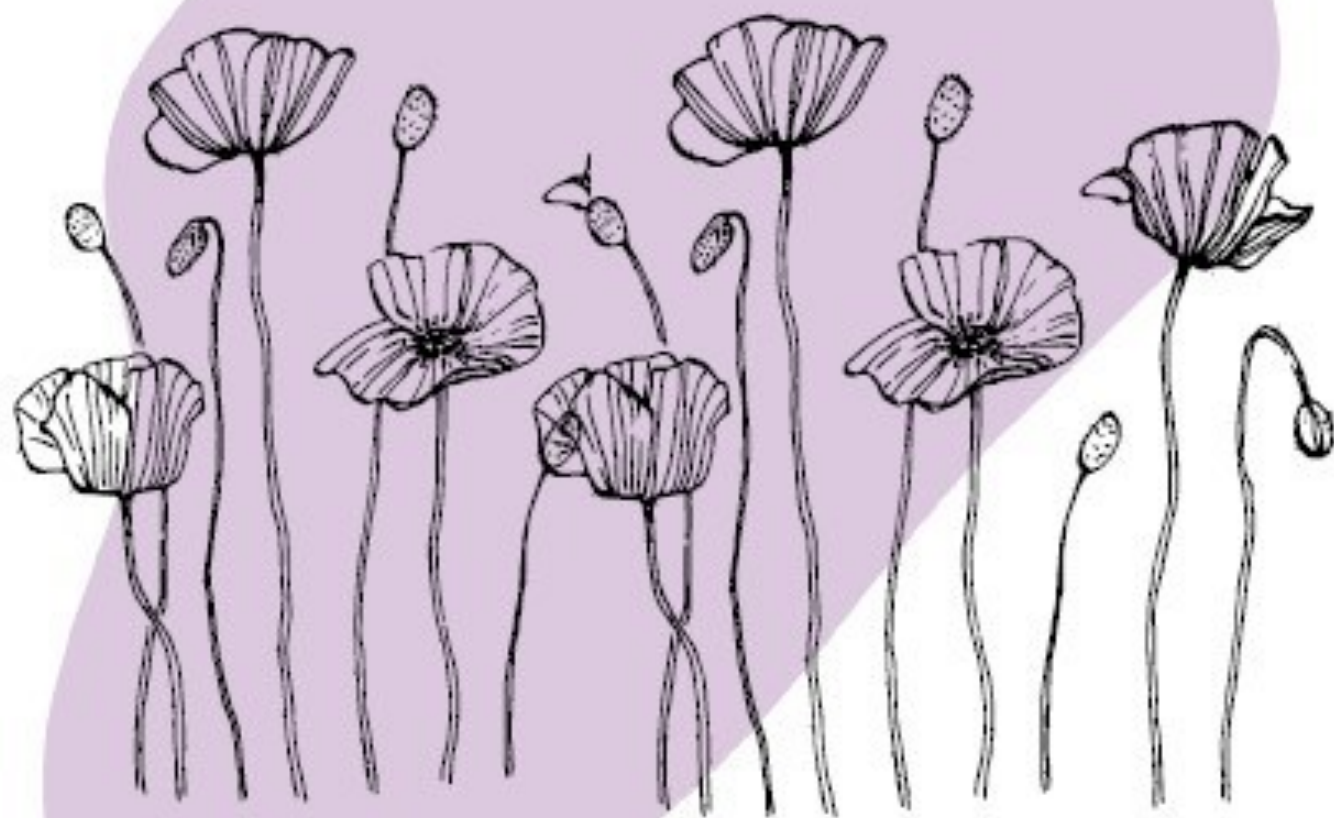


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OUR SILENT AUCTION AND OUR
BEER, WINE, AND WHISKEY PULL

ITEMS NEEDED

- WINE VALUED AT \$20+
- TIER WINE OR ALCOHOL + MIXER DONATIONS OF \$100 IN VALUE OR MORE
- BEER DONATIONS IN THE FORM OF A GROWLER + \$20 GIFT CARD
- SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS VALUED AT \$100+

DROP OFF DONATIONS AT THE FRONT DESK
QUESTIONS? CONTACT MARY OR FUNDRAISINGACG@GMAIL.COM