

Messenger Light

March 27, 2024



Holy Week 2024

Celebrate the Resurrection of Christ this Easter Sunday, March 31st. There will be no Sunday school on that day and the worship services are still at the regular times of 8:30am and 11:am, or you can join in through the livestream.

See you there!

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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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

Easter Egg Hunt

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH'S
Easter Egg Hunt

EASTER SUNDAY 3/31 AT 9:45 AM.
MEET IN THE SOCIAL HALL.
EASTER EGG HUNT ON THE PLAYGROUND
SIGN UP IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

Calling all kids and families! Bring your baskets and join us for an Easter Egg hunt on Easter Sunday (3/31) between worship services!

Calendar for the Week

Thursday, March 28th

- FPC Fiction Book group, 10:00am in Conference room
- ABQ Girls Choir; 4:30 pm in Choir room
- Tenebrae Service at 7:00pm in FPC Sanctuary

Friday, March 29th

- Interactive Prayer Stations, 12:00pm-3:00pm in FPC Sanctuary

Saturday, March 30th

- Holy Saturday Walk, 9:00am at the Rio Grande and Tingley Beach Loop

Sunday, March 31st

- In-person Fellowship Hall Worship Service at 8:30am
- In-person/Livestream Sanctuary Worship Service, 11am

Monday, April 1st

- Church Office is closed

Tuesday, April 2nd

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

Wednesday, April 3rd

- Bell Choir rehearsal, 1:30pm, FPC Sanctuary east transept
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm in Choir Loft

Thursday, April 4th

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

Friday, April 5th

- Gannaway - A Service of Witness to the Resurrection, 2:00pm in FPC Sanctuary

Sunday, April 7th

- 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.

Presbyterian Women Birthday Party

Presbyterian Women invite you to SAVE THE DATE for the Birthday Party Lunch on Sunday, April 14, following the 11:00am service. Details will be included in the next Messenger Light.

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.

Caregiver Support Group

A Caregiver Support Group meeting on zoom will begin the week of April 8th. First meeting will be Tuesday, April 9th at 5:00 p.m. If you are interested in being a part of this group, please contact Susan Smith at susankeil1246@gmail.com. If you would like to participate but that is not a convenient time, please let Susan know.

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection

A service of witness to the resurrection will be held for Ruth Gannaway on April 5th at 2:00pm in the FPC Sanctuary.

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

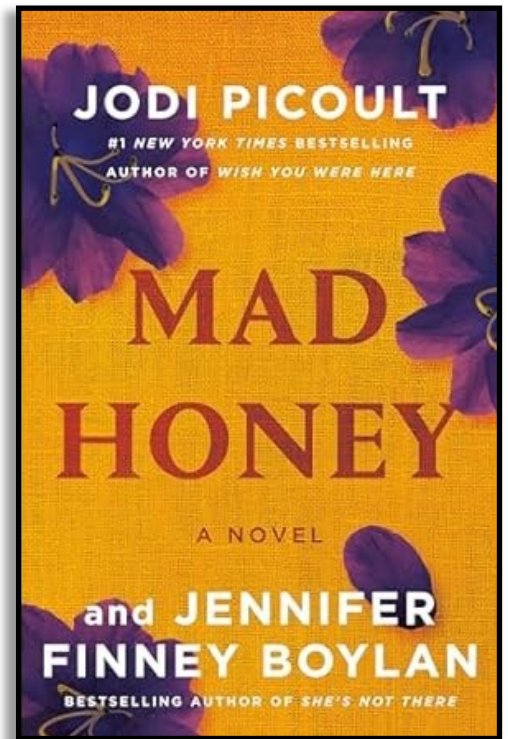
About the book (from the back cover):

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.



Tuesday Study & Prayer Group - Neighbors: Christians and Muslims Building Community

A study of *Neighbors: Christians and Muslims Building Community* by Deanna Ferry Womack will begin on April 9, 2024 in the Tuesday Study and Prayer Group. Rev Womack is a PCUSA pastor and educator.

For a long time, American Christians have been hearing a story about Islam. It's a story about conflict and hostility, about foreigners and strangers. At the heart of this story is a fundamental incompatibility between the two religions going all the way back to their original encounters. According to that story, the only valid Christian response to Islam is resistance.

But it's time to tell a different—and truer—story. Christians and Muslims have not always fought or lived in fear of each other. Christian communities in majority-Muslim countries have coexisted with their Muslim neighbors for centuries. More importantly, Muslims have been part of the American story from its beginning. And like their Christian neighbors, Muslims want to make the community in which they live a better place for all citizens. In *Neighbors*, Deanna Ferree Womack lays the groundwork for members of the two religions to understand, converse, and cooperate with each another. With models for cultivating empathy and interfaith awareness, Christians can move from neighborly intention to real dialogue and common action with Muslims in the United States.

The group meets on zoom from 12 noon to 1:30pm on Tuesdays.

Please contact the office if you would like to participate in this study so that your email address can be added to the list of participants.

Community Life Activities

April 13 - Hope you can join us for Movie Night at 5:30 in Fellowship Hall. Bring a potluck dish to share, and popcorn will be provided.



May 4 at 6:35 PM - It's Baseball time again! Join us for an Isotopes Baseball game. Tickets are \$16.50 each. If you would like to attend, please sign up in the church office.

Our fiber arts group is on the 4th Sunday of each month in Fellowship Hall, at 9:40 am. We are currently working on hats for Elementary School children, but you are welcome to bring any project.



Mission Committee Updates

Bread for the World is the focus of our April activities. Please take the time to participate in the Offering of Letters. We will make it easy for you to prepare your letter for your Congressional members starting on April 14th. The Dedication of our letters will be at both services on April 21st.

We will host **Family Promise** the first week of April. Please check the volunteer sign-up to see if there are ways you can help. Please note the **Sweet Jazz** concert is Sunday, April 7th.

Crossroads for Women appreciates all our donations but wants us to know that they especially need cleaning supplies and tools, and DO NOT need clothing for their clothing closet at this time.

Would you like to learn more about the activities of **Habitat for Humanity** or about **Menaul School**? They are each having spring fund-raising events in April.

The **Menaul Soiree** will be April 19th at Hotel Albuquerque.

The **Habitat for Humanity "Raising the Roof"** will be April 27th at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center.

Both are dinner events. We have purchased a table at each event. If you are interested in attending, please contact Carol Marr at 505-710-4616. Seating is limited.

Thank you to those who attended our Mission in March Sunday School presentations. **Rio Grande Food Project, New Day Youth Services, East Central Ministries, and HopeWorks** each made great presentations about their missions and the activities they are doing to serve the Albuquerque community.

Thank you for all your support for our Menaul “Green Tea” Benefit



Family Promise Fundraiser - “Sweet Jazz” Concert

"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. Please refer to the flyer on the next page for more detailed information.

SID FENDLEY & FRIENDS
18TH ANNUAL



SWEET JAZZ

Dianna Hughes : vocals

Patti Littlefield: vocals

Kari Simmons: vocals

Tracey Whitney: vocals

Michael Anthony: guitar

John Bartlit: drums

Maud Beenhouwer: bass

Sid Fendley: keyboard

Rodolfo Gonzalez: flute

**CONCERT AND SILENT
AUCTION TO BENEFIT:**



**Sunday 7 April 2024
4:00-6:00 PM**

For more info call:
505-268-0331

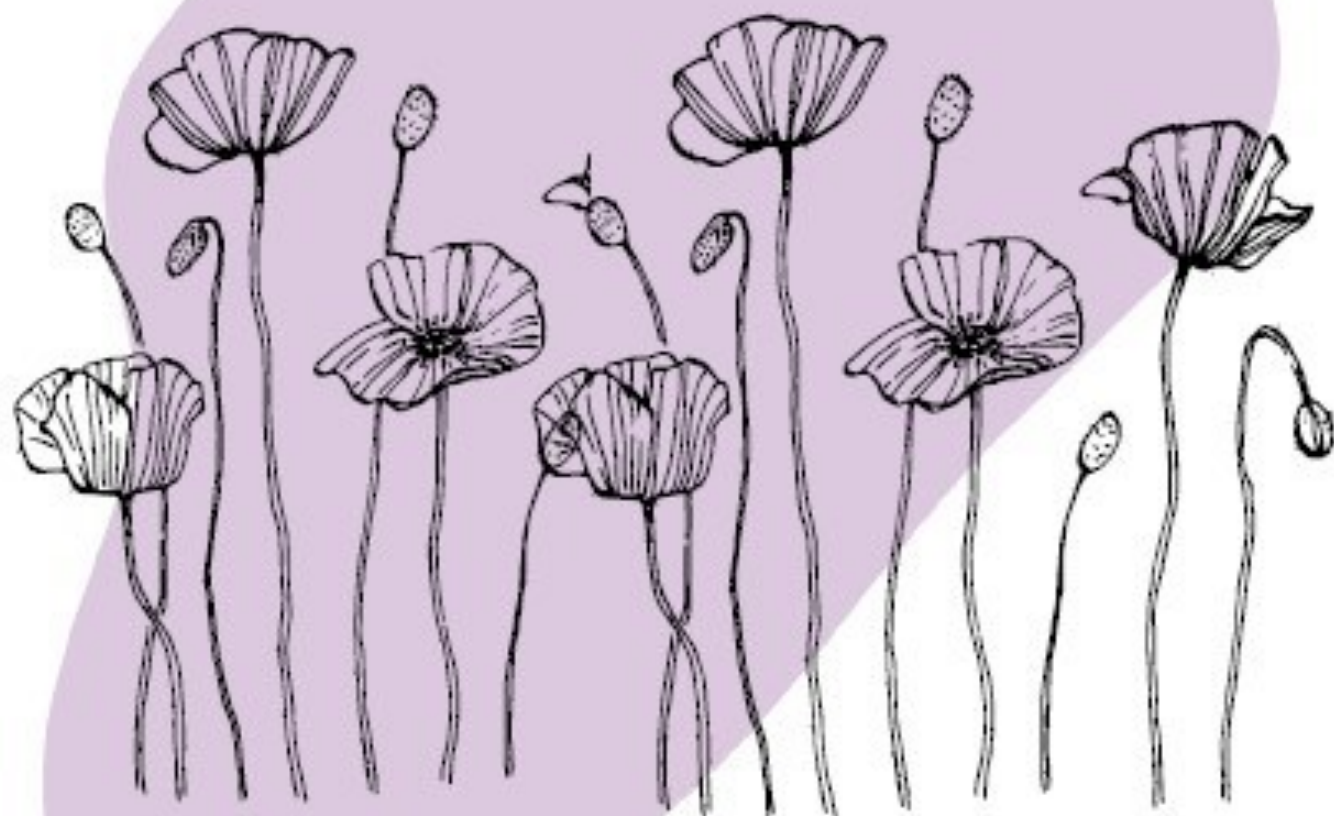


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MUSIC BY JUSTIN NUÑEZ



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OUR SILENT AUCTION AND OUR
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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