



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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Music Camp Overview

By Leon Lake

First Presbyterian was happy to host a music camp this summer for the first time since the pandemic. With the help for Libby Whiteley and Karmen Van Dyke from Second Presbyterian; First began a mission to provide music to our community. It was important for us to offer this to the Presbytery because I believe that the future of the church will depend on a strong community. We were successful in offering a camp that looked a little more like a music Vacation Bible School than a “traditional” music camp, and I think the important and significance of that was felt by our students. We had almost 30 kids ages 3-16 that focused on having fun while learning Bible stories and making music. When one of the students, who has never been to church before, was asked what the most important thing about the story was, he said God, and that counts for something.

Let's Get Back Together

Church picnic, Sunday, August 7 from 4:00 – 6:00 PM. Join your church family as we gather at the Kiwanis Shelter Picnic area at Elena Gallegos Park for a barbeque picnic, fellowship, hiking and games. Brisket, smoked



turkey and beans will be provided. Bring a simple side dish such as cut up watermelon, veggies or cookies to share. **Bring your own water bottle or beverage.** This facility has a covered picnic area, restrooms, volleyball net and horseshoe pit. Hiking trails are nearby.

We must ask for you to sign up in the church office if you wish to join us. That is the only way we know how much food to order, so please sign up in the church office.

Calendar for the Week

Thursday, August 4th

- ABQ Pipes and Drums Rehearsal, 6:00pm in F.H.

Sunday, August 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
- In-person/Livestream Sanctuary Worship Service, 11am
- Church picnic at Elena Gallegos Park from 4:00pm-6:00pm

Tuesday, August 9th

- Prayer / Book Study Group at 12:00pm via Zoom

Thursday, August 11th

- ABQ Pipes and Drums Rehearsal, 6:00pm in F.H.

Sunday, August 14th

- 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
- In-person/Livestream Sanctuary Worship Service, 11am
- Peter Tras Recital at 3:00pm in F.H.
- Godly Play Sunday School at 9:45am in CE Room 217

Fall Camp Registration

Registration is open for our Fall Camp at Ghost Ranch, September 16 – 18, 2022. Forms are in the church office, or you can request one be emailed to you. **Deadline for registration is August 7th.** Please contact Libby with questions at libbywhiteley@firstpresabq.org.

What Plato and Aristotle Teach Us about Politics

UNM Continuing education in-person class with Rev. Frank Yates. We'll draw from Aristotle's book, Politics and Plato's book, The Republic, to understand their views about politics and the right ordering of society. Then we will analyze political speech using the book Aristotle and an Aardvark Go to Washington by Thomas Cathcart and Daniel Klein. The wisdom of the Greeks still has much to teach us about the democratic process. Books are available through Amazon or your favorite local retailer or library system.

This will be an in-person class meeting on Mondays from 10AM-12PM, beginning July 25th to August 15th. Visit the UNM continuing education website for registration.

<https://continuinged.unm.edu/search/publicCourseSearchDetails.do?method=load&courseId=3578290>

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.

MinistryOne App Visit the App Store on your smart phone to find "Church by Ministry One." Use this app to donate quickly and securely, and access our YouTube channel for videos and sermons.

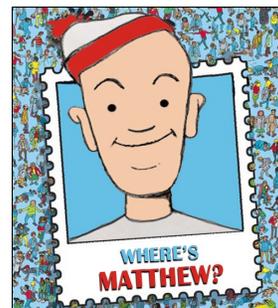
Sunday School Update

The **Hybrid Adult class** will continue the video series, How Jesus Became God, a video series by Dr., Bart Ehrman. Frank Yates leads this class in the Kerygma Room. The **Through the Bible** class continues to meet in CE Room 219.

Godly Play for ages 3 – Grade 5 will begin Sunday, August 14.

Youth Sunday School for Middle and High School Students will begin Sunday August 14 in room CE 220.

Where's Matthew?



The Millers are at their final destination in Edinburg, Scotland for Fringe. Fringe is the world's largest arts festival. Back in 2018 the festival ran 25 days and featured more than 55,000 performances of 3,548 different shows in 317

venues. Matthew, Marie and Yared will fly home next week.

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!



Book Discussion Group

Our next book to discuss will be *A Place For Us* by Fatima Farheen Mirza. We'd love for you to join us on Thursday, August 25 at 10am in the Kerygma Room!

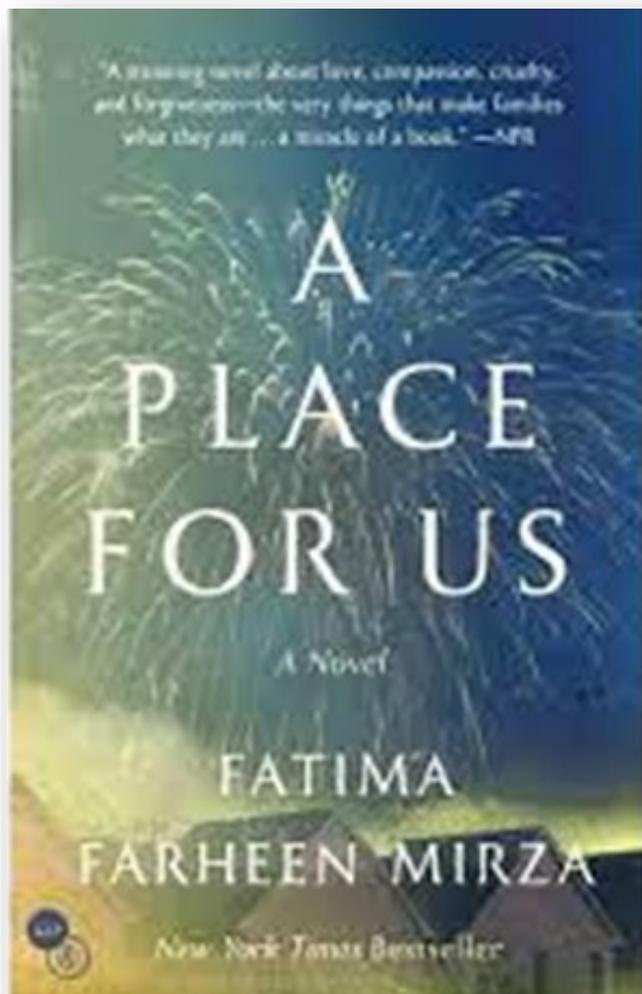
About the book, from the back cover:

As an Indian wedding gathers a family back together, parents Rafiq and Layla must reckon with the choices their children have made. There is Hadia: their headstrong, eldest daughter, whose marriage is a match of love and not tradition. Huda, the middle child, determined to follow in her sister's footsteps. And lastly, their estranged son, Amar, who returns to the family fold for the first time in three years to take his place as brother of the bride. What secrets and betrayals have caused this close-knit family to fracture? Can Amar find his way back to the people who know and love him best?

A Place for Us takes us back to the beginning of this family's life: from the bonds that bring them

together, to the differences that pull them apart. All the joy and struggle of family life is here, from Rafiq and Layla's own arrival in America from India, to the years in which their children—each in their own way—tread between two cultures, seeking to find their place in the world, as well as a path home.

A Place for Us is a book for our times: an astonishingly tender-hearted novel of identity and belonging, and a resonant portrait of what it means to be an American family today. It announces Fatima Farheen Mirza as a major new literary talent.



Worship Service Update for August 28, 2022– Just a reminder for the congregation that there will be only one worship service at 11:00 am on the last Sunday in August. There will also be a luncheon following thereafter celebrating Libby Whiteley as she is retiring after working with FPC for 20 years!

Archive Requests for Session Notebooks - The Church Archives Committee is looking for Session notebooks (yearly gathered information/material) from 2015 to present day. We do have recent yearly notebooks on floppy discs but thought it would be nice to have hard copies too. If you have a notebook you would like to contribute, please contact Ron Halbgewachs at (505) 301-9905.



Thanks for sharing pictures of your garden!

We love to see how the plants from our
East Central Ministries plant sale grow
up!

(credit to: Deborah Fisher-Rebstock, Libby
Whiteley, Cindy Morris, Ron Halbgewachs,
and Carolyn Rhodes)

