

We are staffing the church for limited hours during the re-opening phase of the State's plan. If you need to stop by, please call first. Please be advised that any visitors will be required to wear a face covering and observe social distancing protocols.

**Our staff members can be reached individually by phone or email between 8:00am and 5:00pm, Monday through Friday:**

Matthew Miller.....(505)764-2902  
Stephanie Urban.....(505) 764-2903  
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Carolyn Rhodes.....(505)764-2900  
or (505) 764-2906  
Libby Whiteley.....(505) 764-2924  
Niccole Pierre-Williams.....(505)764-2911

If you have an after-hours emergency, you can reach Matthew through our Helpline at (505) 764-2910

**DOES THE CHURCH KNOW HOW TO GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU?**

- Please check in with the church office if you have not received phone calls OR emails from us OR if your contact information has changed.
- And please REMEMBER to check your emails.

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**Calendar for the Week**

- Daily Lectionary Readings ~ 8:00am
- Daily Prayer Hour ~ 9:00am
- Sunday Virtual Worship Service streamed from our FPC sanctuary ~ 9:00am (view on our YouTube and Facebook pages)
- Sunday School Classes ~ Godly Play Class at 10:30am; *Prophets and Kings* Adult Class at 10:30am; and Through the Bible Class at 11:30am all via Zoom meetings (contact Libby Whiteley for details)
- Sunday, October 25th, Presbytery Youth Harvest Party ~ The Presbytery will host an Online Harvest Party for the youth from 4:00 to 5:30pm (contact Stephanie Urban for details)
- Tuesday Prayer Group & Book Study ~ 12:00pm via Zoom Meeting (contact Marjorie Buck for details)
- Wednesday "I'm Still Here" Book Study Group ~ 5:30pm to 6:30pm via Zoom Meeting (October 21st is the last meeting)
- Wednesday Support Groups (12-Step will meet via teleconference) and AA will meet outside the church in the garden
- Online Confirmation Classes are November 1st & 15th, 10:45-12:00pm

**ACG Online Pumpkin Auction**

 **October 25th—October 30th** 

This year's Decorated Pumpkin Auction will be moving to an online platform for safer participation. The auction will begin on October 25th at 10:00am and close on Friday, October 30th at 12:00pm. Make sure to look for updates on the ACG website and Facebook page. [www.achildsgardenabq.org/](http://www.achildsgardenabq.org/)



**Messenger Lite**  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
**October 21, 2020**

**A Word on Reformation Sunday**

Katharina Schutz Zell (1497-1562), was a church mother, pastoral care provider, writer and preacher.

It was a dark time. A terrible plague ravaged Europe. The Church was cracking at its very foundations. New technologies were changing the ways people communicated. Sound familiar?

Katharina Schutz Zell was born in Strasbourg in 1497/1498 to a well-connected artisan family. At the age of 10, she dedicated herself to the church. After reading the writings of Martin Luther, she converted to Protestantism in 1521. She planned to support herself in the tapestry business, while writing and publishing.

Katharina met Matthias Zell, a former priest turned Reformation preacher. They were married by the Reformer Martin Bucer on Thursday, December 3, 1523 at 6:00am, possibly to avoid public scrutiny. She was one of the first respectable citizens to enter such a marriage (marrying before even Luther), as clergy marriages were thought of as scandalous – priests shouldn't marry! They spent their married life as partners in ministry. Hospitality was one of her gifts as the Zells welcomed traveling theologians, refugees, and those suffering from poverty and illness. Both of their children died in infancy, and she grew her role into a broader motherhood of the church. Among her many deeds, were demanding pastoral care and decent nourishment for those in hospital care.

Katharina was tolerant on many levels, accepting people regardless of their faith or status or gender, but she shared with other Reformers a hatred of the Jews.

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Her work supporting women, authoring a hymnbook and even preaching, are among her notable contributions to the Reformation.

After the death of Matthias on January 10, 1548, Katharina continued her ministry of visitation, teaching, counseling and even took on a priestly role – an outrageous act for a woman of that time. She even performed the funeral for a known heretic (at 6:00am). She was too weak to walk, so she was carried to the grave where she conducted the service. The city officials were ready to charge her with the crime of conducting this funeral, and another, but she died before they were able to do so. It was only as a result of the petitions of her friends and supporters that she was able to be buried in a church ceremony at the church graveyard.

“She had broken the rules against women speaking in the Church. Her motto throughout her life had been that Christians could not be silent, that their duty and call was to work for justice and speak for justice. Christian love would call believers to break silence, at all costs and that is what Katharina did.” (pg.130)

Read more about Katharina Schutz Zell and other Women Reformers in *Women and the Reformation*, by Kirsi Stjerna (Blackwell Publishing, Malden, MA 2009)

## ONLINE GIVING WITH FPC

We are continuing to work 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 at:

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You can also give online from our website, ([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.

**MinistryOne App: a new way to give!** You can use Google Play or the Apple Store to search for “Church by Ministry One.” Download on your phone; open the app; type in “First Presbyterian Albuquerque”; click on Find My Church and select. The App button comes up on your home screen as a purple square with a white cross entitled, “Church.”

## First Presbyterian Church of ABQ Virtual Worship Service

The Pastoral Staff of FPC will continue Live-streaming our worship services each Sunday and post them to Facebook, YouTube, and the church website at 9:00am. You can view these virtual services by visiting First Presbyterian Church of Albuquerque’s Facebook and YouTube pages. We hope that you will share in this online worship with us and the Albuquerque community. If you need assistance viewing our virtual worship service, please contact the Church Office and we will be gladly help you navigate our platforms.

## Sunday School Options with FPC

Our Fall Quarter is well under way! All Sunday School classes are being hosted via Zoom meetings (contact Libby for details) or visit our website: <https://firstpresabq.org/education/sunday-school>

- Godly Play Class ~ 10:30am
- *Prophets and Kings* Adult Class ~ 10:30am
- Through the Bible Class ~ 11:30am

## Daily Prayer Options

We invite you to our daily prayer practice at 9:00am as a way for us to connect while we are apart. We post on our website, Facebook page, and send emails with daily prayer prompts and devotionals to collectively meditate at 9:00am. **Please let the church office know if you would like to be part of this email chain.**

## Birth Announcements

Willa Hammock Mosby was born October 17, 2020 to Matt and Emily Mosby and big brother, Owen.

Callum Paul McCash was born on September 16, 2020 to Alex and Alicia Cunningham McCash (at 27 weeks). He has been in the NICU at Lovelace Women’s Hospital since then and his progress is day by day. Prayers are appreciated! (Note: Please do not post or share to social media—thank you).

## Sunbonnet Shop Updates

The Sunbonnet Shop has Justo ground, caffeinated coffee again! We have both Robusta and Arabica. They are \$12 a bag. Just make out a check to PW or use cash and leave it in the Sunbonnet drawer in the church office.

And if you do get up to the church office, there is a giant table in front of the shop with all clearance items. Ignore all pricing. Just shop and leave a donation in the Sunbonnet drawer in the church office.

Happy Shopping for Mission!!

## Aquaponics Update

Four years ago, we began an adventure with Aquaponics gardening at FPC. Over that time, we’ve enjoyed learning how to grow fresh food for our partners at the Rio Grande Food Project. Right now, our Aquaponics program has reached a moment of transition and we’ve decided to pause the program temporarily in order to do some maintenance, cleaning, and recruiting of new leadership. This means that we have lots of tilapia which will be harvested! If you’re interested in taking some frozen fish home to eat, we would love to share! And if you’re interested in getting involved with Aquaponics in the future, please let Stephanie know.

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## Death Notice

Hubert “Rex” Holland passed to Life Eternal on September 13, 2020. He is survived by Dian Holland. There are no planned services at this time.

## The Spiritual Journey of Reinhold Niebuhr, Part 2 Oasis Class with Frank Yates Monday, Nov. 2nd, 10:00-11:30am

Rev. Frank Yates will be teaching a class with the Oasis Learning Center entitled, “The Spiritual Journey of Reinhold Niebuhr, Part 2”. In this second lecture on Reinhold Niebuhr (1892-1971), we will consider our human destiny, where history is taking us, and what prospects we have for the future. *Note: you do not need to have attended Part 1 to appreciate this class.*

You are cordially invited to sign up at [Albuquerque.oasisnet.org](http://Albuquerque.oasisnet.org) for either the in person or online lecture. If you have any questions, email Frank at [frankyatesnm@gmail.com](mailto:frankyatesnm@gmail.com).

### Caroline Beaumont



Caroline likes living in Albuquerque where the weather is nice. Albuquerque is also where her friends are. Her best friend in school was Rosemary Evans. Although she likes living in Albuquerque, her favorite place to live was Washington D. C.

Caroline enjoyed studying history in school, but geology played a big part in her early life. She was a student at UNM when she met her future husband Ed. Their first date was going on a geology field trip to Gallup, New Mexico. She remembers she went to hunt for peridot semi-precious stones. Today her favorite hobby is stringing beads to make necklaces. She enjoys doing this with her daughter Cindy. It's not surprising that her favorite song is "A String of Pearls," by Glenn Miller.

Along with Glenn Miller, Caroline enjoyed listening to Tommy Dorsey. Back in the day, she enjoyed watching Jack Parr on late night TV, and like so many, her favorite movie of all time is "Gone with the Wind."

One of Caroline's memories as a young child was when she got a German Shepherd puppy. She only had it four days before it was stolen. She didn't even have the puppy long enough to give it a name. The puppy was her first pet and she has never forgotten it. Another memory as a young child was her Aunt Merle, who was her favorite relative and her mother's sister. Aunt Merle died when Caroline was four.

Caroline has always loved baseball and enjoyed attending Albuquerque Dukes games. She has always also enjoyed going to The Shed up in Santa Fe and eating their mocha cake. Lobster is also one of her favorite foods. Some of her other favorites are roses and the color blue.

- Interviewed by Deacon Janet Bowers

Caroline Beaumont passed to Life Eternal on September 22, 2020. She is survived by John Beaumont, Bob & Eileen Beaumont, and Bill Beaumont. A Memorial took place for Edward and Caroline Beaumont on October 2, 2020. If you would like to send a note of condolence please call the Church Office for an address.



# All Saints' Day

November 1, 2020

In honor of All Saints' Day 2020, we would like to acknowledge the Saints of First Presbyterian Church who have joined the Church Triumphant in the past year:

Caroline Beaumont	Gretchen Gardner
Edward Beaumont	Hubert [Rex] Holland
Jean Bridgers	Richard Kifer
Norman Brown	Dorothy Kinum
Molly Cunningham	Kay Sisk
Harry Drake	Rosa Steele
Joan Farris	Ruth Summer
Marshall Farris	Jack Waller
Gretchen Fox	Jacqueline Wenderoth
	Lucille Wolfe

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.” ~ Hebrews 12:1