

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:

General Office &(505)764-2900
Communications
Matthew Miller.....(505)764-2902
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Carolyn Rhodes.....(505)764-2906
Libby Whiteley.....(505) 764-2924
Niccole Pierre-Williams.....(505)764-2911
(Niccole is out of office from January - February, see backside for details)

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

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Calendar for the Week

- Daily Prayer Hour ~ 9:00am
***Contact the church office if you would like to be added to the daily prayer email list
- Sunday Virtual Worship Service streamed from our FPC sanctuary ~ 9:00am (view on our YouTube and Facebook pages)
- Through the Bible Class will resume on January 3rd ~ meets at 11:30am
- Sunday School Classes will resume January 10th ~ Godly Play and Adult Sunday School meet at 10:30am
- Tuesday Prayer / Book Study Group ~ 12:00pm via Zoom meeting with Marjorie Buck
- Wednesday Support Groups (12-Step will meet via teleconference) and AA will meet outside the church in the garden
- Third Sunday Virtual Luncheon ~ Sunday, January 17th 11:30am via Zoom meeting (see website for details)

Reminder to ACG families:
Registration for the 2021-2022 school year begins January 12th.
Visit the ACG website for details:
<https://www.achildsgardenabq.org/>



Messenger Lite
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Adult Sunday School

All Sunday School classes will resume on January 10th. This January, the Mission Committee has invited representatives from several important organizations in our community to join us for our Adult Sunday School hour (10:30am). They will give us an update on how their work has been shaped by Covid this past year and share hopes and plans for the year(s) ahead. We hope that you'll join us to learn more about the great work these partners are doing in Albuquerque! We will send the Zoom link out to everyone who had been attending the 10:30 Adult Sunday School class in the fall, but if you'd like to be added please contact Stephanie (stephanieurban@firstpresabq.org) and we'll make sure you know how to participate!

January 10 – Mary Matteucci, Director of A Child's Garden

January 17 – Andy Braman, Community School Coordinator at Longfellow Elementary School

January 24 – Laura Combs, Director of Family Promise of Albuquerque

January 31 – Kathi Cunningham, Development Director at the Rio Grande Food Project

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). 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 connect! Visit the App Store on your phone to find "Church by Ministry One." Download the app; open; type in "First Presbyterian Albuquerque"; click on Find My Church and select. The app button appears as a purple square with a white cross entitled, "Church." You can use this app to make donations quickly and securely. It's also a great resource to access our YouTube channel for videos and sermons.

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 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 prayer chain.**

Oasis Class with Rev. Frank Yates Monday, January 25, 2021 at 10:00am

Rev. Frank Yates will be offering a lecture on "The Utopian Impulse" on Monday, January 25th at 10am. This lecture will focus on the three island Utopias dreamed up by Plato, Thomas More, and Frances Bacon. We will ask why writers imagine such Utopian societies and what they have to say about our society. You can register at <https://albuquerque.oasisnet.org/>

First Presbyterian Church of ABQ Virtual Worship Services

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

Godly Play and Adult Sunday School Classes will resume on January 10th ~ both classes meet at 10:30am via Zoom.

Through the Bible Class will resume on January 3rd at 11:30am. Frank Yates will lead the class through the month of January. If you have not been receiving a Zoom invitation for this class, contact Libby at 505-764-2924 or libbywhiteley@firstpresabq.org to

Church Office Update

Nicole will be on maternity leave beginning January 1st. She will be out of the office until mid-February. Please reach out to Carolyn or Sharon in the church office with any communications needs at 505-764-2900. Messages to Nicole's phone extension and email will be regularly monitored.

Longfellow Elementary & Camino de Vida Updates

Thank You for your generosity! This past Advent, the FPC community went above and beyond with donations for both Longfellow Elementary School and Camino de Vida. For Longfellow, the food boxes we distributed to each family were overflowing and the extra donations are going to restock their monthly pantry – they are very grateful! We also raised over \$6,000 for Camino de Vida to help those in their community with rent and utilities support during this most difficult year. We pray that these gifts will help shine a light in the darkness for those who need it most this winter.

Third Sunday Virtual Luncheon

Join us on the third Sunday of each month for our Virtual Luncheon at 11:30am via Zoom. Visit www.firstpresabq.org/church-life/fellowship for more details.

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.



Louise Daw

One of the privileges of being a deacon is getting to know a special member of our First Presbyterian family. My special is Louise Daw; she's been a dear friend of mine since I moved into Manzano del Sol. And Louise is one of our 90+ Birthday Celebration honorees. She's 91 years old and proud of it! I interviewed Louise to learn about her special likes. One of her favorite hobbies is doing Word Searches and I have included one with her interview answers. I've put other interview question answers in vignettes of their own.

Louise chose Aunt Edith as her favorite relative. Louise's visits to Aunt Edith gave her a chance to be independent. How Louise loved riding a train from Los Angeles to Aunt Edith's house in Santa Monica by herself as a middle-schooler! And she enjoyed walking from Aunt Edith's house to the beach, by herself! She was intrigued with her aunt's mink coat, and loved exploring the bedroom vanity table with its blue taffeta skirt, which was empty of make-up, as Louise recalled her aunt, a nurse never wore make-up.

Later, at Manual Arts High School Louise became interested in Journalism in first year English taught by Mr. Walterhouse, also the school newspaper adviser. She became Editor-in-Chief in her senior year, starting an editor's column RAMSDALE RAMBLES (named for her maiden name). What a great idea at first, but it became a chore which soon led to its demise. Manual Arts News was a four-page daily, and five editorials a week was just too much! Louise ran the Linotype machine in the school's print shop. She recalled, "I learned to proofread upside-down and backwards!"

Louise's interest in journalism led her to take a beginning journalism course at Monmouth College, but an academic adviser directed her to an elementary school course of study instead – which she doesn't regret; she loved teaching. Still her secret vocational dream was to be a journalist.

When Louise was a sophomore at Monmouth she took geology for her science requirement. Ed Daw, her future husband, was in a separate geology class. Ed's fraternity brother Chris was Louise's lab partner. One day she was studying with Chris and Ed dropped by the lab. Chris introduced Louise and Ed. Louise says, "He wasn't smitten at first," but the next week Ed called and asked her out. Their first date was to a movie and out to eat afterwards. That was the start of their romance.

Louise's first car was a green Mustang with wire wheels – which she loved. She got it when she moved to Riverside, IL, her favorite place to live. Ed was from Riverside, and that's where they lived after college and marriage. Riverside, a lovely town of about 10,000 people, is where Louise taught school – junior high English and for most of her teaching career fifth grade. It is also where her daughters Debbie and Joanie were born and raised. Riverside had cobblestone streets and gas streetlights. It was designed by Frederick Law Olmstead, Jr., an American landscape architect and city planner who also designed Central Park in New York City.

Medinah Golf Club at Riverside is where Louise played lots of golf, her favorite sport. She also loved skiing in Colorado years ago, and claims, "I saw Gerald Ford skiing in Vail." She continued golfing at Canyon Club at Four Hills Country Club after moving to Albuquerque. Jack Nicklaus and Phil Mickelson are two of her favorite players, and Michelle Lee is her favorite woman golfer.

If Louise could live any place in the world, Oahu, Hawaii, is the place. She and her dear friend since Ed's passing, Lou, have taken four trips there, staying at Hale Koa Hotel in Honolulu, with delicious authentic luaus and real hula dancers. Walking on gorgeous sandy beaches and feasting on fresh papaya slices, guavas, and pineapple spears are fantastic memories.

Now Louise resides at Manzano del Sol. Before Covid-19 and its inconvenient restrictions, she enjoyed early dinners out with Lou at her favorite restaurant, Bravo, every Monday. She spends lots of time doing puzzles, especially her favorites – Word Searches. And she enjoys chatting with a glass of wine and friends at 4:30 Happy Hours.

- Interviewed by Deacon Joanne Puckett

