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March 24, 2021

Holy Week

This Sunday marks the beginning of the end of the season of Lent. Holy Week will begin with our virtual Palm Sunday service at the usual time (9:00am) via YouTube and Facebook with the Rev. Stephanie Urban preaching.

Then on Maundy Thursday, April 1st at 7:00pm, we remember Jesus' command to love one another as he shared a last meal with his disciples and washed their feet. This year, we'll gather as a church family on Zoom for this special service. Be sure to have something to eat and drink as we partake in the Lord's Supper together. The link will be emailed out, but please contact the Church office if you don't receive it.

Once again, this year we invite you to mark Good Friday, the day of our Lord's crucifixion, by engaging in our virtual Stations of the Cross that will be available on the church website at www.firstpresabq.org. Each station will have its own designated page where you may mediate on an image related to that station. There will be a brief reflection on the station, accompanied by a prayer and a piece of music curated by our music director, Dr. James Yeager.

Finally, Easter Sunday will include two services. The first will be a sunrise service at 7:00am outside Fellowship Hall on the lower patio. We are asking those who wish to attend to let the Church office know in advance. Masks will be required of everyone attending - including the musicians (who will be double masked: both their instruments AND their noses and mouths). The space will be marked to ensure that family units are appropriately distanced. We do ask that anyone feeling at all symptomatic of COVID, or those who are unvaccinated and at increased risk to the virus not attend and join us instead at our second service. This will be a virtual service at the usual time (9:00am) via YouTube or Facebook and will include special musical selections in celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord.

As a community of faith, our journey through Holy Week is a reminder of the hope we have in Christ, who journeys with us from triumph to betrayal, death, and ultimately to the promise of the empty tomb and new life. Perhaps now more than ever, through Holy Week, we are immersed in the story of our lives; the story of our salvation.

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 mask and observe social distancing protocols.

Our staff members can be reached individually by phone or email between 8:00am and 4:00pm, Monday through Friday:

Matthew Miller

505-764-2902

Stephanie Urban

505-764-2903

Frank Yates

505-681-0625

Carolyn Rhodes

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Libby Whiteley

505-764-2924

Nicole Pierre-Williams

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

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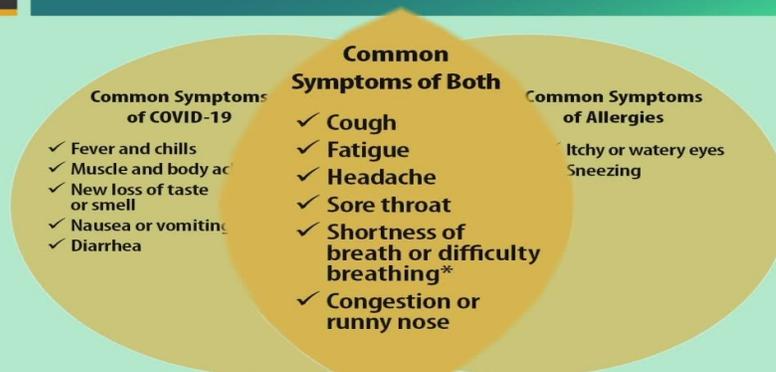
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Thank You Cards for the Frontline Healthcare Workers at UNMH

Please bring any finished cards to the Church Office before Palm Sunday, March 28th. We will send them along to UNMH.

COVID-19 and Seasonal Allergies



*Seasonal allergies do not usually cause shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, unless a person has a respiratory condition such as asthma that can be triggered by exposure to pollen.

Online Giving Options

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 Visit the App Store on your smart phone to find "Church by Ministry One." Download the app; open; type in "First Presbyterian Albuquerque"; click on Find My Church and select. You can use this app to make donations quickly and securely, as well as access our YouTube channel for videos and sermons.

Calendar for the Week

- **Sunday, March 28th**
 - Sunday Virtual Worship Service ~ 9:00am (view on our YouTube and Facebook pages)
 - Godly Play and Adult Sunday School at 10:30am
 - Through the Bible Class ~ 11:30am
- **Holy Week, March 28—April 4th**
 - Stations of the Cross Meditations available at firstpresabq.org
- **Monday Lenten Study Group** ~ 12:00pm via Zoom meeting
- **Tuesday Prayer / Book Study Group** ~ 12:00pm via Zoom meeting with Marjorie Buck
- **Wednesday Lenten Study Group** ~ 5:30pm via Zoom meeting with Libby and Stephanie
- **Wednesday Support Groups** (Zoom meetings)
 - 12-Step Program 5:30-7:30pm
 - AA Meeting 7:45-8:45pm
- **Thursday, April 1st** ~ Maundy Thursday Evening Service at 7:00pm via Zoom meeting
- **Sunday, April 4th**
 - Easter Sunrise Service ~ 7:00am outside Fellowship Hall in the lower patio courtyard (call the Church office to reserve seating)
 - Sunday Virtual Worship Service ~ 9:00am (view on our YouTube and Facebook pages)
 - Godly Play Sunday School at 10:30am
 - **There will be no Adult Sunday School today**
 - Through the Bible Class at 11:30am

March Health Ministries Adult Sunday School Classes

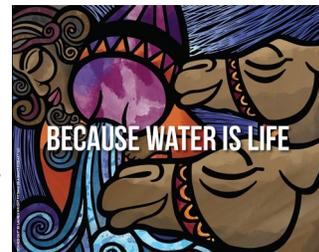
Sunday, March 28th at 10:30am via Zoom – The FPC Safety Team is meeting to think about how we begin the process of coming back together in-person. Susan Smith and other members of the team will talk about the protocols and considerations for our process of opening.

Holy Week Prayer Time at FPC

Throughout Holy Week, March 29th—April 2nd, the Sanctuary and Chapel will be open for meditation and prayer between the hours of 8:00am to 2:00pm. Per social distancing restrictions, we will limit attendance to 10 people at a time. Please call the Church office in advance if you'd like to come in and spend prayer time in the Church this week.

One Great Hour of Sharing Through April 4th

During the season of Lent, churches in the Presbyterian Church, USA, collect money for the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. More details are included with the inserted pamphlet.



Resurrection 101:

A Post Easter Study of the Risen Christ

A new Adult Sunday School Class entitled, *Resurrection 101: A Post Easter Study of the Risen Christ* will begin led by Frank Yates. This course will examine many angles of vision regarding the resurrection. We will look at the Hebrew Scriptures; the debates between Sadducees and Pharisees; the resurrection narratives in the Four Gospels, how they are similar and dissimilar; the preaching of the Risen Christ in the Acts of the Apostles; the theology of Paul; and the other writings of the New Testament.

We will also address the notion of resurrection in the world religions (especially Islam), the Platonic notion of the immortality of the soul, and the various versions of reincarnation and Nirvana. We will also address the philosophical and scientific objections to resurrection.

Finally, we will consider our faith affirmations which say: "I believe in the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting" and, "We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come." **Please join us online on Sunday morning at 10:30am from April 11 to May 23.**

John Ward

Ninety years ago in Moline, IL, in one of the quad cities along the Mississippi River, John Ward was born. Raised in Moline and then off to college obtaining a BA at Augustana College, Master's at Washington University and later a PhD in physical chemistry at UNM.

With more than 60 years of professional experience, John is an esteemed, accomplished and world-recognized scientist who has been affiliated with Los Alamos National Laboratory since 1956, when he first served the facility as a staff member. Becoming a laboratory fellow in 1983, he subsequently climbed the ranks of success within the laboratory and was elected a section leader in 1987. He has contributed myriads of articles to professional journals, co-authored volumes III and IV of the "Handbook on the Physics and Chemistry of the Actinides," published in 1985, and was the lead author on a chapter in The Plutonium Handbook. In John's words...

I was a summer student at LANL in 1955 when I discovered something of intense importance to the weapons community. I was about to return to Washington University, and maybe the army, when the lab said you must stay on and told the draft board I had vital information. So I signed on in February and that was it! They were very successful years of work. In 1982, I was one of 35 Americans to spend a year in Germany. This was a thank you for the Marshall Plan. At the end of the year, we were invited to a final dinner at a castle in the Black Forest. I found myself seated next to Werner Heisenberg, one of the world's most famous scientists at the time. He was delightful and we had a wonderful discussion about modern science. That was a WOW! I had two more invites to Germany.

In 1983, I was honored to become a Lab Fellow. I tried to retire in 1992 and the lab would not let me go! So I am still going up twice monthly to consult at age 90! I was divorced in 1992 (amicably) and in the meantime Arlene had arrived and we spent many years making beautiful music together at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Los Alamos, where I was able to train a great choir. I signed on as director of the Los Alamos Choral Society in 1966 – the superb community chorus of about a hundred folks. Arlene accompanied and we had three great concert tours to Europe. She was also a professor of organ at UNM and doing concert tours in the states. We were married and joined the church (FPC) and were close friends with Sheldon Kahlberg for some time. We really enjoyed the fine choir under his direction. It was a terrible blow with his illness and death. I moved to a lovely home above Tijeras at an altitude of 7400 ft. with lots of trees and wonderful birds. I built a large model railroad in a big shed on the property, helped with the garden, and keep the place in good repair. Hey, that's enough!

Outside his distinguished professional career, John plays the viola, directs choral music, and enjoys gardening - the Colorado blue columbine being his favorite flower. His love of music has led him to conducting the Symphony Orchestra of Albuquerque. Back to John's earlier years: his favorite friend was Bill Olson, favorite family member was Uncle Ben who showed him around Chicago, his first car was 1950 Chevy coup, maroon is still his favorite color, and of course his favorite team is the Cubs. His first kiss was from his first wife. He liked chemistry in high school and still does, and western movies were his first. Today, Bing is his favorite cat. He is married to Arlene (substitute organist at First Pres). John still enjoys reading technical journals. He also enjoys New Mexican food, and they frequent the restaurant, California Kitchen. He enjoyed living in Los Alamos and, if he could live anywhere, he would like to live in Karlsruhe, Germany. He is the proud father of four children and nine grandchildren.

- Interviewed by Deacon John Emerson





Duane Wenderoth

Albuquerque has been Duane's favorite place to live. This is where he lived with his wife, Jacqueline. They had met when Jacqueline was in 8th grade and Duane was in 7th grade. They ended up getting married when they were 25 years old and made their home in Albuquerque.

As a young man, Duane liked studying history in high school. His good friend in school was Gene Cooper. Dwayne remembers that his first car was a 1949 Ford sedan. Also, back in the day, he remembers listening to Big Bands. Tommy Dorsey and his Big Band was his favorite and "Star Dust" was a favorite song. Duane remembers "Gone with the Wind" as being a movie he liked a lot. Duane's uncle was a special person in his life. As Duane says, "They meshed together." He also loved his pet dog, Penny.

- Interviewed by Deacon Janet Youngberg