

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 8am and 4pm, Monday through Friday:**

**Matthew Miller**  
505-764-2902

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505-681-0625

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505-764-2900  
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**Libby Whiteley**  
505-764-2924

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505-764-2911

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

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Congratulations to Rev. Stephanie and Brian Urban and their beautiful baby boy, Dominic Joseph Urban. He was born on April 16, 2021. Our greatest gift to Stephanie is the peace of quiet time to adjust and focus on her new family. She will be on parental leave until mid-July. Please reach Matthew or Carolyn with any inquiries.

First Presbyterian Church of Albuquerque's

# Messenger Light

June 2, 2021



## A Special Thank You to Our Zoom Teachers!

When COVID-19 threw us into the future (and back to the dark ages in some ways), we had to adapt fast at everything we do here at First Presbyterian Church. New equipment, training, and the willingness of so many of you to try something different, kept us going this past year. Sometimes, it takes a crisis to force us to try new things because the old ways of doing things simply do not work any longer. Truthfully, we probably should have been exploring new ways of telling our story before COVID. We would not ever wish for something this devastating, but we can take this opportunity to learn how to do education and community-building using new models.

The Christian Education Committee wishes to thank the following teachers who bravely went where no Sunday School teacher at FPC has gone before!

Cindy Abel Morris

Marjorie Buck

Sue Campbell

Susan Smith

Frank Yates

John Emerson

Stephanie Urban

Matthew Miller



And a special thanks to all our guest speakers who slogged through with us, beautifully!

Finally, thank you to all of our participants who were willing to try being a community and learning together in this new way.

~ Libby Engdahl Whiteley



## Coffee in the Commons

Beginning on Monday, June 7th, we will be opening the Commons Area from 9:00-11:00am on Monday mornings and from 12:00-2:00pm on Thursday afternoons for small group brunch or lunch meetings. "Coffee in the Commons" is our way of re-introducing members and friends to the church building in scheduled, small groups. Coffee will be provided. If you'd like to schedule time to meet in small groups on either Monday mornings or Thursday afternoons, please contact the church office and we will reserve space for you.

## Calendar for the Week

### • Sunday, June 6th

- In-person Outdoor Worship Service at 8:30am
- Through the Bible Class at 9:45am in Kerygma Rm
- Adult Sunday School at 10:00am via Zoom
- Sunday Virtual Worship Service at 11:00am (Communion Service)

### • Monday, June 7th

- Coffee in the Commons from 9:00 to 11:00am

### • Tuesday, June 8th

- Prayer / Book Study Group at 12:00pm via Zoom meeting with Marjorie Buck

### • Thursday, June 10th

- Coffee in the Commons from 12:00 to 2:00pm

### • Sunday, June 13th

- In-person Outdoor Worship Service at 8:30am
- Through the Bible Class at 9:45am in Kerygma Rm
- Adult Sunday School at 10:00am via Zoom
- Sunday Virtual Worship Service at 11:00am
- "Everything You Thought You Knew About Racial Reconciliation Is Wrong" Zoom Chat at 2:00pm

## Online 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](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** Visit the App Store on your smart phone to find "Church by Ministry One." Use this app to donate quickly and securely, as well as access our YouTube channel for videos and sermons.

## Fall Camp at Ghost Ranch September 17-19, 2021

Fall Camp 2021 is on for September 17 – 19. We have reserved campsites, rooms in Corral Block, and a few private rooms. Mark your calendars and watch for registration information in a few weeks!

## Summer Sunday Kitchen Table Discussion June 13, 2021 at 2:00pm

As we have learned from the recent stories and coverage of the Tulsa Massacre in 1921, there is still so much work to be done for racial reconciliation in our country. We are continuing this discussion with a Zoom video and discussion, entitled "Everything You Thought You Knew About Racial Reconciliation Is Wrong."

The presenter is the Rev. Denise Anderson, former moderator of the PCUSA and coordinator for racial and intercultural justice. This workshop was presented at the NEXT Church conference that our FPC staff attended and the workshop has been made available for use in our church. Following her presentation, we will have a discussion around our kitchen tables. Please let Libby know if you plan to attend and you will be sent the Zoom link for these discussion sessions.

## Jesus in the Gospels and the Koran Oasis Class for July 12, 2021 from 10-11:30am

"Jesus in the Gospels and the Koran" is a new Zoom class being offered by Oasis Albuquerque on July 12, 2021. This lecture provides a comparative religions approach to the presentation of Jesus in the New Testament Gospels and the Islamic Koran. We note the similarities and the differences in the presentations, with special attention paid to the role of Mary in the Koran. Our main texts are *Islam's Jesus* by Zeki Saritoprak and *Christianity and the World Religions* by Hans Kung. This lecture is offered to further interfaith understanding.

This Zoom class will be taught by Rev. Dr. Frank Yates, parish associate at FPC. The virtual class will take place on July 12, from 10:00—11:30am. The registration fee is \$10.00 and the class code is (71zm). To register, please visit the Oasis website at [www.oasisabq.org](http://www.oasisabq.org).

## Bread for the World Updates

Through June, Bread for the World is offering letters to Congress regarding the issue of hunger in our community. Visit their website at [www.bread.org/](http://www.bread.org/) or contact Niccole at the church office if you would like to partake. If you have submitted a digital letter, or would like the church office to submit your written letters, please contact Niccole. We want document how many letters are being submitted.

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Together with the church staff, they encourage our community of faith in worship and service of God. An Elder's living demonstration of faith and leadership empowers the church for its mission in the world.

If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in becoming an Elder, check the box below and return this postcard to FPC. A committee member will contact you about the position.

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