



## Fall Book Study Group: **How the Bible Actually Works** by Pete Enns

Beginning October 6th, FPC will host a weekly Zoom book study on Wednesday evenings from 5:30pm—6:30pm. The study will conclude on November 10th. This Zoom study group will be led by Libby Whiteley and Stephanie Urban.

“The Bible does not leave us with one consistent portrait of God, but a collection of ancient and diverse portraits of how the various biblical writers understood God for their times. These biblical portraits of God are not there to test how clever we can be in making them all fit together nicely. They illustrate for us the need to accept the sacred responsibility of asking what God is like for us here and now.” (page 153)

Join us this fall as we dive into Pete Enns' newest book which helps us think about how the Bible functions as a book of wisdom rather than as a rule book with all the answers, and why that's such great news! Pete Enns is a Biblical scholar and professor at Eastern University who also hosts a podcast called “The Bible for Normal People.” With a sense of humor, he's skilled at communicating without academic jargon - in ways that everyone can understand. He's a great guide for this conversation and we hope you'll join us.

If you plan to participate in this book study, please send an email to [stephanieurban@firstpresabq.org](mailto:stephanieurban@firstpresabq.org) and let me know. If you will need a copy of the book, please be sure to email me by September 19th. A suggested donation of \$10 is appreciated.

~ Rev. Stephanie Urban

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 if not fully vaccinated for Covid-19 and observe social distancing protocols.

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

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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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## How the Bible Actually Works\*



**\*In Which I Explain  
How an Ancient,  
Ambiguous, and  
Diverse Book Leads  
Us to Wisdom Rather  
Than Answers—and  
Why That's Great News**

**Peter Enns**  
Author of *The Bible Tells Me So*

## Calendar for the Week

### **Friday, September 10th**

- Church Women United Zoom gathering at 9:30am (contact Marilyn Stoops at [mstoops@swcp.com](mailto:mstoops@swcp.com))

### **Sunday, September 12th**

- In-person Outdoor 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
- Godly Play Sunday School (ages 3 through 5th grade) at 9:45am in-person in CE Room 217 and on Zoom
- Summer Choir Rehearsal at 10:30am in Fellowship Hall
- Sunday Virtual Worship Service at 11:00am
- In-person Sanctuary Worship Service at 11:00am

### **Tuesday, September 14th**

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

### **Sunday, September 19th**

- In-person Outdoor Worship Service at 8:30am
- Adult Sunday School at 9:45am via Zoom/In-person in Kerygma Room
- Godly Play Sunday School (ages 3 through 5th grade) at 9:45am in-person in CE Room 217 and on Zoom
- Summer Choir Rehearsal at 10:30am in Fellowship Hall
- Sunday Virtual Worship Service at 11:00am
- In-person Sanctuary Worship Service at 11:00am
- **Third Sunday Virtual Luncheon at 12:30pm via Zoom**

## The Tiny Home Village Project of ABQ

### TINY HOMES? HUGE IMPACT!

Save the date: Saturday, November 20th, 11am to 1pm. The Tiny Home Village (THV) is a transitional housing community with tiny homes available to the unsheltered of Albuquerque, NM. Having learned from other cities' attempts to address homelessness, Albuquerque began this program to provide shelter and resources to help people transition from life on the street to permanent housing. Please join us as we celebrate our new Tiny Home Village at 101 Texas SE, Albuquerque. This project was made possible by Bernalillo County and the Albuquerque Indian Center. This Fundraising Event will feature food, facts, and tours of the new tiny home village. Purchase tickets and join the fiesta! For more information, visit the Facebook page at <https://fb.me/e/1003eUPjE> or contact Amy Carpenter at [thvabqvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:thvabqvolunteers@gmail.com)

## 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:

### **First Presbyterian Church**

**215 Locust Street NE, Albuquerque, NM 87102**

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, and access our YouTube channel for videos and sermons.

## Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance enables congregations and mission partners of the PCUSA to witness the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crises and catastrophic events. Currently, PDA is responding to Hurricane Ida in the U.S., the August earthquake in Haiti, hurricanes throughout Central America, refugees in the Middle East, and so many more global communities in crisis. You can learn more and make donations online at [pda.pcusa.org](http://pda.pcusa.org). If you'd like to donate directly to FPC, please make checks payable to the church with "PDA response" written in the memo line.

## Peace and Global Witness Offering

Your gifts to the Peace and Global Witness Offering join Presbyterians worldwide to help people experience the freedom and dignity that Christ wants for everyone. Let us offer the peace of Christ at all times, in all ways. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot! Donate now at <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/PG999999/?appeal=GSO&package=PG-PCUSABan>

## 90+ Birthday Celebration Coming Soon

It's that special time of year, again! A time to celebrate our dearest church members who have reached and exceeded their 90th birthdays. This year, the celebration will take place on November 13th. If you know anyone who is 90 or older, and has been part of our church fellowship, please contact the church office at 505-764-2911 so we may include them in this momentous occasion!

# Albuquerque Young Adult Volunteer Program

ABQYAV Feature



## Emma - ABQYAV 2021-2022

“Hi everyone! My name is Emma Yoder. I was born and raised in rural Ohio, but for the past five years, I’ve been living in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Last May, I graduated from Eastern Mennonite University with a Bachelor of Arts in History and Sociology and have since been working as a waitress at a local diner. In my free time, I enjoy baking, embroidery, and playing games. As I look to this next year, I am excited to live in a different environment, with the potential for new experiences and knowledge that entails. I look forward to meeting you all in the near future.”

To support the group during their YAV year, visit the [abqyav.com/donate](https://abqyav.com/donate) page.

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## A Word from Our TGIF Group

“I would like to thank everyone who participated in our TGIF (thank God it’s friendship) Christmas in July Party. We had a lot of fun renewing old friendships and making new ones. At the celebration, we collected children’s clothing to donate to the Albuquerque Assistance League (AL). Friends brought over 100 pairs of children’s socks and underwear to support Operation School Bell with AL, and we can’t be more excited to help with this program. Thanks again for all the wonderful support and friendship!”

~ Dorothy Cole

P.S.—If you took pictures or have any comments about the party, please send them to [radb1@comcast.net](mailto:radb1@comcast.net)





The Presbytery’s Earth Care Team has become very concerned about the signs of a crumbling world environment. We see average global temperatures rising, extreme weather events such as hurricanes, droughts, floods, heat waves, forest fires increasing, and water availability decreasing in many areas. These are frightening and the recent U.N. report on climate change leaves no room for doubt that the human race has and is making a major contribution to these effects on our globe.

To make members of our Presbytery aware of all of this and how lifestyles can change to minimize our impacts, the Earth Care Team has planned three special Zoom programs for this coming fall. Each program will include time for question/comment with the presenter. And we hope you’ll note the dates on your calendars now.

First: **On Wednesday, September 22, at 7:00pm** Marlin Johnson, retired from the US Forest Service, will focus on the actions we each can take as individuals to reduce carbon emissions as well as minimize our individual impacts on God’s creation in other ways. What may seem modest contributions, can have a much greater impact when taken together.

*In addition to his career background in caring to forests, Marlin is widely read on many subjects relating to environmental degradation of our planet. Examples include the U.N. report on climate change and many other topics such as the impacts of fertilizers on water quality, living with reduced water availability as climate changes and soil erosion, and related productivity losses.*

The focus of this first Zoom program is personal actions each of us can take. You will need to register in order to receive the Zoom link. Here is a Zoom registration link for September 22nd:

<https://uso6web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIucOutqDIItEtcMIbRASWeojO3fMmPEfAdW>

Second: **On Wednesday, October 20 at 7:00pm**, Rev. Martha Sadongei, Pastor of Central Presbyterian Church in Phoenix, Arizona. She is a member of the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma (my father’s tribe) and reared in the Tohono O’odham values (my mother’s tribe). Martha will speak on EarthCare concerns from a Native American perspective. Among the questions to be addressed: What were the lessons your culture taught you about caring for the earth? What were the lessons the church taught you as you grew up? And...What are the lessons about earthcare you are teaching in your ministry today?

Third: **On Wednesday, November 17 at 7:00pm**: Our program will be led a member of the New Mexico Native American community and focus on the key EarthCare issues to the Native American community. Details to follow.