

First Presbyterian Church of Taos



We best serve Christ by loving all!



Words of Life

Church Newsletter

May - June 2017

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From our Pastor

Dear friends,

Happy Eastertide! I hope and pray that as we celebrate this season, each one of you is able to catch glimpses of Resurrection Joy in your daily lives.

During the call process that brought me here to be your pastor, I noticed a recurring theme in our conversations: a desire to expand the church's mission and get better in touch with the needs of the Taos community. Many of you have told me about this church's rich past, and just as many of you have told me that you believe that it has a rich future as well.

Our job now is to listen to the whispers of the Holy Spirit, trusting that God will guide us into that future, even as we seek to discern just what that future looks like.

I propose that the we start by looking inward. Our mission statement, "We best serve Christ by loving all!" is a wonderful theological statement. Called by God and claimed by Christ, we love *all* people, no exceptions. However, in order to do effective ministry, we're going to have to start to get specific. I invite all of us, in the days and weeks to come, to reflect on the following questions:

In this particular time and place, what does it mean to "love"?

In this particular time and place, who are some of the people included in "all"?

Don't worry about getting it right. We're not looking for the "right" answer; we're looking for God's answer for us today.

As we begin this process of discernment, I am reminded of a quote by author and theologian Frederick Buechner:

"The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet."

Friends, I am excited to explore those places with you, trusting that the God we know in Jesus Christ will faithfully lead us, together, through this journey.

Much peace to you all,
Rev. Ginna Bairby



Russian icon by Andrei Rublev (1360-1430) depicting the three visitors to Abraham and Sarah (Genesis 18).

Trinity Sunday

On Trinity Sunday we proclaim the mystery of our faith in the triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One-in-Three and Three-in-One.

The celebration of Trinity Sunday began among Western Christians in the 10th century and developed slowly until it was formally established on the Sunday after Pentecost by Pope John XXII (1316-1334).

Trinity Sunday, in a sense, synthesizes all we have celebrated over the past months which have centered on God's mighty acts: Christmas-Epiphany celebrating God's taking flesh and dwelling among us in Jesus Christ; Easter celebrating Christ's death and resurrection for us; Pentecost celebrating God the Holy Spirit becoming our Sanctifier, Guide, and Teacher. It is, therefore, a fitting transition to that part of the year when Sunday by Sunday the work of God among us is unfolded in a more general way.

Greetings!

I would like to thank everyone who has been helping the church getting our newsletter out, thank you for all the hard work. We are so close to have our website up and running and it will be a great way to find updates and everything you need to know about our church.

May God bring you a happy, warm summer and may this time of the year brings many good things to you and your family. Keep your good spirits closer to God everyday!

Mayra Burris
Church Administrator



Directory Update

Verify & Update Your Information

Do we have your correct information?

If you have recently changed you mailing address, email address, phone number etc. please let us know so we can update it in our Church Directory.

Communication is important; please let us stay connected with you.

Church Office: (575) 758-3124
Fax: (575) 758-1124
E-mail: Presbychurch@qwestoffice.net



Welcome
New Members



Sharon Vollstedt

Taos became my new home as of Sept. 30, 2016, a dream come true. I was born & raised in Northern California, a fifth generation Californian. My grandparents moved to Flagstaff, then to Gallup in the 50's, and that started my passion for Native American's, the southwest landscape, and the architecture in New Mexico. I have three children and eight grandchildren. My youngest lives in Colorado, and I look forward to camping with them this summer. Life is good. Looking for friends to go and see and do with.





Day of Pentecost Sunday, June 4 (Acts 2:1-41)

The Day of Pentecost marked a turning point in the early Christian church. Pentecost, a Jewish feast, was celebrated 50 days after Passover, and pilgrims had come to Jerusalem from all over the world to celebrate the event.

The 12 apostles were gathered together in a house when a terrific wind came from heaven and filled the place. They saw tongues that looked like fire, that separated and came down on each of them.

Immediately the apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit, who caused them to speak in tongues. The crowds of visitors were astonished because every pilgrim heard the apostles speaking to him or her in their own foreign language! Some accused the apostles of being drunk.

The Apostle Peter stood and addressed them, saying they were not drunk. It was only nine o'clock in the morning. Then, empowered by the Holy Spirit, Peter boldly preached the Gospel to them.

The crowd was so moved by Peter's message that they asked the apostles, "What shall we do?" (Acts 2:37).

Peter told them, to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. He promised that they would receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

They took the gospel message to heart. According to the Book of Acts, about 3,000 people were baptized and added to the fledgling Christian church on that Day of Pentecost.

Ascension of The Lord Thursday, May 25



Icon of the Ascension by the Russian painter Andrei Rublev (1360-1430).

The seven weeks of the Easter season include the festival of the Ascension of our Lord.

Throughout the earliest centuries of the church, every Sunday celebrated the festival of the paschal mystery: the passion–death–resurrection–ascension of Christ, the giving of the Spirit, and Christ's coming in glory at the end of time. Over the years, however, Christ's redeeming work was gradually separated into individual feasts on specific days. For instance, by the late fourth century, the Lord's ascension and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit were commemorated as two distinct aspects of Christ's redeeming work. Ascension Day's exaltation of Christ both looks back to Transfiguration and Easter and looks forward to Christ the King Sunday.

John Calvin's theology places great importance on the ascended and regnant Christ, so Ascension Day is in some ways the "Presbyterian feast day". Christ is Lord of the world and head of the church. Christ's ascension, therefore, concerns us not only with ecclesiastical matters but also with social and political ones. If Christ has ascended, then there are no other rulers — all others are merely pretenders. Christ reigns supreme.



Adult Sunday School

9:30 AM Sundays

Our class is studying the book *Parables, What Did Jesus Mean by That?* by William Barclay. Barclay brings to these "best-known stories in the world" new force and significance for the modern reader. Each chapter analyzes an individual parable--identifies its theme, explains it in the light of the language and customs of the ancient world, and clearly interprets its meaning for us today.

Join us at 9:30 in the back building for thought-provoking and lively discussion. For more information, call John Abeln at 758-0613.

Monthly Book Club

Readers Wanted!

Please join our monthly book club group. Interesting discussion, nice folks and good food. Meetings!

Thursday May 4th 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Thursday June 1st 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

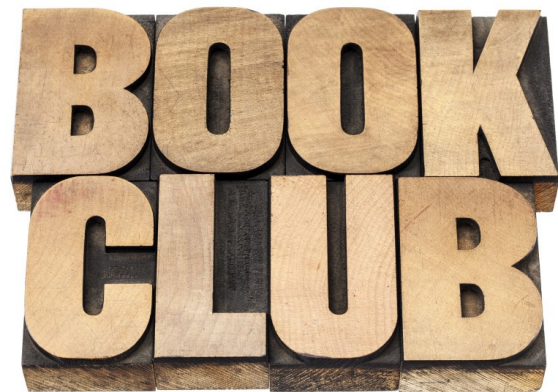
Book for May: *The Lost Days of Night* by Graham Moore

Book for June: *The Orchardist* by Amanda Coplin

Book for July: *House of Rain* by Craig Childs

Location: Back building meeting room (Lounge)

For more information contact (575) 758-3124



Knitting Group

With Marcia Kuska

The Knitting Group meets on the first and third Tuesday each month from 12 Noon until 2PM in my home. You do not have to knit (or crochet) to join us and are welcome to come for fellowship and a cup of coffee. Some of us knit, crochet, needlepoint, embroider and mend. In the past we have made scarves and prayer shawls. We have a few of these items completed and would welcome suggestions if you know of someone you would like to give one to. Just let us know.

If you have any questions or need directions you can call

Marcia Kuska

@ (575) 751-4855.





Women's Bible Study

Who is Jesus?: What a Difference a Lens Makes.

Tuesday, May 23

10:00 AM (Lounge)

LESSON 9: According to Contemporary Cultural Interpretations

Each of us who reads the New Testament is an interpreter of the text; how we interpret depends in part on our own identity. Not only does the context and perspective of the writers of the New Testament determine the answer to the question "Who is Jesus?", so does the context and perspective of the reader/interpreter.

Key scripture for this lesson: *Matthew 15:21-28*

This is the last session for the 2016-17 Women's Bible Study.

Please consider joining us again, starting in August, for

Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews,

as we explore the Book of Hebrews thematically.

PW/Horizons study books can be ordered by calling (800) 524-2612
or online at www.pcusa.org/store

For more information on next year's Women's Bible Study,
contact Joan Doolittle (575) 758-7095

Presbyterian Women News

Our annual Spring Rummage sale is right around the corner – Saturday, May 13th from 8:30 to noon. We will be setting up on Friday beginning at 9:30 in the back building. Please bring you sale items to the back building after 9:30 on Friday. There is no storage space to store items before then. We need lots of good clean clothes, household items and almost anything in good condition.

Gather up all the stuff you are not using! Someone needs it and can use it.

Our Bible Study group, "Who is Jesus: Lesson 9, According to Contemporary Cultural Interpretations", will meet May 23th at 10 o'clock. This will be our last meeting until fall.

We urge all women to join us for these activities.
Wishing you a great Summer and looking forward to a very special Fall.

Margaret Mactavish
Moderator





The Shared Table

The Shared Table began in 1994 as an outreach ministry of El Pueblito United Methodist Church. Several years ago we partnered with First Presbyterian and Ranchos Presbyterian Churches in an ecumenical effort to reach more people. We distribute food commodities, basic health-care items, school supplies, and other essentials twice a month, all year long -- on the

**2nd & 4th Wednesdays of
Each Month.
11:00 AM- 12 noon
in El Prado at El Pueblito Methodist Church
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM at
Ranchos Presbyterian Church.**



So, we reach folks in need on both ends of town on the same day.



A unique quotation is at the heart of our program - it was written down by Steve when he spoke to some 4th grade students years ago. A 4th grade girl spoke up & said, "I like the Shared Table, because you might not think you need anything, but you just might." Her words speak to what we all try to do together!

Steve.



Children on Communion Sunday

"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.'"
Mark 10:14

As you may have noticed, we are trying something new for our youngest worshippers on Communion Sunday (the first Sunday of the month). Since our Sunday school teachers take a well-deserved week off on Communion Sundays, we've set up some tables with books, toys, and art supplies in the coffee room next door to the sanctuary.

Children are invited to sit at these tables and worship however they wish; after all, who's to say that coloring and playing (quietly) aren't beautiful forms of worship? Children area also welcome to come forward and receive the Sacrament of Communion in the service.





RUMMAGE SALE

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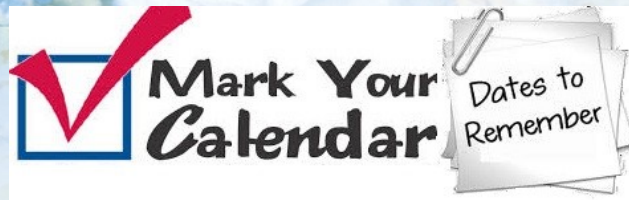


2017 First Presbyterian Church Vacation Bible School Let the Fun Begin!

Mark your calendars for 2017 Vacation Bible School to be held at our church beginning Monday, June 19th and concluding on Thursday, June 22nd. The theme is the *Maker's Fun Factory*, and fun is a guarantee!

Vacation Bible School is being offered to youth ages 4 (Pre-K) to finishing 5th grade. The youth and leaders from San Pedro Presbyterian Church of San Antonio, Texas are facilitating Vacation Bible School. Prayers have been answered for our church to sponsor a vacation Bible school for the youth of Taos. First Presbyterian will advertise the VBS in the Taos News and flyers around Taos. We are looking for helpers for registration, on-site assistants and more. If you would like to assist in *any way* please contact Patsy Wright or John Abeln, Christian Education Committee. The San Pedro youth and leaders will be staying at Loma Verde Camp. Part of the group will be staying back at the Camp to assist with grounds projects, another prayer answered!





**MATANZA FOR THE MONUMENT
SATURDAY, MAY 27 @ NOON**

This Memorial Day Weekend, Matanza for the Monument will be honor active military and veterans by remembering their sacrifices and work protecting public lands. Celebrate our public lands and those who have served our country in Rio Grande del Norte National Monument..

Taos Mesa Brewing
#20 ABC Mesa Road El Prado, NM
Email Andrew@NMWildelife.org



Free Drinks Free Food!



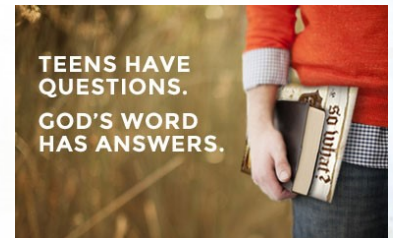
Youth Sunday School has begun!



Open to all teenagers and any pre-teens who “have sass”, as teacher Wolfgang Collins puts it.

Youth Sunday School meets during worship, at 11 AM on Sundays, in the back building. On the first Sundays of the month (Communion Sundays), youth will join us for worship in the Sanctuary.

Contact Wolfgang Collins for more information! (575) 770-1641

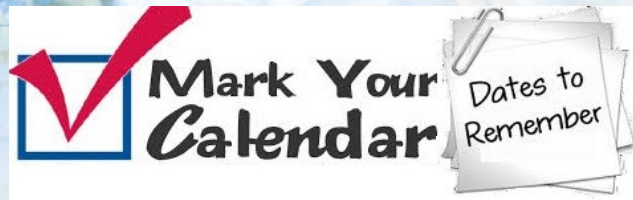


Rev. John Snider

The interment for Rev. John Snider will be held Friday, June 16th at 3 PM at the Santa Fe National Cemetery: 501 North Guadalupe Street, Santa Fe, NM 87507.

The funeral for Rev. John Snider will be held at 11 am on June 17th at the First Presbyterian Church in Taos, NM. 215 Paseo del Pueblo Norte, Taos, NM 87571. A “Celebration of Life luncheon hosted by the Presbyterian Women Taos First and Ranchos Presbyterian Church will follow at the Juan I. Gonzalez Agricultural Building on 202 Chamisa Road (next to the Sagebrush Inn). The funeral and luncheon in Taos are open to all, and we look forward to celebrating Rev. Snider’s life with any of you who are able to make it to Taos on the 17th.





Blessed be all mothers
Who have come into our lives
Whose kindness, care and loving
Remain with us to guide.

Your inspiration in us
Made us strive in every way
Especially to remember
Helping others makes our day.

God, bless all the fathers in the world.
Guide them to be good role models
and loving to all their children.
Help them to be a father like You are.
Give them grace and patience
to handle situations in a loving way.
Amen!



PRAYER REQUESTS
We are here to pray for you!



Jane & Hank Archuleta, Dulcie Romero, Gloria Mondragon, Don Bailey, Bill Harrison, David Boles, Dana Lesnett, Stephen Daniels, Virginia Laughlin and Eloi Mossman (stroke). Robbie Cargill & Family, Laura Skakti and the family of Rev. John Snider.

To add/remove a loved one from the prayer list, contact the Church Office at (575) 758-3124.
To place a name on the prayer chain, contact JoAnn Ortiz at joannortiz2002@yahoo.com.





Men's Breakfast
1st Thursday of Each Month
El Taoseño Restaurant 7:30 AM



Deacon's Meeting
2nd Sunday of Each Month
12:15 PM Lounge



Worship Committee
1st Wednesday of Each Month
4 PM Coffee Room



Communion Service
1st Sunday of Each Month
11 AM Service



Session Meeting
3rd Tuesday of Each Month
5 PM Lounge



Presbyterian Women
Does not meet in the summer



Property Committee
2nd Thursday of Each Month
9:30 AM Lounge



May

- 1th - Stephen Walker
- 2th - David Boles
- 3th - Elizabeth A Simmons
- 11th - Nancy Woodworth
Lawrence Frohlich
- 14th - Libby Johnson
- 20th - Travis Weber
- 23th - Ian Henderson
- 25th - Don Wallis
- 27th - Mikayla Gonzalez
Patrick McGinnis

June

- 1st - Hank Archuleta
Ashley Houser
- 3rd - Lovey Jo Supple
- 6th - John Abeln
- 11th - Blaine Rath
- 18th - Jan Waye
- 24th - Jeanne Cassidy

May

- 13th - Tom & Teresa Panza

June

- 5th - Cliff & Libby Johnson
- 16th - Richard & Gwen Oliver
- 23rd - Wolfgang & Jennifer Collins
Patrick & Jeanne Cassidy
- 28th - Jose & Roanna Carreño



May fairybox

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Knitting Group 12-2 PM Marcia K Home	3 Worship Committee 4 PM Coffee Room	4 Men's Breakfast 7:30 AM El Taoseño Book Club 5:30 PM Potluck 6:00 PM Fellowship Hall	5	6
7 4th Sunday of Easter Communion Service	8	9	10 Shared Table 2-3PM Ranchos Church	11 Property Committee 9:30 AM (Lounge)	12 Collection for Rummage Sale Begins! 9:30 am	13 PW Rummage Sale 8:30 to Noon
14 5th Sunday of Easter Mother's Day! Deacon's Meeting 12:15 PM (Lounge)	15	16 Knitting Group 12-2 PM Marcia K Home Session Meeting 5 PM (Lounge)	17	18	19	20
21 6th Sunday of Easter	22	23 PW Bible Study 10 AM Lounge	24 Shared Table 2-3 PM Ranchos Church	25 Ascension of The Lord Men's Homeless Shelter Meal	26	27 Matanza for the Monument NOON Taos Mesa Brewery
28 7th Sunday of Easter	29 Memorial Day!	30	31			





JUNE 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Men's Breakfast 7:30 AM El Taoseño Book Club 5:30 PM Potluck 6:00 PM Fellowship Hall	2	3
4 Day of Pentecost Communion Service	5	6 Knitting Group 12-2 PM Marcia K Home	7 Worship Committee 4PM (Coffee Room)	8 Property Committee 9:30 AM (Lounge)	9	10
11 Trinity Sunday Deacon's Meeting 12:15 PM (Lounge)	12	13	14 Shared Table 2-3 PM Ranchos Church	15	16	17 Rev. John Snider Memorial Service 11AM
18 2nd Sunday after Pentecost Father's Day!	19 Vacation Bible School! 8:30 AM - 12 NOON	20 Vacation Bible School! 8:30 AM - 12 NOON Knitting Group 12-2 PM Marcia K Home	21 Vacation Bible School! 8:30 AM - 12 NOON	22 Vacation Bible School! 8:30 AM - 12 NOON Men's Homeless Shelter Meal	23	24
25 3rd Sunday after Pentecost	26	27	28 Shared Table 2-3 PM Ranchos Church	29	30	





Trinity Sunday

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. John 16:13 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on John 16:12-15

The words below have been written in code. Use the hints in the decoder at the top of the page to help break the code (the letters on top are the correct answers, the letters on the bottom are the code). Write the correct word on the line provided beside each code word.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

1. 19-16-9-18-9-20 _____
2. 2-5-12-15-14-7 _____
3. 7-12-15-18-25 _____
4. 7-21-9-4-5 _____
5. 20-18-21-20-8 _____
6. 11-14-15-23-14 _____
7. 19-16-5-1-11 _____
8. 3-15-13-5 _____
9. 6-1-20-8-5-18 _____
10. 8-5-1-18-19 _____

SPIRIT	BELONG	GLORY	GUIDE	TRUTH
KNOWN	SPEAK	COME	FATHER	HEARS



The Day of Pentecost

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:4 (NIV)

Based on Acts 2:1-21



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SPEAK	LANGUAGE	PENTECOST	HEAVEN	BLOWING
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