



First Presbyterian Church of Taos

We best serve Christ by loving all!

Church Newsletter

September - October 2017

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From our Pastor

Dear Friends,

This month we begin what many of you have told is the most beautiful season in Taos: Fall. This is making me chuckle because this month in the church we also begin a new season – Stewardship Season – a time in church life that usually garners the most eye-rolling among members, elders, deacons, and pastors alike.

In church-speak, Stewardship Season is a period of time each year during we encourage one another to consider how we all can use our time, talents, and treasure to contribute to the life, ministry, and mission of the church. In regular-speak, it's that time of year when the church asks for your money.

But here's the thing: I'm actually really excited about Stewardship Season this year.

Sure, I may be crazy, or perhaps the altitude is finally getting to me. But I think it's something more like this: It feels good to invest ourselves – our time, our particular skills and talents, and yes, our money – in the things we are *excited* about. And I *am* really excited about the life, ministry, and mission of First Presbyterian Church of Taos. We are a blessed and historic church beginning a new chapter in this unique time and place. Because I'm excited about the church, I'm also excited to challenge myself to make a deeper financial commitment to this congregation.

And I don't think I'm the only person who is feeling this excitement. I don't think I'm the only one who finds herself looking around and sensing that the Holy Spirit is up to something in our midst. That God is at work in our congregation and our community and intends to use *us* as his hands and feet. The more time I spend here, the more wholeheartedly I believe that God has brought each of us to First Presbyterian Church of Taos “for just such a time as this.”

“Where your treasure is,” Jesus said, “there your heart will be also.” Friends, over these last eight months, I have seen how much heart and soul there is in our congregation. Let's continue to lay our treasure there and see what God has in store for us.

Much peace to you all,
Rev. Ginna Bairby





**“Here We Stand”:
A Prayer for Reformation Sunday**
By Abigail Carlisle-Wilke

Here we stand, Lord,
The people you have redeemed.
Here we stand, Lord,
Giving thanks to you for you are good.
We give thanks that your love lasts
forever.
We thank you that you free those who
are oppressed.

Here we stand knowing that it is you
We all can cry out for help in these
times of trouble.
We know that you will not only deliver
us but
That you will lead our way to where
we need to go.

Here we stand by the living water
That you set flowing for all.
We drink freely from your waters
That gratifies everyone who is thirsty.
And we thank you that you also
Give plenty to eat for those who are
hungry.

Here we stand with those who re-
formed the church so long ago
And with those who still are reforming
the church today.
Here we stand witnesses to your good
news for all.
Here we stand your servants, your fol-
lowers, your children.

*“Reformed and always being re-
formed, according to the
Word of God.”*



Greetings!

Hope you are enjoying the last month of this season, a few more months and we will be at the end of this year, time as gone so fast!. I would love to wish everyone who is their way to read this newsletter a great, wonderful new fall season of this year, with lots of health and happiness for you and your family. Please enjoy this newsletter!

Blessings!

Mayra Burris
Church Administrator



We are constantly updating our church directory, please make sure we have your correct information, so we can stay in contact with you.

You are welcome to visit our website to update your information.

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Presbyterian Women

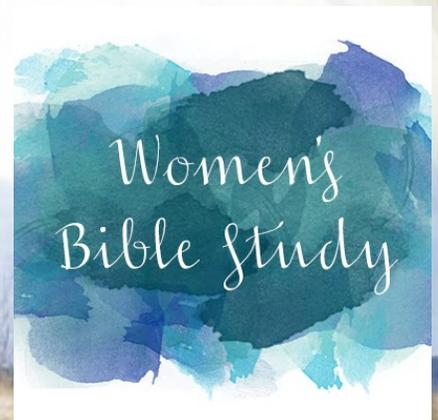


If you are part of a Presbyterian Church, you are considered a Presbyterian woman. The purpose of the PW group is to nurture our faith, support mission worldwide, work for peace and justice and build an inclusive, caring community of women. PW regularly meets on the second Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall of the church. ***The next meeting will be Thursday, September 14,*** when we will hear updates on our mission gift recipients. We hope to see you on September 14th. Please mark Friday and Saturday October 6 & 7, for our annual sale, which will not be “rummage” this year, but rather an estate sale of some of the belongings of the late Rev. John Snider.

Margaret Mactavish, Moderator

Women’s Bible Study

You are invited to join us for the
2017-18 Women’s Bible Study
CLOUD OF WITNESSES
The Community of Christ in Hebrews



We are following the *Horizons* study *Cloud of Witnesses*, a thematic look at the Book of Hebrews. The term “community” reminds us that in Jesus Christ we are strengthened and supported by God and those around us, and in turn, can do so for others. Meetings on 4th Tuesdays from 10:00 – 11:30 in the Lounge. The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 26. Study books (\$10.00) will be available at the meeting or ahead of time from Joan Doolittle.

Knitting Group



The Knitting Group meets on the first and third Tuesday each month from 12 Noon until 2PM in Marcia Kuska’s 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, needle-point, 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.





Children's Sunday School

Do you know someone who would like to join the multi-age Sunday School class? The class is open to any child between ages 4 and 11. We begin the church service in the pews with friends and family. After a spiritual gathering with Pastor Gina we leave the sanctuary and go to the Sunday School room. Our Sunday School room is located right outside the sanctuary close to the back door. We do not meet on the first Sunday of each month as we would like to join in with our church family for Communion.



Utilizing a PC(USA) multi-age curriculum we explore the grace of God through the stories of the Old and New Testament. Your children will be inspired to embrace the love of God through pictures, songs, activities and more!

Questions? Call Patsy Wright, Multi-Age Sunday School leader at (575) 758-4648 or (865) 660-2290



“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

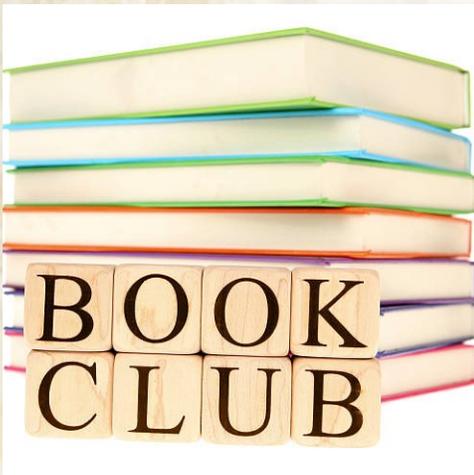


Children on Communion Sunday

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.

Monthly Book Club Readers Wanted!



Please join our monthly Book Club.
Interesting discussion, nice folks, and good food.
Meetings:

Thursday September 7th 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Thursday October 5th 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Book for August: **Girl in Disguise** by Greer Macallister

Book for October: **The Miracle of Dunkirk, The True Story of Operation Dynamo**, by Walter Lord

Our potluck dinner starts at 5:30 with discussion beginning at 6 pm.
Bring a dish to share. Everyone is welcome!

Location: First Presbyterian Church, (next to Kit Carson Park)
215 Paseo del Pueblo Norte. (Back Building)

For additional information call: 575-758-3124

Adult Sunday School

A Life of Martin Luther
by Roland H. Bainton

The Adult Bible Class will start the Martin Luther Series on September 24. We are using the book by Professor Roland H. Bainton, called *A Life of Martin Luther*. He was the Titus Street Professor of Ecclesiastical History at Yale Divinity School.

In the 16th Century, Martin Luther was a German monk whose protest against some of the doctrines of the Catholic Church led to the Protestant Reformation. Through Bainton's book, he brings to life Luther by carefully unfolding historical events which led up to the reformation and events that helped to shape Luther's thinking during and following the Reformation. The book begins with Luther's vow to become a monk during a thunderstorm in 1505, in order to save his soul, but he soon concluded more was needed. Luther felt the need to become perfect in order to obtain justification with God, and this quest defined Luther for the better part of his life.

Mr. Bainton was born in Ilkeston, Derbyshire, England and came to the United States in 1902.

This is the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's protest, so it is also a timely class to learn and reflect what the Reformation means to us. Join us at the Adult Bible Class on Sunday at 9:30am in the back building at the First Presbyterian Church. Call John Abeln @ 575-758-0613 for questions.



The Shared Table



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.



SHARED TABLE SUNDAYS

On the first Sunday of each month, we come to the Table together for Communion. On those Sundays, you are especially invited to bring non-perishable food items for Shared Table, as a symbol of our community with others. Please double check “use by” dates on the food items. Items may be set by the Communion table prior to worship or during the offering time. Please, NOT during the sacrament time.

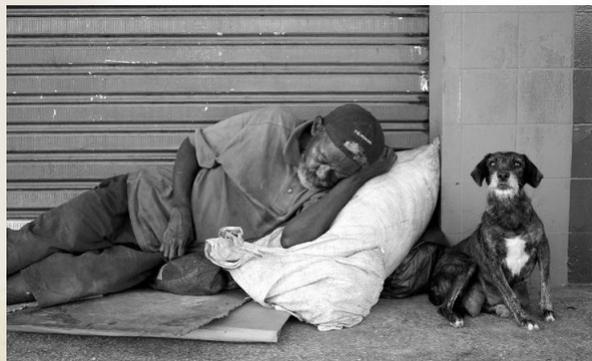
Other Sundays, items may be brought and put in the designated baskets just inside the coffee fellowship area, or brought to the church office during office hours.

The Men's Shelter Meal

Taos Men's Shelter serves homeless men in need and is the only men's shelter in Northern New Mexico. Over one third of shelter funding comes from the generous support of local citizens and businesses.

If you would like to help please find the sign up sheet at the Sanctuary, the next meal will be on September 28th , 2017.

For more information please contact Lori Weber at (575) 770-1546



Save the Dates

PROTESTANT REFORMATION 500TH ANNIVERSARY

1517 – 2017



Protestant Reformation

Mark your calendars for a special worship service on Sunday, October 29.

This year is the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Come celebrate our Presbyterian heritage and the role our church has played (and is continuing to play) in the reformation of our faith. In the best Presbyterian tradition we will be having a bagpiper playing before, during, and after the Service. Hope to see you there!”

Loma Verde Camp

Loma Verde Camp needs to run a new electrical line from the Dining Hall to the Boys Dormitory to replace an old and not-to-code existing electrical line. This line will be about 350 feet. We need help for Friday Oct 6th thru Tuesday Oct 10th (this is the Columbus Day weekend).

The tasks include trenching, assisting the trencher by removing rocks and some shoveling, hand digging some line through tree roots, running electrical line through the trench and connecting line to the electrical boxes that will be underground. Camp Loma Verde is hiring someone to provide about half of the trenching labor, but we need able bodies to accomplish the trenching. We need to schedule 3 people every half day for the 5 days so that we don't physically damage any of our volunteers. This means we need a large volunteer force! Please help us!

Plans are to work 8:30-12:30 and 1:00-5:00

Sunday the schedule will be more like 11:00 - 1:30 and 2:00 - 5:00.

If you are concerned about a 4 hour shift, Sunday might be a good option.

Snacks and lunch will be provided!

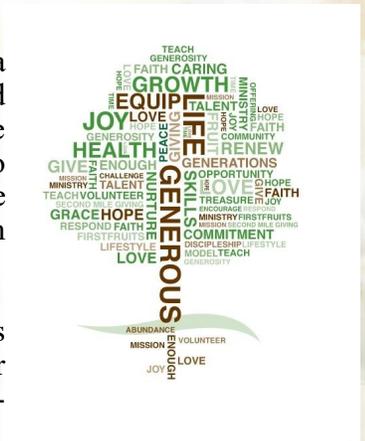
Please contact Dave Doolittle (530) 713-1729



stewardship

2018 First Presbyterian Stewardship and Commitment

Greetings, members of First Presbyterian. The Stewardship Committee - Sondra Philips, Gary Wright, Michael Rollheiser, John Abeln, and Ginna Bairby- has started to work on the 2018 Stewardship Campaign. We brainstormed on ideas for the theme and what should be the church's goals, which was very motivated. We also started to create a list of the 'joys' and 'accomplishments' during 2017, which were numerous. So, in the next few weeks, we will be firming up our ideas, present them to Session, and have more information sent out to our members.



Look at what is important in your life and the church's life and pray for the Spirit to continue to bless us. Our work in Taos is important, and impactful for our members and the community. Blessings.

Estate Sale

Friday and Saturday, October 6 & 7

PW will be hosting an Estate Sale of the items given us by the late Reverend Snider's family in October in lieu of our usual fall rummage sale.

The sale will take place on Saturday, the 7th of October. We will need help the week of the sale, opening boxes, and sorting and moving items from the storage units (behind Baskin Robbins) to the church prior to the sale.

We will have a sign up sheet for those who would like to assist us. More information to follow.





WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
October 1st, 2017

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. World Communion Sunday is a gift of the Presbyterian Church to the larger ecumenical church. The first celebration occurred at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1933, where Rev. Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr served as pastor.

Kerr first conceived the notion of World Communion Sunday during his year as moderator of the General Assembly (1930). It began as an attempt to bring churches together in a service of Christian unity—in which everyone might receive both inspiration and information, and above all, to know how important the Church of Jesus Christ is, and how each congregation is interconnected one with another.

Rev. Dr. Kerr described how the idea of World Communion Sunday spread from that first service to the worldwide practice of today:

“The concept spread very slowly at the start. People did not give it a whole lot of thought. It was during the Second World War that the spirit caught hold, because we were trying to hold the world together. World Wide Communion symbolized the effort to hold things together, in a spiritual sense. It emphasized that we are one in the Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

Celebration of World Wide Communion Sunday was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church (US) in 1936. Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world, demonstrating how, in a world increasingly destabilized by globalization and global market economies based on greed, the church founded on Jesus Christ continues to peacefully share in the abundance of God-given goods.

From: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/special-days-and-emphases/world-communion-sunday/>



Sunday, October 15!

Come share a meal with your church family after worship on Sunday, October 15!
Bring a dish to share, and enjoy some time in table fellowship with one another.

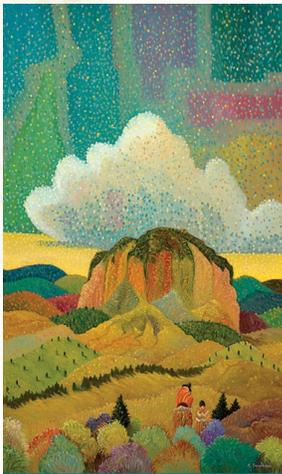
For more information, contact Yolanda Padilla or Blaine Rath.



First Presbyterian at the Fall Arts Festival!

This year, Taos First Presbyterian will participate in the Fall Arts Festival (September 29 - October 1, 2017) by opening our building for an art and craft fair and gallery. All are invited to participate, and all mediums are welcome. Along with displaying work by members of First Presbyterian Church, this year there will be a children's art space and an interactive station where you all may give expression to your creative nature.

Contact Blaine Rath (310) 256 - 2107 for more information!
You can also submit your art online at FirstPresbyterianTaos.com



Prayer REQUEST

we want to stand with you

Jane & Hank Archuleta, Dulcie Romero, Gloria Mondragon, David Boles,
Elói Mossman, Armani Abeln, Mike Pacheco, the Cardenas family & the family of Bill Harrison.

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 Joan Doolittle at jddoolittle@kitcarson.net





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
2 PM Coffee Room



Communion Service
1st Sunday of Each Month
11 AM Service



Session Meeting
3rd Tuesday of Each Month
5 PM Lounge



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



Presbyterian Women
2nd Thursday of each month
10 AM Back Building



- 6th - Merlin Randall
- 11th - Jr. Quinnette
- 25th - Virginia Bairby
- 26th - Gary Wright
- 27th - Richard Oliver
- 28th - Diane Marie Seiler,
Richard Fagan



- 2nd - Craig & Michelle Simmons
- 4th - Jerry & Virginia Laughlin
- 12th - Bill & Cat Thompson
- 14th - Jerry & Becky Moody
- 17th - Gary & Patsy Wright
- 22nd - Robert & JoAnn Ortiz



- 7th - Donna Fagan
- 11th - Caroline Baucus
- 12th - Sondra Phillips
- 16th - Jose Carreño.
- Colin McFadyen
- 24th - Jake Mossman ,
- Olivia Fulton
- Sheron Vollsteadt
- 26th - JoAnn Ortiz,
- Virginia Laughlin
- 29th - Kyle Mossman



- 1st - John & Prudence Abeln
- 18th - Justin & Patricia Nylund



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3 Communion Sunday Deacon's Meeting 12:15 PM (Lounge)	4 Labor Day	5 Knitting Group 12-2 PM Marcia K Home	6	7 Men's Breakfast 7:30 AM El Taoseño Book Club 5:30 PM Potluck 6:00 PM Fellowship Hall	8	9
10	11	12	13 Shared Table 2-3PM Ranchos Church	14 PW Meeting 10 AM Back Building	15	16 Habitat for Humanity Faith Build 9 am -3PM
17	18	19 Knitting Group 12-2 PM Marcia K Home Session Meeting 5 PM (Lounge)	20	21 International Day of Peace 	22 Autumn Begins! 	23
24	25	26 PW Bible Study 10 AM (Lounge)	27 Shared Table 2-3 PM Ranchos Church	28 Men's Shelter Meal	29 	30 



october



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1  Communion Sunday	2	3 Knitting Group 12-2 PM Marcia K Home	4 Worship Committee 2PM Coffee Room	5 Men's Breakfast 7:30 AM El Taoseño Restaurant Book Club 5:30 PM Potluck 6:00 PM	6 Loma Verde Work Day	7  Loma Verde Work Day
8 Deacon's Meeting 12:15 PM (Lounge) Loma Verde Work Day	9 Loma Verde Work Day	10 Loma Verde Work Day	11 Shared Table 2-3 PM Ranchos Church	12 Property Committee 9:30 AM Lounge PW Meeting 10 AM Back Building	13	14
15 Fall Potluck Lunch after Church	16	17 Knitting Group 12-2 PM Marcia K Home Session Meeting 5 PM Lounge	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 PW Bible Study 10 AM Lounge	25 Shared Table 2-3 PM Ranchos Church	26	27	28
29  Reformation Sunday Worship	30	31				

The Lost Sheep

"Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?" Luke 15:4 (NIV)

Based on Luke 15:1-7



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HUNDRED	HEAVEN	FOUND	PARABLE	SINNER
ONE	LOST	REPENT	FRIENDS	REJOICE

Love One another

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. John 15:12 (NIV)

Based on John 15:9-17 (NIV)



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FRIENDS	OBEY	LOVE	FRUIT
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