

JANUARY - FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER 2018

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF TAOS

We best serve Christ by loving all!



"Now the Work of Christmas Begins"

BY HOWARD THURMAN

“When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuilt the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.



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From our Pastor

REV. VIRGINIA BAIRBY

Dear Friends,

Greetings in this new year! I am finding it hard to believe that we are entering our second year together. On one hand, I feel like I just arrived a few months ago, and on the other hand, I feel like I've been here forever! Time has a funny way of expanding and shrinking like that...

As Christians, we live between two different conceptions of time. Like everybody else, we live according to the secular calendar, a linear form of time, where the days and years keep marching on. We observe holidays like Thanksgiving, Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, etc.

At the same time, we who follow Jesus Christ also live according to the liturgical calendar, a cyclical measuring of time, in which year after year we remember those places where, through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God has broken into human history. We prepare during Advent; we welcome Christ at Christmas; we repent during Lent; we rejoice at Easter.

Friends, 2018 promises to be a fascinating year because in the season before us, these two calendars are converging in a way that is both poignant and humorous. This year, for the first time since 1945, Ash Wednesday will fall on Valentine's Day, and Easter Sunday will take place – no joke! – on April Fool's Day!

Now, I'm pretty sure Hallmark is not going to take me up on my suggestion of a line of Ash Wednesday themed valentines ("Honey, you are dust, and to dust you shall return!"), but I do think there is some beautiful theological truth to the joining of Easter and April Fool's Day. It makes me think of the words of the Apostle Paul in his First Letter to the Corinthians, "O Grave, where is thy victory? O Death, where is thy sting?" It looks like the joke is on death, for every time we celebrate Easter, we remember that light and life and love win.

During the season of Lent, we repent, and we mourn, and we ready ourselves for the joy of Easter. I invite you to join us in worship this Lent as we reflect with Scripture on the theme of covenants: the promises God has made to our ancestors in the past and the new promises God still makes to us today. Join us at 5 PM on Wednesday, February 14 for Ash Wednesday Vespers (bring your candy hearts if you so desire!) and again for 11 AM Worship on Sunday, February 18 – the First Sunday of Lent – as we employ some creative ways to dream of and write our own covenants and hopes for what God might do in our midst this year.

As always, I continue to enjoy walking with you on the journey.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Ginna Bairby



Greetings!

BY MAYRA BURRIS

Welcome to our January - February Newsletter. Hope your holidays were full of happiness and memories. I would like to wish everyone a great New Year to you and your family, hope this 2018 is full of great things for you and your love ones.

CHURCH DIRECTORY



If your information has recently changed, please let us know so we can update it in our church directory

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Nature is the
glass reflecting
God, as by the
sea reflected is
the sun, too
glorious to be
gazed on in his
sphere.

BRIGHAM YOUNG

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PW Women

BY MARGARET MACTAVISH

The Women's Missionary Society's Annual Valentine's Dinner: Will be held on Friday, February 9th at the El Monte Sagrado beginning at 6:00 PM with dinner served at 6:30 PM.

Please return completed form along with your check by February 4th. Make check payable to "Women's Missionary Society" The dinner is open to all members, non-members, friends and their guest of both Ranchos & Taos First Presbyterian Churches.

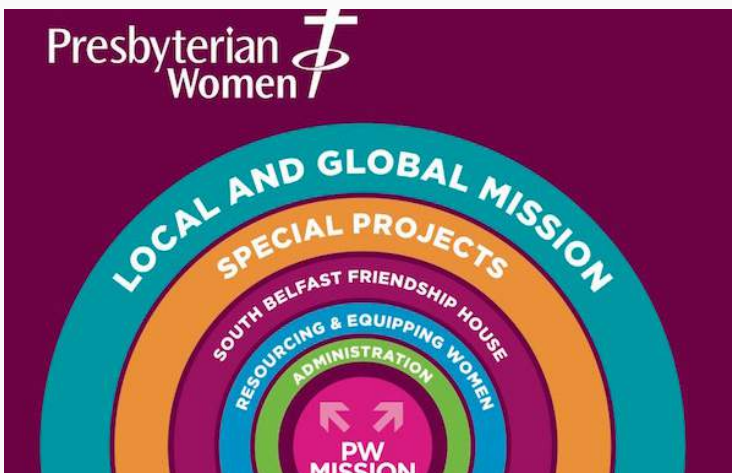
If you have any question contact Sadie Boyer who is coordinating this event at (575) 224-2932 or (575) 770-0993

This will be our February meeting. Plan now to attend and bring your significant other.

PW will lead worship on Sunday, March 11th. Make sure you join us for this special service

Nurture Faith
Support Mission
Work for Justice and Peace
Build Community
Develop Leaders

PW WOMEN





Women's Bible Study

CLOUD OF WITNESS

Any interested women are welcome to participate. The group meets on fourth Tuesdays, from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at the church. The facilitator is Joan Doolittle.

The next meeting will be January 23, to discuss Lesson 5: In Community with Traditions of the Past. Presbyterians are all about tradition. Imagine a church without tradition! The Book of Confessions holds stories of tradition, nearly all written in times of trouble or chaos.

Our newest Confession is the Confession of Belhar, written in the 1980's in South Africa. What can a 21st Century congregation learn from South African churches under apartheid, several decades ago? Come and let's talk about it.



Coming on February 27:

Lesson 6: In Community with the Reality of the Present. Suffering and joy are constants, part of the human condition. Community means standing together in the midst of troubled times.

In joy or in a struggle, we find and share love and support within the community of faith. Does suffering ever have a purpose? So, what's to be done about suffering? Come and let's figure that out.

Adult Sunday School

BY JOHN ABELN

The way Jesus acts in the Gospels shows he is not like us, that he has higher rights and powers, that he has the authority. But he tells us to act as the last, not the first.

This class will explore the Gospels and dig into What Jesus Meant. Garry Wills has a doctorate in the classics and taught Greek for many years at Johns Hopkins University.

He is now a professor of History Emeritus at Northwestern University. Join us at 9:30 on Sundays, in the back building.

If you have any questions, contact John Abeln at (575) 758-0613.



Book Club

Meets the first Thursday of every month.

We meet in the back building at 5:30 PM for a potluck. or if you need to skip the potluck please join the lively discussion at 6:00 PM!

Book for January is:
Behold the Dreamers,
by Imbolo Mbue

Meeting:

Thursday, January 4th, 2018 at 5:30 PM

Book for February is:
Time and Again
by Jack Finney

Meeting:

Thursday, February 8th, 2018 at 5:30 PM

For more information, contact the church office at
(575) 758-3124.



Knitting Group

BY MARCIA KUSKA

The Knitting Group meets on the first and third Tuesday each month from 12 Noon until 2 PM 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, needlepoint, embroidery, 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 at (575) 751-4855.



Come Sing with Us

BY DICK OLIVER

Join us the first Sunday of every month at 10:15 AM in the Sanctuary for a short, casual choir rehearsal.

Dan Lizdas will lead us practicing hymns and songs to sing in worship.

No grand musical talent required, just a love for music and for worshiping God!

Contact Dick Oliver (575-751-1469) for more information.



Children's Sunday School

BY PATSY WRIGHT

We began the Fall series of the PCUSA multi-age curriculum which includes new and lively songs. The class already has a favorite song.

A special thank you to Susan Houser for filling in. If your child is age 4 and up, please bring them to Sunday School to join the fun!

Children's Sunday School does not meet the first Sunday of each month so we can join in Communion.



Youth Group News

Mission Learning Opportunity at Camp Loma Verde
June 3-9, 2018

The Presbytery of Santa Fe is excited to invite middle and high school youth to this opportunity to engage in service projects at Camp Loma Verde and explore the history and ministry of Presbyterian Churches in Northern New Mexico.

Stay tuned for more information and contact Rev. Bairby if you are interested!



THE SHARED TABLE

BY STEVE WIARD

2nd & 4th Wednesdays
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

BY LORIE WEBER

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 January 25th, 2018 and February 22nd, 2018

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



THE DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY

Dinner and a Movie
January 31st at 6 PM



The Taos Interfaith/Intercultural Alliance will present the film:
“The Doctrine of Discovery - Unmasking The Domination Code”
on Wednesday, January 31 at 6 pm
at St. James Episcopal Church.



See a trailer at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KNoyRzmNj7Y>

On-site childcare will be provided.

RSVP today!

Burritos from Leonel’s (meat or beans & rice)
free with an RSVP.

RSVP with your burrito preference to
Rev. Bairby (pastorginnabiarby@gmail.com)
or to Mary Gray at mcphailconsulting@gmail.com.

ASH WEDNESDAY VESPERS

Wednesday, February 14th at 5 PM

Join us the evening of Ash Wednesday for
a 30-minute contemplative service of
Scripture, prayer, and music from the Taize
Community in France.

Worshippers can choose to come forward
for anointment with ashes or personal
prayer if they wish.

Light refreshments to follow.





A CHANGE IS GONNA COME

Old Promises for a New Day
Sunday, February 18th, at 1 PM

Special Worship Service for the First Sunday of Lent:

The Prophet Jeremiah tells us that just as God made covenants with our ancestors, the day is coming when God will make a new covenant with us, a promise written upon our hearts.

Join us for Lent as we remember God's faithful promises in ages past and dream of the promises we hope to see in 2018.

JICARITA CLUSTER GATHERING IN DIXON

Saturday, March 10th, 11 AM to 2 PM

Join Rev. Bairby and other Presbyterians in Northern New Mexico for a time of worship, learning, food, and fellowship!

We will meet at Mission Embudo in downtown Dixon for a fun-and-faith-filled gathering based on God's promise in Isaiah 43:19: "I am about to do a new thing: now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"

Come to see old friends, make new ones, and envision the 'new thing' God is doing in our churches.

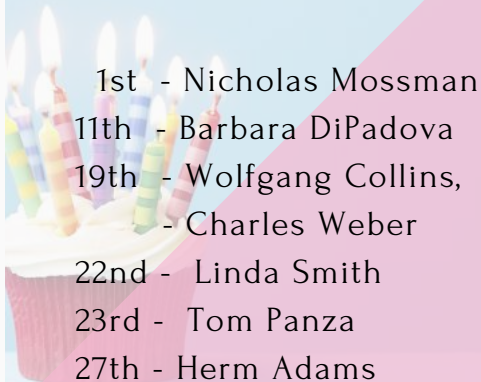
Contact Rev. Bairby for carpooling, directions, and more information!



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

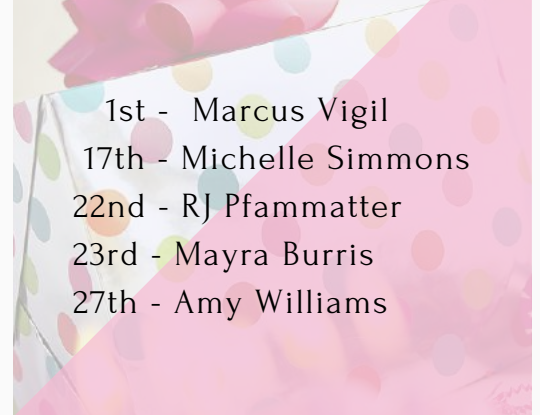
BY MAYRA BURRIS

JANUARY



1st - Nicholas Mossman
11th - Barbara DiPadova
19th - Wolfgang Collins,
- Charles Weber
22nd - Linda Smith
23rd - Tom Panza
27th - Herm Adams

FEBRUARY



1st - Marcus Vigil
17th - Michelle Simmons
22nd - RJ Pfammatter
23rd - Mayra Burris
27th - Amy Williams

JANUARY



1st - Gilda Gant & Don Wallis

PRAYER REQUEST

BY JOANN DOOLITTLE & GWEN OLIVER

JANE & HANK ARCHULETA,
DULCIE ROMERO,
DAVID BOLES,
ELOI MOSSMAN,
WOLFGANG COLLINS.

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 jddoolittle2@gmail.com or Gwen Oliver at rgoliver1409@msn.com





2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Worship Committee 4 PM Coffee Room	4 Men's Breakfast 7:30 AM Taoseno Book Club 5:30 Potluck Fundraising Concert	5	6
7 Communion Sunday	8	9	10 The Shared Table 2-3 PM Ranchos Church	11 Property Committee 9:30 AM	12	13
14 Deacon's Meeting 12:15 PM Mission Meeting 10 AM	15	16 Session Meeting 5 PM (Lounge)	17	18 PW Meeting Noon	19	20
21 Annual Congregational Meeting & Potluck	22	23 PW Bible Study 10 AM (Lounge)	24 The Shared Table 2-3 PM Ranchos Church	25 Men's Shelter Meal 6 PM	26	27 Memorial Service 2 PM Justin Moore
28	29	30	31 Dinner & Movie 6 PM St. James Episcopal			



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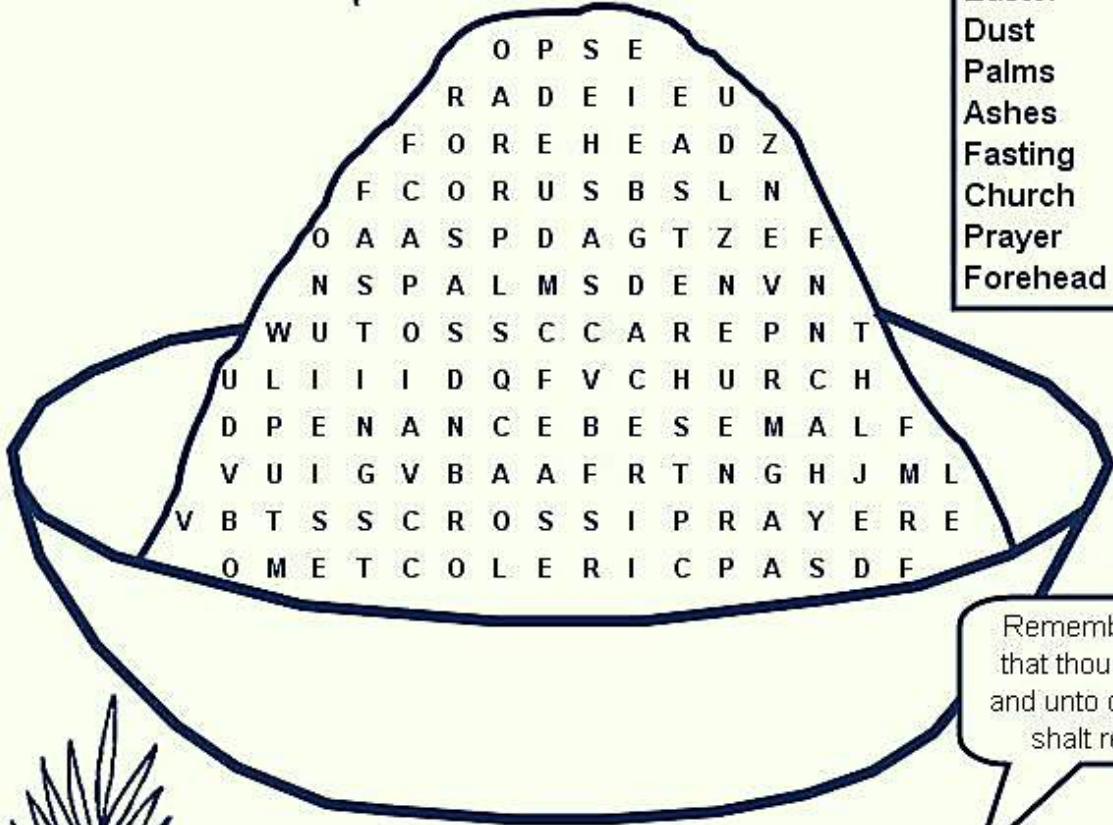
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Ash Wednesday

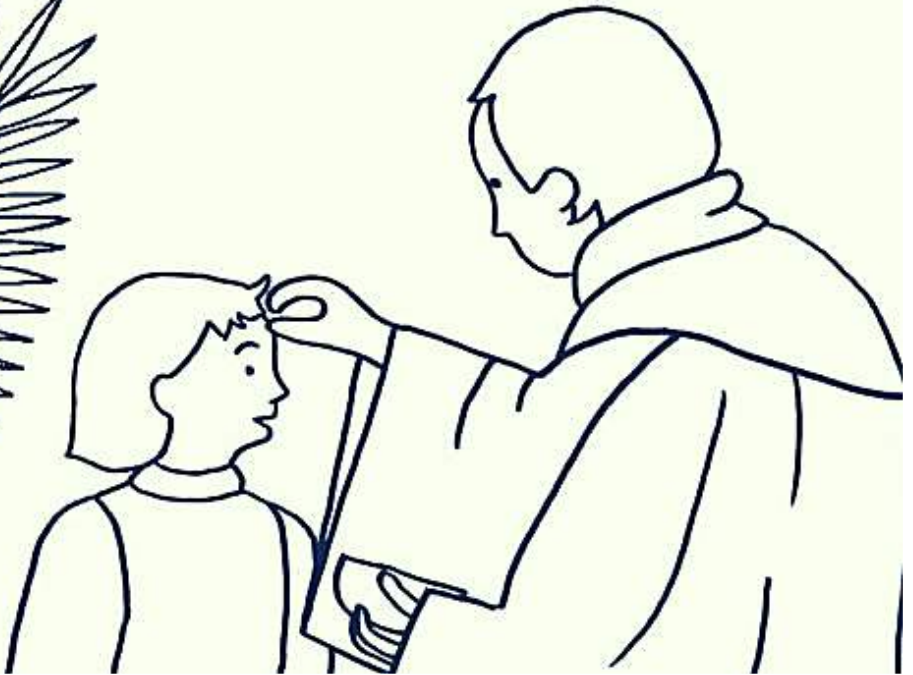
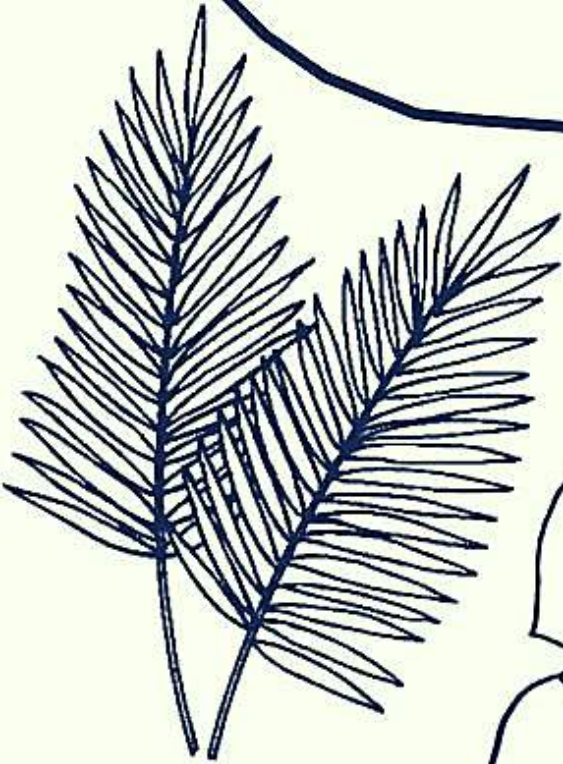


Find these hidden words and circle them in the puzzle below.



- Cross
- Lent
- Rite
- Penance
- Easter
- Dust
- Palms
- Ashes
- Fasting
- Church
- Prayer
- Forehead

Remember man that thou art dust and unto dust thou shalt return!





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