



Sharing the Love of Christ
First United Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)
PO Box 37
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OCTOBER 2024

GUEST PREACHERS THIS FALL



Preachers and worship leaders for October 20-27:

10-20 Kent Reid WL Richard Lindeborg with Vocal Choir
10-27 Rod Billingsley WL Deb Allen-Reid with Bell Choir

Preachers and worship leaders for November are:

11-3 Rev. Sara Armstrong from Raton WL Karyl Lyne
11-10 Rev. San Williams from Santa Fe WL Judi Ruprecht with Vocal Choir
11-17 Rev. Lynne West from Santa Fe WL Linda Solyntjes with Bell Choir
11-24 TBD WL Van Swan

Preachers and worship leaders for December are:

(Advent begins Dec. 1 and ends Christmas Eve)

12-1 TBD WL Corky Halverson with Vocal Choir
12-8 TBD WL Maria Weinrich
12-15 TBD WL Pat Halverson
12-22 Brett Gilland & Linda Solyntjes WL Carol Linder
12-29 TBD WL Sharon Vander Meer



Balloon Fiesta 2024

UPDATE FROM DEACONS

Pot Luck – All are invited to **potluck lunch** after the worship service on **Sunday, October 27th**. Please bring a dish (salad, hot dish, or dessert) to contribute. The Deacons will provide beverages. We are looking forward to enjoying the fellowship that sharing a meal can provide.

WHAT IS CIRCLE OF CARE?

Fear of falling is one of the biggest concerns for those who live alone. The secondary concern is that you will not be able to reach out for help because of an injury. Circle of Care reinforces our connection as a church family by pairing the vulnerable among us through daily contact by phone. If you can't be reached, your caller will phone an emergency contact that you designate who will have access to your home or be able to verify that you are safe.

If you wish to be a participant – as someone who would like to be called or as a caller – please contact Sharon Vander Meer or Bonnie Trujillo so you are included in the Circle of Care.

Sign up forms will be available following worship for the next few weeks. This is a means of getting needed information: phone number, backup plan if you can't be reached, and a preferred time to be called.

If you have questions, email fsvandermeer@gmail.com.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION UPDATE

In July of 2024 our food distribution team began to distribute TEFAP food, better known as Commodities along with our regular household food. TEFAP stands for “the emergency food assistance program”. I definitely was not a willing participant, but I was reassured this would bring more food to our Community. TEFAP food is given to The Food Depot by the government and our regular household food is purchased or donated to the food depot. Our team leaders have had much paperwork and training in getting this commodity food to our community. Ten volunteers have taken Civil Rights training and are now qualified to register households. We have had a few bumps in the road with household families not wanting to give personal information. Some volunteers have been verbally abused by some individuals being upset with registration.

Crystal Western Ford (co-team leader), Mary Shaw (prepares our spreadsheet) and myself met with The Food Depot employees a couple of weeks ago to express our concerns. I will have to say our concerns were actually more than I am wanting to share. We expressed our concerns and our desire to withdraw from the commodity food. Unfortunately, we have been told that is not possible. If we are not a willing party with commodities, then The Food Depot will take the lead on our distribution. After our meeting, Crystal, Mary and myself decided we would continue with our leadership until January 2025 and at that point evaluate how this distribution is progressing.

We are still the biggest food distribution in the northeast region of our state distributing to an average of 430 households. Our volunteers do a fantastic job and always show up with a happy attitude. Rain or shine, snow, hail and wind we are there. It is taking between 18 and 22 volunteers to distribute the food brought in. Thanks again to our dedicated volunteers.



NEW CLASS SERIES: A SPIRITUALITY FOR THE TWO HALVES OF LIFE

The Sunday morning bible-based class for youth and adults will begin a new discussion series on October 20, based on the book *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life* by Richard Rohr. The series will break for Advent and resume in January.

The publisher says “Most of us tend to think of the second half of life in chronological terms, but this book proposes a different paradigm. Spiritual maturity is found "when we begin to pay attention and seek integrity" through a shift from our "outer task" to the "inner task." What looks like falling down can be experienced as falling upward—and is not necessarily connected with aging. [Rohr] focuses on practical guidance that you can use to live a life of love and meaning in a world of suffering and challenge. Falling Upward is an invitation to living the gospel and a call to ongoing transformation. Readers may:

- “Gain a spiritual perspective on the "the common sequencing, staging, and direction of life's arc" and learn how to bring forth your gifts in the second half of life
- “Grapple with difficult feelings, fears, and emotions associated with "great love and great suffering" “Learn how we "grow spiritually much more by doing it wrong than by doing it right" Understand why so many of us resist falling into the second half of life.”

Fr. Richard Rohr is a globally recognized ecumenical teacher bearing witness to the universal awakening within Christian mysticism and the Perennial Tradition. He is a Franciscan priest of the New Mexico Province and founder of the Center for Action and Contemplation. Rohr is author of numerous books, including *Everything Belongs*, *Adam's Return*, *The Naked Now*, *Breathing Under Water*, *Immortal Diamond*, and *Eager to Love*.

The class will discuss the first edition of this book, the 2011 hardbound edition (or its paperback printing) published by Jossey-Bass. (The Dust Jacket features two chairs and a table. Watch out not to buy the companion journal, which has the same cover.) This edition is available from Amazon in good condition for as little as \$2.18 plus shipping. \$1.19 from Alibris.com and \$5.09 from Abebooks.com. Richard Lindeborg can order a copy from Amazon delivered to your address without shipping charge.

Classes are at 8:45 a.m. Sundays in the Session Room, next to the kitchen in Perea Hall and on Zoom on the same link as the Sunday Worship Service.

Reading Assignments:

October 20 The Invitation to a Further Journey and Introduction pp vii – xxxvii
 October 27 Chapters 1 and 2, pp. 1-24
 November 3 Chapters 3 and 4, 25-64
 November 10 Chapters 5 and 6, pp. 65-86
 November 17 Chapters 7 and 8, pp. 87-104
 November 24 Chapters 9 and 10, pp. 105-126
 Break for Advent and Christmas
 January 13 Chapters 11 and 12, pp. 127-153
 January 20
 Chapter 13 and Coda pp. 153-168

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ADVENT STUDY: ANTICIPATING, NOT FEARING

During Advent 2024 the Sunday morning bible-based class for youth and adults will discuss the book *Do Not Be Afraid: The Joy of Waiting in a Time of Fear: The Archbishop of York's Advent Book* by Rachel Mann.

It may seem unlikely when you're stuck on a train, or nervously anticipating hospital treatment, or simply fearful of an uncertain future, that there is treasure to be found in the waiting. Yet the Psalmist says, "I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry."

The book will be released on Oct. 22 and is available in paperback on Amazon for preorder at \$14.95 plus shipping. Richard Lindeborg can order a copy sent directly to your home with no shipping charge. Classes are at 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. in the Session room next to the kitchen in Perea Hall and on Zoom at the same address as the worship service.

Reading Assignments

December 1 – WEEK 1: The joy of waiting

- Monday: Waiting for insight: Connected
- Tuesday: Waiting in isolation with others
- Wednesday: Waiting to slow down
- Thursday: Waiting on the word
- Friday: Waiting for the privileged to catch up
- Saturday: What is shown in waiting

December 8 WEEK 2: The discomfort of waiting

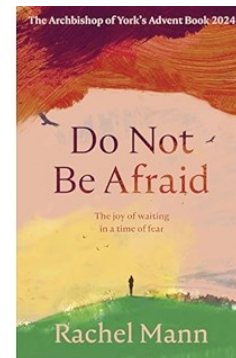
- Monday: Waiting to breathe easy . . .
- Tuesday: Waiting on God's song
- Wednesday: Waiting to live?
- Thursday: Waiting on the silence of God
- Friday: The inequality of waiting
- Saturday: Waiting on a miracle

December 15 WEEK 3: Using the waiting

- Monday: Waiting for blessing?
- Tuesday: The stature of waiting
- Wednesday: Struggling to wait
- Thursday: The frustration of waiting
- Friday: Waiting to dance
- Saturday: Waiting on table

December 22 WEEK 4: Jesus Christ is waiting

- Monday: Waiting in dependence . . . The joy of hospitality?
- Tuesday: Christmas Eve: Waiting in fear and trembling
- Christmas Day: The waiting is over
- Acknowledgements



WORSHIP AND MUSIC UPDATES

The *Chancel Choir* has resumed its rehearsals on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in Perea Hall under the direction of Amy Hufnal. If you like to sing, please join us. Welcome, Amy!

The *Bell Choir* has resumed rehearsals on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. in Perea Hall under the direction of Karyl Lyne and is looking for additional players. Please contact Karyl Lyne at 505-718-6475 if you would like to play



MISSION AND PEACEMAKING UPDATES

Your Mission and Peacemaking Committee has been busy.

We are grateful for all your generous gifts of your time, talents and treasure towards the mission and peacemaking efforts of our church. The Mission and Peacemaking Committee heads up many of these efforts and keeps tabs on all the rest. We have a lot of news for you. Please reach out to any of the M&P committee members if you would like more information or would like to get more involved in this work.

Mission & Peacemaking is delighted to let you know that FUPC is once again able to purchase the gift of a Garden Well for \$1500 from the Presbyterian Giving Catalog. We purchase this from the Presbyterian Catalog which typically most churches do around Christmas giving. So we have often referred to this project as Christmas in July. Thanks to all the gifts you have given. Think of the joy this will bring the community that receives it and let that warm your heart.

Thanks to all who contributed to this effort. Coming up is the **PCUSA National Peace and Global Witness Offering**, which supports mission co-workers around the world, as well as assistance to communities like ours who have suffered natural disasters like forest fires, floods and hurricanes through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA).

FUPC will once again participate in the *Angel Tree Project*, where individuals purchase a Christmas gift for a child who has a parent who is incarcerated. This year we have 21 Angel Tree Kids. For more information on this, see Pat Halverson.

Mustard Seed is now a subcommittee under M&P. We funded one project this past year, the Tri County Farmer's Market's Sprouting Smiles Kids Activity Days, and Arielle Hawney gave us a wonderful minute for mission presentation detailing the use of the funds and the impact they had on our community, particularly the youth who participated in the programming at the Farmers Market. You can donate anytime to Mustard Seed. There is a place for it on the giving part of our website. If you have an idea or know of someone who has an idea for a project that would benefit our community and needs funding, be sure to have them apply. We will be getting out guidelines for grant applications early in the year and review the applications and award grants in March. Awards are up to \$1500 and are startup grants for new projects.

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Border ministry has long been a passion of this church. You may remember the youth of our church and LIFT students at Highlands travelling to El Paso/Juarez and Douglas/Agua Prieta to do mission work in those communities through Frontera de Cristo and Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey. Our session last month designated \$500 gift to Cristo Rey after hearing the plight of their church needing to replace their roof and repair the electric system because of damage due to a severe storm August 30, 2024. With the help of us and many others they will be able to pay for the repairs as they get back to the important work they do serving migrants and providing border immersion experiences to spread awareness and understanding. We understand from social media posts from Rose Mary Sanchez-Guzman their pastora that they were able to return to having services in their church September 28th. However, they are still working on the financial part. Frontera de Cristo is hosting its 40th Anniversary Celebration Friday-Sunday, October 18-20 this month! All are welcome. If you need more information about going to this celebration, check with Randy. He is going. If you feel moved to you can send a gift with Randy to give to our mission co-workers Mark Adams and Miriam Maldonado Escobar serving with Frontera de Cristo to support them in their ongoing work on the border.

To close we would like to share a mish mash of things our committee is doing. It's already October and you might be wondering about Crop Walk. We are too and we are figuring that out. Stay tuned. We also have a bunch of local Angel Tree kids, 21 altogether, that we need to match up with folks like all of you who would like to help make their Christmas special by purchasing them a gift. Our gifts to the Peace and Global Witness offering are going to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, as there is quite a need for their help these days with many climate related disasters the world over. We also continue to support our mission coworkers: Farsijana Adeney-Risakotta serving in Indonesia and Leith Fujii and his wife Carol serving in Thailand, besides Mark and Miriam serving on our U.S. Mexico border in Douglas, Arizona and Agua Prieta, Sonora. If you have anything in mind for M&P to take under its wing you are welcome to come to our meetings after worship the first Sunday of the month or catch any one of our committee members: Pat Halverson, Karyl Lyne, Murl Baker, or me Carol Litherland. Bless you all for your giving that makes all of this possible.

NEW MISSION/VISION STATEMENT PROPOSED – feedback requested

With guidance from Santa Fe Presbytery Commission on Ministry, Session members have been working on several different tasks to help us find a pastor that is a great fit for our church. One important task is updating our church’s Mission/Vision Statement.

Existing Mission/Vision Statement

With Christ as the center of our ministry, First United Presbyterian Church of Las Vegas NM is dedicated to sharing the love of Christ in our Community.

Proposed Mission/Vision Statement

With over 150 years of joyful service, we continue to grow in our faith and share God's love. As an inclusive, welcoming, and spirit-filled community, we actively seek justice for all and work together to build a compassionate, thriving world. Led by Christ and dependent on God's grace, we dedicate ourselves to embracing the challenges of today and the opportunities of tomorrow.

Please let us know what you think of our new Mission/Vision Statement. We will be discussing this with members over the next couple weeks including getting input during an upcoming worship service. You can email Carol Linder at carollinder@msn.com to provide feedback or call or text to 505-429-2139. Deadline for feedback is Sunday, October 27, 2024.

--Carol Linder

Save the date: FUPC 2025 Budget Meeting Sunday December 8 following worship

Our treasurer Pam Abreu has developed a draft of our 2025 budget working with Session members, the Building & Grounds Committee, and the Deacons. We will have our annual budget meeting following worship on Sunday, December 8, 2024. If you have a new idea for our church that would require funding, please contact Pam Abreu or Carol Linder.



FUPC NEED ASSISTANCE CONTACT LIST

Email: fupc.nm@gmail.com

Message Phone: 505-425-7763

Website: www.lvpresbyterian.org

October Elder of the Month: Pam Abreu, pamabreu714@gmail.com 505-429-3053

October Deacon of the Month: Van Swan, gvslswan@gmail.com 505-426-4348

November Elder of Month: Karyl Lyne, karyloz505@gmail.com 505-718-6475

November Deacon of the Month: Murl Baker, murlbaker@yahoo.com 505-429-0670

Church Office Hours: Tuesday from 10:00 am to 11:45 am. For all other times, please email or call, and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Email and Voicemail are checked regularly. fupc.nm@gmail.com OR 505-425-7763

Pastoral Care Needs: For immediate assistance contact the Deacon or Elder of the Month. Although we do not currently have a full-time pastor, if pastoral care is needed, we have a Commissioned Lay Pastor available, as well as two Reverends providing back up pastoral care. Contact the church office via email or phone, and someone will get back to you as soon as possible. fupc.nm@gmail.com OR [505-425-7763](tel:505-425-7763)

Interested in Membership: Contact an Elder or a Deacon or the church office. fupc.nm@gmail.com OR 505-425-7763

Worship Service Ideas: The Worship & Music (WAM) Committee plans church services. Contact Chair Karyl Lyne, karyloz505@gmail.com OR 505-718- 6475.

Interested in Preaching or Playing in Bell Choir: Contact Karyl Lyne, at karyloz505@gmail.com OR 505-718-6475 to schedule a date to preach. Bell Choir, Thursday at 6:30 pm in Perea Hall – please come ring!

Interested in Singing in the Choir: Amy Hufnal is our new choir director. Choir, Wednesday at 6:30 pm in Perea Hall – just show up! africanqn14@yahoo.com

What's Happening and Newsletter Submissions: Email submissions to church office. fupc.nm@gmail.com

Social Media Ideas and Web Site Assistance: Social Medial Liaison is Arielle Hawney. Use ahwordworks@gmail.com to contact Arielle.

Interested in Volunteering: Contact an Elder or a Deacon or the church office. fupc.nm@gmail.com OR 505-425-7763

Meals for Congregation Members and Friends of the Church: Contact Deacon Chair Deb Allen-Reid, pethyena@gmail.com 505-391-9125 or the Deacon of the Month to request meal assistance or to offer meal assistance to those temporarily in need.

Prayer Shawl: To suggest who might benefit from a prayer shawl or to offer to make a prayer shawl, contact Deacon Chair Deb Allen-Reid, pethyena@gmail.com OR 505-391-9125 or Deacon of the Month.

Mission & Peacemaking (M&P) ideas/suggestions: [Contact Chair Carol Litherland, ctlitherland@nmhu.edu](mailto:ctlitherland@nmhu.edu) OR 505-429-0923.

Mustard Seed Program: M&P administers the Mustard Seed Grant applications and program. Contact Chair Carol Litherland, ctlitherland@nmhu.edu OR 505-429-0923.

Coffee Project: Café Justo coffee, decaf and regular, ground and whole bean, is available from our Coffee Closet. Members open the Coffee Closet during Fellowship Hour following worship. To purchase coffee at other times or to make a special request contact church office.\

Christian Education

Adult and Youth: Richard Lindeborg, ralindeborg@cs.com OR 505-425-9120

Children: Brett Gilland, brett.m.gilland@gmail.com OR 505-429-3467

Facility Rentals: The Old Town Mission Community Center is available for short term rentals. Contact Church office. 1000 Douglas is also available to groups for meetings. Contact Church office. fupc.nm@gmail.com OR 505-425-7763 Calendars for both are located at www.lvpresbyterian.org.

Joint Operating Team Liaison for the Old Town Mission Community Center: Jan Beurskens, janetbeurskens@gmail.com or 716-864-2026.

Ideas for Session Action: Contact Clerk Kent Reid, pakali8891@gmail.com OR 505-331-5500.

Transportation Needs: Several members provide transportation assistance on Sunday morning and to some church events. If you need a ride or are willing to offer rides, contact the Deacon or Elder of the Month and we can make arrangements.

FUPC Corporation: For questions about the physical plant or insurance, contact President Carol Linder, carollinder@msn.com OR 505-429-2139 or Vice President Kent Reid, pakali8891@gmail.com OR 505-331-5500.

Maintenance/Custodial Requests or Concerns: Contact Building & Grounds Chair Corky Halverson, Ckh5@me.com OR 505-235-7914 for maintenance needs at either 1000 Douglas or the Old Town Mission Community Center.

Personnel issues or concerns: Elders are serving as the Personnel committee. Contact an Elder if you have questions or concerns.

Time, Treasure, and Talent: Elders serving as the TTT committee with Carol Linder, carollinder@msn.com OR 505-429-2139 and Treasurer Pam Abreu, pamabreu714@gmail.com taking the lead.

Questions about giving or church finances: Contact Treasurer Pam Abreu at pamabreu714@gmail.com.

Session Members (Elders)

Moderator: Rev. Randy Campbell

Pam Abreu (Treasurer)

Brett Gilland (Christian Education & Children Programming)

Corky Halverson (Building & Grounds)

Carol Linder (Clerk, President of the Corporation, Building Use)

Carol Litherland (Mission & Peacemaking)

Karyl Lyne (Worship & Music)

Kent Reid (serving as Clerk through December 2024,
Vice President of Corporation)

Deacons

Deb Reid (Chair)

Murl Baker

Nina Johns

Juli Salman

Van Swan

Bonnie Trujillo



**HAPPY 40TH ANNIVERSARY
FRONTERA DE CRISTO
PRESBYTERIAN BORDER MINISTRY!**

Frontera de Cristo, located in Douglas, Arizona, U.S. and in Agua Prieta, Sonora, MX, is celebrating its 40th Anniversary! Beginning 10:00 a.m. Friday, October 18th and continuing through Sunday the 20th after Worship on the Border, the weekend will be packed with feasting, Bible-study, presentations and discussions about migration and the drug culture led by experts from the PC(USA), the United Methodist Church and a professor of World Christianity from Baylor University. There will be tours of Mexican partner ministries of Frontera, listening to international choral music, dancing, worshiping and more feasting, to list a few of the planned activities. Meeting old and new friends and networking, of course, will be a major part of the event.

Frontera de Cristo has been a strong leader in border ministry since its beginning. At one time there were seven border ministries, four in Texas and two in Arizona and one in California. Because of many difficulties over the years, such as drops in funding, COVID, drug cartel activity and ecclesiastical differences between the Presbyterian Church of Mexico and the PC(USA), some ministries weakened and some disappeared. Today there are four remaining. Frontera de Cristo has managed to thrive, thank God, largely because of the dedication of the binational board and the strength of leadership from both sides of the border. Lack of drug cartel wars has helped, too.

FUPC has enjoyed a long friendship with Frontera de Cristo. Many adults and youth from here have spent time visiting the border ministry and learning firsthand about migration and the valuable partner programs it has developed on both sides of the border. The Café Justo economic justice project, which this church helped support with a Mustard Seed grant, has grown and developed its goal of “reverse migration”. The “Café Justo y Mas” coffee shop in Agua Prieta, is also a great place to hang out and sip latte while surfing the net.

The Mexican Coordinator of Frontera is Rev. Jocabed Gallegos and the U.S. Coordinators are Rev. Mark Adams and Miriam Maldonado-Adams. Keep an eye on future newsletters for a possible report following the Anniversary.

-by Rev. Randy Campbell

COLUMBARIUM AND MEMORIAL GARDEN UPDATE

Our current Cross of 20 niches has one space left. A set of an additional 12 niches were ordered in July and we are anxiously awaiting delivery. New plants that bloom in the fall have been added to our garden. Many of our members and participants are not aware of our Memorial Garden. If you are a member, past member or a friend of a member you are eligible for your cremains to be placed in our Garden. You can make arrangements for your service and pre pay for a niche now. If you're interested please let the office manager or myself know and we will help you get set up.

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Crystal Western Ford is Luna Community College's Luna Strong Coordinator

In July 2024 Crystal took on a new role at Luna Community College as their Luna Strong Coordinator. Her new full-time position that evolved out of a grant-funded part-time position Crystal started in March of 2023 on a grant from the NM Higher Education Department to promote college food security. Crystal completed her Community Health Worker certification this past year and has hit the ground running in her expanded role.

As the Luna Strong Coordinator, Crystal has the following responsibilities:

Provides holistic case management to address non-academic student needs, including food security, mental health, transportation, housing, and medical care.

Promotes access to and coordinates the Luna Strong Food Security program and other Luna Strong wellness services

Works with stakeholders to maintain basic needs options across campus and connect the campus community to basic needs resources available in Las Vegas and surrounding communities.

Collaborates with Community Health Worker instructors to provide experiential learning.

Crystal is still a vital part of our church family. She recently joined the Old Town Mission Community Joint Operating Team and also continues to work with Sharon Vander Meer on our newsletter.



VACCINATIONS AND PREVENTING ILLNESS

The Deacons exist to promote the well-being of our church family. At our last regular meeting, we decided to remind you all of something you each can do to stay healthy.

Get up to date and stay up to date with the CDC recommended vaccinations. It's not just for kids anymore! Keep a written record of your own personal vaccination history. Keep a small card in your wallet; your doctor or your pharmacist can give you one. You never know when you might need to remember your last injection.

Here are the CDC recommendations for most of our congregation's age group:

Pneumococcal pneumonia vaccine: one time after age 65, or earlier if you have certain health conditions. (Pneumococcus is a bacteria that is the cause of common type of pneumonia.)

RSV vaccine: one time after age 75, or earlier if you have certain health conditions. (RSV is Respiratory Syncytial Virus. It can cause lung infections at any age, but these tend to be more serious in young children and older adults.)

Influenza: an annual flu vaccine in the Fall of each year. (The virus that causes the flu changes a bit each year, so the vaccine has to be changed annually to account for the 3 or 4 varieties that are expected to be the most common each flu season. You can still get the flu from one of the strains of flu virus that are not covered by the vaccine, but they are much less common. Even in those cases, the vaccine will help lessen the severity and duration of the illness.)

COVID-19. It's called COVID-19 because the first cases were diagnosed in 2019. Similar to the influenza virus, the COVID virus changes slightly each year, so the vaccine needs to be updated every year or so. It's a good idea to be vaccinated with the most current and up to date vaccine, usually in the Fall of each year.

Shingles. Caused by the chicken pox virus which has been incubating in your body since childhood, shingles is a very painful and debilitating illness which can persist for months. You don't want it! So, get a one time dose after age 50.

Tetanus. You are probably used to getting a "tetanus" shot every 10 years or if you have an accidental cut. What you may not know is that the shot you actually have been getting for decades is actually a combination vaccine which includes both the vaccine against tetanus and also against diphtheria. This vaccine is called "Td".

Pertussis (whooping cough). Usually a part of the usual childhood series of vaccinations, adults should also get a one-time booster. You can get it as a separate injection or it can be combined with the ten-year Td injection (in which case it is called Tdap, similar to what children get.) After ten years, you can then go back to the Td injection.

Some of these vaccines are a one-time injection. No need to repeat them. The others need to be repeated on a schedule as noted. For certain people, with special circumstances, other vaccines may be needed. What are "special circumstances" and "certain medical conditions"? Ask your doctor!

UWC GET AWAY FAMILY PROGRAM



UWC-USA in Montezuma, NM is one of 18 schools around the world united by a mission to make education a force for positive change. Our students welcome opportunities to spend time with **Get-Away Families** from Albuquerque to Taos to Angel Fire.

Do you want more GLOBAL in your life?

United World College-USA is looking for **Get-Away Families**, families who live in Northern New Mexico who want to host our students for an occasional weekend or even over a holiday. UWC-USA students are 11th and 12th graders from over 90 countries who come to New Mexico for two years. They are eager to share their cultures with others.

"The UWC-USA students made a lot of happy memories in our home and also taught my daughter to embrace her own identity, her differentness, her own culture. She has grown more confident in forging her own independence. She is looking forward to traveling to distant countries on her own and learning more about different cultures. We all need a little UWC in our lives."
 - Tsering (Albuquerque)



LEARN MORE Visit us at: www.uwc-usa.org/our-community/get-away-families

LEARN MORE Fill out a Get-Away Family application at: www.uwc-usa.org/our-community/get-away-families

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It's Tournament Time!

Ping Pong & Pizza

Board Games and Family Fun



Date: November 9th

Time: 4:00pm - 6:00pm

*Place: Old Town Mission Community Center
301 Socorro*

**Free event sponsored by the Old Town Mission
Community Center**



ONLINE GIVING REMINDER

If you are using our online giving process, please check the “end date” of your automatic payments. Scan the QR code to the right to make a donation online.

And thanks for giving so generously this year. Contact the church office if you have any questions.



If you are not on the email distribution list for our Sunday Online Worship bulletin and would like to be, please send an email (fupc.nm@gmail.com) to the church office requesting that your name/email be added. The bulletin is emailed on Friday for the Sunday service.



Coffee & Fellowship – Come join us at Charlie’s Spic and Span Bakery for good food and great fellowship! Wednesday mornings, 9:00 a.m. Hope to see you there!

TO JOIN ANY FUPC EVENTS VIA ZOOM



You are welcome and encouraged to worship in the sanctuary, but if you would like to continue worshipping online, here are the instructions to access Zoom:



- The easiest way to join worship or other FUPC public events is simply to go to our website (lvpresbyterian.org) and click on the “Join Us on Zoom” link.

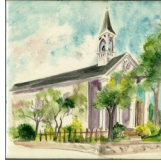
- You can also open your web browser and go to [https://us02web.zoom.us/](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5739200081)

[j/5739200081](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5739200081). If you haven’t been on Zoom before, you’ll see instructions for downloading the Zoom app and allowing your camera (if you have one) and microphone to be used by Zoom, and then the meeting will open.

- If you are new to Zoom, we recommend going to the link above a few minutes before the event so that you can get the Zoom app set up ahead of time.
- If you don’t have a computer but want **to join by phone, call 312-626-7699** and enter the meeting ID number (573-920-0081) when prompted. Please note this is a Chicago number, so if your phone plan does not have unlimited calls, you may incur long-distance charges.
- For Zoom committee meetings and other non-public meetings, you’ll receive a link from your committee chair.

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Sunday Schedule

9:00 a.m. - Bible Based Study in person and via Zoom

10:30 a.m. - Sunday Worship in person and via Zoom



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| October 3 | Linda Cunningham |
| October 6 | Rod Billingsley |
| October 13 | Siobhan Croto |
| October 18 | Lisa Weinstein |
| October 19 | Renee Soderlund |
| October 29 | George Bunch
Larry Johns |
| October 30 | Kathy Franken |