HELLO FUPC FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

In this mailing you'll find a note from Pastor Katie and the bulletin for Sunday's worship service. Join us Sunday at 10:30 via zoom by going to https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5739200081 or join us by phone (312-626-6799). If you're joining by phone, enter meeting ID 573-920-0081. If you've not used zoom before, follow the instructions provided at the link. If you need help with zoom, call D.R. Palmer before Sunday. It is so good to see and hear each other! Please plan to join us!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN

Tuesday, July 21 9:00 a.m. - Coffee with Katie via Zoom 10:30 a.m. – Re-Entry Task Force via Zoom 6:30 p.m. – Session via Zoom Thursday, July 23 3:30 p.m. - Thursday Tea Time via Zoom Saturday, July 25 9:30 a.m. – Officer Training via Zoom



Our Daily Devotionals

Daily devotionals are available on our Facebook page - First United Presbyterian Church (the one with our Seeds. Roots. Branches logo) to find that day's devotional. You can also go to our website and under "Latest News" you'll find a link to the devotional. Or just click this link: Devotionals



First United Presbyterian Church 1000 Douglas Avenue PO Box 37 Las Vegas NM 87701

July 15, 2020

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

Hello! You'll notice that the Order of Worship looks a little different this week. Because of the pandemic, the Presbytery meeting that would have taken place on July 18 here in Las Vegas instead will happen via Zoom. While we won't host the meeting here, we will host the meeting's worship service. This Sunday, we will share that service with you. It will also be shared via the presbytery website for all folks in the presbytery. We'll meet on Zoom as always at 10:30 on Sunday and check in with one another, then share worship together. I look forward to seeing you then. Please note that we will celebrate the Lord's Supper, so be sure to have elements from your cupboard with you—bread and juice or whatever you have on hand. Christ will be present in them.

As I've said before, the Re-Entry Task Force continues to have deep discussion about how the pandemic is affecting the church community. We can't say how the latest increase in cases both nationally and statewide will affect the governor's restrictions on churches or what recommendation the task force will make as we move into the fall. But rest assured that we are listening. We know that some of you are a long way from feeling comfortable about coming back into the sanctuary for worship; we know that others of you can't wait to get back in there. We know that there are members of our church family who do not have access to Zoom meetings; we know there are others who would be content to worship online all the time. The Task Force has the difficult task of making a recommendation that will, in the long run, be best for all of us.

We are working to improve the bandwidth in the sanctuary so that, whenever we open the doors for worship, we will be able to accommodate those who are not comfortable being there by continuing to offer an online option. We expect the change to higher bandwidth to happen soon. As we move forward, we will be looking at the equipment necessary to accommodate our plans. It will take some time, but we are attending to it.

I have been hyper aware of late that issues just like this one can divide people. I pray we don't let that happen to us. For those of us who want so very much to be back in the building, please remember the concerns of those who themselves or their loved ones have health issues that put them at particularly high risk. For them, even a tiny risk is still a risk they're unwilling to take. For those of us who are still uncomfortable about a return to the sanctuary, please remember the concerns of those who need to be physically together with their church family and those who find it difficult to worship online. They need ways to connect with others in the same physical space. For all of us, remember that when we do gather, for whatever reason and in whatever space, it's important to continue to follow guidelines about distance, masks, hand washing, and travel. Unless each of us consistently follows these guidelines personally, it is not safe for us to come together.

With thanks for all of you,

Pastor Katie





FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701 July 19, 2020 10:30 a.m.

MEDITATION – One of the most sincere forms of respect is actually listening to what another has to say. --Bryant H. McGill

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME AND RECOGNITION

PRELUDE Excerpt from *Suite Bergamasque* by Claude Debussy

OPENING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

HYMN We Are the Church, v. 1, 2, 4 by Avery and Marsh

Rev. Seth Finch

Em Krall

CP Terry Buckman

Christie Baskett, Karyl Lyne, D.R. Palmer Accompanist Em Krall

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Patrick Rucker

John 1:35-39a

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day.

Mark 7:24-30

From there Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go-the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

MESSAGE When We Can't Escape Notice

Rev. Katie Palmer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rev. Takako Terino

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rev. Megan Cullip

During the last supper, Jesus used common food and drink to show God's grace. Today, we remember Jesus as we are nourished at this virtual table using food and drink common to our cupboards, for example a cracker and juice, a piece of fruit and tea, or toast and coffee. We trust that the elements we use will be for us the presence of Christ.

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN Will You Come and Follow Me. v. 1. 2. 5 text by Bell and Maule

CLOSING PRAYER

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

After the service concludes, we will have some time for fellowship. Please join us!

We extend a warm welcome in the name of Christ to all who worship with us today!

Online Sunday Class - The Sunday Class for Adults and Youth is now discussing the book *Religion as We* Know It: An Origin Story by Jack Miles. The reading assignment for July 26 is How Christian Europe Learned to Compare Religions (second part) pp. 47-71. Obtaining a copy of the book quickly is desirable. One way is to have Richard Lindeborg order one to be drop-shipped to your address.

The Summer Book Club's July book is White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk about Racism by Robin DiAngelo. Please let Pastor Katie know if you plan to attend the discussion so that we can together set a date and time.

Samaritan House Fundraiser – Samaritan House is raising funds to support its mission through the generosity of long-time supporter Judy Gallegos. Judy, who passed away in March, donated her 2002 hardtop convertible T-bird to Samaritan House with the understanding that it would help Samaritan House raise funds. It is being raffled. Tickets are \$50 and only 600 tickets will be sold. Contact Pastor Katie or any Samaritan House Board member if you'd like to buy a chance to win this gorgeous car!

Samaritan House Food Donations - July - Soup. Coffee and Tea are always appreciated. Please drop your donations off at Samaritan House.

Prayers for the Church Family - Each week we choose some specific names to remind us to pray for each other and for those in our Presbytery. Please pray for Willy Ryan, Fred Salas, and Juli & Jeff Salman as well as First Presbyterian Church, Farmington NM (1889).

> July Elder of the Month – Carol Linder – 505-429-2139 July Deacon of the Month – Juli Salman – 505-429-0290 Hours: Monday -Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. 505-425-7763 www.lvpresbyterian.org

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Assisting in Worship This Week

Worship Leader – Patrick Rucker Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer Accompanist – Em Krall Zoom Host – D.R. Palmer Singers - Christie Baskett, Karyl Lyne, D.R. Palmer

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Rev. Ken Cuthbertson

Rev. Katie Palmer

Welcome!