

HELLO FUPC FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

In this mailing you'll find 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 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.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED

Monday, August 22

11:00 a.m. - Deacons

Wednesday, August 24

NO Coffee with Katie



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



WELCOME!! - We extend a warm welcome in the name of Christ to all who worship with us this week.

August 17, 2022

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

This week, we finish our time with Ruth and Naomi. I hope you have enjoyed their story and found their lessons meaningful. They are some of my favorite Bible characters—strong women whose friendship and love for one another helps them through some difficult times and brings them joy.

You'll notice in our "Opportunities", both in the bulletin and announced on Sunday morning, that we are holding a Congregational Retreat on Saturday, September 24, beginning at 9 a.m. It has been quite a while since we were able to gather together and spend a day enjoying one another's company. Expect laughter and ample time to visit around a catered meal. Expect fun and games and stimulating conversation. Expect an opportunity to share your ideas and to get excited about possibilities for our community. There is no cost for this event; we put aside money for it before COVID, so come and enjoy! The sign-up sheet is available in the narthex on Sunday mornings. You can also call the church office and register through Crystal. The sign-up sheet has a space for you to let us know if you need a ride and if you can provide a ride, so please don't let lack of transportation deter your participation! If you consider yourself to be a part of our church family, please plan to join us for this event!

As hard as it is to believe, we'll be entering our fall worship season soon. This fall, as the Narrative Lectionary again takes us back to Genesis, we'll visit some well-known characters—Noah, Abram, Joseph, and Moses—and look closely at how they respond to God's presence in their lives.

With thanks for all of you,
Pastor Katie

REMEMBER:
CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT
SEPTEMBER 24



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1000 Douglas Avenue, P.O. Box 37, Las Vegas, NM 87701
August 21, 2022 10:30 a.m.

A JOURNEY WITH RUTH AND NAOMI

MEDITATION – *Find a place inside where there's joy, and the joy will burn out the pain.*
--Joseph Campbell

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME Rev. Katie Palmer

PRELUDE Em Krall

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** Karyl Lyne

*Let us make a commitment during this time to call someone today,
visit with them and wish them the peace of Christ*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from Isaiah 55:8-12)

One: My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

All: For as the heavens are higher than the earth, God's ways are higher than our ways and God's thoughts higher than our thoughts.

One: As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and make the earth sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

All: So God's word does not return to God empty, but accomplishes what God intends.

One: So you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace.

All: The mountains and hills will burst into song and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.

One: Let us worship the God who gives us full lives!

***OPENING HYMN** *God Welcomes All* (GTG #399)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

*We remember that, **before** we confess and no matter what we confess to God,
we can be assured of God's Love and Mercy*

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

Loving God, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, both by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole hearts, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us our failings in not loving openly, and direct us to what we can be: people living out your will for us, filled with the wonder of the great diversity of your creation and reaching out to include all. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruth 4:1-17

No sooner had Boaz gone up to the gate and sat down there than the next-of-kin, of whom Boaz had spoken, came passing by. So Boaz said, 'Come over, friend; sit down here.' And he went over and sat down. Then Boaz took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, 'Sit down here'; so they sat down. He then said to the next-of-kin, 'Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, is selling the parcel of land that belonged to our kinsman Elimelech. So I thought I would tell you of it, and say: Buy it in the presence of those sitting here, and in the presence of the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, redeem it; but if you will not, tell me, so that I may know; for there is no one prior to you to redeem it, and I come after you.' So he said, 'I will redeem it.' Then Boaz said, 'The day you acquire the field from the hand of Naomi, you are also acquiring Ruth the Moabite, the widow of the dead man, to maintain the dead man's name on his inheritance.' At this, the next-of-kin said, 'I cannot redeem it for myself without damaging my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption yourself, for I cannot redeem it.'

Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging: to confirm a transaction, one party took off a sandal and gave it to the other; this was the manner of attesting in Israel. So when the next-of-kin said to Boaz, 'Acquire it for yourself', he took off his sandal. Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, 'Today you are witnesses that I have acquired from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and Mahlon. I have also acquired Ruth the Moabite, the wife of Mahlon, to be my wife, to maintain the dead man's name on his inheritance, in order that the name of the dead may not be cut off from his kindred and from the gate of his native place; today you are witnesses.' Then all the people who were at the gate, along with the elders, said, 'We are witnesses. May the Lord make the woman who is coming into your house like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you produce children in Ephrathah and bestow a name in Bethlehem; and, through the children that the Lord will give you by this young woman, may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah.'

So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, 'Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.' Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, 'A son has been born to Naomi.' They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

MESSAGE

Abundance

Rev. Katie Palmer

RESPONSE *For All the Faithful Women* (GTG #324, v. 1)

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

WITH THANKS FOR GENEROUS GIVING

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OPPORTUNITIES

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

***CLOSING HYMN** *You Shall Go Out with Joy* (GTG #80)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

*Please stand in body or spirit, as you are able

OPPORTUNITIES

Sign up now to join us for a **Congregational Retreat on September 24**. The retreat will be held in the Student Union Building on the HU campus beginning at 9 a.m. There is no cost; lunch will be provided. We'll have a day of fellowship, fun, and thinking about the future of our church family. You can sign up in the narthex or call the church office to let Crystal know you plan to attend.

There will be no **Coffee with Katie** this week or next as Katie will be away. Plan to join her at Charlie's on Wednesday, September 7, at 8:30 a.m. for the next Coffee with Katie.

On Sunday, September 11, from 3-4:30 p.m., there will be a **Sundae Sunday event at the United World College** to meet students who are participating in the Get Away Family program. For families who have been assigned a student(s), this will be an opportunity to meet and chat with one another. For those who do not have a specific student assigned to them, you are welcome to come and learn about the Get Away program, meet staff and students and enjoy a nice afternoon at the UWC campus.

The Sunday Morning Bible-Based Class for Adults and Youth, now hybrid from the church teleconferencing room upstairs, will begin discussion on August 28 of *Song of Songs: A Biblical–Theological, Allegorical, Christological Interpretation* by James M. Hamilton, Jr. The book is available in paperback for as little as \$7.39 from Amazon, \$7.43 from Alibris, and \$8.81 from AbeBooks. New copies are available from Amazon or the publisher (Christian Focus Publications) for \$14.99 (all prices plus shipping). Richard Lindeborg can order a copy for you from Amazon and have it delivered to your home with free shipping. The book is in short supply, so order early.

Zoom attendees should use the same link as for the Worship Service. In-person attendees should use the east entrance to the church; class is in the first classroom upstairs. The readings for August 28 will be the Preface and Chapter 1: The Song of Songs in Biblical Theology. There will be no class on September 4.

Samaritan House Food Donations – August – Dry milk and oatmeal (or other dried cereals). Coffee and Tea are always appreciated. Please drop your donations off at Samaritan House, 501 7th Street.

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 Rudy Laumbach, Richard Lindeborg and Carol and Peter Linder as well as Rio Grande Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque, NM (1947).

Assisting in Worship This Week

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer

Worship Leader – Karyl Lyne

Director of Music - Karyl Lyne

Accompanist – Em Krall

Office Manager – Crystal Western Ford

Tech Crew – Pablo Hernandez, Van Swan, Tom Trigg

August Elder of the Month – Karyl Lyne - 505-718-6475

August Deacon of the Month – Sharon VanderMeer –505-617-0839

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