



COURIER

First Presbyterian Church

June, 2018

Pastor's Letter

People tell me that this has been an unusually dry spring in Socorro. The lack of rain has all of New Mexico into drought conditions, certainly a concern as we move into the summer months. With the conclusion of the academic year, many of us are planning our summer activities, including where we might go to escape any hot summer temperatures.

There was a well-known evangelist who made it a point during every conversation to ask the provocative question, "How is it with your soul?" The answer to that question opened the door to longer and more significant conversations.

So, as we move into the summer months, my question is, "How is it with your soul?" Are you nurturing your faith? Are you struggling with some area of your faith? Are you growing in your faith? Why or why not? What will you do during the summer to nurture your soul? Let me make a few suggestions.

1. Worship regularly. When you are in Socorro, please join your church family. If you are traveling, find another congregation with whom to worship. While you will likely find familiarity in another Presbyterian Church, don't be afraid to try a different tradition. Bring your bulletin back and share it with me. Let me know what you liked about the service you attended.
2. Read something intended to nurture your faith. Set aside your usual reading fare and find something to encourage you in your spiritual life. Read Scripture. The Church library has a number of options as does the local library. There are many good Christian novels.
3. Pray regularly. Pray for your family and friends. Pray for our national and local leaders. Pray for the Pastor Nominating Committee as it continues its important work. Pray for our Church's General Assembly, meeting in June.

See you in worship!

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Seen-And-Heard

Seen-and-Heard includes tidbits of news heard around the congregation to help us get to know each other better. In the interest of privacy and safety for our members, Seen-and-Heard is not posted online.

Deacon Doing's by Nancy Dotson

Deacons met the evening of May 8 at the church. Present were Herb Anderson, Denise Gilson, Georgia Seery, Pam Winton and Nancy Dotson. Deacon Marsha Sabol was out of town. Committee reports were given, plus we made sure that summer responsi-

bilities were assigned (usher/greeters and third Sunday coffee.) Since we don't meet over the summer months unless there is a need, we voted to replenish the Discretionary Fund with a dollar amount that should be adequate to handle requests

made of this fund the next three months. This fund is administered by Peggy Hartley, church secretary.

Our next meeting is planned for September 11.



Interested In Membership?

One of the best ways to get connected with a congregation is by joining that congregation in membership. We at First Presbyterian Church of Socorro encourage you to do that very thing. We will make it as easy as possible for you. The first step is to tell Pastor Ted Mattie of your interest. He will describe the rest of the process.

There are three ways to be received into membership. The first is by Affirmation of Faith, meaning that it is the first time you have declared your faith

publicly. If you have not yet been baptized, arrangements will be made for that. A second way to be received is through Reaffirmation of Faith, meaning that you have previously professed your faith and perhaps joined a Church but you have been through a period of inactivity. A third way is by Certificate of Transfer in which members in good standing in other Christian Churches have their membership transferred to a new congregation.

Among the benefits of member-

ship are that you have the opportunity to vote at congregational meetings and the chance to be elected and ordained as a church officer. Perhaps the greatest benefit is the sense of belonging that you will feel as it becomes YOUR Church instead of just the Church you attend.

Consider this opportunity to stand alongside the rest of our members in declaring your faith. It might just change your life!

CHURCH ANNUAL RUMMAGE is coming September 7-8.

Please save your lightly used items.

Presbyterian Women by Carol Seery

PW Meets For Last Time Until Fall

Presbyterian Women met on May 4, 2018, in the church library to study the ninth and final lesson of their 2017-18 Horizons Bible study entitled "Cloud of Witnesses, The Community of Christ in Hebrews". After refreshments and a brief business meeting, the study was led by

moderator, Georgia Seery. The lesson, titled "In Community with All the Saints", covered scripture from Hebrews and gave an overview of all previous lessons. Members were encouraged to share how the community, or communities, in their lives have formed them as individuals, how these communities have supported them and surrounded them like a cloud in

their life's journey. As mentioned, this is the final lesson in the current series and PW will now take a summer break from and reconvene with a new Horizons study on August 31, 2018, at 9:30 in the church library. All women are invited to attend.



Pastor Nominating Committee Is At Work

The Pastor Nominating Committee is hard at work collecting information and developing our “Mission Information Form.”

An “MIF” describes the community and congregation seeking a pastor as well as identifies the qualities desired for the congregation’s next pastor. Members elected to the seven-member

Pastor Nominating Committee include Socorro’s Gil Apps, Ted Baca, Nancy Dotson, Denise Gilson, and Betsy Smith as well as Magdalena’s Ann Bending and Kelly Barnitz.

The PNC invites you to let them know if you have any input for

them as they develop the Mission Information Form. Let them know the qualities and skills you would like to see in our next pastor. Pray regularly for the Pastor Nominating Committee and let them know you appreciate their work.

Ecumenical Vacation Bible School

Our congregation and the congregation of St. Paul’s United Methodist Church will be uniting to offer a **Vacation Bible School on July 5-7.**

Mark the dates on your calendar, tell the children in your life, and consider how you might help.

The Thursday and Friday sessions will take place from 6-8 while Saturday’s session is scheduled from 5-6:30 with a cookout to wrap it up.

Needs identified at this time include two people to provide leadership for crafts (crafts are already being planned), snack,

and group leaders. Contact Denise Gilson, Beth Cadol, or Barbara Oates if you would like to help.

Local Mission Offering Serving the Socorro Area

Sundays, May 20 and 27

Our congregation is dedicated to serving those in need through our gifts of time, talents, and resources. We take a local mission offering annually over two Sundays to support financially local organizations that help those in need.

Over the years, your generous gifts have benefitted those who are battered (El Puente del Socorro), hungry (Storehouse), at-risk children (Casa Alegre), homeless (Puerto Seguro/Safe Harbor), the elderly and hospice care (Good Samaritan and Socorro General Hospital), and minors who need help navigating the legal system (Rio Grande

Valley CASA). The Session will determine this year’s recipient(s) once the offering is received. If you have suggestions, please talk to a member of the Session.

Thank you for your generosity as we witness to the life-changing love of Jesus Christ.



TREASURER'S REPORT April 2018
By Geraldine Schwab

General Fund Checking Account

04/01/2018	Balance on hand	\$ 2,243.23
	Receipts	5,180.69
	Disbursements	4,868.36
04/30/2018	Balance on hand	2,555.56

Receipts include:

One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 276.00
Transfer from John Browne Memorial Fund for spring church school curriculum	120.00
Donations for Easter tulips	43.00
AA donation for use of building	30.00
Donation for use of building for concert	30.00
Copier can collection	2.00

Disbursements include:

Church insurance, second of four premium payments	866.00
Employer's taxes and fees	309.82
One Great Hour of Sharing	276.00
Easter tulips and Palm Sunday palms	230.00
Post office box annual fee	144.00
Gas service	114.49

We spent \$379.33 less for budgeted items in April than we received for budgeted expenses.
We received \$4,741.69 for budgeted expenses in April and spent \$4,362.36 for budgeted items.

Rental Property Checking Account

04/01/2018	Balance on hand	\$10,514.84
	Receipts	1,000.00
04/30/2018	Balance on hand	11,514.84

Receipts were:

Rent, 308 McCutcheon	600.00
Rent, 306 McCutcheon	400.00



Memorial Fund Checking Account

04/01/2018	Balance on hand	\$12,996.61
	Receipts	0.74
04/30/2018	Balance on hand	12,997.35

Receipts were interest.

John Browne Memorial Fund

04/01/2018	Balance on hand	898.48
	Disbursements	120.00
04/30/2018	Balance on hand	778.48

Disbursement was a transfer to our general fund to pay for the spring church school curriculum. This account is set aside specifically for education.

New Covenant Funds Investment Accounts

These accounts did not receive any distributions in April.

Building Fund

04/01/2018	Our value	27,491.53
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Capital Equipment Fund

04/01/2018	Our value	12,490.38
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John Browne Memorial Fund

04/01/2018	Our value	29,068.86
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This account is dedicated to education uses.

Budget Summary for April 2018

We did not take any money from other accounts to pay routine operating expenses during April 2018.

Session's budget for running the church in 2018 is \$85,043, an average of \$7,087/month.

Our April income was \$6,060, or 86% of our average monthly expense budget.

Our January through April income was \$24,724 or 87% of our average expense budget for four months.

June 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Guest Pastor Rev. Robyn Kleinschmidt	4	5 Office Hours 8:30-11:30	6 Office Hours 8:30-11:30	7 Office Hours 8:30-11:30 Ted Mattie Office hours 10-2	8	9
10 Session 10:15 am	11	12 Office Hours 8:30-11:30	13 Office Hours 8:30-11:30	14 Office Hours 8:30-11:30 Ted Mattie Office hours 10-2	15	16 General Assem- bly Meeting in St. Louis
17 Coffee General Assem- bly Meeting in St. Louis	18 General Assem- bly Meeting in St. Louis	19 Office Hours 8:30-11:30 General Assem- bly Meeting in St. Louis Free Legal Workshop 10 am	20 Office Hours 8:30-11:30 General Assem- bly Meeting in St. Louis	21 Office Hours 8:30-11:30 Ted Mattie Office hours 10-2 General Assem- bly Meeting	22 General Assem- bly Meeting in St. Louis	23 General Assem- bly Meeting in St. Louis
24	25	26 Office Hours 8:30-11:30	27 Office Hours 8:30-11:30	28 Office Hours 8:30-11:30 Ted Mattie Office hours 10-2	29	30



FREE LEGAL WORKSHOP FOR ELDER ADULTS

State Bar of New Mexico Foundation

The Legal Resources for the Elderly Program (LREP) will be presenting a free legal workshop and clinic in Socorro Tuesday June 19, 2018, at the Socorro County Senior Center in Socorro. Legal Workshop 10:00-11:15 am. One-on-one consultation 11:30am—1:00pm.

The legal workshop includes a presentation and a question-and-answer period. It is open to everyone of any age to attend the presentation.

After the workshop presentation, the LREP staff attorney will assist New Mexicans who are 55 or older with Power of Attorney (POA) and/or Advance Health Care Directives (AHCD) Advance registration is required for the POA and/or AHCD clinic by contacting us at 1-800-876-6657 or 505-797-6005.

Maria C. Tanner

Legal Services Program Director, NMSBF

ANNUAL FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

**is coming up on September 7 & 8, 2018,
with set-up on September 3th through the 6th.**

Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan to donate and help if you are able. In addition, please search around your home for gently used clothing and footwear, clean and workable electronics, furniture, as well as, sundry sports and household items that you would be willing to part with.

We start taking in sale items and setting up at the Opera House during the week of September 3-6 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Again, the sale will take place on September 7th - 8th from 8:00 to 1:00 pm both days.

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Water Canyon Worship and Potluck July 29, 2018 at 11:00 am

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP DURING JUNE

Sunday, **June 3, 2018** – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost; Communion; Ted Mattie on vacation

Preacher: Guest Rev. Robyn Kleinschmidt

Scriptures:

Sermon Title:

Sunday, **June 10, 2018** – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Preacher: Ted Mattie

Scriptures: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35

Sermon Title: “Understanding Jesus”/ Jesus’ family appears to misunderstand his mission.

Do we understand Jesus’ mission?

Sunday, **June 17, 2018** – 4th Sunday after Pentecost; Father’s Day

Preacher: Ted Mattie

Scriptures: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17; Mark 4:26-34

Sermon Title: “God’s Amazing Work”/We should not undervalue any of the work we do in God’s name.

Sunday, **June 24, 2018** - 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Preacher: Ted Mattie

Scriptures: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

Sermon Title: “A Calming Presence”/ God offers a calming presence in all situations.