



COURIER

First Presbyterian Church

May, 2018

Pastor's Letter

My first month as your Interim Pastor has been a busy one, ending the month moving through the deep emotion of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday to the exhilaration of a joyous Easter morning. Besides worship leadership, my primary task has been to get acquainted with you as a congregation and gain an understanding of the tasks that need to be accomplished during this interim period.

I have been working with the Session to review the Church records to ensure they are

up-to-date and accurate. That task should be completed soon.

I will next be establishing a visitation program during which I hope to visit with as many of you as possible, either in your homes or at some other place if that is more comfortable. My agenda is simple – to get acquainted with you and to understand how the Church can best be of service to you as we move forward. I hope that you will welcome Peggy's call to set up an appointment and work

with her to find a time that works for you. Since I am on a limited time schedule, it may take some effort to find a suitable time to meet but we will do it! I look forward to getting to know you better.

God has great things in store for us as a congregation! I am honored to be with you on this journey!

Blessings,
Ted Mattie
Interim Pastor

Deacon Doings' by Nancy Dotson

The Deacon meeting for April was held on the 10th in the church library. All six Deacons were present. Reports were given for the previous month and regular business attended to. Beth Cadol is coordinating having meals delivered to Ra-

chel and Taylor Dotson, who are home now with their newborn son, Jules. Third Sunday coffee for the month will be this Sunday, April 15. Our next meeting will be May 8.

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SEEN-AND-HEARD

Seen-and-Heard, an article of news and notes about the people of our congregation is not available online. Check with the Church office for more information.

PASTORAL SEARCH UNDERWAY

With the election of five representatives from Socorro and two from Magdalena to the Pastor Nominating Committee, the search for our next pastor is officially underway. The first step is for the Churches to develop a “Mission Information Form,” describing their communities and their congregations as well as identifying the desirable qualities they would like in their next pastor. The Churches anticipate sharing their pastor as

they have done for many years in the hope of being able to attract candidates suitable for both Churches. Both Sessions expressed a high priority for the pastor to be visible in the community.

The Session will be seeking your input as they develop the Mission Information Form. Be thinking about 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.



Presbyterian Women by Carol Seery

Presbyterian Women Learn About the Household of Faith

Presbyterian Women met on April 2, 2018 to study the eighth lesson of their Horizons bible study, "Cloud of Witnesses, The Community of Christ in Hebrews".

After refreshments and a brief business meeting, the study was led by the moderator, Georgia Seery, with the lesson covering scripture from Hebrews, Numbers, James and Psalms. The main idea of this lesson entitled "In Community with the Household of Faith" focused on the centrality and importance of Christ and encouraged commu-

nity to participate in God's house-building. Members in attendance were encouraged to read suggested scripture and answer questions that came up during the lesson.

Our next meeting is May 4, at 9:30 am. Please join us in the church Library.

The Easter Tulips that adorn the Sanctuary are dedicated in Love to the glory of God:

IN HONOR OF **GIVEN BY**
 Riley Haragan & Skyler Fennell.....Ruth Baca
 Church Family.....Riley & Eric & Denise
 4 Fuzzyleg family.....Riley & Eric & Denise

IN MEMORY OF **GIVEN BY**
 Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Anderson Sr. & Mr. & Mrs. Lincoln Chan.....Herb Anderson and Laurie Chan
 Harold Dotson Jr.....Nancy Dotson
 Jim McNeil.....
Lynne Hemenway & the McNeil family
 Bill Hemenway.....
Lynne Hemenway & the McNeil family

Kenny Bustamante.....
Lynne Hemenway & the McNeil family
 Ruth and Arnold Moffitt.....Marilyn and Ted Mattie
 Helen and Bill Mattie.....Marilyn and Ted Mattie
 My parents and in-laws.....Marsha Sabol
 Our Grandparents.....Neil and Jackson Sabol
 David W. Seery.....Carol Seery
 Gene PiggGeorgia Seery
 4 Fuzzyleg family.....Riley & Eric & Denise
 Walter & Dorothy Tappe & brother George.....
Dianne Tappe
 Our Parents.....Pam and Orban Winton

Directory Information

WE ARE UPDATING OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY.

Please email us your current information 1stpresbyterian@qwestoffice.net , Thank you!

Name: Address: City: Phone:Cell: Email address:

Birthday Month/Day:

Anniversary date:



TREASURER'S REPORT March 2018

By Geraldine Schwab

General Fund Checking Account

03/01/2018 Balance on hand	\$ 1,772.04
Receipts	5,239.53
Disbursements	4,768.34
03/31/2018 Balance on hand	2,243.23

Receipts include:

Easter tulips	\$ 177.00
Menaul School	160.00
AA donation for use of building	30.00

Disbursements include:

Service the lift, annual service	296.32
Service the lift, repair fail/safe lock	994.34

Insurance, church package policy, first of four	866.00
Gas service	395.40
Menaul School	160.00
Pulpit supply	156.24
Spring curriculum for Sunday school	120.00
(Will be paid by John Browne Memorial Fund)	

We spent \$414.19 less for budgeted items in March than we received for budgeted expenses.

We received \$4,902.53 for budgeted expenses in March and spent \$4,488.34 for budgeted items. Please note that I did not get Ted Mattie set up with the 403b plan through Board of Pensions until April 5, so he was not paid in March.

Rental Property Checking Account

03/01/2018 Balance on hand	\$ 9,514.84
Receipts	1,000.00
03/31/2018 Balance on hand	10,514.84

Receipts were:

Rent, 308 McCutcheon	600.00
Rent, 306 McCutcheon	400.00

Memorial Fund Checking Account

03/01/2018 Balance on hand	12,995.83
Receipts	0.78
03/31/2018 Balance on hand	12,996.61

Receipts were interest.

John Browne Memorial Fund

01/01/2018 Balance on hand	898.30
Receipts	0.18
03/31/2018 Balance on hand	898.48

Receipts were interest.

This account is set aside specifically for education. It will repay the general fund the \$120.00 spent for spring curriculum for Sunday school.

New Covenant Funds Investment Accounts

Building Fund

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

01/31/2018	Our value	12,490.38
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John Browne Memorial Fund

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

BUDGET SUMMARY FOR MARCH 2018

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

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

Our March income was \$6,239, or 88% of our average monthly expense budget.

Our January through March income was \$18,663 or 88% of our average expense budget for three months.

May 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Bible Study 6:00 pm	3	4 Presbyterian Women 9:30	5
6	7	8 Deacons 7:00 pm	9 Bible Study 6:00 pm	10	11	12
13 Mothers Day	14	15	16 Bible Study 6:00 pm	17	18	19
20 Local Mission Special Offering Session 10:15 am	21	22	23 Bible Study 6:00 pm	24	25	26
27 Local Mission Special Offering	28 Memorial Day	29	30	31		

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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP DURING MAY

Sunday, May 6, 2018 – 6th Sunday of Easter; Communion

Preacher: Ted Mattie

Scriptures/Sermon Title/Theme: I John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17/ “Staying Friends”/One of the ways to remain friends with Jesus is to show love to others.

Sunday, May 13, 2018 – 7th Sunday of Easter; Mother’s Day

Preacher: Ted Mattie

Scriptures/Sermon Title/Theme: I John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19/ “A Prayer for Unity”/Jesus desires that his disciples reflect the unity he has with God.

Sunday, May 20, 2018 – Day of Pentecost; Local Mission Offering

Preacher: Ted Mattie

Scriptures/Sermon Title/Theme: Acts 2:1-21; Ezekiel 37:1-14/ “The Gift of the Spirit”/ The Holy Spirit came to empower the Church.

Sunday, May 27, 2018 – Trinity Sunday; Local Mission Offering; Memorial Day weekend

Preacher: Ted Mattie

Scriptures/Sermon Title/Theme: Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17/ “A Clear Choice”/ Like us, Nicodemus had a clear choice to make about following Jesus.