



# ¡BENDITOS SALUDOS!

## August 2020

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### Organized on January 27, 1889

Second Presbyterian Church is a multicultural, multi-generational congregation. Our worship is bilingual, with liturgy and music in both Spanish and English, and an English language sermon.



**Church Membership is 242**

#### Mission Statement of Second Presbyterian Church

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*“Just LOVE everyone, I’ ll sort ‘em out later.” – GOD*



***Del Pastor***

**A regular feature from  
The Reverend Doctor Robert B Woodruff  
Head of Staff of Second Presbyterian Church.**

**August 2020**

*( Pastoral letter sent July 24, 2020)*

Dear Second Church Family,

It has been an impactful month in the life of our church. We lost Jessie McCoy and Elifas Santillanes, two dear church members whose cumulative membership of the church is more than 111 years. We prayed for many, including Pastor Kay who on July 25 had successful lung surgery, and John Van Dyke who has made two recent trips to the E.R. Our live streaming committee met to plan future live streams of worship from our church in the fall. I met with Guillermo Yela to plan for our August 23rd Presbytery worship which will be bilingual and include Camino de Vida and churches up North. Even though we do not come together in-person right now on Sunday mornings, we are active and our sense of community is strong. A special thanks to the deacons, including Beverly Molo who sends out mail to those without computers every week, to Pastor Kay and so many others that reach out every week through teaching and calls. They, like many of us, are working hard to continue to pray together and experience that connection as best we can.

This will be my last Friday email for a couple of weeks. Monday, July 27, I will begin a week of study leave followed by a week of vacation. You will be in my prayers and I would ask that you might keep me in yours. If you wish for pastoral care sometime in the two weeks I am away, Rev. Jaime Quiñones awaits your call: 575-552-1951 or 505-659-0066. You may also call Beverly Chavez: 505-688-6519 if you need supported by the church and are not sure where to turn.

An upcoming event I turn your attention to is the Matthew 25 Presbyterian online conference. Matthew 25 churches are churches in our PCUSA denomination whose sessions voted to receive the designation for outreach commensurate with that described in the 25th chapter of Matthew. Recall that our congregation was the 100th in the nation to take on the designation and an article was written about us by the national church. Here it is:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/one-hundred-churches-and-counting/>

Here is more information about the online conference and how to register for free:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/next-online-matthew-25-event-planned-for-july-29/>

Grace, Peace, & Blessings, Pastor Rob



**PRAYER LIST**

**PLEASE KEEP THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Anyone wishing a phone call or a visit with Pastor Rob, please feel free to let him know, pastor@secondpresabq.org, or Beverly Chavez, by calling the Church at (505)242-8005.

Tillie Arellano	Joann Atencio	Floriada Baker	Jacob Barreras
Christopher Bernard	Esther Bernard	Concha Brown	Nicholas Brown
Emma Buck	Victor Byrum	Molly Campione	Amanda Candelaria
Darla Capetillo	Mark Cavasos	Cisco Chavez	Elsie Chavez
Lena De Herrera	Jack & Penny Dorwart	Carla Drake	Sandra Duran
Susana Esteve	Elizabeth Everitt	Mike Garcia	Patricia Heinzman
Celia Klaus	Jonathan Leavitt	Katie Lewis	Fred Lingo
Autumn Lopez	Sharon Lopez	Edna Lozoya	Alice Maestas
Joe Martin	Dora Martinez	Isabel Martinez	Jerry Martinez
M G Martinez	Richard Martinez	Sigman Matthew	Abel McBride
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Emilia Vásquez	Carmen Vigil		

*If we've got your contact info wrong for either ¡Benditos Saludos!, the Church Directory, or email announcements, or if you want to stop, or begin, any of these communications, please send email to livewire@secondpresabq.org, or notify the church office at 505-242-8005.*

**DOES THE CHURCH KNOW HOW TO GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU?**

- Please check in with the Deacons if you have not received phone calls OR emails from us.
- Please notify [livewire@secondpresabq.org](mailto:livewire@secondpresabq.org) to ensure that we have accurate contact information for you.
- And please DO NOT forget to check your emails.

One of the ways the Deacons are staying in touch with members of our Furthest Pew folks is we are sending cards and making calls to those we can. You may contact the Deacons at [deacons@secondpresabq.org](mailto:deacons@secondpresabq.org)

***JOIN US FOR ZOOM FELLOWSHIP, MOST SUNDAYS AT 11:15AM***

Relish the delight of seeing so many faces from Second via Zoom video-conferencing! After greeting everyone, the children are moved to their own Zoom room for Sunday Scholl, recently using ‘The Box’. And, we’re all encouraged to speak up in our break-out rooms, to talk, laugh, discuss the topic of the day, and express our faith! We’ve had up to 41 attendees! The link to the Zoom Fellowship meeting is distributed to the FELLOWSHIP email group. If you’re not a member of the FELLOWSHIP email discussion group, you can request to be added using the ‘JOIN FELLOWSHIP’ block of the “CONTACT US” page of our website.



***SMILE FOR SECOND!***

Now that shopping online is becoming more familiar to all of us please don't forget the Amazon Smiles account for Second, which sends the church a small amount each quarter. We are listed as ***“United Presbyterian Church in the USA”*** because that is our tax identification. An Amazon account is easy to set up and then you never have to worry about it again. Need help? Call Lynn Gatewood at (505) 259-2634 or email her at [dldmngatewood@aol.com](mailto:dldmngatewood@aol.com). Already have an Amazon account? Use the link in the footer of any page of our website! Look for the icon pictured at left. Keep Safe!

***PRESBYTERY’S FAMILY-TO-FAMILY RELIEF FUND***

**COVID-19  
RELIEF FUND**

The Presbytery of Santa Fe has established a Family-To-Family fund to help those that are financially affected by the Coronavirus quarantines. Family-to-Family funds will be used to help with rent, bill payments, or other essential necessities for families that experience financial hardship due to a

person's loss of income during the COVID-19 crisis. It is preferred that funds for bills will be sent directly to the collecting entity. Grocery gift cards are also available for those in the vicinity of Albertsons Market.

To apply for aid from the Family-to-Family fund, please complete the **Family-to-Family Aid Request Form**.

***At this time, the maximum amount per family is \$500.***

***I'VE GOT THAT JOY, JOY, JOY, JOY DOWN IN MY HEART***

*(where?), DOWN IN MY HEART*

*By Karmen Van Dyke*

As I shared with our choir, I was surprised and somewhat embarrassed a few weeks ago when I found myself experiencing nearly euphoric JOY as I used my previously unavailable favorite floor cleaner, Mr. Clean Multi Surface Cleaner (not a paid endorsement). The surprise to me was that I would have such an extraordinary response to something so “simple”...This caused me to initiate a “shout out” for other examples of things people have suddenly found themselves appreciating or getting pleasure from that in our previous life would have had little recognition.

The same morning as my “euphoric” experience, one of the morning TV shows hosted country western singer Luke Bryan. He acknowledged that his mandated stay at home time had been wonderful, so much better than he would have expected. When pushed by the GMA host to consider writing a song about that, he suggested that it might be called “We Haven’t Gotten a Divorce—Yet”. Mmmmm, maybe it’s all in one’s perspective.

All of this is to say, I’m coming to believe we all have little moments of grace and JOY and peace every day—if we let ourselves experience them. So, dear congregation, here is a list of simple “joys and wonders” that are being experienced by some of your joy-filled sisters and brothers in Christ.

- **Don Bixby is getting great pleasure out of GROUT, yes the grout that includes, according to Don, biodiversity and amazing organisms therein.**
- **Gloria Mirabal has reconnected with Uncle Ben’s parboiled rice at a level that leaves her anguishing over his “retirement”. Can anything that GOOD be BAD?**
- **Tilda Chavez was surprised and delighted to find a large display of Clorox wipes (and then was accosted by a masked customer, who needed them as badly as Tilda—apparently).**
- **Joyce Carlson-Leavitt was awed when a huge black butterfly with yellow accents visited her at breakfast on the patio. (She was compelled to protect it from her “friendly cat”).**

Much of this was written before John and I were sprinting between 5 or 6 distinctly different diagnoses in eight days. But small blessings continue to surprise us—among the truly annoying issues: an African doctor who loved Facetime with daughter Melissa in Scotland, since he had spent time in Glasgow; a nurse who had served us food at The Range—and is Rev. Karen Cobb’s daughter (hard to recognize people with masks on). Well, you see what I mean.

Remember the old hymn “There Shall Be Showers of Blessings”?? Maybe I’m/we’re praying and waiting for a flood of God’s grace and might when I/we could be experiencing a light, but constant shower of smaller blessings. I know that I need to be looking for the myriad of smaller pleasures that are there for me. What are those for you?



***PICTURE – THE DEACONS RECENTLY MET SAFELY***



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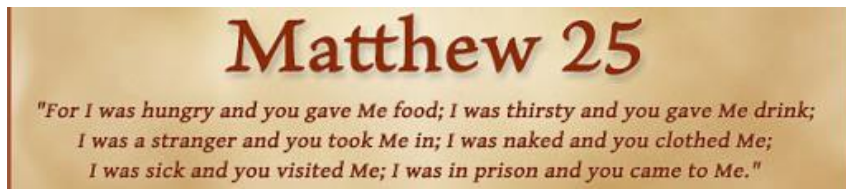
***DEACONS - OPERATION MEAL DELIVERY***

Yvonne Gallegos came up with the idea to start a meal delivery service for our church family/families that are in need of some help with a warm or prepared meal. The Deacons teamed up with her and several other volunteers from our church to take on the much-needed ministry, especially during the pandemic. We are calling it "OPERATION MEAL DELIVERY". We identify who could really use the meals, whether it be to help a family that is taking care of a family member, death in the family, hospitalization and/or caregivers that need a break from cooking or for an individual or family that is having a hardship and could use a meal delivered/prepared by deacons and volunteers from Second. We are especially thankful for our members who are willing to give of their time and culinary talents to help out with this much needed ministry. If you know of anyone who can use a meal or use help with meals, please contact Lorraine Romero (505)275-3357, Beverly Molo (505)280-2535, or Yvonne Gallegos (505)306-4542.

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***STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE***

*By Ruth Montoya*



Often times when we at Second discuss the blessing and implication of being good stewards, we tend to think of church finances and yearly

campaign pledges that we are invited to make to support not only the physical church, but most importantly, to support Christ’s mission and ministry. And, Second is actively engaged in fulfilling Christ’s mandate by becoming the 100<sup>th</sup> congregation to become a **Matthew 25 Congregation**, an initiative of the Presbyterian Church, USA, since the 222<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly in 2016, which invites Presbyterians to lift the vision in Matthew 25 by actively engaging in the world. Our bilingual and multicultural church is providing various outreach services, among which is providing transitional housing to transgender women seeking asylum in the U.S. Listed here are the ongoing mission priorities of the Presbyterian Mission Agency as they relate to Matthew 25:

1. responding with compassion and justice by dismantling racism which involves breaking laws, policies, practices and structures that reinforce and perpetuate discrimination, prejudice and oppression of people of color;
2. eradicate systemic poverty by better understanding the root causes of poverty and in a non-paternalistic way, advocate and support efforts through laws, policies, practices and systems that perpetuate poverty, and
3. building congregational vitality by working continuously and intentionally towards faith development that in turn leads disciples who are members of a church to engage with their community to make new disciples as a result of their witness and work.

In the midst of the COVID-19 Pandemic and our inability to physically congregate weekly to worship, share handshakes and abrazos, our technology permits us to gather virtually as a Presbytery, and again via the Fellowship Hour shared by Second, which has been a blessing to all who are able to participate.

The Stewardship and Finance Committee expresses appreciation to our congregation for your faithful financial support.

***INCOME AND EXPENSES***

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
INCOME (+)	\$21,072	\$17,861	\$20,619	\$18,462	\$13,518	\$18,6378
EXPENSES (-)	\$19,937	\$18,959	\$29,393	\$17,502	\$14,202	\$14,471
MONTHLY NET	\$1,135	\$1,098	-\$8,774	\$960	-\$684	\$4,166
YTD	\$1,135	\$37	-\$8,737	-\$7,777	-\$8,859	-\$4,693

**USE OUR DONATE PAGE**



You can easily designate your giving using Second’s own DONATE page on our website! Thru the [Presbyterian Foundation](#) we have provided a selection of several funds that are regularly used by our members and friends to designate giving. This process has the added benefit of our donations being used for a month to earn interest for the Presbyterian Foundation. And at the end of the month, Second receives your full donation amount! You can schedule regular giving! Make one recurring donation and don’t worry about it for the rest of the year!

Here are the funds to which you can designate your giving on our [DONATE](#) page:

<b>Christmas Joy Offering</b>	<b>Clinica Cristo Rey, Juarez Mexico</b>	<b>Deacons</b>
<b>Family Promise</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Hardship Fund</b>
<b>Immigrant Support</b>	<b>Memorials</b>	<b>Menaul School</b>
<b>Mission</b>	<b>Music</b>	<b>One Great Hour of Sharing</b>
<b>Peace and Global Witness</b>	<b>Pentecost Offering</b>	<b>Per Capita</b>
<b>Poinsettias</b>	<b>Security Ministry</b>	<b>Thank Offering</b>
<b>Transgender Asylum</b>	<b>YAVs</b>	<b>Youth</b>

**1001 WORSHIPPING CONGREGATIONS**

In 2012, the 220<sup>th</sup> General Assembly declared a commitment to a churchwide movement to create 1,001 worshipping communities over the next 10 years. Note that the initiative does not say “develop churches”. As I researched the progress of this initiative, I came across some interesting data to share with you:

- Many of the new worshipping communities are led by leaders of color, immigrants, or women.
- 53% are communities of color, new immigrant or intercultural.
- Korean American Presbyterians are the fastest growing membership group in the PC(USA).
- Next largest growing new immigrant group in the PC(USA) are Africans from many different African nations.
- Staff in Racial Equity & Women’s Ministries speak ten (10) different languages.
- The first worshipping community of color in the PC(USA) was Native American.
- The largest mission organization in the church is Presbyterian Women.
- 64% of participants in new worshipping communities are under the age of 40.



***PICTURE – DOROTHY AND TRANCITO ROMERO SEND GREETINGS***



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***SEND YOUR WAVING PICTURE TO US  
AND YOU TOO CAN BE A STAR OF  
SECOND!***

***SEND YOUR PICTURE TO:  
LIVEWIRE@SECONDPRESABQ.ORG***

**WINGS BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLIES**



**Wings Back-To-School Supplies  
Drive Thru Pick-up**

**August 15, 2020**



**2015 Wyoming Blvd NE—North Parking lot  
Pick-up 9:00 am—11:00 am**

**Due to COVID-19 we are not able to do our traditional Wings Party. Instead we will only have a drive thru pick-up. RSVP required @ 291-6412. All students receiving supplies must be present at drive-thru.**

**Request for School Supplies & Volunteers to organize supplies**

Backpacks, notebooks, scissors, pencils, pens, washable markers, water colors, erasers, scientific calculators, colored pencils, crayons, glue, highlighters, college rule paper, glue sticks, pocket folders, rulers, compass, protractor, composition books, index cards, pencil sharpeners & children's books.  
Other supplies needed: Tissue, hand sanitizer, 1-gallon Ziploc bags, and locks.



**3 Drop-off locations Aug. 3-14**

**#1 Wings Office: 2015 Wyoming NE Suite J. 10-4 pm, M-F**  
W. side of Wyoming, across from Furr's Buffet S. of Menaul.  
Call 298-0985 for more information.

#2



A eUFOFO Salon 15113 Comanche Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110

#3



8600 Pan American Fwy NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113



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***MILESTONES – God Bless You!***

<b><i>Date</i></b>	<b><i>BIRTHDAYS</i></b>	<b><i>ANNIVERSARIES</i></b>
Aug 1	Noah Sandoval	
Aug 2	Antoinette Sandoval	
Aug 4	Jennifer Atencio-Wilson Margaret Castellano Eli Lopez Alma McBride	
Aug 5	James Graham Art Trujillo	
Aug 7	Amanda Castellano	
Aug 9	William Chavez	
Aug 10	Francisco Chavez	Rocky & Alice Bellini
Aug 13	Harry Hogan	
Aug 14	Moraima Marsjanik	
Aug 15		Sam & Ella Porragas
Aug 17		Alfred & Dolores Sanchez Alfred & Leah Sanchez
Aug 18	Conchita Sandoval Nathan Yates	Tom & Sharon Oler
Aug 19	Dorothy Romero	
Aug 21	Manuel Jimenez	Randall & Elizabeth Korver-Glenn
Aug 22	Maria Sanchez	
Aug 24	Oriah Teran	
Aug 25	Carol Leavitt Guillermo Yela	
Aug 26	Rick Kenny	
Aug 27	Clarabelle Padilla	William & Tilda Chavez
Aug 28	Carlos Woodruff	
Aug 31	Andrea Lopez-Holguin	Guillermo & Ciria Yela

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***Church policy is to publish known birthdays in the newsletter unless the celebrant requests the date and/or month NOT to be published. This is to provide for some protection against identity theft. If you do NOT want your birth month/date to be published, please notify the LiveWire committee via email at [livewire@secondpresabq.org](mailto:livewire@secondpresabq.org) or by notifying the Pastor or Office.***

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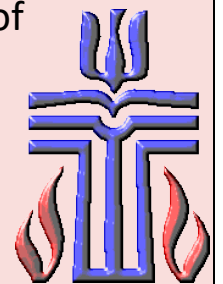
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**Bilingual Worship Services Sundays at 10:30 am**

South parking lot: 35.090136, -106.640028

North parking lot: 35.090788, -106.639597

If you are more fortunate than others, build a longer table, not a taller fence.