



¡BENDITOS SALUDOS! September 2020

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ALBUQUERQUE, NM
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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

Second Presbyterian Church is a vital worshipping community of faith guided by the good news proclaimed by Jesus Christ. Our multigenerational, multicultural, and bilingual community exemplifies the diversity of God's creation unified by God's hope and love. Our ongoing mission is to cultivate that hope and love for all generations by living and sharing it with the world.

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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.**

*Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord.
For God is good; and God's love endures forever.*
Psalm 106:1

Hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Over the last few months, I am often asked how our church is doing financially. “After all, Pastor Rob, since we are not having in-person worship, I am concerned how we are holding up.” Yesterday, our Stewardship and Finance committee met in the Fellowship Hall, socially distanced of course, and it was decided I would use this column to help provide some clarity regarding our stewardship situation.

As you know, the Stewardship and Finance committee facilitated two primary giving options while the pandemic keeps us from worshipping in the sanctuary. The first is sending in checks, either to the regular church address, or our new PO Box 25561, Albuquerque, NM, 87125. Additionally, the option of giving online, thanks to the Presbyterian Foundation, is now also available via our website, secondpresabq.org, and click on the “DONATE” menu option at the top of your screen.

A special thanks to Ruth Montoya, the counting coordinator, and the counters: Iris Sandoval, Randall Korver-Glenn, Reme Molo, Francis Chang, Kris Johnson, Tilda Bulanon-Chavez, and Jack Torres, who still come into the church to process the pledges and other donations, and prepare the deposits. Counting and depositing is happening weekly.

The faithful giving to our church and its mission remains steady! Your continued generosity remains abundant. At a recent session meeting, it was reported that giving is down only about twenty percent. However, spending is also down. Thus, through July, it was reported to Session that that we are behind \$11,962. Though that is a deficit, it is not an insurmountable one. Additionally, our congregation did receive the Payroll Protection Plan loan which amounts to more than \$19,000. This will likely be turned into a grant. That, along with some dues relief from the Board of Pensions, and assuming we stay on track, we will end the year on target, with God's help.

Two items of note. First, faithful to God's call to look beyond our own walls, our church continues to seek to be supportive of others. Last month, Lynn Gatewood wrote and sent checks that are a part of our budget to mission partners both locally, and in Guatemala and Cuba. The Session also decided to send \$5,000 to the Synod of the Southwest to help with Native American relief for churches and families. The Synod received a \$250,000 grant to help the 25 Native worshipping communities in Arizona and New Mexico and was tasked to raise an additional \$97,000. The Session sees the importance to care for our congregation's financial well-being, but to also continue to be a church that seeks to help others. This is also combined with your financial support of the Camino de Vida family experiencing hardship, that Pastor Kay helped facilitate, and periodic help to those in the wider community with our hardship fund.

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The second item of note is we know of some upcoming larger expenses that the church will need to assume. Plans are underway to fix the broken stained-glass windows in the sanctuary, and to arrange for them to be covered to keep them protected. Also, we are buying equipment to update our technology, including eventually streaming worship. We know that this is the wave of the present and future. Together with Camino de Vida, we acquired a grant to help with audio-visual equipment expenses. Camino received \$5,000 and we did too. This will help defray some of the costs. For the stained glass and audio-visual equipment expenses, we may later hold a fundraiser, seek additional contributions, or use reserves, as we know they are important.

I hope this helps clarify our financial picture for you. If you ever have questions, please contact me (505-363-5368), or stewardship chair Eli Lopez (505-690-3868). The big financial picture can be described as blessed! In great part because of your faithful generosity, our church is functioning well during the pandemic, and our connectivity and outreach remain strong!

Grace & Peace, Pastor Rob

THANK YOU FROM PASTOR KAY



Dear friends at Second Presbyterian,

This is my daily view of the Manzanos Mountains from our home in Echo Canyon. Every day the scene changes hour by hour as the sun climbs out and up, across and down, the colors shift from black to deep green to speckled to brown

and golden. I've been painting miniatures most days, thinking about the changes and colors and, of course, the many kindnesses I've received as I've been recovering from lung surgery. It was just a month ago, at the end of July. My body is healing, my energy is still somewhat low, the fog is beginning to lift and all I require now is my ordinary dose of spunk.

I have felt carried by your prayers and grateful for your concern. The journey toward full recovery is still underway...and there will be many more small watercolors of the mountains. But, I hope you enjoy this one and the changes it portrays. With St. Paul I say, *"I know the experience of being in need and of having more than enough; I have learned the secret to being content in any and every circumstance, whether full or hungry or whether having plenty or being poor. I can endure all these through the power of the one who gives me strength. Still, you have done well to share my distress."* *Philippians 4:12-14*

With a grateful heart, Kay Huggins, Parish Associate

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP IN HART PARK, MENAUL SCHOOL

With regards to future worship for Second, know that plans are in the works to have a service at Menaul School on September 6th. We have tried a couple of times before to no avail, but the third time may be a charm. More information to follow.



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	Molly Campione	Amanda Candelaria	Darla Capetillo
Mark Cavazos	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	Adolph McCoy
Jared Montoya	Laura Montoya	Paul Montoya	Tom Oler
Minnie Olivas	Karen Ortega	Ray Otero	Sandra Poole
Wanda Romero Porcelo	David Preininger	Mary Randall	Michael Randall
Enrique Reza	Jerry Rivera	Robert "Bud" Romero	Susan Romero
Joan Rosaire	Frank Salazar	Les Sandoval	Warren Smith
Ed Suazo	Keith Suazo	Raquel Tedder	Barbara Trujillo
Juanita Valdez	Jackie Van Hauen	Emilia Vásquez	Carmen Vigil

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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 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



ZOOM BIBLE STUDY: FALL 2020 AT SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Weekday ZOOM Bible Study in groups limited to 12 individuals/family groups per session with two sessions offered each week on Wednesday at 4 pm and 8 pm. Weekly study guides are provided to all participants. Our Bible study is more than scripture investigation as we seek the ways that scripture shapes, comforts and challenges our everyday experiences of following Jesus. Individuals are encouraged to share their thoughts and struggles, as well as offering their openness to the insights and experiences of all participants.

There will be three short courses this fall. Send your pre-registration to Kay.Huggins@me.com ***one week prior to each course.***

- The Beatitudes: virtues for Christ-like living.** September 23–October 14 (4 Sessions)
- Parables: re-visioning Christ’s lessons for today, Pt 1.** October 21–November 18 (4 Sessions)
- Prayers from Scripture: Advent prayers from Old and New Testament.** December 2-23 (4 Sessions)

Sunday Morning ZOOM Bible Study using The Present Word Curriculum (PCUSA), with shared leadership provide from among group participants. Study books for students (15) and leaders (5) are available by arrangement through the church office or Kay.Huggins@me.com. The fall quarter will begin on September 13 from 8:45 – 9:45 am. This quarter’s theme “*Struggles with Love,*” begins with Unit 1, looking at familial love, jealousy, and destruction: Love and reconciliation in the Joseph story. Unit 2 emphasizes love for the stranger, the poor, and enemies, explored through Jesus’ parable of the good Samaritan and First Corinthians’ sermon on love. Unit 3 looks at the abiding love of God through the Holy Spirit, revealing the expression of God’s love in the formation of the early Christian community, and telling of the love of neighbor as fulfillment of the law of God.



MISSION COMMITTEE

Submitted by Gloria Mirabal

Camino de Vida. Rev. Guillermo Yela recently reported that Camino de Vida has been offering services via Zoom. Several Bible Study opportunities are being offered during the week, as well as prayer groups. They recently conducted online Vacation Bible School for 16 children. They are conducting tutoring and English as a Second Language (ESL) classes via Zoom. Pastor Guillermo is looking for anyone wishing to tutor grade school and mid school students, because some children need the extra help to supplement their virtual learning experience.



Camino de Vida has received two grants. One is a Matthew 25 Continuity Grant, which is being used to pay support staff, upgrade the bathrooms to make them safe post Covid-19, and to pay for utilities. The second grant is a Short/Long Term Grant, that was shared with Second Presbyterian Church, which will pay for upgraded equipment to prepare for long-term worship and ministry during COVID-19. About 60% of Camino de Vida congregants were laid off or had their work hours reduced. Also, many do not maintain checking accounts, and their usual way to contribute to church finances was to put money into the collection plate on Sunday morning. For these reasons, paying Camino de Vida's monthly bills has been challenging. Contributions, therefore, are welcome. The good news is that about 37 families have been worshipping on Sunday mornings via Zoom. Many are new families who have discovered Camino do Vida via social media.



Menaul Historical Library of the Southwest. The Library has been closed to the public. We are adhering to Menaul School's schedule during the COVID-19 pandemic. A skeleton crew goes in each week to pay bills, take care of correspondence, and respond to special requests. Among those requests have been to research material for Menaul School's 125th Anniversary celebration, which will take place in 2021. This has been a big project for us, and we have been working with Rev. Shannon Webster. We assisted Rev. Woodruff in his preparation for the August 23 Presbytery of Santa Fe community worship. We have compiled and distributed our Summer issue of the Review. For this any

many other reasons, the Library is important and useful to the Presbytery, the community, Menaul School and its alumni, and to researchers throughout the world. Our volunteers have been dedicated and loyal. We hope to arise from the pandemic with renewed energy and good health. However, we need your help. Please consider volunteering your time once a week or serving on the Board of Directors. It is important that we have an active volunteer roster and Board to continue the important work of the Library, especially as we contemplate a move to larger quarters.

LET'S BE ENCOURAGED THIS FALL!

Yes, it's good and healthy to mourn the loss of ministry practices and models that we have thoroughly enjoyed and found great success with, but let's be open to what is needed now.

Let's be creative and innovative.

Let's not waste this opportunity to be the Church.

W.I.N.G.S UPDATE

By Ann Edenfield Sweet, Executive Director/Founder



Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the WINGS Back-To-School Supply Drive Thru on Saturday, August 15, including Sandra Duran from Second! It ended up being a very successful event. There were 224 backpacks/bags of school supplies given out, 76 boxes of food, 76 bags of books for the adults, 250 stuffed animals given away, at least 100 pairs of shoes, around 150 board games or puzzles, and hundreds of misc. toys, hairdryers, radios, clocks, etc. given away. (It ended up being far more than

just a "school supplies" drive.)

There were at least 50 cars with children in them who drove through the parking and they weren't registered. WINGS also gave them assorted gifts.

60+ volunteers helped with this fun, memorable event, and many families and children are starting the school year off knowing there are many people who care about them and wish them well in their studies.

THANKS to all the donors and sponsors who helped make this so successful: Family Life Radio, Chick-fil-A, Poulin Design Center, Casa Verde Salon/Spa, Zanios Family, Guideposts, 1687 Foundation, Presbyterian Healthcare, Sagebrush Church, Valencia County 2020 Census Office, Valencia County Thrift Stores, Albuquerque Assistance League, & many other donors!

INCOME AND EXPENSES THRU JULY

YTD INCOME (+)	\$161,207
YTD EXPENSES (-)	\$173,169
YTD DIFFERENCE	-\$11,962

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You can designate the funds for your giving on our [DONATE](#) page.
OR, you can mail your contribution to: **Second Presbyterian Church**
PO Box 25561
Albuquerque NM 87125

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, JULY 2020

By Karmen Van Dyke

This summer's Vacation Bible School was the creation of Libby Whitely (First Presbyterian Church's Director of Christian Education, with input from Second, Shepherd of the Valley, and St. Andrew. The final product was participated in fully by just First and Second. Shepherd of the Valley used only the printed material. St. Andrew was unable to participate due to unavailability of leadership.



The curriculum was intended to relate to our current COVID-19 experience, focusing on “the Babylonia Captivity” and the return of the children of Israel to their homeland(s). (Our evaluation determined that this may have been a bit too heavy for the children that participated.)

Stories were told by First Presbyterian staff; music was provided by our Children's Choir program (Carlos and Valentina Woodruff, Eli and Emmanuel Johnson, under the direction of Debi Eisenhour; Becky Johnson and Rob Woodruff were “backup singers” for the final day's music 😊 .

The strategy was to provide four lessons, three songs, and four weeks of activities related to the topics from Isaiah 43: captivity and prayer, considering the “old”, beholding the “new”, joyfully returning from the wilderness. These could be done over any schedule determined by the family: one a day, one a week, even one a month. A book was provided for each family to experience Prayer while coloring feelings.

While it is difficult to extrapolate numbers participating, we know there were 46 viewings in week one. Obviously, most viewing would include a minimum of two persons, but families might choose to listen to a lesson more than one time. The numbers declined over the four weeks, with some families continuing to access the materials to date.

In the past few years, the cost of VBS has been estimated at approximately \$10/child, covering the cost of “outside” staff, materials and food. Cost this year was a bit higher because of the “at home activities box”: crayons, markers, sidewalk chalk, acrylic paints and brushes, glue, terra cotta pots and seed for each child, note cards and “Praying in Color” (\$10/per family). Twelve boxers were delivered, representing 25 children of Second. Cost was \$12 to \$15/child.

Many thanks to Anita Abeyta, Pastor Rob, and Becky Johnson for support on this “virtual” activity—and to Niccole Pierre-Williams, tech at First, who made our online presentation look TERRIFIC.

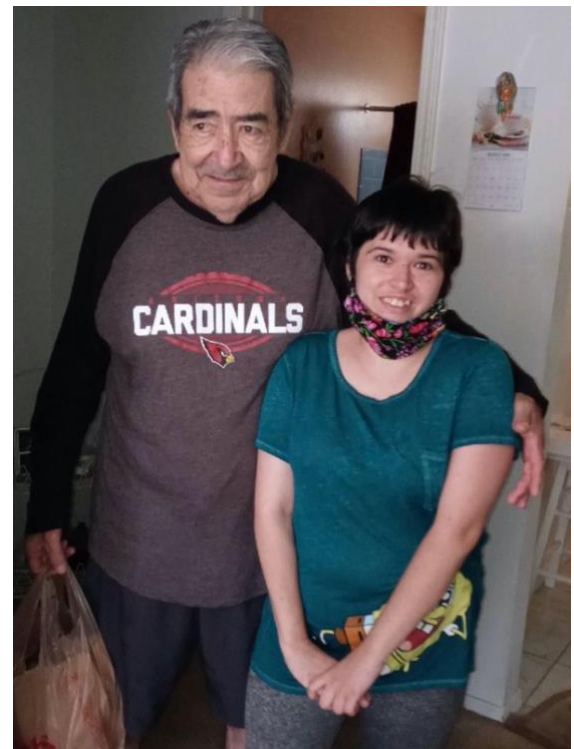


The Deacons send kudos to Tiffany Gallegos and her team for the beautiful Lunch Bags they have been delivering to people's doors. The lunch bags are decorated with love and contain yummy sandwiches. Thank you Team Tiffany.



MILESTONES – God Bless You!

<i>Date</i>	<i>BIRTHDAYS</i>	<i>ANNIVERSARIES</i>
Sep 3	Cienna Montoya	
Sep 4	Sophia Sanchez Kelly Soria	
Sep 6		John & Alicia Gilliam
Sep 8	Ruth Romero Alfred Sanchez	Don & Pat Bixby
Sep 9	James Bencomo Andrew Medina Gil Miranda	Steve & Alicia Montoya
Sep 11	Kris Johnson	
Sep 12	Megan Muniz	
Sep 14	Mary Montoya Julianna Torres	
Sep 16	Kelsey Molo Sylvia Vasquez	
Sep 17	Michael Gallegos	
Sep 18	Reina Bencomo Tessie Lopez Takako Terino Stephen Villareal	Ray & Conchita Sandoval
Sep 19	Gil Solis	
Sep 20	Ciria Yela	
Sep 21	Michelle Ellis Jonathan Leavitt Jordan Lopez	
Sep 23		Brian & Erica Ferns
Sep 24	Pat Bixby	
Sep 25	Sandra Poole	
Sep 26	Jude Korver-Glenn	
Sep 27	Lena De Herrera Tina Griego	
Sep 30	Jason Sandoval	



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