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First United Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)

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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

SEPTEMBER 2020

Dear Friends,

Thank you to those who responded to our survey; we had a great response! You'll find the results outlined in an article on page 4-5 of this newsletter. I know the question about when we will be able to worship in the sanctuary again is on many of our minds, so in light of the survey responses, I want to address that here.

About a quarter of survey respondents—about a dozen people—indicated they are likely/very likely to attend a service held in the sanctuary under COVID guidelines, but 66 percent—about 32 people—said they are unlikely/very unlikely to attend, among them those people we often rely on for various worship leadership positions. Some folks have decided that they will wait for a vaccine or other advance against the virus before venturing into an enclosed space with others. In short, a majority of our folks will not be attending worship in person for some time to come. For the Re-Entry Task Force, this means putting a plan in place so that, when it is implemented, we can have a hybrid service—with some folks in the sanctuary and others continuing to Zoom in. The Task Force and I have decided that we don't want to split the congregation among two services—one online and one in person; we are called to be the family of God, united together.

We are making progress on researching the equipment needs for hybrid services—that is, services with some of us gathered in the sanctuary while others connect via a live feed from their computers—but it will take some time to decide on the right equipment, purchase it, install it, and train people to use it. The Buildings and Grounds crew has determined that our sanctuary can accommodate 20 people with social distancing in place, plus worship leaders and sound operator. We haven't yet determined how adding a video technician will impact that number. B&G is also looking into plexiglass shields for the lectern and pulpit for those people who will be projecting their voices from those places. We are working on the preparations we need to have in place, but it will take some time.

The Task Force continues to evaluate other information as well. Case numbers in New Mexico look pretty good at this moment (although they can change quickly), but we recently had an outbreak with six city workers testing positive for COVID. I can't help but wonder how many people doing routine business at city offices and work sites, let alone family members and friends, those six might have interacted with before they became symptomatic.

I have recently brought to the attention of the Task Force a video in which Lisa Allgood, a retired immunocytochemist and a Commissioned Pastor who is serving as the Transitional Executive in the Presbytery of Cincinnati, speaks to issues of coronavirus from a pastoral perspective. It is timely (recorded in mid-August) and helpful. If you'd like to watch it, you can find it at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M9P0gOSqwn0&t=2710s>. Among the things Allgood talks about are the concerns around not only being in a sanctuary with a group of others, but what happens when the weather changes and it's no longer possible to open windows to move air in the space, the promising work toward a vaccine, and ways that are safe for us to meet in venues outside the church.

In response to survey results that indicated many of you would attend an outdoor small group gathering, the Community Life Committee is making plans for those. I hope many of you will participate. As I write this, though, fewer people than the survey indicated have expressed an interest in participating.

Friends, I know this is an issue on which we disagree. I also know that we are a loving church family, willing to hang in there while we put things in place to allow us to continue to worship together; certainly we will continue to be physically apart even when some of us are able to be in the sanctuary. I recently read an article in *Baptist Global News* in which the writer described a Zoom meeting he had with 10 clergy from three different denominations. They all expressed the many ways in which the pandemic and other issues we are confronting have affected them and their churches. One said that their recent survey showed a 50/50 split between those wanting to worship in the sanctuary and those wanting to continue virtual worship. Further, this pastor reported that "several members [wrote] in the comments section that they would leave if the church (1) didn't open immediately or (2) attempted to open at all." That's a tough position for a pastor to be in, and I am very grateful that the bonds that tie our church family together go deeper than a disagreement over this issue. So hang in there; keep loving each other.

With thanks for all of you,

Pastor Katie



WORSHIP TIDBITS

I am very grateful to the many people who've stepped up to help ensure that our online service is meaningful. I was pleased to learn through our survey that, for most of you, the service is fulfilling. I want to share with you the process for planning online worship as a way to express my gratitude to those involved. Thank you all! I've probably left out some steps, but here goes.

Online worship moves the timeline for everything to points earlier in the week. It starts with me as I prepare the bulletin, which in turn means taking time to discern where the sermon is likely to go. The Spirit sometimes changes my direction in the wee hours of Sunday morning, but usually I have enough guidance to design the service with elements that unify the message. Whereas I used to mull over things until midweek, then prepare the bulletin for Linda to format and print at the end of the week, Linda now needs to have the bulletin in the mail on Wednesdays for those who rely on snail mail for their copy of the bulletin. This has moved my bulletin prep to Monday/Tuesday. As soon as I've chosen the hymns, I let Karyl Lyne, Em Krall and others involved in "music production" know.

Whereas Em used to choose prelude and postlude whenever it was convenient for her during the week and also practice the hymns at her convenience, she now records prelude, postlude, and hymn accompaniment by midweek. As Em is doing that, Karyl is making decisions about how many voices she wants to use and confirming singers' availability. Each singer records to a track with the accompaniment (and sometimes another voice). Karyl then mixes the voices and accompaniment. This is a process that continues to evolve. The final music products go to Tegan, who adds video, paying attention to the hymn lyrics so that the videos support the text, which is included in the videos.

While the musicians are working and Linda is distributing bulletins via snail mail and email, I am working on the sermon and producing a "script" version of the bulletin that outlines for the week's Worship Leader who will do what and what announcements or other details the Worship Leader needs to know. This includes any details about how the sermon readings might be interwoven with the sermon and instructions for anyone else who might be involved in the service.

D.R., or whoever will serve as Zoom host, is in the meanwhile formatting the videos and Scripture readings so that he can share them on the Zoom screen at the appropriate time.

Finally, we show up on Sunday morning, when it is the host's job to begin the meeting time for worship and to handle the various tech aspects of the morning, from muting folks so that we don't hear ambient noise, to sharing the videos and Scripture readings, to putting us into breakout rooms during fellowship time. And afterward, to post the worship video on our Facebook page and on our website.

So, to all who play a role in our Zoom worship, thank you!

SMALL GROUP GATHERINGS BEING PLANNED



In these days of social-distancing and worshipping by ZOOM, we still feel a deep and abiding desire to meet face-to-face, something reflected in surveys we completed. To meet the social needs expressed through those surveys, Community Life has combined lists of hosts and guests into three appropriately sized groups. In September, these groups will gather outside, at the host's home, in appropriately socially distancing ways for fellowship. Weather or circumstances permitting, another gathering may take place in October. Details will follow as we get closer to the date. If you would like to participate in groups like these, please let Siobhan Croto, Jan Beurskens, Judy Long, or Renee Soderlund know. Thank you.

–Siobhan Croto- Community Life



Thank you to my church family for prayers, cards, rides, food, and positive thoughts during my recent surgery. I'm improving slowly but surely!! Rosie



SUMMER BOOK DISCUSSION

Join us for our summer book club! Or, more accurately now, summer/fall book club. Or maybe just book club, depending on what we decide going forward!

At any rate, in mid-September, we will discuss *One Coin Found: How God's Love Stretches to the Margins* by Lutheran Pastor Emmy Kegler. The book invites us into the journey of Kegler, a queer woman who struggled with her place in the church. It will give us an opportunity to talk not only about the struggles that LGBTQ+ folks can experience in the church, but also to look at Biblical passages that are used to deny inclusivity.

In her beautifully written memoir, Kegler writes about the first time she served communion in the chapel of St. Olaf College, where she was a student. Then she says:

From the day that [communion] plate first rested in my hands, the promise of sacramental union rang true for me... I was a baptized and beloved child of God; the rest was the work of Christ. The promise of Christ's real presence expanded the bread and wine beyond what I could hold. In the crumbs there was a proclamation of an impossibly expansive God.

Please email Pastor Katie (pastorkatiepalmer@gmail.com) or call the church office if you plan to attend. The book is available through most online book sellers both used and new; cost is between \$8 and \$15. Order now so you will have time to read! We will likely meet via zoom, depending on the number of participants. Pastor Katie will be in touch with those folks who plan to attend to set a date and time.



Adult/Youth Class Continues its Discussion of the Book of Job

In September and the First Sunday of October, the Sunday class for adults and youth will finish off the book *Island of the Innocent: A Consideration of the Book of Job* by Diane Glancy. This series, led by Richard Lindeborg, rides on the coattails of Pastor Katie's sermon series on Job in July and August.

"There is much mystery surrounding the Book of Job," writes the publisher. "Who was he? Where was he? What prompts Job's "comforters" to accuse him of wrongdoing as the cause of his suffering? And who is innocent among us?"

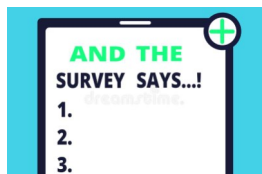
Island of the Innocent's narrative dramatizes how the way one looks at something shapes and changes what is seen. Voices of the trials of the Native American interject themselves into the text. There is Custer riding toward the Little Bighorn. There is a Native American doll in a museum, taken from a battlefield in western Nebraska after the massacre of Ash Hollow. There is Job, sitting in his yard chair in discomfort, among the falling leaves and his three friends.

"And finally, [there] is Jehorah, Job's wife: 'I wrote in my book of sorrows . . . asking God what he is doing. I was expecting more boils on Job. More death—more ever-ready friendly visits. But after them—who was left?— I ask you. Where is my broom? My head? My battle-ax?'"

The remaining reading assignments for this series are

- Sept. 6 Part Four, p. 77-88
- Sept. 13 Part Five, pp. 91-119
- Sept. 20 Part Six, pp. 125-142
- Sept. 27 Part Seven, pp. 147-161
- Oct. 4 Part Eight: Restoration and Notes, pp. 165-203

Getting the Book: It is late, but you can get a copy of the book in 4-5 days from online dealers by selecting extra fast shipping. Retail for this book is \$17.95, with second hand offerings for up to \$3 or \$4 less (including shipping). Paper Trail may be able to order it also. Richard Lindeborg is willing to order copies and have them drop shipped directly to your home.



THANK YOU, WE HEARD YOU!!

We had 48 responses to our July Spiritual Needs Survey developed by the Re-Entry Task Force. We appreciate your input and the many comments. The task force and Session are carefully considering our options.

A summary of the responses is included below. Sixty-six percent of respondents indicated that they were unlikely or very unlikely to attend a gathering in the sanctuary (with several indicating that they don't plan to return in the foreseeable future or until we have a vaccine) and 24 percent are ready to return at this point in time. While most of respondents indicating a desire to return to the sanctuary now did not make specific comments on the survey, several members have expressed a strong desire to get "back to church" to members of the task force! There were quite a few comments about the desire to continue a virtual worship service for those who are unable to worship in person, both within the Las Vegas community and beyond. Indeed, 74 percent of respondents indicated that Zoom worship is fulfilling.

The Re-Entry Task Force and WAM continue to work on improving the Zoom experience in response to the many suggestions expressed through the survey and in conversations with our church family. We are also working on a path back to the sanctuary over the next few months and will keep you updated. As we have seen from the experiences in our school systems

across the state and nation, although the desire is very strong, the details and logistics quickly get complicated. Contingency plans need to be in place.

Fifty-two percent of those who responded expressed an interest in gathering outdoors. Invitations have already gone out from the church. Let's enjoy these gatherings while the weather is still making this a viable and pleasant possibility.

Spiritual Needs Survey Responses

Question	Very Likely	Likely	Neither Likely nor Unlikely	Unlikely	Very Unlikely
Q1 At this point in time, how likely are you to attend a gathering in the sanctuary following the state-mandated guidelines (e.g., socially distanced, masked, reduced numbers)?	11%	13%	11%	34%	32%
Q2 At this point in time, how likely are you to attend a gathering outdoors following the state-mandated guidelines (e.g., socially distanced, masked, reduced numbers)?	26%	26%	17%	17%	15%
	Very Fulfilling	Fulfilling	Neither fulfilling nor unfulfilling	Unfulfilling	Very Unfulfilling
Q4 If you have participated in our Sunday morning worship services via Zoom, how would you characterize your overall worship experience?	36%	38%	15%	0%	2%
Q6 Overall, how do you feel First United Presbyterian Church is fulfilling your spiritual needs?	50%	37%	13%	0%	0%

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The TT&T Committee Works to keep Our Church Finances Strong

The goal of the TT&T Committee is to foster giving of our time, talents, and treasures and monitor spending to ensure our ability to do God’s work today and in the coming 150 years. The TT&T makes recommendations to the Session but ultimately all financial decisions are made by this governing body. We strive to garner input and enthusiasm from the congregation

This is the first year that we did not ask for annual pledges. Many churches have **already** abandoned formal annual pledge drives. With consultation from the national church and with many discussions among our committee members, we made the recommendation to the session to skip the annual pledge campaign. So far, giving from members and friends has kept up with previous years very well, even as we have moved to worshipping on Zoom. Good job, congregation! [You can easily contribute by clicking on the Give tab at lvpresbyterian.org](http://lvpresbyterian.org) (there are instructions on the website for first-time users).

One thing to know: we have spent a lot of money on work to the physical plant, work that we had put off for some time. The stucco job and the landscaping job have dramatically enhanced the overall appearance of the property. We’re very appreciative of all the work that many congregation members have put in. Guess what: there is still more to do, but the end is in sight!

–Carol Linder, Chair

Spiritual Needs Survey Responses

Q3 Which activities have you participated in during the last five months?

Sunday morning worship	Fellowship following worship	Sunday school	Coffee with Katie via Zoom	Thursday Teatime via Zoom	Facebook devotionals	Committee meetings	Phone or email conversations with Deacons or Elders	None
44	30	10	9	7	22	4	23	1

Q5 Reflecting on the Sunday morning worship at 1000 Douglas Ave, please rank the following items in terms of meeting your spiritual needs. (ranking 1 to 6)

Top three results:
 63% ranked Sermon as 1 or 2
 47% ranked Singing hymns and enjoying the music as 1 or 2
 39% ranked In-person worship as 1 or 2



**CLASS TO STUDY *MAN IN WHITE*,
A BIOGRAPHY OF ST. PAUL BY (THAT!) JOHNNY CASH**



From the Publisher: Johnny Cash. The Apostle Paul. Two legendary men. Two thousand years apart-yet remarkably similar. Both struggled with a "thorn in the flesh." And both had powerful visions from God. Paul's encounter with the Man in White knocked him to the ground and struck him blind. It also turned him into one of the most influential men in history.

From amateur reviewers: ...Johnny Cash's only novel is a portrait of six pivotal years in the life of St. Paul. Cash, who struggled with his own demons and publicly testified to the power of God's healing grace, identified with Paul's experience of salvation. In *Man in White* he weaves a fascinating story of the apostle's single-minded, zealous persecution of the early Christians and his dramatic conversion on the road to Damascus.

Cash had some training in Biblical Study and benefitted from friends, including Billy Graham, who critiqued his drafts as the work was in progress. But the most remarkable feature is that Cash has a real talent for spinning a story. His rendition of the life of St. Paul brought Paul's life out of the mystical, where so many put him, and showed Paul as an ordinary man of his time.

Cash keeps his novel in line with what is already known about St. Paul, but he makes Paul come alive in Cash's skillful handling of small details about Paul's appearance, his family background, how he supported himself, and his friends and relatives. The title is based on how Jesus appeared to Saul on the way to Damascus. Jesus was clothed in brilliant white: Jesus is the Man in White.

Used hardcover copies (HarperCollins 1986) are available through Alibris, AbeBooks, Amazon and other dealers for \$5.50 to \$12 including tax and shipping. Those who do not shop online can have Richard Lindeborg order a copy to be drop shipped to your address.

Reading assignments are:

- Oct. 11 Introduction** (study of 1st Century temple life; Paul's place in Cash's beliefs; Ezra Carter's (d. 1975) books-- Josephus and other sources; process of writing, 1977-1986) pp 1-16
- Oct. 18 Prologue** (Jerusalem: Apostles' preaching, young Saul's anger and opposition, their trial and flogging) pp. 21-56
- Oct. 25 CH 1 The Vow: AD 32** (Trial and stoning of Stephen; Paul's commission) p. 32-56
- Nov. 1 CH 2 The Fast** (Tarsus, Saul's education, contact with followers of Jesus, growing sense of mission) pp. 59-85
- Nov. 8 CH 3 The Purge** (Synagogue of the Isles of the Sea, the scourge, the Feast of Weeks, Saul criticized as over-zealous) pp. 90-114
- Nov. 15 CH 4 The illumination** (The road to Damascus, the house of Ananias) pp. 114-143
- CH 5 The Wandering** (Escape from Damascus trip To Mancherus) pp. 147-169
- Nov 22 CH 6 Revelation** (Sinai, vision of the destruction of the temple) pp. 174-183
- CH7 The Fellowship: AD 40** (Jerusalem, Barnabas, Peter, Paul starts under escort, for Caesarea) pp. 174-183
- Epilogue: AD 70** (Destruction of the temple, earlier persecutions in Rome, deaths of Peter and Paul) pp. 224-225

HELP LOCAL STUDENTS LEARN!



Under the leadership of Samaritan House, an ad hoc committee is forming to attend to educational needs being expressed throughout our community. In brief, we have many school children in the community who need extra help, especially when they are learning remotely but sometimes don't have people in their homes who have the time or skills to help them. For instance, we are hearing that essential workers are often working when their children need help with assignments; we are hearing that some people simply don't have the skills themselves to be able to help children or grandchildren in their care. The committee seeks volunteers to support students and teachers by offering tutoring services via Zoom.

We expect most of the students to be in grades K-8, but some might be high schoolers as well. Right now, the skills most needed are basic math, algebra, Spanish, grammar, and history. Tentatively, hours for this service would be 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday and 10:00 a.m. – noon on Saturday. Because the work will be done remotely, it is completely safe.

This volunteer opportunity is perfect for retired educators and professionals, but of course open to anyone with the necessary skills who can be available during tutoring hours. Indeed, Samaritan House Director George Lyon approached me because he has met many of you and knows that this congregation has skills that can help Las Vegas kids learn. Will you step up to help local students navigate math, history, basic English skills or Spanish during this pandemic?

Please let me know if you'd like to volunteer or if you're interested in more information.

–Pastor Katie (pastorkatiepalmer@gmail.com)

CALLING ALL GARDENERS

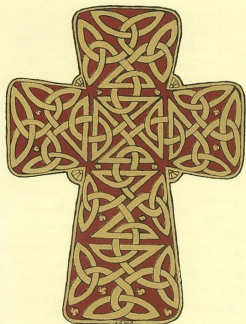


First United Presbyterian Church has been approached by the San Miguel County Master Gardener's Association concerning possible Community Gardens in Las Vegas. They have access to grant money to establish gardens in the community as well as the expertise to guide gardeners in successful vegetable production in our environment. These gardens could provide produce which would be donated to the community through our soup kitchens or Samaritan House. Alternatively, they could be gardens in which community residents are provided with a plot to grow food for their own family and the training necessary to do that.

Initially, they consider the space along the south side of our Old Town Mission Community Center to be ideal for the purpose. There is quite a bit of space there with good light and access to water. Either one of the alternatives listed above would necessitate at least supervision by congregation members if not actual cultivation of the gardens.

This is an opportunity to provide a service to our community, to help feed our neighbors and continue in our efforts to live out our faith. We know that there are church members and friends who enjoy working with growing plants. Others may always have wanted to learn about gardening in general and/or food production. Are there any of you who would like to work on this project should we decide to undertake it? Please contact Tom Trigg to learn more and, hopefully, volunteer. triggtom11@gmail.com or 505-426-5821.

Congratulations Note from Church Friends



Dear Katie, Congratulations to you and the congregation at FUPC on your first 150 years! Margaret and I thought you might enjoy this card, thinking of the Celtic cross now in the church's front yard. We were very happy to know the cross was donated by Susan and Van Swan, old friends of ours - Susan was Margaret's student at NMHU years ago. Best wishes to you, Katie, and all at FUPC for all the years to come.

Peace and Blessings,
John Geffroy and Margaret Vazquez Geffroy

DEACON PRAYER GROUPS 2020-2021

RENEE SODERLUND 505-429-1885

Susan Apodaca and Charlotte Wootton
Siobhan, Jim and Sean Croto
Em Krall and Cathy Stauber
Judy and Michael Long
Bob and Sharon Vander Meer
Fred Salas
Rosalie Lopez
Van Swan
Gordy Thatcher
Renate Rendon
Lillian Hoika

ROSALIE LOPEZ 505-429-6420

Richard and Susan Lindeborg
Karlene Martinez
Carrol and Bob Pearson
Bruce Wertz
Denice Spicer
Caroline Rackley
Don Owens
Jeremiah Street
Allan Ayers and Lin Chibante
Juli and Jeff Salman

JULI SALMAN 505-429-0290

Katie and D.R. Palmer
Wilma Cunico
Frank Hager
Carol and Peter Linder
Chuck and Duffy Peterson
Mary Schipper and Tom Trigg
Elisa White
Renee Soderlund
Renee Buchanan
Robin Carlson and Les Jones
Pam Abreu
Nina Johns

BONNIE TRUJILLO 505-425-3972

Murl Baker
Karen Topping and Rod Billingsley
Theresa DeHerrera
Alex Ditton
Connie, Diego, Arthur, Carly and Celina Trujillo
Willie Lansing
Bryan Johnson
Christina Litherland
Maridell and Don Monnheim
John Arnold and Bernadette Lujan
Lydia Palomino
Jeanette Huling

SHARON VANDER MEER 505-617-0839

Chad Boliek
Randy Campbell
Pauline Dimsey
Kevin Johnson
Joyce Litherland
Debra and Kent Reid
Shirley Sandoval
Linda and Gene Solyntjes
Mark Gillingham and Beth Urech
Weinstein Family-Lisa , Mike, Aubrey, Claire, Cole
Karyl Lyne and Patrick Rucker

MARY SCHIPPER 505-429-0285

Jan and Frank Beurskens
Linda Cunningham
Pat and Corky Halverson
Carol and Ken Litherland
Bernie Meadows and Gail Malley
Betty Quick
Trudi Samuelson
Bonnie and Art Trujillo
Laura Wilson
June Stallsmith
Judi Ruprecht
Niki Sebastian and Jackson Igondou
Rudy Laumbach
Betty and Roger Kretz



LET'S GET TOGETHER

Remember that we have three social gatherings via Zoom each week. You can download the app on your computer or you can call in by phone. Here's the schedule:

Let's Get Together!

- Sunday morning fellowship following worship. Hang around after the postlude and spend a few minutes chatting with folks!
- Coffee with Katie, Tuesday mornings at 9:00. We'll chat over coffee or whatever you're drinking at your house. (I'll probably have a nice cup of tea.) It's an opportunity to check in on each other and share stories.
- Thursday Teatime, Thursday afternoons at 3:30. Not a morning person? Need some more interaction? Brew a pot of tea (or other beverage of your choice) and settle in for a visit with members of your church family.



TO JOIN ANY FUPC EVENTS VIA ZOOM:



Open your web browser and go to <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5739200081>

If you haven't been on Zoom before, you'll see instructions for downloading the Zoom app and allowing your camera (if you have one) and microphone to be used by Zoom, and then the meeting will open.

If you are new to Zoom, we recommend going to the link above sometime before the event so that you can get the Zoom app set up ahead of time. It takes a few minutes.

If you have the Zoom app, you can use the link above or you can just open the app, click Join, and enter the meeting id. **The meeting ID for all public church events is 573-920-0081.**

If you don't have a computer but want **to join by phone, call 312-626-7699** and enter the ID number when prompted. Please note this is a Chicago number, so if your phone plan does not have unlimited calls, you may incur long-distance charges.



2020-2021 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

As we enter a new term for the Ruling Elders on our Session, their committee assignments have changed. Please contact a committee chair if you have questions or suggestions for their committee.

- Buildings and Grounds - Corky Halverson
- Clerk of Session - Karyl Lyne
- Columbarium - Judy Long
- Community Life - Siobhan Croto
- Joint Operating Team - Tom Trigg
- Mission and Peacemaking - Carol Litherland
- Mustard Seed - Carol Linder and Corky Halverson
- Nominating - Joyce Litherland
- Personnel - Deb Allen-Reid
- Time, Talent and Treasure - Carol Linder
- Worship and Music - D.R. Palmer
- 2020 Task Force - Joyce Litherland

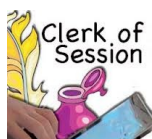


Mission and Peacemaking continues its work to respond to the many mission needs here and around the world. We are delighted to report that the Christmas in July Garden Well Project raised \$1890! That's 1.26 Garden Wells. We're thrilled, and thank everyone who donated to this PCUSA Giving Catalog Project. Won't it be wonderful for villagers, heretofore without a clean, reliable water source, to have a well and pump they can depend on? Merry Christmas indeed!

We're also pleased to report that, at our recommendation, Session approved a \$500 donation to the Synod of the Southwest for the Native American Relief Project. This project supports 1) pastors and commissioned pastors in 29 Native American Churches and Chapels; 2) utility costs for those churches & chapels; and 3) the purchase of food and supplies for Native American Communities in the Synod of the Southwest. We received a thank you card from Nelson Capitan, Chair of this synod committee, saying AHE' HEE'! (thank you in Dine) and DA WAI EH! (thank you in Laguna Pueblo). Should you wish to make a personal donation to this effort, checks can be sent to the Synod of the Southwest, 5901 Wyoming Blvd. NE #J-319, Albuquerque, NM 87109 with Native American Relief Project on the memo line.

Finally, we thank you for responding to the PCUSA Action Alerts as they come to us. Advocating by speaking out is powerful and does make a difference in our world!

Karyl Lyne

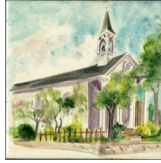


I want to acknowledge the wonderful work going on each week to bring us meaningful worship via zoom. While we'd rather meet in our sanctuary at 1000 Douglas Ave., we're SOOO fortunate to be able to meet together by phone, iPad, or computer. It still amazes me that this is even possible and that WE'RE doing it. We hear the word of God, we are challenged to stretch our understanding of Job and to apply it to our own lives through Katie's artful sermons. Em continues to bless us with her playing, and many of our choir members are jumping in to sing new and familiar hymns. These musicians are learning new technologies and are learning about their voices, breathing, articulation and expression in ways they never have before! I'm learning to be a techie, which is interesting, challenging and sometimes frustrating. It's kind of fun to 'sit behind the curtain' and manipulate sound! Tegan continues to use images to enhance the musical messages in ways that stimulate our eyes and imaginations; and DR weaves it all together. Thanks to all involved in our worship.

I also want to give you an update on Las Vegas' 20th CROP Walk planning. Church World Service has strongly recommended that there be NO in-person group walks this year. So, the CWLV Planning Team is inviting people to create their own walks—day, time, place and mode—walk, ride, roll, peddle—and invite friends and family to donate at www.crophungerwalk.org/lasvegasnm. CWS works to alleviate hunger around the world; and 25% comes back to support Comedor de San Pascual Soup Kitchen, the Las Vegas Community Soup Kitchen and the Samaritan House, who alleviate hunger here. Keep an eye out for the CW notice on your utility bill in September and join us.

Karyl Lyne, Clerk

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Sunday Schedule

9:30 a.m. - Bible Based Study via Zoom
 10:30 a.m. - Sunday Worship via Zoom
 Fellowship Hour following the worship service on Zoom



DID YOU KNOW? "DID YOU KNOW" POSTED WEEKLY

Did You Know items are posted each week in the What's Happening email from Linda? Read to the bottom of the post so you don't miss this information, one more way we are celebrating our 150 years in Las Vegas. You can also check DKY out on the www.lvpresbyterian.org website under [Latest News/Did You Know](#).



Our Daily Devotionals If you haven't yet listened to a daily devotional, lend them an ear! They are short (usually under 10 minutes) and offer a variety of ways to pay attention to God's work in the world and to live in more faithful ways. You will find them on the church's Facebook page or you can link to them via the website. Many thanks to those who share their wisdom and inspiration through these devotionals!

Monday – Pastor Katie
 Tuesday – Carol Linder
 Wednesday – Rod Billingsley
 Thursday - Pat Halverson
 Friday – Karyl Lyne



- 13th Ed Roe
- 15th Sharon Litherland Roe
- 21st Lydia Palomino
- 22nd Aubrey Weinstein
- 24th Bobbye Detterick
- 28th D.R. Palmer
- 29th Frank Beurskens



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 Questions? Call D.R. Palmer 303-775-7259



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 Canned Milk and Canned Vegetables
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