

HELLO FUPC FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

In this mailing you'll find a note from Pastor Katie and the bulletin for Sunday's worship service. Join us Sunday at 10:30 via zoom by going to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5739200081> or join us by phone (312-626-6799). If you're joining by phone, enter meeting ID 573-920-0081. If you've not used zoom before, follow the instructions provided at the link. If you need help with zoom, call D.R. Palmer before Sunday. It is so good to see and hear each other! Please plan to join us!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN

Tuesday, March 9

- 9:00 a.m. - Coffee with Katie via Zoom
- 2:00 p.m. – Community Life via Zoom
- 6:30 p.m. – Called Session Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, March 10

- 2:00 p.m. – JOT - OTMCC

Sunday, March 14

- 3:00 p.m. – Lenten discussion series with Guillermo Yela



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March 3, 2021

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

As you may remember, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month through Pentecost (May 23). Please have communion elements with you when you Zoom in for worship this Sunday, March 7.

As the old broadcasting saying goes, "We interrupt your normally scheduled program for this broadcast event." On Sunday we will be interrupting our look at Scriptural texts from Luke's gospel to focus on an opportunity that your Session and I are very excited about. I'd like to give you a little bit of background.

A few weeks ago, I realized that I will be eligible to take a Sabbatical in 2022. Just as God's people are told in Exodus 23 to work for six days and take a Sabbath on the seventh, and to sow and reap the land for six years and then let it lie fallow for a year, the PC(USA) provides for a time of sabbatical for its Ministers of Word and Sacrament each seventh year. (Seven is a number of completeness, and so this time of rest and renewal is a way of completing a cycle.) And yes, believe it or not, I will complete my 6th year with you in the spring of 2022, and enter into my seventh.

I believe that it's important to see this sabbatical time not only as a time for the pastor's renewal, but for the congregation's as well. It offers time while the pastor is away for the congregation to explore and see things in new ways by interacting with new ideas and new voices. In fact, when I checked in with the presbytery office to get information about preparing for a sabbatical, I learned that the Lilly Foundation offers a Clergy Renewal Grant Program to fund both pastor and congregation to engage in renewal. The Session has embraced this opportunity, and we hope you, the congregation, will as well. On Sunday, I will be sharing with you my plans for renewal, and exploring with you ideas for FUPC's renewal during this time. I am thinking of our renewal time with the theme "Exploring the W(w)ord." We all want to be continually renewed by The Word—the capital "w" Word, God's word for us in Scripture and in Christ. But we have our own words to explore as well—who each of us is as a unique and beloved child of God, what gifts each of us has been given, and in what ways we each live God's words in our lives. What do we love to do? How do we recharge? How do we engage others? How does each of us "speak ourselves" in the world?

I hope worship this week will allow you to "catch the Spirit" of this renewal opportunity. We have much work to do to prepare our proposal, which is due on April 21st. But how wonderful to think ahead to a time of engaging with God's Word and with each other's "words"—however they're expressed—during this special season in our church community.

With thanks for all of you,
Pastor Katie

A word is dead
When it is said,
Some say.
I say it just
Begins to live
That day.
--Emily Dickinson



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

March 7, 2021 10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday in Lent

LOOKING BEYOND THE BLINDERS

MEDITATION – *The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.* -- Frederick Buechner

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME Rev. Katie Palmer

PRELUDE Em Krall

ANNOUNCEMENTS Judy Long

PASSING OF THE PEACE
*Let us make a commitment during this time to call someone today,
visit with them and wish them the peace of Christ.*

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Romans 12:1-6a)

We come together, one body in Christ and individually members of one another.
We come together, many members with different gifts, to create God’s kingdom together.
We come together offering ourselves to live for God.
We come seeking transformation and the renewal of our minds, so that we may discern God’s will.
Let us worship God!

OPENING HYMN *Bless the Lord, My Soul and Being!* (GTG #34)

OPENING PRAYER

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 6:30-34

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, ‘Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.’ For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

SERMON *Exploring the W(w)ord* Rev. Katie Palmer

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

WITH THANKS FOR GENEROUS GIVING *Doxology*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

WE SEAL GOD’S WORD

THE LORD’S SUPPER

*Today, we remember Jesus as we are nourished at this table using food and drink common to our kitchens.
We trust that the elements you use will become for you the presence of Christ.*

INVITATION AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

INSTITUTION OF THE ELEMENTS AND COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Please join the pastor in lifting your “bread” and “cup” at the appropriate time

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WE GO FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

CLOSING HYMN *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing* (GTG #546, v. 1-2)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

WELCOME!! - We extend a warm welcome in the name of Christ to all who worship with us today.

- **Looking Beyond the Blinders to See EVERYONE** – The next event in our Zoom discussion series for Lent takes place at 3 p.m. on March 14 with speaker Guillermo Yela, who will open our eyes to issues of immigrant peoples.
- **Unity Orchard Zoom Celebration** - Sunday, March 21, from 3 – 4 p.m. You are invited to share a poem, personal story, or favorite recipe with other attendees. Using apples, prepare something to eat and enjoy it during our Zoom celebration. In addition to your contributions, this celebration will have music and a fun activity for everyone. Hosted by Community Life. Join by going to our website (lvpresbyterian.org) and click on the “Join Us on Zoom” link.
- **Lenten Study Series:** This year’s study is discussion of the book *Are We There Yet? Pilgrimage in the Season of Lent*, with an introduction by Marek P. Zabriskie (2017). The book is available new from the publisher -- Forward Movement -- for \$7 plus shipping and as a PDF download for printing or viewing at bodysuitmx.blogspot.com. Richard Lindeborg can have a copy shipped to your home. The reading assignment for Mar 14: is pp. 73-92: (The Third Week of Lent) “Insight and Inspiration”
- **After Easter**, the Sunday morning Bible-based class for Adults and youth will begin discussion of the book *Virus as a Summons to Faith: Reflections in a Time of Loss, Grief and Uncertainty* by Walter Brueggemann. Book availability is listed in the March newsletter, or inquire of Richard Lindeborg.
- **Samaritan House Food Donations** – March– Soup (any kind) - Coffee and Tea are always appreciated. Please drop your donations off at Samaritan House
- **Prayers for the Church Family** - Each week we choose some specific names to remind us to pray for each other and for those in our Presbytery. Please pray for Kathy Wentz, Bruce Wertz, Elisa White, Laura Wilson and Charlotte Wooton as well as United Church of Angel Fire, Angel Fire NM (1996).

March Elder of the Month – Judy Long – 505-429-0379

March Deacon of the Month – Sharon Vander Meer –505-617-0839

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Assisting in Worship This Week

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer Worship Leader – Judy Long

Director of Music - Karyl Lyne Accompanist – Em Krall

Zoom Host – D.R. Palmer Visuals – Tegan Palmer

Singers:

Deb Allen-Reid, Christie Baskett, Judy Long, Jan Beurskens,
DR Palmer, Mark Gillingham, Kent Reid