

The FPC Herald
**The Newsletter of
First Presbyterian Church
Roswell, New Mexico**
October 2019



The Pastor's Reflections

Regarding Financial Priorities
Recent Sunday Readings

This year the stewardship season for First Presbyterian has the theme, "Amazing Grace, Amazing God." Stewardship of God's resources (that is, everything), can begin with several fundamental principles. One of those, and one of the most central, is response to God's grace. Consider all that the Lord has done for you and for us, especially in his beloved Son...should we not respond, in part, by returning to God some of what God has loaned to us for

management? And should we not do so faithfully, generously, and joyfully?

Recent Sunday Scripture readings have furthermore underscored the importance of priority in these considerations. If we can manage to keep our financial priorities straight, faithful stewardship becomes much more attainable. Consider one of the readings for September 22nd (Jesus speaking):

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with worldly wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth." Luke 16:10-13

And for September 29th (Paul writing):

"Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains."

1 Timothy 6:6-10

"As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life."

1 Timothy 6:17-18

A few words to consider as you pray and ponder your response to the amazing God who pours out amazing grace. Celebration Sunday is October 27th. See you in worship!

October Calendar

October 2nd	Presbyterian Fellowship Luncheon - Noon Peppers Restaurant
October 3rd	Deacons Meeting - 5:00pm
October 6th	World Communion Sunday Communion Worship - 10:00am
October 11th	Church Management Meeting - 7:00am
October 13th	Worship - 10:00am
October 14th	Columbus Day - Church Office Closed
October 17th	Session Meeting - 5:15pm
October 20th	FPC Early Worship Service - 9:30am "Worship in Jazz" - 10:30am First United Methodist Church
October 20th	Ecumenical Prayer Walk - 1:00pm Ecumenical Worship at First Baptist - 6:00pm
October 24th	Fifth Thursday Potluck Dinner - 6:30pm
October 25th	Community Kitchen Crew - 9:15am
October 27th	Stewardship Celebration Sunday Worship - 10:00am Luncheon following worship

Weekly

Mondays	Theology Class - 5:15pm, Library
Wednesdays	Wednesday Breakfast Group - 7:30am, Martin's Capital Cafe Choir Rehearsal - 7:00pm
Fridays	Friday Prayer Group, Parlor - Noon
Every Day	Noon Prayer and Meditation

Worship at 9:30am on October 20th

Please mark your calendar!



World Communion Sunday October 6th

On the first Sunday of October each year, millions of Christians across the globe celebrate the Lord's supper in spiritual communion with each other. Join us for the celebration of the Sacrament on

October 6th.

Please call the Church Office (622-4910) if you would like to receive Communion at home.

October Scripture Readings

October 6th - 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Lamentations 1:1-6; 3:19-26; Psalm 137;
2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

October 13th - 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12; 2 Timothy 2:8-15;
Luke 1:11-19

October 20th - 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5;
Luke 18:1-8

October 27th - 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18;
Luke 18:9-14

Read the Scripture passages [HERE](#).

Serving in October

Week of October 6th

Service Elder: Deb Prince

Liturgist: Margy Barbour

Inspirational Message: Bob Carroll

Deacon Hospital Visitation: Ann Hultman

Chancel Guild: Mary Lou Glass, Rebecca Johnson, Roberta Pess

Week of October 13th

Service Elder: Bill Wolf

Liturgist: Betty Young
Inspirational Message: Roberta Pess
Deacon Hospital Visitation: Jacque Allen
Chancel Guild: Wendy Lunsford, Betsy Cunningham, Lucy Tucker

Week of October 20th

Service Elder: Bob Kurtz
Liturgist: Dixie Loy
Inspirational Message: Anna Maria Matteucci
Deacon Hospital Visitation: Martha Mayer
Chancel Guild: Margo Fullinwider, Martha Brown

Week of October 27th

Service Elder: Doug Lunsford
Liturgist: Bob Williams
Inspirational Message: Wayne Glass
Deacon Hospital Visitation: Connie Wolf
Chancel Guild: Martha Mayer, Deb Prince, Jacque Allen,
Kate Daniels

2019 Peace & Global Witness Offering

Christ invites, and our doors open to believers from all over the world, and from every time and place. Christ invites, which makes for peace.

The Peace and Global Witness Offering of the Presbyterian Church (USA) supports local and global peacemaking initiatives. Twenty-five percent of the collection supports local peacemaking. Dedicated envelopes are in the pew pockets. The offering will be formally collected on Sunday, October 6th.



 PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

Presbyterian Fellowship Luncheon **Wednesday, October 2nd**

The Presbyterian Fellowship Luncheon group will meet Wednesday, October 2nd at noon at Peppers Restaurant. Formerly known as the Men's Fellowship Luncheon, both women and men are very welcome.

The speaker for this event is Hope Morales, Director of New Mexico Teach Plus. Come join us!

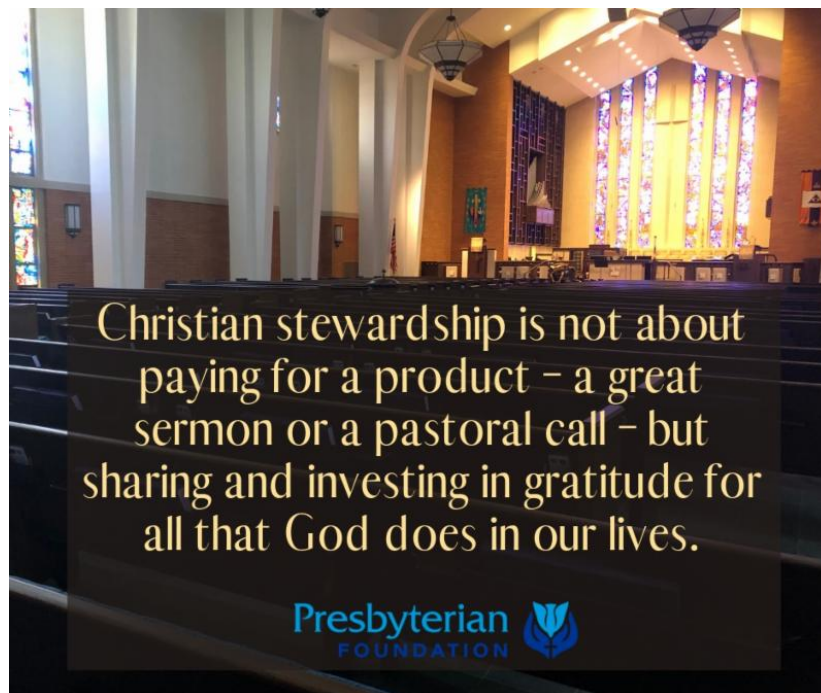
Please RSVP to Wayne Glass.

Stewardship Season 2019 "Amazing Grace, Amazing God!"

The 2019 stewardship season for First Presbyterian Church has the theme, "Amazing Grace, Amazing God!" The season will run for two weeks, three Sundays: October 13th, 20th, and 27th. Celebration Sunday is October 27th, featuring the return of "estimate of giving" cards in worship and a jubilant luncheon following. Please join us for all three of these Sundays. (Remember we worship early, 9:30am, on October 20th due to the jazz worship service that day at 10:30am.)

How amazing is the Lord?! How amazing is the Lord's grace?!

How shall we respond?



Stewardship Celebration Luncheon Sunday, October 27th

A celebration luncheon for the 2019 stewardship season is set for Sunday, October 27th, following worship in the Fellowship Hall. Martin's Capital Café will provide New Mexican fare. Please sign up in the narthex to bring a dessert.



Join us as we celebrate together our joyful response to God's amazing grace!

2019 Roswell Jazz Festival

The 2019 Roswell Jazz Festival extends from Wednesday, October 16th through Sunday, October 20th at various venues. More information is available [HERE](#).

The "Worship in Jazz" service is set for Sunday, October 20th, at 10:30am at First United Methodist Church, 200 West Pennsylvania.

First Presbyterian will worship early on Sunday, October 20th, at 9:30am, so that FPC members and friends may attend the jazz worship service.

Ecumenical Prayer Walk and Worship **October 20th**

The prayer walk begins at 1:00pm, running for about two hours. Please gather in the FPC Fellowship Hall. See or call Pastor John for more information.

Participating churches will gather at First Baptist Church at 6:00pm that evening for worship. Join with many other Roswell churches as we pray together for our city, and as we join together in worship.

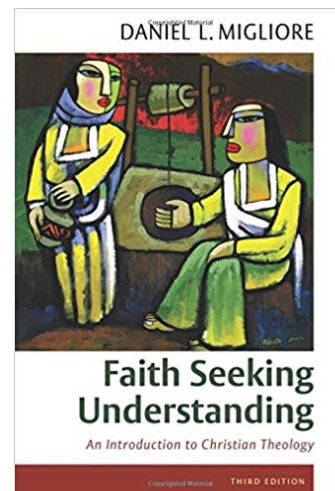


Fifth Thursday Potluck Dinner **Thursday, October 24th**

The final 2019 Fifth Thursday Potluck Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, October 24th (a week early) at 6:30pm at the home of Bob Carroll and Leslie Lawner, 712 N. Lea Ave. A sign up sheet for dishes will be in the narthex soon. Contact Leslie or Bob if you have questions. Join us!

"Faith Seeking Understanding" **Mondays at 5:15pm**

This class on basic Christian theology is now underway, meeting on Mondays in the Library at 5:15pm for an hour and a half (or less), through December 16th. Each week the class is reading a chapter of Daniel Migliore's book, *Faith Seeking Understanding*, but everyone is welcome regardless of preparation for the class.



Join us if you can. The study will deepen and strengthen the faith of all

those who participate.

Note: The class will not meet on October 7th.

Pastor John

Wednesday Breakfast Group

Every Wednesday at 7:30am at
Martin's Capitol Café. Come join us!

The Chancel Choir

The choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm. New choir members are very welcome! For more information contact Music Director Ralph Kaler through the church office.



Friday Prayer Group



The Prayer Group gathers every Friday at noon in the Parlor. Participants pray for our church and its members, and for our community, nation, and the world.

Everyone is welcome. Contact Pastor John for more information.

Daily Inspirational Phone Message

Start your day with an inspiring message!
(575) 622-4923

Highlights of the Session Meeting **September 19, 2019**

At this meeting Session endorsed the Nominating Committee's selection of a member to serve a partial term on Session, heard reports from the Church Management, Worship, Fellowship, Christian Education, Stewardship, and Nominating Committees, and dealt with armed intruder response training for the congregation, presbytery's planned visit to FPC, response to a recent building intrusion, and other issues.



October Birthdays

- 7th Matthew Shanor
- 9th Nancy Guthrie
- 9th Jacque Allen
- 16th Eugene Lee
- 16th Sandy Lee
- 16th Jennifer Robertson
- 22nd Jon Hitchcock
- 29th Mike Hunter
- 30th J. Wayne Bevers
- 30th Rebecca Johnson
- 31st Nova Rogers

October Anniversaries

- 5th Roy and Jacque Allen



Featured PC(USA) Mission Co-workers For October

**Mark Hare
and
Jenny Bent**

**Mission co-workers in Haiti
and the Dominican Republic**

Mark has been working with Presbyterian World Mission since 1997. After working in a reforestation program in Haiti for a year, he spent six years in Nicaragua developing agricultural systems and providing

practical training for rural families.

In 2004 he returned to Haiti with the Farmer's Movement of Haiti (MPP). Joining Mark in Haiti after their wedding in 2008, Jenny serves with MPP as a volunteer in its rural health clinic.

[READ MORE...](#)

The Presbyterian Church (USA) ***Mission Yearbook***

Published for many years in printed form, the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s publication, the *Mission Yearbook*, offers readers a daily devotional and a means for keeping informed about mission work of the PC(USA).

The *Mission Yearbook* is now available online, and you can sample a devotional [HERE](#). You can click on different dates on the calendar to see devotionals for those dates.

You can also subscribe to have the devotional, plus other PC(USA) news, delivered to your email inbox by going [HERE](#).

Check out all of the amazing work being done by Presbyterians in all corners of the world!

Recent Worship Highlights



September 1st
Wayne Bevers, Pastor John, Pastor Abel



September 8th

Kate Davenport, Carola Spreacker, Dr. Sara Montgomery

Rev. Dr. Majid Abel
Sunday, September 1st

The Rev. Dr. Majid Abel preached on Sunday, September 1st. Majid is pastor of the Naulakha Presbyterian Church in Lahore, Pakistan, and moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Pakistan.



The collection gathered on September 1st for ministries in Pakistan was \$2,435.00! Thank you for your generous support for those ministries.



Happy Birthday to Jose Rodriguez!

Jose turned 75 years old on Monday, September 23rd.
The FPC staff provided gifts and congratulations.

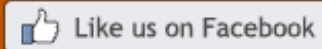
(Joe Fuentes, Ralph Kaler, Lynn Karnes, Nova Rogers)
Photo courtesy of Bob Entrop.

Christianity is a statement which, if false, is of no importance,
and if true, of infinite importance.

The one thing it cannot be is moderately important.

C.S. Lewis

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