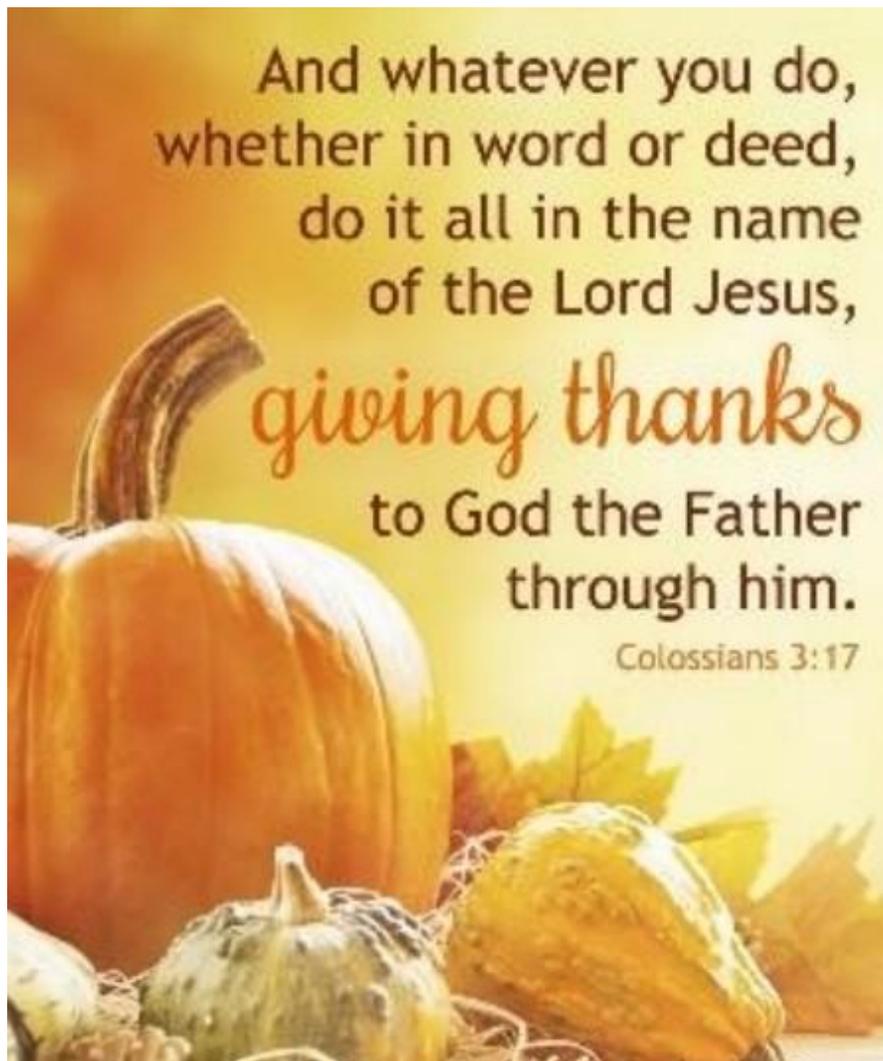


The FPC Herald

The Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church Roswell, New Mexico

November 2019



The Pastor's Reflections

Time, Talent, Treasure

Stewardship of God's resources in many branches of Christianity has taken three separate but mutually supportive forms: stewardship of

time, talent, and treasure. We are wrapping up our season of stewardship for this year, with its emphasis on "treasure," faithful management of the financial resources belonging to God, placed in our hands for the building up of God's kingdom on the earth.

It is important for us to remember also that we are called to stewardship of time and talent (skills, abilities, spiritual gifts) for the same purpose: to build up the kingdom.

How interesting to think that we are stewards of God's time... Yet there is something profound in that statement. Time is a precious commodity. I know that there never seem to be enough hours in the day for me to get done the things that need to be done.

God calls us to slow down, to make time for sabbath, to continuously be examining our priorities and the ways in which we spend precious hours and days. Do we make time to help others? Do we make time for the ministries of the church? What does our use of God's time say about the depth of our dedication to Christ and our response to the amazing God's amazing grace?

And what about those talents, skills, and abilities, what the New Testament writers call "gifts of the Spirit?" We are stewards of these as well. As those writers observe, each of us has a unique collection of gifts and abilities. In the passages where those gifts are examined (Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12, Ephesians 4), the writers explicitly state that they are to be used to strengthen and build up the church, the community of faith to which each gifted person belongs. We are, each one of us, stewards of the abilities and talents God has graciously provided us through the Spirit. How shall we respond, in the management of our gifts, to the amazing God's amazing grace?

Time, talent, treasure...

Peace and joy,
Pastor John

November Calendar

November 3rd Daylight Saving Time ends

November 3rd Communion Sunday Worship - 10:00am

November 6th	Presbyterian Fellowship Luncheon - Noon Peppers Restaurant
November 7th	Deacons Meeting - 5:00pm
November 8th	Church Management Meeting - 7:00am
November 10th	Worship - 10:00am
November 10th	ENMU Chamber Singers at FPC - 4:00pm
November 11th	Veterans Day Holiday - Office Closed
November 17th	Worship - 10:00am
November 21st	Session Meeting - 5:15pm
November 22nd	Community Kitchen Crew - 9:15am
November 24th	Worship - 10:00am
November 28-29th	Thanksgiving Day and Friday - Office Closed

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

November Scripture Readings

November 3rd - 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144;
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

November 10th - 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 98;
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38

November 17th - 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 65:17-25; Isaiah 12;
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

November 24th - Christ the King/Reign of Christ

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79;

Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

Read the Scripture passages [HERE](#).

Serving in November

Week of November 3rd

Service Elder: Doug Lunsford

Liturgist: Margy Barbour

Inspirational Message: Margy Barbour

Deacon Hospital Visitation: Ann Ruback

Chancel Guild: Lynn Karnes, Ann Hultman, Connie Wolf

Week of November 10th

Service Elder: _____

Liturgist: Sally Anderson

Inspirational Message: Ann Ruback

Deacon Hospital Visitation: Bob Carroll

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

Week of November 17th

Service Elder: Bill Wolf

Liturgist: _____

Inspirational Message: Matt Hinkle

Deacon Hospital Visitation: Ann Hultman

Chancel Guild: Wendy Lunsford, Betsy Cunningham, Lucy Tucker

Week of November 24th

Service Elder: _____

Liturgist: The Rev. Bob Williams

Inspirational Message: Mary Lou Glass

Deacon Hospital Visitation: Jacque Allen

Chancel Guild: Margo Fullinwider

The Lord's Supper
Sunday, November 3rd

Come celebrate the Feast of the Lord!

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

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Sunday, November 3rd



The Liturgical Calendar November-December

November 24	Reign of Christ/Christ the King
December 1	First Sunday of Advent
December 8	Second Sunday of Advent
December 15	Third Sunday of Advent
December 22	Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 25	Christmas Eve

New Opportunities for Service to Our Community

The Mission Committee and Session have enthusiastically endorsed two new ways for FPC members and friends to become more deeply involved in the Roswell community: service to Washington Avenue Elementary School, and service to Big Brothers, Big Sisters.

Washington Avenue Elementary

The principal of Washington Avenue Elementary, Glenda Leonard, is eagerly seeking tutors. Ms. Leonard will work with each volunteer to arrange tutoring opportunities that fit her/his schedule: once a week or more, at particular times during the school day. Dietta Hitchcock is serving as the liaison between FPC and the school. Please see or call Dietta if you have questions. Is God calling you to serve as a tutor for a child?

Big Brothers, Big Sisters

Big Brothers, Big Sisters pairs adult volunteers with at-risk children and youth to provide support, friendship, and mentoring. Big sisters and brothers spend a few hours a month with their children or youth.

Big brothers and sisters can have a big impact on the lives of these young ones. Visit the [volunteer page](#) of Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Southeastern New Mexico to learn more about volunteering and the manifold benefits to both mentors and children.

Our member, Bill Wolf, is the CEO of BBBS of SE New Mexico, and will be glad to talk to you about volunteering.

Why It's Important

It is essential for churches of all types and sizes today to be out serving in their communities: being the voice and hands of Jesus especially to those who are marginalized, powerless, and at risk. Such service is one defining characteristic of a "missional church," a church driven into the world by the Holy Spirit to love and serve in the name of Christ. Such service is good for the volunteer, good for those receiving help, good for the community, good for the church, and good for God's kingdom on the earth.

This kind of service is no longer seen as an optional benefit or ministry for churches. It is now recognized as crucial for their health and growth. We no longer have the option to live within our buildings and focus our ministries and efforts on ourselves. We must be out in our communities. Please consider service in one of these two ways, and thank you.

Pastor John

Getting to Know You (Again!)

In November we will restart a previous worship feature, "Getting to Know You." This program has one of our congregation members interviewed by Doug Lunsford so that all of us can know each other better. The interviews can be humorous, but are rarely completely serious.

We kick the program off on Sunday, November 10th, with Pastor John, and it will occur once or twice a month thereafter. The next interviewees will be members of Session and the Board of Deacons. Contact Doug if you wish to nominate a member of our congregation in the future.

Presbyterian Fellowship Luncheon **Wednesday, November 6th**

The Presbyterian Fellowship Luncheon group will meet Wednesday, November 6th, at noon at Peppers Restaurant.

The speaker on November 6th will be Chad Smith, the Assistant President of Technical Education at Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell. Chad will discuss ENMU-R's "I-Center," a new facility intended to stimulate innovation and university-industry collaboration. Please RSVP to Wayne Glass. Come join us!

Stewardship Season 2019
"Amazing Grace, Amazing God!"

The 2019 season of stewardship for First Presbyterian, having the theme "Amazing Grace, Amazing God," is now in the wrap-up stage. Sunday, October 2th, was Celebration Sunday, which included the offering of "estimate of giving" cards by FPC members and friends during worship.

Sincerest thanks to all of our members and friends who have submitted estimate cards. It remains for me a central conviction that stewardship of God's resources, in all of the forms those resources take, is an important component of our discipleship under the living Christ. In our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure, we demonstrate our priorities and dedication. I understand the offering of these estimates of giving to be an important element of stewardship. How shall we respond to the amazing God's amazing grace?

Look for reports on our congregation's total estimate of giving in December and January.

Our Session and treasurer look forward to the completion of the season with the receipt of any remaining estimate cards. If you need a blank card, please call the church office and Nova will send you one straightaway.

Thank you for your faithful response to our season of stewardship.
Thank you for your faithful response to amazing grace.

Pastor John

EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY

CHAMBER SINGERS ON TOUR



SUNDAY, NOV. 10, 2019 | 4 P.M.

First Presbyterian Church
Roswell, New Mexico

featuring the Cyettes and Roadrunners of
Roswell High School | Bryan Hunley, conductor

MONDAY, NOV. 11, 2019

Deming High School | Deming, New Mexico

assembly performance with the
Advanced Choir | Jamie Gill, conductor

Silver City High School | Silver City, New Mexico

Evangelism Committee News

-Watch for our new advertisement in the "Devotional Directory" of the *Roswell Daily Record* every Saturday

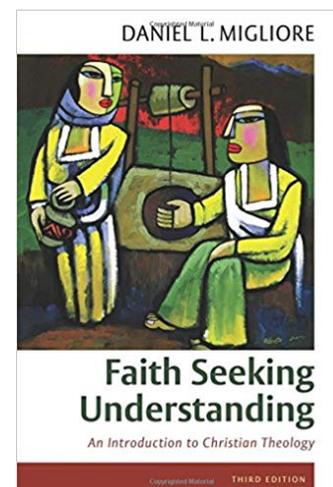
-We are pursuing the purchase of polo and tee shirts with the name of our church imprinted on them. More information soon!

Bonnie Montgomery, Chair

"Faith Seeking Understanding"

Mondays at 5:15pm

This class on basic Christian theology meets on Mondays in the Library at 5:15pm for an hour and a half (or less), through December 9th. 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 meetings.



Join us! The study will deepen and strengthen the faith of all those who participate.

Highlights of the Session Meeting
Thursday, October 17th, 2019

- Facility renovations nearly complete
- Proposed part-time communications contractor
- New local service opportunities for church members and friends
- Increasing the church's visibility in our community
- Stewardship season
- Hosting the January meeting of Sierra Blanca Presbytery

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Wednesday Breakfast Group

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

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



November Birthdays

3rd Mahy Dai Jah

4th Carola Sprecker
10th Betsy Cunningham
11th Buzz Johnson
19th Kate Daniels
26th Kathy Carrasco



November Anniversaries

11th Larry & Dixie Loy

**Featured PC(USA)
Mission Co-workers
For November**

Richard & Debbie Welch

Mission co-workers in
Guatemala since 2013



As educational consultants for indigenous peoples, Richard and Debbie Welch's first responsibility is to establish relationships with presbyteries serving the indigenous membership of the National Evangelical Presbyterian Church and the leadership of the national church. Through these relationships, they help indigenous people gain access to primary, vocational, and theological education. Based in Cobán, Alta Verapaz, Guatemala, they seek to build bridges between Guatemalan education projects and U.S. supporters of Guatemalan education.

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The PC(USA) Mission Yearbook

November 11, 2019

"Today is Veterans Day. More than 18 million veterans live among us.

And of those 18 million, some 18 are likely to commit suicide today."

[READ MORE](#)

A Message from Jeanette Schaffer, Director
Presbyterian Outreach Ministry
November 2019

A STORY ABOUT A HERO
MARGO FULLINWIDER

Those of us who are strong and able in the faith need to step in and lend a hand to those who falter, and not just do what is most convenient for us. Strength is for service, not status. Each one of us needs to look after the good of the people around us, asking ourselves, "How can I help?" Romans 15:1-2 Message Bible

"How can I help?" This is a question that takes sacrifice to genuinely ask.

You have heard it said, "there are heroes among us". Some heroes are hidden in plain sight. These heroes may seem to be ordinary people. But they do extraordinary things and inspire those around them, if only by their quiet acts of kindness.

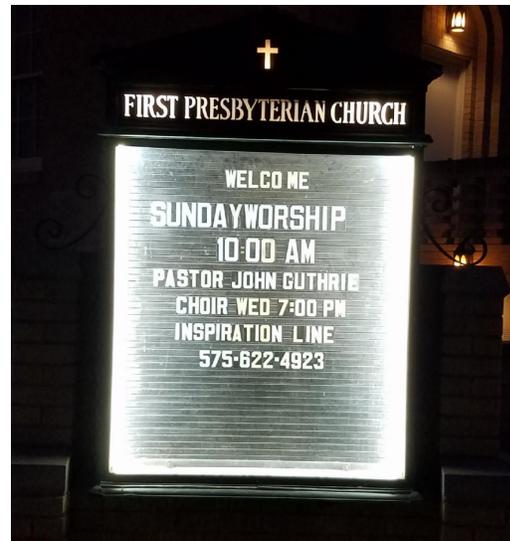
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Michele Hillman was ordained and installed as a Ruling Elder on Sunday, October 20th



Stewardship Luncheon
Sunday, October 27th
Andy and Lorrie Miller, Connie and Bill Wolf



Newly lighted signs on Second and Third Streets



Thank you

Dear Friends in Christ,

God promises that we won't be walking alone and let Roswell continue to ~~be~~ our partner in Christ. We are so very thankful for your continued support that helps us be faithful stewards in our rural area.

May God continue to bless all of you as you spread His word and love His people.

Peace and blessings,
Mountain Ministry Parish
Ancho " Corona

First Presbyterian Church

Board of Deacons

Connie Wolf, Moderator
Jacque Allen
Bob Carroll
T.K. Cully
Tracie Edwards
Margo Fullinwider
Dietta Hitchcock
Ann Hultman
Stacye Hunter
Joy Kurtz
Martha Mayer
Lorrie Miller
Ann Ruback
Heidi Shanor

Session

John Guthrie, Moderator
Bob Kurtz, Clerk
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Wayne Bevers
Jim Bloodhart
Michele Hillman
Mike Hunter
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Bonnie Montgomery
Deb Prince
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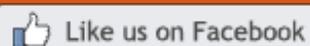


Christianity is a statement which, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance.

The one thing it cannot be is moderately important.

C.S. Lewis

STAY IN TOUCH



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