

Presbytidsings July/August 2021

An outreach of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church



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With 60% of New Mexicans now fully vaccinated, Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham has announced that as of July 1, all pandemic-related limitations on mass gatherings will be lifted. Businesses, large events and organizations will be allowed to operate at their maximum capacities (both indoor and outdoors). The color-coded county-by-county system also will be discontinued. What that change will mean for in-person worship at St. Andrew will be discussed by the Worship and Music Committee at its July 1 meeting and then taken up by the Session. Stay tuned!

It's been wonderful to see so many St. Andrew church members and friends returning to in-person worship. In June, worship attendance has averaged 89, with about 57 people worshipping in person and an estimated 32 worshipping from home. And it has been delightful to be able to visit with one another face-to-face, immediately following worship during our Fellowship time in the church courtyard.

Please Wear Your Name Tags!

With our return to in-person worship, it's important to get back into the habit of wearing name tags. Why? Because we want to be a church that is open and welcoming to new people. That means making it easier for newcomers to interact with us and get to know us. It also means coming to church not only looking forward to seeing old friends but in hopeful expectation of making new ones! If you don't have a name tag, write your name on the "Name Tag" clipboard in the narthex and one will be made for you.

Child Care during Worship

Beginning August 1, St. Andrew will once again provide quality child care during Sunday morning worship services for infants, toddlers, and children up to 7 years of age. The refurbishing of our dedicated child care space is going well and our child care workers plan to return. Emphasis is placed on each child's need for love and acceptance. Children are encouraged to spend the first part of worship with their parents (or grandparents). Worship bags are available at the back of the sanctuary to assist children with participation in worship.

If you have friends, neighbors, or family members with young children, please let them know that your church provides child care. And invite them to come with you to worship on a Sunday morning. In addition to being a friendly, welcoming congregation, we also need to be an inviting congregation. Think about what you love about St. Andrew that keeps you coming back week after week, and let people know about it. Why keep it a secret? Share it with others!

Summer Vacation

I'll be away July 12-August 1 for a much needed post-pandemic vacation. Susan and I will be taking a road trip together along the East Coast from Virginia to Maine. We'll be attending a nephew's wedding at a seaside resort in Maryland, which was postponed a year because of the pandemic. We'll be celebrating my oldest brother's 50th wedding anniversary in Connecticut. We'll meet a new grandnephew and a new grandniece for the first time. And we'll visit with other

Can you help with sprinkler maintenance?

Joe could use some help with light-duty sprinkler maintenance this summer. Fixing broken lines, replacing clogged drip-system heads. No trench digging, I promise. We'll pick times when we can work together. Call the church office or Joe if you can help. Since we're working with sprinklers, gloves, a hat, and



ABQ FaithWorks

FaithWorks Goes to the Border. A FaithWorks delegation of our Coordinator, clergy, Family Liaisons and other volunteers visited El Paso last week. Read about it online at <https://www.abqfaithworks.org/blog>.

More about ABQ FaithWorks Collaborative

FaithWorks was established in 2019 as an alliance of churches in response to the needs of people who came knocking on the doors of churches in the Nob Hill area. We wanted to respond to the needy with more than a 'water bottle and a granola bar'. There are now a dozen churches of many denominations working together in our community, serving marginalized populations – the unsheltered and resident migrants. We help the needy unhoused who come to the door at the First Congregational UCC church on Lomas & Girard by providing clothing, some food, and connections to other short and longer-term resource providers for their support. We also have a program providing community sponsorship for migrant families resident in Albuquerque, assisting them to navigate the cultural and legal hurdles toward community self-sufficiency. We provide direct service in many ways, including through food pantries, rent assistance and referrals to outside expert service providers.

Each program at FaithWorks has its unique characteristics and client populations, and there is overlap in the basic humanitarian needs of clothing, food, shelter and transportation. We have built teams that provide this support under the guidance of our Coordinators: Valerie Griego for social work with the unhoused, and Jessica Corley with asylum seekers. If you are interested in volunteering and working on a team, please send an email to admin@abqfaithworks.org with your contact information, and we will be in touch!

REMEMBER THE CHILDREN

On a Saturday evening in early June, a man stole the dolls representing the separated children from Central America out of our social art display in front of the church. A neighbor of St. Andrew took pictures of the theft and informed us of it. While the dolls may be gone, the separated children remain in our memory and on our conscience. We will not forget them.

As part of the past presidential administration's "zero tolerance" policy, children were torn from their families as they sought asylum at our southern border. The inhumanness of the policy was coupled with the incompetence of the administration, leading to a lack of records of where the children were taken and to whom they belong. The ACLU filed suit and has been instrumental in the efforts to reunite the children with their families. According to the ACLU, 1,786 children have been reunited with 2,127 children yet to go. Due to the lack of records, the reuniting process remains glacially slow under the current administration.

Will you help us remember those children? On Sunday, July 11, after worship, we are asking the

St. Andrew Withdraws Membership from Albuquerque Interfaith

To: The Executive Team of Albuquerque Interfaith, AI Member Institutions,
Ernesto Cortes, and Joe Rubio

From: The Session of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Re: St. Andrew Withdrawal from Albuquerque Interfaith

Date: June 15, 2021



It is with sadness, and after much prayerful consideration, that St. Andrew Presbyterian Church has voted to withdraw from Albuquerque Interfaith. St. Andrew was the first Protestant church to become part of the organization, joining long before it was even named. Several members of St. Andrew, especially women from the congregation, were key in AI's initial founding and energy, so the decision to withdraw was difficult but necessary.

Unfortunately, rather than being a broad-based leadership development organization, AI has instead become an organization in which a small number of men have inordinate influence and at times have been dismissive of women's voices. In fact, none of the women from St. Andrew who have been leaders in AI in the past will currently get involved at any level with AI, because of what they have experienced as closed and unwelcoming leadership.

Also, while accountability is supposed to be a cornerstone of broad-based organizing, it is sorely lacking at AI. A specific example is the fact that thousands of dollars, perhaps as many as \$40,000, were donated to the 2019 asylum seeker effort but were spent on AI's general operating budget rather than food and housing for the asylum seekers. The AI Executive Team put far too much trust in AI's lead organizer, neglected its oversight responsibilities, and, when financial reports were not forthcoming, waited far too long to demand accountability and transparency. Furthermore, there was never an investigation to find out the extent to which funds were misused.

While AI's lead organizer resigned in August 2019, we were very troubled to learn that he has been involved in the organization since then and that his spouse is now an influential leader in AI. We believe their continued involvement in AI to be inappropriate.

With the many needs and injustices in our community, St. Andrew is currently choosing to put its time, talent, and resources elsewhere. However, in the future if Albuquerque Interfaith makes changes for the better that address our concerns, we will consider rejoining the organization as a member institution.

Neighborhood Friends

On Sunday mornings we distribute sandwiches and socks to our Neighborhood Friends after our 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. Want to make sandwiches and/or serve on Sunday? Contact Suzanne Busch at bobsuz-busch@msn.com or 821-4304. We have a careful protocol to keep us safe. Don't forget that we are still using your pill bottles for shampoo for our Neighborhood Friends! Drop them in the collection boxes in front of the church office. Also, our Friends really appreciate new socks if you are able to provide them. Men's used clothing is always needed. Thanks! Suzanne Busch

Congregational Musings – July/August 2021

Well, my friends, calamity has struck again and I am experiencing severe back pain. While changing the linen on my bed I pulled a muscle, which stirred up all my spinal nerves. Nurses like square corners, you know, but a friend has suggested the solution to future problems is not to tuck! Anyway, I am at home, on a walker, with home PT, and an MRI is scheduled to see what is going on. By the time you read this I hope to be turning cartwheels!

I hope you remembered to hang the banner of freedom on June 14, Flag Day and will celebrate the 4th of July in the same manner while remembering the current members and friends of the community serving in the military, and also remembering what those in the past had to suffer for the freedom that we have today.

In usual times summer has always been a quiet time for groups of the Church. It is as if we do our hibernating in July and August. Even though we are now having in-person services, I suppose it will be that way again. It seems like several small groups are continuing with programs, and Presbyterian Women will still have their Birthday Brunch to celebrate the annual Birthday Offering. So much good comes of this collection that I hope you will all consider contributing something. Children's education will be a challenge without Laura Encino but I am sure we will manage it. Many other churches, with more children involved than we have, seem to make it happen and we are going to have a new atmosphere in which to care for the little ones.

I know prayers are needed for people who are out of work. I hear about new opportunities opening up here in Albuquerque, and I hope that people are meeting the need for employees. Uncle Sam has been very generous during this COVID crisis, so I hope people are motivated to get out there and make it happen for themselves and their families.

The Library in the trunk of my car is down to a precious few books. What is left will be going into our Little Library, and to Barrett House. This will not happen until my back is better; so in the meantime you are welcome to come to my driveway and browse.

One of my prayers is that we will be able to drop the "in-person" soon and refer to our Sunday mornings in the usual manner. I have praise for the Deacons who have been working overtime in caring for the flock, and the Session for keeping up with the business of the Church, and planning for the future. The St. Andrew community is one of the reasons I have not left Albuquerque to be closer to more family than I have here; although my son and daughter -

Summer Series of Short Films on Race

The Racial Justice Group at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, which has been meeting weekly since June 2020, invites you to join them this summer on First Tuesdays to watch and discuss a few short films on race. On July 6, we'll look at short films produced by *The New York Times* that feature everyday people as they discuss issues of race and identity in the U.S. On August 3, we'll look at short films that focus specifically on systemic racism. Each film will be followed by 15-20 minutes of small group discussion. This summer film series will be offered on Zoom.

Here's the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85019124730?pwd=aTdLWXlBdHUwYS9SekxrY0F4YjVZdz09>

Meeting ID: 850 1912 4730 Passcode: 534455

July 6 A Conversation with Latinos on Race (7 min.)

- A Conversation with Native Americans on Race (6 min.)
- A onversation with Asian Americans on Race (7 min.)

August 3 Systemic Racism Explained (5 min.)



Presbyterian Women



Each summer since 1922, Presbyterian Women and their congregations have participated in a special Birthday Offering. For just shy of 100 years, this offering has provided life-giving grants to mission projects throughout the USA and the world. It has funded over 200 major mission projects that continue to impact people in our own country and in far flung places on our globe. In 2021, there are 3 gift recipients: Garden Gate Ranch in Des Moines, Iowa; Memorial Drive Ministries, Inc. in Stone Mountain, GA; and Nkhoma Mission Hospital in Nkhoma, Malawi which is located in southeastern Africa. Please join Presbyterian Women as we continue to improve the lives of women and children around the world by giving to the annual Birthday Offering. Thank you! Presbyterian Women

PW's annual Birthday Offering Brunch will be on July 6th at 10:00 am, at the home of Karen Ulack. Please RSVP by text or by email by July 1st. We hope to see you there!

Presbyterian Women--Bible Study

Presbyterian women will begin their new Bible study for 2021/22 at church on Tuesday, September 7, at 10 a.m. Our new study looks very interesting and is entitled "What My Grandmothers Taught Me, Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus" This study provides a unique glimpse into the lives of the women intimately connected with Jesus and his life and ministry. Study books will be available in late summer from PW

Narthex Plant Care

For a number of years now, Laura and Fletcher Hahn have been watering and caring for the houseplants that greet people as they enter our church building through the Narthex. We thank them for faithfully attending to this weekly, behind-the-scenes task for so long. They have enjoyed the duty—watching plants flower, receiving donations of new plants, and observing how the "forest" has changed over time. However, they are unable to continue. So, we are looking for some plant lovers in the congregation who would like to take on the weekly task of watering and caring for the plants. If you are interested, please contact the church office.



Laura and Fletcher note that the pandemic has taken its toll on some of the plants, and the lush, green "forest" that once grew in the Narthex has withered. They hope that some individuals will be interested in helping to restore that lushness as we return to in-person worship services. To help this effort, the Hahn's are starting a

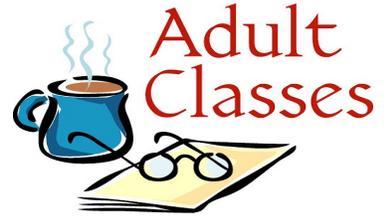


Memorial Service for Guy Wimberly

A memorial service for Guy Wimberly will be held at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church on Friday, July 9, at 1:00 p.m. It will be in person as well as live streamed. Given Guy's statewide prominence in the New Mexico golfing community, we are expecting a crowd in the sanctuary. Masks will be required, but we will be unable to practice social distancing as up to 175 people may be present. Please consider joining the service from home via the live stream through our church website (www.standrewabq.org).

Adult Christian Education

Adult Christian Education classes, as usual, are suspended during the summer and will begin again the Sunday after Labor Day. We are urgently looking for more ideas for topics for future classes. Please share your ideas with Max Bartlett, Elder for Education.



Adult
Classes

The Daily Devotions for the Presbyterian publication for August 8-21 are written by our daughter, Shirin McArthur, who was raised at St. Andrew~Peace, Beverley McArthur

Check out "These Days" Publications at the following internet address:

<http://www.ppcbooks.com/thesedays.asp>



Historical Jesus Group

On second and fourth Thursdays, at 10:00 a.m., the Historical Jesus Group (HJG) explores the impact and the implementation of God's word in the present time. Discussions range from current political, social, and economic issues, to the founding tenets of Christianity. Selected books and articles provide the basis for lively discussion, differing opinions and ideas. Meetings are now being held in the church library.

Session Summary from Suzanne

Average attendance in May 86 (in person worship and live stream)

Membership as of May 31 2021 – 162

Session Actions:

Approved a letter to Albuquerque Interfaith withdrawing from membership.

Approval to Use Church Facilities – Encantada: The Band of \$100/month for both the courtyard and activity room for the next six months.

Approved \$991 to strip and wax the Child care rooms.

Approve Roger's request for Study Leave (Ghost Ranch Pastor Respite) 6/28-6/30

Approve Roger's Request for Vacation 12/27-1/7

Treasurer's report

Thanks to all of you for your continued support of St. Andrew's Missions and Programs through online giving and mailed-in offerings

<u>April 2021</u>	Current Month	Year-to-Date	Budget
Total Income	26,572	180,396	315,100
Total Expenses	21,017	117,055	322,122
Difference	5,555	63,341	-7,022





August

- 4 C.C. Sandoval
- 5 Julie Steck
- 9 Sally Aber
- 10 John Daley
Therese Smith
- 11 Mary Whitcomb
- 13 Rod Kirchmeyer
Marta Light
- 14 David McArthur
- 16 Jean Soderberg
- 18 Marcos Griego
- 19 Alice Wimberly
- 20 Bennie James
Montoya
- 25 Paula Cuevas
Jake Spidle
- Deanna Vick
- Chuck Evans
- 27 Amy Gorman
- 29 James Wise

July

- 2 Shirley Walford
- 3 Ramesh Shrestha
- 5 Gregory Bartlett
- 6 Roy Stogner
Cailin Nolte
- 7 Laura Encino
- 9 Linda Woodworth
- 13 Rogene Henderson
- 15 Carl Sanfilipo
- 16 Erin Gaylor-Bell
- 18 Sharon Craig
- 19 Joe Woodworth
- 22 Beverly Wright
- 24 Ken Lersten
- 25 Jean Witherspoon
Becca Wesselman
- 26 Margo Eichwald

**Pastor Roger
on Vacation**

Pastor Roger will be away on vacation July 12-August 1. Our Parish Associate, Rev. Catherine Robinson, will be preaching on the Sundays he is away (July 18, July 25, August 1). Catherine will also be on call in the event of a pastoral care



Lectionary Schedule

July

- July 4 (Proper 9)** 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 Psalm 48 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13
- July 11 (Proper 10)** 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 Amos 7:7-15 Psalm 24 Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:14-29
- July 18 (Proper 11)** 2 Samuel 7:1-14a Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 89:20-37 Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
- July 25 (Proper 12)** 2 Samuel 11:1-15 2 Kings 4:42-44 Psalm 14 Ephesians 3:14-21 John 6:1-21 J

August

- August 1 (Proper 13)** 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a Psalm 51:1-12 Ephesians 4:1-16 John 6:24-35
- August 8 (Proper 14)** 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 Psalm 130 Ephesians 4:25-5:2 John 6:35, 41-51
- August 15 (Proper 15)** 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 Psalm 111 Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58
- August 22 (Proper 16)** 1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43 Psalm 84 Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69



2021

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				1 10:00 am Spiritual Formation Zoom Mtg. 5:00 pm Worship and Music Mtg. (in-person) 6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	2	3
4 Independence Day 9:30 am In person and Live-Stream Worship and Communion Service with Fellowship Time following the service	5	6 Announcements Due 4:00 pm Zoom Conversation on Racial Justice 6:30 pm Short Films on Race (Zoom)	7 5:30 pm Social Justice Mission Mtg (in-person)  6:30 pm-8:00 pm NM Peace Choir Rehearsal	8 10:00 am Historical Jesus Mtg. - Library 6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	9 1:00 p.m. Guy Wimberly Memorial Service	10 10:00 am- Noon Laguna Colony
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Our Mission:

Proclaiming and living the Good News of Jesus Christ by:

- Listening to a loving God
- Celebrating our faith together
- Nurturing each other in Christian love and spiritual growth
- Working for social justice and peace
- Reaching out in compassionate service
- Being stewards of all God's gift

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In-Person and Online Worship Services

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