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| **The First Word                             October 15, 2018** |

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| **Upcoming Events****First Presbyterian Church, Carlsbad, New Mexico****October 15-21, 2018****Wednesday****7:00 p.m.     Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)****Saturday**7:30 a.m. Men’s breakfast (Fiesta Hall)**Sunday****8:45  a.m.    Adult Sunday School (Parlor)****10:00 a.m.   Worship (Sanctuary)****11:00 a.m.   Potluck (Fiesta Hall)****3:30 p.m.    Bell Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)****Birthdays this week****15th Mason Hardy****20th Liz Eastup****21st Bob Raines****No Anniversaries this week** |

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**October Potluck**Hola, Amigos and Amigas!Holy guacamole! It's time for our annual**CHILI COOK-OFF POTLUCK**Sunday, October 21, following WorshipWhere else, but FIESTA HALL!Chili will be provided!Please bring side dishes or desserts, as you are able.**Be prepared to vote for your favorite chili with your mission donation dollars.** |

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| **Adult Sunday School****The Adult Sunday School/Bible Study will meet in the Parlor each week at 8:45 a.m.  Everyone will take turns leading.****Come and enjoy the fellowship, Bible study, and a cup of coffee.** |

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| **Worship Committee Report****If you would like to bring the message on any future Sunday, please contact Liz Eastup or Susie Coy or the church office to volunteer!   We are always looking for volunteers to serve as Liturgist too.****We appreciate everyone who has volunteered during this interim period.** |

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| **A Biblical Journey Through the Alphabet****O - Open Jesus tell us that He is knocking at the door of our heart. We only need open that door to let Him come in. Talk about a win-win situation. We cannot lose if we open our hearts, for opening our hearts to Him means opening ourselves to be more fully alive. It means opening ourselves to new ideas of love, mercy and service. Open hearts bring open minds.****Other "O" words:****obey...                                                                              Orpah...****Omega...                                                                          offering...****ointment...****Got other "O" words? Share them with Shelly. You may call (885-2715), email (fpccnm@msn.com), or use regular mail (PO Box 39).** |

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| **Scripture Comparisons****Let's compare the scriptures through a couple of translations.****Isaiah 46:4****NRSV: And even to your old age I am he, even when you turn gray I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save.****KJV: And even to your old age I am he; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you.** |

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| **Intentional Communal Prayer****The Session is asking everyone in our Church Family to join in an Intentional Communal Prayer every day. Join us by saying the following prayer - or a prayer of your choosing - at the start or the close of each day.*****Dear God, help us. Help us to be the light of Christ to the people of our community. Help us to be guided by the Holy Spirit to minister to those who need Your healing touch. Help us to grow in wisdom and faith; help us to grow in numbers. We praise and thank You for the strength to follow You on the path You lay before us. May our church be renewed and revived to do Your will. Amen.*** |

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| **Do You Need a Ride to Church?****Did you know that the Deacons offer rides to church? If you need a ride, please contact, Marcia Westfall 887-1522, Lisa Capell 706-2249, Becky Raines 236-6072 or Tiger Lily 571-5275 to make arrangements.** |

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| **Chancel Choir****Choir meets at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in the choir room, and 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings.  Consider joining the choir and adding your voice to the heavenly chorus.  The Bell Choir rehearses at 4:00 p.m. each Sunday.** |

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| **Presbyterian Giving****We received a brochure promoting small gifts that make a big impact.In the next few newsletters I will give information regarding some of these practical gifts.****Did you know that you can purchase a sewing machine for $50?  A sewing machine isn't just for use at home.  New sewing equipment can be just what someone needs to launch a business that mends, alters and sells clothing and linens.  Your gift could help provide a stable source of income for a family in a developing part of the world.****Visit**[**www.presbyteriangifts.org**](http://www.presbyteriangifts.org/)**for more information, a complete list of gifts.** |

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| **September Finances****General Fund - Budget****Receipts -            $ 11,271.06****Expenses -          $   9,247.79****Difference           $   2,473.27** |

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| **Prayer Concerns**Rich Adamson, Nancy Beard, Hillary Langlinais, Dixie Loy, Nancy Maushak, Shirley Maxwell, Jack Melvin, Rachel Mysza, Margie Harbaugh Rasmussen and the friends and families of Ruth Hauser and Ron Galbraith**Homebound and Care facilities:**Dodie Hendley, Dick Mansfield, Janie Patrick, Marianne Patrick, Elizabeth Zink**Military:**Mollie Navarrette Acuna, Rey Acuna, Cody Ogden-Stell, Will Bennett**Members/Friends Serving Overseas:**Carol & Leith Fujii (Thailand)The Prayer Chain Coordinator is Phyllis Readel.  If you have a prayer request, you may call either Phyllis at (441-6036) or the church office (885-2715).**At the beginning of each month we remove names that we haven't had a recent report on.  If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please contact the church office.** |