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| **The First Word                          November 27, 2017** |

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| **Upcoming Events****First Presbyterian Church, Carlsbad, New Mexico****Nov. 27 - Dec. 3, 2017****Wednesday** 11:00 a.m.    Southeast Cluster Event (Hobbs)   6:30 p.m.    Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)**Thursday**   5:30 p.m.   Bell Choir Rehearsal**Saturday**11:00 a.m.  Holiday Bell Concert (Living Desert)**Sunday**  8:45 a.m.    Bible Study (Conference Room)10:00 a.m.    Worship  (Sanctuary)Following Worship  Fellowship (Parlor)  3:30 p.m.    Bell Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)  6:30 p.m.   Sunday Evening Bible Study (923 N. Alameda)**LOOKING AHEAD:****Saturday, Dec. 9  9:00 a.m. Advent Decorating**      **Birthdays**29th Raegan Hardy, Robert Navarrette, Lavern Williams**No Anniversaries** |

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**A Word from Pastor Steve****Steve will return from vacation tomorrow, November 28th!****Contact Steve by any of the following:****Personal Cell Phone (505) 715-9533  (Voice or text)****E-mail:  stevevoris@gmail.com** |

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| **Stewardship Campaign****Stewardship Letters were mailed a couple of weeks ago and everyone should have a pledge card in their possession.  You can return the pledge card any number of ways including: mailing it back, dropping it in the offering plate Sunday morning, calling Shelly at the office and giving the information over the phone.  The pledge card is ONLY seen by the treasurer, financial secretary and assistant treasurer.  The pledging system is not binding.  It is simply a budgeting technique that allows the Stewardship Committee information about anticipated giving amounts so they can put together a church budget for 2018.** |

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| **Advent Decorating Event****An event to Decorate for Advent will be held on Saturday, December 9, at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.  Mark your calendars.** |

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| **Sunday Morning Bible Study****There will be NO Sunday Morning Bible Study in the Conference Room on Sunday, November 26.  The study will be resume on Sunday, December 3.** |

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| **Sunday Evening Bible Study****Due to other religious meeting conflicts, the Sunday Evening Bible Study will meet next on Sunday, December 3.  The study meets in the pastor's home, 923 N. Alameda at 6:30 p.m.  The next study topic will be the New Testament book of Hebrews.  Refreshments will be served.** |

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| **Southeast Cluster Event****The Southeast Cluster will hold an event on Wednesday, November 29, at 11:00 a.m. at the University of the Southwest in Hobbs.  A group from the cluster will attend chapel services with students and then eat together and discuss faith.  The last time we did this there were 17 people from the cluster present!  If you need a ride, Steve will be attending.** |

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| **Prayer Concerns**Rich Adamson, Nancy Beard, Sherry Kearns, Shirley Maxwell, Jack Melvin, Robert Navarrette, Linda Stinson **Homebound and Care facilities:**Rich Adamson, Dodie Hendley, Dick Mansfield, Scott Maxwell, Janie Patrick, Marianne Patrick,  Mabel Webber, Elizabeth Zink**Military:**Mollie Navarrette Acuna, Rey Acuna, Cody Ogden-Stell**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). |

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| **Poinsettia Request Form 2017**I would like to reserve \_\_\_\_\_\_ Poinsettia(s) I would like my Poinsettia(s) in Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Honor of:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_My Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I am enclosing $14 per plant: total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ |

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