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| |  | | --- | | **The First Word                            February 12, 2018** |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://static.ctctcdn.com/letters/images/sys/S.gif | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mlsvc01-prod.s3.amazonaws.com/217c9019201/f8122a57-7711-4524-aa13-330574555e59.jpg | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://static.ctctcdn.com/letters/images/sys/S.gif | |  |  | | --- | | **Upcoming Events**  **First Presbyterian Church, Carlsbad, New Mexico**  **February 12-18, 2018**  **Monday**  **5:00 p.m. - 7:00 a.m. SHIP Shelter open**  **Tuesday**  **11:00 a.m.  Administrative Finance (Office)**  **6:30 p.m.   Session (Conference Room)**  **Wednesday**  **5:30 p.m.   Lenten Dinner (Fiesta Hall)**  **6:00 p.m.   Ash Wednesday Service (Small Chapel)**  **7:00 p.m.   Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)**  **Sunday**  **8:45 a.m.     Bible Study (Conference Room)**  **10:00 a.m.   Worship  (Sanctuary)**  **Following Worship:  Potluck (Fiesta Hall)**  **4:00 p.m.     Bell Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)**    **Birthdays This Week**  **12th Ann Langlinais**  **16th Kim Rogers**  **Anniversaries This Week**  **14th Bob & Sherry Kearns** |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://static.ctctcdn.com/letters/images/sys/S.gif | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | https://mlsvc01-prod.s3.amazonaws.com/217c9019201/344e20c4-5ec4-4322-b938-d91ac1ebfa60.jpg | https://static.ctctcdn.com/letters/images/sys/S.gif | |  | https://static.ctctcdn.com/letters/images/sys/S.gif |   **A Word from Pastor Steve**  **In order to call a pastor (after I leave on April 2), the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) has to fill out a multi-page document called the Mission Information Form (MIF).  There are five essay questions and a matching section whereby the church declares its preference for how a pastor is expected to spend her or his time.  The matching section is the part that is used in the "computer dating" process for how potential pastors are recommended for our church.  This selection process has been used by the Presbyterian Church for over 30 years and predates all the dating sites like E-Harmony and all the rest.  During the Wednesdays in Lent, Rick Coy and I are going to demystify the pastor search process and involve the congregation (the ones who show up that is) in preparing the MIF.  On those Wednesdays in Lent, we're going to look at: different formats for pastoral calls (yoked, part-time, tent-maker, etc), how to calculate pastoral salary and benefits, developing realistic expectations for pastoral job responsibilities, the role of leadership sharing with deacons and elders, opportunities for mission in the community, and how to interview potential candidates for minister.  At these events, we're going to attempt to answer the five essay questions and prioritize the matching section for the computer matching.  The goal of the Lenten series is to help the congregation prepare for a pastor search.  The Lenten series will be successful if on April 8 (the Sunday after I leave) the congregation can call a meeting and elect a PNC, have the MIF completed at their first meeting and approved online by the Presbytery's COM within a week, and start receiving minister dossiers immediately thereafter.  Too many congregations waste 6 months while the PNC struggles to complete the MIF.  The Lenten Series begins on Ash Wednesday (February 14) with a traditional Ash Wednesday Service with disposition of ashes and continues 6 weeks with the study.  Get involved.**  **Peace and grace,**  **Steve**  **Contact Steve by any of the following:**  **Personal Cell Phone (505) 715-9533  (Voice or text)**  **E-mail:  stevevoris@gmail.com** |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://static.ctctcdn.com/letters/images/sys/S.gif | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | https://static.ctctcdn.com/letters/images/sys/S.gif | https://mlsvc01-prod.s3.amazonaws.com/217c9019201/cb29b6d3-bc8b-4ba4-93a0-8983077fa08d.png |   **Ash Wednesday**  **Ash Wednesday on Wednesday, February 14 marks the beginning of the Lenten Season.  Dr. Voris will provide a light supper starting at 5:30 p.m. in Fiesta Hall.  The menu will be soup and baked potatoes.  A traditional Ash Wednesday Service will follow at 6:00 p.m. in the small chapel with the disposition of ashes.** |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://static.ctctcdn.com/letters/images/sys/S.gif | |  |  | | --- | | **Thank You!**  **I would like to thank everyone who helped with the SHIP homeless shelter!! Especially everyone that stayed the night which includes Bruce Faulk, Nick King, Frank Westfall, Steve Voris, Alan Fiala, and, Charles Martin. I also want to thank those who helped with dinner which includes Liz Eastup, Jennifer Raines, Lisa Capell, Tari Thornton and, Becky Raines. And everyone else who helped by dropping off towels or soaps!! We had quite a good turn out this year. It varied night by night anywhere from 3 people to stay the night and eating to last night where we had a total of 12 staying the night!! I am so proud that our church can help the shelter in this way!! And also help these people that have nowhere else to go when it is cold and we were able to let them shower and get a hot meal and have somewhere warm to stay!! Thanks again to everyone that has helped!!!**  **Sincerely,**  **Hannah Raines** |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://static.ctctcdn.com/letters/images/sys/S.gif | |  |  | | --- | | **Lenten Devotion Booklets**  **Lenten devotion books are available in the Narthex for your use.  Don't forget to pick one up for your family.** |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://static.ctctcdn.com/letters/images/sys/S.gif | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | https://mlsvc01-prod.s3.amazonaws.com/217c9019201/6621843b-d5bc-4041-848b-d77e7046b077.png | https://static.ctctcdn.com/letters/images/sys/S.gif |   **February Potluck**  **A Loverly Potluck on Sunday, February 18**  **In Fiesta Hall following worship**  **Bring a loverly friend!** |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://static.ctctcdn.com/letters/images/sys/S.gif | |  |  | | --- | | **In Kind Gifts**  **If you purchase anything for the SHIP Shelter or any other ministry of the church, please bring your receipt to the church office and Shelly will either issue you a contribution credit or reimburse you for your expenses.  Having a record of how much was spent helps us to budget for this event in the future.** |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://static.ctctcdn.com/letters/images/sys/S.gif | |  |  | | --- | | **Sunday Morning Bible Study**  **The Sunday Morning Bible Study meets in the Conference Room at 8:45 a.m. on Sunday, February 11.  The study will be on Genesis 9:8-17.** |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://static.ctctcdn.com/letters/images/sys/S.gif | |  |  | | --- | | **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 practices next Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in the choir room.** |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://static.ctctcdn.com/letters/images/sys/S.gif | |  |  | | --- | | **Mission Committee Rummage Sale**  **The Mission Committee will be sponsoring a church garage sale in April.  If you have items to donate, let Willi Jung know.** |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://static.ctctcdn.com/letters/images/sys/S.gif | |  |  | | --- | | **Prayer Concerns**  Rick Coy, Susie Coy, Ann Langlinais,Scott Maxwell, Shirley Maxwell, Jack Melvin, Robert Navarrette  **Homebound and Care facilities:**  Rich Adamson, Dodie Hendley, Dick Mansfield, Janie Patrick, Marianne Patrick, 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). |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://static.ctctcdn.com/letters/images/sys/S.gif | | |

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