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| **Upcoming Events****First Presbyterian Church, Carlsbad, New Mexico****April 16 - 22, 2018****Today****10:30 a.m.       Anita Gossett Memorial Service (Sanctuary)****Luncheon following in Fiesta Hall****Wednesday****7:00 p.m.        Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)****Saturday****Rummage Sale****7:30 a.m.        Men's Breakfast (Fiesta Hall)****Next Sunday****10:00 a.m.      Worship (Sanctuary)****11:00 a.m.      Potluck (Fiesta Hall)****4:00 p.m.      Bell Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)****Birthdays This Week****20th David Raines (corrected date)****No Anniversaries This Week****Please note: All committees are welcome to send articles or information for the Newsletter. The deadline to submit articles/information is  Monday at 9:00 a.m.** |

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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 the 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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| **Men's Breakfast****Join us for the Men's Breakfast on  Saturday, April 21, at 7:30am.****We will have a light breakfast provided by Frank, hot coffee, and a short devotional by Rick Coy.  Then work a few cleanup items.****April 21 will be the Church Garage Sale Day, so we will finish promptly and help with the Sale!****Hope to see you Saturday morning!** |

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| **Rummage Sale****The Mission Committee will be sponsoring a church rummage sale on April 21 at 8:00 a.m. If you have items to donate, let Willi Jung know.** |

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**Potluck Luncheon****Our Monthly Potluck****Colors are the Smiles of Nature****Sunday, April 22, following worship****All foods welcome.****Bring a friend!** |

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| **Worship Committee Report****We are looking for Liturgist and for People to fill the pulpit.  If you would be interested in either of those task, please contact Liz Eastup at 200-8321 or email: lizeastup@gmail.com. or call the church office at 885-2715 or fpccnm@msn.com** |

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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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| **Prayer Concerns**Mollie Navarrette Acuna, Ruth Hauser, Scott Maxwell, Shirley Maxwell, Jack Melvin, Robert Navarrette and the friends and family of Anita Gossett and Jeany Mayberry**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). |

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