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| **﻿The First Word****The Weekly E-Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Carlsbad, NM** |

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| **Schedule of Events**﻿**Tuesday:** 6:00 p.m. Session (Conference Room)**Wednesday:** 5:00 p.m. Meal (Fiesta Hall)5:30 p.m. Bible Study (Fiesta Hall)6:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)**Thursday**Noon Prayer Walk (Chapel)**Sunday:** 8:30 a.m. Bible Study (Library)10:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)Following Worship: Fellowship (Parlor)Worship Committee (Library or Zoom)4:00 p.m. Bell Rehearsal (Music Room)﻿**﻿**Please Note: The newsletter deadline is Tuesday 9:00 a.m. |

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| **Birthdays** 18th Dong Harlow**﻿Anniversaries** 15th Frank & Marcia Westfall  |

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| **Pastor Jan's Updated Office Hours**Due to Pastor Jan’s involvement in CWJC-C this semester as Bible Teacher, which will be Tuesday – Friday, 8:30 – 10:00 a.m., her office hours will reflect the time involved in that ministry from Aug. 24 – Nov. 12, 2021. Wednesdays will be spent with CWJC-C and then doing discipleship with church member(s).Tuesday & Thursday:       10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.﻿Her afternoon community availability (library on Tuesdays, Albertson’s, Starbuck’s Wednesday and Thursday) will remain unchanged.  |

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| **A Note from Pastor Jan** In keeping with what we learned from Martin Luther regarding prayer, that he recommended people prayer twice a day, preferably once in the morning and once in the evening/before bedtime, I am posting two prayers. From their titles we can see that we’re going to follow Luther’s suggestion of praying at those two prescribed times. I pray that these prayers will aid your present prayer life as well as compel you to draw closer to the Lord, specifically at different times of the day. Of course, these prayers are to be prayed after we put into practice Luther’s idea to pray through the petitions of The Lord’s Prayer and make them our own, followed by praying through The Ten Commandments, interpreting each one through the lens of our lives, making them more personal. Yes, these are intended to also be done twice each day!**SUNRISE—NEW DAY—SECOND CHANCES**GOD, make us as the sun. Let the light of your love shine through us. Let your joy shoot from our bodies so we are shining. Let us take your love into a world of darkness. There are so many people out there who are lost and waiting for someone to light the way. On this new day, make us your servants, God. Let people look to us for light. The sun shines on everybody, Lord. Anyone can stand in its warmth and see by its light. Make us like the sun, God. Help us to be worthy of the job. When people look to us, let us show them the light of your life. Let us light the path so that they can find you, too. Amen.**SUNSET—PEACE OF MIND—WORRIES (TWO OPTIONS)**GOD, we stand here amazed by you. When we stop to take it all in, we can’t help being amazed. Everything we’ve seen, everything we’ve heard—everything is because of you. The wind, the rain, the stars in the night sky—they’re all your doing. Yet everything that has happened has happened because of you. We know you take all things, both good and bad, and make them work for you. You can take everything that happens and make it good. It has been a full day, Lord. As this night begins, let us take stock of our lives. Help us to open our minds and hearts to your wisdom. Keep amazing us, God. Amen.THE DAY IS DONE, GOD. We’ve done enough. Center us now. Calm our minds. Help us put all the pettiness aside. The day is done. It is in the past. All the things that bothered us today are no more. If we were hurt, help us give the pain to you. If we were wronged, help us give the anger to you. If we hurt or wronged someone else, forgive us—and help us ask that someone else for forgiveness. When the sun sets, we put it all behind us. We can’t dwell in the past. Jesus is a light to our path, but the path only goes forward. Keep us walking in the right direction, God. Walk with us. Show us the way. Amen. |

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**Fall Wednesday Bible Study** Our Wednesday night Bible study is looking at *“Christianity Cults and Religions,”* utilizing a DVD. This is a six-week course. It will begin September 8th and end October 20th. We begin with a light meal provided by one of the attendees at 5:00 p.m. Our study follows for one hour, from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Below are the dates available to volunteer to bring a meal. Please contact the church office to volunteer.  SEPTEMBER 15               PASTOR JANSEPTEMBER 22               LINDA FAULKSEPTEMBER 29               \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_OCTOBER 6                     NO CLASSOCTOBER 13                   \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_OCTOBER 20                   PASTOR JAN (pizza party)  |

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**Fall Fellowship Schedule****September 26**. Chili Cookoff with the Fujiis! Bring a pot of chili or a salad and enjoy a visit with the Fujiis!**October 1-2.** Presbytery Meeting. We are providing Friday dinner, Saturday continental breakfast, and build your own sandwich lunch. **October 17**. Potluck Dinner **November 14**. Thanks for Giving Dinner  |

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**We Could Use Your Help With Presbytery Hosting**On October 1 – 2, 2021 First Presbyterian Church Carlsbad is hosting the last presbytery meeting of this year. This will be the first time we have gathered in person together since January 2020. The host church provides a dinner Friday evening, followed by a full-length worship service with communion. Saturday morning we provide a small, continental breakfast; at the end of Saturday’s activities, we provide a sack lunch that can be eaten at the church or something people can take with them as they return to their homes. We need volunteers to help with the meals—so be on the lookout in September when we’ll hold meetings to discuss food preparation so you can plan to attend. |

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| **﻿Weekly Scripture** "My prayer for all of them is that they will be one, just as you and I are one, Father - that just as you are in me and I am in you, so they will be in us, and the world will believe you sent me."John 17:21**﻿Church Signs**"Sinners WantedApply Within" |

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| **Prayer Concerns** Bill Barnhart, Shirley Maxwell, Diane Patterson, those with Covid-19, the Afghanistan situation, Judy Wyrick, and Hillcrest Pre-School**Long term health issues:**Owen Carleton, Pat Collins, Susie Coy, Scott Maxwell, Robert Navarrette, Phil Sharp, and Evan Winegarner **Homebound and Care facilities:** Rich Adamson, Muriel Gossage, Dodie Hendley, Helen Patterson **Military:** Cody Ogden-Stell **Friends Serving Overseas:** Carol & Leith Fujii Please Note: At the beginning of each month, we will remove anyone that we haven't heard a recent report on from the Prayer Concerns. |

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