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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://mlsvc01-prod.s3.amazonaws.com/217c9019201/dd85ca62-e908-4bc9-9c76-3e96d3dfd80c.jpg | https://static.ctctcdn.com/letters/images/sys/S.gif |   **Administrative Personnel Association Report**  Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to attend the National Conference of APA in Las Vegas.  It was a time of great learning and fellowship.  As in the church, there are some changes being considered in development of the organization.   Currently there are 8 Regions in the Association.  I am the President of the Southwest Region (the largest region) which includes: Arizona, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.  At the National Conference I was appointed to serve on a National task force to look at ways to possibly restructure APA to best meet the needs of Administrative Staff in the PCUSA.   Please pray for us as we take on this monumental task.  We will hold our annual Regional meeting in Dallas September 27-30th.  As President, the majority of my expenses for National and Regional Conferences are covered by the APA Southwest Region.  To date, I have completed Level III of certification and am working toward 50 hours of additional credit.  At these conference I am always reminded how blessed I am to work for such a wonderful church and to have the support of so many.  Thanks again for you support.  Blessings,  Shelly Ryan  For more information visit the  [APA Website](http://pcusa-apa.org/)  The APA Mission Statement:  The objective and purpose of the Administrative Personnel Association shall be to provide a supportive organization for promoting continuing education, individual growth, communication and fellowship for its members; to deepen and strengthen lives spiritually and professionally, and to work for the mission of the church universal. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://static.ctctcdn.com/letters/images/sys/S.gif | |  |  | | --- | | **Baptism**  Fenrir Steven Michael Voris, son of Vincent and Kayla Voris, was baptized yesterday, June 18 during worship.  Congratulations to him.  Remember that the Church has promised to help him (and all children too) in his faith development. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://static.ctctcdn.com/letters/images/sys/S.gif | |  |  | | --- | | **Property Report**  The committee on property management and utilization reports that the Sunday school room is not being utilized to it's potential.  By way of explanation-Sunday School for all ages is from 8:45 to 9:30 on Sunday mornings. Some of the features of SS are:               Affordable-no love offerings               Don't have to serve on a committee               Can sit where you like-no assigned seats               No home work---no exam   The greatest advantage,benefit  and reward is this---SS is taught by Dr.  Voris who is the most awesome SS teacher on this earth or any other earth.  He has the ability to explain the scriptures in a manner that is both easy to understand and so interesting that it is easy to remember.    Sunday School is the place where  you ---really learn--!!     Have you ever heard your Pastor say something or reference a passage of scripture that left you scratching your  head in wonder???  You can't stand up in the service to ask  him to clarify.  After the service, you may not have a chance to ask.  So how do you get your question answered.                                                Go TO SUNDAY SCHOOL!!!    Sunday  School is the place where you dialog and interact with others about the scriptures.  Since the class is small, it is a safe place to ask questions, express doubts and get clarification on things that confuse you.  Submitted by:  Property committee, Frank Westfall |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://static.ctctcdn.com/letters/images/sys/S.gif | |  |  | | --- | | **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 is taking a vacation until August 6. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | 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, June 25.  The study will be on Matthew 10:24-39. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://static.ctctcdn.com/letters/images/sys/S.gif | |  |  | | --- | | **Sunday Evening Bible Study**  After discussion, it was decided that the Sunday Evening Bible Study will take a break for the summer and resume next fall. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://static.ctctcdn.com/letters/images/sys/S.gif | |  |  | | --- | | **Prayer Concerns**  Nancy Beard, Susie Coy, Bob Kearns, Sherry Kearns, Robert Navarrette, Becky Voris  **Homebound and Care facilities:**  Rich Adamson, Dodie Hendley, Dick Mansfield, Scott Maxwell, Janie Patrick, Marianne Patrick, John Tritenbach, Mabel Webber  **Military:**  Mollie Navarrette Acuna, Rey Acuna, Cody Ogden-Stell  **Members/Friends Serving Overseas:**  Carol & Leith Fujii (Thailand), Linsey Ogden (Peace Corps)    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).  Prayer concerns will be removed at the beginning of each month if we haven't received an update. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | First Presbyterian Church,  P.O. Box 39| Carlsbad, NM | 88221  575-885-2715 |Fax: 575-885-6270  Email: [f](mailto:fpccnm@msn.com)pccnm@msn.com        |Website: [w](http://firstprescarlsbad.com/)ww.firstprescarlsbad.com | | |