



Presbytidings - October 2025

An Outreach of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

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Greetings, St. Andrew family!

The air has turned crisp, the leaves are beginning to show their colors, and fall is upon us. Autumn often reminds us of change—days grow shorter, fields are harvested, and creation itself begins its quiet preparation for winter. In the midst of all the changes, and even in the hardships we carry, God's Word calls us not to despair but to trust in the One who makes all things new.

The Apostle Paul writes: *"So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day"* (2 Corinthians 4:16, NRSVue). Paul knew suffering and uncertainty, yet he remained steadfast in hope, confident that God was at work in ways not always visible to human eyes.

As we look around at a world filled with challenge—wars, disasters, divisions, and personal struggles—we are invited to cling to the promise that God is not finished with us or with creation. Just as the falling leaves give way to the promise of spring, so too the Spirit is quietly renewing us, day by day, season by season.

This fall, may we see not only the signs of endings but also the quiet seeds of new beginnings. Let us be a people of optimism, looking forward with trust in the God who has carried us thus far and who will carry us still.

And let us work to plant seeds of the Kin-dom of God in all we do.

Blessings and peace,

Pastor Eric



Warm Fall Clothing Needed for Men and Women

As the evenings get cooler, our Neighborhood Friends need long-sleeved shirts, jackets, coats, long pants, gloves and hats, and gently used shoes, for men and women, in all sizes. Please check your closet for those items you no longer use. Clothes should be clean and without tears or holes. New socks and underwear are always welcome. Clean blankets and sleeping bags are also needed. Call Sharon Craig if you have questions.

Confessions of a 3-time Olympic worry-wort

Worry is OK. Worry can be alright.

It can force us to take long overdue action or

make us rise to meet the challenges of a new day.

But when worry becomes an overwhelming, paralyzing thing,

It is a symptom of the inadequacy of our faith in God.

-Joe Woodworth

The St. Andrew Library

Our library is more than a small meeting room. It's a treasure trove of enriching books that you are welcome to borrow (and please do return for others to enjoy). We are building a collection of books written by St. Andrew authors past and present including;

Rob Craig's *Dry Bones Live: Helping Congregations Discover New Life*

Rogene Henderson's autobiographical *Roberta and Rogene: The Intrepid Faulkner Twins from Texas*

Earl Harvey's *What Happened to Charlie? Some New Mexico History Never Told.*

Lillian Homer's autobiographical *Portals: Two Lives Intertwined by Adoption*, co-written with her father, Bill Miller

Andrew McLellan's *Gentle and Passionate: Reflections from a Year as Moderator* (of the Church of Scotland)

Anna Redsand's story of Viktor Frankl: *A Life Worth Living*

Anna Redsand's *To Drink from the Silver Cup: From Faith Through Exile and Beyond*

If you're curious to understand a scripture passage or are helping to plan a worship service, there are also shelves of reference books like the multi-volume *Interpreter's Bible* that remain in the library for ongoing use.



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS SPECIAL OFFERING

On World Communion Sunday, October 5, we celebrate that Christ's peace extends throughout all creation. Whenever the church gathers for worship, we are assured of Christ's peace. We celebrate that we are connected, we are loved and we are not alone. Through participation in the Peace & Global Witness Offering, our church is extending Christ's peace throughout our community and our world. We begin at the communion table, with our siblings in every time and place, and we celebrate the peace we find there and commit to building a more just and peaceful world. God is with us ... and God in Christ is with us through the Sacrament of Communion celebrated on World Communion Sunday. Peace begins with each of us.

The Peace & Global Witness Offering will be collected on World Communion Sunday, October 5.

25% of this offering stays with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community.

25% of this offering goes to our mid-council to join with other congregations to support peacemaking work in our region.

50% of this offering supports the work of Presbyterians across the globe.

**PLEASE GIVE WHAT YOU CAN.
IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT.**

The Noise of Politics

*We watch as the jets fly in
with the power people and
the money people,
the suits, the budgets, the billions.*

*We wonder about monetary policy
because we are among the haves,
and about generosity
because we care about the have-nots.*

*By slower modes we notice
Lazarus and the poor arriving from Africa,
and the beggars from Central Europe, and
the throng of environmentalists
with their vision of butterflies and oil
of flowers and tanks
of growing things and killing fields.*

*We wonder about peace and war,
about ecology and development,
about hope and entitlement.*

*We listen beyond jeering protesters and
soaring jets and
faintly we hear the mumbling of the crucified one,
something about*

*feeding the hungry
and giving drink to the thirsty,
about clothing the naked,
and noticing the prisoners,
more about the least and about holiness among them.*

*We are moved by the mumbles of the gospel,
even while we are tenured in our privilege.
We are half ready to join the choir of hope,
half afraid things might change,
and in a third half of our faith turning to you,
and your outpouring love
that works justice and
that binds us each and all to one another.*

*So we pray amidst jeering protesters
and soaring jets.*

*Come by here and make new,
even at some risk to our entitlements.*

*-Walter Brueggemann-
died June of this year*



Walter Brueggemann encouraged Christians to take the Bible seriously, asking tough questions and speaking up for justice, especially for the poor and marginalized. He is renowned for his “prophetic imagination,” encouraging the church to imagine and live out new possibilities for justice, compassion, and faithfulness and taught that the church should provide a “counter-narrative” to popular trends like consumerism or nationalism, continuing the work of biblical prophets who challenged the powerful for the sake of the vulnerable.

Brueggemann ordained in the United Church of Christ, was born in Tilden, Nebraska in 1933, and was the son of a German Evangelical pastor. He earned a Th.D. from Union Theological Seminary in 1961, and a Ph.D. in education from Saint Louis University in 1974.

A few of the many book that he has written include:

The Prophetic Imagination (1978)

Widely considered his seminal work and most-read book, it explores the prophetic role of the church and scripture in challenging empire and injustice.

Sabbath as Resistance: Saying No to the Culture of Now (2014)

Praised for its practical, prophetic call to Sabbath-keeping as a form of resistance to consumer culture.

Spirituality of the Psalms (2001)

A highly rated book focused on the spirituality and structure of the Psalms.

Praying the Psalms: Engaging Scripture and the Life of the Spirit (1986)

Beloved for its practical guidance on prayer and the use of Psalms in spiritual life.

The Practice of Prophetic Imagination: Preaching an Emancipating Word (2012)

Recent work revisiting his central themes about prophecy and hope in contemporary preaching.

Submitted by Cheryl McLeod

Session Summary

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

Hello all, the most exciting thing we approved was a salary package for a new pastor candidate at the session meeting. We understand we will have an answer by the end of September!

We did discuss and approve a lot of other items and in fact this was a rare longish meeting. Here are our approved items:

1. An Investment Committee consisting of Richard Irish (Finance Elder), John Daugherty, and Rick Hanna. The Investment Committee will be tasked with reviewing our investment portfolios and making recommendations to the Finance Committee for changes that would potentially improve performance and returns
2. Approve Grace Kim book sales during Adult Ed.
3. Request for Building use Oct. 3 for Natasha Ravnovka, piano and violinist.
4. Encantata will use the building October 31, 5 - 9 and Nov 1, 5-9 for a concert. All are invited.
5. St. Andrew Scottish Society, Nov. 8 in activity room with coffee pots. Party with music, dance and stories. And a potluck 4:30 – 9:30. All members are invited!!
6. Membership as of August 31, 2025: 120
7. Average Attendance July: 98 August: 109

Treasurer's Report

April 2025	Current Month	Year-to-Date	Budget
Total Income	20, 834	247,601	342,425
Total Expenses	23,380	219,840	342,308
Difference	-2,546	27,761	117



Date: Saturday, October 18th, 2025

Time: 10:00 AM – 12:30pm

9:30am - Registration opens

Location: Pat Hurley Park Lower Loop ([3828 Rincon Rd. NW ABQ, NM 87105](#))

A Decade of Stepping Up for Our Neighbors

For ten years, the Hike to End Hunger has united community members, local businesses, and advocates in a shared mission: to ensure no one in our area goes hungry. This year, as federal food assistance programs face severe cuts, our food pantry is seeing a surge in need - families, children, and seniors who never imagined they'd require help are turning to us for support.

Join Rio Grande Food Project for a fun morning at Pat Hurley Park and enjoy a heart-healthy walk, partner organizations, food trucks, face painting, and Albuquerque's own Headphone Dance Party! The family friendly trail is stroller and dog friendly. Hike starts along the park's lower loop area with a gradual incline up to the park's upper loop area with one of the best views of the city. The Lower Loop and Upper Loop Trails combined are 1.1 miles, and if you prefer a longer hike, you can double the Upper Loop or choose from 3 different stair trails for a more strenuous workout.

We will also be collecting non-perishables during the event, and selling T-shirts, as always! We'll have a few special guests this year.... (in case you missed getting an Orbit selfie at an Isotopes game this summer- here's your big chance!)

This event is FREE and family-friendly! Bring a blanket or your lawn chairs and hang out in the park after the hike. Come join us in the beautiful NM sunshine! [Click here to register.](#)

ADULT EDUCATION IN OCTOBER

Following the monthly extended fellowship hour on October 5, there will be a 2-week series (October 12 and 19) on **Transgender 201** with Adrien Lawyer, Co-Director and Co-Founder of the Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico. Despite gains in visibility and acceptance, transgender people continue to face enormous everyday challenges including discrimination, poverty, unemployment, restricted access to health care and housing, and sometimes horrific violence. Adrien will continue from his presentations last year to help us better understand what it means to be transgender, some common misconceptions about transgender people, and the challenges they face. Whether or not you heard him last year, come to learn about transgender people and how to be an advocate for understanding.

Then on October 26, John San Nicolas will offer a history of **Christian Nationalism** in the United States and its continuing influence in American politics.

HopeWorks at 40

On November 7, HopeWorks (originally St. Martin's Hospitality Center) will commemorate 40 years of service to Albuquerque's homeless people. Join in the gala celebration beginning at 6:00 pm at the Hispanic Cultural Center (1701 4th Street SW) and support this ongoing nonprofit ministry. Tickets are available at <https://hopeworksnm.org/events>.





Lectionary Schedule

Sunday – October 5

17th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading Lamentations 1:1-6

Psalm 137

Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Gospel Luke 17:5-10

Sunday – October 12

18th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Psalm 66:1-12

Second Reading

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Gospel Luke 17:11-19

Sunday – October 19

19th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading Jeremiah 31:27-34

Psalm 119:97-104

Second Reading

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Gospel Luke 18:1-8

Sunday – October 26

20th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading Joel 2:23-32

Psalm 65

Second Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel Luke 18:9-14

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Please plan on joining
Presbyterian Women for
their bible study
entitled: Finding Resilience,
Joy and Our Identity in Jesus
Christ. Our meeting will be
October 7, at 10:00 am in the
church adult CE room.
Everyone is welcome and
we hope to see you there!



October Birthdays

- 1 John Daugherty
- 3 Jackie Meese
- Cynthia Boyd
- 6 Bill Fredrickson
- Carla Haynes
- Kathy Renfro
- 8 Tristan Wang
- 10 Lori Castle
- 11 Alaria Allen
- Sam Emord
- 13 Mike Brinker
- 16 Carl Soderberg
- 17 Attie Lopez
- Elijah Lopez
- 18 Gail Spidle
- 27 Kyra Ellis-Moore



ST. ANDREW AUTHORS

If you have written a book that
could be of interest to other
St. Andrew folks, is there a
copy in our library? I would
like to let others know about
your work, so please contact
me whether or not it's already
in the library. Email me
at: WRMILLER@UNM.EDU or
just talk to me at
church. Thanks!





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:30 pm Peace Choir	2 10 am Stroke Club 10 am Spiritual Formation 4 pm Worship Com on ZOOM 6:30 pm Choir rehearsal	3 5:30 Girl Scouts 7:00 Natasha Stojanovska recital	4 2 pm Jennifer Perez Recital BALLOON FIESTA
5 9:30 Worship & Communion 10:30 Fellowship 3 pm Encantada WORLD COMMUNION	6 7 pm APO rehearsal	7 10 am Presbyterian Women 12 pm Lectionary Lunch 4:30 pm Mission-Social Justice Com	8 4 pm Deacons 6:30 pm Peace Choir	9 8 am Finance Com on ZOOM 10 am Stroke Club 10 am Historical Jesus 6:30 pm Choir rehearsal	10 7:30 Sci Fi Society	11
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