



Presbytidings October 2020

An outreach of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Words from Your Pastor

On Servant Leadership & the Election

The idea of servant leadership was made popular in the twentieth century by the American writer Robert Greenleaf, who wrote an essay in 1970, entitled “The Servant as Leader.” In it, Greenleaf writes: “the great leader is seen as servant first, and that simple fact is the key to his greatness.” One who is servant first, Greenleaf says, “makes sure that other people’s highest priority needs are being served. The best test . . . is do those served grow as persons, do they, while being served, become healthier, wiser, freer, more autonomous, more likely to become servants? And, what is the effect on the least privileged in society, will they benefit, or, at least, will they not be further deprived?”

Greenleaf may have popularized the idea of servant leadership fifty years ago. But Jesus was promoting the idea long before that. Jesus said to his disciples: “whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all.” (Mark 10:43-44)

When people in a democratic society seek elected office, we say they are going into “public service.” We sometimes refer to our elected leaders as public servants. It is our expectation, or at least our hope, that in carrying out the duties of their office, they will seek the common good of all. Ideally, our elected leaders are servant leaders who make sure that everyone is included in the benefits of society and no one is left behind.

Of course, I recognize that we don’t live in an ideal world. And many elected officials serve special interests instead of the common good of all. But I don’t believe that is any reason to lower the standards by which we evaluate candidates for public office. I, for one, would like to maintain a high ideal and see how candidates measure up to that ideal.

As we consider who we will vote for in the upcoming election, perhaps we should use Robert Greenleaf’s test of a great leader who is seen as a servant first. If Candidate X is elected, will those served – will we – grow as persons? Will we, while being served, become healthier, wiser, freer, more autonomous, more likely to become servants ourselves? And, what will be the effect on the least privileged in society? Will they benefit, or, at least, will they not be further deprived?

Jesus gives us a new definition of greatness: “whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all.” May we be mindful of Jesus’ words as we live our lives both as Christians and as citizens.

On Stewardship

The Stewardship Campaign mailing will be sent out to members and friends of the congregation on October 8. We are asking everyone to prayerfully consider making a 2021 pledge in support of the good work that God is doing in and through St. Andrew Presbyterian Church. Please complete your pledge form and send it to the church office before Stewardship Commitment Sunday, November 1, when we will dedicate our pledges to God.

On Laura’s Leave of Absence

You will note in the Session report that Laura Encino is taking a three-month leave of absence from her responsibilities as Director of Children’s Ministries. This was a very difficult decision for her as she loves St. Andrew and she loves working with the children of our congregation. But she has found that teaching public school online this fall is taking a lot more of her time. She is having to work long hours – staying up late and getting up early – to plan out lessons and have them ready to go each day. She is just stretched too thin. Laura hopes to be able to return in January. In the meantime, we are grateful to Victoria Lopez for continuing to provide creative ways for Famous Friends to connect with each other on a monthly basis.

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SHOULD I STILL VOTE BY MAIL?

“With all I’m hearing about Post Office delays, do I risk throwing away my vote if I use Vote by Mail?”

The latest developments regarding Post Office delays are concerning. However, when you Vote by Mail, you can stay healthy and know that your vote will be counted:

Make sure you have an absentee ballot so you can Vote by Mail (VBM)

If you do not have a ballot, request one by returning the application form that was mailed to all registered voters (deadline to request a ballot from [sos.state.nm.us](https://www.sos.state.nm.us) is 10/20). If you did not receive an application form, apply at <https://www.sos.state.nm.us/voting-and-elections/voter-information-portal/absentee-and-early-voting/#>

Return your VBM ballot VERY SOON after receiving it. When you receive your ballot in the mail, fill it out immediately and then drop it in the mail the same or next day. The following State source gives information about security: <https://www.sos.state.nm.us/voting-and-elections/how-we-secure-your-vote/>. If you do not mail your ballot, you still have the option to go to the election center to vote in person.

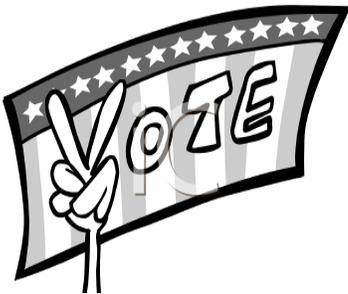
OR...Drop off your VBM ballot in one of the secure drop boxes available at your county’s early voting sites. This option bypasses the mail altogether and assures that your ballot will arrive at your Supervisor of Elections Office to



Who is eligible to vote?

In order to register and vote in New Mexico, you must live in New Mexico, be a citizen of the United States (by birth or naturalization) and be at least 18 years old as of election day, November 3. In New Mexico, individuals convicted of a felony (including federal, in-state and out-of-state convictions) automatically regain their voting rights upon completion of their sentence (which includes incarceration, probation or parole).

Prior to processing the voter registration of someone who has a felony conviction, the County Clerk may ask the person to provide a certificate or affidavit of completion (from a court or probation or parole department) that verifies that all sentencing requirements have been satisfied. Anyone who is unsure if they qualify to have their voting rights restored, can contact the Department of Corrections, Division of Parole and Probation or a comparable agency in the state where the conviction occurred. People who have been denied the right to vote by a court of law



Be a Faith Climate Voter!

The link to the New Mexico Interfaith Power and Light **pledge to be a Faith Climate Voter** is: <https://www.nm-ipl.org/pledge-to-be-a-climate-voter/> Click on the link, cursor down to the words in bold: “Sign the Pledge Here.” Click on the words, and sign the pledge. *You won’t need to go by the Church to pick up a card to sign.* We need as many St. Andrew member and friends as possible to sign the pledge!



Joint Replacement



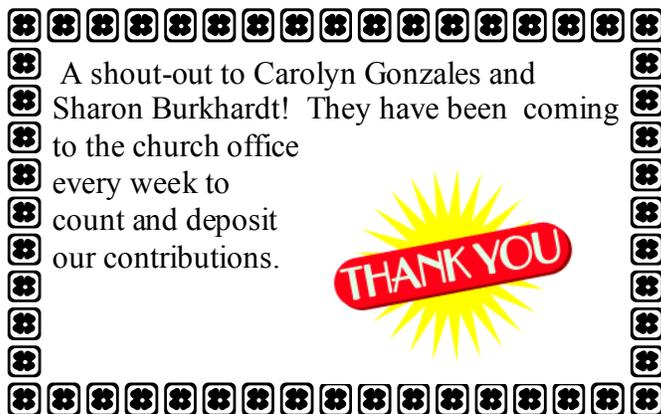
Joint replacement is a procedure of orthopedic surgery in which an arthritic or dysfunctional joint surface is replaced with an orthopedic prosthesis. Joint replacement is considered as a treatment when severe joint pain or dysfunction is not alleviated by less-invasive therapies. Surgery can be performed as a total or hemi (half) replacement. This surgery is becoming more common with knees and hips replaced most often, but replacement surgery can be performed on other joints as well, including the ankle, wrist, shoulder and elbow. The purpose of doing this surgery is to relieve pain, to restore range of motion and to improve functional ability, leading to improvement of muscle strength. Knee surgery typically involves substantial postoperative pain, and includes vigorous physical rehabilitation. The recovery period may be 6 weeks or longer and may involve the use of mobility aids such as walkers or canes for awhile.

Before any surgery is performed, a complete pre-anesthetic work-up is required. In elderly patients this would include an EKG, urine tests, hematology including type and cross match, as a high percentage of patients receive blood transfusions. Pre-operative planning requires accurate X-rays of the affected joint, implant design selecting and size-matching to the X-ray images. Prepare yourself physically by eating right and exercising. Take steps to manage your first weeks at home by arranging for help and obtaining assistive items, such as shower chair, hand-rails or a long-handled reacher. A few days hospitalization is followed by several weeks of protected function, healing and rehabilitation. Early mobilization of the patient is thought to be the key to reducing chances of complications such as venous thromboembolism and pneumonia. Modern practice is to mobilize patients as soon as possible and ambulate with walking aids when tolerated. Physiotherapy is used extensively to help patients recover function after joint replacement surgery. A graded exercise program is needed initially, as the patient's muscles take time to heal after the surgery, exercises for range of motion of the joints and ambulation should not be strenuous. Later when the muscles have healed the aim of exercise expands to include strengthening and recovery of function. Physical therapy after joint replacement is very important.

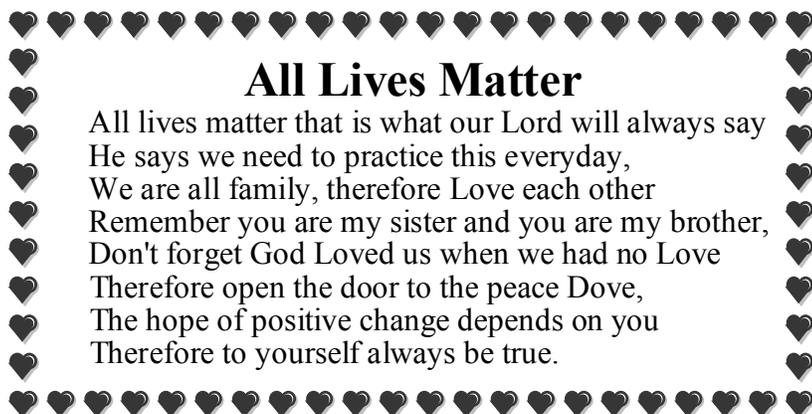
Total joint replacement is one of the safest and most reliable treatments in any area of medicine. A hip or knee replacement done today typically can be expected to last 20 years or more. In fact, for most patients total joint replacement surgery will be a life-long solution for arthritis of the hip or knee. Many patients resume their normal activities of daily living following the surgery without limitations, however, most surgeons advise against high impact and joint over-loading activities such as heavy lifting, running or jumping.



--Edith Waugh-Feliciano RN, CRRN


 A shout-out to Carolyn Gonzales and Sharon Burkhardt! They have been coming to the church office every week to count and deposit our contributions.




All Lives Matter
 All lives matter that is what our Lord will always say
 He says we need to practice this everyday,
 We are all family, therefore Love each other
 Remember you are my sister and you are my brother,
 Don't forget God Loved us when we had no Love
 Therefore open the door to the peace Dove,
 The hope of positive change depends on you
 Therefore to yourself always be true.

Suzanne's Session Summary:

Average attendance in August - 77 (on line) Don't miss our Live Streamed Service!

New innovations are happening!

Membership as of August 31, 2020 – 169

Approved actions:

- Stewardship Mailing and moments coming in October.
- Stewardship Commitment Sunday: November 1
- Approve an unpaid leave of absence for Laura Encino through 2020.
- Pay our childcare workers through September 27, 2020 and discontinue until we resume in-person worship services.



Treasurer's Report: We are so blessed by the generosity of our church members!

Deacon's Doin's

The deacons had our first person-to-person meeting of the year this past month; masked and appropriately distanced. It was a joy to be with real people again. Our group is small enough to handle the 6 feet apart restriction. We all enjoyed our meeting and are looking forward to meeting again in October.

Your deacons have been busy this summer. Along with their regular "How are you doing? Can I help you in any way?" calls, some have made masks for their parishioners to use during the pandemic. For Mother's Day, Midtown parishioners were invited to relate stories about their own mothers or about being a mother. The participation was good, and the stories were great. In addition, cookies were baked and given to one of our homebound members, and weekly grocery shopping is done for another, and a gift was given to celebrate the birth of Andrecia Washington's baby. Deacons have participated in parades in celebration of birthdays and one "Gotcha" parade for George Hedrick.

All the deacons strive to keep in touch with their parishioners. We hope we have not missed anyone. So if you need help or even a listening ear, please call your Parish deacon. We will do our best to help!

Sincerely,



Deacon Ministry

Native American Relief for Churches and Families Project

The Native American Ministries Coordinating Committee of the Synod of the Southwest is asking for our support of its Native American Relief for Churches and Families Project. This includes the Navajo Nation and Pueblos within our Synod. This project is in response to the devastating effects of the COVID-19 virus on our Native American brothers and sisters. The Santa Fe Presbytery is working in conjunction with the Presbytery of Grand Canyon to raise \$97,000 in monetary donations, food, supplies, and logistical support.

The Project will provide support to the 29 Native American Churches and Chapels located in the bounds of our Synod over a 6 month period by:

1. Providing needed support for those pastors and commissioned pastors to be paid, as they serve their communities.
2. Providing needed support for the basic infrastructure of the churches and chapels as centers of community life.
3. Providing funding for the purchase of food and supplies for distribution to Native American communities throughout the Synod of the Southwest.

If you wish to learn more, please visit the Synod website at www.synodsw.org and read and review the proposal. If

Help needed on Sundays with Neighborhood Friends Lunch Ministry

Hi friends! Just wanted to give you an update on our Neighborhood Friends Lunch Ministry. We have been distributing an average of 16 non-perishable lunches each Sunday along with hygiene packages. When able, Victoria Lopez or Marie StClaire have made fresh sandwiches for our friends, which are so appreciated. We still have our clothes rack and appreciate it when you drop your used items by the church for reuse. New or seldom used socks are always needed.

If you are wanting to volunteer for an easy project with very little contact (everything goes in a plastic bag that is handed to each friend), let us know. Our Neighborhood Friends (NFs) are wearing masks (if not, we give them one to put on), and it's really just passing out the items and saying "hi." We're usually there about 45 minutes. We watch the service at home and leave in time to arrive at 10:45 am on Sunday. Then we get set up and start greeting our NFs about 10:50 am. We pack everything up at 11:30.

Volunteers!



Suzanne Busch
821-4304

Church Library Book Giveaway



CHURCH LIBRARY
News

The Worship & Music Committee has culled the collection of worship resources in the Church Library. There are a number of hymnals, prayer books, devotionals, etc., piled on the long, central table in the church library, which we are ready to give away. Church members and friends are invited to come to the Church Library and take home any of the books on the table that they would like to have for personal use. After October 15, we will begin recycling what

Third Quarter Giving Statements

A link to your 3rd quarter giving statement will be emailed in the second week of October. Simply click on the link and view/print your statement. Any questions should be directed to
Chuck: Phone: 505-294-4135

CONGREGATIONAL MUSINGS

Women's
Rights



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Building on the “first women” theme in last month’s article, I remind you all of the passage of the **19th Amendment in 1920**; this year is the 100th anniversary of that event. It was said then that women were given the right to vote, but many took issue with that phrasing in that the struggle for voting rights began 72 years earlier. Women were not “given” anything; they marched, and petitioned and fought for this right just as women struggled in the church. It took another 42 years, in 1962, before indigenous women and women of color were allowed to exercise their right to vote, and so, I remind you all, women and men, to go to the polls or cast your absentee ballot before election day in November.

I have a box of books in the trunk of my car that I was saving for the Shepherd of the Valley Chile Fest used book sale. Another event that did not happen this year. If anyone would like to have or borrow one just give me a call and I will pull into your driveway and “pop the lid” or you can come to my driveway! If a book has my address label on the cover I’d like it back, otherwise it is yours, or you can donate it back to the traveling book lady!



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I really am thankful for my Deacons. They was faithful in bringing me food earlier in the year when my back pain was so debilitating. Since that has improved somewhat they have called every week to see how I am and if I need anything. I hope you are having a good experience with regular contact from the church. I have had two orthopedic appointments regarding possible surgery and both doctors agree that surgery is out of the question for me. I have so much arthritis and poor bone density that there is nothing stable enough to attach hardware. I now pursue a program of medication, daily exercises, frequent massages and physical therapy periodically. We have to learn to live with what we have left and with God’s help I will press on.

There is a new list of military addresses posted on the board near Roger’s office at the church. I am sure they would like to hear from you. If you would like an electronic copy of the addresses please let Marie in the office know and she’ll email you a copy.



Not to toot my own horn but I do want to acknowledge the **great honor bestowed on me** at the Presbyterian Women’s Bible Study when we gathered for the first time in 6 months in September. Anna Creamer arranged for me to **become an Honorary Lifetime Member in Presbyterian Women** and presented me with a certificate and pin in the shape of the logo. Presbyterian Women has always been dear to my heart and I believe this organization is the greatest gift the church has to offer to its people in local congregations. PW presents us each year with the opportunity to participate in the Birthday and Thank Offerings, which award grants to organizations around the globe, helping, supporting and teaching people in a variety of venues in local communities. Along with the National Mission Agency, Presbyterian Women is also involved with international mission to people in need. With great pride and humble gratitude, I thank Anna for this wonderful gift and for the support of the Women of St Andrew.

Edith Waugh-Feliciano

A Note of Thanks

In August, St Andrew Presbyterian Church donated \$1,200 to the Native American Relief Project of the Synod of the Southwest. We received this note of thanks from Ruling Elder Nelson Capitan (Laguna Pueblo), Moderator of the Synod's Native American Ministries Coordinating Committee:

DA-WAI-EH! (Thank you in Laguna Pueblo)

Dear St. Andrew Presbyterian Church,

THANK YOU so much for your recent gift to help our native churches and families in our Synod. It's been difficult but with God's way and with your help, we can get through this. Thanks

be to God and peace be with you all!

In Christ,



Peace and Global Witness Offering October 4, 2020

PEACE IS ACTIVE, NOT PASSIVE; PEACE IS DOING, NOT WAITING.

The Peace & Global Witness Offering draws Presbyterians together as active peacemakers and provides education and exposure to those who show us how to do this work well. It allows us to create resources for dealing with conflict and nurturing reconciliation and stand in support of our global sisters and brothers, because the peace of Christ belongs to people everywhere.

Your gifts will help more people experience the freedom and dignity that Christ wants for everyone.

25% RESPONDING TO CONFLICT IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Participating congregations retain this portion of the Offering to support peacemaking and reconciliation in their own community.

25% CONNECTING MID COUNCILS FOR PEACEMAKING

Linking congregations in ministries throughout Presbyteries and Synods

50% ADVOCATING FOR CHRIST'S PEACE & JUSTICE

Calling for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative initiatives of education and Christian witness

What might we be able to do with our portion of the offering? May we all prayerfully consider the options for helping to take a stand for peace in our community. Please consider giving to the Peace and Global Witness offering. (Please note P & GW Offering on your check on online donation.)

Thank you for your participation in the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!





Lectionary Schedule

Sunday, October 4 (Proper 22) Semicontinuous

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Psalm 19

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

Sunday, October 11 (Proper 23) Semicontinuous

Exodus 32:1-14

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

Sunday, October 18 (Proper 24) Semicontinuous

Exodus 33:12-23

Psalm 99

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

Sunday, October 25 (Proper 25) Semicontinuous

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8



October

- 1 Barbara Scharf
- 3 Jackie Meese
- Cynthia Boyd
- Morgan DeLacy
- 6 Bill Fredrickson
- Carla Haynes
- Kathy Renfro
- 8 Christina Maze
- 9 Joy Dean
- 10 Tom Sanders
- Lori Castle
- William McMillan
- 11 Alaria Allen
- Samantha Emord
- 16 Carl Soderberg
- Vel McConnell
- 17 Attie Lopez
- Elijah Lopez
- 18 Gail Spidle
- Amber Paul
- 21 Ryan Cuevas
- 26 Bob Luikens
- 27 Kyra Ellis-Moore
- 31 Janet Iske

Conversation on Racial Justice Moves to New Time

SAY NO TO RACISM!



Over the summer several of us have been having a

weekly Conversation on Racial Justice. We started by discussing what we were learning from the [PC\(USA\) 21-day Racial Justice Challenge](#). Since then, we have discussed articles and videos that participants have brought to the group. And we have shared from our own personal experiences.

We invite you to join the conversation at our new time! Beginning on August 25, we will be meeting (via Zoom) on Tuesday afternoons at 4:00 p.m. You can join the group on your computer using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83573680666> OR on the phone by calling +1 346 248 7799 (Meeting

Sunday, October 4, 3:00pm: "Democracy in Action" Field Trip

St. Andrew's Adult CE program is going on a field trip! Rather than our Zoom meeting at 4pm, we will be joining Albuquerque Interfaith for a Zoom meeting from 3pm until 5pm. AI is conducting its Democracy in Action Accountability Assembly with a number of elected officials to present our concerns with public education, health care, public safety, and economic recovery for all. Please pre-register at this link:

<http://bit.ly/ABQInterfaith2020> OR you can connect by phone simply by calling 1-346-248-7799 and entering the Meeting ID (847 0525 6725) when prompted.

Oct. 11-Nov.1, Max Bartlett and Pastor Roger will resume the Lenten Study on "Facing Racism."

October 2020

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  | | | | 1 10:00 am Spiritual Formation Zoom Mtg. 5:00 pm Worship and Music Zoom Mtg. | 2 | 3 Family Game Night 4:00 pm |
| 4 9:30 am Live- Stream Worship/ Communion Ser- vice with Zoom Fellowship fol- lowing 3:00 p.m. Adult Education "Field Trip" | 5 | 6 9:30 Presbyterian Women's Bible Study Adult CE Room 4:00 pm Conversation on Racial Justice Announcements Due | 7 5:30 pm Social Justice Mission Zoom Mtg. | 8 10:00 am Historical Jesus Zoom Mtg. | 9 | 10 |
| 11 9:30 am Live- Stream Worship Service with Zoom Fellowship following 4:00 p.m. Adult Education | 12 | 13 8:30 am Finance Zoom Mtg. 4:00 pm Conversation on Racial Justice Announcements Due | 14 6:00 pm Deacon's Mtg | 15 10:00 am Spiritual Formation Zoom Mtg. | 16 | 17 |
| 18 9:30 am Live- Stream Worship Service with Zoom Fellowship following 4:00 p.m. Adult Education | 19 | 20 Announcements and Presbytidings Articles Due 4:00 pm Conversation on Racial Justice 6:00 pm Session Zoom Mtg. | 21 | 22 10:00 am Historical Jesus Zoom Mtg. | 23 | 24 |
| 25 9:30 am Live- Stream Worship Service with Zoom Fellowship following 4:00 p.m. Adult Education | 26 | 27 4:00 pm Zoom Conversation on Racial Justice Announcements Due | 28 | 29 | 30 |  |

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Building a community of faith unleashed into the world by the love of God.

Our Mission:

Proclaiming and living the Good News of Jesus Christ by:

- Listening to a loving God
- Celebrating our faith together
- Nurturing each other in Christian love and spiritual growth
- Working for social justice and peace
- Reaching out in compassionate service
- Being stewards of all God's gifts

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