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First Presbyterian Church, Las Cruces, NM

September 2009



New Director of Music

David A. Klement has joined the staff of First Presbyterian Church as Director of Music. An experienced music ministry professional with more than 20 years of music leadership, David, his wife and family have recently relocated to Las Cruces from Rochester, New York.

David has a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance and Literature from Oberlin Conservatory of Music in Ohio and a Master of Music, Conducting, from the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY. As a boy soprano, he served as Head Chorister at the St Thomas Choir School in New York City.

Klement has been Director of Music at the Asbury United Methodist Church in Rochester, New York, a 2300 member congregation with twelve music ensembles and a music staff of 12 professional musicians. He administered the entire music and drama program, including four weekly services, an annual concert series and two theatrical productions. In addition he founded and was artistic director of the Rochester Boys Choir that annually toured to perform with such groups as the American Boychoir, the National Philharmonic Orchestra, and Rochester Oratorio Society.

He has been an adjunct professor at Eastman School of Music, teaching church music skills; Conducting Fellow at Dartmouth College, occasionally directing the Handel Society (a 150 voice community orchestra choir); and a resident advisor at Interlochen Arts Academy in Traverse City, Michigan.

David's groups have recorded several CDs. He has performed as soloist in shows including, "Amahl and the Night Visitors," "Sweeny Todd," "South Pacific," "Man of La Mancha," and "A Little Night Music." Some conducting highlights have been Rutter's "Mass of the Children," "Liebeslieder Walzer" by Brahms, and the Poulenc "Gloria."

He has staged and presented 40 musicals and dramas, including "Godspell,"



David Klement — Director of Music
Margaret Goehring — His wife, Professor of Art History at NMSU
Emma (front left) 7th grade at Zia Middle School
Dorothy (front right) sophomore at Las Cruces HS

“Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat,” “The Fantasticks,” “Children of Eden,” and “Once Upon a Mattress.” He has been a clinician and guest conductor for church choirs, school choruses and community events.

We welcome this talented Christian musician to our staff.

Special Music

Our church is fortunate to have a good music program. We have an excellent organist, fine worship pianist, and active choir, bell choir, and children’s music program. On August 23 it was greatly enhanced by the participation of Harry Beckett from Branson, MO, a piano player who has been described as the best piano player to pass through New Mexico State University. He has played for our service before, so his appearance was widely anticipated. This Sunday he brought with him Jenny (DeBoy) Collier, a Branson violinist. With long term ties to our church, she, along with Gordon Butler, her former violin teacher, sang and played during the service.



Howard Smolleck and Harry played a duet for the gathering music of the service. It was a remarkable performance with little rehearsal time. Both are similar enthusiastic players of the type which seem to rise six inches from their seats in their efforts to energetically interpret the piece being played. They passed the lead effortlessly back and forth and varied the volume appropriately.

For the special music, Beckett, Collier, and Butler provided an interpretation of “Be Thou My Vision” which was unusual and in a style different than that with which the congregation is most familiar.

If you missed the service, you can get a CD of it by contacting the office at 526-5559.

InBetweeners

The InBetweeners, a church social group, held their monthly meeting on August 28 at the home of Pat and Larry Felhauer. The group of about two dozen church members gathered to visit, and to view a TV production called “In Place Out of Time.” It featured views of New Mexico petroglyphs and the photographer who has made it a special task to photograph all of these interesting features created by early residents of the state. It is amazing how many exist in this area and the effort which has to be made to get good photographic representations of them. It echoed a presentation by Bill McNeill

several years ago of his photographs of all the mountains in New Mexico.

The Felhauer's house, in the Picacho Hill area, was an ideal place to watch the TV production. Situated on a high ridge, it has an excellent view of the city, the valley, and the Organ mountains. The house is situated on a multi-level lot with a large stone to which is attached a petroglyph design at the entrance and which has a back yard featuring a path wandering through the desert. The house itself features southwester design elements and a large number of unusual crosses artistically placed throughout the house.



The next meeting of the InBetweeners will be at an international potluck dinner, which the group is co-sponsoring, at the church on the day of World Communion Sunday, October 4.

Salt & Light Luncheon







The kickoff luncheon for the Salt & Light program was held in Watkins Hall after the service on Sunday, August 30. It served as a fundraiser for that after-school ministry which starts at 4 PM on Wednesday September 9.

About 150 members of the congregation ate two kinds of lasagna, salad, rolls, and ice cream. They were also well provided with iced tea, lemonade, and conversation.



The Salt & Light program provides a Christian week-day program to our congregation and the neighborhood. It is an effective but labor intensive outreach program, which can always use volunteers and adult participants. The tasks which need be done include food preparation, set-up, child supervision, and clean-up, as well as class leadership. Time commitments vary greatly from weekly to once a month. For more information or

to volunteer, call the office at 526-5559 or e-mail fpclinda@sianet.com now.

| SEPTEMBER 2009 | | | | | | |
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| <p>30</p>  <p>9:00 AM Sunday School for Preschool-Adult 9:15 AM Spanish Worship 10:30 AM Worship 11:45 AM Salt & Light luncheon 12:00 PM Sermon discussion with Rev. Story</p> | <p>31</p> <p>6:30 PM Beginner-Bells of Praise 7:00 PM Bells of Praise - returning members</p> | <p>1</p> <p>10:00 AM Staff meeting 6:30 PM Boy/Cub Scouts</p> | <p>2</p> <p>9:00 AM Quilting group 6:00 PM CE Ministry (S&L volunteers) training event in Library</p> | <p>3</p> <p>Linda out of the office 7:00 PM Jenni Curry/Parlor in Jones Hall</p> | <p>4</p> <p>Linda out of the office</p> | <p>5</p> |
| <p>6</p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School for Preschool-Adult 9:15 AM Spanish Worship 10:30 AM Worship</p> | <p>7</p>  <p>Labor Day - Office Closed 6:30 PM Beginner-Bells of Praise 7:00 PM Bells of Praise - returning members</p> | <p>8</p> <p>9:30 AM Mary Martha Circle/Library 9:30 AM Morning Circle/Parlor 10:00 AM Staff meeting 6:30 PM Boy/Cub Scouts 6:30 PM CE Ministry team 7:00 PM Admin. Ministry 7:00 PM Building & Grounds 7:00 PM Mission Ministry 7:00 PM Worship/Music Ministry Team 7:30 PM Cong. Life Ministry</p> | <p>9</p>  <p>AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM Soup Kitchen 9:00 AM Quilters 4:00 PM SALT & LIGHT STARTS TODAY 6:10 PM Salt & Light Dinner 7:10 PM High School Youth</p> | <p>10</p> <p>6:30 PM "Solo Passages"/Cinema Rm.</p> | <p>11</p> <p>9:00 PM 5th Quarter in Watkins</p> | <p>12</p>  <p>9:00 AM HS/MS service project /Gospel Rescue Mission 6:00 PM Saturday Night Life in Watkins</p> |
| <p>13</p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School for Preschool-Adult 9:15 AM Spanish Worship 10:30 AM Worship - Dedication of Bibles 12:30 PM Confirmation Class for 6th grade & up</p> | <p>14</p> <p>9:00 AM Presbyterian Women in Library 6:30 PM Beginner-Bells of Praise 7:00 PM Bells of Praise - returning members</p> | <p>15</p> <p>10:00 AM Staff meeting 5:00 PM NAMI Monthly Meeting 6:30 PM Boy/Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Session</p> | <p>16</p> <p>4:00 PM Salt & Light 6:10 PM Salt & Light Dinner 7:10 PM High School Youth meeting</p> | <p>17</p> <p>Rev. Story out of the office 5:30 PM NAMI family to family 12 week class in the Library 7:00 PM Deacons mtg./Fellowship area, Jones Hall</p> | <p>18</p> <p>9:00 PM 5th Quarter in Watkins</p> | <p>19</p> |
| <p>20</p> <p>7:30 AM Pancake breakfast/donations to sponsor youth mission trips 9:00 AM Sunday School for Preschool-Adult 9:15 AM Spanish Worship 10:30 AM Worship 12:30 PM Confirmation Class for 6th grade & up</p> | <p>21</p> <p>6:30 PM Beginner-Bells of Praise 7:00 PM Bells of Praise - returning members</p> | <p>22</p> <p>10:00 AM Staff meeting 6:30 PM Boy/Cub Scouts</p> | <p>23</p> <p>9:00 AM Quilting group 4:00 PM Salt & Light 6:10 PM Salt & Light Dinner 7:10 PM High School Youth meeting</p> | <p>24</p> <p>5:30 PM NAMI family to family 12 week class in the Library</p> | <p>25</p> <p>Mark Hellman out of the office Presbytery Meeting-Lovington Rev. Story out of the office</p> | <p>26</p> <p>"Well done, good and faithful servant!" Matthew 25:23, 24</p>  <p>Mark out of the office Presbytery Meeting-Lovington 9:00 AM Kairos Ministry/Watkins</p> |
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Presbyterian Women
Of
First Presbyterian Church
Presents

Fall Gathering
Monday, September 14, 2009
Jones Hall

Coffee – 9:00am

Program - 9:30

**Dental Mission to Kijabe Mission Compound, Kenya,
East Africa**

“Training of Missionary Dentists in Orthodontic treatment
for Missionary family children”

Presented by Janet and Robert McPherson

They will show a slide presentation of their Dental Mission with World
Medical Mission.

In addition they will show slides of their personal mission with families
in rural Kenya.

They will conclude the slide presentation with slides of Safari trips they
took in Kenya, East Africa

They have presented this program 25 times locally and around the State.

Every one is invited

Video Class

The video Sunday School class, under the leadership of Blaine Goss, is starting a new series on the first Sunday of September. All are invited to attend this new four week series of video presentations. The series provides a simple introduction to the Bible, what it is, how we got it, and how to use it. The lessons concentrate on

- The background – From where did it come, why is it the best-selling book ever?
- The Old Testament -Is what we have authentic?
- The New Testament – How was it established? What is the relationship to the Old Testament?
- The spread of its influence – Its translation into other languages and art forms.

The class will cover in an easy to understand way much familiar ground but also has nuggets of unusual and interesting information with which few will be familiar.

As an example, it will discuss the Dead Sea Scrolls, Before the fiddle of the last century, the oldest manuscripts existing of the Old Testament dated from about 400 AD. Suddenly a large number of scrolls 500 years older were discovered. There was at the time much speculation that this new material would force major changes in the Old Testament. While the scrolls did provide much information about the society of that ancient time, the major effect on the Bible itself was a few spelling changes.

All are welcome to this interesting and informative class that meets every Sunday shortly after 9 AM in the library.



Salt & Light Begins September 9

"You are the salt of the earth...the light of the world..." Matthew 5:13-14

Both for those who have been involved in the Salt & Light Company ministry for many years and for those who have been a part of it for only a short time, it's a source of amazement and joy to see so many children and teens gather on the First Presbyterian campus each Wednesday to enjoy Christian fun and faith-building together. Kids picked up in church vans spill out toward the snack table, Rev. Norm gets his dearly-loved hugs, the smallest ones gather on bright blankets closely supervised by their teachers, some older teens drive themselves. It's clear that everyone's happy to be there, to be together.

Many are from our own FPC families, but many others are not, for this ministry is a genuine outreach to our community, a time of friendship and Christian education in a safe atmosphere – where parents can trust that their children and teenagers will be loved.

You can be a part of the Salt & Light Company. Volunteer if you can be there, but

if you cannot, there are other ways to help, some examples: contributing financially, baking or buying birthday cupcakes, helping provide after-school snacks, and – so essential – praying regularly in support of adult volunteers and the kids who come. Even if you are not able to come earlier, plan to come to a Family of God dinner at 6:00 on a Wednesday; just let the office know you are coming.

New Members Received August 30



Synod of the Southwest Report

Our church is a member of the Sierra Blanca Presbytery which in turn is a member of the Synod of the Southwest. In July the Synod held its summer meeting in Tempe, AZ. The main topic of the meeting was a report on the Mission Partnership Funds (MPF), which are moneys given by the national church for activates on the regional level. Much of the money goes to the Presbyteries to fund their operations.

Giving on a national level has been steadily decreasing over the years. As a result the national church is drastically reorganizing the MPF distribution. This reorganization in turn has led the Presbyteries to reorganize. The paragraphs below were taken from a report on the July meeting.

Commissioners heard a report from Moderator Conrad M. Rocha, a member of

the Expanded National Mission Partnership Committee, that the Executive Committee of the General Assembly Mission Council (GAMC) will recommend to the GAMC that it recommend to the General Assembly that “effective December 31, 2013, Mission Partnership Funds, as we know them, shall come to an end.”

The recommendation states further that “GAMC establish a task force for the purpose of identifying, evaluating and making recommendations to the 220th General Assembly regarding those ministries and that work now supported by Mission Partnership Funds (MPF), including the ramifications of ending that support and possible other avenues of support to all, some, or none of those ministries and that work beyond December 31, 2013.”

The end of Mission Partnership Funds has been known for several years, but this recommendation seals it.

If the first part of the recommendation is forwarded to the 219th General Assembly in 2010 and approved, it will profoundly affect the funding of mission within the four presbyteries of the Synod.

From 2010 to the end of 2013 the Synod is scheduled to receive \$2,166,600. All – as in the past 10 years – will be passed on to the presbyteries for staff support and racial ethnic ministries in each presbytery.

As was evidenced by a panel discussion among leaders of each of the presbyteries, this reduction in funds is causing each presbytery to re-evaluate structure and find ways of living into this new reality of fewer funds.

Presbytery de Cristo has reorganized its mission structure as it calls its new Presbytery Pastor/Stated Clerk, Grand Canyon Presbytery is in the midst of evaluating its ministry as it calls an interim executive, and Santa Fe and Sierra Blanca Presbyteries near the time of calling a Regional Presbyter/Stated Clerk this fall to jointly serve the two presbyteries.

Notes and Announcements

Congregational News

New Addresses:

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New E-mail:

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Staff News

- Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM.
- Michelle Del Rio, bookkeeper in office 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM
- Staff meetings are held on Tuesdays at **10:00 AM**.
- Deadline for items for the weekly Sunday Bulletin is 10 AM on **Thursday** mornings.
- Deadline for the October Lantern — September 25 noon
- Mike McClanahan’s work hours are: Mon.-Wed. and Fri. 9 AM to 1 PM.
- Rev. Story will be out of the office on Sept. 17, 25 and 26.
- Mark Hellman will be out of the office on Sept. 25-28.
- Linda Ramirez will be out of the office on Sept. 3 and 4.

Communion

Communion will be served on Sunday, September 6 and October 4.

Attendance

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| August 2 | 146 |
| August 9 | 226 |
| August 16 | 244 |
| August 23 | 282 |

Jennie Curry Bible Study

Join us on Thursday September 3 at 7:00 PM in the parlor in Jones Hall for the Beth Moore series "Living Beyond Yourself; Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit." Invite a friend. The Study guide is now available in the church office.

Presbyterian Women's Circle meetings

Morning Circle in the Parlor and Mary Martha Circle in the Library on Sept. 8 at 9:30 AM.

Alice Cooper

Larry Cooper and his family wish to thank the church and the congregation for their outpouring of love and compassion at the loss of our beloved Alice.

To say that Alice was loved by you all would be putting it mildly. Our family and I were astounded by the number of cards, letters, phone calls and personal visits expressing love, condolences and offers to do anything we needed done. It was greatly appreciated.

Finally, I want to say a special thank you to our friend and Minister Rev. Norm Story, to our music man, Howard Smolleck, to Courtney Prah, the voice of an angel, and to the Board of Deacons for hosting the reception. Again thank you all. With much love.

Sincerely In Christ, Larry Cooper

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The cross on the cover was found in the churchyard of the Kvenes Stave Church, an historic church on the west coast of Norway.

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fpcmark@zianet.com for details

Mission Statement for 2008-2009

To minister to the members of our Church and prepare them
for Christian Outreach

Vision Objectives 2009:

- To clearly and courageously communicate the Good News of Jesus Christ to all within our reach.
- To develop spiritual leadership that recognizes and ministers to those in need.
- To develop and maintain specific ways for members to reach out and draw the community into our fellowship.
- To create God-centered atmosphere for worship that will attract and bind individuals, families, and youth into Christian community.