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First Presbyterian Church

May, 2019

## Pastor's Letter

Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>  
5:45am

It is 33 degrees out and the sun is thinking about getting up. This is my favorite time of day – but not necessarily for writing! Early mornings are meant to read, pray and appreciate the gift of a new day, but I promised Peggy that I would send her something for the newsletter. We are off shortly to make a visit to mom in Canon City.

I note the date because it is now 6 days until we start up the U Haul

truck and head south to Socorro. The last few weeks have been really bittersweet for us. We are leaving friends, but following God's lead to another community with warm hearts and high hopes. We are excited at the prospect of getting to know you and learning about our new home. Deb is much better – thank you for all of your prayers – they worked!

My action items are getting close to the end, and at times has led to some anxiety, but in the calm of the morning, I am assured that God continues to be in charge of my life – in-

cluding this crazy list. When I consider all of the things that He has done to get this process going, I realize that there is no list that will get in the way of His will being done. Thanks to the members of the PNC and the great people at Socorro and Magdalena for helping us to feel so welcome.

Finally, I pray that you are having a Holy Week filled with the spirit and promise of the greatest event in our lives - Christ's resurrection.

Terry

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This week we want to welcome Terry Buckman and his wife Debbie as our new pastor. They come from Colorado where they have ministered to two churches in the area of La Jara. After a year's work by the PNC Terry and Debbie appeared as the answer to our prayers. Both our congregation and Magdalena approved them with a unanimous vote. Terry will deliver his first sermon as our pastor on Sunday the 28th. Please welcome them to our church and community. We are confident God will do great things for us.



## Deacon Doings by Nancy Dotson

Deacons met April 9 in the church library. Present were Beth, Betsy, Pam, Marsha, and Nancy. We approved the March minutes and the Treasurer’s report.

Committee reports were made. It was noted that the Memorial Book in the narthex needs to be updated with the most recent contributions made to the Memorial Fund.

The brunch held after the church service on March 31 went well, with approximately 20 people attending. The next brunch is scheduled for June 30.

Marsha asked that the Deacons consider taking over supplying and coordinating the laundry detergent project for Socorro Storehouse. All present agreed to do so. Beth suggested involving the children with this, so a change will be made to filling

bottles after Sunday services, twice a month.

A coffee with HUGE chocolate chip cookies was held on April 14 to thank Ted Mattie for being our interim pastor the last 14 months. Appreciation was also expressed to Marilyn Mattie for her support during the same time frame.

A second coffee will be held on April 28 to welcome Terry Buckman and his wife Debbie.

## Presbyterian Women by Carol Seery

### PW APRIL BIBLE STUDY NEWS

Presbyterian Women Bible Study members met on April 5, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. in the church library. After refreshments, a brief business meeting was held.

The eighth lesson, “God With Us as the Holy Spirit”, was studied using the 2018-2019 “God’s Promise, I Am With You” Horizons Bible booklet. Those in attendance worked their way through the lesson which included scripture from John 14:1-31 which helps us to understand

that God dwells with us, and in fact, *in* us, as the Holy Spirit. The next PW meeting is planned for Friday, May 3, 2019 at 9:30 in the morning in the church library. Please come join us!

### Congratulations!



Eleanor Katla Grapenthin  
Born April 20, 2019  
6 lb 2oz  
Parents: Jamie Martin and Ronnie Grapenthin  
Brother: Isaak Grapenthin



## **Session News by Ted Mattie**

The Session's April meeting came at the end of a busy Sunday morning.

Among the items discussed, the Session

- Received a report on the review of our Church records by the Presbytery of Santa Fe; omissions noted were statements on the adequacy of the church insurance policy and the location of the Church property deed; the first of these omissions was corrected while the second is in process;
- Noted that new member Casey Haynes was recognized during worship on April 14;
- Noted a list of congregational accomplishments during our transition period;
- Authorized the purchase of a new printer for Treasurer Gerry Schwab;
- Hired Arryani ("Ani") Ochoa as Nursery Attendant;
- Discussed how to dispose of our old hymnals since we cannot find a home for them; some of the better copies will be offered to members of the congregation before recycling will be considered; and
- Discussed when to hold Session meetings after new Pastor Terry Buckman arrives; consensus was Tuesday or Thursday evening at 7 PM.

Continue to pray for our elders and deacons as they and Terry Buckman work on our behalf.

Ted Mattie, Moderator

Please Join us the Second and Fourth Sundays after worship  
we will be filling bottles with Detergent  
for the Store House Project

## **Thank You Ted & Marilyn Mattie**

Thank you, Ted and Marilyn Mattie for the 14 months of his hard work and dedication to service to the church family and friends. It has been a wonderful transition from Jeff & Laura

Finch to Terry Buckman.

We are very appreciative of all the things Ted Mattie accomplished and helped us with.

Thank You Ted and Marilyn Mattie for everything you did for us.



**PROJECTS ACCOMPLISHED WITH GOD’S HELP BY THE SESSION AND CON-  
GREGATION DURING THEIR TRANSITION PERIOD  
(MARCH 2018 – APRIL 2019)**

While transition times in many churches are times of merely waiting for the next pastor, that was not the case here at the First Presbyterian Church of Socorro. Following is a list of projects that were accomplished with God’s help because our leaders decided to make them happen. Thanks be to God for dedicated leadership!

- Updated church records
- Updated membership list
- Purchased “Glory to God” hymnals
- Held an ecumenical Vacation Bible School with St. Paul’s United Methodist Church
- Clarified policy on paid holidays for the staff
- Increased number of congregational meals
- Donated cost and labor to create over 1,700 bottles of liquid laundry detergent for clients of The Storehouse
- Called Terry Buckman to be our next pastor
- Built up a financial cushion of \$40,000 through lessened expenditures and careful spending
- Made several significant upgrades to our building
- Provided ministry to the family following the death of Holm Bursum III, our longest-tenured member as well as a key leader in Socorro and the State of New Mexico; an estimated 450 people attended the memorial service at the Garcia Opera House.
- Amended the bylaws to establish the quorum for a congregational meeting to be one-third of the active church members
- Held a memorial service for Jeannette McKee, a member from 1966 until her death in 2012

**May Birthdays and Anniversaries**

May 1, 2004

Monica and Lance Johnson

May 1,

Martin and Ronni Grapethin

May 4, 1991

Rosemary and Charles Rutta

May 20, 2007

Beth and Dan Cadol



**TREASURER'S REPORT** March 2019

By Geraldine Schwab

**General Fund Checking Account**

03/01/2019	Balance on hand	\$20,279.31
	Receipts	6,805.81
	Disbursements	5,566.17
03/31//2019	Balance on hand	21,518.95

Receipts include:

Menaul School Offering	\$190.00
Easter lilies donations	60.00
AA donation for use of building	30.00
Personal "Glory to God" hymnal	20.00

Disbursements include:

New alarm system installed, & fee for three months monitoring	793.96
Annual subscription, Quick Books payroll software	751.64
Socorro Storehouse	500.00
Menaul School	190.00
Pulpit supply	165.49
Gas service	152.06
Switch electric service at 306 McCutcheon to the church after renters moved	15.00

We spent \$1,674.64 less for budgeted items in March than we received for budgeted expenses.

We received \$6,535.81 for budgeted expenses in March and spent \$4,861.17 for budgeted items.

Notes: In February, we paid our annual insurance premiums for both the church package and the Worker's Compensation policies. I have now (in April) written a check for \$15.00 from the Rental Property account to replace the fee for 306 McCutcheon that I paid from the general fund.

**Rental Property Checking Account**

03/01/2019	Balance on hand	\$17,018.77
	Receipts	800.00
	Disbursements	2,141.43
03/31/2019	Balance on hand	15,677.34

Receipts were:

Rent, 308 McCutcheon	\$600.00
Rent, 306 McCutcheon, half a month	200.00

Disbursements were:

306 McCutcheon, replace gas furnace with new console gas heater	2,141.43
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**Memorial Fund Checking Account**

03/01/2019	Balance on hand	\$11,044.60
	Receipts	0.66
	Disbursements	205.05
03/31/2019	Balance on hand	10,840.21

Receipts were:

Interest	\$ 0.66
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Disbursements were:

Purchase two "Glory to God" accompaniment hymnals	205.05
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**John Browne Memorial Fund Savings Account**

01/01/2019	Balance on hand	\$ 555.13
	Receipts	0.12
03/31/2019	Balance on hand	555.25

Receipts were interest.

This account is set aside specifically for education. It was not used in March.

**New Covenant Funds Investment Accounts**

**Building Fund**

01/01/2019	Our value	\$30,641.25
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**Capital Equipment Fund**

01/01/2019	Our value	13,706.38
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**John Browne Memorial Fund**

01/01/2019	Our value	31,501.95
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This account is dedicated to education uses.

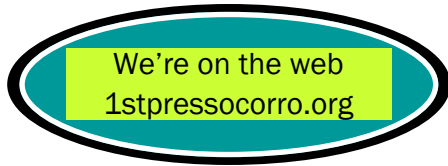
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Peggy out of office Gerry fill in Bible Study 6:00 pm	2	3 Presbyterian Women 9:30	4
5	6	7	8 Bible Study 6:00 pm	9	10	11
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15 Bible Study 6:00 pm	16	17	18
19 Guest Pastor Rev. Dewey Johnson Coffee Local Outreach Offering	20	21	22 Bible Study 6:00 pm	23	24	25
26 Guest Pastor Rev. David Preininger Local Outreach Offering	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	

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## Memorial Service

On April 18, Rev. Ted Mattie officiated at a small but very meaningful memorial service for Jeannette McKee. Fond memories were shared, her ashes were spread in the rose garden at Peggy Hartley's home.



## Thank You Note

March 27, 2019

Dear Partners in God's Mission  
Thank you, so much, for your congregation's commitment to the ministry of Jesus Christ through Presbyterian Mission. Gifts from congregations, like yours, make a difference in the lives of people around the corner and around the world. We are encouraged by God's faithfulness, signaled by the recent support we have received from you. Because of you, the world is waking up to new possibilities in Jesus.

The generosity of your congregation has provided the following support: on February 19, 2019, we

received \$121.32 for Shared Mission Support.

Thank you once again for your support, dedication and partnership in furthering God's mission around the world. You are valued partner. Please let me know how I can support your efforts.

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