

The Good News



Troop #62 On The Road...

First Presbyterian's Boy Scout Troop, #62, was on the road to the Grand Canyon and sites along the way! It was a nine day trip that not only exceeded expectations of the boys, but of the leaders as well!

They visited Chiricahua National Monument in SE Arizona. Went to Katchner Caverns State Park, and got to see a Diamondbacks baseball game! The Grand Canyon was amazing, and the boys got to camp in the National Park.

A trip through the Petrified Forest National Park, some shopping in Gallup, and off to El Morro and the nearby Ice Cave! Perkins Patton made the two-mile hike around the rock and to the top of the rock to the ancient Puebloan village with no discernible physical difficulties! It was a high point for him! Camping and fishing at Quemado Lake, ended the 9 day trip on a high note even though it was pouring rain!

What an amazing experience for the boys! A huge thank you goes out to the adults, Perkins Patton, Mike Dallago, Nick Tanner, and the parent volunteer, who courageously spent nine days out and about with some of the best young men in town!



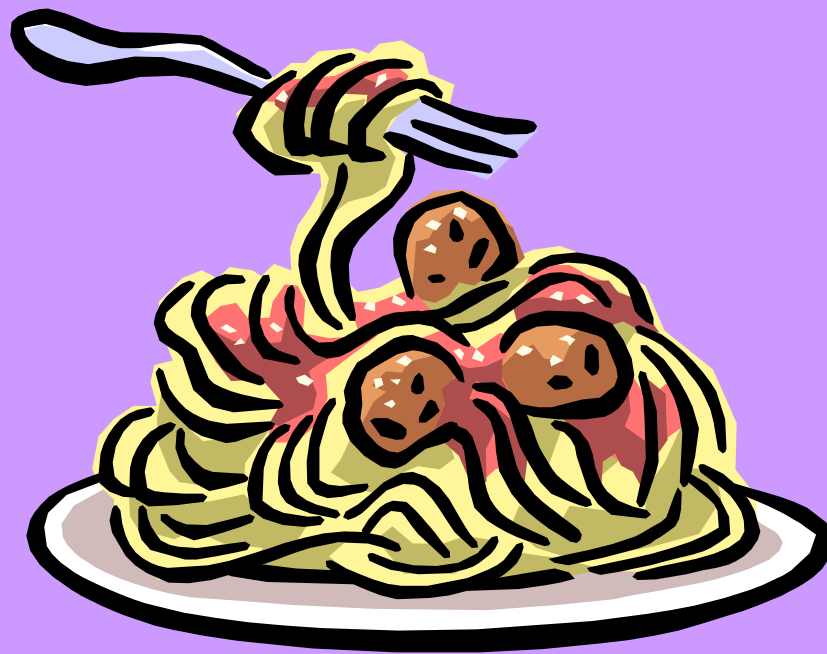
SALT AND LIGHT

Spaghetti Dinner!

Sunday After Worship

**Come and Join us for a delicious Spaghetti dinner
this Sunday, August 17th, after Worship!**

**All proceeds will go toward our Salt and Light,
Wednesday after school ministry!**



Kerygma :Discovering the Bible

- **Learn the basics and complexities of the Bible**
- **Develop skills for interpreting Scripture**
- **Apply learning from the Bible to personal and corporate life in today's world**

Anyone interested in participating in this amazing journey through the Bible should attend a very short meeting this Sunday, August 17th, in the cinema directly after Worship.

Come and meet the leader, Rev. Al Kissling, along with those who have participated in the past.

This is a wonderful opportunity for Christians at any point in their walk with Christ.

You have known the Holy Scriptures ever since you were a little child. They are able to teach you how to be saved by believing in Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 3:15

A Word From Tracy...

Can you smell it? The smell of school supplies and pb&J sandwiches! School has begun! Yes, it is August, and yes, the kids can't even begin to wear all of the new fall clothes that are neatly hanging in the closet (it is still 95 degrees out) but school is here!

With the start of school, comes the start of Salt and Light, our Wednesday after school ministry. And we can not wait! The laughter and buzzing of children in our church halls, has been sorely missed!

This week, families that have previously been enrolled in the Salt and Light ministry, will receive a welcome letter and registration form. We hope that you will take the time to fill it out and bring it with you on the Sept. 10th!

If you are new to our Wednesday after school ministry, registration forms are available in the church office, and at the doors to the sanctuary.

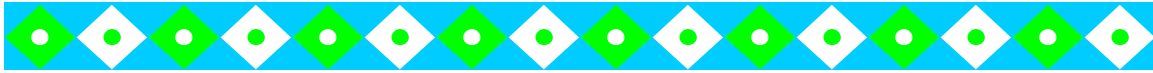
If you should have any questions, please call me at 526-5559!

Remember September 10th!

Salt and Light (ages 4yrs-High School)

4:00pm-7:00pm

Salt and Light is for everyone! So please feel free to let your friends and neighbors know!



Opportunity to help...

Salt and Light is looking for mentors and volunteers! We are in need of filling the following positions:

- **Snack Service 4:00-4:30**
- **Shepherds to help the children get from place to place**
- **Transportation (pickup children from school)**
- **Kitchen help**

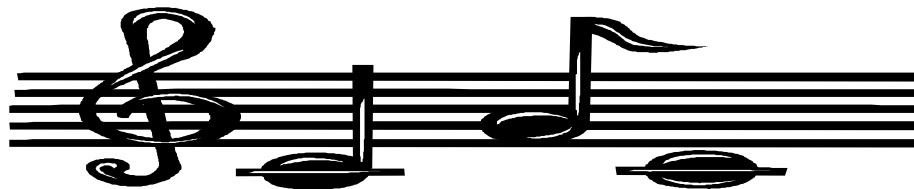
Choir Party...

All Choir members:

The Choir party will be at the home of Paul and Sara Vaughan on Sunday August 24th at 6 pm.

We will also be having a baby shower for Mireille !

Please RSVP to Paul or Sara 523-6105.





Prayer for...
Those returning to school

O Lord God, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world.

Grant that teachers and other school personnel may be a means of grace and learning to these students this year.

May this year be full of promise for students and teachers alike:

- . a promise of new beginnings for some and fresh starts for others.**
- . a promise of friendships with classmates and colleagues that refresh the spirit and honor God.**
- . a promise to grow in knowledge and wisdom all the days of their lives.**
- . a promise of safety for each classroom and mutual respect for each student and teacher.**

May there be enough challenges in school to call upon their best efforts and enough accomplishments to satisfy and delight them.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.



Youth Happenings...

August 23-24 High School Camping Trip more info to follow!

August 24th-Mid School Ice Cream Sale after Worship.

The High School Group (Focal Point) will meet on Sunday August 17th 6:00-8:00 at the Geiger's house.

The Mid school Group (Riptide) will not meet in August!

REMINDER:

SALT AND LIGHT starts September 10th. So get your registration form in ASAP!

***We will continue to pickup students at Camino Real on Wednesdays. Please contact the office if you need a ride.**

We also have a carpool in place from Onate!

If you need your child picked up from any other school, please call Tracy 526-5559.

Video Sunday School Class...

August 10th-August 31st

The 9:00 am Adult Sunday School Video class is viewing archeological Bible sites in present day Turkey.

There are 5 lessons in this set. We start on August 10th and finish on August 31st.

Don't miss it. You will be drawn closer to God and His word.

Led by Blaine Goss





White Sands Picnic and Games

Come join us for a picnic under the full moon at White Sands Monument. Ages 1-100 (more or less).

When: Leave the church at 4 p.m. on Sept 13. Return home a couple of hours after dark.

How: We will be traveling in carpools and will also take the church van.

Need transportation: No problem, just call Lon at 521-7097 (evenings) or the church office at 526-5559.

Stuff to bring: Bring a simple picnic dinner and drinks. If you want to, you could bring a frisbee, or a football, or a sled. A lawn chair would be good, or you can dig down a little bit, and sit on the cool sand. Bring a friend or make a friend - it's just about hanging out and enjoying the dunes.

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Did you know...

The dunes support a limited range of wildlife, some of which has evolved white coloration to match the surroundings, and exist as species unique to this region, such as a species of mouse, the white sands prairie lizard and the bleached earless lizard.