

The Good News

First Presbyterian Church



Officer Nominating Committee Congregation Meeting After Worship

Decision makers bear major responsibility for everything that gets done and accomplished in any organization. The nominating committee has a crucial role and considerable influence on the quality and faithfulness of the leadership that guides, governs, serves and leads this congregation. It is crucial to find and call those individuals whom God is calling to serve and lead at this time. **Our nominating committee has worked hard by taking the time necessary for prayerful, thorough, open and confidential discussion, and will be reporting their nominations for church officers as the congregation meeting this week after our worship service.**

Our Session and Board of Deacons are working well by God's mercy and because of the quality of those serving as elders and deacons. Their effectiveness would be destroyed by someone who 'does not play well with others', who is not well grounded in our Presbyterian faith, or who lacking the necessary skills is not willing to put forth the effort required to get the job done right. **The nominating committee has asked specific church members to pledge three years in which this church will be their priority - three years in which they will strive to improve our shared ministry. The nominating committee has found those members whom they believe God has called and who are ready to serve. (please see next page)**

Deacon and Elder Nominations

Ken Osborne: I am honored to be nominated as deacon of this fine church we call home, and looking forward to helping during the times I am home. I am a senior program manager in the aerospace industry, and do lots of traveling, while keeping up with my husbandly duties to the love of my life, Michelle. I am the father of two and grandfather of one. I served this great country in the Air Force before becoming an Engineering Manager. In my off-time, I enjoy church life, golfing and cooking with my wife, house designing, and spending time with the kids.

Greg Temple: I am a Science Teacher at Las Cruces High School. I have been a teacher for 16 years. My family and I joined First Presbyterian Church about 4 1/2 years ago. Since joining I have been an active member of the choir and wherever else I have been needed.

Marianne Maley: I have been a Presbyterian all my life. I Grew up in a small town in southern IL. In PA I served as a deacon and elder during our 15 years there and then in MI I served a term as elder again and was active in Presbyterian Women. While in MI I served on 2 presbytery committees - Preparation for Ministry and Committee on Ministry.

Larry Felhaur: In 2006, Pat and I moved to Las Cruces from Southern California following my retirement as Vice President of a food company. Although relatively new to First Presbyterian of Las Cruces, I am a life long Presbyterian. I look forward to working with the folks here at First Pres in whatever area God directs.

Blaine Goss: I am a retired university professor/administrator who teaches our Video Sunday School Class. I am an ordained elder who has served on session for our congregation, and for another Presbyterian congregation. My wife Carol and I have two daughters and five grandchildren.

Janice C. Sherman: I am a lifelong resident of Las Cruces and graduate of Las Cruces High School and NMSU. I have worked in the legal field for over 30 years. My husband Greg and I have two children, Melissa, a recent graduate of NMSU and Greg, Jr., currently attending the University of Arizona.

Bill Brady: I am a retired Detective with the New York City Police Department. I am the owner of American Home Inspections LLC, Las Cruces New Mexico. I am also a certified stucco and commercial inspector and licensed New Mexico Real Estate Broker doing commercial sales and rentals with 1st Valley Real Estate in Las Cruces.

Mark (Mick) Geiger: I joined First Presbyterian about 4 years ago, shortly after moving here with my wife Tracy and our children Zachary, Emily, and Jacob from San Diego, CA. I have spent most of my adult life in service to this country, 11 years in the US Army, and just over 12 years with the US Border Patrol. I enjoy classic cars, music, movies, and sports. I am honored to be given this opportunity for service.

Kairos Ministry



Training This Saturday!

8:00 am

Watkins Hall

The Kairos ministry addresses the spiritual needs of incarcerated men, women and children, their families and those who work in the prison environment.

If you are interested in becoming a trained volunteer for this important ministry, please come Saturday at 8:00 am to Watkins Hall.

Anyone who serves the Lord must not fight. Instead, he must be kind to everyone. He must be able to teach. He must not hold anything against anyone.

Timothy 2:24 (New International Reader's Version)

There are so many ways that you can help this ministry!

Bake cookies

Deliver cookies

Help setup for the event

Help cleanup from the event

Transport Food to the prison during the event

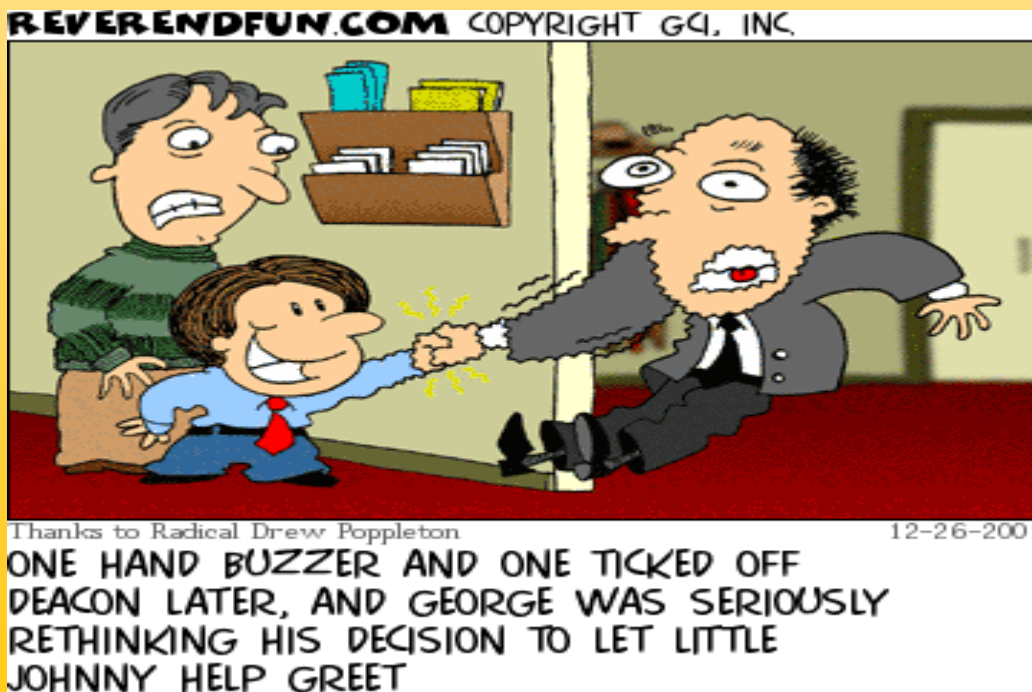
Peggy White 523-1216

Deacons Hamburger Fry October 19th After worship

Please join us for great burgers, and fellowship!

- **This is the only fundraiser for the Deacon's**
- **If you would like to help, we will be meeting in the kitchen at 9:00 am for set-up.**
- **Can you donate cookies?**

Please contact Tracy for more information



Trunk or Treat
October 31st
5:30-7:30

During this years Trunk or Treat, we will be holding a costume contest for all of the Trunk sitters!

So start planning your costume!
There will be prizes!

Start inviting your friends to pass out candy!

*Yes Lloyd, there will be hot cider this year!



Pumpkin Carving Contest!
Sunday
October 26
After Worship

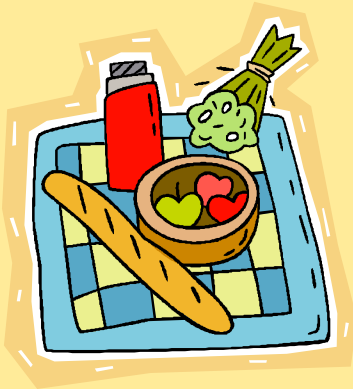


Show your artistic talent, by entering First Presbyterian's pumpkin carving contest!

Bring your already carved pumpkins to church by 10:00am on Sunday October 26th, and the congregation will vote during fellowship on the winners in these categories:

Funny, Scary and Cute !

The winners will be announced the following Sunday during worship!



Camp Chimney Springs

Closing Worship Service

October 25th

Picnic at 11:00

Worship at 1:00

The InBetweeners are organizing an all-church picnic at Camp Chimney Spring in conjunction with the closing service planned by Presbytery for Saturday, October 25. We are inviting people to come to the camp, near Mayhill, east of Cloudcroft, for a pot-luck picnic at 11:00 a.m., before the service at 1:00 p.m.

There are no facilities and no water or electricity at the site, so picnickers should bring tables and chairs, and their own table service, as well as a dish to share. (Portable toilets will be on site.) We hope for a glorious fall day for the event, but be prepared for weather of any kind.

We can use church vans for those who do not want to drive themselves and will provide directions to the camp for those who do.

Please call or email Alex and Marjorie Burr, 522-2528, burrmb@aol.com, if you would like to come.

When is the last time you made a good old fashioned pot of soup? Why not make a pot, invite over a few friends, and enjoy God's Blessings together...

Pumpkin Soup

Courtesy of: RecipeZaar.com

1 lb pumpkin

1/2 lb potato

1 onion, chopped

1/3 cup butter or margarine

2 1/2 cups milk

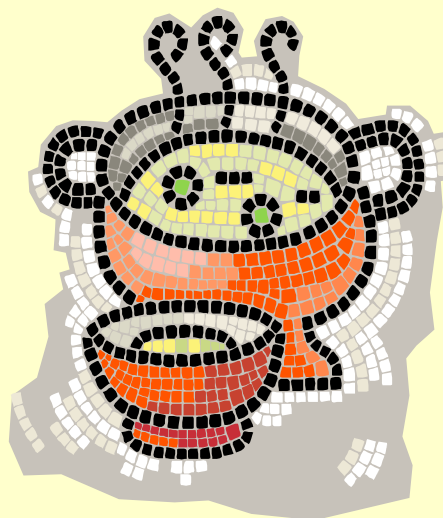
salt & pepper

2 leeks, sliced

2 1/2 cups chicken stock

1/2 cup cream

2 tablespoons parsley, chopped



Peel and dice pumpkin and potatoes. Melt half the butter or margarine in a saucepan and sauté the onion until golden brown.

Add the diced pumpkin and potatoes and milk. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer for about 40 minutes.

Sieve or puree in an electric blender. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Sauté the leeks in the remaining butter or margarine. Add to the soup with the chicken stock. Bring to a boil.

Reduce heat and simmer for five minutes.

Before serving, stir in cream and chopped parsley.

Empty Bowls 2008

Empty Bowls, the annual fundraiser for El Caldito Soup Kitchen will be held Friday, October 24, 11:00am – 1:30pm at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, corner of Griggs and Alameda Streets.

The Potters' Guild of Las Cruces, El Caldito Soup Kitchen Volunteers and many local restaurants join together to produce this event. Since 1992 this event, the oldest Empty Bowls event in the state, has brought the Las Cruces community together to provide funding for the Soup Kitchen. This year approximately 1,000 bowls and soups from more than 30 Las Cruces restaurants are certain to complicate your choices.

A Silent Auction is an artistic highlight of this delicious occasion. Silent auction pieces are all one of a kind works that are created by Potters' Guild members. You may get a preview of these pieces during an Opening Reception Friday afternoon, October 18, at Glenn Cutter Jewelers and Gallery, on the corner of University and El Paseo. Bidding on the pieces will continue at the event until 1:00pm when winning bidders will be notified.

Tickets for Empty Bowls are \$13.00 in advance and \$15.00 at the door. Advance tickets may be purchased at Unravel Yarn Shop and Gallery on the Downtown Mall, Mountain View Market at El Paseo and Idaho and Glenn Cutter Jewelers and Gallery on El Paseo and University. You may also purchase advance tickets from El Caldito Soup Kitchen volunteers.

