



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, LAS CRUCES

NOVEMBER 12, 2015

GOOD NEWS!

Thanksgiving In-Gathering



It's time to watch for sales of canned food, rice, dry pasta, boxed dinners, any non-perishable food you might like to bring to Worship on November 22nd, the Sunday before Thanksgiving. That is the day each year when we bring food for those who most need it, giving in joy and gratitude to God for the bounty of his blessings to us. There really are people in Las Cruces, adults and children, seniors and young people, who sometimes do not have enough to eat. "Happy are those who are concerned for the poor; the Lord will help them when they are in trouble." *Psalm 41:1 TEV*. Our generous congregation has contributed an amazing quantity of food in the past; let's do it again!

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Sunday Calendar – 8:45 AM in the Sanctuary

- Nov 15:** Praise Service – Matt Holt
- Nov 22:** "Bread & Breakfast" – Watkins Hall
- Nov 29:** Praise Service – Pastor Norm (Advent 1)
- Dec 6:** Praise Service/Communion–Pastor Himes (Advent 2)
- Dec 13:** Praise Service – Matt Holt (Advent 3)
- Dec 20:** Bread & Breakfast – Watkins Hall (Advent 4)

The Faith & Fellowship Praise and Worship Community has [moved to Sundays](#).

Be on the lookout for our "Bread & Breakfast" mornings

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Cookbook Update



We have to date sold 200 cookbooks. That leaves us a long way from our goal of 500. The cookbook committee appreciates the support that we have gotten from this congregation on this project. We are appealing to you again to help us sell these delightful books. If anyone is involved in any organization that we could reach out to as a venue to sell the books please let me know at deborah.raposa@aol.com or 575-635-4217. We will be selling the books at the Home Grown Event at the Farm And Ranch Museum on November 21 from 9-5 and November 22 from 10-4. That is the same weekend that we will be selling at the Farmers Market. It will be a very busy weekend for the cookbook committee. We could use some help with table coverage in either location during this weekend. If you can help us out for a few hours get in touch with Dot Otto at dototto2@gmail.com or 928-890-8334. It should be a lot of fun and it is for a good cause.

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Driver Needed please *Salt & Light!*

Is anyone able to commit to a weekly pick-up ASAP from:

Hillrise Elementary School (3-4 children)?

*These young children will not be able to participate in our **Wednesday Children & Youth program**, without a way to church. God will work this out, so please pray if it may be you He calls!*

Thank you so much!



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Salt & Light

Our Next Salt & Light is on Wednesday Nov 18th

"Harvesting for Him!"

(Thanksgiving Theme)

Roast Pork & Mashed Potatoes for Dinner!

(Apple Cake for dessert!)

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Faith & Fellowship

Do you like to **EAT**? Do you like to make a **joyful noise**?

Do you like to get together with **family, friends and neighbors**?

Do you like to discuss aspects of a **Christian life**?



Did I mention **EAT**?



You are invited to **"Bread & Breakfast"** in Watkins Hall

Once a month on Sundays, Faith & Fellowship will be meeting for Faith discussions (**Bread**) and Fellowship (**Breakfast**) instead of a Praise Service.

Our first Bread & Breakfast will be **November 22nd at 8:45am.**

There is nothing to bring except a desire to be with others like you who enjoy getting together as a community of faith.

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1st Pres Men: Are you interested in becoming a **Turkey Tom** this Thanksgiving??

Salt & Light has openings for you to **work with children** while you become a turkey tom! All you have to do is stand there, and the kids will transform you in a **gentle & delicate** way!

There is **no laughing or making fun** of turkey toms.

This job is taken very seriously and experience is appreciated!

You can trust the children

So if anyone believes this, apply for the position with Michelle, otherwise she will force the table-parents to do it, see above!

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A Verse for Today

⁽¹³⁾But the angel said to him, 'Do not be afraid, Zecharia; your prayer has been heard: your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to name him John. ⁽¹⁴⁾His birth will fill you with joy and delight, and will bring gladness to many; ⁽¹⁵⁾for he will be great in the eyes of the Lord.' Luke 1: 13-15



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College/Young Adult Dinner Night: The Long and Short of It!



Come, be one of the Happy Faces and bring an extra friend!

Sunday, November 15 @ 6:00

at the Loman House





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Decorating the Sanctuary for Advent on 11/28

Our Sanctuary becomes even more beautiful at Christmas time, but there is much to do to make that happen. Want to help? On Saturday morning, November 28, everyone -- adults, families, everyone -- all are invited to come and be a part of this joyful work, honoring the Lord Jesus as we draw near to the time when we celebrate His birth. If you have a truck and can help bring large items from the garage, please come at 8:30 am. Others may come to the Sanctuary at 9:00. See you there!

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In-Betweeners Save the Date!

Our Christmas get-together is planned for Friday evening, December 11th, at 6:00 in Watkins Fellowship Hall. It will be a catered dinner, with good fellowship and carol-singing. Reservations are needed by Monday, December 7th, to burmmmb@aol.com, or jkames@q.com.



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Next Sunday, Nov 15th, Salt & Light Elementary & Middle School Sing
in church! Kids need to please wear purple shirts
& arrive at **Sunday School at 9:00am**; practice follows!

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Now There's a Thought

Opportunities will be missed if we are talking when we should be listening.

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Church Chuckles





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Here is what's coming up in **late November & December** at Salt & Light!

Please mark your calendars!



November 18th (10)- "Harvesting for Him!" (Thanksgiving Theme)

We will decorate Tom Turkeys!

{Off Nov 25 Thanksgiving Break, No School, No Salt & Light!}



December 2nd (11)- " Hope, Peace, Joy & Love!" (Advent Theme)

We will decorate the Christmas Tree!

December 9th (12)- "Jesus is the Heart of Christmas!" (Christmas theme)

We will decorate Christmas Cookies!



Sunday December 13th S&L Christmas Pageant

Thursday Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Special 4:00pm Candlelight Service

Off Dec 16, Dec 23, Dec 30 & Jan 6 for Christmas, no Salt & Light!

We will re-start Spring semester on Wed Jan 13!



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