

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—ELKO NEVADA
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Tom's Corner

Well it's official now, the 'New Year' has finally arrived. It's hard to believe that I've already been here for over 4 months. And finally I'm feeling more and more comfortable with all of you, as I'm hoping that you're feeling the same way with me. This is a great church and you are a great congregation! And I look forward to working with all of you as we move forward into this 'New Year'.

Back in December the session came up with an ambitious budget for the 2017 calendar year. I hope that everyone can support their hard work in making sure we fulfill Christ's calling here at First Church to do more ministry in the coming year. We'll be voting on that budget on January 15th at our congregational meeting after worship. And trusting that it passes, it will mean that all of us will have to step up to the plate and do our part. And I believe that we're up to that task and challenge with God's help.

Please feel free to stop by my office if you have any pastoral concerns, or if you just want to chat. And even though the world is uncertain moving forward, with God's help I believe 1st Presbyterian Church will make a difference in the lives of those who need help in the coming year. I trust and pray your Christmas and New Year went well with family and friends. And now may God be with and protect all of us as we move forward together.

In Christ's Service,

Reverend Tom Holslag - Interim Pastor

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Director of Family Ministries



Happy New Year!

Sunday School: Children 3-years-old through Adult

Sunday School resumes January 8th. We will jump right into our new "Gospel Project" books. If you'd like to order a book, order forms are available in the office and adult Sunday school classrooms.

Nursery: Babies 6 weeks to 3 years old

The church nursery is still available to little ones after the Children's Message Sunday mornings.

We have a list of qualified nursery attendants posted on the nursery door. If you see a family in church with a little one between 6 weeks and 3 years old, please let one of the attendants know.

Children's Church: Children 4 years through 2nd grade

Children's Church is also available right after the Children's Message on Sunday mornings. The teacher schedule and lessons are posted on the door to the Children's Church room.

Confirmation Class: 5th Grade through 12th Grade

Reverend Tom and Melissa will be team teaching a confirmation class for any young people interested in church membership. Classes will be Sundays from 1:00 to 2:30 and will begin January 22nd and will conclude on Easter Sunday.

Youth Group: Kids 6th grade through college

January 8th right after worship service we will have our annual fundraiser:

1. **Spaghetti Dinner** for \$5 per plate. All prepared and served by church youth.
2. **Talent Show** Everyone is welcome to participate! Each talent show contestant will be given a bucket after the show and members of the audience will vote by putting \$1 bills in the buckets of the ones they like best.

Our youth group still meets Sunday afternoons after worship and Tuesday nights at 6:00 at the church.

College/Young Adults: Kids out of high school through 25 years old

Our college kids and young adults meet at Charlyn's house on Wednesdays at 5:30 for fun, fellowship, and food. Charlyn provides a main course and invites people to bring a food to share.

College lunch is held the second Wednesday of each month at the "Sweet Barrel" on GBC campus. The cost is just \$3 per person.

Adult Bible Study:

Becky Schaffner leads a Women's Bible Study Monday mornings at 9:00 in the classroom across from the office.

Kathy Reyes leads a study on Wednesday mornings. Tai Chi is offered at 9:00 and Bible study begins at 9:30.

Have a blessed January.

Melissa Fonder

My Office Hours:

Mondays 8:00 - 3:00

Tuesdays 8:30 - 12:30

Wednesdays 11:00 - 3:00

COFFEE HOUR—SPRING 2017

01-Jan	Hill family	Henry Family	Tammy Laughter	Paula Bergeron	Sheets Family
08-Jan	Liz Better	Tara Lounsbery	Van Slyke Family	Patty Fisk	Gillins family
15-Jan	Boyce Family	Kristi Glass	Bisson Family	Joyce Roberts	Thran Family
22-Jan	Byars Family	Fonder Family	Arthur Family	Toni Mendive	Vicki Matys
29-Jan	Gary family	Roberta Gallegos	Cooney Family	Hall Family	Ann Hagland
05-Feb	M. Jones Family	Alyssa Culp	Diana Sackley	Lee Reiersen	D'Ette Burgess
12-Feb	Bondo Family	Winsley Family	Doris Toothman	Jan Peterson	Nickel Family
19-Feb	Pike Family	Pruitt Family	Jill Philllips	Pearson Family	Nisbet Family
26-Feb	Vicki Goicoechea	Jan Webb	Daniel family	Strickland Family	Kim Bolin
05-Mar	Becky Schaffner	Becky Nahnacassia	Clarice Gamboa	Heather Norero	Heather Heard
12-Mar	Kathy Reyes	Liz Better	Aida Mathews	Loralee Justice	Linda Trontel
19-Mar	Jennifer Kidwell	Thompson Family	Charline Hull	Francis Schain	Jan Atkinson
16-Mar	Bev Klem	Guttry Family	B.J. Hurley	Hobbs Family	Hays Family
02-Apr	Henry Family	Byars Family	Diana Jones	Munson Family	Heather Norero
09-Apr	Winsley Family	Hill Family	Kristi Glass	Patty Fisk	Halton Family
16-Apr	Tara Lounsbery	Boyce Family	Kump Family	Nancy Neef	Vicki Matys
16-Apr	Pruitt Family	M. Jones Family	Nickel Family	Paula Bergeron	Tammi Laughter
23-Apr	Fonder Family	Pike family	Kathy Reyes	Lee Reiersen	Nisbet Family
30-Apr	Gary Family	Bondo family	Joan Zunino	Joyce Roberts	Van Slyke Family
07-May	Cooney Family	Becky Schaffner	Toni Mendive	Gillins family	London Family
14-May	Roberta Gallegos	Vicki Goichoechea	Pryzmont Family	Pat Pearce	Clarice Gamboa
21-May	Alyssa Culp	Arthur family	Plumb Family	Francis Shain	Renee Sawyer
28-May	Jan Webb	Strickland family	Pearson Family	Aida Mathews	Doris Toothman
04-Jun	Thompson Family	Bev Klem	Smith Family	Pearson Family	Daniel family
11-Jun	Boyce Family	Jennifer Kidwell	Hobbs Family	Diana Jones	Kump Family
18-Jun	Becky Nahnacassia	Fonder family	B.J. Hurley	Hall Family	Hill family
25-Jun	Guttry Family	Henry Family	Thran Family	Byars Family	Bisson Family



T G I S

(Take Groceries In Sunday)



Let's "Sleigh" Hunger!

The Mission Committee is now collecting non-perishable food items to help local non-profit organizations stock their shelves after the holidays. Any canned or packaged food items would be appreciated. Please check the expiration dates on your contributions and place them in the box in front of the office. Thank you for your previous donations of warm-weather clothing.

Thank you for your support

SESSION

The Session and Board of Deacons have agreed that Elko First Presbyterian should return to electing elders and deacons on the same cycle as our budget. Current officers will extend their terms for six months in order to get us on the corrected schedule from January to January. We will elect new officers in January 2018. We will be presenting changes to the ByLaws and electing a nominating committee during the annual congregation meeting in January 2017. If you would like to study the old ByLaws and the proposed changes, please pick up a copy at the office.

Bible Study Group

The Wednesday Bible Study Group will start "2 Corinthians" bible study on January 4. The group meets every Wednesday morning at 9:30 in the parlor. For more information contact Kathy Reyes.

New Lights

Take notice of the new lights in the hallways, Sunday School rooms, Parlor, and Offices. These 54 LED lights will operate on one-tenth of the power usage of the old lights. The new lights have no bulbs and will operate for 100,000 hours. The light fixtures in the Nursery and one Sunday School room received LED bulbs which are more efficient than the previous bulbs. Thanks Roberta Gallegos. Huge and Special Thanks to Gene Schain, Larry Hall, and Mike Jones for their excellent help in getting the new fixtures installed.

There are lots of things which need attention both inside and outside. We need to have more hands involved in order to make these projects become finished projects. As our building has aged there are items which need to be update and/or repaired. Please contact me, as it is imperative we get some of this work done soon. Thanks for your upcoming involvement.

Lynn Bondo
Building and Grounds

Birthday Party for Jesus

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations of baby gifts to the Birthday Party for Jesus project. We delivered 105 articles to the Northeastern Nevada Regional Hospital OB Department on December 8th. Our project of 24 years has now given over 2,000 gifts to new babies in need. Our heartfelt thank you.

Janet & Bill Strickland
Clarice Gamboa

IN THE NEWS

- **Lexi Baum** with Elko High School basketball was featured during the game against McQueen.
- **Dave Murry** was featured in the Elko Daily Free Press for helping an accident person in Reno.
- **Kaitlyn Mcleod** of the Spring Creek Spartans was featured dripping the ball during the game at Truckee.
- Lady Spartans: **Kaitlyn Mcleod** - Guard, **Skylar Merschel** - Guard

Youth Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Talent Show



The youth annual fundraiser is scheduled for Sunday, January 8th after worship service. Spaghetti dinner is \$5.00 a plate and served by the youth. The Talent Show will follow and everyone is welcome. Come show your talents. For more information contact Melissa Fonder.

New Year's Traditions

Probably the most famous tradition in the United States is the dropping of the New Year ball in Times Square, New York City, at 11:59 P.M. Thousands gather to watch the ball make its one-minute descent, arriving exactly at midnight. The tradition first began in 1907. The original ball was made of iron and wood; the current ball is made of Waterford Crystal, weighs 1,070 pounds, and is six feet in diameter.

A traditional southern New Year's dish is Hoppin' John—black eyed peas and ham hocks. An old saying goes, "Eat peas on New Year's day to have plenty of everything the rest of the year."

Another American tradition is the [Rose Bowl](#) in Pasadena, California. The Tournament of Roses parade that precedes the football game on New Year's day is made up of elaborate and inventive floats. The first parade was held in 1886.



CONFIRMATION CLASS

Rev. Tom and Melissa will be teaching confirmation classes for any youth who are interested in becoming a church member. Classes will begin on Jan. 22 from 1:00 to 2:30 . For more information, contact Melissa or Rev. Tom.



The youth will perform a Souper bowl of caring skit on Sunday, January 29. Souper bowl of caring falls on Sunday, February 5. Bring in non-perishable goods or cash donations. All goods be given to C.A.D.V.

EPIHANY OF THE LORD—Jan. 6

Epiphany or Theophany, also known as Three Kings' Day, is a Christian feast day that celebrates the revelation of God in his Son as human in Jesus Christ. In Western Christianity, the feast commemorates principally the visit of the Magi to the Christ child, and thus Jesus' physical manifestation to the Gentiles.

Moreover, the feast of the Epiphany, in some Western Christian denominations, also initiates the liturgical season of Epiphanytide. Eastern Christians, on the other hand, commemorate the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River, seen as his manifestation to the world as the Son of God.



FELLOWSHIP HOUR

01/01	Hill Family, Tammy Laughter, Paula Bergeron, Sheets Family
01/08	Liz Better, Tara Lounsbery, Van Slyke Family, Patty Fisk, Gillins Family
01/15	Boyce Family, Kristi Glass, Bisson Family, Joyce Roberts, Thran Family
01/22	Byars Family, Fonder Family, Arthur Family, Toni Mendive, Vicki Matys
01/29	Gary Family, Roberta Gallegos, Cooney Family, Hall Family, Ann Haglund



You will also need to help set up and clean up
Everyone Welcome!



BIRTHDAYS

01/06	Rick Glass
01/09	Liz Better
01/10	Vicki Goicoechea
01/12	Sally Winsley
01/19	Frances Schain
01/26	Ann Nisbet
01/27	Steven Boyce
01/27	Penny Pruitt
01/29	Mike Nahnacassia
01/30	Evan Munson



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on January 15 immediately following the worship service. Annual Reports will be available for review January 8.

Obituary

Ed Vollimer passed away on December 16. Ed was **Kim Bolin's** Dad. If you want to send a card to Kim the address is as follows: 3845 W. School, Visalia, California 93291.

Call the church office if your name is missing from the birthday list. We are still trying to get all the information we lost back into the system.

January— 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 NO Sunday School NO Youth Group 10:15 Worship Music & Worship NEW YEAR'S DAY	2 9:00 Women's Bible Study 6:00 Boy Scouts	3 1:00 Hobby Group 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:00 Youth Group	4 9:00 MOPS-Steering 9:00 Tai Chi 9:30 Bible Study 4:30 Cub Scouts 6:00 College Group	5 12:00 Al-Alon 5:30 NAMI 6:00 Cub Scouts	6 Epiphany of the LORD	7
8 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship Mission Youth Talent Show and Spaghetti Feed 3:30 Boy Scouts District Meeting	9 9:00 Women's Bible Study 6:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Joy Circle	10 11:00 Hobby Lunch 1:00 Hobby Group 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:00 Youth Group	11 9:00 MOPS 9:00 Tai Chi 9:30 Bible Study 4:30 Cub Scouts 6:00 College Group	12 12:00 Al-Alon 5:30 NAMI 6:00 Cub Scouts	13	14
15 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship Annual Congregational Meeting Deacons Meeting 12:00 Youth Studies	16 9:00 Women's Bible Study 3:00 M & E 6:00 Boy Scouts	17 <u>DEADLINE FOR DESERT PULPIT ARTICLES</u> 1:00 Hobby Group 6:00 SESSION 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:00 Youth Group	18 9:00 Tai Chi 9:30 Bible Study 4:30 Cub Scouts 6:00 College Group	19 12:00 Al-Alon 1:00 Esther Circle 5:30 NAMI 6:00 Cub Scouts	20	21
22 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship C.E. Meeting 12:00 Youth Studies 1:00 Confirmation Classes	23 9:00 Women's Bible Study 6:00 Boy Scouts	24 1:00 Hobby Group 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:00 Youth Group	25 9:00 MOPS 9:00 Tai Chi 9:30 Bible Study 4:30 Cub Scouts 6:00 College Group	26 12:00 Al-Alon 5:30 NAMI 6:00 Cub Scouts	27	28
29 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship Souper Bowl of Caring Skit Youth Protection Classes 1:00 Confirmation Classes	30 9:00 Women's Bible Study 12:00 Western Folklife Center 6:00 Boy Scouts	31 7:30—5:00 Western Folklife Center Cooking Classes 1:00 Hobby Group 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:00 Youth Group				