



Calendar this Week

- Sept. 18:** 9 a.m. Bible History Class Hybrid on Zoom/In-person in Friendship Center
10 a.m. Traditional Worship
11:30 a.m. Inquirer's Class on Zoom
3 p.m. Little Class on Zoom
4 p.m. Program Night for all ages
6 p.m. Dinner in Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Youth in Youth Room
7 p.m. S.T.A.R. NA support group in Friendship Center
- Sept. 19:** 1:30 p.m. Clubhouse Knitters at Ridge Park Clubhouse, 505 Oppenheimer Dr.
3 p.m. Youth+ (Plus) in Youth Room
- Sept. 20:** 1:15 p.m. Cup of Friendship – Contact Carol Mead at 505-662-9475.
6 p.m. Ark Board Online
- Sept. 21:** 7 p.m. Choir Practice in Sanctuary
7 p.m. Troop 2 in Fellowship Hall
- Sept. 22:** 9:30 a.m. Ark Chapel
6 p.m. First Light Practice in Sanctuary
7 p.m. Troop 122 in Fellowship Hall
- Sept. 25:** 9 a.m. Bible History Class Hybrid on Zoom/In-person in Friendship Center
10 a.m. Contemporary Worship
11:30 a.m. Inquirer's Class on Zoom
3 p.m. Little Class on Zoom
4 p.m. Program Night for all ages
6 p.m. Dinner in Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Youth in Youth Room
7 p.m. S.T.A.R. NA support group in Friendship Center

Prayers of the Church

Praise:

Praise for our church leaders and Pastor John for their leadership.
Praise Ben Gibson is home from the hospital.

New/Ongoing Prayers:

Prayers for Sarah Kelly who had a stroke 9/14, she is now in hospice at Montebello on Academy in Albuquerque.
Prayers for the Gill's granddaughter, Julie, who is doing a 5km open water swim off San Diego this weekend.
Prayers those battling addictions of all forms.
Prayers for peace in our world.



Serving in Worship

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September 18, 2022

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
10 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

WE PREPARE

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Leader: Hear, O people of God,
consider and incline your ear.

People: We come to bow down to the Lord in worship.

Leader: Our tongues are like the pen of a ready scribe.

People: Our hearts overflow with praise of God.

Leader: God's grace pours over us and we are blessed forever.

People: We will praise God's name forever and ever.

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Together let us pray:

**All: O God, you call for us to arise
and come away into your love,
to draw near to you as you draw near to us,
and yet we know that the love we know and share
is but a fraction of the endless depth that is your love.**

**Write on our hearts your covenant of love
that we might live a life that is pure and undefiled,
seeking to bring your will to our world
until that glorious day when our Savior returns,
and it is his name that we pray. Amen**

Opening Hymn: UMH# 140 *Great is Thy Faithfulness

Prayer for Illumination

**O God of wisdom,
help us not only listen to your word,
but to hear it and make it our own,**



**so that we might be more than hearers who forget
but doers who act,
humbling ourselves to you
as we produce a harvest of righteousness. Amen.**

WE HEAR

Gospel Reading: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Today's scripture reading is on page 39 of the New Testament in your pew Bible.

Epistle Reading: James 2:14-26

Today's scripture reading is on page 216 of the New Testament in your pew Bible.

Hymn of Preparation: UMH #402 *Lord I Want to Be a Christian*

Message: "Faith and Works"

WE RESPOND

***Hymn of Response:** FWS #2175 *Together We Serve*

Work of the Church

Prayers of the Church

Leader: Arise, O God of Love.

People: Come to our aid.

Lord's Prayer

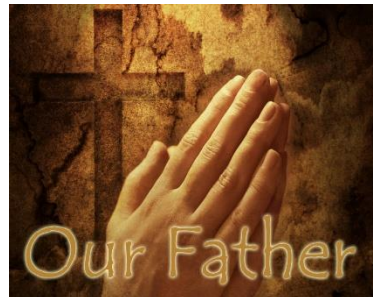
**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us, not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**



Offering

Special Music

***Doxology:** UMH#95 *Praise God, From Whom All Blessing Flow*

Offertory Prayer

***Closing Hymn:** FWS #2176 *Make Me A Servant*

***Blessing and Sending Forth**

Prelude

**Today's full service may be watched on lafumc.churchcenter.com,
our website, Facebook and YouTube.**

Faith Development Opportunities

Bible History: Sundays at 9 a.m. Hybrid (In-person and Zoom). Our current study is by Lysa TerKeurst called, *Forgiving What You Can't Forget*. In *Forgiving What You Can't Forget* bible study, Lysa TerKeurst shares her own deeply personal journey with forgiveness and what the Bible has to say about letting go of resentment and finding peace. In this study you will learn a step-by-step plan to free yourself from hurt, disempower triggers that hijack your emotions, deal with difficult relationships, and discover life-giving freedom our souls desperately need. Books and workbooks are available at the church.

Inquirer's Class: Sundays at 11:30 a.m. on Zoom. Join the Inquirers as we watch and discuss the videos of *The History and Archaeology of the Bible*, which will take us on a multidimensional journey through the Bible from Genesis to the Crucifixion. We'll look through the lens of the latest historical and archaeological findings, accompanied by vivid video footage of many of the sites where the stories of the Bible unfolded. Email Carol Mead, cjmead@ansr.biz for a Zoom invitation.

The Little Class: Sundays at 3 p.m. on Zoom.

Program Night: Sunday afternoon from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. followed by dinner. One of our goals is to equip and grow the faith of all people, not just our children and leaders but, parents and adults too. So, every week the whole church body will meet and split into age appropriate classes and end by coming together in worship and dinner. Tonight is our kick-off and we hope you will join us at 4 p.m.

Youth Group: Sunday evenings at 6 p.m. youth from 9th-12th grade are welcome to join us for dinner and after we will gather at 6:30 p.m. in the youth room. Monday afternoons at 3 p.m. our youth gather for Youth+ (plus), this is a time for teenagers and adult mentors to dive deep into our faith. This is not a "traditional" Bible study. Our goal is to gather as a community and discuss the difficult aspects of our faith, belief, and religion. For more information, please email Phillip Ortega at faith@lafumc.org.

Notes: CCLI: #180709/**Streaming:** #20126721/**CVLI:** #304307261

Call to Worship: Rev. John W. Nash

Opening Prayer: Rev. John W. Nash based upon Psalm 45

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