



## **Prayers of the Church**

### **Praise and Thanksgiving:**

Praise for Pastor John and our church leadership.

### **New and Ongoing Prayers:**

Prayers for Jim Little to regain strength in his legs and be able to walk.

Prayers for Sarah Rochester who fell on ice and broke her leg and in two places near her ankle.

Prayers for Valerie Collins father, Carl Bailey as he builds up strength.

Prayers for Valerie Collins mother, Ellen Bailey, who was hospitalized with pneumonia.

Prayers for Christine Garza with a recurrence of bladder cancer.

Prayers for Lee Weinland is back in rehabilitation at .

Prayers for Carol Pyburn is recovering from RSV and adjusting to her new home at Legacy in Santa Fe.

Prayers for Deana Carnes parents. Her father is bedridden and her mom is his caretaker.

Prayers for clarity and focus for Justin Foster.

Prayers for Jon Sollid as he goes through treatments for an aggressive form of bladder cancer.

Prayers for the situation in the Middle East.

Prayers for Eric Multer as he continues his fight against leukemia.

Prayers for healing for Margot, Ryder Armes, Terry Barnes, Amy Cross, Ashley Johnston, and Sandra Jo Rudloff.

*\*If you have a prayer request or praise that you would like to share please fill out a prayer card in the pew and drop it in the offering plate. You can also email the church office, [office@lafumc.org](mailto:office@lafumc.org) or call 505-662-6277. If you would like your prayer to be confidential just let us know.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**Church Keys:** We have added some extra security measures to the church and one of those is a new key system. During church functions, such as worship, program night, choir practice, and other church meetings the doors will be programmed to unlock and you will not need a key to enter the building. If you would like a key fob to enter the building at others times we do have them available, they are active from 7 a.m. – 9 p.m. daily. If you don't have a key fob when you come to church and the doors are not unlocked, you simply push the intercom and we will unlock the door for you.

Key fobs are available today after the service or contact the office during the week, M-F between 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.



**Lenten Devotionals:** Our community Lenten devotional booklet this year will be a little different than usual, instead of expounding on a particular passage, we are instead seeking testimonials around the idea of reconciliation: with God, with each other, etc. We need 7 volunteers to write devotions. Deadline for devotions is Feb. 2. Those interested please see Phillip Ortega, Pastor John, or call the church office.



**New Volunteer Opportunity:** The Los Alamos County library system and LA First United Methodist Church collaborated to begin a computer assistance program at the public library in Los Alamos and White Rock. Tentatively beginning in March, volunteers will assist library patrons with basic technology skills. Training will be provided to volunteers. Skills may include using a mouse, 2-factor verification, resetting passwords, and negotiating websites. The computer assistance program will happen in the White Rock Branch Library on Tuesdays 1-3 PM, and at the Mesa Public Library on Thursdays 4-6 PM.



**All Booked Up:** We will be reading, *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week*, by author, professor, and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine. In this book she explores the biblical texts surrounding the Passion story. From her Jewish perspective, she shows us how the text raises ethical and spiritual questions for the reader, and how we all face risk in our Christian experience.

We'll meet to discuss this book on Wednesday, March 13 at 10 a.m. The book is available as both a Hoopla ebook and audio book at Mesa Public Library. There are 2 paper copies in the United Women in Faith library.



**Gathering with Bishop Robert Schnase:** Bishop Schnase will be hosting an information session addressing some of the resolutions and topics that are likely to come before General Conference 2024 scheduled for April and decisions to be made at Jurisdictional Conference in July. Save the date, Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6 p.m. The meeting will be at Central United Methodist Church in Albuquerque.