



SANDIA FELLOWSHIP WEEKLY NEWS

July 16, 2026

Holy Arching Antlers, Batman!!!

This past June, Lindy and I spent part of our vacation in the Jackson Hole area, where we visited the town of Jackson, Grand Teton National Park, and Yellowstone National Park. Obviously, I couldn't resist getting a picture underneath the massive arch of antlers located in Jackson Town Square. Do you want to take a guess at how many antlers you're seeing in that picture below?



Each of the four arches (one on each corner of the square) is constructed entirely of elk antlers—more than 2,000 in each arch (over 8,000 total)—with each arch weighing more than 14,000 pounds. Workers skillfully weave the antlers together around a steel frame. Some of the lower antlers are screwed down to provide extra support and help prevent vandalism. Friction and gravity hold the rest together, creating these massive mosaics.

The antlers come from the nearby National Elk Refuge, where thousands of protected elk are fed during the winter months. Each spring, the bull elk shed their antlers before departing the refuge, so

"no animals were harmed" in the construction of these massive arches. Because of exposure to the elements, the arches have a limited lifespan and need to be replaced about every 50 years.

There is no great spiritual lesson in this article other than an encouragement to get out and visit some of the wonderful places God has blessed us with in our nation—places that testify to His amazing creation that surrounds us.

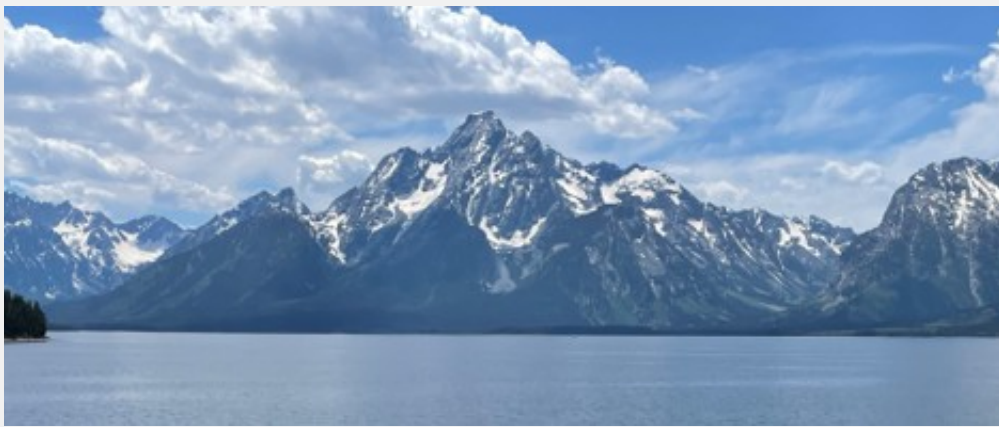
"But ask the beasts, and they will teach you;
the birds of the heavens, and they will tell you;
or the plants of the earth, and they will teach you;
and the fish of the sea will declare to you.
Who among all these does not know
that the hand of the Lord has done this?
In his hand is the life of every living thing
and the breath of all mankind."
— Job 12:7–10 (ESV)

Blessings,
Pastor John

PS: Please read the **Building Update** article later in this newsletter that has changes related to upcoming worship services.



Antler Arches in Jackson, WY



The Grand Tetons



The Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone



MESSAGE FOR THIS SUNDAY, JULY 19
"The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly" (Luke 17:3-19)

I am obviously stealing the title from the famous Clint Eastwood Spaghetti Western of the same name, and this message from Jesus does challenge us to a "Mexican standoff" of sorts where we have a challenging decision to make. Thankfully there is encouragement provided by the example of a "Samaritan standout" who becomes the unexpected hero in this unusual story.



WOMEN'S KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY WEEKEND

The Women's Kairos Prison Ministry Weekend is quickly approaching, taking place **August 13–16**. As announced during worship, **Pat Housman** and **Gina Rivera** will be serving on the team ministering to women at the prison in Grants, New Mexico.

You, too, can be part of this life-changing ministry. As Paul reminds us in **2 Corinthians 3:3**, *"You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts."* Even if you are not entering the prison, your support is a powerful witness of Christ's love.

Please stop by the Kairos table to:

- Sign up for the **prayer vigil**
- Pick up **placemats** to decorate with encouraging messages
- Volunteer to bake a few dozen **cookies** (click [here](#) for instructions)
- Make a **donation** to help provide meals for the weekend

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our recent communion offering. We are grateful for your generosity and look forward to sharing how your prayers, gifts, and support will make a meaningful difference in the lives of the women participating in this Kairos weekend.



MESSAGE ANNOUNCEMENT FROM RICK ENNS
West Plains Conference Superintendent
Sandia Fellowship Hosting Local Conference

Would you like a clear understanding of where the West Plains Conference is headed and how it can support your church's ministry? Are you curious about the upcoming General Conference in South Africa and what it may mean for our future? Do you have questions, ideas, or concerns you'd like to discuss directly with conference leadership?

We invite you and members of your church to join me on Sunday, July 26, from 3:30-5:00 pm at Sandia Fellowship Global Methodist Church.
(2609 Texas Street NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110)

During our time together, you will:

- Gain a clearer picture of the mission, priorities, and direction of the West Plains Conference
- Receive important updates and insights regarding the upcoming General Conference
- Learn how our partnerships with Thailand and the Western Pacific Annual Conferences are advancing God's work around the world
- Have the opportunity to ask questions, share feedback, and engage in open conversation with conference leadership
- Connect with other church leaders and members across our conference

This gathering is designed to strengthen communication, deepen our connection as a conference, and help all of us better understand how we can work together to make disciples and advance the mission of the church.

Please invite everyone from your congregation who would like to learn more about our conference and participate in the conversation.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Blessings,

Rick Enns
Conference Superintendent
West Plains Conference of the Global Methodist Church



BUILDING UPDATE: Are You Kidding Me?

This is my expected response to what I am about to announce regarding our upcoming worship services. Believe it or not, we have one more change taking place before we move into our new Worship Center in the Tennessee building.

After last Sunday's worship service in the theater, I reached my limit with barely being able to see the tops of everyone's heads and knowing that you could barely see me on the floor below. I then sent an email to the Leadership Team suggesting that we could either acquire some type of raised stage or look for another venue. The responses were mixed, but Allan suggested the idea of temporarily splitting into two service times and meeting in our 2609 Texas building.

Allan and I then met and evaluated the Texas building for that purpose. We found that it is very doable, as the building will accommodate 70–80 seats with plenty of room for a good staging area. We then presented this idea to the Leadership Team, and they approved it.

Here is the plan: This coming Sunday, July 19, will be our last Sunday at the theater. **Beginning Sunday, July 26 (NOT this Sunday)**, we will meet at **8:30 AM** and **10:00 AM** at **2609 Texas St. NE**.

Even though we can seat around 70 attendees, we will need to balance attendance between the two services. Therefore, a follow-up email will be sent later this morning to our regular attendees asking you to let us know your preference for either the 8:30 AM or the 10:00 AM service, and whether you would be willing to attend either service if needed to help us balance attendance.

If for some reason you do not receive this follow-up email but would like to attend the 8:30 AM service, please email us [here](#).

In addition to this announcement and the announcement this Sunday, there will be other emails, and finally, phone calls will be made to those who either do not receive emails or have not opened them.

My apologies for yet another move. However, in light of this latest change, I received an interesting revelation about our many moves over the past years and I will pass it on to you this Sunday.

Obviously, the big question is the date of our move into the Tennessee building. Clearly you know by now that prophecy is not in my gift mix. However, I had a conversation with our architect, Joe Simons, this past week regarding our use of the Texas building. While lamenting the length of the construction process, and he asked if the walls had been painted and if the lighting was in place. I told him they were, and he said we were closer to completion than it might appear. I certainly hope he is right.

Finally, please watch for the follow-up email later this morning regarding your preferred worship time. Your response will help us schedule services beginning July 26. We greatly appreciate your prayers and your patience throughout all of this. If you want to know who is responsible for all these changes and decisions, there is clearly no one more responsible or accountable than your pastor.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to **email** us, and we will respond by email or phone call as soon as possible.

 **GLOBAL**
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SERVE ON OUR
CONFERENCE
Prayer Team

 You will participate in a Zoom meeting from 10–11 AM on the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

 The Conference Prayer Team also involves connecting with up to eight churches to be their prayer connection to the Conference Prayer Team.

 Email us at info@sandiagmc.org if interested.



 **PRAY**
WITH PURPOSE

 **SUPPORT**
OUR LEADERS

 **STRENGTHEN**
OUR CHURCH

**COULD GOD BE CALLING YOU TO SERVE ON OUR
CONFERENCE PRAYER TEAM?**

Are you looking for a ministry opportunity that you can do from your own home? Last week Les Hall (who is the Supervising Elder for the West District of the West Plains Annual Conference) called and asked if I could find someone who would like to serve on the West Plains Conference Prayer Team.

Here is the information if you are interested in pursuing this ministry opportunity. It first involves participating in a Zoom meeting from 10-11 AM on the first and third Wednesday of each month. It also involves connecting with up to eight churches to be their prayer connection to the Conference Prayer Team.

This is an important ministry in the life of our conference and all the churches of our conference. If you are interested in knowing more, please **email** us today and we will help you with the next steps into a new ministry.



SANDIA FELLOWSHIP GOLF GATHERING

Join us the first and third Thursdays of each month for a round of 9 holes! We meet at Arroyo del Oso Dam 9 at 9:30 AM. Our next date is Thursday, July 16 at 9:30 AM. Please RSVP by July 30 by clicking **here** and provide us your contact information.

LIFE Groups



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THERE'S A LIFE GROUP FOR YOU!

Sandia Fellowship has several LIFE Groups regularly meeting in homes throughout Albuquerque, as well as two that meet in local restaurants:

Tramway Group: This LIFE Group meets every first and third Wednesday from 7:00-8:00 PM. Contact: **Ed Boucheron**

Northeast Group: This LIFE Group meets every first and third Wednesday from 7:00-8:00 PM. Contact: **Tim Ownbey**

Women's Group: This LIFE Group meets every second and fourth Saturday at 10:00 AM at the church offices (2609 Texas St NE). Contact: **Lindy Rech**

Foothills Group: This LIFE Group meets every first and third Tuesday from 2:00-3:00 PM. Contact: **Jim Turner**

"The Story" Group: This LIFE Group meets every first and third Monday from 12:00-1:00 PM at the church offices. Contact: **Pastor John**

"The Chosen" Interactive Bible Study Group: This LIFE Group meets seasonally using an interactive guide that follows along with the popular TV series. The group meets on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 PM at the church offices (2609 Texas St NE). Contact: **Gina Rivera**

Men's Breakfast: This group meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:00 AM at Sunnyside Up (6909 Menaul Blvd). Contact: **Ed Boucheron**

Women's Breakfast: This group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 9:00 AM at Dave's High Desert Grill (5200 Eubank Blvd). Contact: **Linda Hess**

All of these groups welcome new members! If you're interested in information about any of these, please contact the person listed or send an

email to the church [here](#).

Visit our [LIFE Groups page](#) on our website to learn more!



VISIT OUR WEBSITE!

Have you visited our website lately? There's always fresh content being added: [announcements](#) and church news, current [sermons](#) as well as [past sermon series](#), weekly [newsletters](#), and more.

You can also [submit a prayer request](#), learn about our various [Life Groups](#), read about the [missionaries and outreaches](#) we support, set up [online giving](#), learn more about the [mission and vision](#) of Sandia Fellowship as well as the [Global Methodist Church](#), and so much more!

Bookmark our site and check back regularly!

www.sandiaagmc.org



SEND US YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS!

Sandia Fellowship has a dedicated Prayer Ministry that intercedes weekly for various needs and requests. The Apostle Paul wrote, "**Do not be anxious about anything**, but in **everything** by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving **let your requests be made known to God**. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7)

There is no prayer need "too small" or "too big" for the Lord. If our hearts are burdened by anything, God wants us to bring it to Him in prayer -- and He promises us His peace when we do.

You can submit a prayer request in one of three ways:

- Send a request through our **website** or click the red button below.
- Email us at **prayer@sandiagmc.org**.
- Fill out a **Prayer Request card** available at the Welcome Tables on Sunday mornings.

If you'd like to be a part of this Prayer Ministry, please email Holly at **hklein@sandiagmc.org**.

SUBMIT YOUR PRAYER REQUEST HERE



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(THEATER #13)
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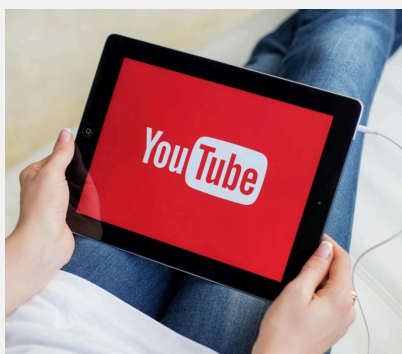
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Sundays @ 10 AM

Join us for worship this Sunday!

Childcare is available for ages six months through five years old.



SANDIA FELLOWSHIP YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Did you know you can subscribe to the Sandia Fellowship YouTube channel? All of our weekly sermons are uploaded to our YouTube channel **here** as well as on our **website**.



This exciting venture in faith would not be possible without God moving upon the hearts of people to give towards this work. Your generosity helps create a church where we can bear witness to the transforming power of the Gospel. The mission of Sandia Fellowship is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly. We strive to humbly serve others as ambassadors of Christ.

Click [HERE](#) to give safely and securely online.

NOTE: Donations can be made to either the **General Budget** or the **Building Fund** by choosing from the dropdown menu. You can also make a donation to our monthly **Communion Offerings** via the dropdown.

Checks can also be mailed to:

Sandia Fellowship GMC
P.O. Box 16702
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