



SANDIA FELLOWSHIP WEEKLY NEWS

July 2, 2026

Our 250th Anniversary!

As I reflect on this upcoming Fourth of July holiday, I am reminded of a childhood experience that I have never forgotten. I still remember my first trip to see the historic sites of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. We visited the home of Betsy Ross, the Liberty Bell, and many other landmarks associated with our nation's founding. The place that stood out most to me was Independence Hall and the room where representatives from the thirteen colonies debated, refined, and ultimately approved the Declaration of Independence.



The final moments unfolded in a memorable way:

The deadlock within the Delaware delegation was broken, and the remaining colonies voted in favor of independence, with the exception of New York, which abstained. The decision was twelve colonies to none. The Colonies had just become the United States of America.

In the silence that followed the vote, the late afternoon sun cast soft rays through the tall windows—illuminating a brass candlestick on a green felt-covered table, a carved eagle above the door, and a pair of spectacles resting on a polished desk. The magnitude of what they had done began to settle upon them. They realized that they and their countrymen were no longer Englishmen, but citizens of a fledgling nation only minutes old.

Many stared out the windows. Some openly wept. Others, like John Witherspoon, bowed their heads in prayer. Then John Hancock broke the silence: “Gentlemen, the price on my head has just been doubled!”

A nervous chuckle followed, and then Samuel Adams rose and declared:

“We have this day restored the Sovereign to whom alone all people ought to be obedient. He reigns in heaven and . . . from the rising to the setting sun, may His kingdom come.”

Have you ever wondered what became of the fifty-six signers of the Declaration? Many paid a tremendous price for their commitment to liberty. Four died from wounds or hardships suffered during the war. Five were captured and imprisoned. Several lost wives or children. Nine saw their homes attacked or destroyed. Most had a substantial bounty placed on their heads.

Yet for them, the cost was worth it.

Today, we enjoy the blessings that came through their sacrifice, but we also bear a responsibility to steward what has been entrusted to us. As we celebrate with family gatherings, parades, and fireworks, I encourage you to set aside time to pray for our nation as it marks its 250th birthday.

Let us pray not only for our country but also for our leaders as they work to preserve the freedoms we enjoy and pass them on to future generations. Finally, let us join Samuel Adams in praying that our nation would be “restored to the Sovereign, to whom alone all people ought to be obedient. He reigns in heaven and . . . from the rising to the setting sun, may His kingdom come.”

Blessings,

John

SUNDAY MESSAGE

Rev. Ernie Vineyard | Sunday, July 5

MESSAGE FOR THIS SUNDAY, JULY 5
Special Message by Rev. Ernie Vineyard

Join us this Sunday as we welcome Rev. Ernie Vineyard with us in worship!



HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!

As our nation celebrates its 250th birthday this Saturday, we pause with grateful hearts to thank God for His faithfulness across generations. We remember the words of Scripture: "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." May this truth continue to guide our homeland, our leaders, our church Sandia Fellowship, and our homes.

May God bless America, and may America always seek the blessing of God.



HOLY COMMUNION THIS SUNDAY

COMMUNION OFFERING FOR WOMEN'S KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY

Our communion offering this month is for Women's Kairos Prison Ministry, a ministry whose mission it is to develop a Christian community inside prisons.

The Kairos Inside program brings positive and negative leaders together, in both male and female institutions, for a 3 ½ day Weekend led by same gender Kairos volunteers.

The Weekend is based on:

- A series of talks,
- Discussions,
- Chapel meditations, and
- Creating a Christian community.

For many participants, the Kairos Weekend creates the desire to become a Christian, and for others the desire to continue his/her spiritual growth.

Donations can be made at church or on our website here:

<https://sandiaagmc.org/how-to-give>



WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE FOR OUR GRAND OPENING Week 2

We are about to begin the next phase in the life of our church, Sandia Fellowship Global Methodist Church, with the Grand Opening at our permanent location! As we near the finish of this project, we are again asking all of our members and friends to take a moment each day and ask God to bless our ongoing mission in this new place. We are publishing a weekly Prayer Guide for the four weeks leading up to our Grand Opening. We believe in corporate prayer and know that God hears the unified requests of His disciples.

Please click [here](#) for this week's Prayer Guide. (Last week we published Week One; please click [here](#) if you missed it.)

Hard copies will also be available at church on Sunday as well as on our website [here](#).

We are also asking, if you are comfortable, that you sign four strips of colored paper that we will provide at the Welcome Table at services committing to each week of this prayer campaign. These papers will be assembled into a "prayer chain" that will be displayed with the decorations at our Grand Opening.



HELP NEEDED TO DISTRIBUTE DOOR HANGERS FOR OUR GRAND OPENING!

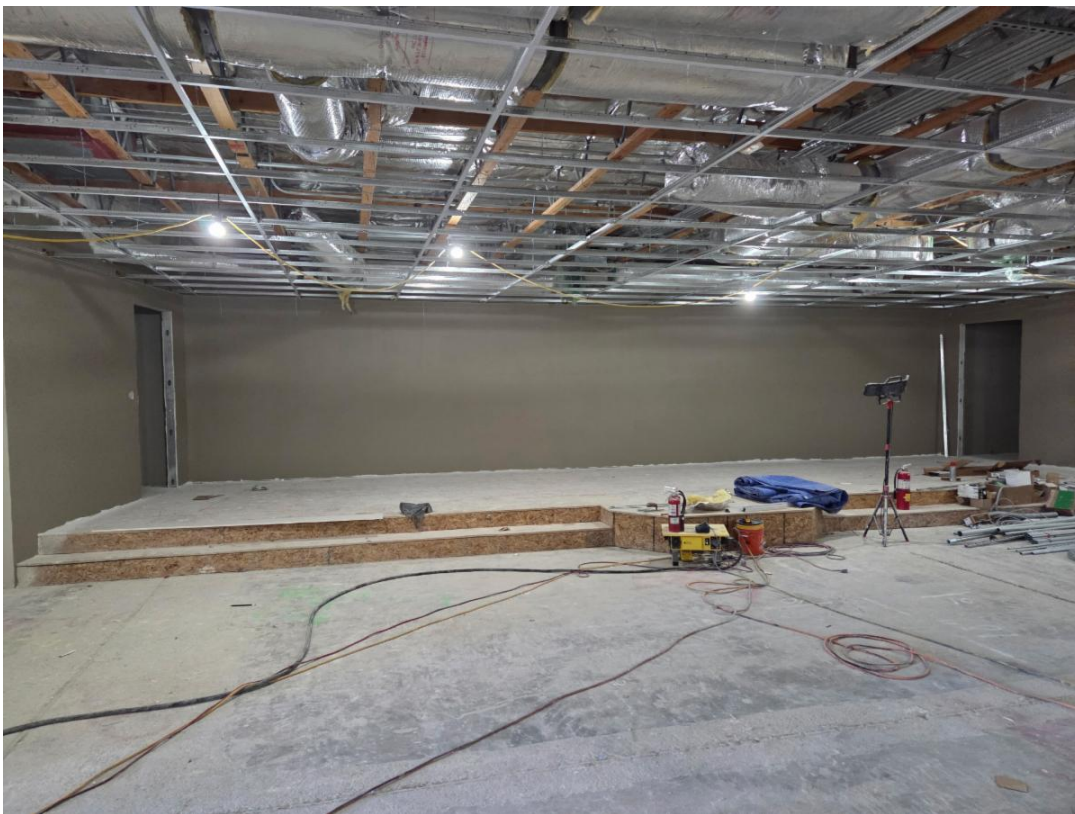
We need your help to distribute 500 door hangers in our surrounding neighborhood. (Thank you so much to those who have already signed up!) We will be sending out teams in pairs up to two weeks prior to our Grand Opening on July 26. If you would be willing to distribute a batch of the door hangers, please email us by clicking [here](#) and provide your name, email, and phone number.



BUILDING UPDATE

This week has been busy! The A/V station is all framed up. The ceiling frames for the tiles to go in are also up. Bathroom tiling should start this week!





Sandia Fellowship
GOLF

THURSDAY
July 16

AT
9:30 AM

Arroyo del Oso

RSVP

SFGMC-golf@sandiagmc.org

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 9 by clicking [here](#) and provide us your contact information.



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!

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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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Global Methodist Church

REGAL WINROCK THEATER
(THEATER #13)
2100 Louisiana Blvd NE

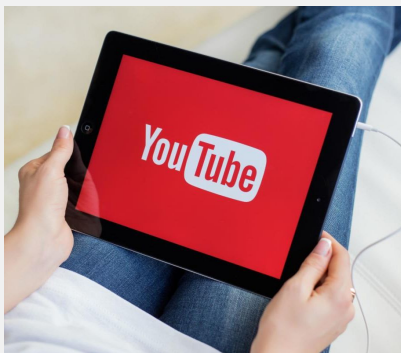
VISIT US ONLINE
www.sandiagmc.org



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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