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SANDIA FELLOWSHIP WEEKLY NEWS

July 31, 2025

Something About the Familiar

Many of you know that Lindy and I will soon be moving back to the East Mountains as we are in the process of closing on a house in Sandia Park. With our new church being located just off of I-40 and Wyoming, we'll have easy access from the East Mountains. Also, with Lindy's new work responsibilities, she is being required to work more from home instead of the office location in Albuquerque.



I say we are "moving back" because we lived nine years in Cedar Crest, and ever since we moved into Albuquerque, I began to realize how much I missed living in the East Mountains. Probably my reason (Lindy has her own) for this is because when we first moved there in 2008, it gave me the feeling of returning to the country that I experienced in my childhood.

I grew up in southeast Pennsylvania and we lived close to farming and

ranching communities. I also regularly spent time hiking, backpacking and skiing in the Appalachian Mountains. Moving to Cedar Crest placed me closer to that experience and memory that I had missed during the many years living in West Texas. While I think highly of the people of West Texas, I don't miss the flat dry terrain, the lack of trees, nor the "smell of money" (oil pump jacks and cattle feed lots).

Lindy and I are excited about moving to Sandia Park and we were recently reminded of how even driving up Highway 14/Turquoise Trail to our new home is "soothing to the soul." Living in this area has a presence of the familiar for us.

Many of us are drawn in our life to that which is familiar. We visit the same restaurant and often order the same food. Our vacations are often similar, or we visit familiar destinations. We like a familiar style of worship and place of worship. One of the positives of familiarity is that it can provide a sense of security, renewal and strength. There are negatives of familiarity but that's for another article.

Currently our Sandia Fellowship family is having to struggle with a lack of familiarity by having to meet first in a theater and then in a hotel conference room. It's not a familiar experience for most of us.

I am so thankful for everyone patiently hanging in there during this process of transition and are praying for this building process to move forward quickly. To be clear, I'm not wanting to over-emphasize the importance of a building, but I don't want to ignore how God uses familiar realities in our life to strengthen us to better serve others and advance the work of His Kingdom.

Please keep in mind that through this process of the waiting and praying, we are setting a foundation for ministries far beyond what we are seeing and experiencing today.

Blessings,

Pastor John

LOVE IS...

FIVE WEEK
SERMON SERIES

JULY 27 - AUGUST 24

1 CORINTHIANS
13:4-8

LOVE

IS PATIENT & KIND
IT DOES NOT ENVY, IT DOES NOT BOAST

IT IS NOT PROUD

IT DOES NOT DISHONOR OTHERS

IT IS NOT SELF-SEEKING

IT IS NOT EASILY ANGERED

IT KEEPS NO RECORD OF WRONGS

LOVE DOES NOT DELIGHT IN EVIL

BUT REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH

ALWAYS PROTECTS, ALWAYS TRUSTS

ALWAYS HOPES, ALWAYS PERSEVERES

LOVE NEVER FAILS

MESSAGE FOR THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 3 "Loving God"

This Sunday we are continuing our series on "Love Is..." as we look at the reality of love through the lens of Paul's famous 1 Corinthians 13 chapter on this matter. This Sunday we are going to address how these seemingly impossible requirements of love can actually be a possibility and how we might see these words from God's perspective.

COMMUNION SUNDAY

This Sunday | August 3

COMMUNION OFFERING:

Women's Kairos Prison Ministry

COMMUNION OFFERING FOR AUGUST

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. Our next Women's Kairos Weekend is coming up on Thursday, August 14-Sunday, August 17 at the Western NM Correctional Facility in Grants.

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.

Please see Gina Rivera if you would like more information on how you can become involved with Women's Kairos Prison Ministry.



LOCATION CHANGE FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

Please note that we will be meeting at the Marriott Albuquerque (2101 Louisiana Blvd NE) on Sunday, August 10 as our regular room at the Sheraton will be unavailable that day. We will be back at the Sheraton the following week on Sunday, August 17.

Faith & Family Night @ the Isotopes!



Sunday, Aug. 10
6:05 PM

Pre-Game Worship Concert: 4:30 PM

FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHT AT THE ISOTOPES!

This is a reminder to everyone who made reservations for the "Faith and Family Night at the Isotopes" on Sunday, August 10! The game starts at 6:05 PM, and there will also be a pre-game worship concert beginning at 4:30 PM. We're looking forward to seeing you there!



THIS WEEK'S UPDATE ON OUR NEW CHURCH HOME

We are currently working to bring down costs on the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning that came in higher than expected.

Thank you for your patience and prayers as we continue the building

renovations for our permanent church home.



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If you are needing assistance with hearing, please download the Listen Everywhere app on your cell phone.

When you arrive at our service, please connect to our Wi-Fi. The password is: 17x9c9s0ua.

On your hearing aid, make sure your Bluetooth is turned on. If you do not want to use the app on your phone, we have two devices available. It has a headphone that goes over your ear and you can adjust the volume on the provided phone. Please ask an usher if you need one of these devices.



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!

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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.

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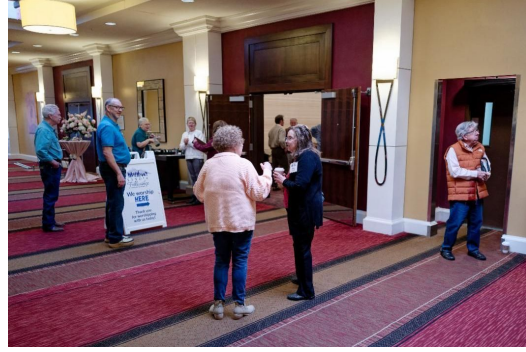


Sundays @ 10 AM

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](#).

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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.

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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.

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