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## SANDIA FELLOWSHIP WEEKLY NEWS

June 11, 2026

### A Hope That's Never in Vain

Some of you know I recently underwent a pretty significant major surgery. Though Bill and I were warned the operation involved intense pain and a lengthy recovery, I don't think anything could have prepared us as the recovery has been much harder than we ever could have anticipated. We are so grateful for all of the kind prayers that have carried us, and thankfully each passing day is a bit better.



A few years ago when all of this began and answers were still elusive, my sweet mother sent me a special package in the mail one day. It was a devotional book entitled "Streams in the Desert," compiled by the wife of missionary Charles Cowman who dedicated his life to bringing the Gospel to the people of Japan in the early 1900s. Lettie Cowman compiled the book as an encouragement to her husband as he later lay dying of a severe illness. On the dedication page, my mom had written my name with the date, and then: "I pray that this book will bring inspiration and blessing into your life. With love and lots of prayers! Love you! Your

mom.” Over the years, the book has nurtured my soul and been a blessing throughout this journey.

These devotional excerpts really spoke to my heart recently:

*Oh, if only Job had known, as he sat in the ashes, troubling his heart over the thought of God’s providence, that millions down through history would look back on his trials. He might have taken courage in the fact that his experience would be a help to others throughout the world.*

*No one lives to himself, and Job’s story is like yours and mine, only his was written for all to see. The afflictions Job faced in the trial he wrestled with are the very things for which he is remembered, and without them, we would probably never have read of him in God’s word.*

*We never know the trials that await us in the days ahead. We may not be able to see the light through our struggles, but we can believe that those days, as in the life of Job, will be the most significant we are called upon to live.*

*Who has not learned that our most sorrowful days are frequently our best? The days when our face is full of smiles, and we skip easily through the soft meadow God has adorned with spring flowers, the capacity of our heart is often wasted. The soul that is always lighthearted and cheerful misses the deepest things of life. Certainly that life has its reward and is fully satisfied, but the depth of satisfaction is very shallow.*

*Stars shine the brightest during the long dark night of winter. And the gentian wildflowers display their fairest blooms among the nearly inaccessible heights of mountain snow and ice.*

*Hudson Taylor was so weak and feeble in the last month of his life that he told a friend, “I am so weak I cannot write. I cannot read my Bible. I cannot even pray. All I can do is lie still in the arms of God as a little child, trusting Him.” A man of great faith, and even he came to the point of physical suffering and weakness to where all he could do was lie still and trust.*

The devotion concluded,

*When you become weak through the fierce fires of affliction, do not try to “be strong.” Just “be still, and know that He is God.” And know that He will sustain you and bring you through the fire.*

As I pondered these words, I found myself reflecting how the most beautiful sunrises often follow the fiercest storms.

In September 2022, as catastrophic Category 5 Hurricane Ian barreled toward Southwest Florida and our city was about to take a direct hit, our area was issued a mandatory evacuation. For 11 days we sheltered at a hotel on the beach on the opposite coast, not knowing whether we would have a home to return to. The hurricane made

landfall just a few miles from our house and our city was ravaged. Some of our neighbors had decided to stay behind. Right before we lost contact due to widespread power outages and downed cell towers, they had told us the ocean waters were rushing down our street like a fast-moving river, the water level now at the mailboxes and rising rapidly. They were debating whether to climb into the attic and hoist their two Labradors up the ladder to hopefully escape the 18-foot predicted storm surge. Many of our homes are less than 10 feet above sea level.

Before dawn one morning during the evacuation, I walked out onto the dark, calm beach to spend time in prayer. I looked up and the most beautiful, brilliant sunrise had broken out over the horizon, glistening across the ocean. It rose higher and higher, dispelling the darkness. I watched it for the longest time. I've seen countless sunrises but none so beautiful as that one.

All along, God had repeatedly impressed upon my heart through prayer and Scripture that all would be well, to trust Him despite the raging storm. He would keep the flood waters back. Somehow, seeing that radiant sunrise break through the darkness was like another confirmation. I walked back to our hotel room with a newfound song in my heart.

Much later, when we were finally able to return home, dodging downed power lines, fallen trees and utter devastation along the way, we discovered that though our house had its entire roof ripped right off from the 160 mph gusts and the damage everywhere looked like a bomb had exploded, the surging flood waters had stopped just a few feet from our front door, thereby sparing us from catastrophic damage. We found dead beached fish, seashells, and even a sand dollar from the ocean lying in our grass from when the Gulf had turned our front yard into a river. But none of the floodwaters entered our home.

I saved the sand dollar: a testimony that though the flood waters came so close and threatened to overwhelm, all was well - just as He had said.

Truly, every storm runs out of rain, and every dark night turns into day. And our hope in the Lord is never in vain.

Blessings,  
Holly Klein  
Director of Communications

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**MESSAGE FOR THIS SUNDAY, June 14**  
**"The Pervasive Presence of God" (Psalm 139 )**

We are finishing our *Summer Psalms* series and this Sunday we will be looking at Psalm 139 which magnifies and clarifies one of the key attributes of God. Specifically, we'll be looking at what could be called one of the incommunicable attributes of God which is His omni-presence. God is present everywhere, all the time and we can't get away from Him. David describes this is an inescapable fact, possibly an overwhelming threat and finally a transforming joy.

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**HOW FIRM A  
FOUNDATION**

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2026 | POLK STREET METHODIST

**WEST PLAINS ANNUAL CONFERENCE BEGINS TOMORROW**

Annual Conference for the West Plains Conference of the Global Methodist Church begins tomorrow, June 12-13, in Amarillo, Texas. Sandia Fellowship is part of the West Plains Conference that is comprised of 168 GMC churches spanning West Texas, New Mexico, and a small part of Oklahoma.

Pastor John will be in attendance along with our delegates, Brent and Shelley Bateman. Please be in prayer for the conference, for the leading of the Holy Spirit in all the decisions being made, and that Christ would be magnified during the entire conference.

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## HELP NEEDED TO DISTRIBUTE DOOR HANGERS FOR GRAND OPENING

We are needing your help to distribute 500 door hangers in our surrounding neighborhood. 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.

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 **BUILDING UPDATE**

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We are now in the painting stage beginning with the taping and texturing that will be followed by restoring the ceiling frames hopefully next week. Thank you so much for your prayers.

A promotional poster for a golf event. The background is a scenic view of a golf course with mountains in the distance. A white golf ball sits on a tee in the foreground. The text is overlaid on the image.

*Sandia Fellowship*  
**GOLF**

 **THURSDAY**  
**June 18** |  **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, June 18 at 9:30 AM. Please RSVP by TODAY 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!

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### **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](mailto: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](mailto:hklein@sandiagmc.org)**.

**SUBMIT YOUR PRAYER REQUEST HERE**

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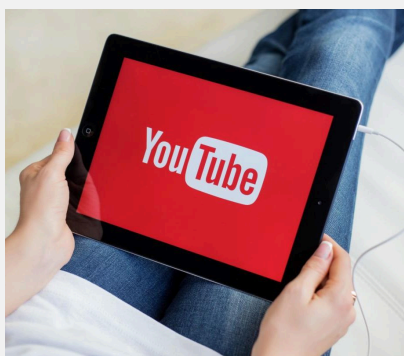
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## Sundays @ 10 AM

### 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  
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