# Congratulations 2022 Graduates



#### Hannah Katherine Mitchell

Associate Degree in Pre-Architecture Central NM Community College Albuquerque, NM

#### **Emma Doreen Mitchell**

Bachelor's Degree in English University of New Mexico Albuquerque, NM

Grandson, Don Levitt:

#### Ethan Umrichin

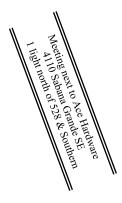
Culinary School Providence, RI

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Trust in the LORD with all your heart. and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. ~Proverbs 3:5-6



To preach and teach biblical TRUTH and to live that TRUTH in love. ~ WCPC's Mission Statement ~



Sundays at 10:30 AM

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Understanding

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1 Chronicles 12:32

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### A Message from Our Pastor

"Except a man denies himself, forsakes all that he has, yea and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:33)

In 2020 the church learned, "Our faith is real but untested" (30% left). In 2021 the church realized, "Jesus Himself is The One shaking the world;" It's not the devil, not evil men, not the "other" party (another 10% left). Today, in the first four months of 2022, the church knows, "Jesus is shaking the church loose from all her accoutrements and trappings and the clutches of the world..." it's unpopular and it's painful (an additional unknown % stand ready to revolt or run away). We have not suffered, yet, as the European church suffered in 1939-1945, but can we be far behind? This begs the question of Luke 14:33 Christians, "What do we do?"

#### UNDERSTAND

- 1) The present battle has revealed the utter failure of all human systems to deal with the problem of mankind... (Genesis 6:5).
- 2) Never was the biblical view of man and sin so evident and clear as to-day. The radical evil in human nature is manifesting itself on a world-wide scale. Never again can it be said man inherently and naturally desires the right, and the best, and is ready to accept it if it be but offered to him (Romans 3:23).

#### **OPPORTUNITY**

We must not abuse the opportunity with those who do not know Christ, "I told you so." Events in the world will prove we were right. Martyn Lloyd-Jones states it plainly, "What matters is not that we shall be right, but that others may be put right." There are many ways to seize the moment, but there are two special ways which we must always remember.

The first, is our general life and conduct. There should be about us a calmness, a poise of spirit and general control of our lives which should differentiate us Christians from all others. Whatever the conditions, and however trying, we should show that we have hidden resources of which the world knows nothing. The way in which many of the first Christians faced death was the means of converting many to Christ, earning the praise - "These Christians die well."

The other way is the right use of *conversation and of social dealings*. Almost every conversation today turns upon the strangeness of life and the uncertainty of the future. There is no more perfect opening for the Gospel to be lived!

God grant we're worthy of our high calling, Pastor Harry



#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

#### \*Please pray for:

Jeff L (brother/Don), hospitalized w/ possible heart attack, fluid in lungs, Mary (sister/Ida M), blood clots in legs and lungs causing extreme fatigue, stress on her heart, will be on blood thinner about 8 months, follow-up scan 5/31, Tim (friend/Ida M), heart problems, difficulty breathing, success for procedure to implant heart device, the FIRES IN NM (and winds) to recede, that God would send muchneeded rain, provision and shelter for the evacuees, protection for all those fighting the fires

# \*Prayers for General Assembly that meets in ABQ, June 19-24:

For Revival & Resolve (1 Cor 2:2)!!! That God would guide and bless our local (and the national) preparations, for travel safety and good health for all attendees (especially our international visitors), that they would be greeted with a WARM and Christ-filled New Mexico welcome!

#### \*Continue to Pray for:

Those with cancer: Cathy B (daughter-in-law/Cheryl B), physical and spiritual healing; Christy C (nephew's wife/Don L.), the Lord's touch, peace, comfort

#### \*Those serving in the military:

Nicolas B (IS2 (IW)/Navy, Hawaii); Josh L (E-5/Air Force, NM); Mark V (Major/Army)

#### \*Our loving condolences to:

\*Vern and family, in the death of Vern's mother, Dorothy Aitken, March 22, 2022 (see "In Loving Memory" to the right).

#### **2022 Session** (Elders)

Sherry M, Steve N, Kristen P, Maria S, Ken Y, & Dell W

2022 Diaconate (Deacons) Ann M, Toni M, & Judy T

#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2022**

#### May

- 01 Communion/Graduate Recognition Sunday
- 05 National Day of Prayer
- 08 Mother's Day
- 10 Deacons' Meeting
- 14 Westside Women's Fellowship Brunch
- 24 Session Meeting
- 29 Memorial Day Weekend

#### **Weekly Meetings**

#### Thursdays

\*Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

Weck's RR, 7:00 AM Contact: Ken Y, 220-2968

\*Barricklow Covenant Group

7-8:30 PM

Contact: Gary B, 415-4446

#### Fridays

\*Friday Women's Breakfast & Bible Study

Hosted by Ida M, 814-4154

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#### Bulletin Board...

#### \*Happy April Birthdays! To:

- -Leroy T., April 2
- -Aaliyah W. April 10
- -Moerae R. April 11
- -Hannah M., April 18
- -Linda N., April 23
- -Lueck, April 24

#### \*Happy May Birthday to:

- -Kris K. May 10 -Destiny M. - 10
- -Pastor Clay May 11
- -Malik R. May 17
- -Korilynn N. May 26
- -Gary B. May 28



## Westside Happenings

\*Care Net Rio Rancho...is holding their annual Family Life Radio Baby Shower & Open House Friday, May 6th, 4:00-7:00 PM, 2451 Monterrey Rd. NE. The baby shower will be held the entire month of May. Westsiders may bring UNWRAPPED baby items to church any Sunday in May (or to the Women's Brunch, Saturday May 14) for delivery to Care Net. Suggested items include: diapers size 3-6, wipes, 2T clothing, baby hygiene items, new car seats, baby sippy cups & utensils, bottles, baby towels/ wash cloths, pacifiers.

\*Mother's Day at Westside...is always a special occasion (and usually involves chocolate!)—we hope you'll be there, Sunday, May 8th!

\*Women's Fellowship Bruch...Saturday, May 14th, 10:00 AM to Noon, hosted by Cheryl B. JOIN US for our final meeting before summer break. Sign up at church or online (nancye320@aol.com).

# General Assembly is coming!!! June 19-24, 2022

#### Giving by mail:

Westside Cumberland Presbyterian Church PO Box 15209 Rio Rancho, NM 87174

#### Giving on our website:

westsidecpc.org click GIVE scroll down to DONATE

#### In the Mail

Dear Pastor.

I am so appreciative of your time and blessing. My children and I are grateful for your (church) in paying our water bill. Thank you and to your (Deacons).

Love, D & A

Westside Cumberland Presbyterian Church Family,

A massive amount of gratitude to you. Providing my family with a meal was the most supportive way to bless us during this strenuous time. Your meal fed my family three times and was absolutely delicious.

Thank you and all our love, Mr. and Mrs. C

## In Loving Memory



Our beloved Dotty (Dorothy) Aitken passed away peacefully March 22, 2022 after an extended stay in rehab. At every visit, Dotty was quick to remark, "Tell

everyone at church hello, I miss them so much!" And she will be truly missed by her Westside Church family but we take comfort that Dotty is now free from pain and in the presence of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Loving condolences to Dotty's son, Vern & family.

(This picture was taken on the day Dotty picked up her little puppy, Buttons, who brought her such joy — thank you Syl, for making that possible!)