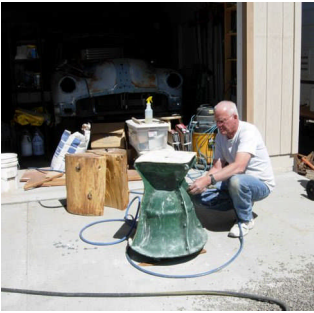


ALAMOSA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS

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Dear Friends in Christ,

From mold to finished urns, here are some of the steps in the process. John's expertise with concrete produced the urns; now Nancy and Mabel are working together on ordering the plants and arranging to have them put in once the danger of frost is over.

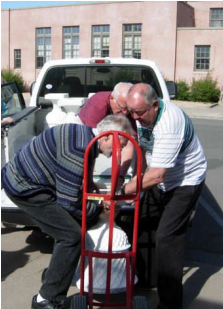
Ready to remove the outer mold



One stage I can't show you is the painting of the new stucco on the arches. The work group from Fordham University in New York did the painting, but alas, I seem to have lost the photos between my camera and the computer. At any rate, you can enjoy the new white arches next time you're at the church.

The Fordham group was here over the Memorial Day weekend and kept the place busy. The rest of us, though, got a holiday aside from Trinity Sunday worship. Eric and I worked on the manse garden and I expect that many of you were out enjoying the fine weather as well. I hope also that you took time to give thanks for our veterans during this special weekend.

Now off comes the inner mold.



Sunday in worship we welcomed back Jack from service at the Vermejo Park fire and enjoyed having Marcella's granddaughter Abby with us again for a long visit. Kathi Smith asked prayers for her son-in-law Rick, who has just been diagnosed with another health concern. She's also waiting for word on the birth of her fifth great-grandchild!

And while we're on the topic of worship, make sure you're here next Sunday when the Handbell Choir plays again. They're really getting good, folks! Last night's rehearsal was the best yet. But don't let their skill intimidate you – we could still do with two more players. As the current members can tell you, reading music is not a requirement. They'll play once more, on July 4, then take a month off before playing again in September.

These things are heavy!



Also on break, of course, is the Adult Bible Study. Thank you, Dave, for the wonderful leadership you provide for that group during the school year. There's always something stimulating in the discussions each week.

Despite these couple of vacation items, the church building will continue to be a busy place this summer. Tomorrow the sewing group meets for the first time. And don't forget June 13, when we have our monthly breakfast before worship and a congregational meeting after worship. The next day Session will meet, and then the PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee) will meet for the first time with Charlie Goff.

In place beneath the new stucco

Some of you have been asking recently why you need a PNC and why I can't just stay. Remember that suitcase by the pulpit. My job as an Interim Pastor is to be your pastor for now and to help you get ready for your next called pastor. I love serving here in Alamosa with you, I've come to love the Valley, and I look forward to the coming months. Then eventually it will be time for me to serve another congregation somewhere else with their own transition time. The best compliment you could pay me after I've moved on is to say that you appreciated my help in preparing for your wonderful Pastor X, whoever that will be.

Eric found out yesterday that there is another matter that needs treatment, so he and I will be seeing yet another doctor next Monday. Please continue to hold him in prayer, as you continue also to pray for Lynette Cotton, for Kathi Smith's Rick, and for all who are ill.

In Christ, Katherine

PS My sermon for this Friday's Valley Courier is attached in case you'd like to read it and don't get the Courier.