

# Westminster Window

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Life isn't a competition, it's a journey. We all have different situations, but we are all on a journey of some kind. We should want to see others reach milestones on their journey and be happy for them. But as humans, often we are judgmental, or jealous of others. We don't look at what someone has been through, just where they are, or what they have in life. It is human nature, but that is not how God wants us to be. He wants us to love others as he loves them. To pick them up when they fall or become weak. Not pass them so we get ahead of them. So as we navigate our journey, stop to be kind, show compassion for others, and help out when you are able. Remember it's not a competition, there are no finish lines. But if we travel the right way, we will receive a prize someday. Not for who got the most stuff, or got there first, but what we did for others, and the life we lived for God. So remember the flowers, they don't compete, they just bloom.



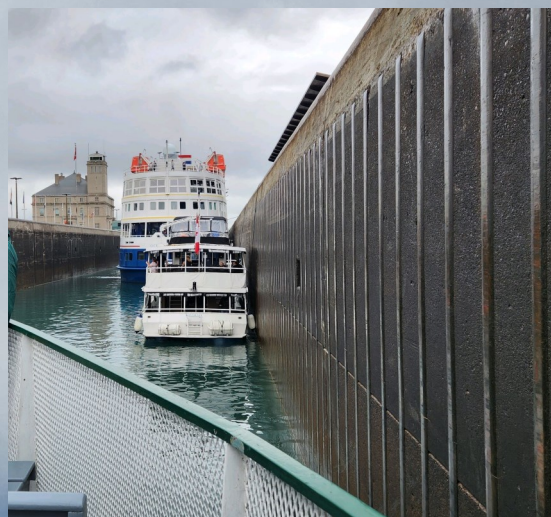
## September

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Sue Winn	3
Janice McKell	23
Lud Seme	23

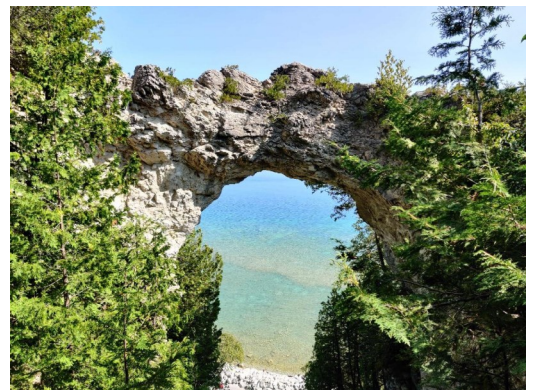
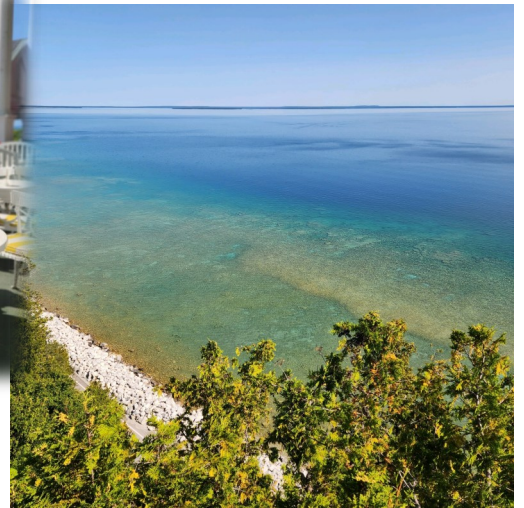




**Alonda Crosslin & Karen Nelson**









# So You Can Know & Show You Care

**Immediate:** Florence Duncan, Brenda Gray, John Horton, Lawrence Perry, Jeremy Sylvester Bob Moody, John Offutt's sister ,Char Terry & an unnamed prayer request

**At Home:** Jean Blair

**Green Oaks:** Lynda Hicks

**TN Assisted Living:** Dot Solomon

## Robert Rankin Shepperson

Rev Robert ("Shep") Rankin Shepperson, 93, died at his home in Albuquerque on January 30, 2023. He was a retired minister of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Born in Corsicana, Texas, he was the son of Dr David and Dorothy

Rankin Shepperson. He graduated with a degree in Ancient Languages from Arkansas College in Batesville, Arkansas, where he was named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities" in 1951. He attended Austin Presbyterian Seminary in Austin, Texas, where he received BDiv, MTh, and DMin degrees.

Following his ordination in 1954, Rev Shepperson served Presbyterian churches in Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Alabama. Beginning in 1990, he served as Interim Pastor in the First Presbyterian Church of Belen, New Mexico, and in the Rio Grande and Shepherd of the Valley Presbyterian Churches of Albuquerque. He retired from active ministry in 1992.

Lea, his wife of 61 years, predeceased him. Shep is survived by his three children: Mark and his wife Karen of Hendersonville, NC; Rob and his wife Diane and



their daughters Anna and Nina of Croton-on-Hudson, NY; and daughter Lisa and her husband Henry Hosey and their daughter Tessa of San Marcos, TX. Also surviving is his sister Dorothy and her husband Lamar Hartzog of

Memphis, TN, and Shep's nephew, nieces, and their families.

Throughout his life, Shep loved traveling the world with Lea, writing and drawing in his journals, singing, ceramics, and wood carving, creating many hardwood and stained-glass pieces for the churches he served. Numerous blue ribbons were awarded to Shep's contemporary and whimsical pottery pieces at the New Mexico State Fair. He also maintained an active interest in drama, participating in numerous dramatic presentations in Albuquerque churches. A service in celebration of his life is to be announced.

Donations in his memory may be made to The Rio Grande Presbyterian Food Project, 600 Coors NW, Albuquerque NM 87121; National Ghost Ranch Foundation, 280 Private Dr 1708, Abiquiu, NM 87510-2001; or Austin Presbyterian Seminary, 100 E 27 St, Austin TX 78705.

*A Service Celebrating the Life of*

**Rev Robert "Shep" Shepperson**

December 27, 1929 - January 30, 2023



Saturday, Sept 16, 2023  
2 pm

St Andrew Presbyterian Church  
5301 Ponderosa Ave NE  
Albuquerque NM

*A reception will follow*



**Fellowshipping at Claunches:** Sara R.,  
Lud S. , Alonda C., Linda S., Lenore F.,  
Sue W., Nick W. & Elaine B.





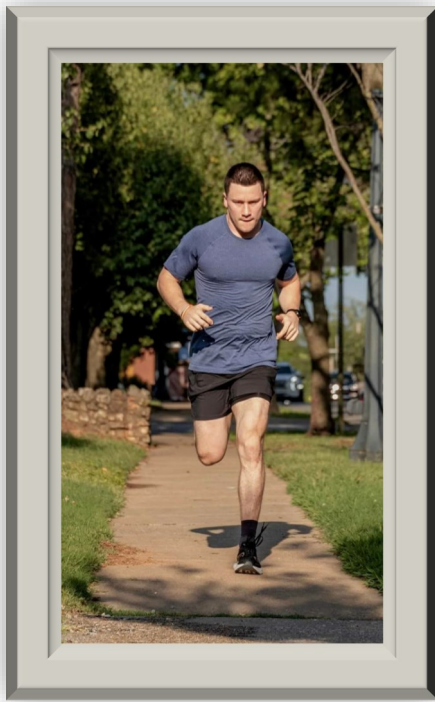
Nick & Sue Winn's grandson, Nicholas, is the Student Minister at the 4th Ave. church of Christ in Franklin, TN. He wrote and preached the sermon on Aug 20th based on Paul spreading his story in the Book of Acts. You can pull it up on Youtube using the church name and date.



Melissa Winn & her dad fishing on their favorite spot on Wheeler Lake!







**Braden White**



**Braden, Brad, Bailey White**



**Update on Bailey White's brother, Braden: A new chapter with exciting times ahead! Not only have I relocated to NW Arkansas, but in the next few months, I'll be running on the Gray Nation Endurance team in support of the National Brain Tumor Society. Every day, I strive to help those going through the same thing that my family did.**

**First up is Minneapolis with the Medtronic Twin Cities Marathon. I'm running in memory of my dad, and I'm running to help find a cure- more details at the link below. #PlayHurt**

<https://nbtsevents.braintumor.org/playhurtprojectminneapolis>

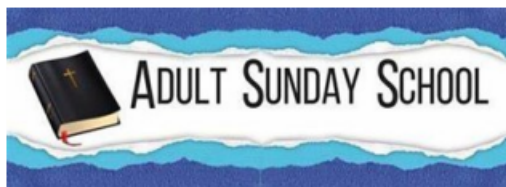


**WHEN: Sun, Sept 10TH 4:00 PM**

**WHERE: Courtyard/Parlor**

**WHAT: Sign up slips to bring homemade/ purchased ice cream will be in upcoming bulletins.**





**Dan Hendricks-Leader**

**New Class starting on August 13<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00-10:30!**

### **3D View of the Gospel of John**

**What you see is not always what you get!**

**You will not want to miss this class because the Gospel of John will come to life!**

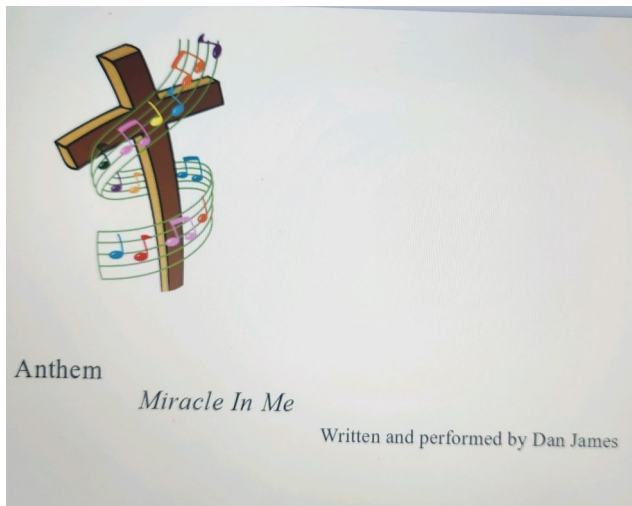
**Bring your Bible to the old Iseli room off of the parlor!**

*The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."*  
Lamentations 3:22-24 (ESV)



**Happy Anniversary  
Dan & Barb Hendricks**





**Thank you Dan James for sharing  
your song with us!**



MQ & Sally Parker cheer-  
ing their granddaughter,  
Faith, on in a pre-season  
volleyball tournament at  
Wallace State!

Happy Birthday to MQ!



*Happy Birthday*





**BACK  
TO  
SCHOOL**

It's all  
about  
**PRE-K**

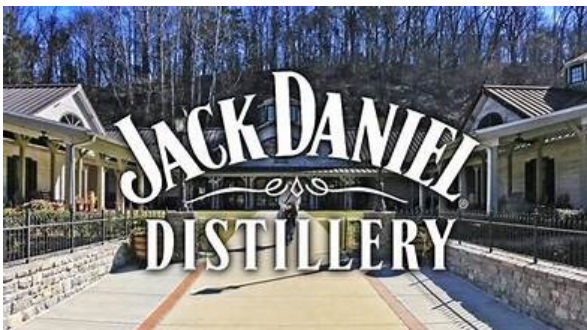
**Weston Heinitz is in Pre-K! He is the son of Audra & Robbie Heinitz & the grandson of Angela Hamilton**

**SECOND  
GRADE  
ROCKS**

**Good luck in 2nd grade Sterling Mimbs! Sterling is the son of Sam & Sandra Mimbs, grandson of Keith & Devonia, & great-grandson of Arzetta Mimbs!**



## **Next Adventure:**



**Thurs, Oct 5th, Jack Daniel Distillery: Leave from parking lot by 8:30. THE FLIGHT OF JACK DANIEL'S Along with a behind-the-scenes look at how we make Jack Daniel's, this experience includes a memorable stop at the historic George Green Barrel House, where you'll sip a flight of five Jack products. \$30 1.5 hr tour. We will eat at Miss Mary Bobo's Boarding House following the tour! She is known for her legendary southern cooking. Sign up in the Narthex.**



***Lenore Favenesi***



**Lenore with Nick Winn at Spring Park after the WPC luncheon at Claunch's**





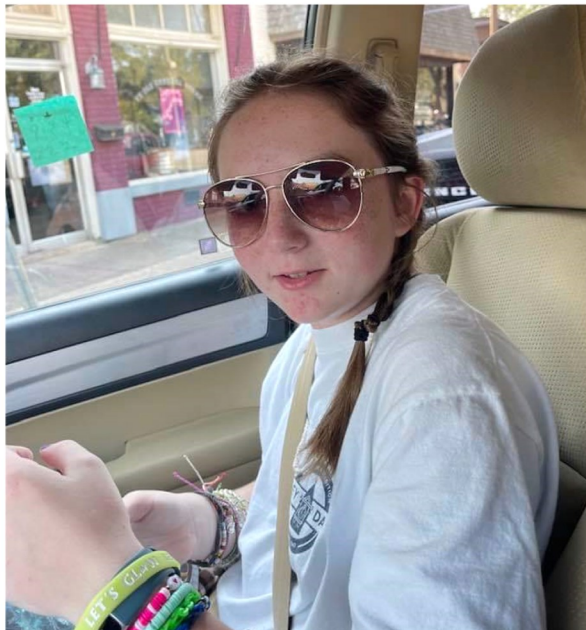
## Fellowship Luncheon

Wed, Sept 20th 12:00

Mug Shots @ 321 N. Court St. , Florence



There are baskets set up in the Narthex and in the hallway in front of the office to accept donations for the Help Center and SafePlace. Non-perishable food items, cleaning supplies, etc, are appreciated.



**Sadie Waddell**

Happy Birthday to Elaine Brooks' granddaughter, Sadie!



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