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PRAYERS FOR THE JOURNEY OF LENT

To Take the First Step (from Psalm 51)

*Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy steadfast love;
 According to thy abundant mercy, blot out my sins.
 Create in me a clean heart, O God,
 and put a new and right spirit within me.
 Restore me to the joy of thy salvation,
 and uphold me with a willing spirit.*

To Trust God Goes with Us (from the Prophet Isaiah)

They who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.
 They shall mount up with wings like eagles,
 they shall run and not be weary,
 they shall walk and not faint.
 Give us the wisdom to wait upon you, Lord,
 and trust your strength for our journey.

To Take the Next Step (Thomas Dorsey)

*Precious Lord, take my hand,
 Lead me on, let me stand,
 I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
 Through the storm, through the night,
 Lead me on to the light.
 Take my hand, precious Lord,
 Lead me home.*

To Lead Us into the World (Sr. Joan Chittister, O.S.B.)

Loving God,
 Lead us beyond ourselves
 to care and protect,
 to nourish and shape,
 to challenge and energize
 both the life and the world
 you have given us.

A Prayer for Children in Lent

As Jesus found angels even in the wilderness of his life,
 so too may (child's name) know your presence even in hard times.
 May their journey of Lent lead them and all of us to your new life of Easter.
 Amen.

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**Covenant of
The United Church of Santa Fe**

In the Lord's name we gather together here in Santa Fe to worship and grow in the Christian tradition, to minister in love to all persons, to strive for justice and peace, to respond to God's word.

We celebrate the heritage of Santa Fe and give ourselves to its challenges and opportunities.

We endeavor to live in harmony with all creation as stewards of the earth.

We share in the life and mission of the United Church of Christ and of Christians everywhere.

To these purposes we unite and covenant with God and one another, watchful for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor's Message

Dear Friends,

*Return to the deep sources, nothing less
Will nourish the torn spirit, the bewildered heart. . .
Will teach the stiff hands a new way to serve,
To carve into our lives the forms of tenderness.*

“Return to the deep sources,” writes poet May Sarton. “Nothing less will nourish the torn spirit, the bewildered heart.” Like the other seasons of the Christian calendar—Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, and Pentecost—Lent can lead us back to such deep sources. Whether we live in New Mexico or elsewhere, the Christian seasons call us to particular places—a stable in Bethlehem, a wedding in Cana, the courts of Herod, and a hill called Calvary. Sometimes the journey to such places can be hard. But it also holds the promise of healing and strength, even new life.

In the Middle Ages, Christians went on pilgrimages to the holy places of the Christian story, like Jerusalem or Rome. For those who couldn't undertake such treks, cathedrals had labyrinths as a way to go on pilgrimage without leaving home.

The liturgical year of the Christian church offers us a “**pilgrimage in time.**” Like those medieval journeys to Jerusalem or the labyrinth's path to the sacred center, the Christian year calls us time and again to find our place alongside people like Moses in the Sinai wilderness or Mary at Cavalry. With them, we find our way home to God, be it out of the slavery of Egypt or from the grief of the cross.

Lent in particular calls us to return to the deep sources. Step into the Sanctuary and you know you're in a different world from the week just past. Gone are the colors and candles of Epiphany and Mardi Gras, replaced with a purple banner with a thin red cross in its center. Just as we give up things for Lent, the sanctuary itself is stripped down to its essence this season.

The same is true musically. For six weeks, we neither sing nor say “Alleluia” or “Hallelujah.” Monastic chants, spirituals from a time of suffering, hymns from the heart—the music is often in a minor key, sometimes a cappella. Some services end with no postlude.

We use ancient prayers of confession, with phrases like “lost and strayed” or “erred from thy ways.” They sound harsh and unfamiliar, just like the barrenness of the sanctuary and the dissonance of the music.

And that's the point. When we come to worship to Lent, we know we are in the wilderness and we're going to be there for a while.

But when we come to this Lenten wilderness, we also know we're not alone. Lent begins with Jesus in the desert, where he wrestles with his demons, faces his temptations, and finds his angels. He also finds the deep sources of his courage and hope. May we find the same this Lent.

As writer Frederick Buechner says about Lent, “if sackcloth and ashes are at the start of it, something like Easter may be at the end.”

This Lent, let us take that life-giving journey together.

Blessings,



Worship in March

Sing Alleluia and Keep on Walking **Mardi Gras Sunday – Feb. 23**

How do you climb a tall mountain? How do you walk through the valleys of the shadows? A long time ago, a man named Augustine said, “You sing ‘Alleluia’ and keep on walking.” That’s what we’ll do this Mardi Gras Sunday, with the Andy Kingston Trio (and other guest musicians) in both services, and the Sanctuary and Kids’ Choirs at 11:00. Grab your beads, your walking shoes, and a friend and join in the celebration!

Worship in Lent: A Desert Faith for a Desert Time

Human life may have begun in a garden, but human faith was forged in the desert. Judaism, Christianity, and Islam are all “desert faiths” born in the landscape of the ancient Near East. Here in the high desert of northern New Mexico and throughout the arid Southwest, we too have much to learn from this land of little rain and much sky. This Lent, we’ll explore the “Desert Faith” found in scripture and all around us.

Repent and Restore **Ash Wednesday – Feb. 26** **12:00 Noon and 7:00 pm**

(Childcare offered; Youth share in worship.)

The Prophet Isaiah and the composer of Psalm 51 both proclaim “Repent!” They knew repentance is not an individual act. True repentance means a new relationship with God’s people and all God’s creation. When we turn our fears and sins back to dust and come for the marking of ashes, may we join with the Prophet and Psalmist—and commit to a right relationship with God, God’s people, and all God’s creation.



If You Are . . . **1st Lent – March 1**

Two stories of temptation—both based in the sowing of doubt. Genesis 2 tells of the Snake in the Garden asking the first woman, “What did God really say to you about that tree?” In the 3rd chapter of Matthew’s Gospel, the Devil of Doubt says to Jesus in the desert: “*If you are really the Chosen One. . .*” Like the first man and woman and like Jesus, we also live in the wilderness of our doubts. Like them we are not alone. That’s the first lesson the desert can teach us. (We share Communion at both services.)

Finding a New Way **2nd Lent – March 8**

The old ways no longer worked for Abram (Genesis 17) or Nicodemus (John 3). Each left a known and comfortable life to find new life. Many of us have also left “home” to move to Santa Fe and/or to find a new way of being a person of faith. Moreover, our time of climate change and other environmental situations call us to find our way in a new territory—spiritually and practically. What better place than the landscape of New Mexico to learn that new life and faith?

(Daylight savings begins—Spring ahead!)

Parched and Praying **3rd Lent – March 15**

The Hebrew people cry out against Moses because they are dying of thirst. (Exodus 17) In Samaria, an outcast woman and upstart Rabbi meet at the village well, both thirsty for the waters of life. When we’re really thirsty, our prayers may be a complaint to God and anyone who will listen. Yet perhaps when we need life-giving water, we’re more open to wherever we find it and whomever offers it. A lesson from the desert.

The God of Small Things **Joyous Lent – March 22**

By March’s end, spring comes to the Sonoran and Chihuahuan Deserts. Unlike more verdant places, it doesn’t come in a burst of blooming fruit trees. Instead spring comes as a hundred small golden poppies covering the side of a desert hill, or tiny lupines turning the desert floor into a field of purple. Deserts teach us faith in the God of small things. So does John’s story of the man born blind. It reminds us how God often works in the world—through purple lupine the size of an inchworm or a carpenter’s son from the backwater town of Nazareth.



Desert Resurrections **5th Lent – March 29**

Two stories of resurrection—Ezekiel 37’s Valley of Dry Bones and John 11’s Raising of Lazarus—without the glory of Easter morning. And neither resurrection as simple as scripture portrays. When the bones started coming back to life, it must have scared the bejeezus out of the prophet. “There will be a stench,” Martha proclaims of her brother’s return to life. Resurrection often isn’t easy. Sometimes it’s scary, often disconcerting, and usually takes longer than we expect—all more lessons from the desert.



Music Notes

By Jacquelyn Helin, Music Director

"All journeys have secret destinations of which the traveler is unaware."

Martin Buber

- On the First Sunday of Lent (March 1), the **Early Choir** sings Jay Althouse's *Lord I Stretch My Hands to You* and on the Joyous Sunday of Lent (March 22), Bill Douglas' setting of William Blake, *Heaven in a Wild Flower*.
- **The Sanctuary Choir's** anthems for Lent include Reynold Hahn's *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*, John Rutter's *I Will Lift Up My Eyes*, Felix Mendelssohn's *O Come, Everyone That Thirsteth* from *Elijah*, *Agnus Dei* from Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem*, and Bradley Ellingboe's *Jesus, Good Shepherd*. In addition, choral scholars Yasmeen Lookman and Jonathan Davidson sing Psalms as Musical Calls to Worship.
- Piano music throughout Lent is by J.S. Bach. We welcome Karen Parsons as guest pianist March 8.

May this Lenten journey be one of meaningful reflection and renewed life,

Jacquelyn

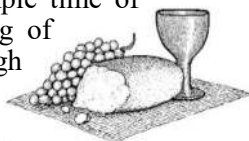


Sing with the Holy Week Choir for Holy Week! Rehearsals start Wed., March 11—7:00 pm

Holy Week Choir rehearsals for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter start Wed., March 11 at 7:00 pm. Come be part of the joint choir for this holiest of weeks! Rehearse each Wed. from 7-8 pm (slightly longer as we approach Holy Week.) Further information: Sanctuary Choir Director Bradley Ellingboe unitedchurch.brad@gmail.com or Early Choir and Music Director Jacquelyn Helin unitedchurch.jacquelyn@gmail.com.

Midday Communion – Wednesdays in Lent 12:15-12:45 pm

Take time midweek for a simple time of prayer, silence and the sharing of Communion (March 4 through April 1). All welcome.



Hope for the Planet

Sunday, March 15 at 4:00 pm (Lentic)

The Santa Fe Symphony joins with WildEarth Guardians, featuring the Symphony Chorus, soloists, and multimedia visuals alongside John Rutter's *Mass of the Children* and Debussy's *La Mer*. United's Phil Kruger and Elizabeth Roghair sing in the chorus. (santafesymphony.org).

United's Website and YouTube Channel

The past month's sermons and much more are available on our website (unitedchurchofsantafe.org). Many more sermons videos can be found on our YouTube Channel. Go to YouTube and search for "United Church of Santa Fe."



Music Director, Jacquelyn Helin plays J.S. Bach's *Well-Tempered Clavier, Book I* Saturday, March 14 at 7:00 pm

Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel, 50 Mount Carmel Rd. Tickets \$32-\$43, with special student pricing also available. (nmpas.org)





CARE AND CONCERN

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH AND OUR WORLD



Prayers of Thanks to:

- **Jennifer Kilbourn, Marc Black, Avril Ekstrand, Betsy Bueschel**, and all who supported United's week with the Interfaith Shelter;
- **Church Council, Stewardship and Finance Team, Personnel Team** and all involved in finishing up getting the 2020 budget prepared (and passed!);
- **Landscape Committee**, planning and planting seeds (at least figuratively :-)) that will bloom forth this spring and summer;
- **Sacred Space Team**, planning for a new Pentecost banner for our 40th anniversary!
- **David LaPlantz**, United's Sunday sexton, and **Edith Solis Gutierrez**, Teacher, both stepping down from their staff roles.

Prayers of new life and blessings for:

- **Newborn Meredith Ross**, and her parents Betsy and Jaycob and big sister Adyson!

Prayers of Healing and Hope for:

- **Greg and Linda Gaertner**, after cancer surgery and awaiting more possible surgery and other treatments; **Sally Greenall**, after a mastectomy; **Terra Pressler**, after a dislocated shoulder and fracture;
- **Cliff Beck, Sandy Vermillion, Trudy Scott, Hugo Steensma, Eric Manske's father, Monsignor Jerome Martinez**, and others living with Parkinson's or other neurological conditions;
- Persons living with cancer and those who love and care for them (**Julia Moore, Jack Anderson, Greg and Linda Gaertner, Sally Greenall, Kate Filemyr, Joanie Parman, Cliff Beck's and Alice Casey's daughter**, and others); and those with other chronic diseases and/or with chronic pain (including **Susan Sanderson, Carol Ingells, Tracey Ebeling-Cooney**); those with memory loss, and all who love and care for them;
- Persons living with addictions or mental illnesses, their families, and others who love them;
- Persons who are imprisoned or under house arrest, and those who love them;
- Homebound members/friends (**Yvonne Fairchild, Ben Whitehill, Mary Lou Carson, Sharon Mecklem, Gary Salman**);
- Persons caring for family members, near and far, including **Rebecca Griego, DiAna Gutierrez, Sam Elkind, Pam Homer, Sherry Kelsey, Lib O'Brien, Gloria and Terry Griffin, Craig Hoopes**, and others;
- United Families with extended families in other countries (**Joohee and Lee Rand**, Korea; **Blanca and Bina Surgeon, Zulema and Larry Thorp**, Honduras; and others);
- Dreamers and their families; children, teenagers, and adults from **Central America, Africa, and the Middle East (particularly Iraq, Syria, and Lebanon)** fleeing violence and seeking refuge in our country; **policymakers** who determine their fate;
- The people of Puerto Rico, Australia, California and other regions recovering from disasters (both natural and climate-change related);
- Our global brothers and sisters who live in the midst of war and violence, racism or poverty;
- Military people and law enforcement officers, including those in our congregation;
- All refugees, in search of hope and a new life;
- Deep prayers for our nation and for all who aspire to leadership—that they and we may be blessed with God's vision of justice, grace, and abundant life for people and all creation.

1/25/2020

Dear People of UCSF,

Thank you so much for the many kindnesses you showed to Karin and me before, during and after my recent surgery in Denver. I am sure that your thoughts and prayers had a beneficial effect.

Blessings to you all!

Jack Anderson ☺

Congregational Care for March



On Call: John Shaffer (505) 466-4372
Food: June Yoder (505) 503-0555
Hospital: Dusty Pruitt (302) 393-3265

Prayer Chain Keeps Others in Prayer

United has an email prayer chain of people who have offered to hold others in prayer, particularly in difficult times. If you would like to be part of it, please let us know. (unitedchurchsf@gmail.com)



Adult Education



“Plotting the Resurrection” Lenten Retreat **Saturday, Feb. 29, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm**

Take a few hours on the first Saturday of Lent to “plant the seeds” of new life. How have you experienced new life in the past? How do you cultivate good ground for that life? How can your community of faith help? Reflection, worship, silence, and solitude—a great way to dig deeper into Lent. (RSVP: Community Room signup or email unitedchurchsf@gmail.com)

On Being Christian? **SUNDAY FORUMS (9:45 am)** **(Beginning Sunday, Mar. 1)**



What does it mean to be a Christian in our time? How does our faith inform our decisions and our lives? This Lent, United members and friends offer their reflections in our Sunday Forum series “On Being ‘Christian:’ What Do We Believe? What Difference Does It Make?”

Such conversations are critical in our time. There’s a lot of talk about Christianity these days, but much of what is proclaimed has little to do with the core of Christian faith for the United Church of Santa Fe. This Sunday Forum series can help us “find our voices” as people of faith. In a word, “come out Christian.” Plan now to join in and learn from one another.



Men of Faith and Doubt Bible Study **Tuesday Morning (8:00 am) and** **Tuesday Evening (5:15 pm)**

The Biblical stories of men shed light on the past and engage themes of men’s lives now. It’s also a chance to delve into the scripture for the upcoming Sunday! Interested? (Talitha Arnold, 988-3295).

LENTEN ACADEMY STARTS IN MARCH! **Tuesday Noon, Wednesday Evening,** **and Friday Noon (March 3 – April 3)**

Lent is a great time for midweek study opportunities! We’re offering three weekly classes—one on “The Four Vision Quests of Jesus” and two “earth-honoring” book studies. Books for purchase and signup sheets in the Community Room.

The Four Vision Quests of Jesus **by Steven Charleston**

(Talitha Arnold – Wednesdays at 5:15 pm)

Choctaw Elder and Christian Bishop Charleston explores



Jesus’ experience in the wilderness and the Garden of Gethsemane through a Native American lens. Jesus’ “quests” underscore our need a communal identity and the pursuit of freedom through discipline and concern for justice, compassion, and human dignity.

Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer

(Larry Rasmussen—Tuesdays, 12:00 Noon;

Wednesdays, 5:15 pm)

Drawing on her spiritual tradition of the Potawatomi people and her scientific background as a botanist, Kimmerer shows how other living beings offer us gifts and important lessons, even if we’ve forgotten how to hear their voices.



No One Is Too Small to Make a Difference **by Greta Thunberg**

(Emily Syal—Wednesdays, 5:15 pm;

Fridays, 12:00 Noon)



A collection of 11 speeches on climate change by climate activist Greta Thunberg, including “Our House Is on Fire.” Her book is a rallying cry to wake up and protect the planet, no matter how powerless we may feel.

WE'VE GOT FAITH IN KIDS!

SUNDAY MORNINGS!

8:30 – 12:00 noon in the Nurture Center

During both 8:30 and 11:00 Services:

- **Pre-K's – Kinders:** Teacher Carrie McCabe shares Bible stories, songs, and projects.
- **Infants and Toddlers:** Loving childcare with Rebecca Griego, Sally Greenall, and Robert Spitz.

During Adult Forum (9:45 to 10:45)

- Childcare for all ages through Kinders.

9:45 am in the Cristo Room

DYNAMITE DISCIPLES (1st – 7th graders)

Games, projects, songs, adventures—you name it, the Dynamite Disciples do it! In Lent, they'll do a special project to raise funds for One Great Hour of Sharing, an international organization that helps refugees, farmers, and children all around the world. All kids 1st through 7th grade invited to join in. They meet between services so parents can join in Adult Faith Formation Forums. (Eddie Napoli-Quisling, Katie Bickley)

11:00 am CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

First through Seventh Graders start in Sanctuary Worship

After the Time of Blessing, they take the Christ Candle to Wild Wonder worship. (Pre-K's and Kinders go directly to the Nurture Center with Carrie McCabe.)

11:10 am – Wild Wonder Worship

A time for children to worship, pray, and wonder about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and creation as we enter into the Bible stories. (Emily Syal and other CYM staff)

11:15 am – "O the Places You'll Go!"

**Children's Ministry (1st-5th) with Katie Bickley and Bruce Turnquist
Young Adventurers with Rebecca Crutchfield and Eddie Napoli-Quisling**

Life is a journey—and so is faith. As we start the journey of Lent, the children and Young Adventurers explore how God goes with them where they go, offering courage, hope, and love.

1st Lent – March 1

Angels in the Desert

Jesus went out to the desert and was among the wild beasts and all kinds of scary things. But there were angels in the desert, too. (Matthew 4) Who are our angels in the wild or lonely times?

3rd Lent – March 15

Parched and Praying

In the desert, water gives life! That's what a woman at a well learned from Jesus, when she was in a desert time in her life.



2nd Lent—March 8

Finding a New Way

Ever left home? Ever not know where you were going? You are in good company with Abram and Sarai, and a man named Nicodemus. But even when they didn't know where they were, God always did!



Joyous Lent – March 22

God of Small Things

We'll explore the "Book of Creation" and see how God is at work in the world around us.

5th Lent – March 29

Desert Resurrections

As the adults explore the story about a Valley of Dry Bones (Ezekiel 17) and the Raising of Jesus' friend Lazarus (John 11), the children explore how the high desert of New Mexico comes back to life in the spring.



On their journeys of faith and life, United has a lot to offer our 6th – 12th graders! Check us out and spread the word! Questions? Contact Emily Syal (734-578-5370).

Young Adventurers (6th - 7th Grade) **Sunday mornings during 11:00 worship**

A fun and faith-filled journey for 6th and 7th graders. They explore stories, take journeys, and learn how God is at work in their lives. (Rebecca Crutchfield, Eddie Napoli-Quisling) See the Children's Page for what they're doing in Lent!

Youth Initiates **(8th - 9th Grade)**

The "Journey to Adulthood," a two-year rite of passage for young teens, is the center of United's Youth Ministry. Led by Emily Syal, volunteers, and mentors, the Initiates gather Sunday mornings, and for monthly Saturdays of Service, retreats, overnights, and a service-learning immersion trip.

Called in Wilderness Times **Sunday Mornings for Youth Initiates**

As we journey through Lent, we explore how to live out God's call in our lives even in wilderness times. Faced with climate change and environmental challenges, where do we find hope, courage, and new life? With the Lenten Devotional, *Wild Hope: Stories for Lent from the Vanishing* (Gayle Boss) we'll discern who are the hungry, the sick, the homeless, and others in the wilderness. We'll also learn who are the Resurrected. From all of them, we'll learn where we are called in this wilderness time.

Sunday, March 1

Who Are the Hungry? – Lessons from Eden and Staghorn Coral (Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7)

Sunday, March 8

Who Are the Sick? – Lessons from Abram, Nicodemus, and the Black-footed Ferret (Genesis 17:1-4; John 3:1-17)

Sunday, March 15

Who Are the Homeless? – Lessons from Desert Water, Border Crossings, and the Monarch Butterfly (John 4:5-42)

Sunday, March 22

Who Are the Poisoned? – Lessons from small things and the GIANT River Otter (I Samuel 16:1-3; John 9:1-41)

Sunday, March 29

Who Are the Hunted? – Lessons from Dancing Bones and the Black Rhinoceros (Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 11)

Dynamite Disciples (1st-7th Grade) **Sundays, 9:45-10:45 am**

With games, projects, and music, the Dynamite Disciples explore faith in a hands-on way! Check it out! (Katie Bickley, Eddie Napoli-Quisling)

United Youth Events (6th - 12th Grade)



Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, Feb. 26, 7:00 pm

Want to get ready for the new life of Easter? Start the journey with the Ash Wednesday service, where you can turn back to ashes the things that keep you from new life. If you'd like to help with the service as a reader, greeter, etc. please contact Emily Syal or Pastor Talitha.

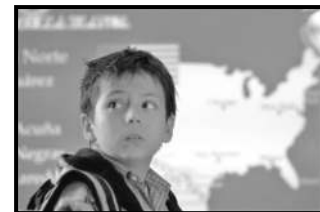
Service and Learning Trip (SALT) to the Border **Payment Deadline – Sunday, March 1**

Youth Movie and Game Night

FILM: *Under the Same Moon*

Friday, March 6

6:00-9:00pm



US/Mexico Border Immersion **"Service and Learning Trip (SALT)"** **Sunday, March 15 – Thursday, March 19**

Commissioning on
Sunday, March 8 (11:00 Worship)

– AND –

Sunday, March 15 (8:30 Worship)

Youth Lent Retreat

Friday, March 27

6:00-10:00 pm

GROUPS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

ROOTED IN FAITH, LIVING IN HOPE, GROWING IN LOVE!

COUNTDOWN TO UNITED'S 40TH BIRTHDAY!

In February 1980, the small group of people who would become the United Church of Santa Fe had only been gathering for a few weeks. That month, the worst prison riot in New Mexico's history broke out at the State Penitentiary just outside the city. United's Founding Pastor, Rev. Martha Baumer, and lay leaders met with other faith leaders to figure out ways to help both prisoners and guards in the future. A pressing need was for childcare for the children of prisoners when their parents or grandparents came to visit. Rev. Baumer and United Church joined with other Protestant, Catholic and Jewish congregations to start the first volunteer Family Center at the penitentiary. For almost two decades, United volunteers helped staff the Center until, thanks to the advocacy of Alice King (wife of then-Governor Bruce King), the Center received state funding. United Church may have been small in number, but it was big in heart and in Jesus' commitment to all God's Children. It still is!

SAVE THE DATE(S)

United's 40th Anniversary Celebration
Sunday, May 24 to Sunday, May 31

We have a lot to celebrate so we're taking a whole week (and 2 Sundays) to do it!



Women's Study Group **Wednesday, March 4 – 10:00 am**

All women invited to join in stimulating discussion, good humor, and comfortable sharing twice a month. We explore Peter Wohlleben's *The Hidden Life of Trees*. (Ann Barker: abarker2@comcast.net)

United Artists **Thursdays at 1:00 pm**

This fellowship group consists of members and friends of United and is open to all artists. We share our talents and learn from each other. (Shirley Clark, 505-660-3161; Dave Wilkison, 505-400-0504)

Seeing the Sacred Story: ***The Birth, Death, and Resurrection of Christ*** ***from Michelangelo to Tiepolo*** **Docent-led Tour at NM Museum of Art** **Saturday, March 7 (10:30 am)**

The special exhibit explores the different ways Renaissance artists envisioned three events of Christ's life: Nativity, Crucifixion, Resurrection. United has arranged a docent-led tour Saturday, March 7 at 10:30 am. All welcome! Cost is \$8.00 (at the museum). Sign up in the Community Room or call the church office. (Talitha Arnold, 988-3295)



Gregorio de' Ferrari—*The Nativity*

GIVING THAT GROWS

Why is a Planned Gift important to the United Church of Santa Fe? Your Planned Gift to United Church will support the future ministry and sustainability of our church and its mission. A bequest through your will or estate allocation is a simple way to provide a Planned Gift to help ensure United's vital ministries continue for future generations. With a Planned Gift, you can make a large, meaningful gift to United Church that reflects your beliefs and values while leaving a unique legacy to memorialize those values and beliefs. For information about Planned Gift opportunities, please speak with Stewardship & Finance Team Chair Pam Hyde or Moderator Bob Ansheles.





Just as you did it for one of the least of these brothers or sisters of mine, you did it for me.
Gospel of Matthew, 25:40

March Opportunities to Care and Serve

Sign-up in the Community Room.
New helpers always welcomed!

Casa Familia Family Shelter Dinner Wed., March 4, 5:00 pm

Please join the Outreach Team in welcoming Pam Homer as the new coordinator of the Casa Familia monthly dinners. From frozen lasagna to store-bought cookies, your contribution helps! Last month 15 chefs prepared food for the women and children. (Pam Homer, 310-5639)

Equal Exchange Sale Sunday, March 15

Our sale of coffee, tea, almonds, and chocolate supports co-op farmers around the world. Proceeds to Outreach. (Karen Dailey, 819-8868)



**St. Elizabeth Dinner
Tuesday, March 17, 5:30 pm**
Home-cooked or store-bought dishes welcome for our monthly dinner for the men. Last month, 17 adults prepared and/or stayed to serve food for the guests. (Joanne Rhodes, 302-393-1313)

ADVOCACY FOR IMMIGRANTS

OVER \$1,300 RAISED FOR NEW MEXICO IMMIGRANT LAW CENTER IN JANUARY

The concert United Church organized with Coro Lux and hosted at the church on Sunday, January 19, "The Music of Martin and Mahalia," raised much-needed funds for the New Mexico Immigrant Law Center's advocacy for asylum seekers and refugees.

"Migrating to Prison: America's Obsession with Locking Up Immigrants"

Presentation and Book Signing with Nationally Known Author César Cuauhtémoc García Hernández
Thursday, March 5 – 12:00 Noon
at United Church of Santa Fe
Spread the word!

(For info, please contact Caroline Burnett or Rev. Talitha Arnold.)



Immigration Task Force

March Immigration Task Force meeting in the works. (Bonney Hughes, bonney@speedycomputing.com).

The January 19 United Church/Coro Lux concert, "The Music of Martin and Mahalia," also raised over \$1,300 in donations for the NM Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind.

One Great Hour of Sharing – This Summer

United's offering joins with other Protestant denominations to support OGHS's Empowerment Projects including refugee resettlement, disaster relief, food and small farmer programs. Look for more information in the June *United Voice* newsletter. Thank you!



SAVE THE DATE

United We Run – Sunday, April 26

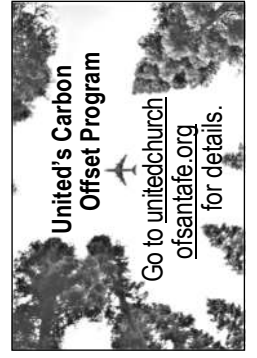
The Outreach Ministry Team hosts our annual 5k fun-run/walk (and 1k for children) after the 11:00 service, to raise money for 3 community organizations making a difference in Santa Fe and throughout New Mexico. The 5k run/walk begins and ends at United on sidewalks, side roads, and trails near the church. An all-church cookout follows the run/walk for participants, supporters, and anyone who is interested! Registration and pledge forms available at church or via email beginning in April. (Karen Dailey, 819-8868)





MARCH 2020

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1 First Sunday of Lent (wear purple) Early Choir Rehearsal Contemplative Communion with Early Choir Youth Initiates; Dynamic Disciples Adult Forum: <i>On Being Christian?</i> Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Communion Service with Sanctuary Choir, Children's Ministry, Young Adventurers	2 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 12:00 pm Braiding Sweetgrass 5:15 pm Men's Bible Study	3 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 12:00 pm Braiding Sweetgrass 5:15 pm Men's Bible Study	4 10:00 am Women's Study Group 12:15 pm Midday Communion 5:00 pm Casa Familia Dinner 5:15 pm Vision Quests of Jesus 5:15 pm Braiding Sweetgrass 5:15 pm No One Is Too Small 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	5 12:00 pm <i>Migrating to Prison</i> Book Signing 1:00 pm United Artists	6 12:00 pm <i>No One Is Too Small</i> 6:00 pm Youth Movie & Game Night	7 10:30 am NM Art Museum Tour
8 Second Sunday of Lent (wear purple) Early Choir Rehearsal Contemplative Communion Youth Initiates; Dynamic Disciples Adult Forum: <i>On Being Christian?</i> Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Worship Service with Sanctuary Choir; Children's Ministry, Young Adventurers, Commission SALT Border Trip	9 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 12:00 pm Braiding Sweetgrass 5:15 pm Men's Bible Study	10 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 12:00 pm Braiding Sweetgrass 5:15 pm Men's Bible Study	11 April Newsletter Deadline 12:15 pm Midday Communion 5:15 pm Vision Quests of Jesus 5:15 pm Braiding Sweetgrass 5:15 pm No One Is Too Small 7:00 pm Holy Week/Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	12 1:00 pm United Artists	13 12:00 pm <i>No One Is Too Small</i>	14
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US/Mexico Border Immersion "Service and Learning Trip (SALT)" Sunday, March 15 - Thursday, March 19						
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29 Fifth Sunday of Lent (wear purple) Early Choir Rehearsal Communion Service Youth Initiates, Dynamic Disciples Adult Forum: <i>On Being Christian?</i> Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Worship Service with Sanctuary Choir, Children's Ministry, Young Adventurers	30	31 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 12:00 pm Braiding Sweetgrass 5:15 pm Men's Bible Study	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Scheduling Notice!</p> <p>In addition to the many offerings listed on this calendar, various community groups reserve the church for special events. Please contact the Church Office (988-3295) as early as possible to schedule for your group's meeting.</p> </div>			



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The United Church of Santa Fe invites you to join us as we grow in faith and hope. We are a part of the United Church of Christ, a progressive and inclusive Christian tradition whose roots are the Congregational and Reform Churches that historically emphasized freedom of thought and belief as well as a commitment to the community.

As Christians, we are many individual members, each with different gifts to offer and contributions to make. We are also one body in Christ, members of one another.

As an expression of the practice and conviction of this congregation, we declare ourselves to be an “open and affirming church,” welcoming people who share a faith journey with Christ and who share with us the covenant that binds us together regardless of age, gender, race and ethnic background, mental or physical disability, or sexual orientation. We welcome you!

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT UNITED CHURCH

- 7:45 am Early Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30 am Communion Service**, Children’s Ministry
- 9:45 am Adult Forums, Youth Initiates, Dynamite Disciples
- 10:00 am Sanctuary & Kids’ Choirs Rehearsals
- 11:00 am Worship Service**, Children’s Ministry, Young Adventurers
(Holy Communion is celebrated at this service on first Sunday of the month.)

Nursery care for preschoolers is offered throughout the morning in the Nurture Center.