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Prayers for the New Year and The Epiphany Season of Light

- O Holy God,
 open unto us
 light for our darkness,
 courage for our fear,
 hope for our despair.
- O loving God,
 open unto us
 wisdom for our confusion,
 forgiveness for our sins,
 love for our hate.
- O God of peace,
 open unto us
 peace for our turmoil,
 joy for our sorrow,
 strength for our weakness.
- O generous God,
 open our hearts
 to receive all your gifts,
 to be the people you need us to be,
 to do the work you need us to do. Amen.

Howard Thurman (20th c. African American Theologian)

*Jesus said, "You ought always to pray and not faint."
 Do not pray for easy lives;
 Pray to be stronger women and men.
 Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers,
 But for power equal to your tasks.
 Then, the doing of your work will be no miracle—
 You will be the miracle.
 Every day you will wonder at yourself and the richness of life
 Which has come to you by the grace of God.*

The United Church of Christ *Book of Worship*

A Celtic Prayer for Children (and the rest of us, too)

As the sun rises, Lord,
 Let your light shine on me.
 The warmth of your Presence, the brightness of your love,
 The radiance of your joy, the shining of your hope.
 Let your light shine on me.

As the sun rises, Lord,
 Let your light shine on me.
 Your light to guide, your light to lead,
 Your light to direct, your light to brighten.
 Let your light shine on me.

David Adam, *Power Lines*

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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,

*Look back only for as long as you must,
Then go forward into the history you will make.*

The lines are from Alberto Rios' poem, *A House Called Tomorrow*, that came in a holiday letter from Dr. Gabrielle Starr, the first woman and African American President of California's Pomona College.

President Starr couldn't have known, but the poem was a true gift. I'd been perseverating for weeks about this January "Pastor's Letter." The first newsletter of the new year is always a challenge since it's written in the midst of Advent and Christmas. This year has been more daunting than usual as we've tried to figure out how to celebrate the Incarnation—i.e., God becoming flesh and blood—*virtually* (i.e., not in the flesh).

From the lighting of the first Advent candle to the sharing of the Light on Christmas Eve to the shepherds and angels of the Epiphany Pageant, our church home in normal times would be filled with choirs, candle lighters, instruments, lanterns, and the aforementioned angels and shepherds. In this far-from-normal time, trying to capture that 3-D incarnation for a 2-D virtual experience has left few brain cells for this New Year's letter.

I've also been gun-shy about anything having to do with the New Year. Yes, I'm overjoyed about new vaccines. I'm hopeful for widespread immunization around the country and world. I'm equally hopeful we can resume some form of in-person worship and other gatherings, maybe even celebrate United's 41st anniversary :-).

But I made the mistake of reading my January 2020 "New Year's" letter, which was filled with excitement and anticipation. That epistle had no idea what the next 12 months would bring. As a popular meme says, "2020 is like looking both ways before crossing the street and then getting hit by an airplane." I'm a firm believer in hope and possibility, but this year consistently put that belief to the test.

Then, out of the blue, came President Starr's letter with Alberto Rios' wonderful image of "A House Called Tomorrow." What a great title for our time, yes? And what a great description of a church for all times—"a house called tomorrow."

Even if we can't gather in our church house this holy season, we will "tomorrow"—whenever that tomorrow comes. Neither we nor the past generations who built United did so just for a particular time, but for the future. The congregations who came before us built the buildings and the community not only for the Christmases they or we would celebrate in the Sanctuary, but for all the Christmases to come, even after we're long gone. Room by room, person by person, United's communities built a church home for generations yet to come.

So my friends, in the words of the Letter to the Hebrews, "since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses," may we give thanks to God for bringing us safely through this year." In the words of Alberto Rios, may we "look back only for as long as (we) must, then go forward into the history (we) will make."

Together let's make some history in 2021, in the house of God's tomorrow, called the United Church of Santa Fe.

Blessings,



Worship in January

WORSHIP IN EPIPHANY—New Beginnings for a New Year

“Epiphany”—the season after Christmas—comes from a word that means “Light.” Epiphanies are when the light comes on and we see something or someone in a new way. That’s what happens in the stories of this season, both the stories of our faith and the stories of our own lives. Epiphany Worship will still be virtual, but God’s promises for a new year are real!

Three Christmas Letters **First Sunday of Christmastide** **December 27**

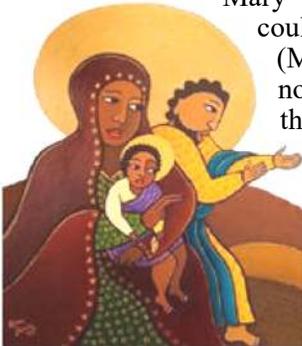
What would Caesar Augustus, Pontius Pilate, and a carpenter from Nazareth have written in their Holiday Letters that first Christmas?

What Were They Thinking?! **Epiphany Sunday, January 3** **United’s First Ever** **VIRTUAL Epiphany Pageant**

What were those Wise Men thinking when they followed a star and ended up in a barn? What was King Herod thinking when they showed up in his court, looking for a new king? What were Joseph and Mary thinking when they heard the news of what the old king was doing? What do we think, when we hear this old story in a new year?

A Different Kind of Baptism **January 10**

According to Matthew’s Gospel, after the Magi finally found their way to the Christ Child, they “went home by another way.” (Matthew 2:1-11) Shortly thereafter, Mary and Joseph realized they couldn’t go home any way (Matthew 2:13-23)—at least not for a long time. What did they learn on their flight to Egypt? What have we learned over the past ten months as our lives have been turned upside down? We’ll also (virtually) share Communion and also the Renewal of Baptism Vows.



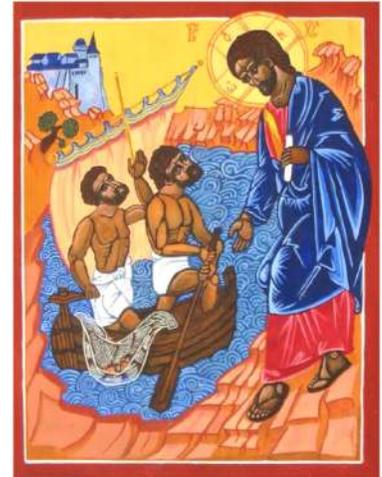
The Spirit that Connects and Unites

Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday, January 17

We welcome Dr. Rollo Dilworth, Professor of Music at Temple University and colleague of Bradley Ellingboe, as guest preacher in a “trialogue sermon” for Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday. Dr. Dilworth is a nationally known composer and historian of African American Music. His focus is Psalm 139 that promises God’s Spirit is with us always.

After the Easy Part **January 24**

The Gospel of Mark makes it sound so easy. Jesus walks along the Sea of Galilee, sees some men fishing, and calls them to follow him. “Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.” The first day was easy. It was the days that followed that were hard for Simon and the others. Perhaps for us as well, as we try to be the disciples God calls us to be. (Mark 1:14-20)



Use Your Freedom Wisely **January 31**

The early Christians who comprised the United Church of Corinth had it made. God’s Spirit had been poured out on each of them, blessing them with power and freedom from all the old rules and regulations. But Paul reminded them that while “all things are lawful, not all things build up.” (I Corinthians 8:1-13) They had the freedom to do whatever they chose, but they also had to consider what their choices did to others. A good plumbline, for a church and for a nation.

A (virtual) SERVICE **FOR THE EVE OF THE INAGURATION** **Tuesday, January 19**

Join (virtually) with the United Church community, near and far, in a time of prayer, musical reflection, and readings as we hold the new President and Vice-President, all elected officials, and our nation in prayer. The recorded service will be sent by 5:00 pm (MST) on Tuesday, Jan. 19, the Eve of the Inauguration.

Happy New Year! Since March, we've continued to connect through virtual music-making and rich online worship. The Thanksgiving virtual choir, with both Sanctuary and Early Choir members, was wonderful to hear! The joint virtual choir sang again in the Lessons and Carols Service for the 4th Sunday of Advent and will again for Christmas Eve services. The Choral Scholars and Brad Ellingboe sing hymns for worship every week, and we've enjoyed United members, such as youth musicians and the Chime Choir, as well as musicians from the wider community and music from around the world. Speaking personally, I truly enjoy making the musical recordings at the piano every week. A heartfelt thanks to one and all for your continuing involvement in the music with United!

- On **Epiphany Sunday (Jan. 3)** youth pianist Bonnie Bannerman plays an arrangement of *Carol of the Bells*
- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday (Jan. 17)** features the music of Temple University Music Professor and Composer Rollo Dilworth (who is also guest preacher that Sunday). I'll also play African American spirituals for the service.
- **Mardi Gras Sunday (Feb. 14)** features the Andy Kingston Trio (and family).

Wishing you a healthy and safe New Year!

Jacquelyn Helin



TAKE THE JOURNEY OF THE MAGI!

Sunday, January 3 – 11:00 to 2:00 pm

We can't have the annual Epiphany Pageant this year so . . . come take the outdoor "Journey of the Magi" on Epiphany Sunday, Jan. 3. Between 11:00 and 2:00, drop by the church to walk around the gardens to meet the people of the Christmas story—the Wise Ones, the Innkeeper, the Shepherds, and yes, the young couple with the brand new baby. We'll even have some crowns and angel wings for children.

All families (and anyone else) invited. Masks, social distancing, of course. Bring a gift of food (either homemade or store-bought) for the Christ Child's family (to be donated to a Santa Fe Shelter) and take a walk with the Wise Ones!

JOURNEY FROM BETHLEHEM CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

What happened after Jesus' birth—to the Magi, the shepherds, Mary and Joseph? United's children engage their stories through the Children's Worship Videos, songs, and service projects. Each Saturday, United sends a worship video and other ideas to parents to share with their children on Sunday. Make sure your family is on the mailing list, please email Susan Greig at unitedchurch.susan@gmail.com. And share with other families, too!

YOUTH MINISTRY

As of the newsletter deadline, we're still working on post-Christmas plans for both the Initiates and the Young Adventurers. We hope to offer on-site, outside programming (rather than yet another Zoom encounter), so please stay tuned. Talk with Susan Greig or Talitha Arnold for more information. Thanks!

IN THE TIME OF COVID: Singing in a Strange Land

Although our observance of the life and work of Dr. King needs to be online this year, the silver lining is this allows us to bring experts from around the country! Our musical headliner is Rollo Dilworth—one of the leading lights in the choral world today. He's Professor of Choral Music at Temple University in Philadelphia. We'll also welcome Dr. James Abbingtion, theologian from Emory University.

Other workshops to be given by Stevie Springer (last year's headliner), Dr. Joe Alcorn (up-to-date research on Covid-19 and singing), and Talitha and myself (mental health during quarantine).

The event is co-sponsored by United and *Coro Lux*. It costs \$37.50, and happens Saturday, Jan. 16 from 9:00 am - 4:30 pm (MST), with breaks liberally spread throughout the day. It will be available on the *Coro Lux* website for two weeks following for all who've registered, so you don't even have to take all of the 16th to attend.

For more information or to register, visit abqcorolux.org. It's open to EVERYONE, singers and non-singers alike. And since it's online, people can join us from literally anywhere in the world. So spread the word, and join us!

Bradley Ellingboe



Dr. Rollo Dilworth



CARE AND CONCERN

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH AND OUR WORLD



Prayers of Thanks to:

- > **Everyone who is making Advent and Christmas such a wonderful and blessed time (even virtually)**—liturgically, visually, musically, pastorally, in education helping children know the true meaning of the season, through outreach ministries that help all of us remember the One who came to serve others, and all who help us bring God’s light, joy, and song into this world in a myriad of ways!
- > **To United’s Financial Wizards** finishing up the Stewardship season, and counters, budget preparers.

Prayers of new life and blessings for:

- > **Cheryl Haskin**, accepted to Iliff School of Theology (Denver) to begin a chaplaincy training program, even as she continues as a Covid-19 nurse at St. Vincent’s;
- > **Katie Bickley**, finishing up her first semester at Yale Divinity School and Eddie Napoli-Quisling, finishing his first semester with “Teach for America.”

Prayers of Healing and Hope for:

- > **Julia Moore**, hospitalized for treatment for the recurrence of lymphoma; **Linda Hummingbird**, continuing in the hospital; **Mary Noonan**, dealing with kidney disease;
- > **Jody and Peter Spalding’s daughter Anna**, as she has intensive treatment for Ewing’s Sarcoma;
- > **Emily Elkind, Elijah Marquez**, and all others dealing with the coronavirus (inc. **Rebecca Griego’s mother; Kim Zeilik’s son and partner** in Spain;) and those who love and care for them; those who have lost loved ones due to the coronavirus; health care workers, grocery store stockers and clerks, educators, and others on the front lines;
- > **Gail Mattson**, recovering from shoulder surgery; **Jonathan Davidson’s mother**, recovering from a stroke; and others in rehab (**Norm Patinka**, and others);
- > **Cliff Beck, Sandy Vermillion, Hugo Steensma, Eric Manske’s father, Monsignor Jerome Martinez**, and others living with neurological conditions;
- > Persons living with cancer and receiving treatment; and those who love and care for them (**Roger Knapp, Harry Turner, Greg and Linda Gaertner, Bill Brown, Tom Merchat’s cousin, Nancy Merchat’s brother, Caroline Burnett’s stepdaughter**, and others); and those with other chronic diseases and/or with chronic pain (**Jan McGough, Mary Deane Lynn’s sister**); those with memory loss, and all who care for them;
- > Persons living with addictions or mental illnesses and their families;
- > Persons who are imprisoned and in lockdown, due to coronavirus; and those who love them;
- > **Parents helping their children** with online school while holding down their own jobs;
- > Persons at senior facilities in lockdown (**Yvonne Fairchild, Sharon Mecklem, Bobbie Smith, Margo Clark, Linda Dillman, Helen Wagner, Marge Ribe, David LaPlantz’ sister**, and others);
- > Persons caring for family members, near and far, including **Dave Feldt, Rebecca Griego, DiAna Gutierrez, Sam and Molly Elkind, Pam Homer, Sherry Kelsey, Lib O’Brien, Gloria and Terry Griffin, Sam Gerberding**, and others;
- > **Blanca Surgeon’s and Zulema Zambrano’s** family in Honduras, as the country tries to recover from devastating hurricanes in the midst of coronavirus;
- > Immigrant children, teenagers, and adults fleeing violence and poverty, seeking refuge in our country; **policy-makers** who determine their fate;
- > Persons speaking out and standing up for racial justice in our country and around the world;
- > Military people and law enforcement officers, including those in our congregation;
- > Prayers for snow in this thirsty land and for an end to the fires;
- > Prayers for an end to the pandemic and for policymakers making decisions about access to vaccines;
- > Prayers for the safety and health of President-elect Joseph Biden and Vice-President-Elect Kamala Harris, and for all entrusted with leadership;
- > Deep prayers for our nation and for all governors, health and medical officials, and national leaders that they might have God’s vision of justice, grace, and abundant life for people and all creation.

*Hello United Church,
I hope All is well
there as we continue to
be united in spirit &
least even while apart*

Mike (Reeves)

United Church People on the Move :-)
Carol Ingells and Robert Spitz, moving to Montecito
(500 Rodeo Rd., #1210, Santa Fe, NM 87505);

**Congregational Care
for January**

On Call: Dusty Pruitt (302) 393-3265
Food: Nevanne Merrill (505) 310-1821
Hospital deferred due to Covid-19



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)



Outreach

Outreach Opportunities

(Please mail financial donations to United Church, 1804 Arroyo Chamiso, SF, NM 87505 or online at unitedchurchofsantafe.org.)

- **United's Shelter Lunches and Dinners for Persons Who Are Homeless:** In the new year, United continues to provide 100 Felipe's lunches and 35 Mucho Gourmet suppers for Interfaith Shelter guests, along with monthly dinners for St. Elizabeth (men) and Casa Familia (women/children). You can help with a weekly or monthly donation (memo: "Shelter Meals). As of mid-December, United had provided over \$32,000 worth of meals since March.
- **Dinner for Covid-19 Unit Medical Staff.** Because nurses, aides, and doctors in St. Vincent's Covid-19 Unit can't leave during shifts, the Manager has meals brought in. Would a group of United members/friends like to offer this once a month? Please let Talitha know. (Cheryl Haskins is a nurse in the unit.)
- **Masks & Monetary Donations for Good Shepherd Church in Diné/Navajoland:** United sends regular financial support and masks to support our Diné sisters and brothers. Bring masks to the church and/or send your financial contribution via USPS or online (memo: Diné). As of mid-December, United had sent over \$4,000 in monetary support and 100+ masks this year.

Holiday Gift Drives of All Shapes and Sizes

A sincere thank you, to all who supported November/December outreach efforts. Thanks to you, United

- Sent 2 carloads of hygiene supplies to the migrant center in Juarez.
- Collected over 150 pairs of winter socks to keep the feet of Santa Fe's homeless warm.
- Donated 100 calendars and over 400 greeting cards to our prison outreach.

A Thank You from the Person Taking the Dignity Kits

Dear Bonney,

Please pass on our gratitude to the members of United Church of Santa Fe for their generous donations to our efforts to reinforce the dignity of our brothers and sisters at the border.

Warmest regards,

Jack & Cheryl
Organizers of Dignity Kits for Immigrant Shelter in Juarez.

United Church of Christ Christmas Eve Offering

Due to the pandemic, emergency financial needs of many retired clergy and church lay workers have increased dramatically. The Christmas Fund of the United Church of Christ provides emergency grants, supplementation of small annuities and health premiums, and Christmas "Thank You" gift checks each December to low-income UCC retirees, many of whom faithfully served inner-city or rural congregations and/or communities of color. This year, the need for the Christmas Fund is more urgent than ever. To donate, please send a check to United Church of Santa Fe, 1804 Arroyo Chamiso, Santa Fe, NM 87505 or online at unitedchurchofsantafe.org (click the "give now" button). Please memo: "Christmas Eve Fund."

Compassionate Christmas Gift (Virtual) Market

There is still time in December to give compassion, joy, and peace to people and places in need! Donate online (unitedchurchofsantafe.org; use the "give now" button) or mail your donation (1804 Arroyo Chamiso, Santa Fe, NM 87505). Either way, please let us know which gifts and how many and we'll mail the donation slips to you for use in your Christmas giving. (The total donations for the Compassionate Christmas Gift recipients will be in the February newsletter.)

Gifts available:

Santa Fe Shelters for the Homeless: \$50
Dinner for 8 Guests (St. Elizabeth, Casa Familia, Interfaith Shelter or Youth Shelters).

New Mexico Immigrant Law Center: \$25
Legal Services for Children, Youth, and Families.

Books for BOOKKIDS: \$15
New book for Public School child (often with no books at home).

Church World Service: \$10
Emergency Disaster Blanket (Global and National Relief Work).

A Child's "Comfort" Backpack: \$20
Through Solace Crisis Center, a backpack with pj's, stuffed animal, and other things a child needs.

Iraqi Refugee Women's Empowerment: \$25
3 "teaching hours" of marketable skills for Yazidi, Kurdish, and Sunni Women in refugee camps, after fleeing ISIS in 2014, now facing Covid19 and political violence.



Adult Faith Formation

“What Have We Learned?

Looking Back, Looking Ahead

All-Church Small Group Zoom Gatherings

As 2020 draws to a close and we look ahead to 2021, we'll take time to take a look back and also ahead. As individuals and as a church, 2020 had more than few surprises—the pandemic, heightened racial awareness, presidential election, hurricanes, fires, and climate change (just to name a few). What did we learn – about our own lives and also about being a church, our faith, the world around us? What faith questions has 2020 raised? What are we called to be as a faith community on the other side of 2020?

From mid-January through February, United (even apart) Church offers multiple opportunities via Zoom in small groups to explore such questions. It's a chance to connect with others, give thanks to God for getting us through this year, and look ahead, individually and as a faith community. More details later about logistics, so stay tuned! Most of all, plan to join in!

Who's at the Head of the Line? (and who's at the end?)

Zoom Conversations about the Covid-19 Vaccine

Thanks to years of prior research for the SARS and the H1N1 vaccines, initial coronavirus vaccines are becoming available. That's great news! The challenging news is that such vaccines are far from being mass-produced and distributed. Like any medical breakthrough, the coronavirus raises both medical and ethical questions—especially around access. In January, United offers several Zoom conversations with medical personnel, hospital chaplains, ethicist Larry Rasmussen and clergy on the many questions raised by this medical breakthrough. Stay tuned!

Journey From Bethlehem

Thursdays (8:00 - 9:00 am) via Zoom

We've explored the stories of the journey to Bethlehem. In January, we explore the journeys from Bethlehem. What happened when the Wise Ones returned to their own countries and the shepherds went back to their sheep? When Herod got wind of what had happened in Bethlehem? When Mary and Joseph couldn't go back home? What do their stories teach us about our own journeys into the new year? All welcome! Please register at unitedchurchsf@gmail.com.

Year-End Giving

To claim a charitable deduction for 2020, checks must be received or postmarked by Dec. 31, 2020. Online donations at www.unitedchurchofsantafe.org must also be dated by Dec. 31. Any donation not post-marked or received by Dec. 31 can't qualify as a 2020 charitable deduction (even if predated 2020"—sorry!) Many thanks!

United (Even Apart) We're Getting Close!

There is still time to make a 2021 Pledge to United Church of Santa Fe. As of Dec. 15, we'd received 169 pledges, totaling \$509,735 towards the \$550,000 goal—only \$40,265 to go!

United (even apart) we hope, pray, serve! And United (even apart) we'll reach the goal that will fund United's ministries for 2021. We hope you'll help! For more information on stewardship or to make your pledge, contact Stewardship Chair Bob Ansheles, Moderator Pam Hyde, or Treasurer Sam Elkind. Thank you!

Congregational Mid-Winter

Budget (Virtual) Meeting

Saturday, Feb. 13 – 10:00 am

Join in the Congregational Budget Meeting (via Zoom!). Copies of the proposed 2021 Budget will be sent by Thursday, Feb. 11. More info in the February newsletter. Save the date and time now. Thank you!

Women's Study Group

Wednesday, Jan. 6 and 20, 10:00 am (via Zoom)

All women are invited to join in lively Zoom discussions of Geraldine Brooks' *Years of Wonder*. Contact Ann Barker (670-3383; abarker2@comcast.net) for info.

Congratulations to United Authors

- Bettye Kearsse whose *The Other Madisons: The Lost History of a President's Black Family* won the International Afro American Historical and Genealogical Society Book Award for Best Non-Fiction Autobiography.
- Janyth Fell, whose novel *A Dilemma* was recently published by Amazon.
- Wes Granberg-Michaelson, whose latest book, *Without Oars: Casting Off into a Life of Pilgrimage*, has been published by Broadleaf Press.

Pastor Parish Relations Committee Established

To promote a healthy and faithful ministry with our Senior Minister Talitha Arnold and the congregation, the Church Council has appointed a Pastor Parish Relations Committee (PPRC) to serve as an advisory group to Talitha, sharing the congregation's ideas and concerns and also supporting the Pastor's leadership needs. Its work is confidential, and focuses on support, care, and honesty with the Pastor, as well as healthy communication in the congregation as a whole. It is not the same as the Personnel Committee, that focuses on staff development and evaluation. Rather, it is a place for our Pastor to discuss professional development, set realistic expectations about the scope of work, receive feedback, and strategize potential responses as the Pastor leads our congregation and helps us work to achieve United's mission and its ministries. The Church Council thanks Rev. Ben Larzelere, Moderator -Emeritus Bob Ansheles, and Kim Bannerman for serving on the committee. Thoughts or questions? Please contact any of them or Moderator Pam Hyde. Thank you.

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WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH OF SANTA FE

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 (TO BE REVEALED)

Join us in weekly online worship via our webpage ([unitedchurchofsantafe.org](http://www.unitedchurchofsantafe.org)), on Facebook, or by writing unitedchurchsf@gmail.com and ask to be on our email list. Thank you!