

## ADVENT PRAYERS FOR A SEASON OF PREPARATION

*O come, Desire of Nations, bind  
all peoples in one heart and mind.  
Bid envy strife and quarrels cease,  
fill the whole world with heaven's peace.  
Rejoice, rejoice! Take heart and do not fear,  
God's chosen one, Immanuel, draws near.*

(15<sup>th</sup>-century French Carol, refrain by Rev. Barbara Lundblad)

Lord Jesus, master of both the light and the darkness,  
send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.  
We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.  
We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.  
We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your realm.  
We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.  
We are your people, walking in the shadows, yet seeking the light.  
To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!" Amen.

Fr. Henri Nouwen

Light looked down and beheld Darkness,  
Thither will I go, said Light.  
Peace looked down and beheld War,  
Thither will I go, said Peace.  
Love looked down and beheld Hatred,  
Thither will I go, said Love.  
So came Light and shone;  
So came Peace and gave rest;  
So came Love and brought Life.  
And the Word was made Flesh and  
Dwelt among us.

Laurence Housman

### *A Prayer for Children*

As Mary and Joseph cared for Jesus,  
may (*child's name*) know your love and our care.  
As we prepare for Christmas,  
may *s/he* be blessed with the true meaning of this season:  
light in the darkness  
and your love in this world.  
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

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Dear Friends,

In Elie Wiesel's book, *Hasidic Tales*, the writer, activist, and Holocaust survivor shared this story:

*When the great Rabbi Israel Baal Shem-Tov saw misfortune threatening the Jews it was his custom to go into a certain part of the forest to meditate. There he would light a fire, say a special prayer, and the miracle would be accomplished and misfortune averted.*

*Later, when his disciple, the celebrated Magid of Mezritch, had occasion, for the same reason, to intercede with heaven, he would go to the same place in the forest and say: "Master of the Universe, listen! I do not know how to light the fire, but I am still able to say the prayers." And again the miracle would be accomplished.*

*Still later, Rabbi Moshe-Leib of Sasov, in order to save his people once more, would go into the forest and say: "I do not know how to light the fire, I do not know the prayer, but I know the place and this must be sufficient." It was sufficient, and the miracle was accomplished.*

*Then it fell to Rabbi Israel of Rizhyn to overcome misfortune. Sitting in his armchair, his head in his hands, he spoke to God: "I am unable to light the fire and I do not know the prayer; I cannot even find the place in the forest. All I can do is to tell the story, and that must be sufficient." And it was sufficient.*

"All I can do is tell the story."

We're about to start Advent, the journey that leads to the story we Christians have been sharing for 2,000 years. A story about the mystery and power we call God. A story about how this mystery and power chose to act in this world—being born into human life, with all its joys, sorrows, and even death.

We tell the story of the mystery and power being born into human time, when the great Caesar Augustus ruled from Rome and Rome ruled the world. But the story we tell takes place far from Caesar's court, and the central characters—a pregnant woman and her carpenter husband—are powerless pawns of the Empire. When Caesar decrees that all his world should be counted, they must take a long and dangerous journey, far from their home town. After the child is born, the Rome-appointed king of the region goes on a rampage, and the family must flee for their lives to another country.

We tell this story because it reminds us how God chose to be born into the world's uncertainty, fear, and heartache that first Christmas—and how God keeps choosing to be born into our world and our time.

We tell it every year—in the good ones and the hard ones, regardless of what's happening in the world or in our lives. Even when, like the Rabbi who couldn't light the fire, didn't know the prayer, and got lost in the forest, we can still tell the story.

In fact, we must tell the story—for the sake of this world that God still so loves.

Blessings,



# Worship in December

## All Earth Is Waiting

### Advent Worship Starts December 1

*Toda la tierra espera al Salvador*, proclaims a hymn by Spanish composer Alberto Taule. “All earth is waiting to see the Promised One.” Taule’s vision included “open furrows” for God to plant seeds of love and justice, and God’s hope blossoming in our hearts.

Taule knew his Bible well, for all throughout scripture, the coming of Christ is linked to creation’s resiliency and rebirth. In these Advent weeks leading to Christ’s birth, we invite you to join in worship that looks to both the Book of the Bible and the Book of Creation to prepare for God’s new life.

Advent is also when the colors of the Sanctuary turn to purple, symbolizing royalty, transformation, and the metamorphosis (“turning around”) that leads to new life. Keeping Advent and sharing Advent worship can be one of the best gifts you give a loved one or neighbor.

**8:30 Contemplative Communion — 10:00 Sanctuary Service with Choir and special music**  
**Online services continue, too!**

### *Roots of a Righteous Branch* 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, Dec. 1

The world of the Prophet Jeremiah was a wasteland. (Jeremiah 33) Devastated by war, his homeland was “without human beings or animals.” Honest about the loss and despair, Jeremiah also promises that God will “cause a righteous Branch to spring up,” and shepherds will again “have pasture for their sheep.” Nature is resilient. We can be, too, because the One in whom we have our trust is the Holy One of Life.

### *“All Creation Sings!”* A Service of Lessons & Carols Joyous Sunday of Advent, Dec. 15 (Wear pink)

Lions, lambs, and the Light of the World. Wells of joy and trees in the wilderness. The journey to Christmas is filled with **all** the elements of creation. In our annual service of “Lessons and Carols,” the Choir, Guest Instrumentalists, and Readers open our eyes and ears to new life that breaks forth in this old world.



### *A Voice from the Desert* 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent, Dec. 8

“In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee,” the Gospel of Luke states (and then goes on to name ever more political and religious leaders), “the word of God came to John son of Zechariah *in the wilderness.*” (Luke 3:1-6)

Not to the powerful in their palaces and temples or on their thrones, but to John in one of the world’s most desolate deserts. The Word came to the desert to get the world ready for that same Word to be born in a barn. Deserts have a lot to teach us, especially in wilderness times.

### *To the Ends of the Earth* 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, Dec. 22

According to the (Minor) Prophet Micah, a shepherd born in the backwater town of Bethlehem would “feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,” bring peace to all the world, and “be great to the ends of the earth.” (Micah 5:2-5a) Peace to wild lands and dry lands, peace to war-ravaged lands and sun-burnt lands, peace to our land and all lands. *Todo la Tierra*, O Holy One.

## Christmas Eve Services:

### Candles & Carols – 5:00 pm

Designed for families with children, but all welcome! Carols, the story of the First Christmas, a gift for every child, and the Candle-lighting Service.  
(Infant and toddler childcare.)

### Candlelight Service – 7:00 pm

Carols, candle lighting, the Christmas Festival Choir, and a message of hope.  
(Childcare.)



### 1st Sunday of Christmastide Dec. 29 10:00 am

New life for a new year,  
and we also celebrate  
the baptism of Jan and  
Kitty Jansen’s grandson!



# Music

Bradley Ellingboe, Director of Music

# Children & Youth

Karen Wilbanks, Chair

This year's annual Festival of Lessons and Carols is the Joyous Sunday of Advent, Dec. 15, in the 10:00 am service. The theme is "All Creation Sings!" and features a variety of Advent and Christmas music centered on the idea that, not only do we humans rejoice at the birth of the Savior, but so does all of nature. The music and readings take us from the creation of first light, to the seas and water, the earth and skies, flora and fauna and humans, and end with celebrating the One who is the light of the world.

Once again, we'll open membership in the choir to those who'd like to join on a short-term basis. If you want to sing in the Festival Choir, please plan to start attending rehearsals on **Wednesday, Nov. 20, 7:00 pm**. Please let us know you're coming by writing me at [unitedchurch.brad@gmail.com](mailto:unitedchurch.brad@gmail.com) so we'll have a packet of music for you. And for everyone else, please mark your calendars for this special service, and invite your friends!

Brad



### SAVE THE DATE!

FebFest 2025 this year is a one-day event, Saturday, Feb. 8, 2025, from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, featuring one of the brightest new stars in the choral field: Dr. Brandon A. Boyd, from the University of Missouri. More information coming soon!

### THE FEMININE DIVINE

Coro Lux, Luminare, El Faro Youth Chorus

Bradley Ellingboe, Artistic Director

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

(4020 Lomas Blvd., NE in Albuquerque)

Sunday, Dec. 15, 2024 – 2:00 and 5:00 pm

J.S. Bach's *Magnificat* with full orchestra plus other works, with poetry and readings read by Rev. Talitha Arnold and Rev. Kristi Koppel. Tix/info: [abqcorolux.org](http://abqcorolux.org)

### Groups and Gatherings

Wednesday Women's Study Group

(Dec. 4 & 18, 10:00 am)

All women invited to join in lively discussions of *After Annie* by Anna Quindlen and *The Collected Works of Eudora Welty*. Info: Cheryl Morton (515-240-4523, [mommorton@gmail.com](mailto:mommorton@gmail.com)) or Jenn Wynn (817-219-0707, [home@wynnes.us](http://home@wynnes.us)).

**Pretty Good Guys Explore the "Greatest Prayer" Jesus' Revolutionary Message in the Lord's Prayer**  
Wednesday, Dec. 11 (10:30 am)

Join with other United men to engage a challenging book by John Dominic Crossan about the central prayer of the Christian faith. All welcome! (Talitha Arnold, 505-988-3295)

**Resiliency and Hope: Strengthening Our Souls**

Thursday Mornings

(Dec. 5, 12, and 19 – 8:00 am MT)

Exercise your mind and soul exploring scripture stories for the upcoming Sundays. All welcome! 505-988-3295.

### Caring and Sharing Christ's Love Sunday Mornings

**Nov. 24 – Surprising Mary and Joseph:** With Gail Ansheles, assembling "Care Packages" for United's far-flung College Students.

**Dec. 1 – Making Christmas Wreaths:** Ruth White has a passion for making wreaths, and she shares it with United's kids to help them make wreaths for their own families.

**Dec. 8 – The Innkeeper:** When there was no place for Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem, an Innkeeper helped them find shelter. United's kids make Christmas bags for the guests at St. Elizabeth shelter.

**Joyous Sunday of Advent, Dec. 15:** "All Creation Sings!" Lessons and Carols – Lots of singing, joy, and roses! And blessing United's Trees!

**Dec. 22 – Almost There!:** The journey to Christmas is almost over. Are we ready?

### SPECIAL EVENTS!

#### Lighting the Way!

Starting in early December, come to United any night to see outdoor lights all around!

#### All Church All Family Advent Supper with St. Nicholas! – Friday, Dec. 6

A visit from the *real* St. Nicholas, a meal with your church community, and Church World Service Kits. All families and friends, all United members and friends welcome! Please sign up!

#### Christmas Eve Farolito Set-up Tuesday, Dec. 24 – 3:00 pm

Join us Christmas Eve to place the farolitos all around (and on top of) the church for the evening services. Many hands make light work! Please bring long grill lighters.

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#### Christmas Eve Services

Tuesday, December 24

5:00 pm – "Candles and Carols"

Service for All Ages

and a Gift for Every Child/Youth

7:00 pm – Candlelight Service with Choir

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Sunday Dec 29 – *A Day of New Beginnings*

Sunday, Jan. 5 – *The Journey to Epiphany*

United's children, youth, and adults lead us in a Reader's Theater presentation of the journey of Mary and Joseph, Shepherds and Wise Ones to the Bethlehem stable.

### YOUTH SPECIAL EVENTS

**All middle and high school students welcome!**

As we get ready for the coming of Christmas and the birth of God's hope in the world, United youth help lead the way in worship, through service to others, and after Christmas take a day trip to explore part of New Mexico. All welcome!

**Stay tuned for other events!**



# CARE AND CONCERN

## PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH AND OUR WORLD



### Prayers of Thanks to:

- Everyone who is helping make the “**Blessed. . .to be a Blessing!**” Stewardship Season such a success! Particular thanks to Moderator Sarah Sawtell, Stewardship/Finance Chair Trudy Swint, Parish Life Chair Louise Cavatta, Office Administrator Lin Raymond, Media Coordinator Elijah Marquez, Brochure Creator Dave Wilkison, Sunday Worship Speakers, Table Hosts, Cookie Bringers, Envelope Stuffers, Table and Chair Movers, the Sanctuary Choir, and especially Director of Music Bradley Ellingboe for bringing Ken Medema back to United!
- **All outreach volunteers** who chopped, shopped, made meatloaves and casseroles, delivered food; advocated for immigrants; composted, recycled, offset carbon travel, etc., to help United “Love God, Neighbor, and Creation.”
- The **Creator** for a golden October and a November snowfall!

### Blessings and New Life:

- For **Elliot James Margard**, new son of Kristi (Ellingboe) and Chris Margard and newest grandson of Karen and Brad Ellingboe.

### Prayers of Healing and Hope for:

- **Tom Himrod** and his family, following the death of his sister Martha; **Mark Muth** and his family, following the loss of his wife of 40+ years, **Clara Muth**; former member **Katie Falls** and her family, grieving the death of her husband Jack in Arizona.
- **Dana Hollifield**, awaiting a difficult diagnosis; **Betsy Ross**, recovering from a hip fracture (and for her two young daughters Meredith and Addyson, husband Jaycob); **Jo Rhodes and Janyth Fell**, both recovering from surgery; **George Duncan**, facing a corneal transplant; and others also dealing with difficult health issues (**Blanca Surgeon’s mother, Ray and Nancy Lutz, Diane Bethune, Rev. Kathleen Jimenez, Maria Navarette, Rev. Roger and Linda Knapp, Dorothy Patinka, Rhae Burden**, and others).
- Others living with cancer and those who love and care for them (**Greg and Linda Gaertner, Anna Spalding, Diane Bethune’s brother Jeffery, Rev. Mary Kuhns**, and others).
- Those with **memory loss** and all who care for them (including **Royce and Carolyn Stewart, Rev. Christine and Paul Vogel, Rev. Roger and Linda Knapp**, and others); persons living with Parkinson’s or other neurological conditions, (**Sandy Vermillion, Monsignor Jerome Martinez, Diane Johnston’s sister, Dr. Karl Ray**, and others); those with chronic illness (**Brooke Roberts, Cynde Christie, Jan McGough**, and others).
- Persons in long-term care or assisted living (**Rhae Burden, Helen Wagner, Merry and Al Converse**, and others).
- Individuals and families dealing with mental health, suicidal issues, and/or addiction issues. (If you or someone you love is struggling emotionally, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (988) provides 24/7, free, confidential support and crisis resources for people in distress.)
- Persons who are imprisoned and those who love them.
- Persons with families in other countries **Blanca Surgeon and Zulema Zambrano** (Honduras), **Maria Navarette** (El Salvador), **Jan and Kitty Jansen** (Holland), **Joohee Rand** (Korea), **Caleb Omolo** (Kenya), **John Walker** (Scotland), **Avril Ekstrand** (Ireland), **Kim Zeilik** (Spain).
- The people of Israel and Palestine, and Jews, Palestinians, and other Muslims living in the U.S. as war and violence continue; government and military leaders in Israel/Palestine/Lebanon, as well as the U.S. and other countries who need God’s wisdom, guidance, and commitment to a just peace.
- Continued prayers also for Nigeria, Sudan, Ukraine, Central America, and other places impacted by war; people seeking asylum from violence; **policymakers** who determine their fate.
- Military people and law enforcement officers, including those in our congregation.
- Finally prayers of healing for our nation—and this world—in the coming days. Prayers also for all leaders in government—and business—that they might be committed to the common good. And prayers of care and commitment for those persons likely to be most affected by the new administration, including many members and friends of United who are immigrants or rely on food stamps, Medicaid or Medicare, or are unhoused or are persons of color or LGBTQI+ persons, or who happen to be female or who have women family members or friends, or who have family in other countries.

#### 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](mailto:unitedchurchsf@gmail.com))



#### Congregational Care for December



**On Call:** Paul Vogel (847) 366-0677  
**Food:** Cheryl Haskin (503) 351-6561

# Outreach

## Compassionate Christmas Gifts Market—Starts Sunday, Dec. 1

In the true spirit of Christmas, we invite you to give United's *Compassionate Christmas Gifts* that offer hope, care, and joy to people and places in need. **Sunday Markets: Dec. 1, 8, 15.** Also order online at [unitedchurchofsantafe.org](http://unitedchurchofsantafe.org). Gifts include:

### Church World Service: \$10

Blankets for Refugees around the world (Ukraine, Sudan, Israel/Palestine).

### Honduran Bilingual Education Community School and Oases Orphanage: \$20

Two months of school supplies for a low-income classroom in Honduras.

### New Mexico Immigrant Law Center: \$30

Legal Services and Advocacy for Children, Youth, and Families.

### “Roots” Palestinian Israeli Peace Initiative in the West Bank: \$40

“Growing Roots” after-school program brings Palestinian & Israeli children and youth together.

### United Youth Immersion Trip Scholarship: \$40

Toward a youth scholarship for the Youth Immersion Trip, to the U.S. Mexico Border or Navajo Nation.

### Santa Fe Shelters for the Homeless: \$60

One night at St. Elizabeth, Casa Familia, Interfaith, or Youth Shelters.

### Communities in Schools Gift Card for Families in Need: \$50

CIS started as United Church/Salazar School Partnership. It's grown and so have the needs of SF students.

### My Water, My Watershed Santa Fe Student Field trip: \$25

Sponsor a public-school student for an experiential, science-based program to study and explore their watershed, learning about complex relationships between living things and their environment.



## LOVE GOD, NEIGHBOR, CREATION

### Outreach Opportunities – Thank you!

Go online to [unitedchurchofsantafe.org](http://unitedchurchofsantafe.org) or send a check to 1804 Arroyo Chamiso, Santa Fe NM 87505.

### Toiletries for Shelter Christmas Bags

Through Dec. 8, we collect **individual size new** toiletries (e.g., shampoo, lotion, soap, toothpaste, etc.) for Christmas Bags United children assemble for St. Elizabeth Shelter guests. (Please no mouthwash, meds, razors, etc.). Thank you!

### United's Shelter Supper Ministries

Help provide supper for guests of St. Elizabeth, Casa Familia Family, and Interfaith Shelters by volunteering or financially with an online donation or check (memo: shelter meals). Thank you!

- **Fri., Dec. 13 – Chop & Grate (9:30 am)** at United.
- **Mon., Dec. 16** – Deliver food to shelters.
- Make meatloaf at home (12 loaves needed).

### Monetary Donations for Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Navajoland

United sends regular financial support to help with covid supplies, their traditional Navajo organic Children's Vegetable Garden, and other needs. (memo: Diné).

### Year-End Giving

To claim a charitable deduction for 2024, donations must be received or postmarked by Dec. 31, 2024. Checks received after Dec. 31 cannot qualify for a charitable deduction for 2024, even if predated 2024. (Sorry!) To contribute online, go to [unitedchurchofsantafe.org](http://unitedchurchofsantafe.org) and click “Donate Now.” Many thanks!

### Travelling This Holiday? Track Your miles and Mitigate Climate Change through United's “Carbon Offset Program”

When you drive or fly, count your miles and then donate \$4/hour in flight or \$4/1,000 miles driving to United's “**Carbon Offset Ministry**” that supports climate advocacy of *NM Interfaith Power and Light* and hands-on work of *Tree New Mexico*. More info at: [unitedchurchofsantafe.org/creation-care](http://unitedchurchofsantafe.org/creation-care).

### Compost Collection for Creation!

Bring your compostable products to deposit anytime in the green bin (easy access from the church parking lot). Compostable garbage bags available at church. (Please **DON'T USE** standard plastic bags.) More info at: [reunitedresources.com](http://reunitedresources.com). Thanks!

### United Church of Christ Christmas Fund

Because many United Church of Christ retirees faithfully served low-income inner-city or rural congregations and/or communities of color, their pensions are very low. The UCC Christmas Fund provides emergency grants, supplemental annuities, health insurance, and Christmas “Thank You” checks for clergy and lay worker retirees in need. With inflation, that need is greater than ever. To donate, go to [unitedchurchofsantafe.org](http://unitedchurchofsantafe.org) (Donate Now) or send a check to United Church of Santa Fe (memo “Christmas Fund”).

# Adult Faith Formation



## Thank You for YOUR Pledges to **BLESSED... TO BE A BLESSING!** Campaign for United 2025

What a wonderful gift that singer, composer, pianist Ken Medema gave to United the weekend of Nov. 9/10! His music and presence reminded us of our blessings in a multitude of ways—and motivated over 120 friends and members to commit to bless the lives of others through United’s “Campaign for United 2025!” Great gratitude for all who’ve organized United’s stewardship work this fall and to all, near and far, who’ve pledged so generously. So far we’ve received 85 pledges for \$306,281. With your help, together we’ll make the **\$560,000 Challenge Goal** (and even reach the **Victory Goal of \$575,000**)! Bring your pledge card to worship, mail it USPS, or send it via email. Also please consider electronic debit/credit program. Email [unitedchurchsf@gmail.com](mailto:unitedchurchsf@gmail.com) or call (505) 988-3295 for info and forms. Thank you and thanks be to God!

### ADULT FORUMS — Sundays at 11:15 am

#### *Dec. 1 (2 opportunities)*

##### ***Christmas Wreath Making***

Ruth White, whose “passion is making wreaths,” shares that skill and passion to help other adults in the congregation make your own Christmas wreaths.

##### ***When the Holidays Are Different***

For all their joy, holidays can be challenging for those who have lost a loved one, moved to a new place, gone through a separation or divorce, or whose kids aren’t coming home this year. Take time with Talitha Arnold to reflect on such changes, get resources to help, and most of all, remember the reason for Christmas: Emmanuel, “God-with-us.”

#### ***Dec. 8 – United Compassionate Christmas Gifts: What Can We Give?***

Each year, United Church hosts our “Compassionate Christmas Gift Market” where you can purchase gifts for your loved ones that also show love for our neighbors in need and for God’s creation. (More info on the Outreach page.) This Sunday, United volunteers who work with many of the programs share what your support can do!

#### ***Dec. 15 – Blessing of the Trees and Extended Fellowship Time***

On the Joyous Sunday of Advent, bring your Christmas cookies to share in an extended fellowship time after the Service of Lessons and Carols. We’ll also go outside to “Bless the Trees” around United. It’s an ancient custom to thank the trees for their blessings of the year and pray for their safe journey through the winter.

#### ***Dec. 22 – Keeping Christmas (without losing your mind)***

On the Sunday before Christmas, take a moment to catch your breath and reflect on what’s most important to you in the coming days.

#### ***Dec. 29***

**Extended Fellowship Time**  
Bring your Christmas Goodies!

#### ***Las Posadas at United — Friday, Dec. 20 at 6:00 pm***

Share in this wonderful New Mexico tradition as we welcome the community of our “sister congregation,” Santa Maria de la Paz, for an early evening of song, prayer, and a visit from a couple of newlyweds—and good food! That night, United becomes the stable of Bethlehem to welcome both Santa Maria and United friends (and provide hospitality and refreshments). Please sign up to let us know you can help. And plan to come—all ages welcome!

#### **Memorial Gifts for Christmas Wreaths, Poinsettias, and Flowers for Congregational Care**

At Christmas, United is adorned with wreaths and poinsettias, that are then delivered to United members and friends for whom the holidays may be hard. Your contributions in honor or memory of loved ones help underwrite it all. (Suggested minimum donation: \$20/name.) Please fill out this form, return to the church or email to [unitedchurchsf@gmail.com](mailto:unitedchurchsf@gmail.com) with names of persons to be remembered or honored. We need names by **Sunday, Dec. 8.**

#### **CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS AND REMEMBRANCES**

Please bring or mail your contribution to the church office  
(1804 Arroyo Chamiso, Santa Fe, NM 87505) by **Sunday, December 8**, to be listed in bulletins.

DONOR: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person to be remembered/honored (please circle one):      In memory of      In honor of

(Please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Please make checks to “UCSF” with note for “Flowers”)

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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 that emphasizes freedom of thought and belief as well as a commitment to **“Love God, Neighbor, and Creation.”** 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!

**IN-PERSON AND LIVESTREAM WORSHIP SERVICES OFFERED**

United Church is also United (in-person and online) Church! We offer the **10:00 am Sunday service in-person** and also **livestreamed online** (access it on United’s website: [unitedchurchofsantafe.org](http://unitedchurchofsantafe.org)). We also offer an **8:30 am Contemplative Communion Service**. For indoor events, N95 masks are recommended. For more information about United’s programs, please call 505-988-3295, send an email to [unitedchurchsf@gmail.com](mailto:unitedchurchsf@gmail.com), go to our website. Thank you!