



THE CHIMES

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Happy New Year!

Winter/Spring Classes and Programs

Classes and programs for people of all ages begin on
January 6, 2018.

Look on page 3 to see a description of the adult Sunday
School class being offered.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

The Annual meeting will be held Sunday, January 27 at 11:00
a.m. in Graves Hall. Classes will not meet on this Sunday. The
meeting will be followed by our annual Souper Bowl Lunch!

Weekly Word

Weekly Word email: If you would like to receive the email David sends out each week about the upcoming Sunday, please email or call the church office and tell us to add you to the "Weekly Word" list.



Contacting the Church

If you have any questions or concerns, you may call the Church Office at **662-2971**, email us at ucoffice@unitedchurchla.org, or send us a message on Facebook.

Office hours are Monday-Friday
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

You may also reach the pastors at the office number, email, or phone numbers below:

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Upcoming Events

- 1st New Year's Day
Church Office Closed
- 6th Epiphany
Sunday School Begins
- 13th All Church Potluck
Board Meetings
- 16th Aspen Ridge Gathering
- 17th Sombrillo Worship
- 21st MLK Jr. Day
Church Office Closed
- 27th Congregational Meeting
Souper Bowl Lunch

Spring Semester 2019 Adult Education Class:
The Day the Revolution Began:
Reconsidering the Meaning of Jesus's Crucifixion
by N.T. Wright

The renowned scholar, Anglican bishop, and bestselling author widely considered to be the heir to C. S. Lewis contemplates the central event at the heart of the Christian faith—Jesus' crucifixion—arguing that the Protestant Reformation did not go far enough in transforming our understanding of its meaning.

This spring, Kara Windler will facilitate a discussion of Wright's book beginning on January 6. Copies of The Day the Revolution Began will be available in the Church Office or you can seek out a copy for your favorite e-reader.



Come and celebrate at our 2019 Souper Bowl! Taking place immediately after the Congregational Meeting on January 27th, this lunch helps raise funds for our local Food Bank, LA Cares. You're invited to bring soup, bread, and/or a salad. You can find sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall beginning on January 6th or call the Church Office.

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Or will it be? Each year of life is a journey into the **unexpected...the wilderness** as we have no idea what the surprises this New Year will bring.



...the wilderness has a way of forcing the point, of bringing to the surface whatever fears, questions, and struggles hide within. Nothing strips you down to your essential humanity and inherent dependency quite like submitting to the elements, surrendering to the wild. In the wilderness, you find out what you are made of and who your friends are. You are forced to leave behind all nonessentials, to quiet yourself and listen.” (from INSPIRED by Rachel Held Evans)

Every year is a wilderness journey with its share of beautiful surprises and rough terrain that sometimes lasts longer than we think we can take. We vaguely know it will entail both the happy and difficult times yet set off in a planned direction only to discover, “Life is what happens when you had other plans.” Detours, cliffs, pristine lakes, beautiful yet dangerous momma bears, graceful leaping deer, lovely flowered meadows may greet us. We may encounter slippery slopes and rock slides, narrow logs to walk over roaring creeks or spiny cactus to avoid with no water in sight. A journey through life at its best and its worst is awaiting us. We cannot control much of what is heading our way, *yet* **we can choose to travel through it with Confidence in our God following Jesus’ cues.**

In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. John 16:33

Jesus relied on scripture in the wilderness. Each time he was tempted he said, **“It is written.”**

Jesus is our example to follow: *“Jesus is what the living, breathing will of God looks like. This includes compassion for the poor, esteem for women, healing for the sick, and solidarity with the suffering. It means bread with the outcasts and embracing little children. It means choosing forgiveness over retribution the cross over revenge, and cooking breakfast for the friend who betrayed you.”* (Rachel Held Evans)

Jesus knew He couldn’t do things alone: **“...I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me.”** Jn 8:28b. We too are not alone.

Jesus introduced our wilderness Guide to the disciples and now us: **“the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.”** Jn 14:26

As we head into our 2019 Wilderness Journey, may we take our Guide, our Guidebook and the Love and Strength of Jesus and make a difference in this world and the lives around us. On behalf of all good, imperfect relationships, Betty Smith

WCSS NEWS

Thanks again for another successful Thrift Shop Year. The three weeks in December brought in \$4,883. The combined total of the Thrift Shop and Everything Christmas Sale was \$8,308. The WCSS Missions Budget for 2019 will be over \$60,000. The Missions Budget was presented at the Women's Potluck and will be voted on at our January Meeting on Sunday, January 20. We will meet after church in Graves Hall to discuss and vote on the Budget. If you would like a copy of the proposed budget they will be available after the 1st of the year. Please contact Jean Picard or Adda Moldt. Thanks again for all your hard work!



Men's Koffee Klatch

All men of The United Church are invited to coffee, refreshments, and fellowship! There are no lesson plans, no required or suggested topics, no devotions, no leaders, but there is a lot of fun! Hosting duties are passed around within the group. The wit and wisdom shared cover all sorts of topics and the discussions have proven extremely interesting, informative, and supportive. We laugh a lot! See you there!

Thursdays: 9:30 – 11:30 am in the CE Building Lounge.



Mission & Service Board



Young Life (a United Church mission recipient) is a non-denominational Christian ministry that reaches out to teens through volunteers, staff, club meetings, and camps. Adolescents are introduced to Jesus Christ and helped to grow in their faith. Young Life was started in Dallas, Texas, in 1941 by Presbyterian minister Jim Rayburn, and is currently based in Colorado Springs, Colorado. It operates globally as several different organizations.

Young Life (YL) was started in Los Alamos in 1976 and was run entirely by volunteers. This volunteer arrangement stopped in 1979 after the original leaders moved away from Los Alamos due to job changes. In the 1980s some of these original volunteers (Frank & Christi Gac) returned to town and the YL Committee (YLC) was rekindled. In 1988 the YLC hire Mark Henjum to be the Area Director. United Church members, Al and Millie Saxman, were part of the YLC and integrally involved in hiring Mark, who was here from 1988-1998. Mark, his wife Peggy, and their children were very active at Trinity Bible Church and at the United Church. The YL office was located at the United Church during Mark's tenure. Due to the church needing space in 1999, the YL office was moved to the Christian Church where it has been ever since. The United Church hosted the annual YL fundraiser for many years.

Irene Powell was on the YL Board for over 20 years and often worked on weekend work crews. United Church Youth Pastor Steven Mabry worked closely with Mark Henjum. The Henjums were very active in the Mexico Mission trips and many XL youths go on these trips. Jerry and Georgia Strickfaden were often involved in the YL annual fundraisers that were held at the United Church. Randy and Laura Erickson have been involved with YL in a supportive role. Jason Puckett was active in YL while in high school and went to YL camp in Russia the summer of 1989 before the Wall came down.

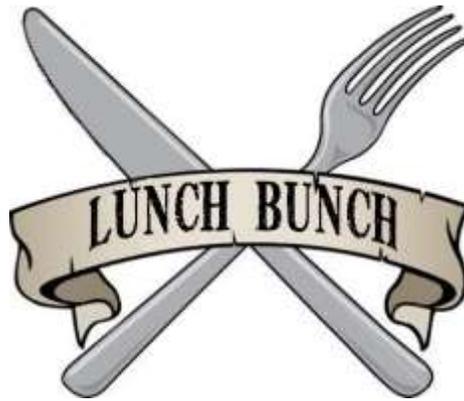
Currently in Los Alamos the only paid staff is Ryan Gilbert; volunteer adult leaders and teen mentors make a big difference. High school and middle school clubs meet weekly. The United Church Mission contact is Irene Powell (662-5877).



Many thanks to the walkers and runners and all who sponsored them for the November 18th CROP Hunger Walk for Church World Services and LA Cares. Our church family alone raised \$1,834! 25% of what was raised comes back to LA Cares to help those in need with food, utilities, and rent.

Nancy Bliss and her very enthusiastic Sunday School class deserve a huge Thank You for decorating and handing out grocery bags to our church congregation. The generosity of our United Church Family is overwhelming and very appreciated!!! Thank you very much!!!

LA Cares food distribution is on the 2nd Friday of every month, and the Thursday night before, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Anyone interested in seeing how our distribution is set up can come on the Thursday before the 2nd Friday, when we pack the boxes for each family (usually 70-80 or more boxes). We can always use more volunteers to pack boxes and do deliveries (we make about 14-20 deliveries each month on that 2nd Friday). If interested, please contact Jeanne Butler (LA Cares Board Member & Food Pantry Coordinator) at 662-6670 or 412-3631.



Lunch Bunch Callers for January:

Vivien Chen, Nancy Nunnelley, Chris Sierk,
Corine Christman, Leslie Puckett,
Carol Brown, & Emily Engel



Friday Morning Women's Bible Study

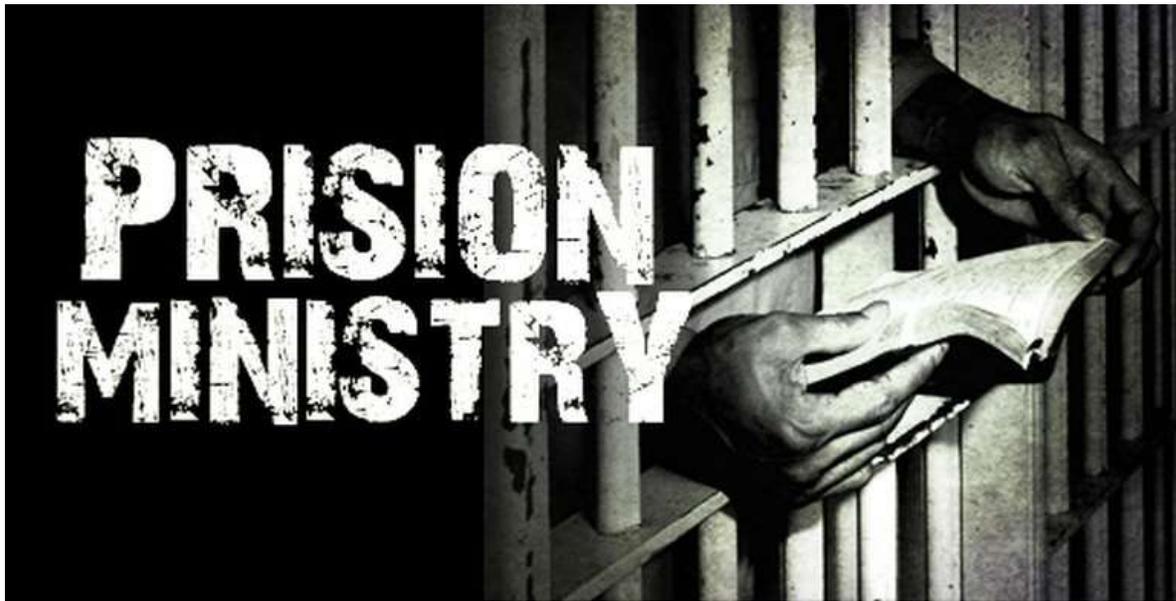
@White Rock Presbyterian Church, Fridays 10am – Noon
We are largely comprised of women of the United Church
and are all welcome.

We spend time each week in study and, equally as important, in
fellowship and prayer.



For more information, please contact:

Kara Winder at the Church Office



The Missions Board would like to remind everyone that the following items are needed and being collected for Prison Ministries: Religious books, cards, calendars, Bibles, note books (not spiral-bound). A box will be available in Fellowship Hall to collect these items.

Janet Hall is the contact.



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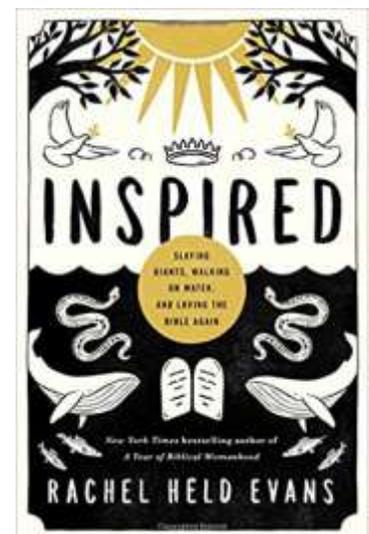
All women of the church and their friends are welcome to attend this group. The books for discussion are selected by the group.

The group is currently reading "Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible again" by Rachel Held Evans.

Monday Mornings:

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

In the CE Lounge



Happy Birthday!



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| Bob Hilko | 05 | Ross Lemons | 14 | Jillian Puckett | 21 |
| Monica Johnson | 07 | Harry Clifford | 15 | Tony Cecil | 21 |
| Hanna Little | 09 | Jim Goforth | 15 | Jas Mercer-Smith | 22 |
| Quinn Girrens | 10 | Heather Jones | 16 | Murlin Nutter | 23 |
| Linda Lambert | 11 | Maria Jones | 17 | Jacqueline Cooke | 29 |
| Pat Slentz | 11 | Sierra Foley | 19 | John Dermer | 31 |



Please continue to hold these persons in your prayers during the month of January.

Xander Rigg ~ Lesley Olsher ~ Carol Sierk

Jane Phillips ~ Ruth Lier ~ Albert Romero

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Subject to Change

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