



# THE CHIMES

The United Church of Los Alamos

*United in our Faith Journeys*



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## MONDAY NIGHT @ THE PIT RETURNS JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup>!



Please contact a member of the M&E Board if you'd like to volunteer to help!



## 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](mailto: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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**JUNE**

### Upcoming Events

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday Night @ the Pit Begins
- 9<sup>th</sup> All Church Potluck Board Meetings
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Staff Retreat
- 12<sup>th</sup> Church Office Closed
- 16<sup>th</sup> Father’s Day
- 19<sup>th</sup> Aspen Ridge Gathering
- 20<sup>th</sup> Sombrillo Worship
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Outdoor Worship Service

# From the Pastor

It's a curious thing that we only allocate one Sunday to celebrate Pentecost in our tradition. That means that's the only Sunday—unless there's an ordination/installation service for a pastor—when the liturgical color red is seen throughout the sanctuary. This month Pentecost will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of June (June 9<sup>th</sup>). It's also a little disappointing that sometimes we go through a whole year reading only one or two passages from the Book of Acts—usually only the Pentecost account in Acts 2.

Well, I'm going to remedy that this year. We will read passages from the Book of Acts each of the five Sundays throughout June. Although five readings is not enough to come anywhere close to covering the 28 chapters of Acts, maybe it will allure us to read the whole book at home. I would like to write more about this rich and exciting book that witnesses to the earliest New Testament churches, but I'll sprinkle that in each Sunday this month. So buckle up and hang on to your hats— it's going to be an exciting ride!

Grace and peace,  
*David*

## Sunday Texts in June

June 2	Acts 1:6-11, 21-26
June 9	Acts 2:1-21
June 16	Acts 9:1-19
June 23	Acts 16:1-2, 6-15
June 30	Acts 17:21-31

*Summer is a great time to share things that can bring you closer to one another.*

Recently Roger and I escaped our too-busy life to go for our first time to Las Vegas. We drove the northern route and saw mesa, mountain and canyon sights that kept us in awe. Not being gamblers, our good memories came from sharing great magic shows, the hilarious musical Blue Man Group, tasting food and exploring all the interesting buildings. It was all fun, yet it was being truly *with* Roger that made the memories best. Even the smallest thing shared was special.



Two weeks later I insisted Roger go to the ER and he was admitted to the hospital for blood clots in his lungs. Doctors and nurses told us he was lucky I brought him in. We were very fortunate...very, very fortunate. This scare makes our time in Vegas all the more a precious gift of closeness.



*It is so easy to get caught up in life and not focus on our loved ones, and it is not possible, or necessary, to just stop life. We need to put aside time intentionally to truly be together.*

Trips do not guarantee closeness if we allow too many sites to see, too many relatives to appease, too much...you name it, to keep us from focusing on each other. We could come home needing a vacation from our vacation. In the midst of all that Vegas offered, *the gift was time shared, truly BEING with each other.*



Mini-“vacations” from life, have also brought closeness in our relationship. Walking to the movie theatre, getting out and exploring nature, enjoying a tasty treat, even just sitting in the backyard can be ways to let go of life and be together.



We don't know what is next in life. During the Last Supper Jesus' disciples did not think their beloved teacher would die so soon. After the joy of his resurrection, the Upper Room meal was probably looked back at as an amazing memory. Jesus had focused on them, washed their feet, shared the wine and the bread, tried to prepare them for what was to come. Jesus knew he was going to die and gave his last moments to his friends, some who could not stay awake for him they were so unaware of what was next.

Uncertainty is certain. Life happens when we had other plans. Yet we can **make the moments we do have with loved ones and others meaningful**. Caring about people as individuals can make such a difference. As summer begins we have chances to *see our loved ones as central* and the summer activities as a back drop. NOW is the TIME YOU HAVE WITH THEM.

On behalf of good imperfect relationships, Betty Smith

# Mission & Service Board

## JUNE MISSION UPDATE

As the basis or focus in support of all our missions is the Bible, the Word of God, it is significant, I felt to report on a news item from the Roses (Malaysia). As Frederick Buechner, the great Christian writer, states: “The Bible is usually very universal and makes you want to see something--some image to imagine it by. ‘The Light shines in the darkness’... but the imagery of John is based rather on sound than on sight. It is a Word you hear breaking through the unimaginable silence--a creating word, a word that stirs life and is life, because it is God’s word.”

In the March “Chimes,” I wrote a short article about Louis and Karen Rose, the Wycliff translators in Malaysia, and their attempts to record their New Testament to the “Kimaragang Community in Sbah, Malaysia, in the dialect of that area. Louis Rose asked the local people to participate in this recording, but was disappointed in that the individual he hoped would take the role of Jesus never responded. However, recently, a man named Thomas did. Specifically, Father Thomas (who had given spiritual leadership to other recordings several years ago) eagerly volunteered. Father Thomas is Kimaragang and joined the project, feeling the Lord leading him to audition for the role of Jesus, and indicating his willingness to commit to two solid weeks of recording. This was truly an answer to the Roses’ prayers.

In his e-mail to Betty Nance Smith, Louis indicated that every denomination had a voice in the recording except the Roman Catholic church. Father Thomas, as the voice of Jesus, would encourage Catholics (as well as Protestants) to use this recording. Furthermore, he had the experience, based on his being a part of past recordings. The team doing this work has already had a very fruitful week of recording and are continuing without a break.

Louis noted that they hope to complete the project by the first week in June. He is grateful for the prayers focused on this endeavor, asking that we continue to do so until a good recording of the New Testament is finished and can be disseminated throughout the villages.

Alice Mutschlechner  
Missions and Service Board

The United Church's annual  
Outdoor Worship Service!



Sunday, June 23rd at 9:30am

(no 8 am service that morning)



Do you have a musical talent you would like to share with our congregation this summer? If you would like to provide a solo, duet, or be part of an ensemble (vocal or instrumental) providing special music for Sunday worship, please call the Director of Music Ministries, Suzanne Johnson, at 662-2971 or 662-7987.

The Los Alamos Faith and Science Forum invites you to its **Summer 2019 seminar series**, for supper, presentation, and conversation  
[www.lafsf.org](http://www.lafsf.org)

# Are you a robot?

## BRAIN, MIND, SOUL



6 PM Wednesday  
 June 5, 12, 19, 26  
 July 17, 24, 31  
 7 PM Wed-Thurs 10-11 July

Los Alamos Unitarian Church  
 1738 N Sage Loop  
 Los Alamos, NM

### Schedule

#### **Are You a Robot? Brain, Mind, Soul** **Los Alamos Faith and Science Forum**

Location: Unitarian Church of Los Alamos, 1738 N Sage Loop, Los Alamos, NM

All dates are Wednesdays unless otherwise specified.

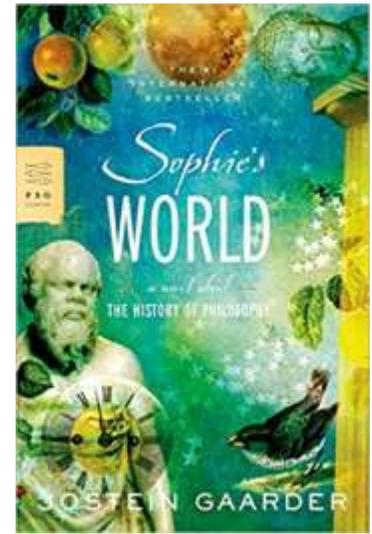
All times are 6 PM, except 7 PM for July 10-11.

June 5	<i>Are You a Robot? The Questions</i> – Bob Reinovsky
June 12	<i>Consciousness: Material or Immaterial?</i> – Chick Keller
June 19	<i>Neuroplasticity: How the Mind Changes the Brain</i> – Nels Hoffman
June 26	<i>Neuroscience and Emotions</i> – Bob Fuselier
July 3	— No meeting this week —
July 10	<i>Did My Neurons Make Me Do It?</i> – Prof. Warren Brown, Fuller Theological Seminary
July 11 (Thursday)	<i>Contextualizing Neuroscience: The Boundaries of Human Intelligence</i> – Prof. Warren Brown, Fuller Theological Seminary
July 17	<i>The Emperor Has No Brain: The reality of AI and the illusion of intelligence</i> – LANL researcher Garrett Kenyon
July 24	<i>Evil: Is Anyone Responsible?</i> – Gerry Wood
July 31	<i>Miracles: Divine Free Will</i> – Dan Winske

## Monday Morning Women's Book Study

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

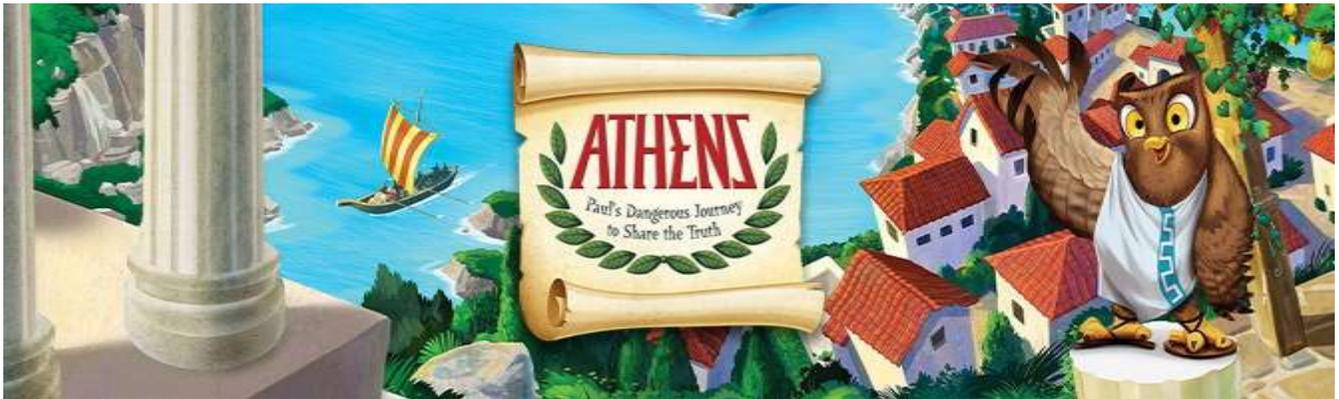
The group is currently reading "Sophie's World: The History of Philosophy" by Jostein Gaarder.



**Monday Mornings:**

**11:00 am – 12:30 pm**

**In the CE Lounge**



# VBS - SAVE THE DATE

**Coming Each Sunday in August,  
beginning August 4<sup>th</sup>**

**11:15am-12:15pm Craig Hall**

**Ages 4 years to 6<sup>th</sup> grade**



John Puckett	01	Susie Feiertag	09	Myrna McDonald	20
Ivars Henins	02	Betsy Grindstaff	09	Tanner Johnson	21
Terry FitzPatrick	03	AJ Schmierer	09	Kyle Jerkatis	25
John Worley	04	John Bliss	10	Joann Brown	26
Dan Rusthoi	05	Paul Cyre	14	Danny Brandt	28
Garth Reader	07	Jim Howard	19	Lori Rigg	30
Ron Strong	07	Tom McDonald	19	Ashley Schiedicke	30



# PRAYERS



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

Jeanne Butler ~ Lesley Olsher ~ Carol Brown ~ Carol Sierk

Kim Brasher ~ Aaron Martinez ~ John Rebstock

# 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.



## **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.

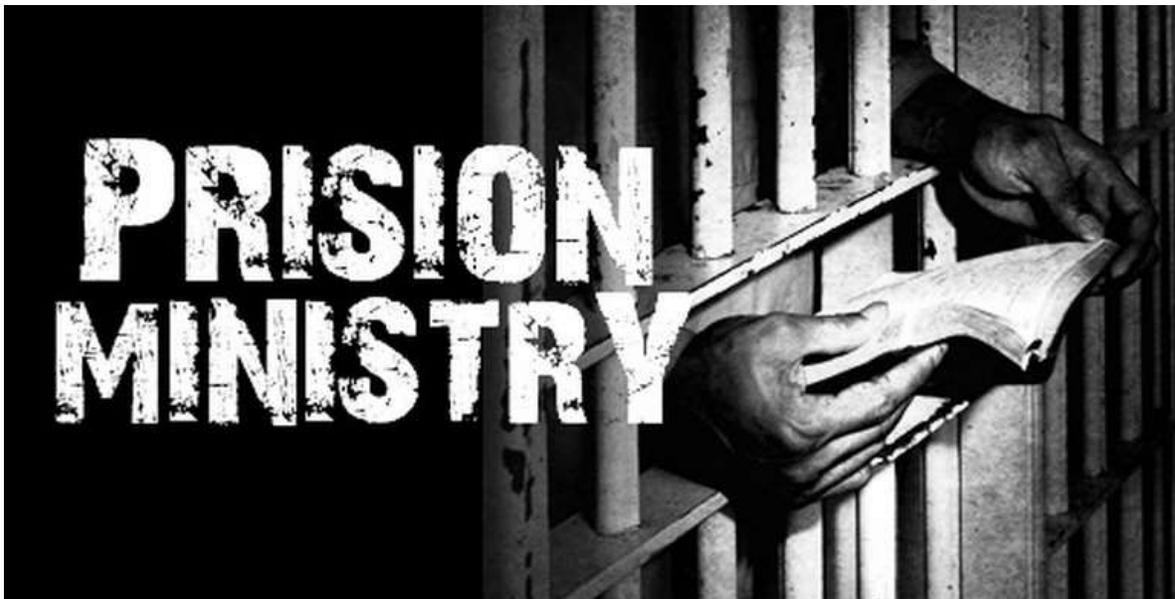


For more information, please contact:

Kara Winder at the Church Office

## Lunch Bunch Callers for June:

Nancy Nunnelley, Sandra Tolmie,  
Zena Thomas, Leslie Puckett, Myrna  
Strong, Marge Lewis, & Vivien Chen



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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1005 Yale Blvd. NE - Albuquerque, NM 87106  
505-246-2700 - Fax: 505-277-9876

March 5, 2019

Women's Christian Service Society of the United Church of Los Alamos  
2525 Canyon Road  
Los Alamos, NM 87544

Dear friends of the Women's Christian Service Society of the United Church of Los Alamos:

Casa Esperanza is open for business! Thanks to donors like yourself, we are reaching our goal of a full house at 28 families. These families desperately need a place to stay while they undergo medical treatment. Your support helps to keep the doors open to this healing space.

After the flood, the one thing Casa Esperanza discovered throughout the rebuilding process is how blessed we are to have support from people like you. The Casa Esperanza community continues to come forward with prayers and support from all over the country.

Casa Esperanza is back because of you, and we cannot thank you enough for your exceptionally generous donation of \$2000!

In Gratitude,

Mary Spring  
Development Director  
mspring@casanm.org

P.S. Remember, you are always invited to come on a tour. We welcome you to see first-hand our special home.

Casa Esperanza is an exempt organization as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Casa Esperanza - New Mexico's "House of Hope" supporting families facing cancer and other serious medical needs  
For more information visit CasaNM.org · Tax ID# 85-0356946

# June 2019

Subject to Change

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