

We Are Here For You

The staff of UUMC wants you to know that even though we have limited office hours during the week, we are still open and here for you. We encourage phone calls and emails to keep in touch, but we are available. We are working through these unprecedented times together and doing the best we can while still keeping each other safe. Most of us are working from home at this time and are still checking our phones and emails throughout the day.

Please know that some groups are still meeting remotely, and we encourage you to join them. If you are unsure who to contact, please call or email the office and we will get you in touch with the proper person. Please reach out if you need us and we will be there to help.

Cross Connections Bible Study—Thursday @6pm

Led by Pastors George and Heike Miller

UMW Circles—Various times

If you would like to get involved in one of the circles, please contact the office

Explorer Sunday School—Sundays @ 9:15am

Led by Jill Smith as they begin their new Advent study on Sunday, December 13th.

Youth Group—Tuesdays @5:30pm

Led by Tracy Esslinger and Rosanna Geiger

High School Connect Group—Wednesdays @6pm

Led by Tracy Esslinger and Rosanna Geiger

Worship Services—Sundays & Wednesdays

Sunday-outside on the south lawn

8:30am Traditional Worship & Online Worship

9:45am Journey Service

11:00am Traditional Worship

Wednesday

8:00am Morning Prayer in the garden

12:00pm Mid-Day Worship in the sanctuary

(The Wednesday Services will not meet on Dec. 23rd or Dec. 30th due to the holidays.)

Office Hours

Due to the most recent changes in the public health order in the state of NM, if you have a need from the church please call (575-522-8220) or e-mail (info@uumc-lc.org) the office first to see if your business can be handled remotely. We will be limiting the office & church building to essential personnel only at this time.

If your group is meeting by Zoom, please let the office know so that we can get the word out. We can also help set up your Zoom meetings if needed.

Attendance & Giving

11/29 8:30am Outdoor Service: 30
11/29 9:45am Journey Service: 13
11/29 11:00am Outdoor Service: 49
11/29 Online Service Views: 341
12/02 Wednesday Services: 16
11/29 General Giving: \$5,452.83
11/29 Total Giving: \$8,162.83
YTD General Giving: \$187,053.49
YTD Budget: \$184,076.38



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Congregational Care Hotline (575) 640-9907 (*not an emergency response line)

Job Announcement: Coordinator of Afterschool Ministries

This part-time position serves the church by: 1) planning and organizing afterschool programs and ministry opportunities for children, especially those in Kinder -5th grade 2) recruiting, training, supporting, and coordinating lay persons (teachers, volunteers, chaperones, etc.) who are serving in these ministry areas, 3) supervising, training, and evaluating Group Leader Interns and 4) collaborating with other staff, church families, and laity leadership to develop new programs and ministry opportunities in these areas. To view the entire job description and for information on how to apply, please visit the church website at <http://uumc-lc.org/job-opportunities/>

Afterschool in the Garden



Melly Locke teaching a lesson on the different types of seeds in our garden.



Group leader Adam Pierce and NMSU Intern Curston Blanton work with the 2nd-5th grade class planting seeds.

Upcoming Church Events

Sunday, December 13th
Return Angel Tree Gifts
Thursday, Dec. 24th @4pm
Christmas Eve Service
Thursday, Dec. 31st Online
New Year's Eve Service

*Mark your calendars. More details to come!

Stay Connected with UUMC

*Call the church office or text UUMC to the number 84576 to join text alerts to stay up to date.

*Call the church office or visit our website to sign up for the UUMC E-Newsletter.



Order of Worship

Preparatory Music

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Candle

† Hymn #246 v.1 *Joy to the World*

† Hymn #234 v. 1 & 3 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

† Affirmation of Faith #882

Prayers of the People

Musical Offering

Scripture Reading Mark 1:1-8

Sermon Rev. Dr. Heike Miller

Service of Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

† Hymn #397 v. 3 & 4 *I Need Thee Every Hour*

† Benediction

Postlude Music

† Please stand as you are able

Next Week's Scriptures:

John 1:6-8, 19-28

We continue to lift up these first responders and frontline workers in prayer:

Dr. David Peters & Family
Kelsey Neumann
Debi Joyce
Susan Chaffin
Leslie Bumgarner
Terri Kidd
Dr. Brian Clark
Dr. Shelly Clark
Ben Thomas
Dr. Srirengam Murali-
dhasan (aka Dr. Murali)
Robert Harrison
Dr. Linda Lacy

Dr. Rachel Walker
John S. Townsend, IV, MD.
Miguel Bernardo
Sarah Christmas
Tyler Hunt
Alyziah Gregor
Justin Rice
Adrienne Oden
Emerson Oden
Bennett Oden
Dr. Phil Owen
Kara Stockton
Kim Williams
Dr. Amanda Sollars
George Gates Jr.
Tammy Gates
Carla Walker

Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the
Holy Spirit,
Born of the virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and
was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
Is seated at the right hand
of the Father,
And will come again
to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body
And the life everlasting. Amen.

8:30 AM OUTDOOR SERVICE
9:45 AM JOURNEY SERVICE
11:00 AM OUTDOOR SERVICE

97.7
F.M.

Tune in on your car radio to
hear live from the parking lot



Are you in the mood for some holiday baking? Our preschool, Bright Beginnings Learning Center, has cookie dough for sale as a fundraiser. There are several kinds available including snickerdoodle, white macadamia nut, and more! The dough is frozen and packaged in tubs that make about 40 cookies. The dough can easily be thawed and refrozen, making it convenient to make small batches. Please call the church office to arrange for pickup if you would like to purchase. The cookie dough is \$10 per tub.

To see a video of the "In the Neighborhood" Celebration, please visit: <https://youtu.be/nQnLfenPamc> or look for the link in the E-Newsletter.



Congregational Care Update

By Trudy Routh

It has been said many, many times that UUMC is a "praying church". Indeed, we are! And, there is another descriptive word we could add when talking about our church..."caring"! We even have a team equipped to do just that – our Congregational Care Team. This group is made up of 13 dedicated and committed people who call on our elderly members in care facilities, those who are suffering from illness and/or those who just need a little encouragement, such as our first responders and healthcare professionals. During this pandemic, our contacts have been somewhat limited, but the team has been diligent in sending out uplifting cards and reaching out to people by phone. If you know of someone within our church body who could use a call from a friendly voice, or a written, cheerful note, please contact the church office and our care team will be notified. If you are looking for an area of ministry and feel the care team would be a fit and something you would like to be a part of, please let the office staff know (575-522-8220).



What's Cooking?

A Report from El Caldito Soup Kitchen



We had 12 volunteers from UUMC help at the soup kitchen last Tuesday. They were able



to help serve 185 people. If you would like to volunteer for this ministry, we are scheduled for the 1st Tuesday of each month.