

## Upcoming Worship Schedule

Wednesdays:

Mid-week services will resume January 6th

Sundays:

8:30am (Online & In-person; south lot)

9:45am (In-person; south lot)

11am (In-person; south lot)

Christmas Eve: December 24th

4:00pm (Online & In-person; south lot)

New Year's Eve: December 31st

4:00pm (Online)

## Groups Meeting

### Remotely by Zoom:

Cross Connections Bible Study—Thursday @6pm

Led by Pastors George and Heike Miller

Will resume January 7th

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 studying the book "Incarnation" by Adam Hamilton

Youth Group—Tuesdays @5:30pm

Led by Tracy Esslinger and Rosanna Geiger

High School Connect Group—Wed. @5:30pm

Led by Tracy Esslinger and Rosanna Geiger

## Advent Coffee 2020

This past Tuesday, Pastor Heike hosted our first ever "Advent Coffee" via zoom. We shared some favorite holiday memories & recipes, and sang some Christmas carols.



## Office Hours

Under the current phase of operations as outlined in our UUMC reopening plan, we will be limiting the office & church building to essential personnel. 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. PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE IF WE DON'T ANSWER.

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

12/13 8:30am Outdoor Service: 33  
 12/13 9:45am Journey Service: 14  
 12/13 11:00am Outdoor Service: 46  
 12/13 Online Service Views: 326  
 12/16 Wednesday Services: 14  
 12/13 General Giving: \$16,586.07  
 12/13 Total Giving: \$17,158.07  
 YTD General Giving: \$203,639.56  
 YTD Budget: \$196,018.65



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

## Angel Tree Gifts Delivered

On Tuesday, Glenda Donart, Tracy Esslinger, and Dean Davis were able to deliver gifts to University Hills Elementary School for 50 students.

Pastor Heike said a blessing over the gifts and those that will receive them before we loaded up and drove them across the street to the school. The gifts were received by Ginger McGuirk, counselor at UHES, and Gavien Barela.

Thank you to all of those that helped spread this joy and love around our neighborhood.



## Upcoming Church Events

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 #240 v. 1 & 3      *Hark! The Herald  
Angels Sing*

† Hymn #238 Refrain      *Angels We Have  
Heard on High*

† Affirmation of Faith      #882

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Musical Offering

Scripture Reading      Luke 1:26-38

Sermon      Rev. Dr. Heike Miller

† Hymn #340 v. 1 & 2      *Come, Ye Sinners,  
Poor and Needy*

† Benediction

Postlude Music

† Please stand as you are able

### Next Week's Scriptures:

Luke 2:22-40

**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

## Affirmation of Faith

#882

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 Pi-  
late,

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.



## Luminarias for Christmas Eve

Volunteers prepared over 300 luminarias to be placed and lighted around our church on Christmas Eve. The luminaria tradition has a long history in New Mexico which is steeped in religious and cultural significance.

Chinese paper lanterns found their way to New Mexico from the Philippines in the 18th century via Manila galleons and then along El Camino Real. The paper was so fragile that outdoor use was rare. When paper bags arrived on the Santa Fe Trail after the Civil War, locals found they could fold down the tops, anchor them with a few handfuls of sand and set a small candle inside. When used in Christmas celebrations it is believed the little lanterns will guide the spirit of the Christ child to people's homes. May this tradition bring you light and peace this Christmas.

*I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. John 8:12*

## Worship With Us From Your Car



We meet outside for worship every Sunday at 8:30, 9:45, and 11:00am. We know it is starting to get cold on those early mornings. We would love for you to join us in person from the comfort of your own car. Our ushers will help you find the perfect spot to park if you would like to worship from your car. Tune your radio to 97.7 FM to hear everything going on

from the south end of our building. Of course, you are still welcome to bring your lawn chair (and a blanket if you need it!) and join us outside. We will continue to offer an online worship service each week on our Youtube channel and the church's website at [uumc-lc.org/sermon](http://uumc-lc.org/sermon).



## Christmas Eve Service Announcement

We have put a priority on everyone's health and wellbeing and are trying to balance that with Worship, Church and community. Because of the COVID 19 pandemic guidelines, we are adjusting our outdoor service to accommodate increased attendance. There will be parking where we expect many may remain in their vehicles and listen to (FM 97.7) and see the service at its current location outside fellowship hall. The seating arrangement will be set up for couples but that does not mean that if you are with your family that you cannot sit together, just adjust the chairs. We will be putting out the seating so we can have better control of social distancing and numbers during this event. Please be patient and follow directions from ushers to help facilitate arrival at the service and safety for everyone. If you have recently traveled out of state or are especially at risk, we ask that if you do attend the service that you remain in your vehicle, although for everyone's wellbeing you may choose to watch from home. We are blessed to continue to worship together from the seating area, our cars, or our homes.