

Week At A Glance

Monday, March 22nd

2:30pm After School Program
6:00pm Sister in Faith Emmaus Group
6:00pm Fishers of Men Emmaus Group
7:30pm Radical Ringers Rehearsal

Tuesday, March 23rd

2:00pm Prayer Shawl Stitchers
2:30pm After School Program
5:30pm Youth Group via Zoom
6:00pm Stephen Ministers

Wednesday, March 24th

8:00am Prayer in the Garden
9:30am Upper Room Prayer Group
12:00pm Mid-Day Worship Service
2:30pm After School Program
4:00pm Boys Basketball

Thursday, March 25th

2:30pm After School Program
4:00pm Robotics

Sunday, March 28th - Palm Sunday

8:30am Traditional Outdoor Worship Service
9:30am Explorer's Sunday School Class
Room B
9:30am Seeker's Sunday School Class
Room 7
9:45am Sonshine Sunday School Class
Room 6
9:45am Young Adult Lenten Study
Room A
9:45am Journey Outdoor Worship Service
11:00am Traditional Outdoor Worship Service
4:00pm Youth Group
5:00pm Youth Bell Rehearsal
5:30pm Journey Bible Study
5:30pm High School Connect Group

Plans for UUMC

We have made it through a very long year! We are excited that starting April 11th, we are making plans to move at least one service indoors on Sunday mornings. We are currently hosting small groups of less than 10 people indoors during normal office hours.

Attendance & Giving

03/14 8:30 Service: 38
03/14 9:45 Service: 13
03/14 11:00 Service: 29
03/14 Online Service Views: 153
03/17 Wednesday Services: 18
03/14 Total Giving: \$6,319.33
03/14 General Fund Giving: \$4,880.01
YTD General Fund Giving: \$352,396.02
YTD General Fund Budget: \$340,762.55

Your Friendly UUMC Staff



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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday:
9am - Noon, 1pm-4pm
Friday:
9am - Noon

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...so that all people may come to know Christ, grow in Christ, and show Christ's love



March 21st, 2021



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We are hiring a choir director! To see the entire announcement or to apply, please visit <http://uumc-lc.org/indeed-jobs/d1545b29cf908cb9af16/choir-director/>
Position Summary: The Choir Director is responsible to the pastor for the administration of the music program as it pertains to the choir(s) and potentially to other organized musical performances and events. Specifically, the Choir Director serves the church by 1) providing leadership and vision for the contributions of the choir(s) to the music ministry of the church, 2) participating in the design and implementation of various music "styles" of corporate worship services, i.e. traditional, contemporary, etc., and 3) leading choir members to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. The Choir Director conducts weekly re-

hearsals with the church choir(s), meets weekly with the pastor and other staff to plan worship services and select weekly and seasonal/special services pieces, leads congregational singing in worship services, and engages the congregation to support music ministries. In addition, the Choir Director will lead the choir(s) in providing music for special events and holiday services (e.g. Christmas, Easter, etc.)

After-school Volunteers Needed

Do you love working with kids? We are looking for volunteers to serve in the garden, teach crafts, read at story time, substitute for other volunteers, and be "roamers" for Safe Sanctuary. You can help one time, once a week, once a month, or however often you are available. Must complete background check and Safe Sanctuary training. Please contact Tracy Esslinger at tracy@uumc-lc.org.

Order of Worship

Preparatory Music
 Welcome
 Ministry Moment
 † Hymn #133 v. 1-3 *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*
 † Affirmation of Faith #882
 Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer
 Musical Offering
 Scripture Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34
 Sermon Rev. Dr. Heike Miller
 † Hymn #127 v. 1,3 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*
 † Benediction
 † Hymn of Going Forth *As We Go*
 Postlude Music

† Please stand as you are able

Next Week's Scriptures:
 Mark 11:1-11



Easter Candy Collection

We are collecting candy to use for After-school, Sunday children's kits, Mobile Food Pantry, and a small Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday. Please drop off candy donations during normal office hours.

Monday- Thursday: 9am - Noon, 1pm-4pm
 Friday: 9am - Noon

To avoid any potential allergic reactions, this is a list of "safe" candy to include:

Dots	Ring Pops
Saf-T Pops	Skittles
Smarties	Sour Patch Kids
Starburst	Dum-dums

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.



On Sunday mornings, please use the entrance north of the fellowship hall to gain access to the restrooms. (The south fellowship hall door entrance should be left clear for worship participants and equipment.)

Camp Hope Ministry



On Saturday (March 13) the Camp Hope Ministry Team prepared and served a ham dinner to the 50 residents at Camp Hope.



We will have games, crafts, an egg hunt and a special children's message in the garden during the 11:00 outdoor service on Easter Sunday. Please bring your children to the north end of the garden for check-in between 10:45-11:00 AM and pick up after service. All Covid-safe practices will be in place: please have your child wear a mask.



In The Neighborhood



When discussing the purpose of the "In the Neighborhood Initiative", some questions have been asked. "Why are we focused so much on our physical neighborhood here near the church property, when in comparison there is much more trouble in the world?"

As you know about endowments, only the money from the interest may be used on programs that the endowment was set up for. This matching endowment was started with its focus on the neighborhood community surrounding UUMC. By looking at the statistics of the surrounding neighborhood, we learned that the area is made up of low income, single parent, and few higher educated families.

So many of our congregation need to be acknowledged as having a primary role in making the "In the Neighborhood Initiative" possible. The Carruthers family kicked off this program with a \$100,000 matching grant to be focused on home grown initiatives. Governor Carruthers and his wife both came from humble beginnings, but through programs offered locally, they were able to attend college and embark on careers which have positively impacted many citizens in New Mexico and the United States. Thus, their wish to focus the efforts of the In the Neighborhood Initiative close to home are envisioned as bearing fruit that will enrich lives far beyond the physical boundaries identified by the task force.

As the task force, we want to acknowledge all of you who helped match the \$100,000 endowment. Your unselfish and generous contributions are what has made a project of this scope even possible. Thank you so much to the Carruthers family and thank you so much to the many others who supported and continue to assist this important initiative.

As always, any questions you have regarding the In the Neighborhood Initiative may be directed to Pastor Heike, or the steering committee co-chairs, Shelly Stovall (sstovall@nmsu.edu) or Carol Owensby (panddmom@gmail.com). You may also continue to leave comments on the In The Neighborhood Initiative page on the church website using the form link posted there.