



May 2017, Newsletter  
 First Christian Church of Santa Fe (Disciples of Christ)



Join Us in Worship every Sunday at 10:30 AM

**MISSION STATEMENT:** In communion with Christ and with the world, First Christian Church serves God by building spiritual bridges between people. Inspired by Christ and the Spirit, we plant seeds of caring in the world, using gifts of music, active service, teaching and openness. United in Holy Faith, individuals work together to create a unique way of sharing faith.

**SHELTER NOW!**  
**SPECIAL OFFERING**  
 In May

Our special May offering will go to ;YouthWorks!, a nonprofit, community-based organization that creates opportunities for “disconnected” youth to become engaged and valued members of their communities. The organization has created a project titled *SHELTER NOW* to raise funds for a permanent shelter for the homeless youth from age 18-24, who can not go to other shelters because they either are not appropriate for them or they aged out. First Christian Church hosted a group of ;YouthWorks! young adults for a week in March. We ask that you prayerfully consider a contribution to this special effort to assist the youth of our community.



**SUNDAY**  
**MAY 21**  
**GUEST**  
**MINISTER**  
**Rev. Katie**  
**Hays**

We welcome to the pulpit, Rev. Katie Hayes, successful evangelist and founder-pastor of Galileo Christian Church in Mansfield, Texas.

There will be a potluck lunch after worship. Plan to stay for good food, wonderful fellowship and conversation with Rev. Hays about her innovative evangelism process in Texas. Her experiences may inform our process here in Santa Fe. **Please join us!!**

Call or email Nancy Scheer about what you plan to bring to the potluck: 473-9897  
[nscheer@cowboys.uwyo.edu](mailto:nscheer@cowboys.uwyo.edu).



**Memorial Day—May 29th**

## *From the Pastor*

We recently saw the Turkish film *Kedi*: a beautiful, lush love letter to Istanbul - to the cats and people, to the waters and wild spaces amidst the old buildings. The film is an ode to the possibility of the coexistence of life. It has an ethic and aesthetic of paying attention, of taking care of those in our lives: human beings, non-human beings. During the film, we follow 7 particular street cats, and the humans who interact with them.

The way we interact with others, including creatures and creation, shows a lot about us as human beings. What and who do we see as worthy of our attention and respect? What kind of care are we cultivating for the creatures big and small whose lives intersect with our own?

Woven throughout the film is concern expressed by the humans about the brutal knocking down of old neighborhoods and wild abandoned lots with trees and weeds and gardens to make way for modern high-rises.

Native activist and writer Winona LaDuke, writes in the introduction to her book, *All Our Relations*: “The question of who gets to determine the destiny of the land, and of the people who live on it - those with the money or those who pray on the land - is a question that is alive throughout society.”

Living as people of the Resurrection, living into what it means and looks like and feels like to co-create new life in the midst of the mechanisms of death, means that we abide with the Risen Christ in a space of profound attention, of profound knowing and loving with no particular agenda but to pay attention to the ways of other creatures and people and things. To pay attention is a form of prayer.

As we learn to pay attention to the land, to the creatures, to our neighbors, we are learning how to live Resurrection in the subtle movement of life and the loving acts of resistance that Christ teaches.





## **JUNE 4: PENTECOST**

As we continue to grow in the presence of the Risen Christ, we transition through the season of Easter and into Pentecost. Pentecost is a celebration of the power of the Holy Spirit alive in the church, empowering us to do new things in unique, creative, diverse, world-changing ways. In the scriptures, we learn that the death of Jesus and the oppression of the government have left the disciples in a state of incredible loss, fear, trauma. They don't know what their movement will become. Through the presence of the Risen Christ and the power of the Spirit of Love - they are transformed. We must not stay in a space of fear or paralysis, but rather open ourselves to transformation in Love, believing we will do incredible new things together through that power of Life and Love.



Many of our members, listed below, are traveling, or will be soon. We pray that everyone has safe travels and a wonderful vacation!

Bob Cady  
Ed Bethel  
Catherine & Craig Borner  
Neil Curran



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## **2017 General Assembly**

of the Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)

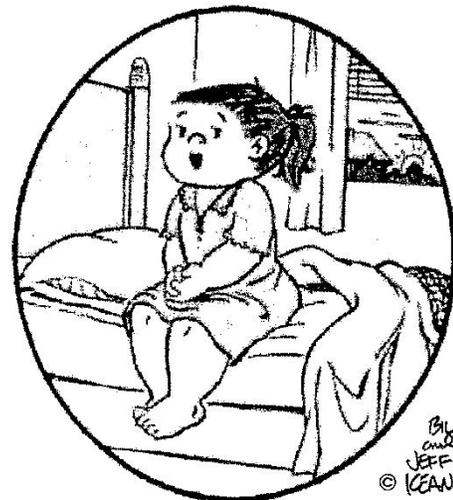
**July 8-12, 2017**

**Indianapolis, Indiana**

Its not too late to register!

[www.disciples.org](http://www.disciples.org)

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil and Jeff Keane



"I want this to be a good day, Mommy. Is this the right side of the bed for me to get up on?"

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## CONTACTING the PASTOR:

**Church Phone:** 505-983-3433 (checked daily, Sunday-Thursday)

**Email:**

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(checked daily, Sunday-Thursday)

**Drop-in office hours:** Thursdays 9 am-12 pm or call/email to make an appointment anytime



### Service Schedule

Date	Elder	Deacon
May 21	Ed Bethel	Anita Hett
May 28	no elder	Neil Curran
Jun. 4	Nancy Scheer	Craig Borner
Jun. 11	Ed Bethel	Anita Hett
Jun. 18	Nancy Scheer	Neil Curran

If a Deacon or Elder needs a substitute, please call the church at 983-3433.

## June Birthdays

12- Neil Curran  
15 - June Griffy  
23 - Vicki Bauer



## Please remember in prayer:



- Neil Curran's grandson Troy's ongoing health struggles
- Anita & Jeff Hett and their extended family as they continue to grieve the loss of their mothers, Linda & June
- Our neighbors in Northern New Mexico and beyond struggling with opiate addiction and substance dependency of any form
- The participants in the AA group that meets at the church each week; to feel strength and resolve in their commitment to ongoing recovery
- Immigrants & refugees to find safe haven, to experience God's protection and for us to show them God's compassion
- All of God's creatures; that they may have sufficient food & good quality care
- For this beautiful earth we call home—that we strengthen our commitment to care for God's creation in big ways and small

## **Pray also for other churches and helpful organizations each week:**

- May 14-20: St. Bede's Episcopal Church & Habitat for Humanity in Santa Fe
- May 21-27: Church of Christ on Galisteo & the Adelante Program for Homeless Children and Youth in the Santa Fe Public Schools
- May 28-June 3: Church of Religious Science & Cancer Center Foundation
- Jun. 4-10: Friends ("Quakers") in Santa Fe & Solace Crisis Treatment Center
- Jun. 11-17: Cristo Rey Catholic Parish & Feeding Santa Fe
- Jun. 18-24: Rodeo Road Baptist Church & Santa Fe Dreamers



## **First Christian Church and the Interfaith Leadership Alliance**

ask for your help in KEEPING FAMILIES TOGETHER.

Access to information and legal services are critical for families facing the complex and ever-changing landscape of immigration policy. We need to support the agencies that are on the front lines, defending their rights and working to create strong and resilient communities.

*Donate \$5 to our FIVE-ALIVE campaign and double your impact NOW with a matching gift from Lannan Foundation!*



The Interfaith Leadership Alliance at its meeting on May 9, 2017 endorsed a campaign by the Faith Network for Immigrant Justice to raise \$18,000 for two organizations working together on vital projects in Santa Fe: Santa Fe Dreamers and Somos Un Pueblo Unido.

Gifts toward the \$18,000 goal are being matched by the Lannan Foundation and will be divided equally between these two dedicated organizations. Up front gifts of over \$8,000 are in hand. If we can raise \$5 per member between now and June 15 we will reach our goal and dramatically reinforce the ability of the Dreamers Project and Somos to protect and enhance the lives of immigrant families in Santa Fe.

### HOW TO CONTRIBUTE

You can securely donate online by clicking here:

<https://secure.squarespace.com/commerce/donate?donatePageId=59075519a5790a97f008bff4>

Stop by the office with a cash donation

You can deliver a cash donation to the office

Monday through Friday between 10:00 – 4:00 pm.

See Faith, James or Dorothea

Make out your check to: The Interfaith Leadership Alliance (ILA),

a non-profit group of faith leaders.

Mail your gift to: Temple Beth Shalom, 205 E. Barcelona Road, Santa Fe, NM 87505,  
with the notation: Attn. Rabbi Neil/Immigrant Justice

## Save the



**Every Day; Any Time:** visit our church web site at: <http://santafedisciples.org>

**Every Tuesday at 10:00am:** church yard and gardening time, come join the group! Bring your gloves, hat, sun screen and any tools you might wish to use.

**June 4:** First Christian congregation business meeting after worship

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