



January 2018, 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.



Happy New Year!

We find ourselves in this Christian season of

Epiphany, a time when we celebrate the signs of God's presence in the world. The season began as three strangers from a far country in the East traveled to see a poor, ordinary baby born in a dusty village. Last Sunday, Jesus invited the disciples to "come and see" the signs of God's presence. The readings during this season all remind us of God's persistence in calling us into new and deeper relationship with the Holy, and in continually sending us out on a mission of transformation, justice, and love.

This upcoming Sunday, we hear the stories of Jonah and of the disciples - as they are forever and radically changed by encountering God. We are called during this season to seek the signs of Christ's presence in our lives and in our world, and to be open to transformation in those encounters.

This is a busy time in Santa Fe, and in our broader church life. We are hosting young people experiencing homelessness in our sanctuary, hosting a number of important legislative action days at the church during this brief New Mexico legislative session, as well as organizing our own events through the new ministry initiative. Please check out the "Save the Date" section of this newsletter for more details, and please consider joining us in prayer or presence for these many opportunities to encounter God through our neighbors.

Blessings!

WEEK of COMPASSION
SPECIAL OFFERING
In FEBRUARY



The theme for the 2018 Week of Compassion offering is **MORE THAN WE CAN IMAGINE**. It is easy to feel overwhelmed when we look at all the areas of need in God's world: there is hunger, sickness and injustice in so many communities. It is easy to feel we are too small, too insignificant to make a difference, to believe that nothing we do can help. We can feel trapped by hopelessness and fear here is little we can do to truly make an impact.

But there is hope; we are the hope! We know that when we share our resources, we find there is enough for us all. As Christians, we know we are part of God's answer to the need in the world! God gave us community to practice love and compassion.

Will you be part of God's dream for the world? Will you accept the invitation to make a difference and see what God will do with our giving.?



HOSTING HOMELESS YOUNG ADULTS

We will host a small group of young adults experiencing homelessness in our community January 21-28 . There is an ongoing process to seek a more long-term shelter, and in the meantime, the faith community is stepping up to ensure a safe place for young adults to sleep. This is a partnership with !YouthWorks! called ShelterNow. The group will be in the sanctuary from 8:00 pm - 8:00 am each day, and will be supervised by trained staff during their stay.

Members of First Christian Church and Vipassana Sangha will join the young adults for games or other activities the evening of January 22. COME JOIN US!

REPORT from the ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING

Major items of business accomplished:

- ◆ Approve 2018 budget
- ◆ Approve revised contracts for organist and for cleaning team
- ◆ Approve revised Space Use Agreement with the NM Immigrant Law Center
- ◆ Approve Space Use Agreement with Vipassana Sangha
- ◆ Discussed Space Use Agreement for Sat. evening AA group

ASH Wednesday February 14th



Lent begins with dust and ashes...We remember we are dust and to dust we will return... Our efforts in this life will one day be reduced to ashes. And in the meantime, we have deeply ingrained habits..., resistant to our own efforts to change them.

This is why Lent begins and proceeds with penitence. Penitence does not mean “feeling sorry” or “feeling guilty,” though these feelings may sometimes accompany the work of penitence. Penitence as we embody it in this service and throughout this season means acknowledging where we are, owning up to it, recognizing we cannot fix ourselves by ourselves, and seeking God’s mercy and power to renew us in the way of Jesus as we seek to learn to follow him either anew or more nearly.

-excerpted from Discipleship Ministries of the United Methodist Church

Thank You

◆ Elected the following officers:

Co-President:	Anita Hett
Co-President:	Craig Borner
Secretary:	Nancy Scheer
Treasurer:	Bob Cady
Assistant Treasurer:	Neil Curran
Deacon:	Craig Borner for a 3-year term

Many thanks to those who agreed to serve First Christian Church in these important leadership rolls.



Please consider the following for your prayers:

- For all those affected by violence of all kinds throughout the world.
- For us to learn to better care, respect, and cooperate with the earth, our common home.
- For all who are incarcerated & for their families and friends who are impacted.
- For those dealing with mental health matters.
- For our neighbors living on the streets - especially the women, children, and young adults, who often go unnoticed in their housing insecurity.
- For immigrants & refugees and all who are seeking a safe place to call home.
- For those who are sick, in the hospital, or facing chronic health concerns, and for their friends and families who care for them.
- For all who lead local, state and national governments; both elected and appointed.

Pray also for other churches and helpful organizations each week:

- Jan. 21-27: United Church of Los Alamos & Habitat for Humanity in Santa Fe
- Jan. 28-Feb. 3: First Presbyterian Church & Adelante Program for Homeless Children & Youth in the Santa Fe Public Schools
- Feb. 4-10: Santa Maria de la Paz Catholic Parish & the Cancer Center Foundation
- Feb. 11-17: First Baptist Church & Solace Crisis Treatment Center
- Feb. 18-24: Christ Lutheran Church & Feeding Santa Fe



Service Schedule

Date	Elder	Deacon
Jan. 21	Bob Cady	Craig Borner
Jan. 28	no elder	Anita Hett
Feb. 4	Nancy Scheer	Neil Curran
Feb. 11	Ed Bethel	Craig Borner
Feb. 18	Bob Cady	Anita Hett

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

Anniversaries

January

22 – Janis Redding & Farrell Woodard



February

3 – Coby & Stephen Baca
14 – Catherine & Craig Borner

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Save the date:



- Sun. January 21—28:** ShelterNow young adults staying at 1st Christian Church, 8pm– 8am
- Mon. January 22:** Legislative Issues Briefing - Lutheran Advocacy Ministry, 9am-12pm, United Church of Santa Fe
- Tues. January 23:** Training: Supporting Asylum Seekers, 1-3 pm, Catholic Charities, [Room 202, 2010 Bridge Blvd. SW, Albuquerque](#)
- Tues. January 23:** Gathering with ShelterNow youth & Vipassana Sangha, 8:00pm
- Mon. January 29:** Somos Un Pueblo Unido's Immigrant Day of Action, 8 am-1 pm, 1st Christian Church & the Roundhouse
- Thurs. February 1:** Witness for the People, 8:30am-1pm, 1st Christian Church & Roundhouse
- Tues. February 13:** Training: CIVIC - immigration detention center visitation, 2-4 pm, 1st Christian Church- RSVP to Rev. Tiffany Curtis
- Wed. February 14:** Ash Wednesday
- Thurs February 15:** Webinar: "[Lock Up Your Neighbors? How the United States Deals with Immigration](#)", featuring Rev. Tiffany Curtis and Amilcar Valencia discussing Immigrant Detention - [Registration Required](#)

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