



THE CHIMES



The United Church of Los Alamos
United in our Faith Journeys

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Monday Night at the Pit Returns June 1st!

Please sign up to volunteer!



Weekly Word

Weekly Word email: If you would like to receive the email David sends out each week about the upcoming Sunday, please email or call the Church Office and tell us to add you to the "Weekly Word" list.

Contacting the Church

If you have any questions or concerns, you may call the Church Office at (505) 662-2971, email us at ucoffice@unitedchurchla.org, or send us a message on Facebook.

The Church Office is open Monday through Friday:
8:30am – 4pm.

You may also reach the pastors at the office number, email, or phone numbers below:

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JUNE

- 1st **MN@tP Begins**
- 4th Hug Your Cat Day
- 6th **Phil Seeger Memorial Service**
D-Day
- 11th National Corn on the Cob Day
- 14th Flag Day
- 18th **Rose St. Worship**
- 19th Juneteenth
- 21st **Outdoor Worship Service**
Father's Day
- 25th Global Beatles Day
- 26th Take Your Dog to Work Day
- 27th **John FitzPatrick Memorial Service**
- 29th Hug Day



Summer is upon us and we will hopefully soak up a bit of sun as well as some glorious rain. Let me remind you... as always that even though the travel season is upon us, the Church is open on our regular schedule and we have worship on Sundays as usual at 930am. Monday, June 1st at 530pm at The Pit (volleyball court) we will begin our Monday Night at the Pit summer feed for Lab Interns and Grad students. You can sign up to host a meal as well as show up prior to 5:30 to help prep and set food out and serve. Check out the sign up sheet on the coffee bar this Sunday.

Finally, All Church Camp is going to be on a DIFFERENT weekend this year. Friday, August 28th thru Sunday, August 30th we will gather at Ghost Ranch for a weekend of learning, laughter, food and church family! Mark it down now. Sign-ups will happen soon. Summer is always fun and always busy....Don't miss any of the activities coming your way! See you at Church!

Blessings,
Keith



Outdoor Worship and Church Picnic Sunday, June 21.

Our lovely United Church grounds is perfect for our much-anticipated annual Outdoor Worship followed by a picnic. If you can, please contribute a picnic side or dessert, but come anyway if you can't bring something. Church volunteers are already lined up to grill the burgers & dogs and to provide condiments.

The most important part of this Sunday morning is YOU. This is such a great way to gather in worship and in a shared meal. Don't forget to bring a friend.

June 21--Worship begins at 9:30, and we'll be eating by 11:00.





Worship

Dinner 5:15 PM Worship 6:00PM
Thursday, June 18th, Graves Hall

Join us for Rose Street Worship on Thursday evening, June 18th. It will be a time to gather as family, friends and neighbors for a casual dinner and uplifting worship service. The service is more contemporary in style and lasts around 45 minutes. But the experience will feed and inspire our spirits until Sunday and beyond!



MEXICO MISSION



The money raised at our Donors' Dessert and other donations has been sent to Amor Ministries. This money will sponsor three houses in Mexico – the two houses that we had planned to build in Puerto Peñasco, and an additional house in Juarez, Mexico. We are glad to reconnect with the need in that city. Thank you so much for your support of this activity since 1986. With these three houses, we will have provided **168 houses** in Mexico!

Congrats Class of 2026 Seniors!

Graduation is always an exciting time in the Spring, and we were happy to celebrate our Los Alamos High School graduates on Sunday, May 10th.

We had 9 Seniors this year!

Malin Eidenbenz

Jamie Grow

Joey McCulloch

August Ovaska

Koji Park

Xander Rigg

Brodie Seekins

Frank Sheppard

Hayden Watkins





Director of Children & Family Ministry

The United Church is looking for a new Director of Children and Family Ministry. This position will lead the children's ministry program, serve as lead teacher for children's Sunday morning classes, and will work to provide support and outreach for families with young children. Requires experience teaching children pre-K to 5th and/or experience in a church education program. Those referring someone or interested, please email cover letter and resume to ucoffice@unitedchurchla.org.



Lead Nursery Attendant/Coordinator

The United Church is looking to hire a Lead Nursery Attendant/Coordinator to supervise infants and children, ages birth through pre-k. The applicant will work primarily on Sunday mornings during church services and church classes, from 9am-12:30pm, but may occasionally be asked to provide nursery services for other events. The coordinator will maintain a schedule for nursery volunteer helpers and will manage the overall health and safety of the nursery/toddler department.

Lunch Bunch Callers for June:



Beth Dermer, Celia Holmes,
Norma Puckett, Nancy Hatfield,
& Jen Olsen



Men's Koffee Klatch

All men of The United Church are invited to coffee, refreshments, and fellowship Thursday mornings at 9:30am. There are no lesson plans, no required or suggested topics, no devotions, no leaders,

but there is a lot of fun! Hosting duties are passed around within the group. The wit and wisdom shared cover all sorts

of topics and the discussions have proven extremely interesting, informative, and supportive. We laugh a lot! We

will be meeting in the CE Lounge, or you can join from home with Zoom.



Please contact the Church Office to be included on the Zoom link email.



PRAYERS



Please continue to hold these people in your prayers during the month of June:

Arlene Edwards ~ John Rebstock ~ Deb Fisher

Janet Clayton ~ Randy Dickerhoof ~ Jerry Seeger

Mary Venable ~ Jerry Galassini ~ Lola Netuschil

Betty Smith ~ Karen Reese ~ Tammi Fields ~ Barbara Martinez

SAVE THE DATES for our annual Church Camps!

ALL CHURCH CAMP

August 28th to 30th, 2026

This year we return to Ghost Ranch with returning guest speaker Dr. Luke Gorton – Professor of Religious Studies at UNM.



FALL RETREAT

October 16th to 18th, 2026

Let's go back to Sonlight for a weekend of fun and fellowship!





John Puckett	01	Betsy Grindstaff	09	Jim Howard	19
Ivars Henins	02	AJ Schmierer	09	Myrna McDonald	20
Terry FitzPatrick	03	John Bliss	10	Kyle Jerkatis	25
John Worley	04	Beth Johnson	17	Joann Brown	26
Garth Reader	07	Derrill Rodgers	17	Anita Osborn	27
Ron Strong	07	Daisy McCulloch	17	Ashley Schmiedicke	30
Susie Feiertag	09	Tom McDonald	19	Lori Rigg	30



AGOG, our grandparenting group, is open to any adults who are concerned about their role in sharing their faith, love, stories, and expectations with the next generations. We chat about traditions, pray for our grandchildren, and listen to, resolve or empathize with both thorny and gratifying issues of grandparenting. Each meeting is at 12:15 PM on the first Sunday of the month we gather in the CE Lounge for an hour of shared wisdom.

Pack a bag lunch and join us!

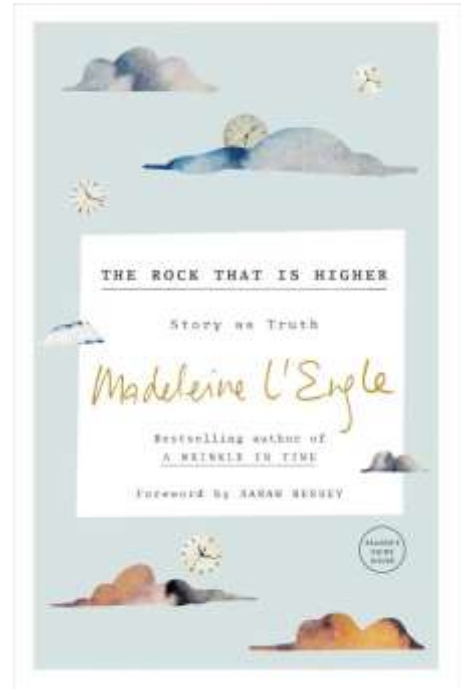
Questions? Please contact Diana Little or Irene Powell

Monday Morning Women's Book Study

All women of the church and their friends are welcome to attend this group.

The books for discussion are selected by the group.

The Monday group is currently reading "*The Rock That is Higher*" by Madeline L'Engle.



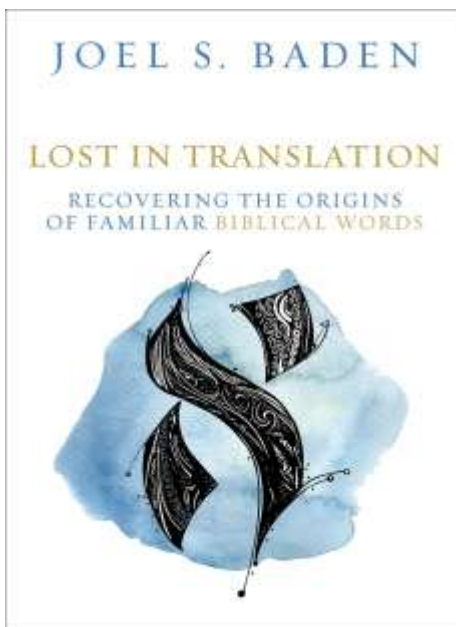
Monday Mornings:

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

via Zoom



Friday Morning Women's Bible Study



All women of the church and their friends are welcome to attend this group.

The books for discussion are selected by the group.

The Friday group will begin studying "*Lost in Translation: Recovering the Origins of Familiar Biblical Words*" by Joel S. Baden beginning on June 5.

Friday Mornings:

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

via Zoom

Feel free to contact Pastor Kara (dce@unitedchurchla.org) or the Church Office if you'd like to join.



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