



# 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

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## ***“Divine Love in Action” ...***

That is the vision of United Church of Angel Fire, and action certainly defines our response to the love and grace of God. Beginning on Sunday mornings with Church School classes, Praise Team rehearsal and Worship Service you will find the members and friends of United Church about our Father’s business.

Throughout these pages you will read of the ministries of outreach, care, support and mission that happen throughout the rest of any given week as the people of God fulfill their calling in gratitude for all that God is doing in our lives. And this document barely scratches the surface of all that you do in schools, in workplaces, as volunteers in every place of service throughout Angel Fire and all the other communities represented by our very diverse and mobile community.

It all starts with worship. In prayer, in study, in song, in sermon and in service we are drawn closer to the Source of our life, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Joining together in worship we then flow outward in faith to touch the lives of individuals, families and communities with God’s love.

Whenever I visit with someone who has come to worship here for the first time, they always mention the warm welcome they received, how they already feel that they belong because of the number of people who greeted them, spoke with them, and made them a part of the conversation. Some say they feel more at home here, more a part of the life of this community than of their home congregation. Divine Love in Action.

Little that we do is done alone. We team up with all the churches in Angel Fire and some beyond in order to provide food, firewood, utilities, rent and more to families in need. We team with Rotary to build and rebuild playgrounds for children in Angel Fire and homeless kids in Taos. We work closely with the Taos Men’s Shelter, H.E.A.R.T. of Taos and Dreamtree to provide housing and hope to men, women and children without homes. All of this builds the community of faith, and community for all, as well as meeting real needs in our area. Divine Love in Action.

Last year we completed a visioning process that has already led to a new design for Christian Education for the Genesis Class and for the children of the church, new initiatives in communication and a plan for a portico to improve safety for those coming to this facility for worship, education, support and entertainment.

As we look forward into our new fiscal year, please read this report prayerfully, so that you can hear God calling you to be more fully a part of all that God is doing in and through United Church of Angel Fire.

Richard Safford, Pastor

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Thank you for the opportunity to have served on the council the past six years. During that time, I have learned that there are many people behind the scenes who keep UCAF running smoothly in accordance with our motto "Devine Love in Action". As you read the various sections of the annual report, you will see how we are doing God's work in our community and abroad.

Certainly, serving on the council is an act of Love and I want to thank our council members who have worked tirelessly on your behalf. I also want to thank those who have stepped forward to serve on the council this coming year. We have revised our bylaws this year to make being on the council a little easier and hope that in the future more of our associate members will be council members. And, as before, there are many opportunities to serve on one of our committees whether you are in town or not. Think about it please.

We have definitely had our challenges this year particularly on the personnel front. However, after several iterations, we finally got it right and have a strong church staff. Lisa Brooks, our administrative assistant, is doing an excellent job at running the office and Shelley Kaiser, our bookkeeper, is meticulously getting our financial books in order.

There is always much to do with our limited financial resources, and I want to thank you for your talents and generous giving and encourage you to continue to support this little church on the hill in the mountains. I am particularly reaching out to our associate members who make up more than half of our membership. Without your support UCAF would struggle to survive. So, please continue to give generously, not only to support our day to day operations, but also our capital improvements.

Your servant in Christ,

Gordon Cox, President, UCAF Church Council

## TREASURER'S REPORT

**2018-2019**

Through the heartfelt giving of the members and friends of The United Church of Angel Fire, we were able to financially support the vision of being **Divine Love in Action**.

At the close of the year, the savings account had a balance of about \$171,500 of which \$55,246 is unspent funds designated for the porte-cochere project, \$97,600 is designated for other specific purposes and the remaining \$18,600 is not designated. Designated funds were used to purchase about \$2,000 of sound equipment and \$10,000 was set aside for the initial design and engineering costs of the porte-cochere.

The general checking account had a balance of approximately \$60,000 at the end of the year. Undesignated offerings through the year were almost \$249,800. Special offerings of about \$22,750 were received. Undesignated and special offerings were used to hire and retain wonderful staff persons, manage administrative operations, provide meaningful worship experiences, fellowship opportunities and community outreach. Most noteworthy is the significant missional giving by The United Church of Angel Fire. Total missional giving was 10% of undesignated giving. Total financial needs to support the church and its giving for 2018-2019 was approximately \$276,500, which was about \$4,000 more than offerings received.

The staff bookkeeper resigned in August 2018 and UCAF was not able to hire a qualified replacement. The duties were assumed by the Treasurer on a volunteer basis until February 2019. An attempt was made to hire an outsourced bookkeeping service, but the results were not satisfactory. Beginning in February 2019, the bookkeeping functions are shared between the Administrative Assistant and the Treasurer, working on contract basis.

Each year has its unique situations for special opportunities, and challenges resulting from circumstances not anticipated. This last financial year was the first time in the past five years that offerings have been less than expenses. A look back at the past five years shows a steady increase in the costs to support the missions and activities of UCAF. Over the prior three years, UCAF has experienced a decline in offerings received. The Council recognizes the long-term trend in offerings vs. expenses as a concern and will conduct further analysis for consideration of future financial matters.

The United Church of Angel Fire remains financially strong and healthy. The Council maintains faithful Christian stewardship of the physical and financial resources we are entrusted with.

For questions or detailed information regarding the finances of the church, please feel free to contact me.

Shelley Kaiser, Treasurer

## STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

***To encourage faithful stewardship of financial resources as a step toward spiritual growth and a proclamation of commitment to Jesus' teachings.***

The congregation of the United Church of Angel Fire continues to be very giving and supportive of the church and its missions. Annual financial pledges and giving to the general fund continue to meet the needs of the church, as well provide significant funds through the 10% tithe of undesignated giving to mission programs. Many members and other congregants continue to look for ways to volunteer their time and their talents to serve the church programs, the congregation, the surrounding community and beyond, and stand ready step forward when a need arises.

Encouragement of faithful stewardship is accomplished through mailing of the annual stewardship letter which includes an optional returnable pledge card for planned giving to the general fund during the ensuing calendar year. Pledge information is privacy protected and used in aggregate form by the church council for planning and budgeting purposes. In October 2018, 233 stewardship letters were mailed. Forty pledge cards were received by the church which covered about half of the general fund budget for the year. These commitments are immeasurably valuable in the amount of confidence provided to the church council for planning and budgeting for the pending year. The information learned from non-deliverable letters was helpful in purging, updating, and correcting the church database.

During the 2018/19 church fiscal year, the stewardship committee planned and launched a capital campaign to raise funds for needed enhancements and upgrades to church properties. These include construction projects for the Porte Cochere covered entry to the church building, relocation of sanctuary egress doors, and installation of large concrete pads on both sides of the entry to improve drainage. The campaign goal is \$100,000. A campaign letter was distributed to the congregation via e-mail in November 2018, and a campaign brochure was enclosed in the annual giving statements mailed out in February 2019. Campaign progress continues to be reported to the congregation in the *Glow* monthly newsletter and the weekly e-mail *Blast*. As of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the campaign has received \$61,000 in donations and pledges, and 36 letters of acknowledgement have been sent to donors.

Two memorial gifts were received during the fiscal year (in memory of Barry Rogers and Frank H. Hicks). Donors were acknowledged and the families of the deceased were notified by letter. All were informed of disposition of the funds which were deposited in the UCAF Memorial Fund which is used to procure special items needed for the church.

UCAF demonstrates DIVINE LOVE IN ACTION! Thanks to all who have contributed Time, Talents, and Treasure. We are making a difference for the GOOD.

In His Service,

Bob Newell, Stewardship Chair

## WORSHIP MINISTRY

*To deepen and enrich congregational and individual faith journeys through spiritual growth utilizing preaching, prayer, music, congregational participation in conducting worship*

Worship is ALWAYS a wonderful experience at United Church of Angel Fire. We gather each and every Sunday at 11:00 in the morning for worship and we sing, pray and participate together as we take in the view of the incredible Moreno Valley and the surrounding mountains. We are thankful for such a beautiful sanctuary in which to gather.

As always, the Annual Summertime Outdoor Worship and Picnic was a tremendous success. We will gather once again this summer at Olympic Park for special service on July 28.

We celebrated our own variety show with Hee-Haw in the Mountains in August. Our sanctuary was full of laughter and music and ...if you missed Patsy Cline, you missed the performance of the year! As we rotated through the Liturgical Year, we celebrated World Communion Sunday and Thanksgiving. We celebrated Christmas Eve with two evening services: the traditional children's no-rehearsal Christmas Pageant and



then a lovely Lessons and Carols complete with Victorian carolers. Our attendance for those services was almost 350 and our offering raised over \$4,000 for the kid's food program at Eagle Nest Elementary/Middle School and the Pantry Closet at the Moreno Valley High School.

UCAF once again partnered with the Moreno Valley Ministerial Alliance for a special Easter sunrise service complete with Easter egg hunt at the Eagle Nest Visitors Service. Easter services at our church with our lovely wooden cross filled with lilies and the Pentecost service were great celebrations for our congregation. Our summer program again will feature our annual Worship in the Park on Sunday morning, July 28th. And our Summer Choir program "The Dream Goes On" will be held on Thursday, August 22nd.

As always, we are grateful for the many people involved in making worship happen here at UCAF. We are blessed with an amazing worship leadership team and a marvelous praise team and summer choir. We are thankful for a pastor with excellent preaching skills, a music director who leads us in vibrant and meaningful music, a sound director who is always working to insure that we can all hear and participate together, and for a variety of technicians who operate the screens that help enhance our services.

Thank you all!

To God be the Glory!

Respectfully, Rev. Peggy Trott and Mrs. Nancy Hartson

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY**

**The mission of the Christian Education Committee of the United Church of Angel Fire is to provide opportunities and environments, both within the confines of our church building and within the greater Angel Fire community to empower and transform believers and searchers. The committee endeavors to have the church's options include, but not limited to, the following:**

- Expanding and strengthening congregational and personal Christian growth**
- Serving as a springboard for action**
- Being a platform for sharing knowledge/experiences and searching**
- Reinforcing a sense of community for established members, visitors, and newcomers**

To accomplish this mission, the committee recognizes the itinerant nature of our local population and respects these attendance challenges by encouraging "self-contained" Sunday morning lessons and a variety of short-term studies.

This committee works to accomplish this vision through these vehicles: Sunday School, Children's Activities, Disciples Class, Bible Study, McDonald Lecture Series, Fireside Chats, Library.

Sunday School classes have met Sundays 9:45-10:45 AM. The Disciples Class has offered outstanding classes during the year and thanks go to the presenters for their dedicated offerings. Presenters include Linda Arceneaux, Tracy Miller, Ron Irons, Patsy Irons, Richard Safford, Larry Peckham, Bill Chapman, Peggy Trott, Doug Storment, and Harry Martz. It has been a wonderful time of fellowship, learning, and sharing.

The Genesis Class meets three-four times a year in 4-6-week modules. The meetings in July-August study The Ten Commandments. The Young Disciples will be meeting during that time as they actively participate in a Sunday Morning learning ministry. Vernett Safford has been indispensable in her help with the youth.

Pastor Richard Safford led a Bible Study each Thursday morning at the church.

The speaker and attendance for the Fireside Chats July 17 and August 7 of 2018 exceeded expectations Gary Zientara speaking on astronomy has been well received. Jackie Parnell brings the 2019 Fireside Chat talking about E-Town here in the valley.

August 12-14, 2018 the McDonald Lecture Series was presented by Terry Hershey. He is a pastor, professor, theologian and storyteller. He currently lives in Vashon, Washington. He preached Sunday morning and spoke Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings. The August 11-13, 2019 lectures are by Ron Milam, talking of the reconciliation effort in Vietnam.

Our church library is located on bookshelves along the west wall of the Fellowship Hall and is available to anyone wishing to check out the books, videos, teaching materials, and numerous translations of the Bible. Donated items are accepted. Thanks to those who helped organize and streamline the library.

Members of the Christian Education Committee have included Linda Arceneaux Halterman, Bill Chapman, James Garner, Marcom Herron, April Herron, Patsy Irons, Ron Irons, Don Lambert, Harry Martz, Carol Ann Martz, Tracy Miller, Larry Peckham, Richard Safford, Vernett Safford, Doug Storment and Peggy Trott.

Kent Bohls, Committee Chairman



## OUTREACH/MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

To share God's word with the community and to encourage others to visit and join our UCAF family in worship, study, fellowship, and service as well as support the church's mission to be "Divine Love in Action."

### ACTIVITIES:

1. Each week Welcome Folders are assembled and made ready to be given to first-time visitors. Included in the folders are a brochure with information about the church, a guest information form, a book mark, a UCAF note card, a brochure about our Mountain Vista Cemetery, and cards showing what is needed by the missions UCAF supports and the needs of those organizations (ALM Food Pantry and Heart of Taos, to name two).
2. Cards or emails are sent weekly to first-time visitors the following week if a complete mailing address or an email is included when the attendance register is passed around during Sunday service.
3. Advertisements are placed in the Yellow Pages Directory and Music from Angel Fire Program Book to provide information to the community about UCAF.
4. A Women's Tee Box was sponsored at the June 29, 2019, Moreno Valley High School's Golf Tournament Fundraiser to support a new high school golf club. Our church banner was displayed at the tournament along with other sponsors.
5. UCAF color brochures have been placed around Moreno Valley to provide information regarding the church.
6. A salad and dessert luncheon was held in August, 2018 to welcome our new members. A canopy, table, and chairs were set up outside for an overflow crowd!



7. Game Nights were held in July, September, and January, and the community was encouraged to attend along with our members. We were pleased with the turnout for each of these. Snacks and door prizes were enjoyed. It was a great way to meet new people while playing board games or card games.
8. In October we reached out to the Moreno Valley Church of Christ Youth Group by preparing and serving submarine sandwiches, chips, and cookies to 40+ elementary/middle school kids and about 10 adults. Some of our own youth attend this group on a weekly basis year-round.
9. Thanksgiving cards were hand addressed, signed, mailed to all full-time members, associate members, and regular attenders in November.



10. Something new for the committee in 2018 was a Bake Sale at the Angel Fire Holiday Market in December. Many church members and community members prepared delicious bake goods which were sold at our table. We also provided church brochures and visited with shoppers about UCAF. All of our profits went to "Always Loving Mankind Food Pantry". Over the 2-day event, we made \$392.00 which translates to ALM being able to purchase 900 pounds of food to be distributed in the Moreno Valley and Cimarron!
11. Pink carnations were presented at the Mother's Day service to those in attendance.
12. Flashlights were given at the Father's Day service.

I am blessed with a hard-working committee composed of co-chair Lone Krarup and members Jan Mika, Theresa Renegar, Marybeth Maxwell, and Henry Garland.

Janet Martin, Outreach/Membership Council Chair

## **MISSIONS MINISTRY**

**To acknowledge and fulfill Jesus' commandment to love and care  
for others locally and around the world.**

### **Introduction**

The United Church of Angel Fire (UCAF) dedicates 10% of the church's annual undesignated income to support our mission programs. In addition, donations made through occasional special offerings or individual member donations may be designated to specific mission programs. These two sources of mission income are identified as "designated giving" and these sources are in addition to 10% of the UCAF annual income. This report summarizes our mission activities during the 2018-19 fiscal year, which runs from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018, through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Many of our church members participate in our mission work to the glory of God and God's grace.

### **Mission Team Members**

A driving force behind our mission activities is our Mission Team. Current members include Suellen Albright, Linda Halterman, Gordon and Debby Cox, Dave Hartson, Annie Lindsey, Betty Newell, Lauri Reeg and Richard and Vernett Safford. Betty Newell represents the Mission Team on the Church Council. New members are always welcome to join the team. Our goal is to meet quarterly and communicate by email to review activities and see where we might be able to continue/increase support to community members in need.

### **Local Needs Missions** (Richard Safford and Betty Newell)

The local needs program is our foremost priority. Often the Church gets calls from people in need who are about to have their electricity or heat (propane) turned off because they have not been able to pay their bills. Sometimes someone or a family may suddenly find themselves on the street with nowhere to go for shelter. These needs become particularly acute in winter when it is dark and cold, and also during the 'off seasons' when area jobs are curtailed. Other needs include medical and special dietary needs. Our local needs budget helps cover those who are desperate and have nowhere else to go for help. We coordinate these efforts with other area churches to ensure the needs are valid and shared. During the past fiscal year \$11,087 of our mission funds were used to support those in need in our community. That represents a 37% increase over the previous fiscal year, demonstrating the growth of our community and the economic challenges that many encounter. UCAF provides the assistance needed that may mean the difference between homelessness and shelter.



### **Taos Men's Shelter** (Suellen Albright, liaison)



*Taos Men's Shelter*

The Taos Men's Shelter is located at 220 Albright Road. The shelter provides housing on a nightly basis to 15 – 20 homeless men. We continue to provide the shelter with funds and donations to assist them in their upgrades, maintenance, and personal care.

This fiscal year, we assisted the Men's shelter by collecting various needed supplies. These included everything from kitchen goods, personal items, clothing, sleeping bags, blankets, and backpacks. We have made numerous deliveries of goods to the Shelter. Additionally, we donated \$1500 toward a new commercial washer and dryer when their need arose. The Taos Men's Shelter not only provides food, clothing and lodging to men in need but also supports and counsels the men to help them become self-sufficient, independent members of the community. We help provide the base support to these life-changing endeavors.

### **H.E.A.R.T of Taos** (UCAF Congregation)

HEART of Taos is a community-funded nonprofit organization that provides assistance for women and children exiting homelessness through: emergency assistance, support and housing; homelessness prevention by providing emergency financial assistance, landlord advocacy, case management and money management counseling; and street outreach delivering sleeping bags, toiletries, soap, water, clothing, and food to men and



women living on the street. The United Church of Angel Fire has pledged to continue contributing \$100 per month in support of HEART of Taos for the fiscal year 2019-2020. In addition, we have made numerous deliveries of donations provided by our congregants. These donations included clothing, shoes, blankets, toiletries, and other personal items. There is an ongoing need for kitchen utensils, microwaveable meals, protein bars, bottled water, etc. We anticipate the opening of HEART House, a large transitional co-living residence on five acres that will provide housing, counseling, and support for women and children. HEART of Taos business offices are currently located at 1353 Paseo del Pueblo Sur and business hours are 10 am to 2 pm Tuesday through Friday.

### **Mission Trips**

#### **UMCOR** (Carol Ann Martz)

The United Church of Angel Fire was well represented at the United Methodist Committee on

Relief workshop, with Carol Ann and Harry Martz, Cheryl and Bill Mason, Karen and Bill Chapman and Ruth Ann Carpenter enjoying a week of service in Salt Lake City during March.

Breathtakingly beautiful snow-covered foothills and mountains greeted the UMCOR West 2019 Team upon their arrival in Salt Lake City on March 17. Twelve experienced volunteers joined five “newbies.” The team represented five different churches as well as five communities to serve as the hands and feet of Christ. The housing accommodations at the Episcopal Church Center of Utah near Mormon Temple Square offered a relaxing environment. Thanks to a generous donation, the first four evenings the team enjoyed in-house catered dinners, ample enough to provide leftovers for some lunches. We began our week together with a thoughtful meditation the first evening, followed by uplifting daily devotions presented by volunteers each morning after breakfast.



Preparing for a pallet prayer after completing 28 boxes of school kits .

The newcomers were quickly integrated into the team and proved to be excellent additions. “Old-timers” were shocked at the balmy weather all week, meaning what is normally a cool warehouse proved to be very refreshingly comfortable. Our tasks to compile either school kits or to create blanket shawls and fleece blankets for area homeless or shorts for children in an orphanage in Tonga soon expanded to include sewing darling dresses for orphaned Tongan little girls. The school kits included three colorful

spiral notebooks, six pencils, a plastic ruler, an eraser, a pair of blunt scissors, a pencil sharpener, and a box of 24 crayons. Compiling the kits was easy, allowing plenty of time to visit and opportunities to listen to CDs while the team worked. In addition, the warehouse manager Maika and his assistant Robert entertained us with some songs, accompanied by a guitar, during breaks and at lunch one day.



Friendships were forged; and 4,752 school kits were completed as well as 6 blankets and blanket shawls, 6 dresses, and 7 pairs of shorts. Next year the UMCOR West 2020 Team will volunteer at the warehouse March 30 through April 3. It is not too soon to sign up to be part of the team! Just contact Carol Ann Martz at [camartz1663@gmail.com](mailto:camartz1663@gmail.com) or 505-690-5886.

### **School Support** (Janet Martin, Betty Newell)

Each year, Eagle Nest Schools publish lists of the classroom supplies needed for students in each grade from pre-kindergarten through middle school. There are often children whose families are unable to purchase the necessary supplies. Teachers will frequently dip into their own pockets to alleviate this need. As one of our mission services, UCAF purchases School Packs for each grade level, pre-k through 12. In addition, individuals from UCAF generously purchase additional school

supplies and back packs to supplement used, lost or missing supplies. In preparation for the 2019-20 school year, the Mission Team elected to purchase two school packs for pre-k, two for kindergarten, four for grades 1 and 2, six for grades 3 through 5, six for grades 6 through 8, and six for grades 9 through 12.

These School Packs were purchased from Educational Products Incorporated, who specializes in prepackaging the requested items. The total cost of School Packs this year was \$753. They are shipped to the UCAF prior to the Staff Appreciation Luncheon where they are presented to the staff. This luncheon is sponsored by Janet Martin and many individuals from UCAF.



UCAF Missions also donates \$500 to help the School Nurse restock her medical supplies. These contributions are always appreciated, not only for bandages, band aids, etc., but also for strep throat test kits. Strep is so highly contagious and the test lets parents know if they need to get their child to a doctor for antibiotics instead of sending the student back to school thinking it was just a minor sore throat. It helps keep sick children out of school and keep those that are well in school.

### **Always Loving Mankind (ALM) Program Food Pantry** (Corrina Hodge, President))



The ALM Food Pantry is an ongoing community wide organization designed to alleviate hunger in the Moreno Valley and Cimarron communities. With the generosity of time and financial support from virtually all aspects of the community the program is able to address a vital need in the area. Originally designed to be a temporary bridge for those in financial difficulties, the Pantry has evolved into a base of food-security for families stressed by the extremely difficult realities of life in a mountain resort community. We are a last resort supplier for Senior citizens and disabled clients with no access to a traditional fixed distribution point food pantry. Since 1999 the food pantry has served hundreds of thousands of pounds of food to hundreds of hungry families. Families and individual clients are frequently in flux on our lists due to changes in circumstance, deaths, or changes in location, but our overall numbers remain fairly constant. When one family drops off the list they are soon replaced by newcomers in the area. Presently we are serving around 75 families comprised of more than 160 individuals.

Currently the ALM Program is striving to up our game in the nutritional value of the foods we offer. We are attempting to provide a good start to the infants in the families we serve by supplying baby formula. When it is offered, ALM purchases all of the shelf stable milk we can afford so that growing children have it in supply. The Program is also offering Ensure to those recipients whose doctors have recommended it and packing specific items for those diabetic clients with special needs. Whenever possible, advantage is taken of the fresh produce offered by the Food Depot in Santa Fe. We now have both a refrigerator and a freezer in the basement storage at Angel Fire Baptist Church which allows us to supplement with more frozen meats. There has been more and more fresh produce and meats available to us to purchase on a regular basis and an increase in volunteer help has enabled us to collect this food from the pickup point in Taos on Thursdays. When this food is available for us, and when we have the volunteers to assist, this food greatly increases our ability to provide healthy and nutritious food for our clients, which of course they all love and appreciate.

UCAF has been a constant and dependable cornerstone of the ALM Food Pantry. The ALM Program greatly appreciates all the generous support and encouragement that has been so graciously offered. UCAF is a rare and beautiful group of people that can be counted on to come through whenever there is a need and we appreciate everyone's generosity with time and resources. As always, we couldn't do it without you!

ALM Board Members from UCAF include Annie Lindsey (Eagle Nest Deliveries), Samantha Weeks (Food 4 Kids Coordinator), Marcia and Guy Wood, (Cimarron deliveries) and Gordon Cox (IT and Angel Fire Deliveries, assisted by Debby). In addition, about two months of the year church members assist the program by filling bags with groceries for delivery.

ALM Board:

Corrina Hodge (President)  
Gordon Cox (Vice Pres., Database Manager, AF Deliveries)  
Barbara Gorney (Secretary)  
Nina Arko-Hay (Treasurer)  
Susan Stokes (Stockroom Manager)  
Guy Wood (Deliveries Cimarron Route, Vehicle Maintenance)  
Carol Verry  
Marcia Wood (Deliveries Cimarron Route, Social Director)  
Jim DeCastro (Driver, AF Route)  
Tricia DeCastro (Sacking Coordinator, Deliveries AF Route)  
Annie Jo Lindsey (Deliveries EN Route)  
Samantha Weeks (Food4Kids)  
Virginia Mattingly

### **Food for Kids (Samantha Weeks, Corrina Hodge)**

While Eagle Nest School provides breakfast and lunch for needy students during the week, there is no guarantee their food needs will be met over the weekend. To fill this need, the Food for Kids Program was established in 2009 by Jim Trott, a leading member of our church congregation. Currently the program is managed by Samantha Weeks in conjunction with Kelly Koehlinger, the school secretary.

The program works as follows: Food packs for distribution are purchased from the Food Depot and delivered to the school through coordinated food deliveries with the ALM Program. Food is sorted and bags are filled (by school and community volunteers). Food is selected to provide dietary needs for one child for two days. A typical backpack will contain two 8 oz. servings of milk (refrigeration not required), a small jar of peanut butter, a tube of crackers, a small can of tuna, two fruit cups, and a bag of nuts. Kids (identified by school personnel) discreetly pick up bags at school on Friday.

This year, the number of children served varied from 36-43 children served, with a cost of \$120.00 per child for the year. The Trott's continue to be strong supporters of the program and we appreciate the support from UCAF and are working to find additional support to keep the program viable. This year the United Church of Angel Fire donated \$500 to support this program, as well as \$500 for the ALM pantry.

### **Firewood Angels (Dave Hartson)**



*Firewood Angels 2018*

The mission of Firewood Angels (FWA) is to supply firewood to those in need of firewood in Eagle Nest, Angel Fire, Black Lake, Ocate, occasionally Cimarron and Taos. Firewood Angels (FWA) had a "banner year" for the summer for 2018 and long, cold winter of 2018 - 2019. We gathered wood from numerous donors and transported the logs to the Elliott Barker Girl Scout Ranch. Our volunteers "blocked" the logs into 16 inch "rounds". Using 3 splitters - one refurbished, one donated, and one purchased by UCAF, the "blocks or rounds" were split and stacked. FWA met weekly weather permitting. By summers end FWA had stockpiled in excess of 65 cords of firewood. In late August, after a work session, we had a celebration potluck cookout. Dependable Dave Anderson brought a grill and cooked the burgers and brats. A good time was had by all. We thought that the largest stockpile of firewood we had ever accumulated would be sufficient. Then came the winter of 2018 - 2019. FWA distributed 84 pickup loads of firewood, 33 bags of kindling, to 30 recipients. The FWA stockpile was gone by the first



*Lots of Wood*



week of March 2019. With weeks of winter left, 8 more loads of firewood were donated from a personal stockpile.

Work has begun for the coming winter's stockpile. FWA is meeting on Tuesday mornings, weather permitting. There are tasks for every level of ability. Please consider joining the camaraderie of our fellowship.

### **Medical Equipment** (Dave Hartson)

Since suggested by Joyce McCabe in 2016, UCAF has had a medical equipment "recycling" program. Many pieces of "durable" medical equipment are often purchased, used a limited time, and then discarded. We collect, clean and store usable medical equipment. Such items include crutches, walkers, shower chairs, bedside toilets, toilet risers, wheelchairs, canes, walking boots, and walking safety belts. We have served many UCAF members as well as folks in Angel Fire and Red River. The UCAF office, the Moreno Valley health Clinic and the Best Care Pharmacy know of this service and have referred persons in need. If you have such supplies to donate or know of someone in need, please contact the UCAF office or Dave Hartson 505-400-3860.

### **One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering** (UCAF)



sharing resources. changing lives.

Every year during Lent, UCAF Participates in a special offering called the One Great Hour of Sharing. As part of OGHOS we distribute "fish banks" to collect any loose change you may have lying around the house and UCAF also makes available special offering envelopes on Palm Sunday for donations. These generous donations are sent to one of our sponsoring churches each year on an alternating basis. This year our OGHOS Offering of \$520 went to the United Methodist Church.

One Great Hour of Sharing is a special mission offering of many church denominations that carries God's message of love and hope to people around the world. Churches work together with international partners to provide disaster relief, sources of clean water and food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, emergency relief, and advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons.

### **Foreign Missionaries** (Mission Team)



The UCAF supports Bernie and Farsijana Adeney-Risakotta, Mission co-workers serving in Indonesia. This year the Mission Team pledged support of their efforts at a level of \$1000. We were honored to welcome them for an inspiring Fireside Chat on the evening of October 17th. Bernie and Farsijana discussed their "Christian-Muslim Relations Toolkit" that provides resources for building positive relations between Muslims and Christians in the USA.

In April 2019, Farsijana writes of the current efforts in assisting with earthquake refugees in Indonesia:

*"I began writing this letter in Lombok but am finishing it up in Yogyakarta. Lombok is in Nusa Tenggara Barat where in 2018 there were five earthquakes in which 564 people died, 1564 were injured and 455,343 people became refugees when their homes were damaged by the earthquakes. ...*

*My students and I were in Lombok conducting public policy research on how to accelerate the formation of working groups comprised of earthquake victims whose houses had been damaged. They needed to rebuild their houses before April 12, 2019, the last day for using money sent by the Indonesian government. If the funds were not used by that date, they would need to be returned to the State Treasury. [After many interviews with governmental agencies to understand the process of building permanent houses for victims] We agreed to share our recommendation with the Office of Emergency and Logistics of the Regional Disaster Management Agency (OLERDMA). It emphasizes two important points: First, technical procedures need to be simplified. As of now, relief money is only available when the victims are organized within a working group of at least 20 people. Second, psychosocial-care is needed to empower many of the local heads of villages, who play a vital role in empowering working groups and advocating for disaster relief. Most village heads are earthquake victims and are still experiencing trauma themselves."*

Farsijana also continues work with the House of Authentic Sense (HAS) Co-op, which helps empower its members to market their products and provides loans for those who need to expand their businesses. The manager of the Co-op shared a story of goat farmers who are thankful to be members of the HAS Co-op. With the help of a lecturer of Biotechnology they were able to refine the ice-cream and milk production process to produce better food/drink and reduce negative by-products.

*Farsijana writes "As you know, Bernie has retired. ...With God's permission, I am continuing my ministry here. I am the only mission co-worker serving in Indonesia now. PC(USA) churches, groups and individuals have supported my ministry financially and through their precious letters and prayers. Your encouragement has walked with me as I engage in God's ministry, which is your ministry too.*

Respectfully submitted by Betty Newell, Missions Chair

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## CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

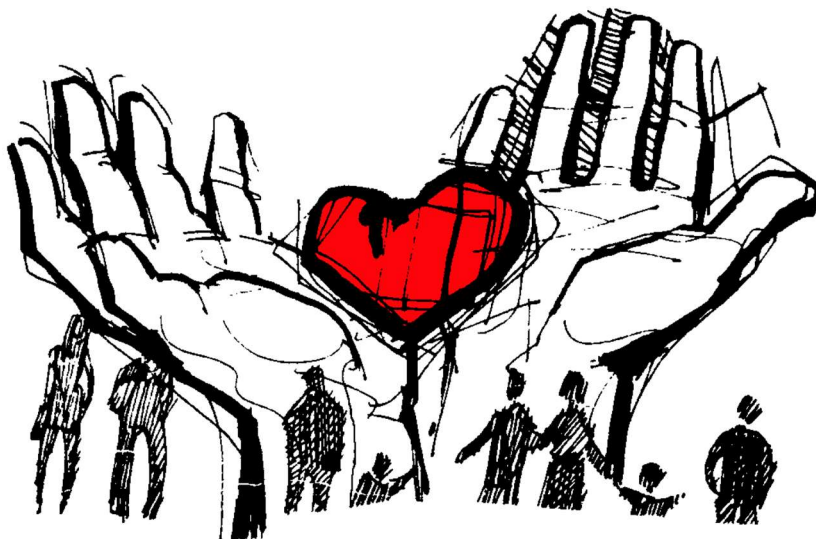
**Mission: To care for members and friends during difficult times by demonstrating God's love.**

The Congregational Care Ministry truly practices "Love in Action." We cook and deliver meals, send cards, and make phone calls to people who are 'sick or sad'. We try to take care of church members and friends of the church and community members who are hurting, as well. Many of our members volunteer to help when a need is identified. Over 25 meals have been prepared and delivered through this committee during the last year. The success of this ministry depends on our congregation sharing known needs among us and continuing to share in their care.

We celebrated our High School Seniors with a reception and helped with the new member luncheon.

Congregational Care funds are used to buy flowers or requested memorials for memorial services, gifts for weddings of church members, containers for meals, and stamps and cards. All food that is delivered, and most of the cards, are donated.

Karen Chapman, Congregational Care Committee Chair



## FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

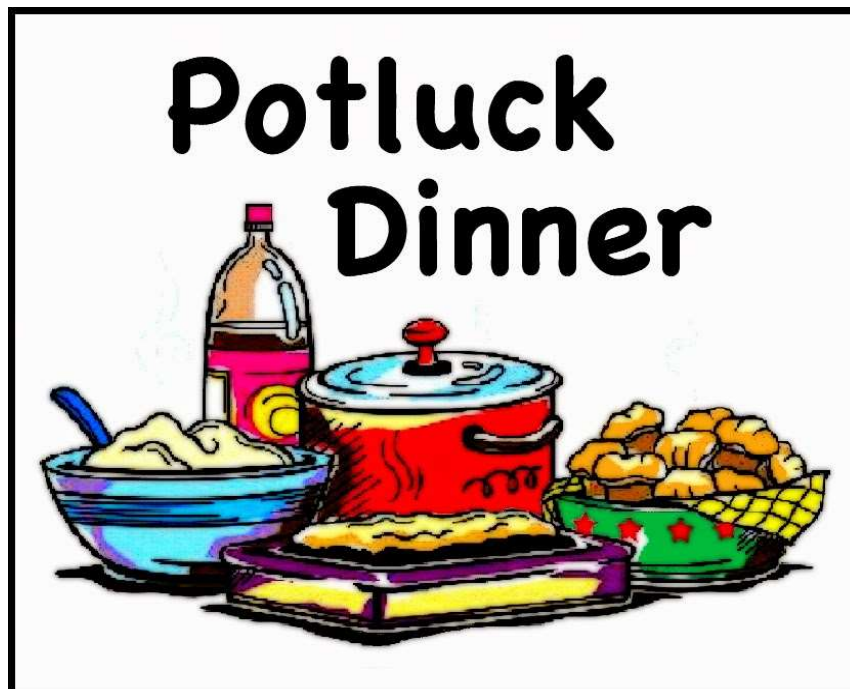
The 2018-2019 year was once again a success.

There were eleven events, including pot-luck dinners, lunches and receptions. All of this was due to all the hard-working volunteers who prepared the food, helped with set-up and cleaned-up afterwards. Thank you very much!

Each occasion provides the opportunity for fellowship, meeting new members, and making new friends within the congregation and visitors are always encouraged to attend.

Respectfully,

Dave Anderson, Fellowship Committee Chair



## PROPERTY COMMITTEE

As our building ages into its third decade, we must face the reality that improvements must be made to maintain our church. Those of you here in Angel Fire have seen the new cement pads for the covered drive-thru and the egress doors from the sanctuary. It has taken a year to get the permits, raise some of the funds, and begin construction. This much needed addition will provide, first and foremost, safety, plus an ease of access and egress to the front doors, as well as protection from the weather and mud.

We also extended the roof over the downstairs door to the Fellowship Hall to prevent snow accumulation that previously blocked the entrance. Landscaping was also added to prevent erosion between the downstairs doors on the east side of the building.

Future projects will include relocating the emergency exit doors at the rear of the sanctuary 90-degrees from where they are now. This new configuration will allow safer exits from the building in the event of emergency evacuation during the winter months.

After the building stage is finished, we will need to resurface the parking lots with gravel.

Bottom Line: We need your help financially with these projects. Many of you have contributed, but we are running short of the complete cost. Using our entire savings would not be wise. We must be prepared for unexpected breakdowns of our 20-year-old furnaces, water heaters, etc.

Please give as you are able. We want to ensure we're providing a beautiful and safe place for all to worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

My Co-chair, Randy Kaiser, is overseeing all these projects during my absence. This would have never been possible without him and his willingness to serve. Thank you, Randy.

Janet Alton, Property Chair

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## **WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

### September 19, 2018

Janet Martin organized and directed the Chimayo Trip. She led twenty-two women from UCAF to the Restaurante' de Chimayo to meet ten women from the United Methodist Church of White Rock. The groups mingled and made new friends. After lunch, each group educated each other about the projects they do for their community.

After lunch, the UCAF group toured the Sanctuary de Chimayo, shopped at the weaving and gift shops before returning home.

### April 26, 2019

A total of twenty-one women met at Jan and Don Mika's home located at 39 Preston Trail from 9:30-11:30a for the "Meet & Greet" event. After sampling many delicious homemade goodies and sharing a short devotional, each lady was asked to find someone they didn't know well to introduce to the group. After that exercise, we left feeling more connected.

### July 31, 2019

The Women's Ministry hosted a "Back to School – Salad & Dessert Luncheon" for the faculty, support staff, administration, and district school board members. Twenty-two of our ladies prepared dishes and supplied paper goods, candy and drinks. Jan Mika designed the fresh flower center pieces that were given away as door prizes in addition to gift bags made up by Marla Garner.

After a prayer by Pastor Richard Safford, Betty Newell, Missions Chair, presented a check to the new district nurse to help off-set the cost of medical supplies. School supply packs for preschool – 8<sup>th</sup> grade and other school supplies were piled high on tables for teachers to take back to their classrooms.

The staff and many teachers really enjoyed this event and told us it's their favorite day of the year!

### September 18, 2019

JJ Huddleston is organizing a trip to tour the United World College USA and the Agroecology Research Center with lunch to be held in the historic dining hall.

Marybeth Maxwell, JJ Huddleston & Janet Martin, Women's Ministry Co-Chairs

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***“Look, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut.”***

***Revelation 3:8***

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