

# **2022 ANNUAL REPORT**

# United Church of Angel Fire

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Thank you to the membership and friends of the United Church for you love and support. Your generous giving is an important element in the Council being able to set and achieve goals for each of our committees. Equally important is your active support through committees and mission endeavors like Firewood Angels and the ALMS food pantry. Please review these reports, not only see what has been accomplished, but to see where you can become involved.

Yours in Christ,

Bill Chapman - Council President

#### MINISTER'S REPORT – Rev. Dr. Andy Konigsmark

Take heart, my beloved. We are evolving, growing, and changing, and that's healthy. To remain relevant, a church must stay grounded in its local community. The United Church of Angel Fire is grieving, but the congregation is healthy. We are financially stable, blessed with tremendous volunteer leaders, and new people are joining the church.

As we move forward, we must remember what keeps UCAF a sacred space to worship and fellowship. We love one another, inside and outside of the church. We serve our community; through acts of service, sharing meals, and caring for our sick friends. UCA will remain relevant if we continue embracing our DNA; Divine Love in Action.

Every church in the country says we want to get younger. It's a noble goal to reach young families in our communities. No, we are not seeing these families and children in church on a regular basis. However, our Divine Love in Action success cannot be measured through attendance on Sunday morning. Many in our community need Christ, Church, and fellowship, but some families do not have enough money for diapers, groceries, or childcare. We serve these people through our partnership with Valley Kids Club, the Eagle Nest School, and ALMs food bank. We must love these families and be ready when they want to join our congregation.

We are a fun, spirited, and generous congregation. We are diverse, but we park our differences at the front door and should be proud. Many who join UCAF are young retirees passionate about serving this church and community. Faces within the congregation are changing, but we are being replenished with many new leaders.

Yes, we are grieving change. I grieve change; as people looking forward, we must embrace change. I love this congregation, and it is an honor to serve as your senior minister. There was a large amount of hand-holding during my first couple of months of ministry, and I sincerely appreciate everyone who is supporting my journey of faith.

In closing, I come to Esther, one of my favorite books of Scripture. Esther must become queen to save her people; in Esther 4:13-16, we read, "Do not imagine that you are safe in the king's palace, you alone of all the Jews. Even if you now remain silent, relief and deliverance will come to the Jews from another source; but you and your father's house will perish. Who knows—perhaps it was for a time like this that you became queen?" After hearing this, Esther asked Mordecai and the Jews in Susa to fast for three days, and she and her maids did the same. She said, "I will go to the king, contrary to the law. If I perish, I perish!"

Who knows-perhaps it was for a time like this that I became your shepherd? Together we faced the terrifying reality of Covid; we lost friends and family to this awful virus. We bid farewell to several close friends who finished their journey too soon. We feared the Calf Canyon Hermits Peak fire breathing down our necks for months. Many within our community were forced to evacuate, we spent days preparing our homes for the worst-case scenario, and together we anxiously digested the morning fire forecast. Yet, we survived these tumultuous storms.

As children of God, we are a people of the resurrection. Our Sunday morning rise from the tomb is coming. As followers of the Risen Christ, we must embrace the words of Alexander Pope, "Hope springs eternal in the human breast." As Divine Love in Action, we will serve as hope for the hopeless, be love for the unlovable, and live as the hands and feet of Jesus. These actions will carry our beloved United Church of Angel Fire forward.

# Treasurer's Report to The Congregation 2021-2022

The close of 2021-2022 again finds UCAF celebrating with gratitude the financial strength that continues to be a hallmark of our Congregation. More interesting than the straight statics are the stories behind the numbers.

During this past year, our spending increased in Ministry Areas that reflect an emergence from the pandemic and growth in membership. Christian Education purchased materials for revived in-person Sunday School. Fellowship cookies and meals after worship services and other small groups helped us reconnect to long-time friends and make new acquaintances. The Outreach Ministry now regularly serves a monthly meal at the community youth group meetings. The Worship Ministry welcomed guest musicians and enriched the Sunday morning services with new audio-visual materials. The Missions Ministry increased its support of local needs, community projects and offerings to our founding denominations by 31% over 2020-2021. Because of your faithful giving, at mid-year we were able to react to the world-wide financial circumstances and provide our Pastor and staff with cost-of-living adjustments.

In February, the Council voted to transfer \$30,000 from the general checking account to the savings account as a reserve for future, unknown contingencies. As of June 30, 2022 the checking account balance was \$100,292 which is \$13,116 higher than June 20, 2021. The savings account balance was \$125,745; an increase of \$43,500 over June 30, 2021.

#### June 2021 – July 2022 Financial Snapshot:

Beginning balance checking account Beginning balance savings accounts Total bank accounts beginning of year	\$ 87,176 <u>82,246</u> 169,422	
Undesignated and earmarked offerings Offerings for capital projects Total offerings	319,378 <u>16,750</u> 336,128	
Capital improvements, ice maker Pastor and staff compensation Missional giving Facilities Administrative Ministry Areas and Programing Total expenditures	4,739 152,508 55,705 39,059 13,344 <u>11,954</u> - 277,309	(20%) (14%) (5%)
Pre-paid 2021-2022 Expenses Mission Reserve less Mission Reserve Spending Ending balance checking account Ending balance savings accounts Total bank accounts end of year	1,504 -3,707 87,176 <u>82,246</u> \$226,038	

In light of anticipated increases in the cost of utilities, insurance, staffing and programming, the 2022-2023 projected spending, other than Missions, is about \$17,000 more than actual spending during 2021-2022.

# Thank you for your investment in The United Church of Angel Fire. Think of all we have done together this past year. Together we are able to do so much more than we ever could on our own. UCAF really does transform lives and makes ministry happen.

## STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

# To encourage faithful stewardship of Divine gifts of time, talents, and treasure to support our Lord's Church; and help, in Jesus' name, all those within our reach who need it.

Despite the challenges of global pandemic, our congregation has weathered that storm and been able to provide significant aid to others in need. Your faithful stewardship has literally not just kept our church functioning, but kept necessities of life provided for our neighbors in need. Funds available for Pastor to assist in paying electric or propane or water bills during times of misfortune are also a powerful witness for Christ. Lisa helps coordinate firewood requests for those in need. UCAF impact many lives as we serve Christ by serving others in need.

Your response to our fall stewardship information and opportunity letter helps the council to plan for the "expected and the unexpected" needs of congregational functioning and our outreach. Please respond to the fall stewardship letter. The updated contact information, participation interests and giving estimates assist your Council in planning. Your generosity literally provides nutrition for students preschool thru grade 12 who would otherwise be hungry at school and at home. UCAF supports the ALM food bank with funds, rotating sacking responsibility and volunteers for supply shipment unloading. Susan Stokes is full time staff with this vital community organization.

UCAF was at the forefront of providing volunteers, funding housing assistance and spiritual support for the many who were forced to evacuate because of the massive wildfires in our area this spring. Many are to be thanked for the caring outreach which occurred. Samaritans Purse was here for the "long haul". Thanks to Henry Garland for his massive contribution of time and equipment. I only spent two days clearing charred trees and debris. The dedication and organization of the Samaritan's Purse staff was exemplary and inspiring. Divine Love in Action helped heal fresh losses and change old stereotypes.

Several memorial gifts were made and acknowledged during the year. Visible changes occurred. Evelyn Bochow watches our services online. She provided the funding of our new permanent church sign at the entrance from West Ridge Road. There will be near- and long-term capital projects. Eventual replacement of the original heating system is one.

There are many ways to support UCAF and our missions. We have resumed plate offering. Checks can be mailed to UCAF, PO box 949, Angel Fire, NM 87710. A simple "automatic push" from your bank (ACH draft) to the UCAF account at IN Bank is used by many. Please contact Jim Brown at <u>finance@unitedchurchofangelfire.com</u> or call Lisa at the UCAF office 575-377-1559. There is a secure link for online giving at UCAF website or at the weekly email "Sunday's Coming". For those of us with retirement investment RMD (Required Minimum Distribution) you might find it convenient and advantageous to make contributions to UCAF by this funding method. By making a "qualified charitable contribution", you are not required to have that amount added to your taxable income. This method is simple and secure. Most retirement fund custodians (banks and brokerage houses) do not charge for mailing such checks. Gifts of stocks or bonds can also be made periodically or thru one's estate planning.

Your gifts will be distributed as witness to the Love of Christ as we serve Him by serving Others in Need.

In His Service, David Hartson

## WORSHIP MINISTRY REPORT

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

After the cancellation of the July 4 service at the Memorial in 2020, the Worship team was excited to once again resume this wonderful tradition. Over 130 people attended this beautiful service. Many thanks to Michelle Tousley for her beautiful special music and Dr. Ron Milam for speaking on behalf of the Memorial.

High attendance continued throughout the summer and fall months. Special services were Veteran's Day on October 14, with Dr. Jen Fitch, a veteran of the US Army, speaking on behalf of all veteran's and All Saints Day on Sunday, October 31, with 21 candles lit in honor of deceased family members.

Christmas season began with the hanging of the greens before Advent, the lighting of the Advent candles by different families, and a beautiful Christmas Eve service, attended by 69 people.

The beginning of 2022 saw church growth, enthusiasm and wonderful cooperation from the Worship Team. The collection of the offering and communion served at the front was resumed. Saying goodbye to covid restrictions added new life to our congregation.

Special services in the Spring included Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Thursday Tenebrae and Easter. Andy and family were away for Palm Sunday and Rev. Stuart Hanold preached in his place.

Roz Garland, music director, has done an outstanding job of planning music, finding volunteers for recording, slides and sound, and she has put together a fabulous Praise Team.

The July 3 service, planned to be at the Memorial, was cancelled because of anticipated rain and was instead held at the Church. Many thanks to Frank Gonzales for speaking on behalf of all veterans.

It is with a sad heart that the end of this fiscal year also brings the resignation of our beloved pastor, Rev. Dr. Andy Konigsmark. He has been a blessing to our church, a visionary, great preacher, encouraging and a joy to work with. The Worship Team wishes Andy and his family good wishes and God's blessings as they leave Angel Fire.

I want to thank Deb Cristy., who will be the next Worship Chair, and my team, Roz Garland, Linda Arceneaux-Hartson, Karen Chapman, Deb Cristy and Dr. Jen Fitch.

To God be all glory, Jan Mika, Chair

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY

One of the major events of the Education ministry was to be a part of a scholarship program for the local daycare center, Valley Kid's Kamp. We have been able to assist with scholarship for four different families which has empowered those families to continue working in the community. The funds for this endeavor will run out in September, but it is hoped that by that time the daycare facility will have received full licensure by the State of New Mexico and funds will be available through the state to help these families with their child care needs.

The Covid virus continued to be a concern for UCAF for the past year. Also, the wildfires that seriously threatened our community affected our programming as many of our summer visitors were late in returning to the Valley. Schedules needed to be adjusted and some programming eliminated.

Nonetheless, Education carried on and for this summer our study has been directed toward two subject areas: (1) current events in a Christian context and (2) the "story" of UCAF and its denominations. During the first part of the summer we discussed such varied options as doctors serving in the Ukrainian wars to the Theology of Dolly Parton. Because we have so very many new members and attendees, it was time for us to re-visit the history and origins of the United Church of Angel Fire beginning with its inception in 1990 and continuing through the present day. The history was followed by presentations of the four denominations that UCAF in in relationship with: Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian (USA), United Methodist and United Church of Christ. In those presentations we not only discussed the actual denominational viewpoints, but we discussed why we even have denominations. It was a time of learning and new understanding for the class participants. Craig Christy graciously videoed the class presentations and they are now available for all to view our unique story.

Going back to last summer, in August of 2021, the featured speakers for the McDonald Lecture Series were Frank and Rosalie Turner. The Turners have vast knowledge in the area of civil rights as it pertains to African American History. Additionally, the Turners, who are former members of the UCAF congregation, have an endowed chair for Racial Relations and Reconciliation at Texas A&M University, Commerce, Texas. It was a time of new knowledge and good discussion among the participants. Unfortunately, it was decided that after this series, the lectures would be brought to a close. As most everyone is aware, the Village population has changed drastically and attendance for the series continued to decrease. (As of June, 2022, it was reported that only 25% of the homes in Angel Fire were occupied by full-time residents – that is a drastic change from years gone by.) The expenses of the program became more than allowed us to continue at this time. However, we do look forward to new opportunities in the future.

My time to lead Christian Education has come to a close but I am totally confident in the leadership of this committee and know that we will continue to provide worthy, meaningful educational opportunities for the congregation. Chris Sorensen is the new Education Chair. I am grateful for the members of this special ministry who have all shared their gifts: Larry Peckham, Gordon and Debby Cox, Jim Trott, Bill Chapman and, of course, Dr. Andy. Some teach, some set up tables, some make the morning coffee! It is a group effort that is very successful and there is always room for new ministry team members.

Respectfully submitted, Rev. Peggy Trott

#### **OUTREACH/MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

#### **Mission Statement:**

# 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. 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 book mark, a UCAF note card, a brochure about our Mountain Vista Cemetery, and cards showing what is needed by the missions UCAF supports (ALM Food Pantry and Heart of Taos).
- 2. Cards, texts, or emails are sent weekly to first-time visitors the following week if we are able to get addresses/phone numbers/emails from first-timers.
- 3. We partnered with the Moreno Valley Ministerial Alliance to assist in funding the Summer Evangelical Event held in July, 2021. Many participated in the worship services and Vacation Bible School.
- 4. In the summer of 2022, we began a new way of obtaining guest information. As part of each Sunday bulletin there is a perforated form to be filled out by visitors or by those wishing to update information. These forms are be filled out, torn off, and placed in the offering plates. On the reverse side is a prayer request form to alert the minister, administrative assistant, and/or church council of a prayer need. It can be privately shared or in the bulletin starting the next week.
- 5. UCAF color brochures have been placed around Moreno Valley to provide information regarding the church name, address, phone number, and minister's name.
- 6. Beginning in September we undertook providing meals for up to 75 kids and sponsors one Wednesday night a month for the youth group at the Moreno Valley Church of Christ. Many members of our congregation volunteered to make and deliver submarine sandwiches, chips, and cookies for these meals. We did this project through May and will begin again in September, 2022.
- 7. Thanksgiving cards were hand addressed, signed, and mailed to all full-time members. associate members, and regular attenders in November.
- 8. Lots of bakers made cookies which were distributed to the ski area workers this winter. Cookies were bagged with stickers that said, "With love and thanks from the United Church of Angel Fire." Rev. Andy and his snowboard team delivered those to the employees each Monday throughout the 2021-2022 ski season much to the delight of those on the receiving end.
- 9. The first Thursday of May is the National Day of Prayer. The Outreach Committee participated in the local Ministerial Alliance event by handing out informational brochures about UCAF to those in attendance and reading the presidential proclamation.
- 10. "Happy Mother's Day" carnations were given out on May 8th to all our ladies in honor of Mother's Day.
- 11. "Happy Father's Day" colorful carabiners were given to our gentlemen on June 19th as they entered the church in honor of the occasion.
- 12. Also, this summer "Welcome Back" cards were printed with the church's scheduled activities throughout the summer and early fall. These attention-getting cards were handed out so that they could be referred to during this particular season. Several people said they put them on their refrigerators to keep track of the season's events.
- 13. Our committee member Henry Garland and his wife Roz hosted two "Backyard Fellowships" this summer at their property in Taos Pines. They were very well attended by church members, church attenders, and many friends. Musicians were hired for the first one in June, and recorded music and mics were provided for the second one in July. Everyone enjoyed getting to visit and munch on delicious finger foods prepared by attendees.
- 14. This summer "Membership Update" forms have been passed out.
- 15. We are hoping to get those to everyone to help us with our database. We are pleased to report that ten new members have joined this year!

The Outreach/Membership Committee consists of Jan Mika, Henry Garland, and Mollie Tanner. Janet Martin Outreach/Membership Council Chair

# MISSIONS

# Goal:

Designation of 10% of the UCAF's undesignated income to support local needs and mission programs.

# TEAM

The Missions team is actively searching for members. If you would like to help please let us know!

# LOCAL NEEDS:

UCAF mission team prioritizes local immediate needs such as rents, utility payments, car repairs and healthcare needs. Most likely the recipients of these , serves you at one of our local stores or restaurants. Our church has been blessed with offerings that have allowed us to increase the amount of help that can be given. This year we were blessed to have a surplus of funds to make a big impact on wildfire evacuees. We were able to purchase and deliver 22 \$500.00 gift cards to our neighbors who were evacuated with nowhere to go and no money to live on once they got there. Our neighbors felt the LOVE that we delivered that day



# Daycare Scholarship Program

Andy is always looking for ways to help our community, he's always asking our locals to help UCAF help those in need. This year he discovered the need for financial assistance with daycare. With the help of Peggy Trott and Cameron Lindsey UCAF missions has funded a new daycare scholarship program to fill this need. This scholarship has been approved on a trial basis, should it be successful, the missions team hopes to make it permanent.





# Annual Giving

In addition to local needs, UCAF supports the following programs with monthly or annual contributions.

- Always Loving Mankind Food Pantry (ALM)
- Taos Men's Shelter
- H.E.A.R.T of Taos
- One Great Hour of Sharing
- NM Conference of Churches
- Disciples of Christ
- Presbytery of Santa Fe
- United Church of Christ
- United Methodist Church SW conference
- Eagle Nest School Nurse
- Operation Christmas Fund
- Moreno Valley Ministerial Alliance
- Moreno Valley High School
- School Supplies
- Food for Kids
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters

# Always Loving Mankind Food Pantry(ALM)

After the previous year's rise in demand because of the COVID-19 pandemic, ALM is back to numbers similar from years past. Today, ALM is serving about 70 families in Angel Fire, Eagle Nest and Cimarron. Even though this is a decrease from this time last year, ALM has still received and delivered more than 42,500 pounds of food in our local communities. ALM was also there when wildfire evacuees from Mora and the surrounding area were in Angel Fire. ALM donated more than 800 pounds of food and 70 Food for Kids bags.

# Mercy Chef/Samaritan's Purse

Mercy Chef and Samaritan's Purse quickly stepped in to our area to help with the wildfire disaster relief during the Hermits Peak/ Calf Canyon Fire. Mercy Chef provided daily meals to evacuees and Samaritan's Purse came to help with the aftermath of the disaster. UCAF missions team was able to donate to both programs in 2021-2022 and has pledged to continue to donate annually.



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

The mission of Fire Wood Angels (FWA) is to supply firewood to those in need in our extended community. Lisa

in our office at 575-3771559 and our coordinators receive requests for wood assistance. Our volunteer force includes many from our community outside of UCAF. We enjoy the exercise, fresh air and comradery. Our "processing site" is at the Girl Scout Ranch. We procure wood from various donated sources. This has meant felling trees, bucking limbs and cutting to length (16-inch rounds) at donor sites. One benefit to the US Forest Service fire break creation this year has been stockpiling of logs at the Girl Scout Ranch. While most of this wood will be sold for lumber, some will be designated or culled as unsuitable for lumber and given to The GSR and FWA. We use personal saws. We have 3 log splitters. One was originally at the GSR. FWA



replaced the engine 6 years ago. a UCAF couple donated their splitter, the UCAF council purchased a new splitter



3 years ago. various participants have purchased a new spitter our 6 (we need all of them) wheelbarrows. A horsewoman supplies feed sacks for kindling. We currently store fuel, lubricants, hydraulic fluid, saws, rakes, shovels, kindling etc. in a borrowed trailer. We aspire to acquire a building for this equipment and winter storage of splitters, dry kindling, some dry wood and delivery trailers and trucks. We delivered 77 pickup loads of fire wood last winter.

We have been blessed with willing volunteers and safe collecting, cutting, splitting and delivering over many seasons. There are tasks for every level of ability. Please consider joining the camaraderie of our fellowship.

Randy Kaiser and Jon Ross, David Hartson.



# Medical Equipment (Dave Hartson)

The medical equipment "recycling" program at UCAF continues. This was first suggested by our church secretary, Joyce McCabe in 2016. Many pieces of "durable" medical equipment are purchased, used for a short time and then discarded. The items which are available include crutches, walkers, shower chairs, bedside toilets, wheelchairs, canes, walking boots, walking safety belts, knee braces of various types, a CPM machine, CPAP machines, oxygen concentrators, oxygen tanks, incontinence underwear, urinals. This equipment is collected, cleaned, and stored. The garage where this equipment was stored sold this spring. The inventory is now stored in the downstairs unused showers of the men's and women's restrooms. Equipment is to be loaned or given to anyone who has the need. The UCAF office, The Moreno Valley Healthcare Clinic and Best Care Pharmacy know of the service. We need oxygen concentrators. If you have an equipment need, contact the UCAF office 575-377-1559 or David Hartson 505-400-3860

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

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

The Congregational Care Ministry practices "Love in Action" by caring for members, friends, and community members who are hurting. We let people know that we care about them and are praying for them especially when they are sick or sad. We have prepared and delivered many meals, sent cards, and made many telephone calls to those on our prayer list and others. We have also made monthly visits and brought lunches to a shut in member.

Congregational Care funds have been used to purchase flowers and requested memorials for "Celebration of Life" services. We have also organized meals for family and friends of those who have attended those services. Stamps, some cards, and containers for food delivery were also purchased.

A new project has been to deliver Prayer Shawls made by church members Cheryl Mason and Roz Garland to many who have lost a spouse or are going through another hard time. In the past, we have also made love knot blankets that were given to others in need.

Most of the food delivered, the yarn, and fabric for the love knot blankets and prayer shawls have been donated. Thank you to those who have made donations, shared needs and to those who have helped to meet those needs.

Karen Chapman Congregational Care Chair



## FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Fellowship: To provide opportunities for congregational interaction, mutual support, and a sense of belonging to our church family through fellowship events and one to one relationship.

1. Kitchen is well equipped with needed supplies for all fellowship activities. Consumable supplies are purchased and kept in stock.

2. Coffee is provided for adult Sunday school classes each week.

3. Cookies are served after worship services during the summer and fall seasons at least twice per month.

4. May 8th, a Mother's Day Brunch Potluck was served following the worship service. Approximately 63 people were served.

5. June 19th, a Father's Day Picnic Potluck was served following the worship service. Approximately 83 people were served.

6. July 31st, 2022 a Brisket Potluck was served following the worship service.

Respectfully Submitted FONDA BROWN Fellowship Chairman

# **PROPERTY COMMITTEE FACILITIES AND GROUNDS**

It has been a good year for the United Church of Angel Fire!

A small commemorative plaque thanking the Bochows for providing funding for the sign was purchased and installed. Many thanks and gratitude for providing the funding to the church! The sign continues to look great!

We are fortunate that there were no major maintenance costs this past year. The Facilities Ministry Team closely observes utility and maintenance costs and looks for savings when possible.

We also monitor the aging of the building and infrastructure in the event that a major system needs repair or replacement.



Looking ahead, the Facilities Ministry Team doesn't anticipate any new major projects for the coming year.

In Christ's Service,

Randy Kaiser Property Chair

# Women's Fellowship

#### To coordinate women's activities at UCAF which demonstrate "Divine Love in Action" throughout the community

We got a late start to our summer activities (yet again due to Covid-19) but were able to meet 3 times during the summer of 2021. Starting in July, 19 ladies came together to enjoy brunch and a book discussion at Jan Mika's home. After reacquainting over delicious dishes and a fun icebreaker led by Janet Martin, JJ

Huddleston led a discussion of Rosalie Turner's book "March With Me". We chose Rosalie's book as she and Frank were to be the MacDonald Lecturers in August. The story is of 2 young girls, one white and one black, living in Birmingham during the time of the Children's March. Many of the ladies had totally different experiences of race relations than what these 2 girls experienced. And I think we all agreed that if we are open to listening to other's experiences and ideas, we can promote positive relationships with all who we encounter.

August brought us to Eagle Nest Elementary/Middle school for the Staff Appreciation Luncheon. Thirty staff members joined 28 members of our Women's group in a salad and dessert lunch. As we gathered together, each person introduced themselves, Rev. Andy spoke, and Rev. Peggy Trott issued an invitation to join us for worship, told of several ways UCAF could help with medical needs for individual students, prayed for the staff and students, and then blessed the food. Dining together, greeting familiar faces, and meeting new ones was a highlight. During dessert floral centerpieces and gift bags were given away as door prizes to the staff.





School supply packets ordered by the Missions Team and numerous other school supplies donated by church members were displayed for teachers to take to their respective classrooms following lunch. In addition, a check for \$500 was presented to the new school nurse for use in the district for items the school budget doesn't cover.

Our end-of-summer field trip took 21 ladies, spouses, and friends to the Philmont Boy Scout Camp. We split into 2 groups to tour the historic Villa Philmonte. After the tour(s) by 2 well-informed docents, we enjoyed the



cents, we enjoyed the beautiful gardens, the stunning views and then wandered over to the National Scouting Museum



and gift shop. Several ladies also went shopping at the Tooth of Time Traders. After our time on Philmont, we enjoyed a delicious lunch at Lambert's at the St. James Hotel.





May of 2022 found us planning the summer with a few new faces on the planning committee. We were so excited to have Sharon Sorenson, Deb Cristy, and Shirla Harris help us plan the Summer 2022 events.

In June of 2022, our "Coming back together" evening at The Grande was a grand event. 23 ladies attended bringing yummy appetizers and there were lots of catching up and meeting new people. Janet Martin devised a fun icebreaker where we learned who doesn't like broccoli and who doesn't have any first cousins, among many other interesting facts. Many thanks to Linda Hartson for sponsoring us at The Grande.





Remember to always be "Divine Love in Action". JJ, Janet, and Mary Beth

## UNITED CHURCH OF ANGEL FIRE A Multi-Denominational Christian Congregation "Look, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut." Revelation 3:8



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