



2020 ANNUAL REPORT

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Report from the Minister-in-Residence

Imagine my surprise, when after being in the office since July 1, I learned that I needed to write the introduction to the 2020 Annual Report for United Church of Angel Fire. I quickly determined that I made a serious error by not having Pastor Safford write the introduction and summary of the previous year prior to his retirement on June 30th of this year! But, while I didn't feel I could adequately write about the events of the last year from a pastoral point of view, one thing I could definitely address was my love and commitment to this congregation.

I first walked through the doors of this congregation sometime in 1999. I can still remember the sermon for the day as Dr. Tracey Miller taught about Jonah and the Great Fish and emphasized that it was OK to question that ancient story. The pianist at the time was a delightful lady named Dorothy Kirk, widow of a retired pastor. She wore her cocktail dresses to church and played honky-tonk gospel. If we weren't singing loud enough or enthusiastically enough, she would stop, admonish us and make us start over. It was the people love and respect for Tracey (and Sandra), delight in Dorothy's music and the warm inviting congregation that welcomed us here. But it was God who called us to this place and the people who kept us here.

Jim and I have been in and out of Angel Fire over the years – more in than out! But since our early days in the community, this church and its people have been a positive force in our lives.

As this congregation has recently passed its 30th year as a fellowship and then a church, I give thanks to those folks who first gathered so many years ago and opened their consciousness to God's leading. This church MAKES A DIFFERENCE in this community. In fact, I consider UCAF a cornerstone of the village of Angel Fire.

It is my continued prayer that during this time of transition, we continue be an illustration of Divine Love and Action and that we will always be a worshiping community of faith, solid in our friendship together, diligent in our many mission activities, and inclusive of all people with a place for everyone at the table.

Thank you to those UCAF forebearers and peace and joy to all for today and for the days to come,

Rev. Peggy Trott
Minister-in-Residence

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is an honor to serve on the United Church of Angel Fire's Council and as a preface to this year's Annual Report I want to offer my thanks to those serving on with me over this past year. Each of the Council's ministries is of equal importance. It is in our working together as a team, Council and Congregation, that this church can get some many things done and done well. You are an amazing group of folks.

Looking back and reflecting on my mental forecast for 2020 and beyond, I had a vision of changes centered on Pastor Safford's retirement. There would be a need to manage the search, selection, and calling of our next pastor and to continue our ministries though the changes. However, who would have thought that a 125-nanometer "pseudo-alive" critter, that exists near the boundary between the living and non-living elements of our world, could cause so much devastation and changes in all our lives.

Through all this the United Church of Angel Fire has had to make adjustments and changes due to the pandemic. Changes in where and how we worship to ensure not only governmental compliance but also doing what we can to protect our brothers and sisters. Not all of the imposed changes should be viewed as negative. There have been discussions over the years on how to record worship services and put them online. Then, rather suddenly, being online went from an idea to a requirement. Now we have an online posting on both Facebook and the UCAF website each week. We do a pretty good job of it too! We have continued to be positive and do the work of the church including the calling of a new pastor.

I am looking forward to the next year, Covid-19 and all! I am sure we still have more changes and challenges in the coming year but I am also sure that I know WHO is in charge. I thank each of you for the continued financial support but also your hands-on support of the ministries of the United Church of Angel Fire.

Yours in Christ,

Bill Chapman - Council President

A Report to the Congregation on The Pastoral Search 2020

Our Pastoral Search committee composed of seven persons with Bill Chapman, president of the council as ex officio, has been working steadily since December to do all the work necessary for a pastoral transition. We began by surveying the congregation, updating the membership roles, and doing the kind of self-study recommended by our four affiliated denominations. We also conducted an exit interview with Rev. Safford to get his perspective on where the congregation is now.

Once we had surveyed the congregation to find out who we are now and what kind of person the congregation sought as a pastor, we began the arduous task of filling out the endless forms for each denomination. We worked toward an MIF or a Local Church Profile which included information about the church, its size, its history and our Village; its demographics, population makeup and housing conditions.

Having jumped through all those hoops, we began to receive resumes or profiles from the various denominations. Also, we ran an ad for the position in the Christian Century magazine and received 4 responses from that ad, 3 of them were from other faith traditions than our own. Our by-laws require that the candidate be from one of the four affiliated denominations. The fourth of these inquiries was from a Methodist pastor who apparently dropped out of consideration at his own behest.

Some three months into the process, when we finally began to receive profiles of prospective pastors. After a Zoom training session with the Southwest Conference Minister of the UCC, we developed a pattern for handling each one. The profiles came to me via email and I forwarded each to the committee members. Then we studied each profile and checked out the churches they served, their preaching style online, and we researched their use of social media and discussed it with committee. Ultimately, we ranked each of the applicants on a 1, 2, 3 scale—1 meaning a good possibility, 2 meaning probably not, and 3 meaning no way. The committee discussed the criteria for the rankings and assigned a ranking agreeable to the group. We asked for volunteers to serve as corresponding secretary to notify each of the applicants where we were vis a vis their standing. Jim Trott and Betty Newell took on that task. To date we have examined profiles of 9 UCC pastors, 10 Disciple of Christ, and 2 Presbyterians; three Methodist ministers inquired but only one submitted a resume. We have yet to see the PIF of one of the Presbyterians, but we are assured by the Presbytery Executive that we will get several more profiles on Monday or Tuesday. One-third of the applicants we have received are women and two-thirds male.

Our process was to do a Zoom interview with the candidate, and then process the reactions of the committee to each interview. If, in the judgment of the group, a candidate deserves a second interview, then that is arranged. Prior to the second interview, the references of the candidate are called and asked specific questions appropriate to that candidate's situation. Throughout the process, which has been guided by prayer, we try to keep in mind the congregational survey; we are convinced that the fit must be right; we wanted to find the person God has sent us, the very best person to do the Lord's work here in Angel Fire.

After a number of interviews, we were approached by the Rev. Dr. William Andrew Konigsmark, of Telluride, Co., who is the associate pastor of Christ Presbyterian church. Andy has a B.A. from the University of Montana, an M.Div. from Fuller Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Divinity degree from Fuller in California. He has had 12 years of pastoral experience as an associate, but this is his first opportunity to be a senior pastor. After two interviews, checking with his references, and a visit from him to our area, the Search Committee unanimously recommended him for the pastorate. The Church Council likewise unanimously recommended him, and the Santa Fe Presbytery, after a Zoom conference examination of Andy, also recommended him.

Andy is married to Dodi and they have two children, Emmi Claire, and Crew. They hope to begin their ministry here on Oct. 1, 2020

Tracey Miller
Council V.P. and chair of the Pastoral Search Committee

TREASURER'S REPORT

2019-2020

As of the date of this report, our minds may be led to focus on recent events and extrapolate short term trends as a reflection of the past year as a whole. But the financial support of the members and friends of the church and diligent stewardship of resources by the staff and Council of The United Church of Angel Fire is much bigger than this point in time.

Although UCAF was eligible for denomination and governmental pandemic related assistance, the Council chose not to apply, so that more funds would be available for churches that had financial needs. The United Church of Angel Fire has timely met all financial obligations and continued staffing at normal compensation.

Offerings received are trending less than typical during the late spring and early summer months, but offerings received earlier in the year were above average and expenses for the year have been significantly lower than typical. Undesignated and earmarked offerings exceeded operational costs by about \$8,500. UCAF completed the porte cochere project and added asphalt and new gravel to the parking lot using capital account reserves and current year capital donations.

June 2019 – July 2020 Financial Snapshot:

Beginning balance checking account	\$ 60,464
Beginning balance savings accounts	<u>171,485</u>
Total bank accounts beginning of year	231,949
Undesignated and earmarked offerings	259,334
Offerings for capital projects	<u>68,748</u>
Total offerings	328,082
Capital improvements	166,852
Pastor and staff compensation	142,582
Missional giving	37,138
Facilities	36,089
Administrative	26,858
Ministry Areas and Programing	<u>9,201</u>
Total expenditures	418,720
Ending balance checking account	66,670
Ending balance savings accounts	<u>81,360</u>
Total bank accounts end of year	\$148,030

The United Church of Angel Fire begins the 2020-2021 year with good financial reserves and a budget that anticipates spending approximately \$21,000 less than 2019-2020.

Through devoted giving by UCAF members and friends and faithful stewardship of the resources entrusted to us, The United Church of Angel Fire will continue to provide a place of community and worship, provide assistance in the Moreno Valley and beyond and demonstrate **Divine Love in Action**.

Shelley Kaiser
Treasurer

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.

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 whenever 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 November 2019, 244 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 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 is helpful in updating the church database.

The capital campaign to raise funds for the porte cochere covered entry project that was started in the fall of 2018 was concluded this fiscal year. Members and friends of the congregation contributed \$122,733 to the campaign, which included an \$18,000 matching fund challenge provided by generous donors. The stewardship committee sent 75 notes of appreciation to contributors. The porte cochere was completed in December 2019 and is a beautiful and very welcome addition to our church property. A follow-on project for parking lot improvements was completed in June 2020. The grading, paving, and gravel provide mud free access from the parking lot to the porte cochere area. These improvements were funded by \$4272 from the capital campaign and \$44,119 from the Bochow capital reserve (\$48,391 total).

As the UCAF family continues to worship and serve the Lord in helping to build His Kingdom, the need for capital improvements persists. Near term projects include interior painting of the church building and replacement of the heating system. The stewardship committee encourages supporters who are blessed with an opportunity to increase their giving commitment to consider designating a portion of the increase to the capital accounts.

Several memorial gifts were received during the fiscal year (in memory of Barry (Bear) Lindsey, Nancy Hartson, Dr. & Mrs. Harold Cameron, Don Vance, and Tom Berrong). Donations were acknowledged and the families of the deceased were notified by letter. A total of 51 items were mailed.

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

From the McDonald Lecture Series by Dr Ron Milam in August to losing Roz Garland as our Music Director to also losing Tina Short, who developed and coordinated our computer worship slides, our Church had a challenging summer and fall of 2019. Thankfully, the positives outweighed the negatives: Ron Milan's lectures about Vietnam and the war were very well received and attended, Paulette McClellan agreed to be our pianist and worship leader when she could. Many stepped up and used their gifts to meet needs during this difficult time.

As fall progressed into winter, on Dec. 1, Paulette was hired to be our full time pianist and worship team coordinator. Preparations began for Advent and Christmas Eve. The Church was decorated and two services were held on Christmas Eve, 130+ at the first service and 80+ at the second.

In January, our dear Nancy Hartson, Worship Chair, suddenly passed away. Her memorial was held at UCAF and 155 attended. We are very grateful to JJ Huddleston for filling in until Dave and I could return to Angel Fire.

Richard was ill during December and January, so Peggy Trott and Tracey Miller filled the pulpit until Richard could resume preaching.

Because COVID hit us hard in March, the Church building was closed indefinitely. Recorded services began and many thanks to Erich Stokes and Bill Chapman for facilitating the recording.

For Easter, UCAF had a drive-in service which was also recorded for on-line viewing. The recorded services continued through March and April.

On June 28, Richard Safford, our beloved pastor for 10 years, preached his final service, recorded for all to view on-line. Rev. Peggy Trott became our Minister in Residence until a new pastor is found and called to serve.

On July 5, UCAF held a beautiful service of worship, praise, communion and patriotism at the outdoor amphitheater at the Vietnam Memorial. It was a beautiful day and service and we thanked the Memorial with a \$500 donation from the Missions Committee.

For the remainder of July, the Church resumed drive-in worship services which were well attended. Many continued to worship through the on-line recorded services.

The Worship Committee have worked hard to meet the needs of our congregation during this difficult time. I give them my thanks for their support through hard work and ardent prayer.

As our Church year ends, the Council approved the recommendation of the Worship Committee to reopen the Church building at 25% capacity (50) on August 2. The reopening will also provide outdoor seating and drive-in for those who prefer to sit in their cars. Recording will continue for on-line viewing. While these options are not perfect, our hope and prayer is to meet the spiritual and fellowship needs of our whole congregation. We will utilize all methods possible to give options for worship and to give God all glory and honor.

In Christ's name, Jan Mika for the Worship Team

David Hartson, Paulette McClellan, Chuck Hasford, Linda Arceneaux and Ruth Ann Carpenter

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY

Christian Education has always been and continues to be a major emphasis in the life of the community of United Church of Angel Fire.

Dr. Ron Milam, a member of this congregation, and Professor of Military History at Texas Tech University, began our educational year in August 2019 as the speaker for the McDonald Lecture Series. As always, Ron's presentation of the Vietnam war was very well received. In fact, there are some who would be pleased if our annual speaker was Ron year after year!

Our education classes covered a variety of topics this year ranging from the Gospel of John to the symbolism and significance of numbers in scripture. Teachers included Bill Chapman, Patsy Irons, Richard Safford, Peggy Trott and Harry Martz. A new book club was formed, "Women, Wine and Words." That group met several times before "the virus" quelled our time together. However, we definitely plan to restart this activity as soon as safely possible.

Since March, the Covid-19 virus has greatly derailed our Christian Education program. I have continued to provide weekly or bi-weekly lessons. These lessons included contemporary issues in our society, the story of the Liberty Bell, and most recently, we have provided class participants with a lesson on the history of beliefs of the four denominations we are in relationship with.

Again, the dreadful virus caused the cancellation of our annual McDonald Lecture Series and our Fireside Chats. These events will re-surface in the future when the world is once again healthy and whole.

To be a disciple is to be a learner. It is a challenging time in our community, our nation and our world, but we will continue as best we can to educate ourselves in order that we are respectful, learned people of God. I am grateful for the help of Larry Peckham, Bill Chapman, Kent Bohls, James and Laurie Reeg with planning and serving in our education ministry.

Shalom,
Peggy Trott, Education Chair



OUTREACH/MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020

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. 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. UCAF advertised on placemats at a Rotary Pancake breakfast.
 5. UCAF color brochures have been placed around Moreno Valley to provide information regarding the church.
 6. Game Nights were held in July and September, 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.
 7. Thanksgiving cards were hand addressed, signed, mailed to all full-time members, associate members, and regular attenders in November.
 8. Since we were not meeting in person in May (due to COVID-19), "Happy Mother's Day" emails were sent to 116 ladies. The replies were
 9. Because in-person services were not being held, "Happy Father's Day" emails were sent to 63 gentlemen, and many replies were received.
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The Outreach Committee consists of Lone Krarup, 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 2019-20 fiscal year, which runs from July 1st, 2019, through June 30th, 2020. Many of our church members participate in our mission work to the glory of God and God's grace.

Local Needs Missions (Richard Safford, Peggy Trott and Erich Stokes)

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. This past year local needs have been as diverse as an automotive repair for a family's only form of transportation, or a means to move to a larger



metropolitan area where they could join family and find additional support and work. 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 \$7,845 of our mission funds were used to support those in need in our community. UCAF provides the assistance needed that may mean the difference between homelessness and shelter.

In the past six months the Corona Virus has changed the outlook for local mission needs. Our initial expectations were that we would see a significant and marked increase in our local missions request due to the shutdown and many people out of work. This was not the case across the board; although ALM has seen roughly a 50% increase in Angel Fire and Eagle Nest clients, they have not seen an increase in Cimarron. Our request for help with utilities, housing and other needs has not increased either. Speculating that some of the immediate needs were offset by unemployment benefits and utility/housing sources deferring payment, we expect the need is simply delayed. To this end we have set aside a short-term reserve fund to carry forward our traditional year end mission allocation into this Fall to help address this foreseen demand.

Taos Men's Shelter (Suellen Albright, liaison)



Taos Men's Shelter

The Taos Men's Shelter is located at 220 Albright Street. 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. They are still using the commercial washer and dryer we helped purchase last year. 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. This year they have added a small raised flower and vegetable bed at their front entrance to brighten the area.

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 women and children 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 2020-2021. 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. This past year included the successful opening of HEART House, a large transitional co-living residence on five acres that will provide housing, counseling, and support for women and children. Through ALM, the HEART house connected with the Santa Fe Food Depot and completed the process to be a direct benefactor of the Santa Fe Food Depot. The current corona virus pandemic has proven difficult to adapt to for the HEART House, but they are continuing to adjust and meet the challenge.



School Support (Janet Martin, Erich Stokes)

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 2020-21 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 \$ 806. 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 (Susan Stokes, 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 85 families comprised of more than 219 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 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 pick up point in Toas 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.

This past year has seen successful fundraising and several grants given to ALM for both their primary food pantry program and a specific focus on purchasing a new all-wheel drive delivery van.

Members of the UCAF congregation have been extremely helpful with funding ALM this year through specific donations, helping facilitate grants and multiple generous memorial fund donations.

Food for Kids (Peggy Trott & Gina Bonner)



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 Peggy Trott and Gina Bonner in conjunction with Kelly Koehlinger, the school secretary.

The program works as follows: Items for food packs are purchased and assembled by volunteers and delivered to the school through coordinated food deliveries with the ALM Program. The current corona virus pandemic has changed the processes for deliveries when students are not in school. The Food for Kids program has decided to continue services over the 2020

Summer and during remote school from home times.

This year, the number of children served varied from 20-25 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.

Firewood Angels (Dave Hartson)



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. 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 hopes to have in excess of 100 truckloads of firewood. FWA distributed 72 pickup loads of firewood over the 2019-2020 Winter. Firewood Angels have been blessed this past year with many volunteers, both members and non-

members of UCAF, and also bless with a safe firewood collecting, cutting, splitting and delivering season. There are tasks for every level of ability. Please consider joining the camaraderie of our fellowship.

A special thanks this past Fall to BJ Lindsey for use of his dump trailers, which with a group of UCAF volunteers allowed us to collect a large haul of firewood rounds from Philmont.



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 Healthcare 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 \$391 went to the United Church of Christ.

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 The UCAF had a privileged visit this past October from Rev. Dori Kay Hjalmarson, Mission Co-Worker with the Presbyterian World Mission in Honduras. We were able to spend the evening with Rev. Hjalmarson and she gave a us very informative



presentation on Learning about Migration in El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras. This gave us a unique and in depth understanding of Central American Migrates both to and from the United States.

Respectfully submitted by
Erich Stokes, Missions Chair

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

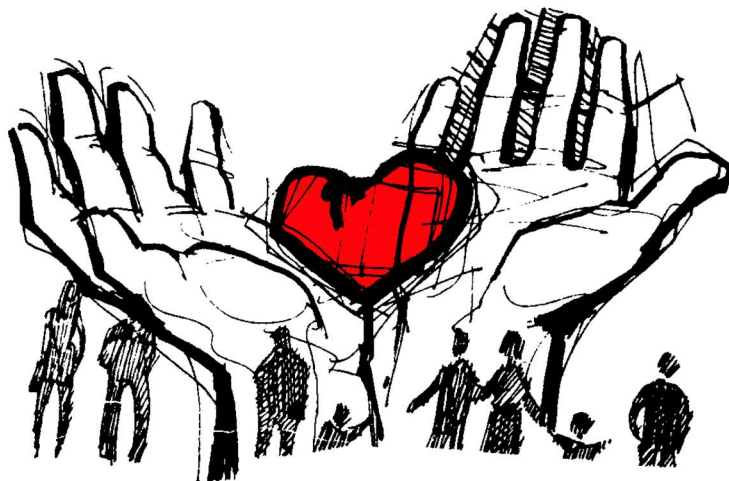
Mission: *Care for members and friends during difficult times by demonstrating God's love.*

The Congregational Care Ministry practices "Love in Action." We try to care for members, friends, and community members who are hurting. Many of our members volunteer to help when a need is identified. The success of this ministry depends on our congregation members sharing needs among us and helping to meet those needs.

Over 18 meals have been prepared and delivered and 46 cards have been sent during this past year. Two meals have been organized and served to those attending "Celebration of Life" services for two very special people. 60 plates of cookies were also delivered to church and community members during the COVID-19 shutdown to let people know they were missed and loved and not forgotten.

Congregational funds were used to buy flowers or requested memorials for "Celebration of Life" services. Gifts for retiring staff members, containers for meals, and stamps and cards also were purchased with Congregational Care funds. All food that is delivered and most of the cards sent were donated. Thank you to Sandra Miller who sent out the cards and to all those who helped meet our congregation needs.

Karen Chapman, Congregational Care Ministry



FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Fellowship time together is a very important part of the life of United Church of Angel Fire. We had a number of events last year: reception for the McDonald Lecture Series, Thanksgiving Dinner, several pot-luck lunches, etc. and then . . . Covid became a reality and our events were put on hold, yet we look forward to the time when we can once again gather in community.

Each of our fellowship activities provides a wonderful opportunity for joy and laughter, meeting new members and making new friends. Visitors are always welcomed and encouraged to attend.

While many hands go into the preparation and clean-up of these events and I thank everyone for their diligent efforts. I especially want to thank Bill Mason, as our "dishwasher in charge!"

Respectfully,

Dave Anderson, Fellowship Chair



PROPERTY COMMITTEE

FACILITIES AND GROUNDS

It has been a busy year for property improvements for The United Church of Angel Fire!

We completed the Porte Cochere addition which has enabled us to drive up to the front door and drop off passengers out of the weather and it has served as the chancel area during drive-up worship services this summer. Along with the Porte Cochere, the two emergency exits at the back of the sanctuary were moved to the north and south walls and now provide covered exits for times of rain or snow accumulation and safer fire egress.

We also installed 8,100 square feet of 3-inch asphalt around the Porte Cochere to allow for parking and access to the church building without getting muddy. The remainder of the parking lot has been improved with newly laid and compacted gravel.

The landscaping outside the fellowship hall that was started last year was completed, and the water heater was replaced. 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 is in the process of obtaining a quote for property and liability insurance that may reduce those costs by half. In addition, we are receiving bids to replace the sign on West Ridge Road and build one that resembles many of the predominate business signs in Angel Fire. We believe that the Porte Cochere and new signage will be an attractive enhancement to the property that will pose a warm and welcoming presence in the community.

In Christ's Service,
Randy Kaiser
Property Chair



Women's Ministry

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

September 2019

JJ Huddleston organized a trip to the United World College USA and the Agroecology Research Center in Las Vegas, NM. 21 ladies and 3 spouses went on the fieldtrip. We divided into 2 groups and each had an international student guide us through the Dwan Light Sanctuary and the "Castle". Lunch was eaten alongside the student body in the historic dining hall. After lunch we were given a tour of the "Farm" where students learn to grow food. Approximately 75% of what the school kitchen uses is from the farm.



February through August 2020

The co-chairs met in early February and got the entire summer program developed and then Covid-19 caused us to put a halt to all in-person gatherings. All activities that were planned for Summer 2020 have been pushed back to Summer 2021.

After many months in quarantine, it was decided that school would start in August. Janet Martin coordinated with the new Eagle Nest Elementary/Middle school principal to bring cinnamon rolls, cookies and beverages to the teachers and staff to give them sustenance while planning in-person and on-line learning. Terry Spivey, Janet Martin, and JJ Huddleston packaged cookies and then Janet and JJ delivered the treats and the school supplies donated by church members to the school.



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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