



# The Los Altos Life

Los Altos Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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It's now a month into 2018 and soon to be two, three and so on. So, how are the new year's resolutions coming along? A typical new year's resolution is a time of change in one's life, whether it is to add or purge something. If you recall, in early January I challenged us to deviate from the "typical" resolution and make a "non-typical" resolution: to be prepared and ready to share the gospel, the good news whenever possible to those in need or who are receptive to hear. The

purpose was to provide discipleship, to help them get plugged into a good bible-based church whether it be ours or another church.

We need to prayerfully ask the Lord to continue what was accomplished in 2017: we grew by 11 new members with an average attendance of 53 up from the upper 20's. This equates to about a 95% increase.

Our Lord is an awesome God! To Him be all praise and honor and glory. Amen. I pray that in 2018 we welcome more members to our church family, and that the Holy Spirit continues to move among us.

With that said, I continue to encourage you to share the gospel whenever the Holy Spirit opens the door, sharing with them about Los Altos and all the wonderful things our Lord has done here. Here are 4 ideas we can implement to continue to grow God's church family.

Lean not unto your own understanding "Lean on the Lord" when inviting people to church

Think critically when sharing the word of God, being ever respectful and loving

Commit to a long-term discipleship to our brothers and sisters

Stay on the sunny side when discussing church events and congregation; "there is no perfect church"

Remember my brothers and sisters: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified..., for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." (Deuteronomy 31:6) Amen!

Sew & Sews met twice in January, the 10<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. The Clark's, Beth and Ray, brought in several boxes of material on the 10<sup>th</sup>. We sorted through them keeping things we could use and sharing the rest with others. We appreciate the love these donations mean to us. The Rio Ranch ladies took two youth blankets and five baby blankets to Storehouse West.



We received a cute note from Rosa Hidalgo, the Family Liaison at Chelwood Elementary School thanking us for all our donations for their families and students.

Albuquerque Christian Children's Home sent a note to our Fidelity Sunday School Class to thank them for their support of the work that ACCH does to help the lives of at-risk children. They pledge to continue to care

**A generator at Iglesia Cristiana (Discipulos de Cristo) in Feijoo, Naranjito, Puerto Rico is the sole power source in the mountainside town.  
Photo: Week of Compassion**



The Joint Commission--a meeting of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the US and Canada and the Iglesia Cristiana (Discípulos de Cristo) en Puerto Rico met in December. Part of the meeting was to plan for long-term recovery and to bear witness to the devastation wrought by Hurricanes Maria and Irma. As of Dec 21, the power grid was operating at 70% capacity, and thousands of residences were still without power, 106 days without power.

The central office for the Iglesia Cristiana (Discípulos de Cristo) continues to serve as a distribution center for supplies, including thousands of water filters and jerry cans and hundreds of tarps, crank flashlights, and radios. **Week of Compassion** continues to help provide needed material items, even as it plans for the transition into supporting long-term recovery. The signs of damage are inescapable across Puerto Rico, but obvious, too, are the new leaves of hope.

Your donation to **Week of Compassion** Offering collected at LACC **February 18-25** can help bring hope to those affected by Hurricanes Irma and Maria.

It is with great sorrow that we report that Coral Stupp passed away on Tuesday, January 16th. Memorial Services will be here at LACC on Friday, February 9th from 10:00-12:00pm.



Stephen Duncan Wildey was fortunate enough to have traveled in many countries and continents of the world. Finally arriving as a resident of Albuquerque, NM in 1996. After struggling with GMB brain cancer the Lord welcomed him home on Sunday, February 4th, 2018.

Cremation has taken place and a celebration of life service will be held at Los Altos Christian Church, February 10, 2018 at 3:00pm

Steve defiantly left his thumb print on the world and will be missed and loved by all that knew him, especially by his devoted wife Deborah Rinker-Wildey.

### **Food Assistance**

Do you need help with food? Please use our food assistance line to receive help from *Roadrunner Food Bank* and our network of partner agencies. As a state largest food bank, we serve as a distribution center and provide food to about 500 partner agencies across the state which includes food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and other hunger-relief programs.

### ***Call us for Help with Food Assistance***

When you call our food assistance line, we will provide contact information for three partner agencies we work with in your area. Be sure to have paper and a pen or pencil ready when you call. You'll need to know your zip code too!

Call for food assistance: **505-349-5340** or **575-523-4390**.

You can also use our "Search for Help" feature on our website. Enter your zip code and a list of agencies will appear including the day and time they distribute food.

### ***Tips About Food Assistance***

- After you have received the names and contact information for one or more of our partner agencies, be sure to call each before going to receive food
- Confirm the dates and times of the distribution when you call our partners
- You may be required to bring a photo ID, or paperwork showing you live in the zip code of the agency you want to visit
- Bring bags or boxes to place any food items in. Our agencies may not have boxes or bags to place food in.
- Arrange transportation in advance. Our agencies do not have enough volunteers or staff to deliver food to your home. Seniors, the disabled, the medically frail or those on Medicaid may be able to qualify for a reduced fare or no cost transportation through the:
  - City of Albuquerque
  - Rio Metro Regional Transit District
  - New Mexico Aging and Long-Term Services Department
  - The municipality where you live

### ***How your Church can Help***

Helping to meet the need of hungry people in New Mexico is an important way to contribute to the community. For every person that we help, we know that there are two more that need our services.

Your church and faith community can help by:

- Hosting a Food for Thought Tour at *Roadrunner Food Bank* to help educate people in our community about the need low-income families, children, seniors and adults face and struggle with every day
- Making a gift from your faith community to the Food Bank
- Hosting and organizing an Online Fund Drive with your faith community
- Collect food items and bring them to the Food Bank once the food drive is completed
- Scheduling a group of volunteers to help at *Roadrunner Food Bank* once a month for more ways to help.

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Los Altos Christian Church is partnering with Cub Scout Pack 495 to donate to Roadrunner Food Bank as we had done for The Storehouse. Please continue to support our efforts of donating to help overcome hunger in New Mexico. Since Roadrunner Food Bank is the distribution center for their partner agencies, they do not need the grocery bags that we had been collecting.

Thank you for your giving and loving attitudes!

## ***Feed & Seed Thursday Night Bible Study***

Every Thursday evening.

Fellowship and supper at 5:30 pm (*brown bag*)

Study starts at 6:00 pm.

***Join us around the table!***

## **The Prayer Corner**

**Those requesting special prayers:**

Naomi Bitela, Bina Caris, Geneva Jarrett, Hobbs' family, Virgie Key, Coral Stupp's family, Rinker/Wildey family and Cory Church's Mom, Judy.



### **Guess Who?**

(#18 in a series of articles about current and past participants at LACC.)

In high school, **Guess Who** wanted to be a cowboy/ cowgirl. Luckily, **Guess Who's** parents knew the superintendent of a 5000-acre ranch who allowed **Guess Who** to participate in a variety of ranching duties. **Guess Who** helped put tabs in the ears of newborn calves and to inoculate baby calves. Giving the shots was not **Guess Who's** favorite part of ranch work, nor was castrating the

bulls, and, with a little finagling, he/she managed to avoid helping with castration. Eight hours in the saddle leads to lots of soreness, so **Guess Who** spent many nights in a hot bath so he/she could "get back on the horse" the next day. After 30 hours in the saddle, **Guess Who** received a cowboy hat. While **Guess Who** was grateful for the opportunity, it led **Guess Who** to decide that working in an office was more to his/her liking. Eventually, the ranch became a Donald Trump golf course.

**Guess Who's** father was in charge of ammunition during WWII, and toward the end of the war, he took the empty brass casings he had to Paris where he asked an instrument maker, Henry Selmer, to make a couple of trumpets out of the brass casings. Mr. Selmer was glad to do so, dad was glad to come home with two beautiful trumpets for his children, and **Guess Who** and his/her sister spent their school years playing the trumpet.

While **Guess Who** was in high school, the school put on three plays. **Guess Who** tried out for a role in each play, but always ended up in the pit orchestra. The same girl ALWAYS got the lead part; her name was Meryl Streep. Wow!

In 1994, when **Guess Who** was having a difficult time with his/her father's passing, a friend at work invited **Guess Who** to attend Bible Study Fellowship. **Guess Who** said "yes" not knowing the impact it would have. Not only did **Guess Who** come to terms with his/her father's death, he/she embarked on a journey that led to an on-going personal relationship with Jesus. Also, since BSF encouraged students to find a church home, **Guess Who** became a member of LACC. Seventeen years later, **Guess Who** still calls Los Altos home, is still attending BFS classes, and is now able to help others coping with similar experiences of loss.

Stats: Born in Bedminster, NJ. Attended the Berkely Secretarial School. Career mostly with the phone company. Began participating at LACC in 2001. LACC participation—Newsletter Angels, VBS, Board, Deacon, Elder, Hospitality, Handbells, Purchasing Agent, Prayer Chain.

See the bulletin board in the Narthex on Sunday to see if you've correctly "guessed who."

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## February 2018

Calendar Key:

**UNM CC:** University of NM  
Cooking Class

**GA:** Gamblers Anonymous  
**NA:** Narcotics Anonymous

**FH - Fellowship Hall**  
**e/b - Education Bldg**  
**Lib- Library**

**sanc - Sanctuary**



### BIRTHDAYS

**Carl Hime, Jr. - 02/01**

**Nancy Caris - 02/03**

**Betty Newman - 02/07**

**Andrea Johnson - 02/18**

**Beverly Josephson 02/19**

**Geneva Jarrett 02/20**

**Carol Sparks - 02/28**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 Scout Sunday 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Sunday Worship 12:00 Scout Reception 5:00p TAIZE service	5 10a, 12p, 6p Yoga FH 7p Guitar Group ~ Paul	6 4p UNM Cooking Class 5:51p NA Mtg. Parlor (common area) 6:00p Cub Scouts e/b	7 6:30p GA Mtg. e/b	8 5:30p Bible Study e/b 7:00p Choir	9 10-12pm Memorial Service-Coral Stupp 10:00a Yoga FH 12:00p Yoga FH 1:30p Line Dancing e/b	10 Celebration of Life Stephen Wildey 3:00 UNM Cooking Class
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18 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Sunday Worship 5:00p TAIZE service	19 President's Day 10a, 12p, 6p Yoga FH 7p Guitar Group ~ Paul	20 4p UNM Cooking Class 5:51p NA Mtg. Parlor (common area) 6:00p Cub Scouts e/b 6:30p Board Mtg. lib	21 6:30p GA Mtg. e/b	22 5:30p Bible Study e/b 7:00p Choir	23 10:00a Yoga FH 12:00p Yoga FH 1:30p Line Dancing e/b	24 UNM Cooking Class 12:00
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## ***Los Altos Christian Church (DOC)***

### **Hours of Sunday Worship**

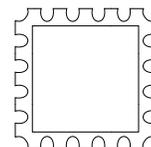
**Sunday School: 9:15 am**

**Sunday Morning Svc: 10:30 am**

**Evening Taize Svc: 5:00 pm**



*We are disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one Body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.*



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

### **Los Altos Christian Church Staff / Support Staff**

Pastor: Anthony Lopez  
Administrative Assistant: (Temporary) Edie Dunnington  
Office Angels: Kristie & Georgie Gitzendanner, Iva Vest  
Janitorial: VanGuard Cleaning Systems  
Security & Property: Bob Dunnington / Stuart Pirrotta

#### **General Fund Information**

February 2018 funds: needed - 8,932 received \$2,746

#### **Capital Fund Information**

January 2018 : - \$20

#### **Attendance:**

Sunday morning : 71

Taize attendance: 6

Sunday School attendance: 8

### **Serving on Sunday, February 11:**

Elder: Don Brady  
Worship Leader: Andrea Johnson  
Deacon: Eartha Lynn  
Greeter: Iva Vest  
Sound Room: Bob Dunnington

### **Serving on Sunday, February 18:**

Elder: Carl Hime, Jr.  
Worship Leader: Andrea Johnson  
Deacon: Eartha Lynn  
Greeter: Carol Sparks  
Sound Room: Bob Dunnington



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