

December 4 - 2nd Sunday of Advent "Finding Hope in the Wilderness" - Worship at 9 and 10:45am

December 11 - 3rd Sunday of Advent "Preparing the Way of the Lord" - Worship at 9 and 10:45am
 Hanging of the Greens at 12pm - Come and help decorate the church with Christmas Trees, wreaths, and nativities to create a space of awe and wonder. (See page 10 for details)

December 14 - Wednesday - Las Posadas -

This will be a bigger event this year beginning with the Las Posadas reenactment with our youth. This will take place on the church grounds as we process around the parking lot, knocking on doors and asking for lodging. We will then join with our church community for a delicious New Mexican potluck dinner.

Cross of Hope Youth are assisting with this annual event. Our youth will be portraying the key characters in the journey of Mary and Joseph to find lodging in Bethlehem.

December 18 - 4th Sunday of Advent "Emmanuel, God With Us" - Worship at 9 and 10:45am

December 24 - Saturday, Christmas Eve - Come and be still in awe and wonder at the good news of Jesus birth!

4pm Family Worship - Christmas songs and stories

6pm Contemporary Worship - Candlelight Service - Music with Praise + Team

8pm Traditional Worship - Candlelight Service - Music with the Brass and Voices of Hope Choir

December 25 - Sunday- Christmas Day– Worship at 10am, Christmas lessons and carols.

January 1 - 1st Sunday of Christmas –Worship at 10am, Christmas lessons and carols.

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Deadline is 10th of the month for the following month's edition. Send E-mail articles to office@crossofhope.org or deliver to church office.

Stewardship

Stewardship involves your time, talent and treasure. Contact the church office for assistance in getting started in any of our ministries. Please remember Cross of Hope in preparing your will.

**COH School Food Drive
 New Playground Equipment**



More playground fun! There is such excitement in the air and especially on the playground as children anxiously wait for the playground installation to be completed and the concrete to dry.

Our food drive was a success. Stay tuned for the announcement of the classroom that had the most donations.

We had such a successful first trimester of school with our book fair, walk-a-thon, field trips, Fun Fridays, and Albuquerque Aloft.

We are grateful to have a new preschool director, librarian, lunch manager, arts and culture facilitator, and PE help from UNM.

School Online Registration

Tuition for the 2022-2023 School Year

Elementary Tuition

Kindergarten - 5th grade: \$7,075

Preschool Tuition

T/TH: \$2,290

M/W/F: \$3,430

M-F \$5,720

For more information:

<https://www.crossofhope.org/schools>

or contact Debra Alba (505) 897-0047, ext. 110

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Cross of Hope School News



The Roving Hoper Visits Cross of Hope Once Again

By Mary Bresnahan, COH Reporter and Writer

Children are an important part of Christmas. Just as the magi brought gifts to the baby Jesus, we also buy gifts for children. With that thought in mind the Roving Hoper went to see what was on the minds and hearts of our children in Cross of Hope School. Here's what they had to say:

Kindergarten



Ellie said It's when Jesus got "born".

1st Grade



Isla told me it was Jesus' birthday. She likes all the presents, but the worst thing is having to sleep because Santa is coming.

3rd Grade



Jordan told me Christmas means Jesus is a real present to us.

4th Grade



Sophie shared that she likes Christmas pajamas, opening presents with family, and watching the "Sound of Music" on Christmas Eve.

4th Grade



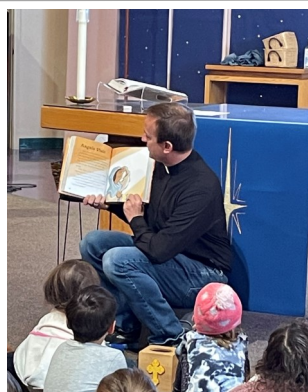
Saylor told me it means to spread the joy of the Baby Jesus.

5th Grade



Robert shared that he likes being with his family.

Preschool Chapel



Pastor Adam reads a story about Mary finding out she was to give birth to Jesus.



Council Corner



Memories of Christmas - a Long, Long, Time Ago

It is almost Christmas! Christmas carols! Christmas lights! Christmas ornaments! Christmas lists! Christmas gifts! Christmas cookies! Christmas everything, Christmas everywhere!

I often think back to when I was a little girl, how simple things were, and what Christmas time was like in the 40's and 50's. I made my Christmas list for Santa but then had to remember to be good or nothing on that list would be under the tree on Christmas morning. I always wanted a doll. My mom would take me on the bus downtown, to a small toy store where I would look at each and every doll and would decide which one, I wanted Santa to bring to my house on Christmas Eve. Little did I know that mom would put a little money down on the doll I liked, and then she would return to the store each week until the doll was paid for. This was a time when we did not have charge cards or checks, so everything was paid for in cash.

My Dad did the shopping for my brother Bill, which was usually a train or something special for his enormous train table that was on the dirt floor in our basement. And, oh, what an amazing display table that was – I was not allowed to touch it.

Mom would take Bill and I downtown to the Bon-Ton Department Store, where we would stand in front of the enormous windows, mesmerized by the most amazing assembly of toys, elves, snow, and Christmas Trees were displayed. If you have ever seen the movie “A Christmas Story” when Ralphie and Randy were standing in front of Higbee’s Department Store window, you will understand just what we saw.

It was an exciting day because we would then make our way up to the 4th floor to Santa Land where we would stand in line for what seemed like forever until we were able to tell Santa what we would like him to bring us for Christmas. We would be given a candy cane and button that said “I saw Santa at the Bon-Ton and had the opportunity to have our picture taken with Santa. It was expensive so I was lucky to have one picture of myself, and one with Santa and my brother that I gave to him years ago.

We lived in York, PA and we would visit relatives in Columbia and Lancaster on Christmas Eve afternoon. My mother sewed for months before Christmas making special gifts for everyone. She also baked what seemed like an endless supply of every cookie you could imagine.

My brother and I always wanted to stay up until midnight on Christmas Eve because the Wire Cloth Factory played Christmas carols on the factory whistles, which could be heard all over the city, but we did not hear them until we were much older.

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We had a Christmas manger, which my grandfather made in the 1940's, and I still put out every year in our home. At the time all the people and animals were made out of plaster-of-Paris. I was the self-appointed keeper of the stable and would like to spend time organizing and reorganizing just where every person and animal would stand.

We would wake up on Christmas morning and find what we hoped for under the tree with few surprises. A beautiful wardrobe of clothes, made by mom, for my new doll and a doll bed, made by Dad. Stockings held tangerines, nuts, and candy. We always thought Santa brought our Christmas tree and stockings on Christmas morning because all of it would disappear by the time we woke up on New Year's Day.

I loved looking at the stars on Christmas Eve and knowing they once shone over the manger where Jesus was born in Bethlehem. I loved going to Christmas Eve candle-light service to welcome baby Jesus. And yes, I still like to reorganize the people and animals in my Christmas stable.

We only got to play with our toys for a little while because we all had to get ready and go to Church. That was the most important part of Christmas morning. I loved all of the Christmas wreaths and poinsettias in the Church, the baby Jesus finally in his crib, Christmas hymns, Christmas songs and Christmas greetings to everyone after Church.

A very Merry and Blessed Christmas to you all!
 Margie Reed, COH Council President

Celebrating A Milestone Birthday for our 90 Plus Parishioners

On November 20, during a combined 10am service, COH had a special blessing and prayers for all of our parishioners who have reached and surpassed 90 years of life this year. After the single service, they were again honored with a special reception. Cake and fresh fruit highlighted the food offerings. Smiles, hugs and cards of congratulations rounded out our time together.

Our very special elders here at Cross of Hope are:
 Miriam Anspach, Herb Delker, Russ Edwards, John Fries, Robert Hauert, Doris Herrmann, Ruth Hinkel, Guenter Krumlinde, and Marjorie Pool.



Sunday AM Classes

- Childcare (age 0-10) 8:50am - noon Rm 115 (Florence Begay)
- K—5th Grade 10-10:30am Rm 203 (Nancy Lacher)
- Faith Connections - 9:50 - 10:45am Rm 306 (Rich Neely)
- Holy Spirit Book Discussion 9:50 am Rm 205 (Pastor Pat Mohr-Kelly)



**The Faith Connection group on Sunday AM is specially designed as a drop-in opportunity for those interested.*

- MidHigh and SHY 10 - 10:45am Rm 304 (Rowynn Adams)



The Mission of Cross of Hope Faith Connections Groups...

To provide an opportunity for all people to share Christ's love and authentic community in a small group setting where lives are transformed through growth in faith and service to others.

FRIENDS + FAITH + EVERYDAY LIFE

COH Small Group Ministry

Looking out into our World during Advent

During the season of Advent leading up to Christmas, COH Small Group Ministry will be focused on encouraging us to be aware of the needs of our neighbors both near and far. Each week, groups will look at ways to become active participants of God's kingdom here and around the world.

December 4: Advent Week 2

Matthew 3:1-12 Finding Hope in the Wilderness
Providing Better Futures in Peru

December 11: Advent Week 3

Matthew 11: 2-11 Preparing the Way for the Lord
Improving Health in Guatemala

December 18: Advent Week 4

Matthew 1: 18-25 Emmanuel, God With Us
Equipping Students in Tanzania to Succeed



There are multiple small groups and locations for Making Faith Connections.

Sundays at 9:50am Facilitated by Rich Neely and located at COH

Sundays at 12:30pm Facilitated by John Valdez and located at COH

Sundays at 1:30pm Facilitated by Jan Wormwood and located at COH

Wednesdays at 10:30am Facilitated by Sheri Phillips and located at group members homes

Wednesdays at 6:30pm Facilitated by Pastor Pat and located at COH

Thursdays at 1:00pm Facilitated by Jan Anderson and Lois Caipen and only over Zoom

The Faith Connection groups on *Sunday Morning at 9:50am and Wednesday Night at 6:30pm* are specially designed as drop-in opportunities for those interested.

Camp @ Cross of Hope (Wednesday Evenings)

Schedule:

Bible Study/Fellowship:

6:30– 7:30pm Mid-High Youth/Confirmation	Rm 302	Pastor Adam
6:30– 7:30pm Sr. High Youth –	Rm 304	Rowynn Adams
6:30– 7:30pm Adult Making Faith Connection group (*Open to drop-in)	– Pastor Pat – Rm 306	
(*The Faith Connection group on Wednesday night is specially designed as a drop-in opportunity for those interested).		
6:30- 7:30pm Voices of Hope (Choir)	Sanctuary	Thomas Ropp

Banner Babes' Tea



Pastor Russ Sorenson and The "Beach Boys" flew in from Santa Monica, California for the afternoon's entertainment.

Tea by the Sea was all it promised to be!

Guests enjoyed a variety of teas in stunning teacups with delicate cucumber sandwiches, chicken croissants, field greens, and cranberry salad.

Delicious Key Lime tarts and scones were served.

Who is our "Masked Hoper" question:

What couple is known as the ultimate collectors?

See page 12 for the answer.

We Love Our Volunteers!



Kitchen Angels:
Margie Reed and **Claudia Russo** arrived in the COH kitchen the morning of November 18th with gloves, various cleaners, shelf paper, plastic bins, and more to deep clean and organize our kitchen. It was long



Forrest Uppendahl answering calls and helping out with a smile at the Welcome Desk.



The leaves just keep falling! When they are not falling they are blowing all over our COH grounds. We are so thankful for **Rudy and Sherrie Simek** scooping and bagging leaves many times during the week during the month of November and into December.

Angel Tree

This year, COH is partnering with Albuquerque Public Schools Homeless Project for 2022. These families are either currently homeless or recently housed and need help this holiday season.

If you picked an angel from the tree, please remember to return your gifts to COH by December 11, 2022. Please remember that gifts need to be UNWRAPPED and marked with Angel Tree Stickers and will be placed in the Youth Room.

If you have any questions, please call Deney Perkins at (505) 321-5549, or email samyandr@hotmail.com. Thank you again for your support and generosity.



Youth News



A BIG thank you to all who supported our youth by purchasing candles. Also thank you to Patrice Leddy for coordinating and supplying us with candles to sell. We raised about \$75.00.

In addition we want to thank folks who have donated items for the youth room. We now have a microwave to make popcorn and heat up cocoa thanks to Daryle Lessard. And thanks for the floor pillows that showed up from a donor. We believe we also have a mini-fridge to hold sodas in the works.

Service Opportunities



Are you looking for a way to meet and greet people? COH is still in need of Welcome Desk Volunteers, especially in the afternoon hours during the week. Please sign up by calling the church office at (505) 897-0047.

COH's Crisis Care Ministry

1. **Hospitality** - a long-standing team providing service by hosting various events. Currently staffed by 37 volunteers.
2. **Care Team** - New! And Now Forming! Three areas of service:
 - Transportation
 - Crisis Care Meals
 - Interface with Community Services

If you would like to be a part of this team, and could provide assistance from time to time, please contact Claudia at care@crossofhope.org

Materials and guidelines will be sent to anyone volunteering.



Shane Bramley	1
Kevin Benham	1
Noelle Kouri	2
Brenden Yost	5
Art Kavanaugh	5
Terry Caipen	7
Carmine Rosetti	8
Luke Walter	8
Lynne Bagby	8
Beth Christians	8
Star Cooley	10
Linda Willoughby	11
Alan Johnson	12
Rowynn Adams	13
Addy Berndt	15
Jericho Adams	16
Laurie Adams	17
Karen Hawley	18
Ed Christians	19
Erin Hielkema	20
Carol Wirths	20
Vicki Bachman	21
Jason Adams	27
John Curtin	31
Martha Hughes	31

Address and Phone Updates

Russ Edwards
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	Day	Years Married
John and Susan McWilliam	4	40
Jerry and Laura Burton	8	32
David and Karen Wilson	27	42
Ron and Carol Wirths	28	48
Tanya and Steve Zynda	30	27
Terry and Lois Caipen	31	46

From the family of Ruth Franz:

We are so thankful to all of you who prayed for us, sent cards, hugged, provided flowers and memorials, and in every way supported us during our Mom’s final days and after her passing to heaven. The Body of Christ truly has embraced us through this time of mourning. Thank you all.

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Please let Sheri Phillips know you would like to help decorate. She will be making a list at church on December 4th . Pizza will be ordered and she wants to be sure to have enough for all.. If you are not able to sign up in person, please email Sheri at srprmp14@gmail.com.

Members of COH unable to worship with us on a regular basis.



Heart Strings

<p style="text-align: center;">Herb Delker 6404 Santolina Dr NW Albuquerque, NM 87120</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Carroll Werling 2331 Westside Blvd SE #202 Rio Rancho, NM 87124</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Karen Reiten 899-1504 4841 Shin Avenue NE Rio Rancho, NM 87144</p> <p style="text-align: center;">John Fries Gardens - Retreat Villas Assisted Living 4100 Jackie Road SE, #15 Rio Rancho, NM 87124</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bobbi Dopslaf 10400 Universe Blvd. NW Apt 815 Albuquerque, NM 87114</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Carrol Russell 974 Old US 70 West Old Fort, North Carolina 28762</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dale Bauer 4905 Wagon Mound Trail NW Albuquerque, NM 87120</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Alan Johnson Taos Health Care, Room 604 1340 Maestas Taos, NM 87571 (Please include room number)</p>
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Youth Service Project



The ELCA Youth Congregations
Sunday December 11, 12:00 - 4:00pm

Cross of Hope Youth will host Albuquerque churches for our Service Learning Project. Various congregations throughout the city have organized to provide our youth (ages 12 and up) opportunities to learn about serving others. We do this on the second Sunday of each month.

This month we will provide a lunch for all those attending. Then we will head to Mandy's Farm to assist those with developmental disabilities. Afterwards, we provide a worship service for all who helped. We thank Katie Hallstrom for coordinating a variety of service learning projects for our youth.



Dianne and Leon Carrico

As interviewed by: Mary Bresnahan

Diane

Leon

Birthdate:	July 1, 1941	February 24, 1939
Birthplace:	Midlothian, IL	Vandalia, IL
Occupation:	High School English and Spanish teacher	High School math teacher, coach, and principal
Hobbies:	Quilting, reading, collect salt and pepper shakers	Basketball: Woodworking and refinishing wood.
Children:	Two boys, Cris and Michael	
Marriage:	June 17, 1961	

Both Diane and Leon collected a variety of things i.e. sports cards, records (33,000 LPs and 45's), 1600 sets of salt and pepper shakers (which is now down to 200). They would buy a box of surprises for \$4 at auctions and then sell the surprises on eBay. They made a little extra money!!!

Diane's dad was a machinist. He worked in a muffler shop and for Libby Foods. He liked to build boats. He built 5 skiffs, several speed boats and a cabin cruise, named "SeaLerious." When he finished the latter he launched it in the Cal-Sag Canal (It is a 16-mile navigation channel dug from 1911 to 1922. It goes from Lake Michigan inland via the Little Calumet River. Originally it was used by the Indians. In the 1960's the Canal was widened to accommodate large barges so they could travel inland from the Great Lakes and unload onto the railroad system. Now it is also used by pleasure crafts and there is a 26-mile trail along side. The Canal has a long and rich history.) An article appeared in the Chicago Tribune about Diane's dad building the cabin cruiser in his backyard. After he built it, he had open-heart surgery. As a result, the boat remained in its dock in the Canal, never to be used.

Diane's mother was a homemaker. She was a "magnificent" seamstress. She would make wedding dresses. (Guess that is where Diane gets her sewing prowess.) She also did some work for the County Tax Assessor.

Diane has two sisters. One lives in Venice, FL and the other in Frankfort, IL.

Leon's father worked in a shoe factory in Vandalia, IL for 42 years. When his shift was over, he went to work in the local grocery store until closing. When he retired, he received a pension of

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\$42 dollars – one dollar for every year he worked. (Try that today!) Leeon’s mother cooked at the local elementary school. Leeon had three sisters. One sister remains and lives in Texas.

Leeon had a choice of playing football at Illinois State University in Bloomington, IL or Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, IL. He chose Illinois State University since his brother-in-law went there and it was a smaller school (at the time). He was a walk-on. He played tackle for two years until he blew his knee out.

Diane also attended Illinois State University. There were two dorms that adjoined the cafeteria. It was a good meeting place for students. As the story goes - they met in the cafeteria through mutual friends.

The next chapter was getting married in June 1961. Leeon graduated with a B.S. in Education in August 1961. Diane dropped out of school to follow Leeon to his first teaching job in Bismarck, IL. Leeon was hired to teach math and start a football program and coach all the other sports, including rifles. (That must have been tough as a fresh grad.) He spent two years in Bismarck and in 1963 moved the family of four to Chatsworth, IL. Once again Leeon taught math and coached, eventually becoming the principal in 1968.

Diane returned to school in 1964, first during the summers and later full-time, graduating in 1966 from Illinois State University with a B.S. in Education. She taught at Cullom High School (only 67 student) which consolidated two years later, becoming Tri-Point. Diane taught there for eleven years. She went on for a M.S. in English at Olivet Nazarene College which was in Bourbonnais, IL, an hour’s drive from home. Classes were every Monday and during the summer. It was geared for teachers and was excellent. She received her degree in 1991.

During this time, for some crazy reason, they bought a furniture store. Diane worked there and hated it. They sold the store, and Diane went to teach in Chatsworth in 1978 which is where Leeon was. In 1995, Chatsworth was consolidated with Forrest and Fairbury becoming Priaire Central. Leeon was the Junior High principal and Diane taught English and Spanish in the high school. They retired in 2000.

Diane and Leeon’s last home in Illinois was in the small town of Fairbury, current population 3,757. Like many small towns, Fairbury’s early history includes the building of the railroad. There was a feud between two prominent people causing a division in the town – East vs. West. Eventually it was resolved. There was also a 26-year lawsuit with Ronald McDonald, a local resident, against the McDonald’s we know over the name of the restaurant chain. Ronald McDonald had been in the restaurant business much longer than the franchise. Ronald McDonald of Fairbury ultimately prevailed.

You may be guessing about how many stop lights there were in Chatsworth and Fairbury, as I was. Chatsworth had none, Fairbury had two – then one broke and was never replaced. Chatsworth’s claim to fame was a horrific train wreck on August 10, 1887. The railroad did a “controlled burn” by a trestle that the trains crossed. In the middle of the night, a wooden

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passenger train heading for Niagara Falls crossed the trestle and it collapsed killing 85 of the 500 passengers and injuring scores. This ranks as the second or third deadliest accident in U.S. As a result, passenger cars were then built of steel. However, we still have “controlled burns.”

Who ever said there is nothing exciting happening in small towns?!

Diane and Leeon lived in Fairbury for 23 years and loved their house. They were getting a little tired of the weather though. They came to visit their son and liked Albuquerque. On their last visit they bought a house and then scrambled to sell their house in Fairbury, becoming Albuquerque residents in 2007.

Over the years Diane and Leeon have done some traveling. They have visited 46 of the states and several warm climates (Mexico, Jamaica, Morocco).

Diane and Leeon’s sons found their own careers. Cris does marketing for the Chicago Black Hawks farm team in Rockford, Il. Michael is an attorney here in Albuquerque and has done some work for the Albuquerque Public Schools. Diane and Leeon are proud of their boys. They have four granddaughters – they are proud of their accomplishments too.

Since joining Cross of Hope they have both volunteered. Leeon served on the school board (when we had one) and was president. Diane has been involved with the Banner Babes, worked in the church office, wrote articles for the Rays of Hope and edited the Lenten Devotions.

Christmas Provisions for Family Promise

Family Promise Abq at Cross of Hope will provide a young mom and nine month old baby boy (currently in the shelter program) with gifts and clothes for their Christmas gifts. COH has donated funds from the generous Men’s Bible Study that we will use!

Thank you all for your loving support always!

Lois Caipen and Jan Anderson

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will be meeting Wednesday, December 14, 1pm at Panera Bread

Cottonwood Commons

3550 NM-528

Questions? Contact Beth Cretsinger

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[Link to School \(PreK-5th\) Registration](#)

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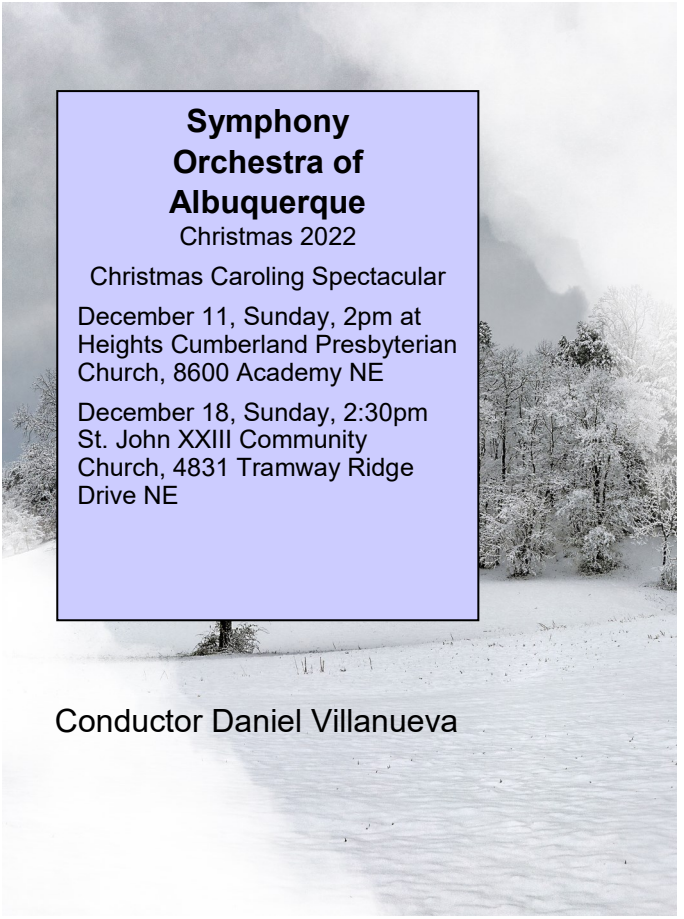
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Symphony
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 Christmas 2022

Christmas Caroling Spectacular
 December 11, Sunday, 2pm at
 Heights Cumberland Presbyterian
 Church, 8600 Academy NE

December 18, Sunday, 2:30pm
 St. John XXIII Community
 Church, 4831 Tramway Ridge
 Drive NE

Conductor Daniel Villanueva



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Mission Statement

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Sunday - 10:45 a.m.

Digital: Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

Devotions: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.

December Book Suggestions

Recommended by Dee Gutierrez

Hidden Christmas: The surprising truth behind the birth of Christ - Timothy Keller

Despite the abundance of the Christian references in popular culture, how many of us have examined the hard edges of this biblical story? Keller takes us through a illuminating journey to have a better understanding the Salvation and Hope offered by the birth of Christ Jesus. (Amazon smile)

Why the Nativity? - David Jeremiah

Drawing from both the Old and New Testaments, noted pastor and theologian David Jeremiah provides answers to 25 of the most thought-provoking questions surrounding the most pivotal moment in human history—the birth of Jesus Christ. (Christian Books)

Christmas Changes Everything: How the birth of Jesus changed everything - Eliza Morgan

Jesus's birth changed everything for everyone in the Christmas story, transforming who they were, who they would become, and how they would live out their faith—or leave it behind. The same is true for us. Just like those who experienced the first Christmas firsthand, the birth of the Christ-child can change every part of our lives. (Our Daily Bread Books)