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Mission Statement

Cross of Hope is a Spirit-centered community that shares in Christ's love through worship, education and outreach to develop and strengthen relationships with God.

An Invitation to Holy Week March 24-31



"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Mark 11:9-10



As our journey deeper into the enduring faith of God that calls and equips us to faith through Christ continues to unfold through the grace of the Holy Spirit this month, we're invited again into the emotional roller coaster that is the center of our year as church.

Holy Week at the end of Lent offers the place to intentionally move together as the church through the story of Jesus' Passover from death to life. It begins with Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday with the shouts of Hosanna and the Passion story from the Gospel of Mark. This year, we welcome our friends at Surgite to join our music ministry in sharing this story! The church gathers in worship on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday to mark the Passion story from the Gospel of John as we confess, commune, and contemplate the saving grace of the power of the cross as we prepare for the exuberance of the Easter celebration.

Cross of Hope Worship Schedule for Holy Week, March 24 - 31

Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday – 9am and 10:45am

Worship with palms and Surgite, a sacred dance company. Please note, we'll begin outside!

March 28 -Maundy Thursday – 6:30pm

Worship with foot washing and more!

March 29 Good Friday – 6:30pm

Worship with the adoration of the cross

March 30 Vigil of Easter – 8:00pm

Worship with our partners in faith at St. Francis Episcopal Church

March 31 The Resurrection of our Lord – 9am and 10:45am

Worship on Easter Sunday

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Cross of Hope School



SCHOOL REGISTRATION

The Online Registration for the 2024-2025 Academic Year opens
March 11, 2024.

[Click Here for Registration Details](#)

Cross of Hope Preschool was just awarded an Endowment Grant from the Evangelical Lutheran Education Association (ELEA) in the amount of \$300 to refurbish and replenish our preschool's faith formation materials. We are so grateful for the support from the ELEA as we contemplate what we will buy in order to ensure our preschoolers are getting the best spiritual education we can offer.

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WE WANT YOUR NEWS ITEMS

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

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- Call COH office (505)897-0047x102



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The Roving Hope- r

By Mary Bresnahan

We are progressing through Lent and at the end of March we will celebrate Easter. In the meantime, the children of Cross of Hope School are busy learning and having fun. At the end of February, the children had a “jumpathon.” We combined both of these events for our “roving” questions. “Would you **jump for joy** if you were present when Jesus rose from the dead? How many **jumps for joy** would you do?”

Kindergarten - Luke



“We celebrate when Jesus rose again after three days. I did 130 jumps yesterday. Everyone rises from the dead after three days. I would do 130 jumps for Jesus.”

1st grade - Laura



“Easter is a special day because Jesus rose from the dead. I would do 100 jumps for joy for Jesus.”

2nd grade - Miles



“Jesus came back from the dead (at Easter). I would do four long jumps and 83 small jumps. I don’t jump for joy for anything but would for Jesus.”

3rd grade - Jacob



“Jesus comes alive. An angel rolls the stone away and sits on it. Then Mary came to cheer on Jesus. I would do 5 jumps. I would probably do more but I don’t feel real good right now.”

4th grade - Addy



“Jesus rose from the dead. I would jump for joy and I would have touched him. I would like to touch a dead person. I would have done three jumps. Then my legs would be tired.”

5th grade -



“On Easter Jesus comes alive. I would do 100 jumps with a cross jump in the middle.” Noah demonstrated the cross jump.

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Cross of Hope School Fund Raising Fun

The Jump-a-Thon and Hop-a-Thon on February 28 and 29 was a huge success! This was the school's last fundraiser for the year, and the children worked so hard to see how many jumps they could do in a minute. The kids had a blast, and our parents were so proud of their efforts.



Jumping



**and
Hopping**

Going Gaga

The school is going "Gaga" over our new Gaga Pit. Our fundraisers have made this new game possible. Special thanks to Kevin Kouri, Kevin Perkins, and Zach and Hans Zimmer for their work in getting the Gaga Pit constructed. This has become the new craze for the school and the church.



Council Corner

by Linda Ehlers, Council Member

Hello everyone!

My name is Linda and it is my turn to update everyone on the latest news from your Council! I have had previous experience on a council at my last church before I moved to Albuquerque in 2019, six years total which was two, 3-year terms. The difference on this council is that we have the school and it makes the meetings very "educational".

I am a lifelong avid San Francisco 49ers and San Francisco Giants fan as I lived in San Jose, CA for about 40 years, then retired to Warrenton Oregon for 10 years before arriving here.

So here is the latest:

The Council has approved the reduction of the school registration fee for the 2024-2025 school year for returning student during the two- week registration period. Those who have not registered by the first two weeks will pay the regular fee. This will encourage early registration.

Nancy Lacher has graciously offered to continue teaching the 1st and 2nd grade students until the end of the school year. Thank you, Nancy!

We now have a functioning Gaga pit at the playground thanks to our wonderful helpers. In case you are not familiar with a Gaga pit (like me), it is a variation of the classic Dodgeball game. But Instead of throwing the ball at the child's face, or head, the Gaga ball must be thrown to strike somewhere at or below the knee. The ball can be made of rubber or foam.

COH will again be making a financial gift to Luther House. Luther House is a Christian Campus Ministry at UNM. They are an RIC (Reconciling in Christ) community that deepens faith, inspires service and builds communities.

At the 2024 Synod Assembly this year's focus will be the election of a new bishop. As required in section C5.04 of the Constitution, Nancy and Greg Morrison have agreed to attend and represent COH.

The Council is considering some type of shade structure for the playground so the children will be better able to play in the summer heat. Among other things it must be wind-proof for those windy days.

Please remember that anyone can always approach a Council member with questions or comments, we welcome your feedback.

For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them.
Matthew 18:20.

Lunch Bunch

Join the lunch bunch for a special lunch on Wednesday, March 13 at 1 pm.

Lunch will be at El Bruno 8806 4th St NW, Los Ranchos De Albuquerque,

Please call or email Leeon Carrico. 505 554-1128 leeoncarrico@gmail.com by noon on Monday, March 11 to let him know how many from your family will be attending.



Property Update

By Sherrie and Rudy Simek



“For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign Lord will make righteousness and praise spring upon before all the nations.”

Isaiah 61:11

I love spring, so I’m always looking for that official first sign... a robin. I haven’t seen any robins, only plump crows. However, the first sign of spring here at Cross of Hope are the daffodils poking their big yellow faces up out of the ground. And yes, true to form they are there in the big circle garden in front of the church, daffodils, crocus, and hyacinths.

As the leaf collecting season winds down, you may see myself or Rudy out in the parking lot looking as if we are mowing the asphalt! No, we are just breaking in our new lawn vacuum/shredder machine. I’m so excited to have a new machine to help with the never ending, (til May) leaf clean up. We bagged 200+ 55 gallon bags of leaves this year. 80% of these were recycled by a friend who uses them at her home in Ponderosa. Thank you, Margie for your successful efforts in obtaining a new machine and thank you Council for your approval.

We have had a couple of water issues during the month of February and late January. The first issue occurred on January 21, mid Saturday morning. A main water line connected with several smaller lines blew a main coupling. For a short period of time, we had our own cascading waterfall pooling into the parking lot as Lake Cross of Hope. With the help of several caring and quick thinking volunteers, who were either on-site or rushed from home to assist, the water was turned off within a half hour. Tip your hats off to John Lacher, Margie Reed, Shannon Reynolds, Jon McClain, Pat Benchik (via phone), Rudy and Sherrie Simek. You may have seen the aftermath Sunday morning, repaired by a tech from TLC who worked late Saturday afternoon until 2:00 AM Sunday to ensure our water could be turned back on for Sunday services.

The second issue occurred Wednesday, February 21 in the big circle garden when a solenoid malfunctioned and water ran for several hours. This was not such a big issue as water was contained in the circle garden. Perhaps that’s the reason those daffodils are so big, bright and beautiful, lots of Rudy Simek and Rich Mohr-Kelly worked to find a shut off valve, with no success. Long story short, Just Sprinklers will have this repaired on Friday, March 1 replacing malfunctioning solenoid and adding an emergency shut off valve. Thank you, Pastor Adam for managing phone calls and messages during both instances.

Yes, I realize there is a common denominator here, (The Simeks) but I assure you, there is no funny business going on. Just Simeks being in the wrong place at the right time!!

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Future projects include replacement of hose connected to hose reel, a new bubbler to replace a broken one in one of the tree wells, addition of drip irrigation to 6 garden boxes in playground area.

As March and April unfold, grass will be power raked and fertilized. Tree stumps and surface roots will be ground out and removed. Sprinkler system and drip irrigation will return to a scheduled watering schedule after being checked for leaks and breaks. Necessary repairs to be done as needed.

Property team members: John Lacher, Margie Reed, Rich Mohr-Kelly, Pat Benchik, Rudy Simek and Sherrie Simek will return to scheduled work days. (NO REPAIRS REQUIRED),

We are always grateful for any additional hands that are interested in helping out.

Happy Gardening!!



Community Outreach News



The Rio Grande Food Project thanks Cross of Hope for the amazing generosity with the "Super Bowl" food drive, February 11.

Our COH NMRamp team leader is now Tim George. He is in direct contact with the NMRamp coordinator. We have set a tentative date of March 16 for our first 2024 ramp build. If you have questions, or would like to volunteer, please contact Tim George at 505 412-9016 or



**Celebrating 9 years at Cross of Hope
March 1, 2024 - Pastor Adam!**

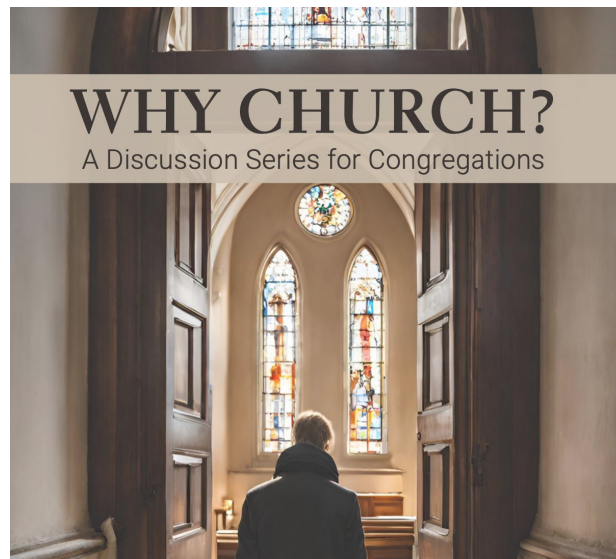


The Mission of Cross of Hope Faith Connections Group

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.

COH Small Group Ministry

Lenten Series: Why Church?



This Lenten Study encourages us to slow down and reflect both as individuals and a congregation. We will continue with our focus to on our foundation of grace and the Cross. We ask God to help us remember our foundations and our story. We are being called to change, reminded of our abundance, and encouraged to listen to the Spirit as our MFC groups continue to answer the question "Why Church?"

3/03/24	Lent 3	"Change"	Luke 5:33-38
3/10/24	Lent 4	"Abundance and Scarcity"	Luke 9:10-17
3/17/24	Lent 5	"The Holy Spirit's Guidance"	John 14: 25-31
3/24/24	Palm Sunday		

Open group meetings: Sunday's 9:45am and Wednesday's 6:30pm.

Talk with Pastor Russ Sorensen about other available time options at r2csorensen@gmail.com or (505) 400-8206.

If you are interested in being part of a small group, contact the church office at (505) 897-0047, ext. 102 or Pastor Russ.



The Happy Hope-r

Rudy and Sherrie Simek

By Mary Bresnahan



Rudy	Sherrie
Birthdate: August 31, 1953	September 6, 1957
Birthplace: Amsterdam, NY	Bronxville, NY
Marriage: September 3, 1977	Where: Albuquerque, NM
Occupation: Air Force - Active duty and civilian employee	Retail Management/supervisor
Hobbies: Stamp collecting, baseball, maintenance at Cross of Hope, Good Friday walk to Chimayo, vegetable and flower garden	Arts and crafts, vegetable and flower garden, fishing, time with sister's grandchildren, baseball, travel in US

Sherrie was born to Albert (Al) and Lillian (Lillie) Gates. Al was born in Erie PA. He worked for GE (General Electric) in Erie as a training manager focusing on airplane engines. This is where he met Lillie. When a plane crashed, he went to the site to determine if there was an engine failure. He was transferred to different company locations – Schenectady, NY, Yonkers, NY, Cincinnati, OH. When living in the latter, Al took the train from Cincinnati into New York to work.

There were seven children in the family. Once the children started to arrive Lillie stopped working to tend to the children. Eventually, the two oldest children helped out. Sherrie's sister (the oldest, Joyce) is 16 years older than her and her younger sister (Jeri) is three years younger. Sherrie is a twin with a sister Terrie. When they were two years old the family moved to Cincinnati, OH.

While living in Cincinnati, Joyce got married and Betty (#2) went to college at Northwestern University in IL. The family lived in Cincinnati for eight years. In October 1967 they moved to Albuquerque where her dad helped open the GE plant here. By this time only four children were left at home. As twins, Sherrie and Terrie always played tricks on people, leaving them guessing who was whom. This was easy since they were in the same class until 5th grade.

Rudy's parents were Gladys and John. Rudy was the second of five children. The first four are only one year apart and were all born in August. The last child is four years younger than Rudy. Guess his parents needed a little break! Gladys worked in a glove factory in Gloversville, NY. Ninety percent of the gloves sold in the U.S. were made here. When the third child arrived, Gladys went from full-time to part-time work at the glove factory. John was a tanner. We don't hear or see many of them anymore.

Rudy grew up on a dairy farm owned by his grandparents. He milked 100 cows twice a day (a skill never lost). If you have a cow I'm sure Rudy can help you out. Rudy learned to drive a tractor at the

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age of five. Bet he couldn't reach the gas pedal – must have been some adaptations. The farm had its own lumber mill and also raised minks. That fur was in high demand back then. This farming operation was quite profitable.

Rudy recalls when he was 12 years old sitting on the porch chatting with his grandpa. He said he was “bored.” What a mistake! His grandpa had him pick up 100 bales of hay. Rudy was never bored again!

Rudy walked to the country store to catch the school bus. He was an athlete in high school (which consisted of 20 kids in his class). Rudy played basketball, baseball, volleyball, and soccer. Since he was a “star” the school bus came to the farm to pick him up!

Rudy knew he would be drafted since the Viet Nam war was going on. On December 17, 1971, he received his draft call and signed up for the Air Force. He was 18 years old. While waiting to report to the Air Force, his appendix burst. He lost about 60 pounds. Rudy got a job in construction attempting to gain weight and muscle mass so he would be close to the weight he was at when he was drafted. He reported for basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas.

Sherrie and Rudy met at McDonald's in Albuquerque. Rudy's best friend worked at the McDonald's on San Pedro and Lomas with Sherrie. This friend wanted to go out and party, but he wasn't 21 – but Rudy was. After this first meeting, Sherrie was invited to a party and was reintroduced to Rudy. They started dating. They both agreed they immediately knew this was the right person. Rudy was out of the military for about a year. He didn't have a job or a car, but had plenty of long hair. Christmas 1976 Sherrie brought Rudy home to meet her parents. To Sherrie's surprise her parents thought he was great!

They married at Nesbitt's Wedding Chapel. Six months later they learned that the preacher was not licensed in New Mexico. Oops! Eventually, everything got straightened out at City Hall. Whew! They are really married!

Sherrie continued to work at McDonald's for 23 years as a manager/supervisor. She left in 1996 when she began hiring children of kids who had worked for her. She thought it was time to find a more “traditional” career without working nights, weekends and less than 80 hours a week. Her sister, Terrie, was working at Bank of America which later was bought by Wells Fargo. Sherrie thought banking would be interesting so applied at Bank of America. They had a hiring freeze, so she went to Norwest Bank (later to become Wells Fargo). Sherrie started as a teller and worked her way up to Branch Manager over her 18 years there.

Rudy did get a job at Tijeras Arroyo Golf Course located on the Kirtland Air Force base. His good friend was his boss. Rudy ran the bowling alley, cleaned the swimming pool, maintained the baseball fields. During this time Rudy got an offer to work at Dukes Stadium (now Isotopes Park) which had the minor league for the Los Angeles Dodgers. As a civilian employee, but part of the Civil Engineering Division of the Air Force, he was earning retirement benefits. He did not want to lose those benefits, so he declined the offer. The Civil Engineering Division was responsible for just about everything involved in the trades (plumbing, heating, construction) and troop training. They were called upon whenever there was a disaster. For example, when the bombing happened in Oklahoma City, they were on emergency lock-down in case there was another bombing someplace else and they had to go to the site.

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Troops would go to Wichita Falls, TX at Sheppard Air Force Base for on-going training. Spouses did not get information on where and for what their husbands were leaving since it was considered “top secret.” Often there was no notice that someone was leaving on assignment. Rudy gave an example of telling fellows they were taking a “little airplane ride” to Arkansas. The plane refueled in mid-air. The last stop was Afghanistan. They were the first boots on the ground. Eventually training was developed so spouses could survive while their husbands were gone.

Over the years Rudy was exposed to many chemicals which may be having an impact on his body now.

One of the things Rudy enjoys doing every year (starting in 1980) is walking to Chimayo on Good Friday. He was introduced to this by his boss. Rudy and Sherrie start at Pojoaque (about 13 miles away) now. Sherrie used to drive for Rudy but now she walks five miles with him. Rudy used to start at the National Cemetery – remembering fellow veterans who died. This journey means a lot to him. He reflects, his spirit gets renewed and is refocused. They arrive at Chimayo church about 7:30 or 8 am and see the streams of people arriving and a beautiful sunrise.

The main hobby Rudy enjoys is stamp collecting. When he was in 6th grade there was a book fair where he saw a book on stamp collecting. He bought it for 1.25 cents. Now he has 88,644 stamps catalogued in his collection, with more to be added. He has a room at home dedicated to this hobby. It is an especially great hobby in the cold weather. He spends time looking for new stamps, bidding on them on Ebay, and updating his “want list.” Every year Rudy and Sherrie go to a GASS (Great American Stamp Show). Rudy has one dealer he particularly likes to deal with. Stamps can cost anywhere from \$.25 to \$50 depending on how many were printed. There is a lot to be learned about history and countries.

At the beginning of 2017, Sherrie resolved to find a church home. She missed the community that church is. They attended Holy Cross with Sherrie’s parents in the late ‘90’s. Sherrie and Rudy visited several churches with friends. They went to Sherrie’s sister’s church but couldn’t imagine driving to Edgewood every Sunday. One Sunday in March 2017, they decided to try Cross of Hope since it was the closest Lutheran church for them. Ruth Hinkel. Pastor Matt Powell and Pastor Adam made them feel as if they had come home.

When Rudy first came to Cross of Hope he saw Margie Reed and Ruth Hinkel gardening in the front of church without any help. He thought he HAD to help. We all owe many thanks for all he (and Sherrie) do to maintain our church grounds keeping them beautiful and welcoming to all. Additionally, Rudy is on the Temple Guard.

As with many married couples, Rudy’s hobbies include Sherrie – Chimayo walk, maintenance at church, and learning much about stamp collecting. In addition, Sherrie is on the Church Council, participates in WOW, Banner Babes, and altar guild. They both do the emergency drills with the school and help count the offerings at church.

While Sherrie and Rudy do not have children, they currently have two cats, Spunky and QT. They both grew up with animals in their lives – dogs, cats, hamsters, etc. They chose to have had cats since they are easier to care for considering their varied work schedules. These “fur babies” are part of the family. Rudy has trained several of their cats to fetch and always has “stamp kitties.” QT not only plays fetch with Rudy she does the newspaper crossword puzzle every morning. Spunky’s name says it all. Those with pets will agree, they warm their way into your heart.

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All these things keep Sherrie out of the casino and Rudy out of the bars! Fortunately for us they both get a lot of enjoyment out of all these activities. We are truly blessed to have Sherrie and Rudy as part of our congregation. Take a minute to say "thank you" to both of them.



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Come and watch our local celebrity make his Albuquerque debut!

Family Promise Hosting March 10-17



We need to provide hosts from 5-8pm and HOT MEALS: 6 evenings. (excluding Wednesday). Weekend meals consist of hot breakfasts either in groceries or by delivery. SIGN-UP tables will be in the Great Hall March 3 between services for hosts, meals, supplies, and groceries. The monthly donation request list is posted on FP Bulletin Board. Monetary donations are always needed and welcomed. Thank you!!

The Family Promise Program truly needs our prayers and support. we know you are prayer warriors, so Glenna Meneely and Jan Anderson thank you in advance!



Heart Strings

Members of COH unable to worship with us on

Margie Reed	1
John Webb	2
Kevin Perkins	3
Elaine Pratt	4
Claudia Russo	4
Lindsay O'Roark	6
Sylvia Oelsner	6
John Fries	12
Laura Burton	13
Pat Benchik	15
Ethan McClain	17
Todd Bramley	21
Ross Sutter	23
Xander Bencomo	24
Joel Wickert	26
Jahn Wright	28

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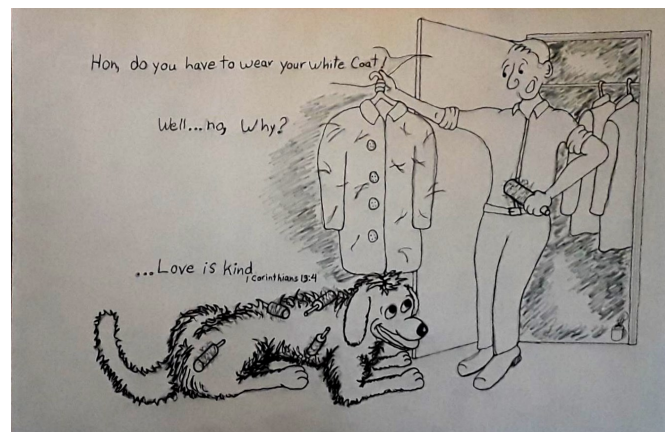
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Day	Years Married
1	49
3	23
7	43
13	42
25	24
25	57

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March 10 - Daylight Saving Time Begins

Camp@COH

Wednesday evenings have become quite popular with our church members and community who gather for food, fun, Bible study, worship and music. If you are not busy, come join us at 5:30pm.



Gaga before dinner (above)



Serenading the Gaga players (left)



Gaga after dinner and Bible study (above)



Ending the night around the campfire with music, worship, and smores (above and right)



When you need these services, please think of *Rays of Hope* sponsors.
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Spring 2024 Classics Concert

**Overtures, Dances,
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Strauss: On the Beautiful Blue Danube
Sibelius: Valse Triste
Brahms: Hungarian Dance No.4 and more!

March 10, Sunday, 2:00 pm
Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church
8600 Academy, NE

March 17, Sunday, 2:30 pm
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Worship Times:

On-Site Sunday - 9:00 a.m.

Sunday - 10:45 a.m.

Digital: Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

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

March Book Suggestions

Recommended by Dee Gutierrez

The Apostle's Sister - Angela Hunt

Aya, daughter of Zebulun of Tarsus, does not want a traditional life. After years of being overshadowed by her brilliant brother Sha'ul, she wants a chance to use her own gifts beyond being a wife and mother.

Proverbs: Selected Comments on Twenty-two Proverbs - Charles Bridges

"While other parts of Scripture show us the glory of our high calling, this book may instruct us in all minuteness of detail how to "walk worthy"

The Religious Life of Robert E. Lee - R. David Cox

Robert E. Lee was many things—accomplished soldier, military engineer, college president, family man, agent of reconciliation, polarizing figure. He was also a person of deep Christian conviction. In this biography of the famous Civil War general, R. David Cox shows how Lee's Christian faith shaped his crucial role in some of the most pivotal events in American history.