

# Christ Church Santa Fe *...Imagine*



## Newcomer's Guide

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**CHRIST CHURCH  
SANTA FE**





# Welcome

Thank you for exploring Christ Church Santa Fe. It can be a challenge or even a risk to venture out and attend church for the first couple of times. Thank you.

Our hope is that you receive what you're likely here for – namely an authentic experience with God and a connection with others. Please know that we seek the same thing. All folks at Christ Church on some level desire to experience God and have a connection with others. That's why most of us participate in this community. And by the grace of God in Jesus, we get nourished with both.



I invite you to spend some time with this booklet, and hope you'll imagine how you might want to express yourself in this community. You may have already heard us mention our Main Thing. . .which is to "Walk with the people of Santa Fe so that together we will deeply believe and share the Gospel of Jesus and be an ever-growing faithful presence to the city and beyond." We attempt to mix this into everything we do at Christ Church Santa Fe. We're so thankful for you being here. Please make yourself at home. If you have questions and suggestions, please let us know. We hope to see you soon.

# Imagine. A Transforming Love For Our City

Faithful Presence | Contact: Joni Brenneisen  
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Faithful Presence is our outreach to Santa Fe through multiple partnerships and activities. We work with organizations such as Santa Fe Need and Deed (volunteers and meals); Esperanza (donations); Adelante School Program (donations); Sweeney Elementary School (food and tutoring programs); The Cancer Institute (volunteers); St. Johns Bag N' Hand program (volunteers); Salvation Army (donations); Kitchen Angels (donations and volunteers); the Food Depot (donations) and the SF Fire Department and School Administration (food and support.)

Wednesdays the CCSF kitchen is busy packing lunches for the homeless teen shelter. Tuesdays/Thursdays food is packed at St. Johns Methodist for 220 homes. Volunteers man the Salvation Army Thanksgiving Day feast and the bell-ringing collection stations. Angel Tree and Samaritan's Purse donations are collected for Christmas for children in Santa Fe and around the world.

The CCSF congregation collects annually for "Gifts for the King" where food is supplied to families from Sweeney Elementary to help them cover their grocery needs throughout Christmas. A two week supply is provided for dozens of families ranging in size from 4-12 in a household.

Fifth Sunday Meal | Contact: Sylvia Johnson  
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Four times per year, volunteers cook on the Friday prior to the fifth Sunday of the month. Food is prepared in the church kitchen for about 150 homeless kids, teens and adults. On Sunday, the food is transported and served by the CCSF youth at various locations.



# Imagine. Having A Global Impact

The Missions Committee | Contact: Larry Tibboel  
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The Missions Committee selects missions for support and allocates our mission budget. Their work is primarily outside the county of Santa Fe, so their projects include those in New Mexico and the US, as well as global outreach to the world.

Four churches were built in Africa in conjunction with our 2013 building program at Don Gaspar in Santa Fe. Ongoing funding continues to Africa for churches, water projects, schools, clinics, medications, and micro-loan initiatives.

Annually, a group from CCSF travels to Colombia for a two-week eye surgical ministry to those within this impoverished region.



Many other mission works are supported through our Missions Committee. From a Christian post-prison after-care facility in Albuquerque, to points across the globe, Christ Church Santa Fe shares generously with programs working for Christian outreach throughout the world.

# Imagine. Thriving In Community

## Adults

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The Women's Events Ministry encourages women to deeply believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ through fellowship with each other. The women host three events per year: Beat the Winter Blues in the winter, Circle of Friends during the summer, and a retreat usually held in the fall. Each event is managed with 2 co-chairs and volunteers. General oversight for dates and budget are handled by a single volunteer. (Contact is Gwyn Tiano)

The Men's Ministry hosts events where men gather monthly – usually on the third Monday of the month – for dinner, fellowship and prayer. Quarterly, the men host a breakfast where they share great food and stories about their lives and their faith. Once a year, a retreat is held which allows an extended time for sharing, spiritual growth and development of new friendships. (Contact is Vic Brenneisen.)

Bible Studies continue throughout the year for both men, women and co-ed studies. Check the bulletin for what is currently on the calendar.



# Imagine. Inspiring Our Children

Children | Contact: Jennifer Brenner  
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The children's activities occur on Sunday mornings as well as Thursday evenings. Christian education, book and Bible studies as well as crafts, art, music and games make the children's gatherings full of fun and Christian nourishment. Infants through 6th grade are served by this ministry. Summer camps are held annually. Volunteers are always welcome!



Mom's Morning Out | Contact: Jennifer Brenner  
[jennifer@christchurchsantafe.org](mailto:jennifer@christchurchsantafe.org)

This program serves young moms within our church family as well as the community by providing loving, professional childcare on Wednesdays and Thursdays (beginning September 3) from 9:00 - 1:00 for a nominal fee. We have professional caregivers but also rely on dependable volunteers to rock the babies & play with toddlers.

Youth And Young Adult | Contact: Dennis Hogan  
[info@ccsfyouth.com](mailto:info@ccsfyouth.com)

CCSF Youth groups are made up of middle and high school students. Activities include study and discussion groups, confirmation classes, games, play and Ultimate Frisbee. There are also special activities such as Ski Trips and Summer camps. Volunteers are needed to help these programs flourish.

Young Adults include those college age and above. Their gatherings generally include lively discussions on faith with real-life applications. The bulletin contains more specifics.



# Imagine. Spiritual Intimacy

Better Together Home Groups | Contact: Lleta Scoggins  
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Groups meet for fellowship, study and friendship in the intimate environment of a home. As independent groups, they determine when and where they meet, areas of study, and other goals for the group. They offer a way to make a big church feel small again. New Group sign-ups occur three times a year, but you can join a group at any time. Visit our website and download the current booklet.

Chorale | Contact: Toni Fammartino  
Church Office 982-8817 | [office@christchurchsantafe.org](mailto:office@christchurchsantafe.org)

The CCSF Chorale performs occasional concerts during the worship services, at nursing homes, and other venues including the local prison. They practice every other week on Mondays – and occasionally have extra rehearsals prior to a performance; (they often perform at the holidays.) Chorale goes on hiatus during the summer months.

Sacred Companions | Contact: Karen Lansing  
Church Office 982-8817 | [office@christchurchsantafe.org](mailto:office@christchurchsantafe.org)

The Sacred Companions ministry gathers women seeking spiritual girlfriends into small groups for long-term support. Groups begin their journey by using the book “Sacred Companions” by David G. Benner, and then develop their own areas of study for their spiritual walk.



# Imagine. The Joy of Belonging

We schedule two events every other month which are designed to help new members learn more about Christ Church Santa Fe. . .and for us to learn about you. These events also provide an opportunity for newcomers to meet more members of our church community. These informal events are truly welcoming and open to all who wish to know more about us. Look for the current dates in the bulletin announcements.

Membership Inquirers Class | Contact: CCSF Office  
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It doesn't take many visits to our worship service at Christ Church Santa Fe to learn that we place a great deal of joy in breaking bread together, just as Jesus did in his earthly ministry with his apostles. Sharing a meal is often a great way to get to know one another. So, in the *Membership Inquirers Class* we meet around an evening meal with our Pastors, who lead a discussion about our Christian faith and beliefs and how we in the Presbyterian Church of America (PCA) express our faith. There is no pressure or obligation to join the church by attending; this evening is simply designed to answer any questions the newcomer may have about CCSF. We do, however, strongly suggest that newcomers attend this class prior to formally electing to join the church.

Newcomers Welcome Lunch | Contact: CCSF Office  
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We also host the *Newcomers Welcome Lunch*, which is held immediately following our 10:45 AM Sunday service. This is specifically designed for those who are visiting the church and would like to get to know more about Christ Church Santa Fe. This event is done on less an educational level than the *Membership Inquirers Class*. . .the emphasis is on meeting our Pastors, one another, informally sharing our journeys into Santa Fe and, of course, answering any questions the newcomer may have.

How to Sign Up | Contact: CCSF Office  
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If you would like to attend a *Member Inquirers Class* or the *Newcomers Welcome Lunch* or simply receive information on what's happening, please fill out the *Event Registration Form* on the back of a Sunday Bulletin and drop it in the offering plate. Alternatively, call the church office at 505-982-8817 or e-mail us at [office@christchurchsantafe.org](mailto:office@christchurchsantafe.org) to let us know you'd like to attend. We are eager to welcome you to Christ Church Santa Fe and extend a Santa Fe style hospitality to you!

# Imagine. Being The Hands and Feet of Christ

Care Network & Care Rides | Contacts: Marge Wilson & Dianne Case  
Church Office 982-8817 | [office@christchurchsantafe.org](mailto:office@christchurchsantafe.org)

Care Network and Care Rides work hard to meet the needs of our church family. The Care Network responds to request associated with illness, treatments, or other special circumstances (picking up RX, rides for treatments, sitting as someone recovers from a procedure, etc.)

Care Rides assist the church family with rides to/from church on a rotating schedule.

Both Ministries respond on an as needed/availability basis to allow for great flexibility for volunteer schedules. Please consider volunteering for this ministry that blesses so many.

Deacons | Contact: [deacons@christchurchsantafe.org](mailto:deacons@christchurchsantafe.org)

The Deacons are truly the hands and feet of Christ in ministering to those who have fallen on hard times. Their CARE ministry assist those within our church family who are experiencing difficulties in this season of their lives. Their MERCY ministry gives to those who are not a part of CCSF.

Help comes via the Deacons' decisions in simple but important ways...paying utility bills, filling up a gas tank, helping with prescription medications, etc. The gifts dispersed are truly life altering.

Prayer Team Ministry | Contact: [prayer@christchurchsantafe.org](mailto:prayer@christchurchsantafe.org)

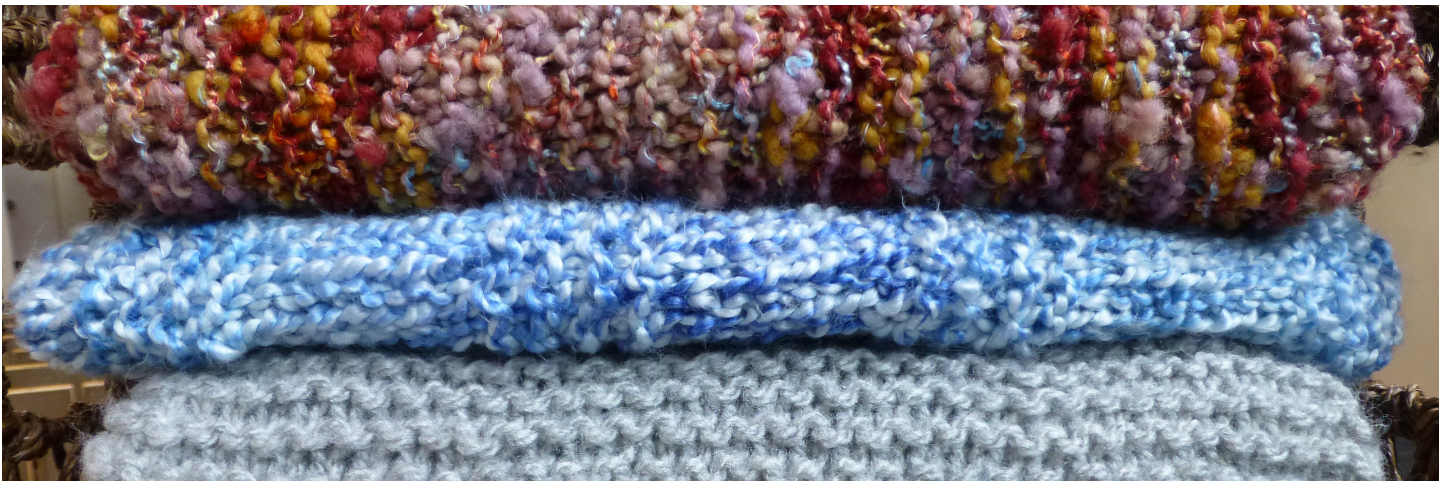
There are several prayer chains serving CCSF: Emergency, urgent or long term prayer chains. Participants are alerted by email to the need of the church family and their family members; earnest prayers are offered specifically according to the need.

Individual prayer is also offered at the end of each Sunday service by the Prayer Team who offer intercessory prayers for those who request them during Communion.

# Imagine. Generous Hospitality

Prayer Shawl Ministry | Contact: Anne Wallace  
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The Prayer Shawl Ministry provides hand-made shawls to wrap around the shoulders of those suffering from grief, illness or other critical situations to represent the love and comfort of God. Members meet weekly to knit/crochet together or knitting can be done on one's own time. Shawls are prayed over as they are knit and are formally blessed by the church pastors.



Take Them a Meal | Contact: Alice Tibboel  
[takethemameal.com](http://takethemameal.com)

Take them a Meal provides meals on request for those within our church family during times of need when meal preparation is difficult.

Hospitality | Welcome & Greeting:  
Church Office  
Receptions: Dianne Case and Susan Cowden  
Weddings: Melanie Dillard  
Memorials: Carol Franks & Bonnie Rotto  
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The hospitality team works to create a warm and welcoming atmosphere at CCSF. They greet attendees and welcome newcomers to the Sunday services. They also manage receptions for celebrations, facilitate weddings, and create fitting memorials for family and friends during their time of loss of a loved one.



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