

# Village Church Service Project to Santa Fe, NM



## April 13 – 20, 2024

Below is the information about our April Service Project. If you have any questions or would like to learn more, feel free to contact Pam Emslie at 781-235-1988, ex. 15 or email her at [pam@wellesleyvillagechurch.org](mailto:pam@wellesleyvillagechurch.org). Please familiarize yourself with the details of the trip by reading all this information carefully.

### Information

Trip Coordinator: Rev. Pamela Emslie  
Accommodations: Bishop's Ridge: Stoney Camp and Recreation Center, LLC  
7855 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505  
505-980-5371  
Retreat Director: Christopher J. Jewell

Date: Saturday, April 13—Saturday, April 20, 2024

Who: Wellesley Village Church Confirmands and High School Youth Group

Transportation: We will be traveling to Albuquerque from Logan Airport – travel provided by:  
United Airlines

We will be traveling in Santa Fe via minivans provided by:  
Enterprise Rental at Albuquerque International Airport

Drop off and Pick up Times: Saturday, April 13 meet at Logan International Airport at 6:45 a.m.  
Saturday, April 20 pick up at Logan International Airport at 11:40 p.m.

### Flight schedule with United Airlines:

<a href="#">UA 662</a>	13 Apr	Boston Logan Intl to DEV Denver	Dep 09:45 AM/arrival 12:22 PM
<a href="#">UA 631</a>	13 Apr	DEV Denver to Albuquerque Intl	Dep 1:37 PM/arrival 2:57 PM
<a href="#">UA 250</a>	20 Apr	Albuquerque Intl to DEV Denver	Dep 1:23 PM/arrival 02:59 PM
<a href="#">UA 1510</a>	20 Apr	DEV Denver to Boston Logan Intl	Dep 5:40 PM/ arrival 11:38 PM

Cost:

The cost for this trip is \$1,800.00 per youth.

You can pay by check – please make checks payable to Wellesley Village Church, Memo: 2024 Service Project.

Or

Pay through PayPal:

[Follow this PayPal link which allows you to pay with your PayPal account or with your debit or credit card >](#)



Full and partial scholarships are available.

Approximately \$100.00 spending money.

- Includes: round trip airport food and spending money.
- We will be going to the Santa Fe plaza where people from many of the local Pueblos sell beautiful handmade jewelry and crafts. The youth love buying a few things for themselves and as gifts.

Forms:

A Medical Form, Church Waiver, and a Service Project Permission Slip are required for the trip.

Please fill out and return these 3 forms and payment **no later than Monday, January 8, 2024.**

If you handed in a Medical Form and Church Wavier for a retreat this program year (beginning fall, 2023), you do not need to send these two forms in again, unless any medical information has changed.

Other Info:

A packing list and other necessary information will be sent out as the travel date approaches.

Sign up by:

It is important we know our numbers for the trip by Monday, January 8, 2024.

Adult Advisors:

Pam Emslie, Michaela McDonald, Dave Emslie, Jade Hargrave, Megan Strouse, Stacey Decembrele, Lauren Baer, and Jim Strouse.



Contact Info: Pam Emslie: 617-799-4177; Michaela McDonald 413-883-6760

Food: Bishop's Ridge will provide our breakfast and dinner. We will bag our lunches. If your child has any dietary constraints or allergies, please make sure his/her/their allergies are listed on his/her/their medical form.

Basic Agenda: Drop off your youth, Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at Boston Logan Airport at 6:45AM. We fly Boston to Denver to Albuquerque, NM. We pick up our rental vehicles at the Albuquerque Airport and drive to Santa Fe. Sunday, we engage in group building and sightseeing activities, as well as attend worship at our sister UCC Church in Santa Fe. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday we travel to our work sites in the morning and arrive back at our lodging at the end of the day. Friday, we hike at Bandelier National Monument. Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, we fly home to Boston Logan Airport where you pick up your youth at 11:40PM.



Groups: Advisors and youth are divided into small groups. These groups are our work and travel groups. They are hand-picked with great care and are a mix of all grades.

Work sites: We work at Santa Fe elementary schools who serve a large low-income student population. We assist the staff in teaching children how to grow their own food.



With our partners at Cornerstones, we build adobe bricks at the historic Plaza del Cerro. The Plaza del Cerro in Chimayo (about 40 minutes north of Santa Fe) is one of the most celebrated, and least protected historic sites in northern New Mexico. Many scholars have noted its significance as "the best surviving example of a Spanish Colonial plaza in the Southwest," but it has received almost no preservation funding. Cornerstones is continuing to restore this plaza and the 2023 Village Church Grant of 4,000.00 will help move this project along. Website: <http://www.cstones.org> More information on Plaza del Cerro: <https://fourcornersgeotourism.com/content/plaza-del-cerro-chimayo-new-mexico/fcacb175e233452d283f>



We work on the Tesuque Pueblo Farm preparing the soil for planting and to learn about the Heritage Seed Project.



We work at 4 Bridges Permaculture Institute gardening and helping care for livestock, as well as assisting in building a dormitory to house students. Website: <http://4bridges.org>

Goals of work:

Learn about the sacredness of food to the people in this region and their reverence towards their sacred buildings.

Learn about food justice issues: local production, food equality and food distribution.

Through our experience with the people native to this region, we will deepen our understanding of our neighbors, of ourselves, and our relationship with God's creation.

To draw closer as a community of faith.

To see and feel the presence of God among us, and to actively follow Jesus.

Be inspired by the natural beauty of God's creation in this amazing landscape.

Free time:

We learn about the traditional arts in the pueblos.

We explore the natural beauty of the southwest landscape.

We worship at the UCC church in Santa Fe.

## Goals of Participation

*This is a Wellesley Village Church Youth Programs trip. Our goals include serving others, engaging our faith in a concrete way, learning about issues of poverty and justice, continuing to build relationships and transform our way of thinking about the world, and to serve as God's hands in the world. We expect and hope the energy and positive experience of this trip will be integrated into the continuing life of our church.*

*In addition, the following is expected of each participant:*

- It is important that everyone going on the trip be an active member of the youth group before we head off on our journey. Anyone going on the trip is required to attend youth group at least twice every month until we leave in April (this does not include Confirmants who participate in Confirmation every week).
- To attend worship service on Sunday, April 7th. During worship, the congregation will bless and commission the youth for this service trip.
- To sell a minimum of \$200 from our Service Project Travel Catalogue (designed in the same way as Heifer Project Catalogue)

