



Our Vision

Rio Rancho United Methodist Church

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“Rio Rancho UMC is a body of Christ led and empowered by the Holy Spirit, meeting the needs of God’s people through open hearts, open minds, and open arms.”



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Editor's Note

We hope you are getting a chance to read the Newsletter every two weeks. We are trying to encourage people to get the newsletter downloaded by e-mail rather than get a printed copy. This will mean a big savings in printing costs. If you would like to receive your copy by e-mail, please send you e-mail

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Dear Ones –

Vacation Bible School is here!!!! Kim Peterson and her helpers have been *so* busy getting ready for this event. The church is being transformed into a jungle for ROAR!!!

I can't wait to hear the stories and see the pictures. Please think about grandchildren, neighbors and friends' children who might be interested in attending. VBS can be an avenue into our church for new families!

New Mexico Annual Conference meets next week so that is where I will be and then, my class in Creating a Culture of Renewal has scheduled our closing retreat at the beginning of the week. Please keep John Hockert, your Annual Conference delegate in your prayers as The United Methodist Church continues its struggles in light of our culture and society.

I am confident I will be reappointed as your Pastor for the next year and am excited to help RRUMC be a stronger presence in our community and to bring the gospel to this family. Jonah, the running prophet, will be the focus for sermons in June. We will be reading the entire book in our worship services. Don't worry, the entire book is only 48 verses long and I look forward to helping you see something of yourself in this runner.

I am grateful for the additions to our family, Daniel, Khristiana and Oliver Talbott. Please say of word of welcome to them when you see them.

I covet your prayers as we face the next year together, growing and learning.

Hozho,

Pastor Raquel

PRAYER CORNER

JUNE 9, 2019

From *Daily Guideposts* 2004, November 3

Better is a neighbor that is near than a brother who is far off.

Proverbs 27:10 (NRSV)

You might be surprised to hear that I live in a small village on the island of Manhattan in New York. This particular village—one of many in New York City—is a 324 unit co-operative apartment complex housing about five hundred people. We're held together by proprietary leases and corporate by-laws; we pay fees for the upkeep of the grounds and buildings; and we have a board of directors and endless meetings to decide things like where a new laundry should go. But we're also bound by other things.

For instance, there are the "Who's Got Soup" volunteers who provide hot meals to anyone who can't get out, and the weekly shuttle bus that takes people to the big discount market. There are bingo nights and Fourth of July parties and visits from Santa for the kids. But there are also all the people whom we know by their habits; the Juilliard cellist we hear through open windows on warm spring nights; the centenarian who requested "long life bulbs" from the maintenance man—we all chuckled at that story; the building superintendent who trades football scores with the boys.

One day not long ago, I couldn't get one of our elderly neighbors on the phone. She hadn't been feeling well, and I was worried. I knocked on her door. I called through the mail slot. Finally, I asked the super, who has a set of keys to the apartment, if we could go check on her. He readily agreed. The story has a happy ending: My neighbor was visiting a relative. But what I remember most about that day was the super's words when we discovered the apartment was empty: "I was praying for her. I was praying for her the whole time." That's one of the things that keeps a village together.

Keep my neighbors safe in your care, Lord

Rick Hamlin

In order to understand this parable, it is important to know who the Samaritans are. They are descendants of the northern tribes of Israel who intermarried with the Assyrian invaders of Israel in 721 BCE. According to Hebrew law they were unclean and unfit to be called Jews and were despised. Orthodox Jews considered them enemies of the faith because they broke God's law not to inter-marry. Many, however, did obey Jewish Law. Many of Jesus' parables stressed this point.

Bible Reference: Luke 10+25-9:

Blessings, *Lowell*

June Anniversaries & Birthdays

Anniversaries

STUART, Scott & Alice	06/03
REAGIN, Randy & Julie	06/06
JONES, Larry & Amy	06/21
KOHLRUST, Lowell and Jan	06/24
STIELOW, Dave & Peggy	06/26

BIRTHDAYS

KACQUEZ_GARCIA, Jennifer	06/01
LOUGHRAN, Dan	06/02
KRISTOFF, Ruth	06/04
REECE, Maxine	06/04
WILLIS, Frank	06/06
SCHNEPPER, Evelyn	06/09
SIMPSON, Beth	06/12
FELDMAN, Linda	06/13
LITTLEWOOD, Margaret	06/13
MILLER, Elizabeth	06/13
SECHREST, Ruby Jo	06/13
ALLEE, Deanna	06/15
MCKINLEY, Mylisa	06/15
PETERSON, Kim	06/17
KRISTOF, Dick	06/18
SCHNEPPER, Kim	06/18
HAUCK, Carole	06/21
SEPELAK, Kira	06/21
DOUGLAS, Gordon	06/23
TICHENOR, Arlene	06/25
BAYLESS, Harper	06/26
LOEWENSTEIN, James	06/30
MCCONNELL, Oso	06/30

Quotations

Wisdom comes from good judgement, and a lot of good judgement comes from bad judgement.

Proverb

Thank God for 5 Moments-

They give you a good excuse to not recognize people you don't care to talk to.

They give you something to blame when you make a mistake.

They encourage young people to do things for you that you didn't want to do in the first place.

They clear your mind so you can focus on what's really important (whatever that is).

They say that age is all in your mind. The trick is to keep it from creeping down into your body.

An acorn is not an oak tree when it sprouted. It must go through long summers and fierce winters; it has to endure all that frost and snow and winds can bring before it is a full-grown oak. So it is with us.

Henry Ward Beecher

Activities and Events



Youth Dinner Schedule



- 6/9 Pool Party & BBQ
- 6/16 Father's Day – No Youth
- 6/23 Mission Trip – No Youth
- 6/30 Mueller Family



Summer Movie Dates June 19th, July 12th, & July 22nd

The above dates are summer movie days for the youth. The movie and time will be determined three to four days before and an e-mail or text sent to all youth. Friends are welcome to come too! Youth/friends will need to bring money for snacks.



Today! - Baltz Home Plan on arriving at 4:00 PM and being picked up at 7:00 PM. Remember to bring a towel and swimsuit! The Baltz's live just east of the church off Abrazo. The address is 321 Encantado Ridge Court.



Sunday, June 30th during youth group time we will have game night! We will play the games that you want to play – so come

prepared!

Vacation Bible School 2019 June 10th – 14th, 6:00 to 8:30 PM



At ROAR, kids will discover that God is good through all of life's challenges. VBS is for children age 3 through entering 5th grade.

Registration: Registration forms are located on the welcome table.

Training and decorating: for everyone helping with VBS - Today at Noon.

VBS wrap-up: with songs performed by the children who attended VBS - Sunday, June 16th during 8:30 & 11 AM Worship services.

Youth Summer Mission Trip Community of Hope Campus Las Cruces, New Mexico June 23rd – 28th



We will be working with Jardin de los Ninos (a preschool/day care facility), Casa de Peregrinos (a food pantry), land El Caldito (a soup kitchen). All are located on the Community of Hope Campus, which is a community that helps homeless and near homeless families and individuals. It looks like we have another great group going! Please keep the youth group in your prayers as we travel and work!

Take Me Out To The Ballgame!

The Isotopes are hosting their annual "All Faiths Night" on Sunday, July 28th, game time 6:05 PM.

This is a great time for our Church family to get together for

Fellowship and a baseball game. (cont. pg. 4)



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As a church group, we can purchase tickets for \$9.00 per person. If you would like to go to the ball game, please fill out the ticket form, located on the welcome table and place it in the offering plate or give it to Kim Peterson. Ticket requests and money must be turned in by Sunday, July 14th.

Paint Night at RRUMC

We had a blast! Hope you can join us next time.



Start Planning...

Fort Lone Tree Family Retreat September 27th - 29th



Fort Lone Tree is an 1840's style outdoor adventure camp. They offer a variety of outdoor

activities including hiking, riflery, a 300-foot zip line, a giant swing and high ropes course, horseback riding (additional \$5.00 per person) and lots more!

The cost is \$110.00 per person. This fee includes lodging, activities and five meals. Lodging is in "bunk houses" that hold 6 to 12 people. Registration forms and more info is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Registration forms are due by September 1st. Start planning now if you want to go!