



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

I was always taught to respect my elders. I still do, although lately they are getting harder and harder for me to find.

Dear Ones,

The trees are blossoming – so sorry, allergy sufferers – and I believe spring has sprung, just in time for Resurrection Day! Can you believe the first quarter of the year is already gone?

We are reminded we are not in control of the seasons, we only have control of how we spend our time. Time can be our friend or our enemy, depending on our circumstances, and how we spend it. Everyone has exactly the same amount of time yet some of us don’t seem to get as much done as we would like or need to, while others get so much done. John Wesley rose early in the morning, 4 a.m. to make sure he made time for prayer. That is dedication and a wonderful example of self-discipline.

The sermon series on the journey through Lent with the spirituals has been fun and educational, and I hope, inspirational. This coming week I will be addressing how we can overcome some of our fears on our journey. Please consider inviting someone to accompany you to church during this Lenten season as we prepare to celebrate the pinnacle of our Christian faith – Resurrection Day!!

May you be blessed in this blessed season,

Hozho,

Pastor Raquel

For Submittals to the Bulletin and Calendar

Bulletins are printed on Thursday so all information needs to be submitted to the office by Tuesday. For the monthly calendar, please have information to the office by the 22nd of the month. If the 22nd falls on a weekend, please try to have information in the Friday before the 22nd. If there are no changes in the regularly scheduled meeting times, it will not be necessary to inform the office. Thank you for your understanding and if there are any questions, you can expect to hear from the office.

Prayer Corner

Sunday, March 31, 2019

*He will make her wilderness like Eden;
and her desert like the garden of the Lord....
Isaiah 51:3*

From **Daily Guideposts 2011, March 18:**

"Stephen, that's the kind of thing we need to pray about," I counseled my five-year-old.

"I don't like to pray," he replied petulantly.

"Why not?"

"I can't ever hear what God says!"

Stephen had a point. When you're little and think in concrete terms, it's not easy to hear God's voice. It's not easy to hear God even if you're an adult.

I'm finding it tough to pray these days. I do it, but I tend to be forgetful and easily distracted. Frankly, a lot of the time I feel like I'm talking to myself.

I once read God allows us "dry" times like this so that we come to love Him for Himself and not for spiritual comfort. That makes sense, but it's not much fun. I've sometimes wondered how people without faith get through life, and now I know.

Except I *do* have faith, and though I'm not feeling nourished by it, I still have to live what I believe. I pray, I read Scripture, I serve others. Compared to the rich, fertile land I used to know, this desert I'm passing through seems bereft of life. But it's not. It was in the desert that God fed His people with manna; it was in the desert that water flowed from the rock. The desert may be an uncomfortable place for those of us accustomed to plenty, but it's certainly as sacred as anywhere else.

It's quieter in the desert too. That means I have to be quieter so I can hear God's voice. I have to hush the voices of discontent and doubt and distraction, and listen carefully. That's hard work. But it's God's work - the work he's given me for now.

Father, Who still art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

JULIA ATTAWAY

I have hit deserts in my life. Stopping to get my bearings and letting my Guide catch up has always moved me in the right direction,

Lowell

April Anniversaries & Birthdays

Anniversaries

MCCONNELL, Lee & Kathy	04/12
WRIGHT, Glenn & Kristi-Viseur	04/16

Birthdays

MCKINLEY, Austin	04/05
STUART, Alicia	04/05
RABORN, Jim	04/09
WHITE, Billy	04/09
EKEROTH, Vangie	01/11
LOEWENSTEIN, Jim	04/11
SIMMONS, Jennifer	04/11
HOLDER, Evonne	04/14
STEUCK, Mike	04/23
STIELOW, Dave	04/23
MAIETTA, Elena	04/24
GALLAHER, Walt	04/26
STUART, Scott	04/26
SLMILEY, Madonna	04/27
ANDERSON, Gregg	04/30

The Money Quote

"When a man becomes a Christian, he becomes industrious, trustworthy and prosperous. Now, if that man when he gets all he can and saves all he can, does not give all he can, I have more hope for Judas Iscariot than for that man!"

— *John Wesley*



Activities and Events



Youth Dinner Schedule

- 3/31 Baltz Family
- 4/7 Roberts Family
- 4/14 Special Event
- 4/21 No Youth – Easter Sunday



**Rio Rancho UMC
Women's Event
Friday, April 5th
5:30 to 8:30 PM**

Are you a tea cup or a tea pot?

5:30 PM – Dinner

6:00 PM – Program

Devotional

Table Discussion

Craft Project: Tea Pot Key Chain

Service Project: Agape for Emmaus

Door Prizes

8:30 PM – Dismissal with a Blessing

*For our service project we will be making Agape gifts for our men's and women's Emmaus walks. For our project we need fabric and ribbon. If you have fabric or ribbon you would like to donate please bring them with you. We also need to borrow pinking shears and hot glue guns.

Child care will be available. Please contact Kim Peterson at 892-0404x3 or bgo-9795, if you need child care.

Easter Lilies and Spring Flowers



It's time to order Easter lilies and spring flowers to decorate our Church for Easter week. Order forms are on the welcome table in the Narthex.



Bring your supplies and a snack to share and join in the fun. We meet in the choir room from 5 to 8 PM on the following Tuesdays:

April 2nd & 23rd & May 14th



**Service of Darkness
Friday, April 19th
7:00 PM**

If Easter makes you want to sing and jump for joy, then Good Friday should make you want to crawl into a corner and weep. We can't truly celebrate the resurrection of our Savior if we don't fully remember his death. The Service of Darkness is a powerful reminder of Good Friday. We hope you will join us for this very moving worship experience.

**Resurrection Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 20th
2 to 4 PM**



Children young and old are invited to join us for an afternoon of Easter fun! We will start with some singing, and finish with an Easter egg hunt! There will be a lot of other fun activities

in between. Parents are encouraged to stay and help their children with the activities.

Donations of individually wrapped candy are needed to fill Easter eggs for our Resurrection Egg Hunt. You can drop candy in the main office or in the education office. Donations needed on or before April 17th.

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We also need hard-boiled eggs. They should be labeled “hard-boiled” and put in the kitchen refrigerator on or before April 20th at 2:00 PM.

There is a flyer with more details on the welcome table in the narthex.

Thank You!

Famous Quotations

It is good to have money and the things that money can buy, but its good, too, to check up once in a while and make sure that you haven't lost the things that money can't buy.

George Horace Lorimer

If you see ten troubles coming down the road , you can be sure that nine will run into the ditch before they reach you

Calvin Coolidge

Take Time

Take time to work—

It is the price of success.

Take time to think—

It is the source of power.

Take time to play—

It is the secret of youth.

Take time to read—

It is the foundation of knowledge.

Take time to laugh—

It is the music of the soul.

Take time to be kind—

It is the hand of God.

Take time to pray—

It is the privilege of faith.

Author Unknown

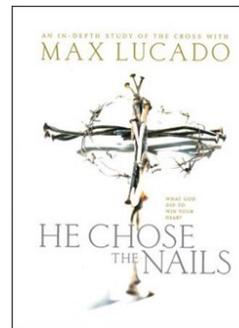
Lenten Services

4th Sunday in Lent March 31, 2019
“Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child”

5th Sunday in Lent April 7, 2019
“Wade in the Water”

Palm/Passion Sunday, April 14, 2019
Living Last Supper Presentation
Joint Service 10:00 am

Resurrection Day/Easter, April 21, 2019
“We Shall Overcome”
Wednesday Night Lenten Study—*He Chose the Nails*



Our Wednesday night Lenten study, *He Chose the Nails*, resumes next Wednesday, April 4. Join us and Max Lucado in exploring what God did to win your heart and what Jesus' sacrifice and death means for you. This video study begins at 6:10 pm after the Wednesday

night out meal and is led by John Hockert.

Walk Emmaus Community Gathering

All persons who have attended a Walk to Emmaus, or a Currillo are encouraged to attend. Persons anticipating to register for the Men's Walk or Women's Walk are invited also.

The Community gathering provides support in developing reunion groups and to develop a supportive network for persons wanting to attend a weekend in a Walk.

WHERE: RIO RANCHO UMC

DATE: FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2019

TIME: Doors open at 6pm (Fellowship Hall)

6:30 Potluck (Bring a Dish)

Meeting to follow

For More information, call or talk with Priscilla Brigham at church or call (505) 771-1642.