



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

The church often sends out notices and announcements to members of our church congregation during the week. This makes it all the more important that each of us completes the registration form in our bulletin and adds it to the collection plates during the Offertory.

Dear Ones,

Mother’s Day – a time to remember and celebrate motherhood, and a time to thank God for your mother. This might be kind of hard for some people because their mother wasn’t picture perfect in her care or child raising. Or perhaps, circumstances separated you from your mother, circumstances in which you had no say or choice. Interestingly, the woman who is credited with the founding of this day, soon grew to resent the holiday because she felt it had become too commercialized.

Ann Jarvis began her campaign the year her mother died and she wanted to honor her because she believed a mother is the “one person who does more for you than anyone in the world”. As Hallmark began selling cards, Jarvis objected - your mother should receive a handwritten note instead of pre-made cards and gifts. At one point she tried to sue companies who were making a profit from her idea and was even arrested for disturbing the peace when the American War Mothers were fundraising on Mother’s Day!

Stop today, and thank your mother, for giving you life at the very least. Psalm 139 reminds us “you (God) created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made” (vs 13, 14). A mother gave you life and I pray you live it fully to glorify God and receive His blessings.

Hozho,

Pastor Raquel



Are you smarter than the average United Methodist? (Answers on Pg. 4)

1. She was the first wife of Abraham and the matriarch of the Hebrew people. What does her name, Sarah, mean? Chosen Princess Pure
2. True or false, the longest interval between the births of two children was 41 years. True False
3. This historic United Methodist congregation in Philadelphia got its name because at least five churches grew from it. Mother Emmanuel Mother Wesley Mother Zoar
4. Her sons started the Methodist movement. What is the matriarch Mrs. Wesley's name? Susanna Eleanor Jane
5. Who is known as the Mother of American Methodism? Frances Willard Georgia Harkness Barbara Heck
6. This 4-foot-11-inch grandmother was the first woman elected bishop of any mainline Christian church. Joyce M. Bennett Marjorie Matthews Sandra Roberts
7. Who said, "When I put on one of these sweaters, it helps me think about my mother." TV host Fred Rogers Golfer Jack Nicklaus Fashion designer Ralph Lauren
8. Francis Asbury's mother, _____, had hoped he would become the Archbishop of Canterbury. Elizabeth Anna Mary
9. This Methodist mom from West Virginia first had the idea for a Mother's Day holiday in the U.S. Harriett Hallmark Ann Jarvis Susan Gilbert
10. This mother and grandmother is the first African-American woman elected bishop in The United Methodist Church. Leontine Kelly Beverly Shamana Linda Lee
11. Called "a living legend in the church's history of mission," Eunice Jones Mathews was: Daughter of an evangelist Wife of a bishop Author, who co-wrote "The Divine Yes" Early supporter of United Methodist Africa University All of the above
12. This United Methodist mother of three is president of Liberia and won a Nobel peace prize. Winnie Mandela Jody Williams Ellen Johnson Sirleaf

Activities and Events



Youth Dinner Schedule



- 5/12 No Youth – Mother's Day
- 5/19 Selover Family
- 5/26 Special Event – Grace Park
- 6/2 Holland Family



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 Tuesday, May 14th.



Sunday, May 26th is the day we welcome our new 6th graders into youth group. This year we will be going to Grace Park for an afternoon of food, fun and games! We will leave the Church at 1:45 PM and return at 7:00 PM. Let's all get together, have a great time and welcome the new members to our group!

Attention all youth! As a group we need to **RSVP for this event by May 19th**. Please let me know if you plan on attending!

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

Register NOW! Forms are on the bulletin board in the youth room.

Summer Movie Dates

June 6th, 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.

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. It is important that everyone who wants to attend VBS pre-register.

Volunteers: Completed 5th grade through adults are encouraged to volunteer. Let Kim know how you want to help



Set Construction: starting May 28th - if you are interested in helping to create the sets for VBS, contact Kim for more details, dates and times.

Training and decorating: for everyone helping with VBS -

June 9th at Noon.

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



Paint Night

at RRJMC

Friday, May 31st

6 to 8:30 PM

Join us for an evening of painting with dinner and a devotional. The picture will be very easy, and you will be guided through it. Dinner and childcare will be provided. You are asked to bring an apron or wear old clothes (the paint doesn't wash out once it is dry!) Canvases, paint, brushes and everything you need will be provided. A \$5.00 donation for supplies is recommended.

Please RSVP to Kim at 450-9795 or



Teachers
Needed



No Experience Required

Must have Safe Sanctuary **Training**

Summer is the time we give our fantastic Sunday school teachers a well-deserved break. The class will consist of children going into kindergarten through 5th grade. The lessons will be prepared for you which you will be able to pick up in Kim's office. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the front foyer. Please take a minute to see if there is a week or two that you would be able to help.

Thank you!

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!

May Anniversaries & Birthdays

Anniversaries

O'SICKEY, Chris & Mandi	05/01
ANDERSON, Gregg & Marcia	05/03
JOHNSON-CONNELL, Charlotte & Chuck	05/06

Birthdays

BRECH, Barbara	05/01
HOLLAND, Nicole	05/01
SEPELAK, Evelyn	05/02
BACA, Carlos	05/04
SCHRAMKO, Rogene	05/05
LEPORI, Suzi	05/87
MOORE, Cara	05/07
SALAZ, Novah	06/08
FLORES, Avery	05/09
ANDERSON, Eugene	05/11
EKEROTH, Gus	05/15
LEGGIERIO, William	05/16
BEGLEY, Isaac	05/17
ELLIOTT, Gabriel	05/18
MORYOSEF, Dory	05/24
MCCONNELL, Becca	05/25
MCCONNELL, Kathy	05/25
BEGLEY, Maximillian	05/26
HILLBORN, Naomi	05/26
HILLBORN, Donovan	05/30

Answers to "Mothers" Quiz

- Princess
- True
- Mother Zoar
- Susanna
- Barbara Heck
- Marjorie Matthews
- Fred Rogers
- Elizabeth
- Ann Jarvis
- Leontine Kelly
- All of the above
- Ellen Johnson Sirleaf

After General Conference 2019

Pastor Raquel held a meeting for church family members interested in discussing the decisions made at the February 2019 special meeting of the United Methodist General Conference (GC2019) following our Ash Wednesday service. Then, we were uncertain about what GC 2019 decisions, the Judicial Council (our “denominational supreme court”) would find constitutional. The Judicial Council met in late April and determined that the following decisions were constitutional:

- An expansion of the definition of "self-avowed practicing homosexual" consistent with a previous Judicial Council decision.
- An explicit prohibition of bishops from consecrating, commissioning or ordaining self-avowed homosexuals.
- Mandatory penalties for clergy convicted of performing same-sex wedding ceremonies.
- An explicit prohibition of conference boards of ordained ministry from approving candidates not meeting ordination standards regarding sexuality.
- And, revisions to the complaint process, requiring that: 1) the complainant be a party to any just resolution; 2) that just resolutions state the harms involved and how the resolution addresses them; 3) allowing complaints to be dismissed only if they have no basis in [church] law or fact and mandating that information be shared with the complainant during the complaint process; and 4) allowing individual churches to appeal errors of law from trial court findings to the Judicial Council.

The Judicial Council also approved a revised process for individual churches to leave the denomination (disaffiliate) when the following three requirements are met:

- The disaffiliation resolution must be approved by a two-thirds majority of the professing members of the local church present and voting at the church conference.
 - The conference board of trustees has established the terms and conditions, including the effective date, of the agreement between the annual conference and the exiting local church in accordance with applicable church law and civil laws.
 - The disaffiliation agreement must be ratified by a simple majority of the members of the annual conference present and voting.
- These changes in church law will become effective in the U.S. on January 1, 2020. More details regarding the Judicial Council decision are available in the article “What did the Judicial Council Decide about the Traditional Plan” at <http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/ask-the-umc>. An extensive compendium of articles and commentary regarding the General 2019 decisions is posted at:

<https://peopleneedjesus.net/>.

Questions and Input

During the congregational meeting on GC 2019, we discussed opportunities for church family members to ask questions and provide input regarding the GC 2019 issues. ***The first opportunity will be a question and answer session, at Annual Conference, with the New Mexico Conference GC 2019 delegates and those elected to represent us at GC 2020 that is scheduled for 3:30 pm on June 13th*** at the Crowne Plaza (1901 University Blvd NE, Albuquerque). Your members of annual conference, Pastor Raquel and John Hockert plan to attend and report back to you. Anyone else who wants to attend may do so for a \$25 guest registration fee. (See <https://www.nmconfum.com/annual-conference-2019>.) Questions must be submitted in advance by e-mail to delegation@nmconfum.com with the subject line ***"NMAC Question"***. If you are submitting a question, please copy your members of annual conference on the e-mail so we can listen especially closely for the answer to your question. In addition, our Albuquerque District Superintendent, Craig Cockrell, has committed to invite pastors to gather and tell him how GC 2019 has affected them, personally, and how it may have affected their congregations. You can provide Pastor Raquel with input for that meeting. Finally, our bishop, W. Earl Bledsoe, will be holding at least one listening and informational gathering in the Albuquerque District this fall. Once the meeting is scheduled, information about the time and location will be provided.

The Money Quote

Money is not the only commodity that is fun to give. We can give time, we can give our expertise, we can give our love or simply give a smile. What does that cost? The point is, none of us can ever run out of something worthwhile to give.

— Steve Goodier

May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 8:30 AM Traditional Worship 9:30 AM Fellowship (FH) 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Praise Service (S) 6:00 PM NA Meeting (MR)	29 6:00 PM AA Meeting (MR) 7:00 PM BSA (all but CR)	30 6:30 PM Cub Scouts (all but CR)	1 5:00 PM Sonshine Choir/Parents (YR) 5:30 PM WNO (FH) 6:00 PM Praise Band (S) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir (MR)	2 5:30 PM Finance Meeting (UR) 6:30 PM Girl Scouts (YR) 6:30 PM Handbell Practice (MR)	3	4  9:00 AM Free Store 10:00 AM Asbury UMC Pre Conference Meeting
5 8:30 AM Traditional Worship 9:30 AM Fellowship (FH) 9:45 AM Sunday School 9:45 AM Graduation Brunch 11:00 AM Praise Service (S) 5:00 PM Youth (YR) 6:00 PM NA Meeting (MR)	6 6:00 PM AA Meeting (MR) 7:00 PM BSA (all but CR)	7 6:00 Trustees Meeting (UR) 6:00 PM Free Store (MR) 6:30 PM Cub Scouts (all but CR)	8 1:00 PM Quilters (YR) 5:30 PM WNO (FH) 6:00 PM Praise Band (S) 6:15 PM Wed. Night Study (AR)	9 1:00 PM Visitation Team (MR) 5:00 PM Missions & Outreach Meeting (AR) 6:30 PM Girl Scouts (YR) 6:30 PM Handbell Practice (MR)	10	11
12 6:00 PM NA Meeting (MR)	13 6:00 PM AA Meeting (MR) 7:00 PM BSA (all but CR)	14 5:00 PM Craft Night 6:00 PM Free Store Meeting (MR) 6:30 PM Cub Scouts	15 5:30 PM WNO (FH)(K) 6:00 PM Praise Band (S) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir (MR)	16 Preschool Graduation 11:15 AM  6:30 PM Girl Scouts (YR)	17	18  9:00 AM Free Store 
19 Native American Ministries Offering 8:30 AM Traditional Worship 9:30 AM Fellowship (FH) 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Praise Service (S) 4:00 PM NA (FH) 5:00 PM Youth (YR) 6:00 PM NA Meeting (MR)	20 6:00 PM AA Meeting (MR) 7:00 PM BSA (all but CR)	21 6:00 PM Ad Council (MR) 6:30 PM Cub Scouts (all but CR)	22 5:00 PM Sonshine Choir (YR) 6:00 PM Praise Band (S) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir (MR)	23 6:30 PM Girl Scouts (YR) 6:30 PM Handbell Practice (MR) Last Day of school	24 6:00 PM Westside Emmaus Gathering (FH,K)	25
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Room Key: Azape Room (AR) Aldersgate Room (AG) Fellowship Hall (FH) Kitchen (K) Music Room (MR) Pastor's Study (PS)