



# 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

If you have noticed the improvement in the sound now running in the Church. I know that the Choir members do appreciate the sound now available to them while they are sitting in the Choir loft. Please let Gordon Moore know how much you like the improvement.

Dear Ones,

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything food for doing his will and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. Time flies when you're having fun – right – or are you like me and slightly amazed it is now the end of May and we are remembering and honoring those who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. It is already Memorial Day and while the weather may not seem like the beginning of summer, the calendar says it is.

June brings Vacation Bible School, Annual Conference, and the Youth Mission trip! I would like to focus on Annual Conference. The New Mexico Conference is hosting a series of Early Bird Workshops on Wednesday, June 12 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Albuquerque. The workshops are FREE and cover several topics. It is my hope the workshop on “See All the People: Engaging Disciples with a Plan to See” will be of interest to some in this congregation. We say we want to grow so learning from an expert will be beneficial, I am sure. Registration can be done on-line at [nmconfum.com](http://nmconfum.com), the Conference website. More information about the individual workshops can be found in this newsletter – thank you, Walt.

With people planning vacations, attendance usually takes a dip in the summer but if you have guests visiting, please include them in your plans to worship. We would love to meet them and we will make them feel welcome.

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Hozho,

*Pastor Raquel*

## Pre-Conference Early Bird Workshops

The New Mexico Conference has an excellent selection of Early Bird Workshops. RRUMC congregants can register for FREE! Go to [www.nmconfum.com](http://www.nmconfum.com) and click on "Early Bird Workshops Only": [Click to Register](#)

Wednesday, June 12th 1:00 pm

Tithes, Shared Ministries, Clergy Benefits... Oh My! – Dru Ann Kuntz/Griselda Sandoval

In this workshop you will gain a better understanding of how the NM Conference manages contributions from the local church, how funds are used for ministry in our conference and beyond, and budget/payroll implications of pastor compensation.

The A-B-C's of Hosting Your Own Lay Servant Ministries School – Lay Servant Training Team

Our workshop will include a timeline that will help you plan, publicize and conduct your school Curriculum, instructors, and materials will be discussed. Lay Servant ministries is one way of equipping laity to be salt and light to the world around them. Presenters will be John Milholland, Conference Lay Servant Ministries Coordinator; Bernice Hughes, Albuquerque Director, Lay Servant Ministries; and Rev. Bonnie Hardesty Lay Servant Ministries faculty member.

See All the People: Engaging Discipleship with a Plan to See – David Teel, Discipleship Ministries

Participants will be invited to become more intentional about making disciples in their ministry settings. This workshop stresses the importance of making/growing disciples, creating an intentional discipleship system, re-focusing on the reality that discipleship begins with relationships, and developing a church culture committed to engaging the community and seeing all the people. Workshop participants will also gain a deeper appreciation for the importance of place in responding to their call to ministry (faith has a zip code, location is vocation).

What's the Story You've Been Telling Yourself – Val Hastings, Coaching 4 Clergy

In the coaching I am doing, I have lately found myself asking, "What the story you've been telling yourself about that issue?" I ask this question because I'm hearing a limiting belief or assumption in what they are telling me that is not serving them, nor the people they lead. This workshop takes the concept of reframing questions to the next level. During our time together we will learn how to reframe our stories by examining our own personal and corporate stories that we have been telling ourselves.

Early Childhood Education – Patricia Alvarado and Carol Mead, McCurdy Ministries

Focus on what Matters...Simplify – Doug Mills

Churches can make a tremendous difference for the youngest members of our communities and their families by discerning the critical needs of children and doing ministries that meet these needs. The number one indicator of whether a child graduates from high school is early childhood education so early intervention is critical for our children and for the health of our communities. Faith based preschools, after schools and summer camps also provide a chance for Christians to help children and their families become friends with Jesus.

## 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

### The Money Quote

*“Freedom from anxiety is characterized by three inner attitudes. If what we have we received as a gift, and if what we have is to be cared for by God, and if what we have is available to others, then we will possess freedom from anxiety.”*  
 – Richard J Foster, *Celebration of Discipline*

## Prayer Corner

Sunday, May 26, 2019

The following devotion is from *Daily Guideposts* May 1, 2012 with permission.

### THE PERFECT PICTURE

WHAT TIME I AM AFRAID, I WILL TRUST IN THEE.  
– Psalm 56:3

For many years I had dreamed of the day our family would be together in rural Zimbabwe, where half my heart lives with the beautiful people we serve, and that our son Brock would finally find a soul mate who would happily become a part of our slightly offbeat family. Finally, here we were all together: our daughter Keri and her husband Ben with Abby and baby Charles, Brock and his son Harrison – and his fiancée Corinne.

Up ahead was a one-room mud hut where a struggling mother and her two children lived. With the help of our donors we were keeping the children in school, supplying seed for their garden, and had recently made the family rich by giving them their own goat. Today we were bringing medicine for the mother's sister, who was sick with AIDS.

As I lagged behind, I instinctively brought my camera to my eye. Up ahead, in the golden hour of the waning day, my daughter bent lovingly over a blanket where the sick woman lay. *Typical Keri*, I thought. As I often do when taking photos, I prayed, "Give this one to me, God."

That evening I was anxious to download the photos to my computer. What I saw took my breath away.

The girl in the picture wasn't Keri at all. It was Corinne!

All Brock's life, I'd been praying for him to find the right life mate. I should have known God would find a clever way to show me. He'd answered my prayer in God's time!

*Father, I get the picture: our job is to let go and trust you.* – Pam Kidd

My brother's wife Linda and his daughters Alyssa, Stacy and Taryn and Jan and I thank everyone for the Prayer Quilt for my brother. The theme is very appropriate, Baseball was Russ' game when he was young. The quilt got to Santa Clara last week on Wednesday. It was immediately placed over him and he was covered in prayers when he passed away on Thursday. Thank you again!

Grace, peace and love, *Lowell*

## Sounding Better!

The sound system in the sanctuary received a new digital upgrade that brings our sound system into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Thanks to Billy White, Chal Creese and Dave



Stielow, we gutted the old system and installed a new Yamaha Digital mixing console, 8 channels of the newest generation of Lectrosonics digital microphones (so new they won't be announced to the world until May 30<sup>th</sup>), two channels of new digital wireless IEM for the vocal line and a new head unit for the in-ear monitors worn by the band. The coolest part of the system is that the signals are all transported over Cat5e and Cat6 cable over a system called Dante. For example, we pulled 56 analog cables out of the sound booth and replaced them with just 4 Cat5 cables. For the geeks among you, we reduced the number of digital to analog (DA) and analog to digital (AD) conversions from 12 to 2, reducing overall system latency tenfold.

The new console has 200 memory presets so we can save successful performances and settings and recall them instantly – a capability we lacked in the old units.

Joseph can even control what he hears in his earpiece from the stage using an iPod touch! How cool is that?

Lectrosonics uses our system for beta testing and in return we A) get the latest generation gear and B) get it at special pricing. Thanks to donations specific to this, this upgrade cost the church nothing and did not impact our budget at all.

The purpose of a sound system is to enhance the worship experience and not detract from it. With this new gear in place we hope to achieve that goal even better than before.

As always, the tech team can always use more volunteers – if you are interested in learning to mix sound, run DMX lighting systems (second service) or help with the projections, please look me up or ask at the sound booth (just don't bother them during services or rehearsals please).

Be blessed,

*Gordon*, Technical ministries

# Activities and Events



## Youth Dinner Schedule



- 5/26 Special Event – Grace Park
- 6/2 Holland Family
- 6/9 Pool Party & BBQ
- 6/16 Father's Day – No Youth



## Vacation Bible School 2019 June 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Registration:** Registration forms are located on the welcome table. It is important that everyone who wants to attend VBS pre-register.

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

**Set Construction:** starting May 28<sup>th</sup> - 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 9<sup>th</sup> at Noon.

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



## 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. The cost per person is \$125.00 and a food item. A \$50.00 deposit and completed paperwork is needed by June 2nd.

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## Summer Movie Dates

June 6<sup>th</sup>, June 19<sup>th</sup>,  
July 12<sup>th</sup>, & July 22<sup>nd</sup>

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.



## Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> - Baltz Home

On Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, instead of our regular youth group meeting, we will meet at the Baltz's home for a BBQ and Pool Party. 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.

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We will be working with Jardin de los Ninos (a pre-school/day care facility), Casa de Peregrinos (a food pantry), and 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.



## Paint Night at RRUMC 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 892-0404x3 no later than May 28th.

## 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.



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.

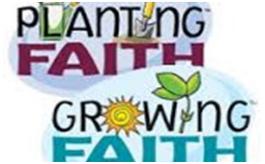


## Start Planning... Fort Lone Tree Family Retreat September 27th – 29th

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



## 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!



# History of Memorial Day

Memorial Day, as Decoration Day gradually came to be known, originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But during World War I the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars.

For decades, Memorial Day continued to be observed on May 30, the date Logan had selected for the first Decoration Day. But in 1968 Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees; the change went into effect in 1971. The same law also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday.

## New Sunday Morning Study – *Wesley Bible Study: Romans*

On Sunday June 2, we will begin a study of the book of **Romans**, surveying key scriptures employing a combination of commentary from contemporary teachers, highlighted quotes from the writings and life experiences of John Wesley, and the poetry and hymns of his brother Charles.

Paul's *Letter to the Romans* is, perhaps, the most comprehensive presentation of Christian beliefs in a single book of the Bible. Join us for this examination of our Christian heritage beginning at 9:45 am on Sunday, June 2, in the Music Room. See John Hockett for a copy of our study book, *Wesley Bible Study: Romans*.

## Famous Quotations

Wisdom is often nearer when we stoop than when we soar.

*William Wordsworth*

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

*George Horace Lorimer*

Can anything be sadder than work left unfinished? Yes..work never begun.

*Christina Rossetti*

At the end of our lives we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, or how many great things we have done. We will be judged by: I was hungry and you gave me to eat. I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless and you took me in.

*Mother Teresa*

A pious man reached his 100th birthday , and he suddenly stopped going to church. Concerned about his health, his pastor paid him a visit, and was surprised to find the man in exceptionally good shape.

"We've missed you in church lately," the pastor said.

"Oh, I'm not coming anymore," the man replied. "You know, I fully expected the Lord to take me at 90, and then at 95, but He didn't. I think he's forgotten about me, and I certainly don't want to remind Him.

*Author Unknown*