



# 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

Don't forget, Work week is coming up-July 19th and 20th are the work days. See Gordon Moore and Dan Hilborn and let them know you want to help. I'll see you there!

Dear Ones:

I survived my very first mission trip with Kim Peterson, John Hockert, Nicole Holland, Stormi Waller and our amazing youth. It was a challenge, demanding and fulfilling. We spent most of our time at Jardin de los Ninos, an education center serving homeless and near homeless children. Every day was spent helping those in that economic position.

We were in Las Cruces, not too far from home but the work we did, though simple and mundane, made a difference in the lives of those we served. Jardin didn't have a janitor and didn't expect to be able to hire one until this month. Our presence and work in pulling weeds and cleaning the play yards ensured the daycare would pass inspection!

I am so grateful for the sacrifices, however small and mundane, people made so we could take our youth to Community of Hope. Some stayed home alone while their family was gone while others donated money so none of our kids were left behind. Our youth may have heard about homelessness or seen panhandlers on the corner, but last week they saw more about how they survive and served them lunch and how a couple of hours of volunteer work meant things went smoothly.

I came home so tired but if Kim and the kids would let me, I would do it again! I learned we have an awesome group of kids, who are willing and non-complaining, to be Christ's hands and feet.

Hozho

*Pastor Raquel*

This devotion is from **Daily Guideposts** Monday, June 11, 2012 with permission. Who knows how God will answer prayers?

*I LOOKED AND THERE IN FRONT OF ME WAS A WHITE HORSE...HE RODE OUT TO CONQUER IN MANY BATTLES... – Revelation 6:2(TLB)*

On June 27, 2009, my granddaughter Olivia, eleven, was bike riding with her friend Peyton when she hit loose gravel and went airborne. She landed with a force that fractured her skull and caused a concussion. The diagnosis was traumatic brain injury.

The next months were sad and stressful. Olivia tired easily, yet couldn't sleep at night. She had severe migraines. She'd been an honor student but now struggled to read, remember lessons and follow instructions. She had to quit her favorite sport, gymnastics. "I used to be a gymnast," she said one day. "Now I'm nothing." We besieged the doors of heaven for healing or the return of our shy but smiling and sometimes sassy little girl. Our prayers seemed to go unheard.

Enter Peso, a frisky white gelding with grey freckles on his nose. He and Olivia chose each other the day she began equestrian therapy. For an hour each week, Olivia groomed Peso, rode him around an arena and practiced responding to his moods. She soon progressed to guiding Peso through courses of barrels and poles. Then her counselor asked if she'd like to try vaulting – gymnastics on horseback. With the first vault, Olivia began to improve. Each new vault brought renewed confidence. When she mastered the back walk-over dismount, she was able to stop therapy and just enjoy riding and vaulting.

Problems with memory, schoolwork and occasional migraines continue but no longer drag Olivia down. Time and a new school helped, but it was Peso

Olivia again became herself.

Thank you Jesus for ma li9ttle girl, a white horse and your promise of strength to face life battles – Penny Schwab

I will pick up this theme in a future column. Grace and peace,

*Lowell*

## July Anniversaries & Birthdays

### Anniversaries

GARCIA, Felix & Jennifer	07/03
HOCKERT, John & Ranelle	07/19
LITTLEWOOD, Tim & Margaret	07/24
EKEROTH, Gus & Evangeline	07/30
ROGGE, Jim & Pam	07/30

### Birthdays

GARCIA, Felix	07/03
MCKINLEY, Nathan	07/03
REECE, Gary	07/12
HOCKERT, Ranelle	07/15
LOEWENSTEIN, Kelly	07/16
BEAUCHAMP, Juta	07/17
GRABLE, Sue	07/17
YEAGER, Michael	07/21
STEUCK, Mary Ann	07/23
CRAIG, Siobhan 0	7/24
HUSE, Lorraine	07/26
VISEUR, Shelby	07/27
MCKINLEY, Chris	07/31

### The Money Quote

*One verse in every six in the first three Gospels relates, either directly or indirectly, to money. Sixteen of our Lord's 44 parables deal with the use or misuse of money. A loving, joyful, liberal giving to the Lord's work is an acid test of a spiritual heart, pleasing to God.*

*William E. Allen*

# Activities and Events



## Youth Dinner Schedule

7/7 Hilborn Family  
7/14 Destination Unknown



## Summer Movie Dates

July 12th and 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.



## Breakfast Burrito Fundraiser

Sunday, July 14th

On Sunday, July 14th, the Youth will be selling breakfast burritos from 9am to noon in the Fellowship Hall. Order

forms to pre-order are located on the welcome table in the Narthex.



## Destination Unknown

Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>

3:30 – 6:00 PM

Attention Youth: Please be at the Church at 3:30, bring a water bottle, and come prepared to be outside. (We will not have a meal with this event.) Our scripture for this destination is

1 Corinthians 15:50-58.

## Take Me Out To The Ballgame!

The Isotopes are hosting their annual "All Faith's 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 014th..



## Youth Led Worship

Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>

8:30 & 11:00 AM



Both Worship services will focus on our Summer Mission Trip. Youth will tell about their experiences and we will have a picture slide show. Hope to see you there!



July 28th – August 4th

Flyers have been mailed!

Call Kim if you have any questions!

Youth: please be sure and sign up on the bulletin board in the youth room for each event that you plan on attending during youth week!



## 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 "bunkhouses" 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 1<sup>st</sup>. Start planning now if you want to go!

### Youth Summer Mission Trip

Eighteen (youth and adults) went on this mission trip. They worked with Jardin de los Ninos (a preschool/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.

Here are some pictures taken during our mission trip.

