



# 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

Please take time to consider the option of going to a single worship service on Sunday. How would it effect your Sunday worship? Beginning next Sunday, Gordon Moore will be hearing your comments. We really need your considered thoughts.

## Pastor's Message

You were taught with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires, to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Ephesians 4:22-24

Dear Ones,

As we finish the sermon series on Protecting Your Spiritual Identity, I am reminded of this verse. We are urged to leave our former lives and begin to fulfill our identity in Christ. This may seem painful and I agree change means a certain amount of grieving. However, I would also tell you that exiting can be as holy as entering.

The first call of Abraham was “Leave your country, your people and your father’s household and go to the land I will show you.” (Gen. 12:1) The rest, all the blessings, all the promises of the Promised Land and the future, all depended on the words ‘Get out.’ Getting out is a holy act. Messiah called his disciples to leave their old life and follow him. God calls us.

Please don’t be one who longs for change, for something better, something new but then fails to leave the place they are. Leave the old and enter the new so you, and the church can grow!

Hozho,

*Pastor Raquel*

## PRAYER CORNER

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(This Article was originally published in 2016)

### Staying in Sync with God

Prayer is what gives Christ followers the power to live lives that are pleasing to our Master; the power to live and move and be rooted, grounded, and established in His all-encompassing love. If we skip one day, we quickly notice that our lives are out of sync. If we skip two days, those closest to us begin to see the effects of a neglected prayer life. By the third day, it is evident to all that we are not in harmony with the Spirit of the Living Lord. Our life-songs become dull and flat; we miss the high and low notes; and we don't begin and end on cue. As a result of our failure to pray we are not walking in rhythm with God, self, or neighbor.

Every failure in life is ultimately a failure to pray! All we have and all we are flows out of our relationship with God. Yet sadly, rather than being mindful of our need to spend quality time alone with God, many of us offer flimsy excuses for not engaging in the daily practice of prayer. We say that we don't have time to dismiss ourselves from the crowd so that we can pray. After all, we tell ourselves, time spent with the Lord in prayer isn't part of the 21<sup>st</sup> century life. Our busy days don't allow us to begin our days in prayer, and heaven knows we are much too tired at night to stay awake long enough to engage in significant prayer. There is no quiet time in our hectic days, no time to be alone and pray.

However, as spiritual giants throughout the ages can attest, the busier our lives are, the more we need extended times of prayer. Prayer is what gives us the power to accomplish the tasks set before us with grace and harmony. Time spent with God is our source of inspiration, imagination, and motivation. Today is the day to be faithful to the practice of prayer—and to enjoy the blessing of living in sync with the Spirit and in harmony with God. From *My Winning Words Daily Devotion*

Grace & Peace,  
Judy Brunk

## October Anniversaries & Birthdays

### Anniversaries

RABORN, Jim & Marcy	10/01
CHAVEZ, Jake & Pat	10/26

### Birthdays

BRADY, Harold (Gene)	10/02
STUART, Charles	10/03
SECHREST, Shane	10/07
WHITE, Celesta	10/08
WOOD, Pat	10/08
BEGLEY, Sarah	10/09
WHITE, Amy	10/09
PONTSLEER, Joan	10/10
HOCKERT, John	10/11
FUCHS, Bailey	10/15
BEGLEY, Virginia	10/16
WRIGHT, Tim	10/18
WARNER, Donna	10/20
SEPELAK, Dakota	10/22
BALTZ, Brian	10/24
KOHLRUST, Tylec	10/27



Thank You Pat Chavez!!

# Activities and Events



10/6 Weir Family  
10/13 Michael Elliott  
10/20 Holland Family



## Wednesday Night Out Dinner

October 2nd:

Roast Pork & Dressing with Gravy, Cooked Carrots, Rolls Butter, Apple Cranberry Cobbler

October 9th:

Creamed Chicken & Vegetables with Biscuits, Salad & Banana Cake

October 16th:

Sloppy Joes, Chips, Baked Beans, Snicker Apple Salad, Rice Krispie Treats



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We will start our retreat at 4PM on Friday, with some awesome games, followed by dinner. Our focus for this event is the "God's Not Dead" movie trilogy. We will be watching all three movies and discussing them. Our retreat will conclude on Saturday at Noon. We will have a mandatory "sleep" time, so bring a pillow and sleeping bag. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the youth room. Please sign-up, so Kim can plan the food for this event.

## Youth Retreat

October 11th - 12th

## SAFE SANCTUARIES

Reducing the Risk of Abuse in the Church for Children and Youth



## Training & Soup Supper

Friday, October 18th

6 to 8:30 PM

This event takes place once a year. It is very important that everyone who comes in contact with children, youth and vulnerable adults in any way in our church, takes the training. Please RSVP to the Church office at 892-0404, if you will be attending. For additional information, please contact Kim Peterson at :

892-0404x3, or 450-9795.



The youth will hold a Biscuits & Gravy breakfast fundraiser on **Sunday October 6th**. Sunday, we will start serving in

fellowship hall at 9:30 AM. We will serve until we run out of food! Hope to see you there!



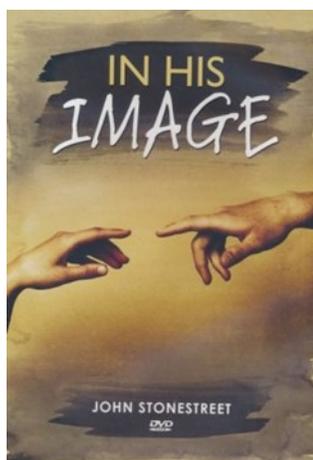
**Fall Festival & Trunk-Or-Treat**  
Sunday, October 27th, 3-5 PM

Our annual Fall Festival & Trunk-or-Treat will be held on Sunday, October 27th from 3

to 5 PM. We will need youth and adults to help with set-up, clean-up and running the games. We also need individually wrapped candy donations and people to be part of "Trunk-or-Treat" (decorate your trunk and hand out candy to ghouls and goblins). We will start setting up at 1 PM.

## Wednesday Night Study *In His Image*

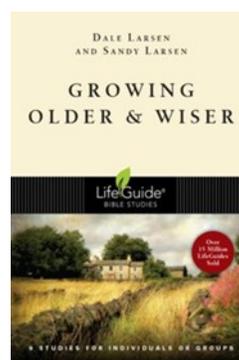
What is the image of God? What does it mean that we are made in God's image, and why is that so important to our identity? Join us as we explore the unique significance that Christianity places on the human person. Examine the evidence from the great philosophers and examples of current cultural trends that demonstrates why Christianity is the only religion to fully explain the human condition, human dignity as an inherent attribute, the responsibilities of being made in God's image, and much more. There is no study book or homework required. The study and the discussion will start at 6:10 p.m. after the Wednesday Night Out meal and finish in time for choir practice.



## *New Sunday Morning Study Starting October 6*

### *Growing Older & Wiser*

automatically come with age. However, we can grow wiser as we get older, if we tap into the eternal wisdom of God. This nine-week study offers a biblical perspective on aging and shows how powerfully Life expectancies have increased, but the Bible and our daily news reveal that human nature has not changed. Wisdom does not



God can use those who have grown wiser with the years. Join us in this study that reveals the constancy of God and His love for us throughout the seasons of our lives. This study begins at 9:45 in the music room on Sunday, October 6. Contact John Hockert for a copy of the study book.

### 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*



**Friends or Family  
Coming for The  
Balloon Fiesta??**

*Why not invite them  
to come to the Rio  
Rancho United*

*Methodist Church while they are in town. We will welcome them and help fill in their trip with some of our activities.*

*Church Services Sunday Morning*

*Wednesday Night Dinner/Fellowship*



**W**e would really like you to add your voice to the Choir /Praise Band . We have begun to work on our music for the upcoming Christmas Season. See Joseph Ubarri and tell him you would like to join.

