



# Our Vision

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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

On Wednesday Evenings, following our Sonshine Choir Practice at 5 pm, our Wednesday Night Out dinners set the stage for Study, Praise Band Practice, and Choir Practice. Please come and join us.

Dear Ones,

He is risen! The historical response is “He is risen indeed!”

We have had a beautiful Lenten season, culminating in the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord and Savior from the dead. A big thank you to all the musicians for their contribution to our services. Everyone put in so many hours of practice to make this season memorable and remarkable. This was my first time in your midst during this season. I was blown away by the Living Last Supper! What a beautiful and moving enactment of DaVinci's masterful art work – I truly was inspired and questioned my perceptions of Judas Iscariot.

I had a wonderful time with the sermon series Journeying through Lent with the Spirituals and am grateful for the response to them. I hope you had a new understanding of the Underground Railroad and the journey to freedom, both physical and spiritual.

A special thanks to the ladies who helped with the quilt blocks, too. Evonne Holder, Peggy Stielow and I sewed the blocks representing the trip to freedom so I could make them into the banner.

This Resurrection Day also so our church family grow! Please help in welcoming our newest members – Robert Glass and his family (Carrie, Callie, Trey), Carole and Michael Hauck and Jason Patterson. They attend second service but we will find a way to introduce you.

Looking forward to watching what God has planned for us, his chosen people and beloved children.

Hozho,

*Pastor Raquel*



# Prayer Corner

Sunday, April 28, 2019

This devotion comes from Debbie Macomber, a writer for *Daily Guideposts*.

## WHEN PRAYER ISN'T WORKING

*Oh, Timothy, my son, be strong with the strength Christ Jesus gives you. For you must teach others those things you and many others have heard me speak about. . . . II Timothy 2:1-2 (TLB)*

Because of my heavy travel schedule, routinely attending a Bible study is difficult for me. What I needed, I decided some years ago, was a spiritual mentor, someone who would guide me and be a sounding board for me, someone with a lot of spiritual maturity.

I asked a godly woman in our church if she would be willing to meet and pray with me on a regular basis. That is how my friendship with Barb Dooley started. Even now, all these years later, we still get together regularly to pray.

Recently I told Barb about a problem I'd been experiencing and the frustration I felt. "I don't know what I'm doing wrong," I said, "I've filled up pages and pages in my prayer journal, pouring out my problem to God. I've brought the matter up daily, waiting for him to move in my life. I don't think he hears my prayers any longer."

Barb didn't say anything for a long time. Then she smiled and said, "Maybe you should try a different tactic."

"How do you mean?" I asked. I was open to anything. Barb nodded and said softly, "Maybe this isn't a case of God not hearing your prayers, Debbie. I believe He's always available to his children. Perhaps he's just waiting for you to listen."

*Father, open my heart so that I can hear what You have to say to me.*

## Following are some tweets back to Debbie:

Submitted by Judy Christensen (not verified) on May 5, 2012 - 15:11. IT'S the trouble we humans got, we put everything in God's hands, then take back. We're to impatient.

Submitted by Rg123 (not verified) on May 5, 2012 - 14:22. Thank you. After reading this, I went and spent time alone with the Lord. I asked him for help hearing him and to understand why a certain prayer had not been answered. I have been praying and standing on faith about this for a long time. I was feeling worthless and not good enough because of no answer for years. After my prayer, I got up and went about my daily routine. Later God spoke to me, not out loud, but through things I had not even noticed before. Thank you for helping me get on my knees and talk to God about my concerns about this prayer and asking for help listening to Him. Thanks again, and may God bless you for being such a blessing

Submitted by Catherine Sherren (not verified) on May 5, 2012 - 09:43. I too struggle with unanswered prayers. I spoke with my parish minister. The minister talked with me about the subject that God does hear my requests and is aware of all of my issues, however, that God works according to his own time. Also that the requests that I am praying may be out of his will. At the present moment, however, God is waiting for the right moment to bless me with those requests he concluded that I should never give u hope and maintain a healthy outlook of my faith. Also, to keep prayer an important part of my daily life and not to despair that God hasn't answered my prayers according to the way I want him to.

Peace,

*Lowell*

# 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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

5/2/19 - 5/5/19 Men's Walk To Emmaus

5/5/19—9:45 AM Graduation Brunch

# Activities and Events



## Youth Dinner Schedule



- 4/28 Weir Family
- 5/5 Sechrest Family
- 5/12 No Youth – Mother's Day
- 5/19 Selover Family



On Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, the youth made Easter Cards and decorated cookies and delivered them to a few of our Church members. It was a Blessing to Everyone!



## Graduation Brunch

May 5<sup>th</sup>

9:45 AM

## Fellowship Hall

We will honor our graduates with a brunch on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, during our regular fellowship time. Graduating this year are: Tylec Kohlrust, Matthew Tipton and Aidan Whittemore. If you know of anyone else from our church family who is graduating, please let me know.

*Start Planning...*  
**Fort Lone Tree Family Retreat**  
*September 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>*



**F**ort 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 1<sup>st</sup>. Start planning now if you want to go!

**Vacation Bible School 2019**  
**June 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 to 8:30PM**

**A**t 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.

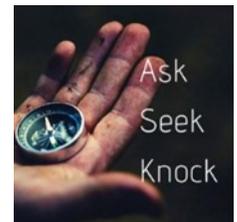
**VBS wrap-up:** with songs performed by the children who attended VBS - Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup> during 8:30 & 11 AM Worship services.



**B**ring 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 14<sup>th</sup>

**New Mexico Annual Conference Meeting June 13 – 15**

**T**he 144<sup>th</sup> session of the New Mexico Annual Conference will meet in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on June 13 and 14, 2019, with early bird workshop sessions on Wednesday, June 12. The meeting will consider the following resolutions:



A resolution submitted by the NM Conference of United Methodist Women, that would encourage churches and their members to purchase recycled paper, recycled toilet paper and recycled tissue for use in their offices and homes and recycle used paper whenever possible.

Resolutions for the discontinuance of Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Roswell, NM and Sacramento Mountain United Methodist in Sacramento, NM. (Note that, although Sacramento Mountain United Methodist met in the W. Angie & Bess Smith chapel of Sacramento Methodist Assembly, the discontinuance of this congregation will not affect the camping and other programs at Sacramento Methodist Assembly.)

A resolution, submitted by the New Mexico Board of Pension and Health benefits, that designates certain funds that are paid to disabled / retire clergy as rental / housing allowance so that they can take maximum tax advantage of the clergy housing allowance exclusion. This needs to be reapproved each year.

Two competing resolutions, one from the Conference Trustees and one from the NMAC New Church Development Committee, addressing whether the new church development funds made available from the proceeds of church closures can be used for salaries for new church plants.

A resolution permitting a larger percentage of the proceeds from the Conference endowment funds to be used for the Endowment Distribution Committee's Bishop's and Vitality Awards grants,

If you would like any additional information about these resolutions, the early bird workshops, or any Annual Conference activities or have an opinion about the wisdom of approving any of the resolutions, please contact Robert Holder or John Hockert, your elected lay members of Annual Conference.