



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 attend church regularly, and see someone who you think may be a visitor, talk to them and see if you can help them feel more welcomed.

Pastor’s Note

School is in session, green chili roasters are ready, the early morning skies play host to hot air balloons, and next month State Fair will be starting. The promise of autumn is here! For me, autumn is the most wonderful time of the year in New Mexico and a reminder how fast time flies. Maybe, too fast; I was in a store yesterday and saw Halloween decorations. I am reminded of the Psalmist’s word, “Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways...(Psalm 37:7). Many times we allow ourselves to be pushed without taking the time to maintain our relationship with the One who saved us, loves us and offers us eternal life. The new issue of The Upper Room will soon be on display, I encourage you to take an issue home and determine to read it, or another devotional, every day in the month of September. Slow down for at least 10 minutes a day, to rest and be reminded of God’s love for you. I will keep you in my prayers for your success in strengthening your relationship with Creator.

Hozho,

Pastor Raquel



Prayer Corner

Sunday, August 19, 2018

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Prayer helps me. When I pray, something freaked-out and dazed inside me finds a place to lay down and rest.

When I pray, I don't feel so alone in the universe. I feel like there is a web, a finely spun net, holding it all together, keeping it spinning. I feel powerless, and prayer reminds me that I may be powerless, but there is power, and the one who holds the power is good.

Prayer reminds me that the universe is not powerless against evil and loss. I imagine a huge choir, hundreds of voices, and they're singing something unquestionably, remarkably beautiful, and if you look at each person, you can see their intensity, their attention to detail and precision, their extreme focus on sounds and phrases. And you can see their love for music and their passion to sing. You could never pick out an individual voice, out of those several hundred, but that's not the point. They are not singing to be heard individually. They are singing for the act itself, for the love of music and tone and melody. That's one of the reasons I pray, for the act itself.

Grace and Peace,

Judy Brunk

August Anniversaries and Birthdays

Anniversaries

BALTZ, Brian & Danielle	08/02
CUPRYK, Tim & Pat	08/05
LEWIS, Ryan & Kandice	08/06
DOUGLAS, Gordon & Cindy	08/08
REECE, Gary & Maxine	08/19

Birthdays

POLLAK, Bessie	08/02
REAGIN, Randy	08/04
WILLIS, Janice	08/05
HILBORN, Harmony	08/06
KERCHER, Margaret	08/06
BERDIN, Sam	08/10
O'SICKEY, Iris	08/12
FELDMAN, Wally	08/14
SHAUGHNESSY, Linda	08/15
LAROWE, Ann	08/17
ANNENAR, Graham	08/21
LONG, Faryn	08/21
JONES, Larry	08/22
HUSE, Arthur	08/23
MOORE, Gordon	08/25
BALLINGER, Paula	08/26
MOORE, Sally	08/27
TICHENOR, Larry	08/27
BALTZ, Melanie	08/28
KOFCHUR, Max	08/28
ALLIMAN, Monica	08/29
HOLTZ, Laurel	08/31

Activities and Events

- 8/19 Selover Family
- 8/26 Destination Unknown
- 9/2 Roberts Family
- 9/9 York Family



Wednesday Night Out...

will resume on Wednesday, August 22nd. Sonshine Choir is at 5 PM, followed by dinner at 5:30 PM, then Bible Study, Praise Band and Choir Practice. We hope to see you at one or more of these activities!



Celebration Sunday - August 26th



We have a combined worship service at 10 AM, followed by a potluck lunch. This is a fun day, where we honor our teachers, promote our children and recognize our 2019 graduating seniors. We will ask our High School Seniors to come up to the front so that we can recognize them and hold them in prayer for the coming year. Also, during the worship service we will present Bibles to our new 3rd graders and to any of our incoming youth who need or would like a new Bible.



Youth Event: Destination Unknown Sunday, August 26th

We will meet at the Church at 4:30 PM and return at 7 PM. Be sure and eat dinner before coming, dress comfortably and be prepared to "move"! Additional drivers are needed! The scriptures for this event are 2 Samuel 6:14-22a and Psalm 150: 1-4a.

Safe Sanctuary Training

- Who:** Anyone who has contact with Children, Youth and Vulnerable Adults in the Church
- What:** Yearly Safe Sanctuary Training
- When:** Sunday, September 9th, 12:15 PM
- Where:** Rio Rancho UMC Youth Room
- Why** Safe Sanctuary training is a yearly requirement of all UM Churches for safety and insurance purposes.

To ensure the safety of our Church family, we offer Safe Sanctuary Training once a year for everyone that works with children, youth and vulnerable adults in any capacity in our church. You will be asked to complete a background check authorization. The mandatory training will be held on Sunday, September 9th, at 12:15 PM. Lunch will be provided. We need to have an accurate accounting of how many will be attending. Please call the Church office at 892-0404x3 to RSVP for the Safe Sanctuary Training. Thank you for being a part of and caring about our Church family!

Women's Event

Friday, September 21st
5:30 – 8:30 PM

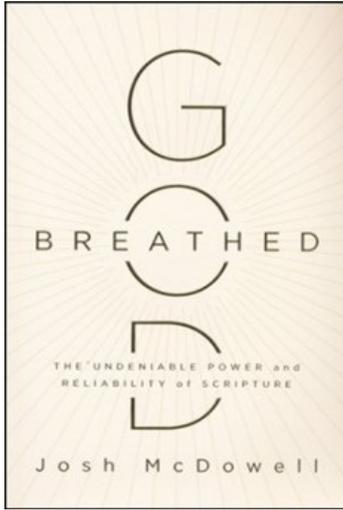
Spiritual Fullness in Christ

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. ~Colossians 2:6-7

The evening starts with a meal, followed by a devotional and table discussion. We will have a fun craft project and service project. For our service project, we will be putting together appreciation gifts for the staff at the Bair Foundation. The Bair Foundation is a Christian Foster Care Agency providing hope and healing to foster children and youth and training for foster parents. We are asking women attending to bring items to help make up appreciation "gift baskets". (If it is something you would like to receive as a gift, chances are someone else would too.)

Youth Week in Pictures...





**God-Breathed:
Going on Hiatus**

Our study of the unique history of the Bible using Josh McDowell's engaging book, God Breathed will be on hiatus from August 12, through 26. We will resume with Chapter 14 and a brief reprise of Chapters 10 -13 on Sunday, September 2, at 9:45 AM in the Music Room.

Famous Quotations

Here's the Golden Rule for this tarnished age: be fair with others, but then keep after them until they're fair with you.

Alan Alda

Until he extends the circle of compassion to all living things, man will not himself find peace.

Albert Schweitzer

If we save the planet and have a society of inequality, we wouldn't have saved much.

James H. Cone

Everyone has the will to win, but few have the will to prepare to win.

Bobby Knight

Below is the card that went with the congregation's gift to Pastor Raquel last Saturday Evening

Pastor Raquel:

By your accepting the appointment to Rio Rancho United Methodist Church, you have been given a cross to bear.

May this cross serve as a reminder that each small wooden part of it, stands for the loving support of each of us in the church congregation.



Stop into the Pastor's Office and have a look at her gift cross.



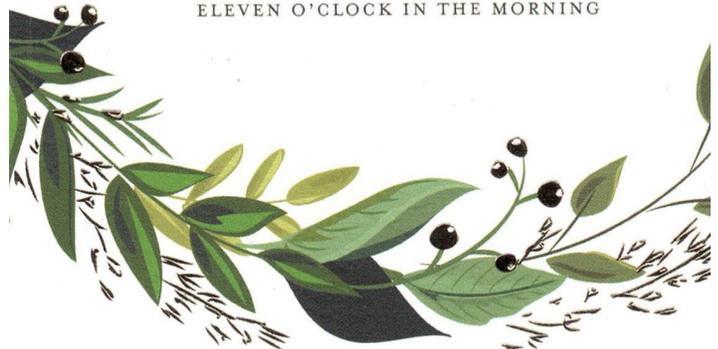
please join us for

THE WEDDING OF

ANTHONY
— & —
PATRICIA

SEPTEMBER 29TH 2018

RIO RANCHO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1652 ABRAZO RD NE, RIO RANCHO, NM 87124
ELEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING



Recent Discussions of the Missions & Outreach Committee

Possible projects with other churches

We are always looking for possible connections with other churches, and projects we can do together.

Coupons

Cara investigated the coupon situation:
Cara will handle the McCurdy box tops
Barbara Brech is coordinating the Air Force Base coupons.

Future Ministries

September Ministry — Backpack Ministry (see bulletin for a list of non-perishables for the backpacks).

October Ministry — St. Jude's Children's Ranch. See the bulletin for information for Asbury Café volunteers.

Budget

Pastor Raquel recommends a \$500 budget for Missions and Outreach

Outreach

We discussed several possible ideas for future activities: drive-up communion (blessings); the need to get out into the community.

Finance Committee Activities

At the last monthly committee meeting (August 2), the review of the July Balance Sheet and July Income & Expense Reports showed a positive uptick which is to be celebrated. Dan Loughran reported pledge income expected for the year was expected to be 91% of pledged amount. Pastor Raquel reported that she reviews all bills prior to the Treasurer processing them for payment. Keith Holland and Sue Grable volunteered to review the monthly credit card bills prior to their payment. New credit cards were issued to Dan Hillborn (Trustee Chair) and Jane Weaver (Administrative Assistant) who each signed the Acknowledgement of Credit Card Policy. Dan Loughran and Robert Holder performed the annual financial system audit at Mesa View UMC; the Mesa View audit team will perform our annual financial system audit on August 24. Plans have commenced for the annual Stewardship campaign. SPRC has been furnished the 2019 Conference insurance plan's information by Robert Holder; SPRC and Finance will use these to coordinate 2019 budget for the pastor's benefits.

SPRC or PPRC

Staff (Pastor) Parish Relations Committee

This issue will consist brief summary of the purpose and duties of the SPRC. Every year, the Nominations & Leadership Development Committee reviews committee membership and seeks people to serve this congregation of the UMC. Elections occur at the Church/Charge Conference. RRUMC will have their next Church Conference on November 11, 2018.

The PPRC (5 to 9 members), is to be divided into 3 classes with each division elected for a three year term. Members of this committee can be re-elected for another 3-year term, but the purpose of having the 3-year term is to secure experience and stability while rotating people through this committee. The Pastor, the lay leader and a lay member of the annual conference are also members. The Pastor should be present at each meeting unless voluntarily excusing him/herself. PPRC is required to meet quarterly, but as issues arise, more meetings may be necessary.

The committee meets in closed session, and information shared in the committee **shall** be confidential. Yes, at times, we do deal with controversy and complaints working toward resolving conflicts and finding solutions, all while remembering we are Christ's representatives. Yes, maintaining confidentiality and respecting others privacy may result in the need to *curtail gossip*, and committee actions may appear to be *unfair - negative, or positive* depending on your viewpoint. But be assured, the committee action occurs after much deliberation and there are usually many facets that must remain confidential.

We have completed staff job descriptions and are developing an effective Personnel Manual. We do much of what a business Human Resource office would do.

I hope I have not discouraged anyone from serving on the PPRC. We come to church to praise God, to learn more, and to work for his kingdom. PPRC is just one place to do just that.

The Connections Team

The Connections Team has the purpose of bringing together the overlapping activities of each of the other teams and committees. The members of the committee are: Deborah Wright, Chair; Stormi Waller; and Peggy Stielow.

The current emphasis is on "Hospitality" and this will involve adopting things to make all church-goers feel welcome and better informed on where things are located in the church, including Church School classrooms, water fountains, rest rooms, etc. This Team will be working to eliminate duplication of team efforts.