



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

Watch for announcement of a “church work day” that will be coming up in the near future. Those who are able to help, can talk to Dan Hilborn for more information.

Dear Ones,

It’s February – already. An old adage reminds us ‘time flies when you’re having fun’. Are we having fun?

This month will be different for Rio Rancho UMC. Today, February 2 will be the regular communion service at the first of the month. The next Sunday, February 9 is Scout Sunday – Pack 17 and Troop 17 will be helping with the worship service. We have a lot of kids involved with the Scouting program at RRUMC and this is a great way to show support for them, their parents and the leaders.

Our 40th Anniversary celebration is February 16 with Bishop W. Earl Bledsoe, resident Bishop of the New Mexico Conference, preaching and celebrating communion. We will be using the first worship service of RRUMC as a guide for our service.

Finally, on the last Sunday of the month, our service will be a little different. Rev. Rebekah Simon-Peter, founder of Creating a Culture of Renewal, writes, “what my soul longs for on this Sunday morning is the communal experience of being, of immersion into the vast presence of God that lies within me and around me. What my local church offers, though, is the rehearsal of belief. The service tells me what I should believe, what the church believes, and what we should do about it. ... But I want more. I want access to the presence of God those beliefs and behaviors point to.” (Leadership Smarts Workbook, Track 2 of 3, 2017, p 53). Sunday, February 23 will be a more contemplative, reflective worship time in an attempt to intentionally deepen our spirituality through different worship styles.

Please join us as we, as a church family, show our support for our ministries, celebrate our past, and experience God this month.

Hozho,

Pastor Raquel

PRAYER CORNER

Sunday, February 2, 2020

This devotion is from *DAILY GUIDEPOSTS* June 13, 2004.

"AND SAID UNTO THEM, IT IS WRITTEN, MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED THE HOUSE OF PRAYER. . . . AND ALL THINGS, WHATEVER YE SHALL ASK IN PRAYER, BELIEVING, YE SHALL RECEIVE."

Matthew 21:13, 22

My ninety-three year old mother was recently hospitalized with congestive heart failure. When I arrived at her bedside in the critical care unit, I was shocked and saddened to see the tubes that were keeping her alive. Because of her curved windpipe (created by osteoporosis), her already weakened heart and her now-congested lungs, the doctors held out little hope that she would survive. But the doctors hadn't counted on First Baptist Church where Mother had been a member for more than fifty-five years.

When Mother was first taken in the ambulance to the emergency room, she asked my sister to call her home church and put her on their prayer list. The pastor later called us to inquire about mother and offered to drive the 150 miles if she needed him. For the next several days, we kept in touch. I asked for prayer that we would not be required to make any decision about the life support system. In addition to the prayer line, church members also prayed for Mother at the Sunday morning and evening services.

They must have prayed a miracle, for after four days, the life support was removed and Mother returned to my sister's house – weak, still congested, but on the road to recovery.

Thank you, Lord, for church congregations that pray and believe that they will receive. — Patricia Pingry

Have you visited the Prayer Room recently to pray? Please use this place of quiet rest to pray and come near to the heart of God.

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February Anniversaries & Birthdays

ANNIVERSARIES

LEGIERO, William & Theresa	02/01
BAYLESS, Liz & Rachel	02/07
SCHNEPPER, Scott & Kimberly	02/14
LOWENSTEIN, Jim & Kelly	02/22

BIRTHDAYS

LARCOM, Celia	02/01
SIMPSON, Brittney	02/02
STIELOW, Peggy	02.05
VEACH, Norm	02/06
SCHNEPPER, Scott	02/08
LITTLEWOOD, Tim	02/15
MILLER, Lydia	02/15
REAGIN, Julie	02/16
MORYOSEF, Jamie	02/17
FUCHS, Connor	02/19
JACQUEZ, Christopher	02/20
CONNELL, Charles	02/23
LEWIS, Candice	02/24
BERDIN, Dorothy	02/27
CHANDLER, Sue	02/28



Potluck Lunch

Our Church will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary on Sunday, February 16th. Bishop

Bledsoe is scheduled to attend the service and the Potluck Lunch in Fellowship Hall following the service . Please plan to attend, and bring a favorite dish to add to the lunch.



Activities and Events



- 2/2 No Youth Group Meeting
- 2/9 Elliott Family
- 2/16 Mini Retreat
- 2/23 Weir Family



Today is the final day to bring in your non-perishable food for Souper Bowl of Caring. We will count the food after service and deliver it to Storehouse West on Monday!



Our annual Fat Tuesday, All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Supper will be held on Tuesday, February 25th from 5 to 7 PM in the fellowship hall. Pancakes, sausage, applesauce, coffee and juice will be served. Proceeds benefit the youth group.

Sunday February 16th 5 PM until noon, Monday, February 17th

We will be spending the night at the church, so everyone needs to bring a sleeping bag and pillow. (There will be a mandatory “sleep” time. If you want to stay up all night – stay at home!) We will start the retreat at 5 PM on Sunday evening with dinner. We will conclude the retreat on Monday at Noon. Breakfast will be provided by Kim. As part of our Mini-Retreat, we will develop a theme, choose a skit, write prayers, and responsive readings for our first youth led worship service of 2020, which is on Sunday, March 1st. We will also have some amazingly fun activities, including making our cross of shards! Everyone is encouraged to attend, to build unity within our group and to help with Youth Led Worship. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the youth room. Additional adult helpers would be greatly appreciated. See Kim Peterson for more info.



RRUMC Women's Event "Bloom Where You're Planted" Friday, February 7th 5:30 to 830 PM

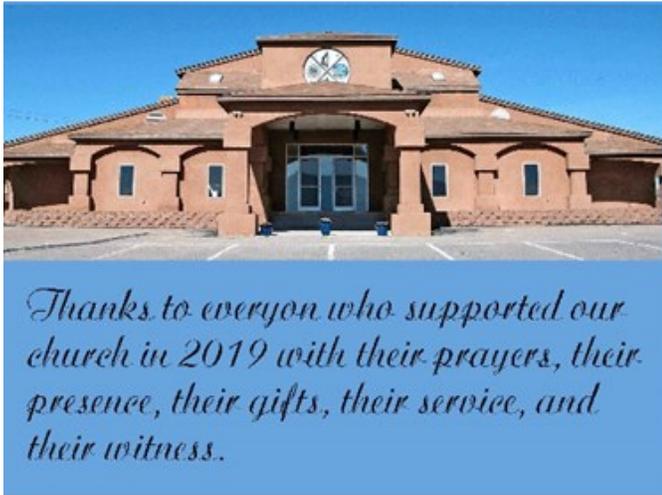
Guest speaker: Guyla Adams Thurgood

Service project:
comfort kits for CASA

Please bring items for the comfort kits, such as:

(Chapstick, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, brush, Kleenex, night light, crayons, coloring books, fruit snacks, stuffed animals, etc.) Dinner & Day Care Provided!

RSVP to Kim Peterson at 450-9795 or kimpeterson1007@gmail.com



This past week we mailed the giving statements that your church provides for tax purposes. Statements were provided to everyone whom our records show contributed \$100 or more in 2019. If you need a giving statement and did not receive one, please contact John Hockert, the church financial secretary, at 505-898-6813 or j.hockert at att.net,

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



KJV only dogs. Amen?! #OldPaths



Famous Quotations

Give thanks to sorrow that teaches you pity; for pain that teaches you courage; and give exceeding thanks for a mystery which remains a mystery still, the veil that hides you from the infinite, which makes it possible for you to believe what you cannot see.

Robert Nathan

There is no king who has not had a slave among his ancestors, and no slave who has not had a king among his.

Helen Keller

Baseball is the only field of endeavor where a man can succeed three times out of ten and be considered a good performer.

Ted Williams

GROUNDHOG DAY

February 2nd



Groundhog Day 2020 Forecast: Will Phil See His Shadow?

On Sunday, February 2, the nation will watch with bated breath as Punxsutawney Phil emerges from his burrow. It's said that if Phil encounters his shadow, we'll be in for six more weeks of winter weather, but if he doesn't, then spring is just around the corner. So which will it be this year?

According to our long-range forecast, we expect cloudy skies to give way to sunshine on February 2—enough sun, at least, for Phil to see his shadow and present us with six more weeks of winter. Given the way this winter has been going so far, we hope it won't be too harsh, though we do predict colder temperatures for a large part of the U.S. in February!