



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

It didn’t change without a whole lot of work!!!

Dear Ones,

We seem to be entering a season of self-discernment and reflection. I have been your pastor for the last year and will continue for the next 11 ½ months, at least. The United Methodist Church appoints a pastor to a charge for only one year at a time. I would remind you the church (RRUMC) and the pastor do have opportunities to advise the Bishop and the appointive Cabinet of their desires regarding who leads the church. I am blessed to be a part of this congregation for another year but this is a good time to reflect on the past year and look forward and plan for the next.

Change is not always easy and there may be some who say we don’t need any change. If nature acted in that way, we would never have a full day nor would there be any new life – Adam and Eve’s babies would have remained infants forever! And that is how God began this world - changing nothing into heaven and earth and bringing light into darkness. Change cannot be categorized as all good or all bad – just inevitable. What is important is our response to change.

As we review the past and prepare for the future, may we do so with the preceding verse before us – there is a time for everything, our job is to discern what needs to be done in *this* time to further God’s kingdom *now*.

Hozho, *Pastor Raquel*



PRAYER CORNER

July 21, 2019

The following devotion is from **Daily Guideposts** June 3, 2012, with permission. It is the one I meant to put into Vision on Father's Day.

FATHER TALK

FOR THEY LOVE TO PRAY STANDING IN THE SYNAGOGUES AND IN THE CORNERS OF THE STREETS, THAT THEY MAY BE SEEN OF MEN. . . . - Matthew 6:5

The memory of the moment still gives me shivers. I was sitting by my daddy during an evening church service when the minister asked, "Harrison Dunn, would you lead us in prayer?"

I couldn't breathe as I watched my six-four father stand hesitantly. Didn't that minister know that Daddy never prayed in public? He certainly didn't have the fancy language that so many of the "praying people" in our church used. I looked up at my mother and saw that she, too, was holding her breath.

Daddy's booming voice trembled as he said what seemed to me to be a perfect prayer: "God, walk with us. Help us be good. Amen."

I grabbed his hand as he sat back down, pretty sure that this was the last Sunday evening service we'd be attending for a long time to come.

We've all endured public prayers who glory in flowery words and Bible quotes and whatever else it takes to keep their audience captive. Nothing's changed, it seems, since Jesus talked about the ostentatious worshippers of His day. But apart from the grandstanders, what about the rest of us, those who hesitate because we feel inadequate or are intimidated by the soliloquies that some church leaders deliver?

In light of that long ago night when Daddy was called on to pray, I've worked to understand what God might really want from us. So far, this is what I know: God is a breath away. He wants to hear what we have to say. He hopes that you will choose to come as you are. And to God our Father, nobody says it better than you!

Father, I can make anything complicated, even talking to you. But You make everything simple - Pam Kidd

There was a time back in Chicago at a Christmas Eve service when, like Harrison, I was asked to pray. I couldn't even get eight words to come out of my mouth. Later in life, I couldn't shut up. Ask our grandsons. Now in my late years, I have found a prayer model which seems to be the perfect length. Thanks be to God who hears and speaks to all of us.

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 O	7/24
HUSE, Lorraine	07/26
WISEUR, Shelby	07/27
MCKINLEY, Chris	07/31

The Money Quote

You can give without loving. But you cannot love without giving. Amy Carmichael -(1867-1951), Missionary to India

Activities and Events



Youth Dinner Schedule

7/21 Kim
7/28 Baseball Game



Youth Week 2019

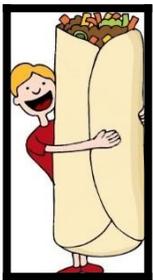
Youth and Adults: please be sure and sign up on the bulletin board in the youth room for each event that you plan on attending during youth week!

Summer Movie Dates

Summer Movie Date July 22nd



The above date is our last summer movie day 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.



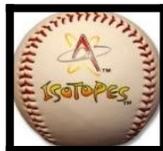
Breakfast Burrito Fund-raiser

Sunday, July 14th

Thanks to everyone who purchased breakfast burritos!

Take Me Out To The Ballgame!

If you purchased baseball tickets, be sure and pick them up from Kim.



Youth Led Worship

Sunday, July 28th
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!



Paint Night August 16th 6 to 8:30 PM

Please join us for another Paint Night! We will start at 6 PM with dinner, followed by a fun picture. All materials needed will be supplied. Bring an apron, so you don't get paint on your clothing. A minimum \$5.00 donation is requested to cover the cost of supplies. Please RSVP to Kim at the church at 892-0404x3 or 450-9795. Child care will be available. Please let Kim know if child care is needed. The picture we will be painting, will be posted soon on the bulletin board.

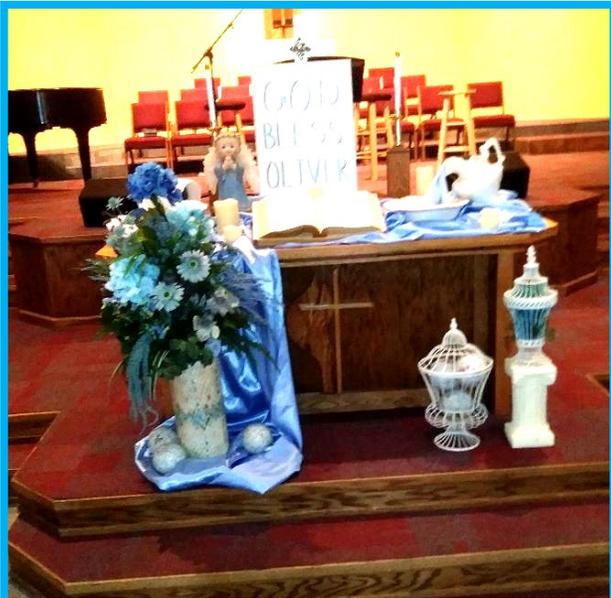


Fort Lone Tree Family Retreat September 27th – 29th

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 "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 1st.

Were You In Church When These Were



Performing Arts Camp Performance Night

