



Our Vision

Rio Rancho United Methodist Church

“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

Remember, Next Sunday will be a 10 am Combined Service, to be followed by a pot luck luncheon to welcome our new Pastor Raquel. I know many of you have plans for a busy summer, but if you can, please join the rest of us in this celebration.

Welcome, Pastor Raquel Mull

Next Sunday will be the first service with our new pastor, Pastor Raquel Mull, pictured here with her husband, Craig. Here is some additional background information about Pastor Mull:



“Ya’at’eeh. I am Raquel Mull, born for Tobacco People and born to Salt of the Dine nation. I was raised off reservation after Don and Helen Peterson adopted me and my brother, Dirk. I spent most of my early life in Santa Fe and Albuquerque.

When I answered the call to ministry, I felt like the Grinch who suddenly learned the meaning of Christmas and his heart escaped from a cage. My heart did that when I was challenged, “if you think you can do better, why don’t you?” and I answered, “Yes, I will.”

I married Craig R. Mull on November 30, 1996 after meeting at Perkins School of Theology where we were enrolled in the Course of Study School (CoSS). We transferred to Duke University where we both finished the Basic course and then I completed the Advanced CoSS. I earned my Bachelors from the University of New Mexico with a double major in English and Philosophy. I achieved my Master of Divinity from the Iliff School of Theology.

I have two children, Erik and Tamara. Tamara and her husband Scott Maass blessed us with two granddaughters, Rylie and Taylor. Grandparenthood is one of the best roles! The girls call us Shimmy and Hosteen and we love being a part of their family.

I began my ministry at Grandfalls Union and Imperial UMC in 1996. I have had my successes and failures and learned from all of them. After serving as Director of Four Corners Native American Ministry, I am very excited to be returning to the local church. At the beginning of this journey, I said I would remain in this Conference and here I am.”

[This summary was excerpted from the June 14, 2018 program of “Ordination of Elders, Recognition of Orders, and Commissioning of a Missionary.”]

Prayer Corner

Sunday, June 24, 2018

To Pray Boldly, Part 2

We continue with the excerpt from Max Lucado's Glory Days

John Wesley also prayed boldly...

As John Wesley was crossing the Atlantic Ocean, contrary winds came up. He was reading in his cabin when he became aware of some confusion on board. When he learned that the winds were knocking the ship off course, he responded in prayer. Adam Clarke, a colleague, heard the prayer and recorded it.

Almighty and everlasting God, Thou hast sway everywhere, and all things serve the purpose of Thy will, Thou holdest the winds in Thy fists and sittest upon the water floods, and reignest a King for ever. Command these winds and these waves that they obey Thee, and take us speedily and safely to the haven whither we would go.

Wesley stood up from his knees, took up his book, and continued to read. Dr. Clarke went on deck, where he found calm winds and the ship on course. But Wesley made no remark about the answered prayer. Clarke wrote, "So fully did he expect to be heard that he took it for granted that he was heard."

Isn't such prayer irreverent? Presumptuous?

It would be had God not invited us to pray as such.

So let us come boldly to the very throne of God and stay there to receive His mercy and to find grace to help us in our times of need. — Hebrews 4:16.

Grace and Peace,

Judy Brunk

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
MACDONALD, Tawn	07/06
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	07/24
HUSE, Lorraine	07/26
WISEUR, Shelby	07/27
MCKINLEY, Chris	07/31

Famous Quotations

There are basically two types of people. People who accomplish things, and people who claim to have accomplished things. The first group is less crowded.

Mark Twain

America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves.

Abraham Lincoln

It has become appallingly obvious that our technology has exceeded our humanity.

Albert Einstein

Activities and Events

Youth Dinner Schedule

- 7/24 Platero Family
- 7/1 Selover Family
- 7/8 Mission Trip – No Youth
- 7/15 Sechrest Family
- 7/22 Isotopes Game – No Youth
- 7/29 Youth Week – Special Event



Summer Movie Dates

July 2nd & July 19th



The above dates are summer movie days 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.



Roadrunner Food Bank Service Project

Tuesday, June 26th

We will meet at the church at 12:15 pm. Remember to eat lunch before coming, wear close-toed shoes, and shirts with sleeves. We should return to church around 4:45 pm. Please note the date has changed from June 25th to June 26th. **Adult helpers are needed!**



Join us for a picnic in the parking lot on the 4th of July. We have a great view of the fireworks and you don't have to fight traffic. The fun starts around 8 pm. Bring some snacks to share! Fireworks should start around 9 pm.



Summer Mission Trip

Boulder City, NV

July 7th – 14th

Our Summer Mission Trip is to Boulder City, Nevada, to work at St. Jude Children's Ranch. We leave RRUMC on Saturday, July 7th at 11:00 am and return on Saturday, July 14th around 2:00 pm. We have 4 adults, 1 sibling and 10 youth going this year!

Isotopes All Faiths Night



On the evening of July 22nd we will be going to the Isotopes All Faiths Night Baseball Game! Game time is 6:05 pm. Tickets will be \$9.00 per person and will need to be purchased in advance. Order forms are on the welcome table in the Narthex.



We had another great year at VBS! If you missed it, here are some highlights... We had an average of 40 children and 33 volunteers each night. We raised enough money to buy 3 schools of fish for Heifer International. Enjoy the pictures!





Methodists

Excerpted from “Those People Called Methodists”, by Garrison Keillor

“Methodists will usually follow the official liturgy, and will feel it is their way of suffering for their sins....You know you are a Methodist if when you watch Star Wars and they say ‘May the Force be with you,’ you instinctively respond ‘And also with you.’”

“Methodists think that the Bible forbids them from crossing the aisle while passing the peace.”

“Methodists believe in miracles and even expect miracles, especially during their stewardship visitation programs or when passing the plate.”

“Methodists believe their pastors will visit them in the hospital, even if they don’t notify them that they are there!”

“Methodists are willing to pay up to a dollar for a meal at church....They drink coffee as if it were the third Sacrament.”

“You will know you are a Methodist when its 100 degrees outside with 90% humidity and you still serve coffee after the service.”



Carlos Baca, our former music director, and Virginia Chavez were wed on Saturday, June 9th at 4:30 pm in a garden wedding in Albuquerque.

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



“You’re doing a good job as an usher, but its called an offering, not a sin tax.”

Report on Annual Conference

Robert Holder and John Hockert, your lay representatives, and Rev. Raquel Mull, our incoming pastor attended the 143rd Session of the New Mexico Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church in Albuquerque, New Mexico from June 13 – 15. The following briefly summarizes the teaching, business, and worship sessions:

Bishop Robert Schnase, of the Rio Texas Conference, taught from his books, *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* (revised), *Just Say Yes*, and *Seven Levers*. The teaching was focused on enhancing the vitality of churches.



Bishop Schnase also offered an insider look at the work of the Commission on a Way Forward, why the bishops chose to present the One Church Model to the 2019 called session of the General Conference. and led a reconciliation exercise asking us to say to one another, "If I have ever said or done anything that has hurt or harmed you in any way, please forgive me."

Our 2019 General Conference Delegates shared how the Listening Sessions around the Conference were conducted with grace and respect as we shared our fears, values, implications and hopes as we

move toward the called session.

Outgoing Clovis District Superintendent, Rev. Jane Vaughn, departing to become a missionary in Oklahoma Territory, preached a message encouraging us to, to make the Main Thing the Main Thing in our lives and ministries.

Retiring Albuquerque District Superintendent James Large, preached a message encouraging us to let God's refining fire consume our dross.

Provost Randall Partin dazzled us with a Tetris suit, and, in the State of the Conference address, reminded us that David did not play small in a suit of armor that did not fit and we must not play small in ministry in ways that no longer fit in our mission fields. He also shared with us that the Annual Conference is more financially stable than in recent memory, and that 54% of our churches have stable or growing worship attendance.

The Conference honored the work of First Churches of Crane, Texas; and Carlsbad and Aztec, New Mexico for their revitalization of ministry and increase in baptisms and professions of faith, with church vitality awards that included a \$1,000 grant.

The Conference recognized Rev. Doug Wofford, clergy, and Carol Hibbert, laity, as "Living Archives."

The Conference recognized the incoming class of certified lay ministers.

We were introduced to the joys of electronic voting and didn't do too badly as we elected the following 2020 delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences:

Randal Partin – clergy, and Sid Strebeck – laity to General Conference;

Pam Rowley – clergy, and Susan Brumbaugh – laity to Jurisdictional Conference;

Todd Salzwedel and Eduardo Rivera – Clergy alternates; and Dan Salzwedel and Heath Husted – laity alternates.

We elected conference officers, set minimum equitable compensation for clergy, and passed the following resolutions:

Supporting the \$1.7 million Creating Hope, Empowering Lives capital campaign of McCurdy Ministries;

Endorsing the declaration of Lydia Patterson Institute as United Methodist Historic Site;

Encouraging churches and members to reduce or eliminate the usage of single use plastic items;

Encouraging church and conference action to combat human trafficking;

Revising Conference reimbursement policy for travel and other expenses related to Conference business;

Enabling retired, active, and disabled clergy to take advantage of tax provisions related to housing allowances;
and

Establishing Lubbock, Texas as the location for the 2020 annual conference meeting to be held jointly with the Northwest Texas Annual Conference.

We were also blessed to attend the Ordination service in which our incoming pastor, Rev. Raquel Mull, was ordained as pastor in full connection. We also attended pre-Conference Early Bird Workshops with Robert Holder attending a workshop on finance and John Hockert attending workshops on church organization and essential church processes.

If you have questions about any of this, please contact Robert Holder and John Hockert, your lay representatives to Annual Conference.

