



# 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

Be sure to see one of the presentations of *The Living Last Supper*.

Don't forget to sign up for the Christian Seder Meal! (See the sign-up sheet in the Narthex)

## When I Fall

There are times when I am on a journey that I stumble over something unseen on the road. I may trip and recover quickly, but there are moments when I lose my balance and fall to the ground. Where is the culprit that caused me to lose my footing? Sometimes it is evident, and sometimes it is not. Whatever or whoever is to blame is not always held accountable. There is one thing that remains; I must get up and continue the journey. That even means letting anger or a desire to make things right fall away.

We all know what it is like to fall. The question is, "How do we get up and regain our footing along the path?" It is not an easy thing to do. Sometimes we must nurse our injuries while we move forward, letting go of those things that can hold us down. We hurt, but our allegiance to the One, who invites us down the road is far more important than the cause of the fall.

In my brokenness is where faith steps in. We are safe in the knowledge that Christ is with us in every part of the journey. Holy presence, guiding us and sharing in the pain that we feel. Our confidence is in Divine arms picking us up to give us the strength that we need to keep moving forward, helping us to move past resentments and pain.

Today in the wilderness, I am grateful for the realization that my fall doesn't define the next part of my journey. The thing that does is how I get up. My reaction to calamity is where I put my money where my mouth is, for the strength that I need is the center of my faith. Praise be to God that holy arms reach out to all of us and guide us through all the unseen bumps in the road.

*Peace and Blessings,*

*Pastor Joe*

## Prayer Corner

Sunday, March 18, 2018

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### When you are in trouble

Preserve me, O God, Psalm 16  
The Lord is near, Psalm 20  
In You, O Lord, Psalm 31  
I sought the Lord, Psalm 34:4-22  
A refuge in times of trouble, Psalm 9:9-10  
I waited patiently, Psalm 40  
I called upon the Lord, Psalm 118: 5-9  
I will lift up my eyes, Psalm 121  
Yet man is born into trouble, Job 5:7-8  
Be not far from me, Psalm 22:11  
In the time of trouble, Psalm 27:5  
I am in trouble, Psalm 31:9-14  
You are my hiding place, Psalm 32:7  
I cried unto God, Psalm 77  
He shall call upon me, Psalm 91:15  
O Lord, be gracious, Isaiah 33:2  
The Lord is good, Nehemiah 1:7  
Neither be troubled, 1 Peter 3:14-16  
My soul faints, Psalm 119:81-83

### When friends fail you

Plead my cause, O Lord, Psalm 35  
You are my own familiar friend, Psalm 41:9-13  
For it was not an enemy, Psalm 55:12-23  
If your brother sins, Luke: 17:3-4  
Bless those who persecute, Romans 12:14-21  
Do you judge your brother, Romans 14:10-13

### When you leave home

Parable of the prodigal son, Luke 15:11-32  
By faith Abraham, Hebrews 11:8-16  
Boaz praises Ruth, Ruth 2:11-12

### When in need of peace

Hear me when I call, Psalm 4  
He will speak peace, Psalm 85:8  
We have peace with God, Romans 5:1-5  
The peace of God, Colossians 3:15  
But we have this treasure, 2 Corinthians 4:7-18  
God is our refuge, Psalm 46  
O give thanks, Psalm 107  
Peace I leave with you, John 14:27  
The Lord will give strength, Psalm 29:11  
For the kingdom of God, Romans 14:17  
And the peace of God, Philippians 4:7

Grace and Peace,  
*Lowell*

## March Anniversaries

### And Birthdays

#### Anniversaries

WEAVER, Ron & Madonna Smiley 03/01  
JOHNSON, Peggy 03/11  
VEACH, Norm 03/21  
VEACH, Rebecca 03/24

#### Birthdays

KOHLRUST, Jan 03/01  
BEGLEY, Ivan 03/03  
BENSON, James 03/04  
COLSON, Jeanine 03/07  
ELLIOTT, Michael 03/08  
BAIR, Reed 03/09  
O'SICKEY, Chris 03/09  
VISEUR, Bryce 03/10  
RABORN, Marcy 03/13  
KISSINGER, Fran 03/18  
FLORES, Cortland 03/26  
MCGREGOR, Roland 03/26  
SECHREST, Kristine 03/26  
COOLEY, Nancy 03/29  
MOELLER, Melodee 03/31

#### Noteworthy Article

An article regarding Gordon Moore, and wife Cara, was printed in the February 2018 issue of the "Rio Rancho" magazine (you should read the entire article). Here are excerpts from that article:



You know that little box attached to the back of peoples' belts on TV? Well, Gordon Moore, President of Rio Rancho-based Lectrosonics, makes those. In fact, Moore and his company are leaders in the field of wireless microphones and sound equipment. The offices of Lectrosonics are lined with dozens of movie posters. Only film that have used their products and been nominated for an award get the honor of placement in the office.

(Yes, *Breaking Bad* is in a prominent place.) Lectrosonics has even won its own Academy Awards for sound technology.

On January 1, Moore took over as the new Chairman of the Rio Rancho Chamber of Commerce. Though he is new to the Chamber, only being active for the last few years, Moore and his wife of 40 years have lived in Rio Rancho since 1978 and he sees a bright future ahead for the City of Vision.

# Activities and Events

## Youth Dinner Schedule

- 3/18 Lepori Family
- 3/25 Baltz Family
- 4/1 Easter Sunday – No Youth



## Good Friday Service of Darkness

If Easter makes you want to sing and jump for joy, then Good Friday should make you want to crawl into a corner and weep. We can't truly celebrate the resurrection of our Savior if we don't fully remember his death. The Service of Darkness is a powerful reminder of Good Friday. Join us for this powerful service on Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.



## Easter Lilies & Spring Flowers

It's time to order Easter lilies and spring flowers to decorate our sanctuary. Flowers can be ordered in honor or memory of someone or to the glory of the season. We will take orders through March 25<sup>th</sup>. Order forms are on the welcome table in the Narthex.

## Wednesday Night Out

Dinner is served at 5:30 PM on Wednesday evenings. There is a suggested donation of \$4 per adult and \$3 per child. We hope to see you for dinner!



- 3/21 Hamburger Steak in Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls & Butter, Butterfinger Cake
- 3/28 NO MEAL – Holy Week



Craft Night is Back! The choir room is open from 5 to 8 PM. Bring your crafts and snacks to share, and join in the fun! The dates are April 3 & 24 and May 8. Questions, call Kim Peterson at 450-9795 or 892-0404x3.



## Resurrection

## Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>

2 to 4 PM



Children young and old are invited to join us for an afternoon of Easter fun! We will start with some fun songs, decorate hard boiled eggs, be creative with crafts, hear a couple of great Easter stories, make and eat a yummy snack and finish with an Easter egg hunt. Parents are encouraged to stay and help their children with the activities. We need donations of individually wrapped candy and hard-boiled eggs. Candy can be dropped off any time in the education office, from now until March 28<sup>th</sup>. Hard-boiled eggs need to be at the church by 2 pm on Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. We also need a few adult volunteers to man the craft and snack activities. Let Kim Peterson know if you can volunteer. Thanks in advance for your donations and help!

## QUILTING GROUP

The Quilting Group at Rio Rancho United Methodist Church has been making prayer quilts for members for years. When Evonne Holder joined the congregation, about four years ago, things kicked up a notch with more formal meetings and objectives. After creating a stockpile of quilts for congregation needs, this "small but mighty" group began other projects, like creating pajama bottoms for Haven House, stuffed animals for St. Felix and Lovelace Westside Hospital and quilts for Project Linus.



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## Afghan Drawing

Ranelle Hockert was the winner of the drawing for the pictured afghan. Proceeds from the drawing went to the RRUMC Music Program.



## Famous Quotation

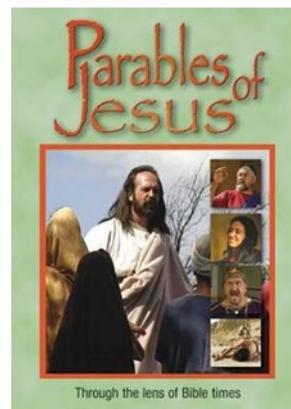
To thrive in life you need three bones. A wishbone, a backbone, and a funny bone.

~Reba McEntire



**\LIVING LAST SUPPER**  
**Palm Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 am**  
**Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**

## New Wednesday Night Study



This Wednesday, March 21, we will begin a video study of the parables of Jesus. What did these two-thousand-year-old stores mean in their original context? What do they have to tell us about how we should live today? Please join us to find the answers to both these questions.

There is no study book or homework required. The study and the discussion will start at 6:10 p.m. after the Wednesday Night Out meal and finish in time for choir practice.



The Passover meal was celebrated by Jesus and His disciples on the night that He was betrayed. Join us **Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm** for a potluck meal and fellowship as we celebrate God's deliverance as remembered through our ancient Jewish heritage. *Please RSVP via the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.*