



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

Next Sunday, June 3,+
+ we will have a “going away”
Brunch” for the MacDon-
alds at 9:45—between ser-
vices. Plan to attend and
give them a Happy Send-off.

Can You See the Window?

How many of us keep our eyes on the door? We wait for it to open so that we can step into the next part of our journey. The open door calls us into a new adventure; a hope for rejuvenation. If only that door would open, we would gladly respond, but it stays locked. It will not budge. In its place is left frustration and disappointment.

We remain so fixated on the door that we fail to see the open window on the other side of the room. It is the gateway to what we can be, but we are not aware the window is even there. We are missing incredible opportunities because the door gets in our way. There must be a way that we can look past what we expect and embrace what can be.

Today I am grateful that we are not limited to a door, but endless possibilities in which we can step into the light of hope and love. God's path does not always lead us into what is expected but encourages us to journey through unexpected possibilities. We are called to journey, no matter where the path may lead. Wherever we go, Holy Light will be there to guide us through the darkest of places.

Praise be to our God, who guides us on the journey. May we remember that windows can sometimes lead us to great adventures that may never be found through a door. We must be willing to look around the room to discover the possibilities. Let us take the leap in faith to discover the sacred riches. Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory in Christ, our Lord.

On a personal note, thank you for being a loving congregation during the six years that we shared together in ministry. It has been my honor to be a living witness to your lives. We laughed together when people and events were funny. We cried together when life grew sad and we lost some of our best and brightest. Throughout it all, we never forgot the reality that God sustains us and illuminates our paths. May we remember the provider of the strength within us and say, “Thank You, Dear God.”

Take care as you embark on a new and exciting journey.

God's Peace to You All,

Pastor Joe

Prayer Corner

Sunday, May 27, 2018

TEN BENEFITS OF PRAYER

From Ibelieve.com

Prayer Deepens a Person's Faith in God

Because prayer is our communion with God, each time we approach the Lord through prayer, our faith strengthens. God promises that He hears the prayers of His people.

Prayer Releases Anxiety

Jesus called the weak and weary to come to him for rest.

Prayer Deepens Fellowship With God

Through prayer, we learn the heart of our Heavenly Father.

Prayer Connects Us With Other Believers

Scripture encourages us to pray with others and for others.

Prayer Brings Us Towards Forgiveness

Not only is confession good for the soul, but it is necessary to receive forgiveness for our sins from God.

Prayer Helps Us Discern and Accept God's Will

When Jesus' disciples asked him how to pray, one part of his prayer was to ask that God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Through this petition, we learn the importance of discerning and accepting God's will for our lives.

Prayer Helps Us Adopt an Attitude of Gratefulness

The Bible encourages believers to approach God with an attitude of praise and thanksgiving. We are to recognize Him for who He is and what He has done for us.

Prayer Gives Us Wisdom

The book of James states that wisdom is a free gift to anyone who asks God. King Solomon asked the Lord for wisdom and he was the wisest man who ever lived.

Prayer Helps Us Set Our Minds on God

The more time we spend with God and focus on Him, the more it will translate into our daily lives.

Prayer Helps Us Combat Pride

When we go to God in prayer, our attitude should be one of humility because we recognize the greatness of His glory and the gratefulness of our grace. In so doing, we learn to combat the pride that wells up within us.

*Grace & Peace,
Judy Brunk*

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June Anniversaries & Birthdays

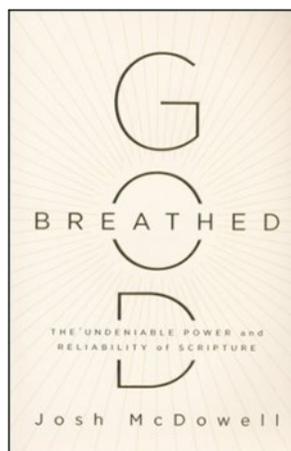
Anniversaries

REAGIN, Randy & Julie	06/06
JONES, Larry & Amy	06/21
KOHLRUST, Lowell & Jan	06/24
STIELOW, Dave & Peggy	06/26

Birthdays

LOUGHRAN, Dan	06/02
KRISTOF, Ruth	06/04
REECE, Maxine	06/04
WILLIS, Frank	06/06
FELDMAN, Cindy	06/13
LITTLEWOOD, Margaret	06/13
MILLER, Elizabeth	06/13
SECHREST, Ruby Jo	06/13
ALLEE, Deanna	06/15
MCKINLEY, Mylisa	06/15
PETERSON, Kim	06/17
KRISTOF, Dick	06/18
SCHNEPPER, Kim	06/18
HAUCK, Carole	06/21
SEPELAK, Kira	06/21
DOUGLAS, Gordon	06/23
TICHENOR, Arlene	06/25

God-Breathed: On Hiatus



Our study of the unique history of the Bible using Josh McDowell's engaging book, *God Breathed* will resume at Chapter 6 on Sunday, June 17, at 9:45 a.m. in the Music Room. If you are interested in joining the study on June 17, please

contact John Hockert for a copy of the study book, *God-Breathed*, the Bible resource CD, and other study materials.

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Activities and Events

Youth Dinner Schedule

- 5/27 Welcome 6th Graders - Special Event
- 6/3 Mr. Magoo & Family
- 6/10 Baltz Family
- 6/17 Father's Day – No Youth



Important VBS Info...

Vacation Bible School is right around the corner and so in preparation, we have the following opportunities:

Registration: Registration forms are located on the bulletin board. It is important that everyone who wants to attend VBS pre-register.

Volunteers: Completed 5th grade through adults are encouraged to volunteer. Let Kim know how you want to help

Food: It has been our tradition to feed our volunteers. If you would be willing to provide food for a meal, please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Sets: We will start working on the sets May 29th. Young and old are welcome to help. Imagination is a plus! If interested in helping, let Kim Peterson know.

Supplies: There are a few envelopes left for \$ donations, and tags for supplies that are needed. If you want, please grab an envelope or a tag from the bulletin board.

Training & Decorating Party: If you are helping with VBS, it is important that you attend our training and decorating party on Sunday, June 10th, starting at 12:15PM with lunch. Then, we will have an overview, address concerns and decorate the entire church for VBS. (This takes about 2 hours.)

Questions: Call Kim Peterson at 892-0404x3 or 450-9795.



Today, Sunday, May 27th is the day we welcome our new 6th graders into youth group. We will meet at Kiln It at 1:00 PM. As youth finish, they can call parents to be picked up. Let's all get together, have a great time and welcome the new members to our group!

Summer Movie Dates



May 30th, June 8th,
June 19th, July 2nd,
And 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.

We will not have youth group on Sunday, June 17th. Show your Father a little love and do something special with and for him!



Summer Sunday School



Fun Summer Christian Adventures await at Summer Sunday school!

We will learn how to play and share lovingly as Jesus did!

Games, scavenger hunts, nature discovery and more for K – 5th grade
9:45 to 10:45 AM each Sunday morning

June 3rd through August 19th

Volunteers needed – sign up on the bulletin board!



Youth Summer Mission Trip

July 7th – 14th

Boulder City, NV

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. The cost per person is \$200.00. A **\$50.00 deposit and completed paperwork is needed by June 10th**. Forms are on the bulletin board in the youth room.

Isotopes All Faith's Night

On the evening of July 22nd we will be going to the Isotopes All Faith's 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.



Roadrunner Food Bank Service Project

Tuesday, June 26th

We will meet at the church at 12:15. 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!**



And BBQ Sunday, June 10th Baltz Home

On Sunday, June 10th, instead of our regular youth group meeting, we will meet at the Baltz's home for a BBQ and Pool Party. Plan on arriving at 4:30 PM and being picked up at 7:30 PM. Remember to bring a towel and swimsuit! Contact Kim Peterson for direction.

One Day at a Time Ministry Thank You



In April, our church family gave \$190.00 toward supporting the One Day at a Time Ministry homes, and many bags full of nearly new clothing, including clothes appropriate for job interviews.

When the clothes were delivered to the One Day at a Time Ministry Thrift Store at 4247 Corrales Road, a smiling volunteer who has been helped by the ministry said, "Please tell everyone thank you and how grateful we are for the donations!"

New Mexico Annual Conference Meeting June 13 – 15

The 143rd session of the New Mexico Annual Conference will meet in Albuquerque, New Mexico, from June



13 through 15, 2018. Our incoming pastor, Rev. Raquel Mull, will be ordained as a United Methodist elder during Annual Conference at the Ordination and Commissioning service at 7 p.m. on Thursday June 14, at St. John's United Methodist Church (2626 Arizona St NE). You may attend this worship service without registering for, or otherwise participating in, Annual Conference.

The Annual Conference will be electing delegates to the 2020 General and Jurisdictional Conference. It will also consider the following resolutions:

- A resolution, submitted by the Conference Board of Church and Society, that encourages Conference churches to pray for victims and perpetrators of human trafficking and to become more active in spreading awareness about and encouraging enforcement of laws to prevent human trafficking.
- A resolution submitted by the Conference of United Methodist Women, that would encourage churches to reduce or eliminate the use of single-use plastics such as bottled water, grocery bags, straws, and eating utensils.
- A resolution, submitted by the Conference Commission on Archives and History, to declare the Lydia Patterson Institute, in El Paso, Texas, a United Methodist Historic Site and install and dedicate an official United Methodist Historic Site marker on campus.
- A resolution, submitted by the New Mexico Board of Pension and Health benefits, that designates certain funds that are paid to disabled / retire clergy as rental / housing allowance so that they can take maximum tax advantage of the clergy housing allowance exclusion. This needs to be reapproved each year.

If you would like any additional information about these resolutions or any Annual Conference activities or have an opinion about the wisdom of approving any of the resolutions, please contact Robert Holder or John Hockert, your elected lay members of Annual Conference.

Famous Quotations

Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference.

Robert Frost

I attribute my success to this: I never gave or took any excuse.

Florence Nightingale

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The next best time is today.

Chinese Proverb

When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left and could say, I used everything you gave me.

Erma Bombeck



Looking Back.....

Special Decorations for Pentecost

These pictures show some of the decorations that were made especially for Pentecost. If you were there, I'm sure you were impressed with the artistic arrays. You might give a word of special thanks to Pat Chavez for all her hard work on this.



Committees and Teams You can join and help RRUMC