



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

Poinsettia Sale, through December 8th. Each \$10.00
 Operation *Christmas Child* boxes due Nov.10
 Christmas Tree Prep, Monday & Tuesday, November 25th and 26th

Dear Ones,

I am leading a 4 week Orientation class for new attendees to our church. The first week we talked about the history of Christianity and looked at story of the Bible. This Sunday, November 10, we will begin looking at Methodism, John Wesley and the structure of The United Methodist Church.

In preparing for this class, I was reminded how, we, here in Rio Rancho, New Mexico were so affected by King Henry VIII and his quest for a male heir! It was John Wesley who was so ardent in his quest to bring revival to the church in England which then spread to America, and ultimately to the whole world. His ‘formula’ for revival still exists and can still bring revival and renewed commitment to God. Please know, if you are interested, you are invited to join us in the Upper Room between the two services.

As the holiday season approaches and we, as a church, face a time of change, please keep staff and church leaders in your prayers as we move forward to one service. I join Gordon Moore in expressing thanks for your input, suggestions and ideas where we can improve and grow! May Rio Rancho UMC prosper and flourish with your support and commitment.

Hozho,

Pastor Raquel

**Remember Veteran's Day,
Monday, November 11th.**

PRAYER CORNER

Sunday, November 10, 2019

The Devil Fears Prayer (Taken from *Before Amen*
by Max Lucado)

Imagine this scene. He sat in the back of the room during a strategy session. A dozen demons had gathered to hear a report on the life of a particularly stalwart saint.

“He won’t stumble,” groused the imp responsible for his demise. “No matter what I do, he won’t turn his back on God.”

The council began to offer suggestions.

“Take his purity,” one said.

“I tried,” replied the fiend, “but he is too moral.” “Take his health,” urged another.

“I did, but he refused to grumble or complain.” “Take his belongings.”

“Are you kidding? I’ve stripped the man of every penny and possession. Yet he still rejoices.”

For a few moments no one spoke. Finally, from the back of the room, came the low, measured voice of Satan himself. The entire council turned as the fallen angel rose to his feet. His pale face was all but hidden by the hood. A long cape covered his body. He raised his bony hand and made his point. “It’s not enough to take his purity. It’s not enough to take his health. It’s not enough to take his belongings. You must take what matters most.” “What is that?” asked the subordinate.

“You must take his prayer.”

Prayer slaps handcuffs on Satan. Prayer takes problems out of the domain of the devil and into the presence of God. Prayer confesses, “God can handle IT. Since He can, I have hope!” As our high priest, Jesus offers our prayers to God. His prayers are always heard.

Grace and Peace,

Judy Brunk

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November Anniversaries & Birthdays

Anniversaries

BRADY, Harold (Gene) & Linda	11/04
GREASER, Walter & Tanya	11/16

Birthdays

HOLDER, Robert	11/02
COOLEY, Katrina	11/10
KRITCHER, Robert	11/13
WELCH, Sandra	11/14
KHOLRUST, Tim	11/14
SELOVER, Avery	11/15
WHITMORE, Aiden	11/16
STEUCK, Michael	11/19
COOLEY, Katrina	11/19
CYNTHIA, Douglas	11/20
O’SICKEY, Lily	11/20
LEWIS, Ryan	11/23
SELOVER, Shelly	11/23
LONG, Nickki	11/26
BRIGHAM, Priscilla	11/26
BALTZ, Samantha	11/26
VAUGHN, Elissa	11/30

The Money Quote

“Abundance isn’t God’s provision for me to live in luxury. It’s his provision for me to help others live. God entrusts me with his money not to build my kingdom on earth, but to build his kingdom in heaven.” – Randy Alcorn in *Money, Possessions and Eternity*.

Church ratifies women's equality amendment

LAKE JUNALUSKA, N.C. (UM News) — After a revote, United Methodists around the globe have ratified an amendment to the denomination’s constitution that proclaims: “Men and women are of equal value in the eyes of God.” The amendment received a revote because of incorrect wording in what initially was sent to annual conferences. Heather Hahn reports.

Activities and Events

WHAT'S FOR DINNER?

11/10 Selover Family
 11/17 No Youth Group
 11/24 Sechrest Family
 12/1 Dyna Max & Dinner



Roadrunner Food Bank Monday, November 11th

We will meet at the Church at 9 AM. Please eat breakfast before coming, wear close toed shoes and shirts with sleeves. We will be working at Roadrunner from 10 to 1 PM and then will grab a quick lunch before coming back to the Church. Youth can be picked up at 2:45 PM.



Three adults and nine youth will be attending CCYM Work Camp, November 15th through 17th. Please keep the following in prayer: Dan, Donovan & Harmony Hilborn, Irene, Mary & Matthew Fruit, Kim Peterson, Ava Holland, Scoty Mueller, Gabe & Michael Elliott and Aaron Weir.

We will not have youth group on Sunday, November 17th, as we will be returning late that day from camp.

Poinsettia Season



It's time to order poinsettias for the Christmas season. Order forms are in the bulletin and on the welcome table. Be sure and order yours today!

Prep for Christmas!

On Sunday, November 24th, after the 11 AM worship service, we will be getting Christmas decorations and greenery from the attic and fluffing the greenery. All help on Monday, and Tuesday, November 25th and 26th, the Christmas trees and most of the decorations will need to be put up in preparation for the Christmas season. If you are available to help on Monday or Tuesday, please let Kim Peterson know. Decorating our Church for the Christmas season is a big job and takes many hands! Thanks in advance to everyone willing to help!



Hanging of the Greens & Potluck Brunch with Santa



Our annual "Hanging of the Greens" Worship Service and Potluck Brunch with Santa is Sunday, December 1st. Worship is at 10 AM, followed by brunch. Youth will be leading worship, with congregation participation in decorating the Christmas Tree. Everyone is invited to bring a potluck dish to share and join in the fellowship hall following worship. Santa will be making a visit too!



Women's Friday, December 6th 6:00 PM

All women are invited! Bring 6 dozen cookies and your recipe on an 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper. We will start with dinner, followed by devotional/sharing time, and some singing! Then, to finish, we will exchange cookies! Come on out and join in the fun!



Christmas Caroling Sunday, December 8th 5 to 7 PM

We are going to decorate the tables in the fellowship hall as Christmas carols. Then see if we can figure out what carols they are! Plus, sing all our favorite carols. Bring some snacks to share! We need 9 or 10 people to decorate tables. If you want to decorate a table, please let Kim Peterson know.



We received a thank you note from the widow of Fred Ulmansiek (the late father of the manager of the Papa Murphy's on Unser). His wife Joan wrote:

Please thank the ladies who made the quilt. It is lovely and much appreciated. Their concerns and prayers for those in need mean so much. On behalf of my husband (Fred) who is in assisted living and myself we thank you and ask for your prayers.

Signed Joan Ulmansiek.

Fred died about a week after the note was written however, his son noted that he had the quilt for a week and he and his wife deeply appreciated our prayers. Thanks to Evonne and all the those who serve in this wonderful ministry.

Morning Adult Sunday School Class to End in November

Because there is no place for it in the new single worship service Sunday schedule, the adult Sunday school class, which has met at 9:45 am in the Music Room and has been studying *Growing Older and Wiser*, will end on Sunday, November 24th. John Hockert who has led the class for over ten years expressed his appreciation to everyone who has participated for their contributions to the class and to his spiritual growth.

Although he expressed sadness at the need for this change, he noted that when the new wine comes, there is no need or use for old wineskins.



(Matthew 9:16 & 17). He also expressed hope that the class would be supplanted by something more effective in growing disciples. Please join us on November 24th for a brief celebration and retrospective of the class.

To All Veterans



Whether At Home Or Abroad
Active Duty ~ Reserves ~ Retired
All Americans Say:
THANK YOU!