



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.”



Pastor’s Note

Dear Ones,

One of the words used for change in the New Testament is *metamorphosis*. In Messiah, we are to metamorphosis, undergo a transformation. In nature, the butterfly begins as a caterpillar, continues its journey as a chrysalis, encased in a cocoon that becomes hard, a shell. Inside the chrysalis, the caterpillar begins to change. Finally, in order to complete the transformation and to change from the wormlike creature to a beautiful creature no longer sentenced to life on the ground, it has to break out of the chrysalis. Breaking out of the shell requires action, it doesn’t just happen by itself.

We, as members and friends of Rio Rancho United Methodist Church, have opportunities to break out of our shells so we are not stuck in old habits, old ways, old actions, old thoughts, and old attitudes. We have to learn from the butterfly and act to break out of the chrysalis, dare to do things different from the old us. As I end this sermon series, I am challenging us to find our gifts and use them for the common good of the body. Next month, the sermon series is “God’s Resources and My Responsibility”. Our giving is another way of stepping out in faith; please consider joining us as we explore God’s resources, how we use them and how they expand God’s kingdom.

Hozho,

Pastor Raquel

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Editor’s Note

Getting enthused about our Church? You can help. Ask Pastor Raquel, Kim, Joseph, or others. There are lots of places that your help is needed and welcomed.

Prayer Corner

Sunday September 30, 2018

Excerpted from Glory Days, by Max Lucado

Boldness in prayer is an uncomfortable thought for many. We think of speaking softly to God, humbling ourselves before God, or having a chat with God... but agonizing before God? Storming Heaven with prayers? Pounding on the door of the Most High? Wrestling with God? Isn't such prayer irreverent? Presumptuous?

When Martin Luther's coworker became ill, the reformer prayed boldly for healing.

"I besought the Almighty with great vigor," he wrote. "I attacked him with his own weapons, quoting from Scripture all the promises I could remember, that prayers should be granted, and said that he must grant my prayer, if I was henceforth to put faith in his promises." On another occasion, his good friend Frederick Myconius was sick. Luther wrote to him: "I command thee in the name of God to live because I still have need of thee in the work of reforming the church... The Lord will never let me hear that thou art dead, but will permit thee to survive me. For this I am praying, this is my will, and may my will be done, because I seek only to glorify the name of God." To be continued...

Grace and Peace,

Judy Brunk

Sunday School 9:45 AM

- **Women's Bible Study led by Evonne Holder in the Agape Room.**
- **Bible Study led by John Hockert in the Music Room.**
- **Youth Bible Study led by Dan and Naomi Hilborn in the Upper Room.**
- **Children's Bible Study in the Aldersgate Room.**

October

Anniversaries & Birthdays

Anniversaries

RABORN, Jim & Marcy	10/01
CHAVEZ, Jake & Pat	10/26

Birthdays

STUART, Charles	10/03
SECHREST, Shane	10/07
WHITE, Celesta	10/08
WOOD, Pat	10/08
BEGLEY, Sarah	10/09
MULL, Craig	10/10
PONTSLEER, Joan	10/10
HOCKERT, John	10/11
FUCHS, Bailey	10/15
BEGLEY, Virginia	10/16
WRIGHT, Deborah	10/18
WRIGHT, Tim	10/18
WARNER, Donna	10/20
SEPELAK, Dakota	10/22
BALTZ, Brian	10/24
KOHLRUST, Tylec	10/27

Top Ten Reasons

to join the Chancel Choir:

10. You are running out of clean clothes and the choir robes save on laundry.
9. You recently were selected for jury duty and want to see what it feels like sitting with a group of people.
8. It's just like American Idol, but for God, and we let you stay.
7. For years you have wanted to know who sits in the back pews but were afraid to turn around.
6. You have been known to nod off during the sermon and don't want the Pastor to catch you sleeping.
5. You will always have a great, reserved seat for Christmas and Easter.
4. Every time you sing, an Angel gets their wings.
3. When Pastor Raquel starts preaching to the choir, she'll be preaching to you.
2. In heaven, you will know all the words to the songs. And the number one reason to join the Rio Rancho United Methodist Church Choir...
1. The offering plate is never passed to the choir.

Activities and Events

Youth Dinner Schedule

- 9/30 Movie Night
- 10/7 Holland Family
- 10/14 Special Event
- 10/21 Mueller Family



Craft Night...

Bring your supplies and a snack to share and join in the fun. We meet in the Music Room from 5 to 8 PM on the following Tuesdays: **October 2nd & 23rd.**



Women's Event

We were a small, but mighty group of women on Friday, September 21st. We each made a coffee mug that reminded us to keep ourselves rooted in Christ and we put together "appreciation gift baskets" for the employees at the Bair Foundation. Great job ladies!



Youth Service Project

Eleven youth and five adults went to Santa Anna Star Center to help set up the Galloping Grace Pumpkin Patch on Saturday morning. We helped to unload 2,500 bales of corn stalks, and then stripped the corn from them and tied the corn into decorative bundles to be sold.



Let's Recycle!

We have placed a "blue" trash can in the fellowship hall for us to "recycle". Please place all recyclable items in that can, instead of in the trash. Make sure that the recyclable items you place in the bin are rinsed out and contain **NO** food. **Items not allowed in the recycling bin include: food, glass, Styrofoam and plastic bags.** If an item has the recycle symbol on it, please toss it in the blue bin!



Breakfast Burrito Fundraiser

Today the youth will be selling breakfast burritos from 9 to noon in the Fellowship Hall. Be sure and get yours! Thanks in advance for supporting the Youth!



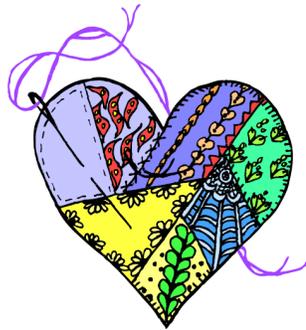
Instead of our regular youth group meeting today, we will attend a movie. See Kim for details.

RRUMC Craft Fair

Saturday, November 3rd

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Over 40 Crafters! Handmade items including jewelry, gourds, wood crafts, paper crafts, bird houses, Christmas items and much more! Breakfast & Lunch items will be available. We are collecting non-perishable food items to be given to Storehouse West.



Volunteers are needed to help set-up on Friday & Saturday. Also, to assist crafters with lunch, bathroom breaks, etc. and to greet shoppers. There is a sign-up sheet on the welcome table. If you can help, please fill out the form and return it to Kim Peterson.



and Trunk-or-Treat

Our annual Fall Festival & Trunk-or-Treat will be held on Sunday, October 28th from 3 to 5 PM. We will need youth and adults to help with set-up, clean-up and running the games. We are also in need of individually wrapped candy donations and people who are interested in being part of "Trunk-or-Treat" (decorate your trunk and hand out candy to ghouls and goblins). We will start setting up at 1 PM. There is a flyer/sign-up sheet on the welcome table. If you can help in any way, please fill out the form and return it to Kim Peterson.

Trustees Activities

Work Day

Oct 13th is a scheduled work day. If you would like to help out, contact Dan Hilborn, or come to the Church after 8:00 AM.

Sanctuary Change

The handicapped pews be moved back and the open sections will be placed toward the walls. That will include moving 4 pews. Materials will be ordered to fix the veneer on the pews.

General Maintenance

Chairs in the Fellowship Hall and meeting rooms need cleaning. The Scouts may be able to help with this and work on their badges. Other possible scout service projects: Weeding, sweeping up rocks, trash pick-up, wood chips back in playground, wiping down the pews. Our church property will look better!

Mission Statement from the Mission/Outreach Team

The people of The United Methodist Church are putting our faith in action by making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, which includes but is not all-inclusive:

1. Provide a continuous, year-round program of mission education, including monthly mission emphases, so that the church family will be better informed, more knowledgeable, and more motivated to be supportive of Christian mission outreach;
 2. Identify the needs of your community, your country, and your world and engage our church family in mission experiences that seek to address these needs; and
 3. Seek to expand and increase our church family's mission support and ensure that our church family is provided every opportunity to participate (through financial gifts, material gifts, and service activities) in God's mission through the church and world.
- Coupons Correction: Pat Chavez is coordinating the Air Force Base coupons.

Finance Committee Report

At the August 30th Finance Committee meeting, the current Balance Sheet and Income and Expense Reports were reviewed (both YTD and month of August). At the end of August, net YTD income was - \$5,809.92 with \$3,800 of income not yet posted. This is a slight improvement in position compared to Jan-July. Income YTD was reviewed; also graphs of attendance and % of pledges received; income was lower than the amount needed in both June and August. Review of the most recent month's credit card statements yielded no observations. To facilitate better review of the financial reports, the Committee will meet the first Thursday of the month. The independent audit report (by Mesa View UMC) had a recommendation to use 2 signers on each check. When that signed audit report is received, it will be made available to the congregation. That practice was implemented on September 17; two additional check signers are in the process of being added on the bank signature card to bring the total to 5. SPRC will be reviewing implementation of WESPATH pension benefits for eligible employees.

Robert Holder

Upcoming Events

Tues.,	10/02 @ 5:00 pm	Craft Night (MR)
Wed.,	10/03 @ 5:30 pm	WNO (FH)
Thurs.,	10/04 @ 5:30 pm	Finance Committee (CR)
Thurs.,	10/04 @ 6:30 pm	Handbell Practice (MR)
Sat.,	10/06 @ 9:00 am	Free Store
Mon.,	10/08 @ 6:30 pm	Communications Team (CR)
Tues.,	10/09 @ 6:00 pm	Free Store Meeting (CR)
Wed.,	10/10 @ 1:30 pm	Methodist Quilters (YR)
Wed.,	10/10 @ 5:30 pm	WNO (FH)
Thurs.,	10/11 @ 1:00 pm	Visitation Team (CR)
Thurs.,	10/11 @ 6:00 pm	Mission & Outreach (AR)
Thurs.,	10/11 @ 6:00 pm	Trustees' Meeting (CR)
Thurs.,	10/11 @ 6:30 pm	Handbell Practice (MR)
Sat.,	10/13 @ 8:00 am	Trustee Work Day
Sat.,	10/13 @ 6:30 pm	Youth-Led Worship Practice (S)

Where is God ?

Two brothers are terrible trouble makers. They are always breaking things, stealing things, lying, and making all kinds of general trouble. The parents have tried everything to get the boys to change, to no avail. Finally, out of options, they ask their pastor if he can help. He says he will talk to the boys, but only one at a time. The parents drop off the youngest and go home, promising to return to get him soon. The boy sits in a chair across from the pastor's desk and they just look at each other.

Finally, the Pastor says, "Where is God?"

The boy just sits there and doesn't answer.

The pastor begins to look stern and loudly says, "Where is God?"

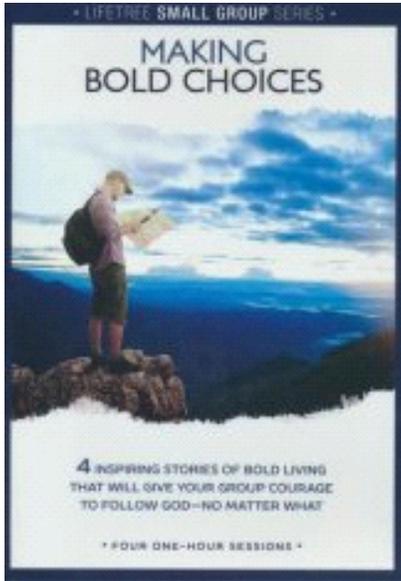
The little boy shifts in his seat, but still doesn't answer.

The pastor is starting to get angry at the boy's refusal to converse and practically shouts "Where is God?"

To the pastor's surprise, the little boy jumps up out of his chair and runs out of the office.

The boy leaves the church and runs all the way home, up the stairs and into his brother's room. He shuts the door and pants, "We're in BIG TROUBLE. God's missing and they think we did it!"

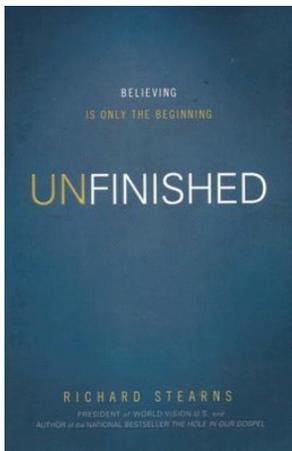
Wednesday Night Study: *Making Bold Choices*



Our Wednesday night “drop in” video study resumed on September 19, with a study on *Making Bold Choices*. We will examine inspiring stories of bold living to give us the courage to follow God – no matter what. As always, each study is independent of the others; there is no home-

work; and we will finish in time for choir, although there will be a possibility of additional discussion for those not in choir. We will discuss resiliency, choosing to be extraordinary, body image, and second chances. We start at 6:10 PM on Wednesday evenings after the Wednesday Night Out dinner.

New Sunday Morning Study: *Unfinished*



Do you read the Bible regularly, participate in church and community and give of your time and resources, but still lack a sense of purpose and mission in your daily life? Join us for an opportunity to reawaken God's purpose and passion in our lives. Studying *Unfinished*, by Richard Stearns, we will share lessons from Scripture and inspiring stories of

how real people are making a difference. We will learn about what Jesus called the kingdom of God, God's dream for this world. We will see how the journey into our heart's cry for significance and purpose can be answered by uniting with God's vision for His eternal kingdom. This life changing study begins at 9:45 AM on Sunday, September 23, in the Music Room. See John Hockert for a copy of our study book, *Unfinished*.

Famous Quotations

You only lose energy when life gets dull in your mind. Get interested in something. Get out of yourself. Be somebody! Do something. The more you lose yourself in something bigger than yourself, the more energy you will have.

Norman Vincent Peale

Writing at its best must come from deep within, for often that is where truth and originality lie; none comes entirely from the upper tenth of gray matter. It is when one reaches down into dark realms of the past that great ideas surge forth.

Sigmund F. Olson

What sunshine is to flowers, smiles are to humanity. These are but trifles, to be sure, but scattered along life's pathway, the good they do is inconceivable.

Joseph Addison



Friends and Family Coming?

Do you have friends/family coming to the Balloon Fiesta this year? Why not invite them to church on Sundays? We would love to have them come and share our friendship.