

High Desert United Methodist Church

Monthly Newsletter August 2019

REUBEN'S RAMBLINGS

When I was appointed to High Desert UMC in July 2018, my objectives were to increase worship attendance and to stabilize the financial situation of the church. With God's help, significant progress has been made in both of these areas. Now, it was never my intention to move our church from its current location. However, as I established a working relationship with St. Felix Pantry, I was informed that the Felician Sisters Convent next door was closing. A representative of St. Felix suggested that I contact the Felician Sisters to see if they were receptive to our church using their chapel since it would no longer be used for weekly worship services. At our December 11, 2018, meeting, the Ministry Team gave me the authorization to begin discussions with the Felician Sisters.

A formal request was sent to their Pennsylvania office on January 8, 2019. In response, I was advised that ownership of the convent was being transferred to Catholic Charities here in Albuquerque. Thus, conversations with James Gannon, Executive Director of Catholic Charities, began on February 12, 2019. Over the past six months there have been numerous conversations and meetings to work out an acceptable rental rate and lease agreement. Because there were so many hurdles to overcome, such as the approval from the Archbishop of Santa Fe for a Protestant Church to use a consecrated Catholic sanctuary, compatibility of Catholic and Methodist doctrine, relationship with the remaining Felician Sisters and other tenants of the convent, and a lower monthly rental rate than we are currently paying, the preliminary discussions were limited to a small group of church leaders including John Samford, Lay Leader, Earl Hester, Chair of Trustees, and Gordon Golsan, Finance Chair. Until we were certain that we could reach an acceptable agreement, we didn't want to raise the hopes of the congregation.

Under the proposed agreement, we will be renting 3110 square feet which includes a reception/secretary area, pastor's office, two meeting/office rooms, a choir room, two large classrooms, and an area for the Meadowlark Methodist Food Pantry. Each room is larger than we currently have and more usable. The proposed monthly rental rate including utilities is approximately \$700 less than we are currently paying for less space and utilities. We hope to hold our first worship services at the new location on September 1, but there are a few more issues that need to be resolved. We will keep you posted.

This relocation provides us with the opportunity to be involved in a new community outreach center that is being created by Catholic Charities at the convent. So far the proposed tenants include a center for pregnant teens and a senior daycare center operated by Presbyterian Hospital. We will be the spiritual center of the facility. The goal is to fulfill Jesus' command to love our neighbors. Over the last six months, I have been amazed by how God has continued to open doors helping us overcome the above hurdles. I hope and pray that you are as excited as I am about this new opportunity. God Bless. Reuben.





Women with Purpose

**August 4th
2 p.m.
AT THE CHURCH
MEN INVITED!**

Women With Purpose's monthly meeting for August is slightly altered from the norm. Okay, a lot altered. This program is focusing on Feed New Mexico Kids, an ambitious project for this size congregation, but the call went out, and we put up a united front to meet these lofty goals (about 250 bags). *Say, ever been to a BAGGIN' party? Well, Ya-hoo, here's your chance! And just to entice you some more, we've arranged for top shelf entertainment: The Duke City Swampcoolers, and we all know what superb musicians those guys are! Plus, Pizza and fixin's and desserts galore! How could this event get any better? Well, you'll have to show up and find out! Of course, you may be put to work, but hey, that's what Methodists do best--community outreach!*

The Rio Rancho Public Schools identifies those students who are homeless or near-homeless. On Fridays, generous-sized bags packed with assorted foodstuffs, easy and healthy to eat, are handed out to those kids. Hopefully there will be enough to last that child the whole weekend. The entire membership of this church is urged to participate!

MEADOWLARK METHODIST CHURCH PANTRY

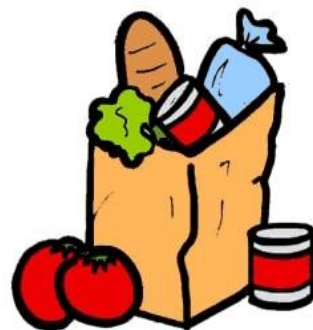
We take an offering on the first Sunday of every month to benefit the Food Pantry. On Sunday, August 4th, a basket will be on the back table to receive your offering. Featured collection for August is: **dry cereals (small boxes) and oatmeal.**

Distribution dates for Aug are:

Friday, Aug, 2nd at 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, Aug 15th at 1 :00 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 20th at 9:00 a.m.



NOTICE: The Food Pantry is collecting plastic bags again!

THANK YOU!
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Way back in 2009 a retired Methodist pastor (a faithful HDUMC member), Ed Hoffman, turned over the reins of the adult Sunday School/ Bible Study to Charles Kottenbrook. Charles is exceptionally knowledgeable about all things Bible and faith in general and this congregation has benefitted more than simple words can express. But as his decade of leading our faithful in study is closing in, he feels he needs to hand over the reins yet again. Charles' eyesight is dimming and he is unable to study the Word in the detail he wishes. Why don't you let him know how very much he is appreciated! And that goes double for Jenny!

Tony Smith has agreed to step in as the Bible Study leader officially beginning Sunday, July 28th.

Weekly Bible Study:

A study subject for everyone!

Presently three groups meet during the week: Adult Bible Study (aka Adult Sunday School studying the messianic Psalms) at 10:00 a.m. between Services.

Tuesday afternoon Bible Study meets at 1:30 p.m. to study the NT book of Hebrews.

Wednesday evening Bible Study and choir

practice will begin again August 21st.



Did you know . . .

One of our members, Diane Youells is a hairstylist licensed for in-home beauty services. Her offerings include perms, haircuts, and styling. Reasonable prices. If anyone in your family is home-bound, this could be an answer to a prayer. Call Diane at

505-818-3210



August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Food Pantry 11:00 a.m.	3
4 9 & 11 a.m. worship 10: a.m. SS 2 p.m. baggin' party for Feed NM Kids	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 9 & 11 am Worship 10 a.m. SS Congregational Care meeting	12	13 Bible Study 1:30 pm Ministry Team 6:00 p.m.	14	15 Food Pantry 1:00 p.m.	16	17
18 9 & 11 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. SS	19	20 Food Pantry 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 1:30 p.m.	21 6:30 p.m. Choir prac- tice Bible Study	22	23	24
25 9 & 11 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. SS	26	27 Bible Study 1:30 pm	21 6:30 p.m. Choir prac- tice Bible Study	29	30	
						

Lay Care Ministry

You are invited to call, write or visit our friends in Christ who are homebound or have health issues, and offer your love, support and encouragement.

Lorra Garner	Skies Health and Rehab, 9450 McMahon NW, Albuq, NM 87114	
Nelson & Joey Archuleta	1740 Hudson River Rd. NE, Rio Rancho 87144	235-0774
Norvin Schuman	382 Nicklaus Dr. SE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124	891-0526
Grover Donahoe	766 Hood Way SE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124	891-0165
Rod & Louise Warpole	600 First Street NE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124	994-9339
Leonard Ortega	3400 Oasis Springs Rd NE, Rio Rancho, NM 87144	296-7330
Mae Washburn	Revenna Assisted Living, 3051 Twin Oaks Dr NW, Albuq., NM 87120	
Phil Pittman	1000 Riverview Dr SE, #242, Rio Rancho, NM 87124	301-7704
Samuel Skinner	920 Riverview Dr #248, Rio Rancho, NM 87124	
Glen Nesbitt	Advantage Assisted Living, 1729 Wellspring Ave SE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124	
Ella Jerome	813 Banco Ct. Bernalillo, NM 87004	206-4894
Sheila Arce	4910 Tramway Redge Dr NE #316, Albq., NM 87111	
Wilmoth Chambliss	Avamere, 8820 Horizon Blvd NE #202, Albq, NM 87113	



Birthdays, Con't.

Eileen Sever	8/26
Lorraine Zapf	8/27
Arlene Westgaard	8/27

Anniversaries

Jana & Lynn Siverts	8/10/96
Chuck & Mary Lou Schimke	8/13/66
Jeff & Elaine Pratt	8/14/93
Keith & Diane Witt, Jr	8/21/76
Ken & Sandy Dewbre	8/29/75

Please note the occasional change in this announcement: Steelbridge Resource Center (aka Albuquerque Rescue Mission) occasionally changes the focus of its collections/donations to meet their current needs. July 2019 donations: **NEW or gently used seasonal clothing, NEW socks & underwear; toiletries, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, combs.** There will be a container in the hall for your donations. For more info call Sheila Smith at 898-4644.

Scripture Sharing Series—Joshua 1:9 (God's commission to Joshua after Moses passed away). "Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you, wherever you go." Lisa Isenberger says this charge to Joshua brings her comfort during times of stress because she believes it applies to ALL believers. Try it and see if you agree.



Wesley Change for Charity is on the back table during worship service, waiting to be fed with your change or dollars. This allows High Desert to assist individuals, groups, and organizations with emergency financial needs.



August 2019 collection for Meadowlark Methodist Food Pantry: Items are targeted for you to purchase to help replenish the shelves. Featured this month is: **dry cereal (small boxes) & oatmeal.** Please place these items in the green barrel found by the back tables. Contact Mike Fawcett at 715-456-3044 for info.



Recycling Sunday Bulletins—leave in recycling box by the back table; Plastic bags—leave in container marked for plastic bags; Aluminum cans—place in container marked Homeless Ministry. **NEW to HDUMC Recycling: Glass items normally disposed of in your trash. Bring to church and leave in the class/storage room on the counter.**



Condiments & Small Toiletries If you save the soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, etc. from staying in motels or hotels, please bring them to church along with the ketchup, taco sauce, mustard and any "take-out" condiments. The Rainbow Girls who are collecting for the Rio Rancho chapter of Blue Star Mothers to include in the packages they send our troops. For more information, contact Storehouse West at 892-2077.



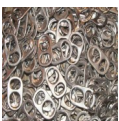
The Upper Room This Daily Devotional Guide is available in regular and large print. Copies may be found Sunday mornings on the back table. Be sure to get your copy! Or read online: <http://devotional.upperroom.org/>



Printer Cartridges is a fund raiser to support Mission projects. Please place your empty inkjet & laser cartridges in the recycling box found on the back table.



UPC Labels for 2 schools in Rio Rancho. There is a large jar for your labels are provided on the back table on Sunday mornings.



Pull Tabs Save the pull tabs from your aluminum cans, soup cans, etc. You can put them in a ziplock bag and leave them on the table in the back of the church. For more info call Janet Greger at 867-4832 Presently they will go to the Ronald McDonald House charity.

<u>9 AM Service</u>					
<u>Date</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Altar Flowers</u>	<u>Refreshments</u>
Aug. 4	Mike & Sandy Fawcett	Skip & Emily Sue Chambers	Keith Witt		
Aug. 11	Paul Lewis Dave Zapf	Chuck & MaryeLou Schimke	Barry Birch	Arlene Westgaard	
Aug. 18	Ken & Sandy Dewbre	Bill & Kay Boss	Warren Herrington	Bonnie Korngiebel	
Aug. 25	Harold & Judy Sampson	Gordon & Wanda Golsan	Jane Butel	Ken & Sandy Dewbre	Ken & Sandy Dewbre
		<u>11 AM Service</u>			
Aug. 4	Nancy Perry-Sebrell	Lisa Isenberger Rose Meyer	Ron Komatz		
Aug 11	Lisa Isenberger	Gloria Graham Nancy Perry-Sebrell	Bonnie Korngiebel		
Aug. 18	Gloria Graham	Jenny Kottenbrook Bonnie Korngiebel	Lisa Isenberger		
Aug. 25	Holly Benson	Rose Meyer Karen Malinka	Janet Greger		

With Heartfelt Thanks Thank you to the following who provided for the HDUMC Ministries last month.

9:00 a.m. Service

Greeters: Judy Thomas, Beckie Kim, Ken & Wanda Schierling, Glenda Barber, Trixie Maclay, Cyd & Bob Ahlborn
Ushers: Keith Witt, Glenn & Sue Hinchcliffe, Mike & Linda Bates, Frank Rotolo, Linnette Carlson
Liturgists: Sandy Dewbre, Glenda Barber, Jana Siverts, Judy Ballard,

11:00 a.m. Service

Greeters: Holly Benson, Gloria Graham, Nancy Perry-Sebrell, Lisa Isenberger
Ushers: Bonnie Korngiebel, Rose Meyer, Lisa Isenberger, Karen Malinka, Gloria Graham, Jenny Kottenbrook
Liturgists: Ron Komatz, Janet Greger, Bonnie Korngiebel, Lisa Isenberger,
Altar Flowers: Judy Ballard, Earl & Dottie Hester, Phyllis Thunborg, Bonnie Korngiebel
Refreshments: Jan Herrington for birthday cakes!, Bonnie Korngiebel, Earl & Dottie Hester

Those named and those not named above, thank you all so much for your continued support.

HDUMC BULLETIN BOARD



Something new at HDUMC . . .

Congregational Support will now be available in the break room between services: need somebody to talk to, a special prayer request, questions on the Bible or faith in general, or an opportunity to discuss the sermon.



New Ministry Opportunity!

We have been asked by MorningStar, a new assisted living/memory care facility in Rio Rancho to conduct Sunday worship services for their residents starting in August. If you are interested in leading worship and giving a brief message once every six weeks or so, please sign up at the back table or see Pastor Reuben.



2019 Heritage Church Tour

This year's tour will visit churches in Española Valley and Taos on Aug. 10 & 11, 2019 This will include McCurdy in Española (Santa Cruz area) a longtime mission outreach for HDUMC. There are flyers on the back table for those interested, or you can go to nmarchives@nmconfum.com



According to **Sara Hendricks**, Missions Committee Chairperson, the Second Mile Giving designated for September is School Supplies and Backpacks for Rio Rancho Elementary School. More details later.



Our very own celebrity cooking instructor **Jane Butel** is issuing an invitation to join her at the Loma Colorado Main Library on August 21, 2019 for a free demonstration on how to prepare traditional favorite New Mexican dishes. The class starts at 5:30 p.m. and there are only 45 reservations available. So put your name on the list right now!

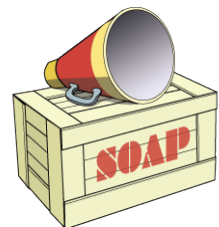
Loma Colorado Library: 505-891-5013

Judy sez . . .

Items for next

Newsletter

due by Aug. 27th.



United in His Love

By Arlene Westgaard

**Jesus' last prayer before he left this world
Was for all believers. A great truth he unfurled.
For all who believe in His words and in Him.
For all who trust Him for forgiveness of sin.
Who affirm in their hearts the credence of love:
Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will return from above.**

**These are the ones who were His concern
As He was about to heaven return.
He prayed for us all that we might be one.
He prayed that the Father would reveal the Son.
He prayed that our love would certainly show
That all of the world would certainly know
That He is the truth, the Savior of all.
That His love is real when we heed His call.**

**May his prayer be answered in you and in me.
May our love for each other be clearly seen,
That those who are lost and outside His fold,
May be brought to His love with blessings untold.**

Jesus, may your prayer be answered in us today.

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