

“Loving God, Serving Others, Changing Lives”

HIGH DESERT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

REUBEN'S RAMBLINGS

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One of our newest mission projects is St. Joseph Mission School in San Fidel, New Mexico. St. Joseph is a Pre-K through 8 grade Catholic School that shares the gospel of hope through faith, academics, culture, environment and service. Since 1923 the bell tower at St. Joseph Mission School has rung to begin and end each day, educating and spreading the gospel of hope to currently forty-two local children; Native Americans from the Pueblos of Acoma and Laguna and Hispanics from the local villages of Seboyeta, Cubero and San Fidel.

The principal Antonio Trujillo tries to balance the basics of reading, writing, and arithmetic with the traditions of the pueblos and the Christian faith. St. Joseph is preparing the future leaders of the pueblos and local communities both spiritually and academically. Tuition is low and does not come close to covering the cost of educating each child. Even with their low tuition rate, many families still have to rely on tuition assistance from various organizations. The difference is made up through grants and donations. Thanks

to your generosity, we were able to contribute \$3,703 from our February Second Mile Giving to assist with the tuitions. During July, we also collected school supplies for the school.

When Judy and I met with Antonio in March, we asked him how High Desert could help the school. His number one need was the replacement of the waterline from the well across the county road to the convent and the school. The original line was installed in 1923 and is galvanized. Due to its age, they have had to repair several breaks over the last year.

So, during the week of July 11-15, 2022, a work team from High Desert installed a 440 foot one-and-a-half-inch waterline from the well house to the convent and across the road to the school. Special thanks to Neil Jackson, owner of Mountain States Constructors, for donating the use of a large trencher which allowed us to place the waterline three feet deep to prevent freezing during the winter. Also special thanks to Bruce Packard for his coordination and plumbing skills, and to Gordon Golsan and Lynn Hood for their hard work and dedication to this project in the hot summer sun. We also had the privilege to work along side six

members of the Acoma Pueblo, without whom we could not have completed this project.

I truly enjoyed this mission project and look forward to future projects and ways in which we can support this outstanding ministry at St. Joseph Mission School. I am always looking for new ways that we can serve the Lord. If you are aware of a potential mission project, please let me know. I hope you realize how important missions are to me. One of the best books that I have ever read on missions is entitled *The Hole in Our Gospel* by Richards Stearns. The idea behind it is quite simple; it's basically that being a Christian requires much more than a personal relationship. It also entails a public relationship with the needs of the world. If your personal faith in Jesus Christ has no positive outward expression, then your faith has a hole in it. Missions must be one of the fundamental activities of the church. A pastor once said: "A church that lives within its four walls is no church at all." I truly appreciate your continued support for the mission programs of our church. God bless. *Reuben*



FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

July Fellowship Activity: On July 3rd the congregation enjoyed an Ice Cream Social between worship services, in celebration of our nation's Independence Day.

August Outing: On Thursday, August 18, 2022, we are scheduled for two tours at the National Hispanic Cultural Center; the first at 10:00 a.m. for gallery/museum tour led by a docent; at 11:00 a.m. we will have the sit-down Torreon tour also led by a docent. The total for both events is \$5 (no surprise tax like at the movie theater) per person. For lunch we are scheduled for the restaurant on-site, La Fonda de Albuquerque at noon. They would have no problem serving a group of our size. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex, including a place to reserve your seat on the bus.

September Outing: We have scheduled an Isotopes baseball outing for Sunday September 18 at 1:35 pm. We have reserved box seats in Section 115 in the shade; cost is \$15.50 per seat. The Isotopes will be playing the Oklahoma City Dodgers. This will be the Mariachi Theme Game; the first 3,000 fans will receive a free Mariachi Jersey. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you are interested in participating. The Church Bus will be available for those who need a ride; please sign up to reserve your seat. Please make your payment to the Church and mark "Baseball Outing" on the memo line of your check.

STAY TUNED! *God Bless, Ken Dewbre, Fellowship Committee Chair*

BIBLE STUDIES ANYONE?

Sunday – 10:00 AM – Will resume in September– Led by Tony Smith

Monday – 10:00 AM – Will resume September 12, 2022

Wednesday – 10:30 AM – Not meeting in July and August

Wednesday – 5:30 PM – Methodist Beliefs, starts August 24, 2022

Online Studies–Daniel, Revelation, & John – contact Tony Smith at coraleno@aol.com

Weekly lessons on Isaiah, by Tony Smith, emailed from church office

New Bible Studies Coming Soon:

Wednesday Night Bible Study will resume August 24 at 5:30 with a 3 or 4 week study of Methodist Beliefs. Following the completion of this short-term study are two options for a long-term study:

- 1.) Gospel of John (John gives us a personal look at Jesus's identity.)
- 2.) "Believe" (Includes 10 key beliefs of the Christian faith, 10 key practices of followers of Christ, and 10 virtues of a person who is becoming more like Jesus.)

If interested in these studies, please complete and turn in the form in Sunday's bulletin, to indicate your preference.

AUGUST SECOND MILE GIVING

Our Second Mile Giving for August is Heifer International. Its mission is to work with communities to end world hunger and poverty and to care for the Earth. Heifer International was founded by Dan West, a farmer from the Midwest and a member of the Church of the Brethren, who went to the front lines of the Spanish Civil War as an aid worker. He found that giving refugees a cup of milk was not enough; what if they had a cow?

Thus the Heifer Project adopted the philosophy of “teach a man to fish,” by providing animals to families instead of handouts. The animals provide both food and reliable income, as agricultural products such as milk, eggs and honey can be traded or sold at the market. Families are empowered to turn hunger and poverty into hope and prosperity. Since 1944, Heifer International has provided livestock and environmentally sound agricultural training to improve the lives of those who struggle daily. They have been in ministry for 75 years providing animals to 20.7 million families in 125 countries. The goal of every Heifer Project is to help families achieve self-reliance.

Your contributions will be used to purchase animals. The current price is as follows: heifer - \$500; goat - \$120; sheep - \$120; rabbits- \$60 or flock of chicks - \$20. Thank you for your continued support to our mission program.

Thank You from Pastor Joanne Landry at Interfaith Bible Center

“Thank you, wonderful congregation, for all your generous support. Our beautiful Compassion Center has grown beyond our expectations. Your generous contributions feed so many. Thank you for your continued support. (May) God richly bless you and your awesome pastor.”

Thank you from Father Antonio Trujillo at St. Joseph’s Mission School

On behalf of St. Joseph’s Mission School, I would like to thank you for your generous donation ... and your labor to replace our school’s water line. ...We have some wonderful kids here at St. Joseph’s and your gift will continue the experience of faith-filled education by providing safe drinking water for our children. Your faith community is literally supplying life-giving water. Without it we would not be able to serve the children that come through our doors. Thank you!

Feed New Mexico Kids’ Volunteers of the Month

Ron and Jane Komatz have been serving with Feed NM Kids for over three years. A stroke has confined Jane to a wheelchair but she is able to help with paperwork while Ron helps pack snack packs. Ron and Jane say: “We have never met any of the children, but the school principals who pick up the snack packs assure us that they are essential. Our church encourages us to follow Christ’s words from Matthew 25:35, *‘I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.’* We are proud to be a small cog in the Feed NM Kids mission to bring health and hope to these children.”

Words that should end with ‘Amen’:

“The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. (James 5:16b)”

Ministries supported by Women with Purpose

Saranam Project to end homelessness
– We donate laundry supplies and
“birthday party in a bag” to families

Haven House – purses fill with
toiletries

Crossroads for Women – cleaning
supplies and toiletries

Interfaith Bible Center – sack lunches,
clothing, etc.

A Peaceful Habitation – backpacks &
toiletries for recently paroled women

Compassionate Ministries, Gallup –
food bags and toiletries

New Mexico Heart Gallery – baby
supplies for moms aging out of foster
care

4 Corners Methodist Ministry – bags
of toiletries for Native Americans

Afghan Refugees – scarves & toiletries

UMCOR – hygiene kits for New Mexico
fire evacuees

Feed New Mexico Kids – weekend
food packets for local school kids

Local Police Departments - comfort
kits with blankets, toys, and toiletries
for children whose lives have been
disrupted

Women with Purpose

Thursday, August 4, 2022

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

You know that whenever our monthly outreach involves children, it is a special get-together for WWP. So it is this time. We will assemble 20 Bears & Blankets, (Komfort Kits for Kids) to be handed over to Officer Monica Casaus and utilized by the Rio Rancho Police Department. Officer Casaus plans to be in attendance for this meeting. Ladies, don't miss this opportunity to personally thank our police department for all they do to protect our well-being.

Note: These kits are distributed to children in our community not having the best day of their life, who are in fact, usually being removed from their home environment for safety. If you will remember from past like-sessions, not only is a blanket and/or quilt and handmade stuffed animal provided, but a bag of essential toiletries like toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, face cloth, etc. As well. A VERY special THANK YOU goes to Carolyn McDowell, Marion Sanderson, Rose Meyer, and the Thimbleweed Quilters for their selfless donation of time and talent.

August 2022

HIGH DESERT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Office Hours 9 AM - 12 Noon	4	5 10 AM Stevens Mem. Srv. 11 AM Food Pantry	6
7 9 AM Worship 10:30 AM MS 11 AM Worship	8	9 6 PM Ministry Team Meeting	10 Office Hours 9 AM - 12 Noon	11	12	13
14 9 AM Worship 10:30 AM MS 11 AM Worship	15	16 9 AM Food Pantry	17 Office Hours 9 AM - 12 Noon	18 1 PM Food Pantry	19	20 2 PM Wilmoth Chambliss Mem. Srv.
21 9 AM Worship 10:30 AM MS 11 AM Worship 1 PM Fun Day	22	23	24 Office Hours 9 AM - 12 Noon 5:30 PM Methodist Beliefs Study	25	26	27
28 9 AM Worship 10:30 AM MS 11 AM Worship	29	30	31 Office Hours 9 AM - 12 Noon 5:30 PM Methodist Beliefs Study			

MS = MorningStar

OBSCURE NAMES IN THE BIBLE



Next month: Who was Lydia in the New Testament? *Judy Ballard*

ANSWER FOR JULY: (Who was Eliab?)

When the Lord asked Samuel to anoint a new king he sent him to Jesse to pick one of his sons for the honor. As the firstborn, Eliab was presented as the most logical choice. God said 'no.' (Sorry, Eliab, but your youngest brother David became the next king of Israel)

Report from the New Mexico Annual Conference

The 2022 New Mexico Annual Conference occurred in person from June 14-16 in Las Cruces, NM with the theme "Fall Afresh on Me". High Desert UMC delegates Reuben Thomas (clergy), John Samford (lay leader), and Lisa Isenberger (lay member) were in attendance.

Bishop Schnase presided over the conference with hope filled messages and led several worship services. Rev. Dr. Scott Sharp & Rev. Dr. Blair Thompson White discussed the Five Adaptive Muscles for the Post-Pandemic Church. Rev. Blossom Matthews spoke about Fresh Expressions of Church.

Business matters requiring a vote included the discontinuance of five churches, the movement of one church to the geographically correct conference, the 2022 conference budget, and election of Conference Committees.

The Conference Board of Trustees presented a Disaffiliation process for churches that feel they are out of sync with the United Methodist church. A process workbook was made available by the Conference Board of Trustees for local church leadership review.

The Safe Sanctuaries policy was emphasized in work sessions and training with focus not only on children, but also vulnerable adults and congregational safety.

Recommendations: 1) Disaffiliation - No Action. No action is required to remain a part of the United Methodist Church. 2) Safe Sanctuaries - Review. The Safe Sanctuaries policy has been updated. Practices should be reviewed to ensure that they align to the new policy. Insurance coverage resources may be available for Secure Church sites.

John Samford, Lay Leader Lisa Isenberger, Lay Member

Women's Walk to Emmaus

The next Walk to Emmaus weekend for women is scheduled for September 8 – 11, 2022. Women who are interested in learning more about the Walk to Emmaus are welcome to contact Linnette Carlson at 505-450-4152, with any questions.

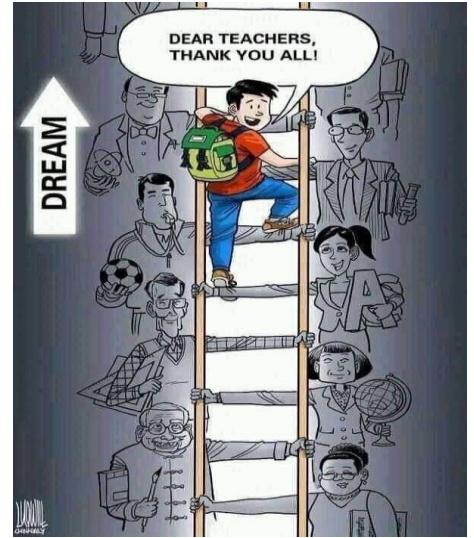
Supporting Schools and Teachers



St. Joseph's Mission School, San Fidel, NM

During the month of July, High Desert UMC collected school supplies for the teachers of our church family to use in their classrooms, plus art supplies to be sent to St. Joseph's Mission School. Remaining supplies are to be made available to the clients of the High Desert Food Pantry.

Our Mission Focus for the month of July was gift cards for our teachers. A total of \$900 was collected, which meant that we were able to purchase gift cards in the amount of \$300 for each of the three teachers in our congregation. These gifts will enable them to purchase additional needed supplies for their classrooms, which they sometimes have to spend their own funds to purchase.



Update on Feed New Mexico Kids

It is hard to believe-but school will be starting soon! It is, therefore, time for the Feed New Mexico Kids team to roll up our sleeves and get food packs in the hands of students who need nourishment over the weekend. Because the number of food-challenged children continues to rise, this school term we are increasing our number of packs to over 300 per month to support five public schools in Rio Rancho.

This ministry happens because of the generosity of many individuals as well as local businesses. We have also received two grants which help cover the cost of the food items. Our monthly expenses are projected to be over \$2,000 this term. As we know, prices continue to rise, but we believe we can reach our goal.

If you are looking for a ministry opportunity and have a heart for children, please contact Wanda or Gordon Golsan (505-796-4929). We can put you to work!



Ken & Sandy Dewbre	Aug. 29
Jeff & Elaine Pratt	Aug. 14
Chuck & Mary Lou Schimke	Aug. 13
Lynn & Jana Siverts	Aug. 10
Keith & Diane Witt	Aug. 21

St. Joseph's Mission School – Water Line Project

“Your faith community is literally supplying life-giving water” Antonio Trujillo, Principal



Tyrell and Conran, of Acoma, helping out



Just a portion of the water line behind the school, to illustrate the length of the project



Lynn Hood, Bruce Packard, and Reuben Thomas



Bruce enjoyed using the big toy, a trencher, donated by Mountain States Constructors.



Gordon Golsan and Bruce Packard, in the trenches



James, of the Acoma community, hard at work

Care Ministry

You're invited to call or send cards to these of our church family, to offer words of support and encouragement.

Lois Brister	2867 Cripple Creek Drive SE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124	892-7987
Sheila Arce	4910 Tramway Ridge Dr. NE, #318, Albq. NM 87111	
Phil Pittman	C/O Ravenna Assisted Living, 3051 Twin Oaks Dr. NW Albuquerque, NM 87120	
Lorra Garner	Genesis, 9150 McMahon Blvd. NW Albq 87114	408-722-6482
Grover Donahoe	766 Hood Way SE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124	220-3839
Rod & Louise Warpole	600 First Street NE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124	332-9706
Mary Lou Schimke	7927 Jamestown Road NW, Albuquerque, NM 87114-4498	898-5911
Mac Esquibel	4544 Aguila Road SE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124	891-1469
Sister Barbara Kopecki	3800 W. Peterson Ave., Chicago, IL 60659	
Ella Jerome	813 Banco Court, Bernalillo, NM 87004	206-4894
Glynda Lester	10301 Golf Course Rd, SE, Albuquerque, NM	719-429-2506
Wanda Schierling	921 Purple Aster, Bernalillo, NM 87004	970-398-0501



	Gordon Golsan	Aug. 2	
	Gloria Sims-Graham	Aug. 3	
	Angela Rodriguez	Aug. 6	
	Doris Wells	Aug. 9	
	Ton Creveling	Aug. 10	
	Bobbie Morris	Aug. 11	
	Roberta Jockheck	Aug. 12	
	Del Larsen	Aug. 13	
	Paul Lewis	Aug. 13	
	Rebecca Nordhoff	Aug. 15	
	Dannye Bristow	Aug. 17	
	Judy Sampson	Aug. 18	
	Doris Donahoe	Aug. 20	
	Ben Kottenbrook	Aug. 22	
	Betty Sharp	Aug. 23	
	Jana Siverts	Aug. 25	
	Eileen Sever	Aug. 26	
	Lorraine Zapf	Aug. 27	
	Laverna McGrew	Aug. 27	
	Arlene Westgaard	Aug. 27	

Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

Gift Basket Ministry



Month of July baskets were delivered to the forest service 25 employees responsible for helping land owners. At least 200 wildfires occur on State and private lands within the district each year.

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HDUMC CHURCH PANTRY

Distribution dates for August are:

Friday, August 5 at 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, August 16th at 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, August 18th at 1:00 p.m.

August Collection: Rice (small bags) and Beans

Contact Mike Fawcett at (715)456-3044

for more information.
