

“Changing One Life at a Time”

HIGH DESERT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

REUBEN'S RAMBLINGS

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Happy New Year! Can you believe that it is already 2020? O how time flies! Remember all the concerns and worry when we welcomed 2000? People were worried that all the computers would shut down, causing chaos all over the world. I was still working for the Federal Highway Administration at that time and we spent months preparing for December 31. On January 1, 2000, I had to go back to my office in Santa Fe at 2 AM in the morning and let our Washington Office know that New Mexico was still here, and everything was normal.

Each year brings us new opportunities and new challenges. We don't know what is going to happen in 2020; we don't know what lies ahead of us in the coming months. But we can be sure of one thing and that is that Jesus Christ will be with us. Remember His final words in Matthew 28:20 – “And lo, I will be with you always, even to the end of the age.” All we have to do is to walk in faith. Let me give you some suggestions for walking in faith in 2020. First, if you have not already done it, set aside quiet time with the Lord each day.

Find some time each and every day to be alone with the Lord in prayer and reading the Bible.

As you study the life and ministry of Jesus in the Gospels, you see that Jesus was always in prayer with his Father. Mark 1:35 tells us: “Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary (quiet) place, where He prayed.” If our Lord and Savior needed time alone with His Father to meet the demands and temptations of each day, how much more do we need to spend time alone with God in prayer?

Psalm 119:105 states: “Your Word is a lamp to my feet and light for my path.” God has given us the best instruction manual for life, the Bible. Let the Bible be your roadmap or compass as you navigate the ups and downs of 2020. You could make it a goal to read through the Bible this year or to study certain books such as the Gospels or the Apostle Paul's letters. Or you could be like me and use different devotional books to guide your daily scripture readings. You may find the *UpperRoom* or *Daily Bread* to be helpful. If you really want a challenge

on giving your life to God, I would recommend *My Utmost for His Highest* by Oswald Chambers.

I would also encourage you to get involved in a weekly Bible Study. There's Tony Smith's Adult Bible Study on Sunday morning right after the 9 AM service. On Tuesday afternoon, we have a Bible Study at 1:30 PM which is studying various books of the Bible. And our Wednesday Class which meets at 6:30 PM is studying an overview of the New Testament and will be discussing the Gospel of John during January.

Finally, make it a habit to be in worship each Sunday. I have found over the years that there is nothing that compares to Christian fellowship. Hebrews 10:25 states: “Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another.” It is my hope and prayer that each of us will grow closer to the Lord in 2020.

Happy New Year!

Reuben



WOMEN WITH PURPOSE



Sorry to disappoint anyone, but we have no new, exciting outreach project for January. We are taking a sabbatical and will be back in full swing in February. Watch this space for further announcements!

– Wanda Golsan



BIBLE QUIZ

What were the two animals in the Old Testament that spoke to humans?

Answer on page 9

MY FAVORITE SCRIPTURE SERIES—SHARED BY FRANCIE LARSEN

Romans 10:9-14

That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. As the Scripture says, “Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame.” For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile; the same Lord is Lord of all who call on him, for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

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JANUARY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 9 & 11 a.m. Wesley Covenant Service <i>10: a.m. SS</i>	6	7 Bible Study 1:30 p.m.	8 Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir Practice 6:30	9	10 Food Pantry 11:00 am	11
12 9 & 11 am Worship 10 a.m. SS Congregational Care	13	14 Bible Study 1:30 pm Team Ministry 6:00 p.m.	15 Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir Practice 6:30	16 Food Pantry 1:00 pm	17	18
19 9 & 11 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. SS	20	21 Food Pantry 9am – 12pm Bible Study 1:30 pm	22 Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir Practice 6:30	23	24 6:30 pm Westside Emmaus Meeting	25
26 9 & 11 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. SS	27	28 Bible Study 1:30 pm	29 Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir Practice 6:30	30	31	

PANTRY PRIDE!

The Pantry served 42 families on Tuesday Dec. 17th and 57 families on Thursday, Dec 19th! 96 turkeys with stuffing had been donated and all were given away with only two left over. If you would like to volunteer, call Mike Fawcett at 715-456-3044.



Weekly Bible Study: A study subject for everyone!

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

Tuesday afternoon Bible Study meets at 1:30 p.m. to study the OT book of Esther, the first of the historical books. **Wednesday eve Bible Study** has started an overview on the New Testament; the time will coincide with choir practice.

FROM THE EDITOR:

Hope you all like the new additions to the Newsletter! I would love your feedback and ideas especially book reviews and favorite scriptures"; so please send them to me. You can contact me at generations4counseling@hotmail.com or phone 505-331-8894.

Francie Larsen



Next Deadline: January 28th

Lay Care Ministry

Lorra Garner	Skies Health and Rehab, 9450 McMahon NW, Albuquerque, 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	891-016
Rod & Louise Warpole	600 First Street NE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124	994-9339
Mae Washburn	Revenna Assisted Living, 3051 Twin Oaks Dr NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120	
Phil Pittman	1000 Riverview Dr SE, #242, Rio Rancho, NM 87124	301-7704
Glen Nesbitt	Advantage Asst Living, 1729 Wellspring Ave SE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124	
Irma Peter	3011 Southern Blvd., #3, Rio Rancho, NM 87124	951-897-2199
Sheila Arce	4910 Tramway Redge Dr NE #316, Albuquerque, NM 87111	
Jeanne Buchley	The Retreat, 4100 Jackie Rd SE, Rio Rancho NM 87124	



Anniversaries

Del & Francie Larsen	1/4/92
Don & Sity Roach	1/24/59



9 AM Service					
<u>Date</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Altar Flowers</u>	<u>Refreshments</u>
Jan. 5th	Dave and Sue Duranty	Judy Ballard	Jane Butel	Judy Ballard	
Jan. 12th		Earl and Dottie Hester	Gordon Golsan		
Jan. 19th		Emily Sue Chambers	Skip Chambers?		
Jan. 26th	Mike & Sandie Fawcett	Judy Ballard	Bryce Hendricks	Gordon and Wanda Golsan	
Jan. 5th	Gloria Graham	Bonnie Korngiebel Karen Malinka	Ron Komatz		
Jan. 12th	Nancy Perry-Sebrell	Lisa Isenberger Rose Meyer	Janet Greger		
Jan. 19th	Holly Benson	Ron Komatz Janet Gregor	Lisa Isenberger		
Jan. 26th	Rose Meyer	Nancy Perry-Sebrell Karen Malinka	Bonnie Korngiebel		

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

9:00 a.m. Service

Greeters: Pamela Lee, Linnette Carlson Earl & Dottie Hester, Ken & Wanda Schierling, Paul Lewis & Dave Zapf, Del & Francie Larsen

Ushers: Harold & Judy Sampson, Ken & Sandy Dewbre, Mike and Sandy Fawcett, Gordon Golsan, Bryce Hendricks, Trixie MacLay

Liturgists: Keith Witt, John Samford, Glenda Barber, Pastor Reuben

11:00 a.m. Service

Greeters: Gloria Graham, Holly Benson, Nancy Perry-Sebrell, Janet Greger

Ushers: Ron Komatz, Lisa Isenberger, Chuck Schimke, Janet Greger, Karen Malinka, Rose Meyer, Nancy Perry-Sebrell, Bonnie Korngiebel, Lisa Isenberger

Liturgists: Ron Komatz, Lisa Isenberger, Bonnie Korngiebel, Janet Greger

Altar Flowers: Lael Wellington, Sue & Glenn Hinchcliffe, Dann & Jody Meyer

Refreshments: Jan Herrington, Judy & Rueben Thomas, Lois Brister, Paul & Leuretta Lewis, Jane Ferguson, Linnette Carlson

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



“CABIN FEVER READING MATERIAL”

Simon Peter, Flawed but Faithful Disciple by Adam Hamilton: In his book, Adam summarizes the major stories of Peter in the New Testament. If you want to learn more about Peter, then this is an excellent book for your personal reading or as a guide for a Bible study. While Peter’s shortcomings are clearly on display in the Gospels, so also are his courage, his determination, his longing to follow Jesus even if it costs him his life. The Early Church knew how his story ended after his dramatic denial of Jesus on the night that Jesus was arrested.

Following Jesus’ resurrection and ascension, Peter would, in fact, become the rock upon which the church was built. He would carry his cross to follow Jesus. He would lay down his life for the gospel. While in Peter’s flaws Christians might see themselves, they might also see themselves in the moments of Peter’s courage and faithfulness, and ultimately they might see in him a picture of what they might aspire to be when empowered and led by the Spirit.

Book Review by Pastor Reuben Thomas



A BIG, BIG, Special thanks goes out to JUDY BALLARD, past editor of this newsletter!! She has been the creator and developer of the “word” that has gone out to High Desert United Methodist Church members for the past 6 years. Judy will still be a Reporter, so you will still get to read her articles. Discipleship comes in many different forms and she has been the one volunteer that has touched the whole Church membership every month. Again, **THANK YOU SO MUCH JUDY!!**





Places in the Bible Word Search



P U M X M P B O D Z H T D Q H
 J N A Y K E H Z B N E O B T J
 V E M S I C L H T G A N K H J
 D C T O I B V A E W V E E A A
 O Y Y R D I P T S V E D K R R
 V Q E P X O H S O U N E K R B
 C J Y S R S S Y H B R K U O C
 U Y B R E U L E B A B E Z M J
 Z T T M S C S T B D Z T J O B
 F U A M E H E L H T E B R G I
 V N Z P X I U H Q X C D S X W
 E E V M M N M S G Y A D C H M
 Y A B A A S H S F N Q E D T Y
 Y B I E L I P J B Z O J B O K
 C X X V R C Z I S R A E L A C

BABEL

BETHLEHEM

CYPRUS

EDEN

GETHSEMANE

GOMORRAH

HEAVEN

ISRAEL

JERICHO

JERUSALEM

JORDAN

SODOM

WHAT'S GOIN' ON

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.

Nov. 2019 collection for Meadowlark Methodist Food Pantry: Items are targeted for you to purchase to help replenish the shelves. Featured this month is: **cereal**. 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. **Don't forget we have glass 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.

**Bible Quiz Answer: A serpent (Genesis 3:1-4)
and an Ass (Numbers 22: 28-30)**

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. November 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.

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MEADOWLARK METHODIST CHURCH PANTRY

We take an offering on the first Sunday of every month to benefit the Food Pantry. On Sunday, January 5th a basket will be on the back table to receive your offering. Featured collection for January is: **Cereal and small boxes of oatmeal**

Distribution dates for January are:

Friday, Jan 10th. at 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, Jan 16th at 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan 21st at 9:00 a.m.

NOTICE: The Food Pantry is collecting plastic bags again!