

High Desert United Methodist Church

Monthly Newsletter July 2019

REUBEN'S RAMBLINGS

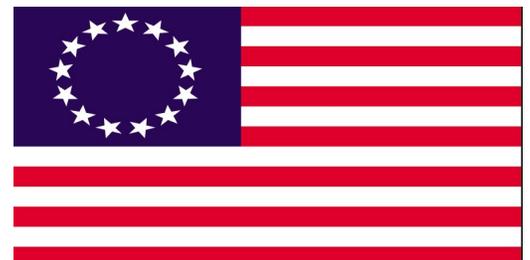
On July 2, 1776, as the excitement of independence flowed through the streets of Philadelphia, John Adams sat down at a desk in his rented room and wrote to his wife Abigail: "The second day of July 1776 will begin the most memorable event in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the Day of Deliverance by the solemn acts of devotion to God almighty. It ought to be celebrated with parades, shows, games, sports, bells, bonfires and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other end from this time forward forevermore." July 2, 1776, was the day for the final debate regarding Thomas Jefferson's draft of the Declaration of Independence. It was officially adopted two days later.

However, as we know, just declaring a separation from England did not make it happen. Words are useless without action to back them up. As Congress met in Philadelphia, British warships occupied the New York City harbor waiting for an opportunity for the British army to subdue the city and march inland to capture the members of Congress, now declared traitors by the English government. In his letter, Adams recognized the "toil and blood and treasures that it would cost to maintain this declaration." The 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence immediately became outlaws, subject to hanging if they were captured by the British Army. Most paid dearly for their desire for freedom and self-government.

The last sentence of the Declaration of Independence reads: "And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm Reliance on the Protection of divine Providence, we mutually **pledge** to each other our Lives, Fortunes, and our sacred Honor." Was their pledge in vain? Are we still one nation under God?

The answer to our nation's problems is not in advancing a particular political agenda or the dominance of one political party. Our root problems are spiritual and only a revival can reverse the moral tide of our country. The term revival refers to a special movement of God in which His church is refocused on His will for our country; a revival such as described in 2 Chronicles 7:14 - "If my people who belong to me will humbly pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land." As Christians, it is our responsibility to bring healing to this land by praying and living out our faith.

God has unquestionably blessed America. As believers we must ask ourselves: "Is America blessing God?" Back then John Adams could only have imagined what is now a reality. We are a great nation, but as we stretch our hands forward to greet the future, let us hold firmly to the hands that built our foundation – our heavenly Father. May the pledge of our forefathers not be in vain. Pray for our nation and its leaders; may we seek God's will. May God continue to bless America and may America continue to bless God. Happy 4th of July! Reuben





Women with Purpose

NOTE!
**There will be NO
regular meeting
in July!**

WWP's focus for August is more than a regular meeting because we are inviting the entire congregation to join us in this ambitious project: FEED NEW MEXICO KIDS. Our group has already been busy with collecting nutritious snack foodstuff specifically for this program. Our goal is to prepare at least 200 packets to be handed out on Fridays at Rio Rancho public schools. The amount in each packet is intended to last a weekend for these kids who are identified as homeless/needy. Our final surge in this activity is scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 4th at 2 p.m. where we will put the finishing touches on the contribution.

CALLING ALL MEN (told you everyone is invited) for heavy duty tasks including packing and lifting . . .

Calling all prayer warriors . . .

The following is a report from Lorraine Zapf: "I wanted to update you on the eye surgery on my right eye—the surgery is being postponed because the vision in my left eye is quite blurry. The ophthalmologist says it may be healing slower than expected due to dryness. The drops I'm using don't seem to be effective so he performed minor surgery on the tear duct to allow more moisture to stay within the eye itself."

MEADOWLARK METHODIST CHURCH PANTRY

We take an offering on the first Sunday of every month to benefit the Food Pantry. On Sunday, July 7th, a basket will be on the back table to receive your offering. Featured collection for July is:

canned vegetables (corn, beans, green beans, etc.)

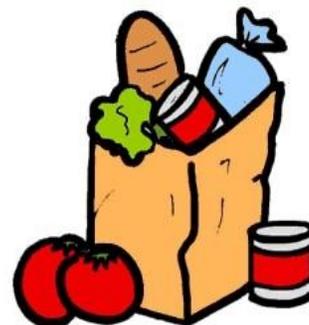
Distribution dates for July are:

Friday, July 5th at 9:00 a.m.

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

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

NOTICE: The Food Pantry is collecting plastic bags again!



Ooops!

My face is as red as these letters! Despite my title as editor, I missed a huge typo—the first line of Arlene’s lovely poem should read, “The Funnel” and not “The Runnel.” The sentiment is worth repeating the entire poem again!

A Walk in “The Funnel”

By Arlene Westgaard

“The **Funnel**” some ancient one named it.

We know it as Embudo —

A wonderful wilderness area

Where the presence of God can funnel
into your soul.

We walked there together, sometimes
hand-in-hand,

Sometimes single file where the trail narrowed.

The only sounds were the twittering of birds,
the chattering of a squirrel,

The scampering of a startled lizard and

The rustling of bushes as four yearling deer

Stepped cautiously into view.

It’s refreshing to be away from city sounds,

It’s refreshing to be able to hear God’s voice

In Nature’s stillness.

The trail leads back to the city,

But we can better face our busy lives

After a “walk” in the funnel .

Judy sez . . .

Items for next Newsletter
due by July 23rd.



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

James then Hebrews.

Wednesday evening

Bible Study is on hiatus for the summer



Who is Jabez?

This fellow is mentioned in only two verses in the entire Bible, yet he is remembered for a single sentence. Even more curious, his name is mentioned in 1 Chronicles, a book better known for a litany of who begat who—in other words, a ho-hum list of names. The author is unknown, but he suddenly stops in the middle of reciting names to acknowledge Jabez:

“Jabez was more honorable than his brothers, and his mother called his name, Jabez, saying, ‘Because I bore him in pain.’ Jabez called upon the God of Israel, saying, “Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my border and that your hand might be with me, and that you would keep me from harm so that it might not bring me pain!’ And God granted what he asked.” 1 Chron. 4:9-10, ESV

Another strange fact is that Jabez, in this long monotonous list, isn’t actually connected to a specific family. Yet his unshakable faith in his God will live on in these two profound verses. We would do well to model our relationship with God after *The Prayer of Jabez.*

July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i> <i>Bible Study</i> <i>1:30 p.m.</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> 	<i>5</i> <i>Food Pantry</i> <i>11:00 am</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i> 9 & 11 a.m. worship <i>10: a.m. SS</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> Bible Study 1:30 p.m.	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> VBS 6-8 .m.	<i>12</i> VBS 6-8 p.m.	<i>13</i> VBS 6-8 p.m.
<i>14</i> & <i>11 am</i> Worship 10 a.m. SS Bag Commodities <i>Congregational Care</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i> Food Pantry 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 1:30 pm	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i> Food Pantry 1:00 p.m.	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>21</i> 9 & 11 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. SS	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> Bible Study 1:30 p.m.	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i> 9 & 11 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. SS	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> Bible Study 1:30 pm	<i>31</i>			

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.

Ella Jerome	813 Banco Court, Bernalillo, NM 87004	206-4894
Frances O'Neal	1355 Meadowlark Ln SE, Apt. 150, RR, NM 87124	
Samuel Skinner	920 Riverview Dr. SE, #248, Rio Rancho, NM 87124	
Glen Nesbitt	Advantage Assisted Living, 1729 Wellspring Ave. SE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124	
Phil Pittman	1000 Riverview Dr. SE, #242, Rio Rancho, 87124	301-7704
Mae Washburn	Revenna Assisted Living, 3051 Twin Oaks Dr NW, Albq. 87120	
Lorra Garner	Skies Healthcare, 9150 McMahon Blvd. NW Albq. 87110	
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 Road NE, Rio Rancho 87144	296-7330



Birthdays, Con't.

Dottie Hester	7/28
Earl Hester	7/28
Shirley Rexroth	7/31

Anniversaries

Tony & Sheila Smith	7/4/82
Bob & Shirley Thompson	7/4/70
John & Lori Kottenbrook	7/12/91
Rose & Paul Meyer	7/22/70



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—Romans 8:28

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose." (KJV)
Jenny Kottenbrook says this is one of her favorite Bible verses especially since I found out I have cancer. My confidence is in my Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, that he will harvest glory from this situation and that it will work out for my good. Glory!!!



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.



July 2019 collection for Meadowlark Methodist Food Pantry: Items are targeted for you to purchase to help replenish the shelves. Featured this month is: **canned vegetables (corn, beans, green beans, etc.)** 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.

9 AM Service					
<u>Date</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Altar Flowers</u>	<u>Refreshments</u>
July 7	Judy Thomas Becky Kim	Keith Witt Janet Welch	Sandy Dewbre		
July 14	Ken & Wanda Schierling	Glenn & Sue Hinchcliffe	Glenda Barber	Judy Ballard	
July 21	Glenda Barber Trixie Maclay	Mike & Linda Bates	Jana Siverts		
July 28	Cyd & Bob Ahlborn	Frank Rotolo Linnette Carlson	Judy Ballatd	Earl & Dottie Hester	
		11 AM Service			
July 7	Nancy Perry-Sebrell	Lisa Isenberger Rose Meyer	Ron Komatz		
July 14	Holly Benson	Gloria Graham Nancy Perry-sebrell	Bonnie Korngiebel		
July 21	Gloria Graham	Karen Malinka Bonnie Korngiebel	Lisa Isenberger		
July 28	Lisa Isenberger	Jenny Kottenbrook 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: Gordon & Wanda Golsan, Bill & Kay Boss, Earl & Dottie Hester, Jana, Riley, Bailey Siverts, Randy & Eileen Sever

Ushers: Judy Ballard, Lael Wellington, Earl & Sakorn VanDoren, Harold & Judy Sampson, Bob & Cyd Ahlborn, Tony Smith, Jane Butel

Liturgists: Judy Ballard, John Samford, Gordon Golsan, Bryce Hendricks, Ken Dewbre

11:00 a.m. Service

Greeters: Holly Benson, Gloria Graham, Nancy Perry-Sebrell, Rose Meyer, Lisa Isenberger

Ushers: Judy Thomas, Bonnie Korngiebel, Rose Meyer, Lisa Isenberger, Karen Malinka, Gloria Graham, Nancy Perry-Sebrell

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

Altar Flowers: Charlene Brandt, Sue Hinchcliffe, Lael Wellington, In Honor of America

Refreshments: Jan Herrington for birthday cakes!

HDUMC BULLETIN BOARD



Important! This is a call-out for regular food pantry volunteers and anyone else compelled to lend a hand! All food pantry recipients (clients) must be re-registered in July. The three dates in July (5th, 16th, 18th) will coincide with the scheduled times of distribution of commodities. We need staff to help register these families **Also, we are collecting plastic bags again.**



NOTE! There will be no Team Ministry meeting in the month of July. New scheduled time is second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. Next meeting of the Ministry Team is Aug. 13th.



Reminder of one of the MANY community missions this church supports— Save all your aluminum pop tabs from soda, V-8 and yes, beer cans. This outreach supports the Ronald McDonald House, a program for the families of hospitalized children. For more info, see Lael Wellington. **FYI:** aluminum CANS are no longer being collected by HDUMC. Don't forget to put them in your own recycle bins.



HDUMC has received the *Cinco Estrellas* (Five Stars) Award for Excellence for its mission program at the New Mexico annual conference this year. This honor is not only due to the outstanding leadership of Sara Hendricks, but for this congregation's whole-hearted participation as well.



July



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*July is a time to celebrate together
Picnics, sports & cool shorts in warm weather
Family & friends, a walk in the park,
Music and dancing after dark.*

*Snapping pictures in a summer breeze
Helps to make July memories
As we do the things we love to do.
Hot dogs, apple pie and ice cream too.*

*Independence Day in a splendid way
Lights up the sky with dazzling display
Of fancy fireworks for me and you,
After a tangy, tasty barbecue.*

*History runs deep around July 4th
From east to west, from south to north.
America . . . On the fourth of July
Stands proudly as our flag raises high!*

*July offers fabulous fun in the sun
And when each glorious day is done,
It's a privilege to thank the Holy One
Who promises to bless the days to come.*

*Be it spring, summer, fall or winter
July is the month calling us to remember—
How we laughed and how we cried.
And oh, the good times coming next July!*

A poem by Tony Weaver

Vacation Bible School



High Desert United Methodist Church
4200 Meadowlark, Rio Rancho

Dates: July 11, 12, & 13, 2019

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 PM

All kids ages 3 through 12 welcome!

Food, Fun, Songs, Sports, Stories, Crafts

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