

High Desert United Methodist Church

Monthly Newsletter November 2019

REUBEN'S RAMBLINGS

For the last eighteen years, Judy and I have vacationed on Lake Jocassee in the mountains of South Carolina. We stay in a cabin at a State Park on this 7,600 acre lake that borders North and South Carolina. This year we decided to spend more time at the cabin and not running all over the state visiting family and friends, just relaxing and reading.

One day we decided to hike one of the two nature trails in the park. Now as I said, we have been coming here for eighteen years and had never taken time to walk this trail. We were always too busy going places and trying to pack so much in our vacation. Does that sound familiar?

The trail was just over 1.5 miles through dense woods, and a little strenuous in that you were constantly going up and down inclines on a primitive trail. At times the trail followed a stream with a pond and waterfalls. There were markers all along the trail identifying various types of trees, bushes and wildflowers; it was quite informative. It was one of the best hikes that I have ever taken, and it had been there for eighteen years! I will not make that mistake again; it is on my to-do-list for next year.

What have you been missing because you have been too busy? There are many possible answers to this question, such as trips, visits, phone calls, letters, projects, etc. But being a pastor let me make a few suggestions: start a daily quiet time, spend more time in prayer and reading your Bible, get involved in a service or mission project. Like me, you will regret that you didn't do it sooner.

Near our cabin was a dock that Judy and I enjoyed sitting on as we took in the magnificent view of the Blue Ridge Mountains surrounding the clear blue water of the lake. As we sat on the dock one sunny afternoon, the dock would occasionally rock as the waves from passing boats hit it. Have you ever thought how our words and actions create waves that rock the lives of other people? Remember the old saying: "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me." Yea, they do hurt and impact our attitude and destroy our happiness. There's another old saying: "a spoken word and a thrown stone cannot be recalled." With all the use of the social media today, a modern version would be: "a tweet, a text, or an email cannot be retrieved." We need to follow the advice of James 1:19 – "Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry." It is wiser to choose what you say than to say what you choose. As the waves from the passing boats rocked the dock that afternoon I was reminded that all of us need to think before we speak and to be more careful with how we treat others. In other words, don't make waves!

Thanks for letting me share some reflections from my lake trip. God Bless.
Reuben





Women with Purpose

Tues. Nov, 5th
6:00 p.m.
&
Wed. Nov. 6th
10:00 am

Once again, WWP will focus on 'Crossroads for Women,' an organization that serves the women emerging from the state penal system. This Albuquerque based nonprofit 'provides comprehensive services to empower these women to achieve safe, healthy and fulfilling lives in the community for themselves and their children.' Their mantra is, 'Breaking Cycles. Building Lives.'

HDUMC's Women With Purpose's goal is to help make their transition from prison life back into useful society easier, first by assuring them that Jesus Christ loves them unconditionally, and secondly that there are people who care specifically about each one of them. We will be preparing a gaily colored tote bag filled with various toiletries (lotion, toothpaste/toothbrush, deodorant, shampoo, body wash) and a few non essentials like a silk scarf, notepad, pen, gum, etc.



Why was Rahab not punished for lying? Joshua 2:1-21

MEADOWLARK METHODIST CHURCH PANTRY

We take an offering on the first Sunday of every month to benefit the Food Pantry. On Sunday, Oct. 6th a basket will be on the back table to receive your offering. Featured collection for Nov. is:

Canned Fruit

Distribution dates for October are:

Friday, Nov 1st. at 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, Nov 19th at 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, Nov 21st at 1 :00 p.m.

NOTICE: The Food Pantry is collecting plastic bags



again!

Dear Church Family,

I want to give you a report on our ambitious FEED NEW MEXICO KIDS project which has captured my heart and, I hope, yours as well. We are learning a lot about how to best use the money and food items you so generously donate.

I believe our service to others is most effective when we partner with people who have similar passions and are already at work doing good. We could give illustrations from any of the service activities of HDUMC, but Paul Rexroth, Gordon and I experienced this one recently and I want to share the details.

With our Feed New some extra work, many on my part, but I found a school already has a



an active parent group and school staff that has set a very encouraging and positive atmosphere for children. When you walk the halls, you can feel the love.

When Paul, Gordon and I delivered 150 food packets and when the parents saw the quality of the weekend food packets, one parent cried. Parents and faculty could see how our contributions could make their efforts even more impactful in the lives of their students.

Our giving becomes even more effective in reaching others when we partner with people who have shared a vision and who have already started actions that help others. Our contributions help expand what they are doing and the contributions help others make what they do more effective. When we partner in this way our work and our giving has an even greater positive impact for Christ.

WANTED: NEWSLETTER EDITOR!

. . . Yep, that's right. It's time to give someone else a chance to express their creativity . . . a fresh slant, new ideas. This has been a most satisfying task to give to High Desert, but I would like a break after 6 years. I will always be available to assist of course. I invite you to consider this duty perhaps in tandem with someone else if you are hesitant to take on the whole enchilada. I plan for my last edition to be January 2020—I started February 2014. Please consider this **prayerfully!**



So sorry, folks. Still no news on our move.

November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>Food Pantry 11:00 am</i>	2
3 9 & 11 a.m. worship 10: a.m. SS	4	5 Bible Study 1:30 p.m. 6:00 pm WWP	6 10:00 am <i>WWP</i> 1:00 pm Mission Team 6:30 pm Bible Study 6:30 Choir Practice	7	8	9
10 9 & 11 am Worship 10 a.m. SS Congregational Care meeting	11	12 Bible Study 1:30 pm Ministry Team 6:00 p.m.	6:30 pm Bible Study 6:30 Choir Practice	14	15	16
17 9 & 11 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. SS FEED New Mexico KIDS Bagging party	18	19 Food Pantry 9:00 am Bible Study 1:30 pm	20 Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir Practice 6:30	21 Food Pantry 1:00 pm	22	23
24 9 & 11 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. SS Blood Pressure check	25	26 Bible Study 1:30 pm	27 Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir Practice 6:30	28 Thanks- giving din- ner 2:00 pm <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i> 	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, 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	891-0165
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 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, Albuquerque, NM 87111	
Jeanne Buchley	The Retreat, 4100 Jackie Rd SE, Rio Rancho NM 87124	
Barbara Gatzweiler	920 Riverview Dr. SE, Apt. 136, Rio Rancho, NM 87124	505-891-4745



Anniversaries

None this month



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.

Scripture Sharing Series— I've posted this feature for over a year now (has it really been that long?), and I've observed a curious detail. All but two of the selected verses have been from the New Testament. The entire Bible has a total of 66 books: 27 form the New Testament and 39 make up the Old Testament. And as we have been educated, the OT is chock-full of wisdom . . . So why the imbalance of our favorite Bible verse? No matter, just a silly observation. But I'm posting one of my OT favorites: **"The Lord's loving-kindnesses indeed never cease, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning."** Lamentations 3:22-23. I'd like to issue a challenge here— can you find an Old Testament scripture with special meaning? Will you share it here? ~ **Judy Ballard**



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: **canned fruit** 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.



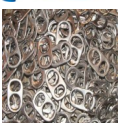
The Upper Room This Daily Devotional Guide is available in regular and large print. Copies may be found Sunday mornings on the back table. Be sure to get your copy! Or read online: <http://devotional.upperroom.org/>



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.

9 AM Service					
<u>Date</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Altar Flowers</u>	<u>Refreshments</u>
Nov. 3	Mike & Linda Bates	Pamela Lee Lael Welling	Jana Siverts		
Nov. 10	Ken & Sandy Dewbre	Ken & Wanda Schierling	Tony Smith	Rose & Paul Meyer	
Nov. 17	Judy Ballard Glenda Barber	Bryce Hendricks Warren Herrington			Jan Herrington
Nov. 24	Lael Wellington Pamela Lee	Earl Van Doren Emily Sue Chambers	Judy Ballard		
		11 AM Service			
Nov. 3	Janet Greger	Bonnie Korngiebel Diane Youells	Chuck Schimke		
Nov. 10	Gloria Graham	Lisa Isenberger Karen Malinka	Bonnie Korngiebel		
Nov. 17	Holly Benson	Ron Komatz Nancy Perry-Sebrell	Lisa Isenberger		
Nov. 24	Nancy Perry-Sebrell	Rose Meyer Chuck Schimke	Janet Greger		

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

9:00 a.m. Service

Greeters: Earl Van Doren, Emily Sue Chambers, Bill & Kay Boss, Wanda & Gordon Golsan, Pamela Lee, Lael Wellington

Ushers: Glenda Barber, Pamela Lee, John Samford, Lael Wellington, Mike & Sandie Fawcett, Paul Lewis, David Zapf

Liturgists: Gordon Golsan, Randy Sever, Ken Dewbre, Sandy Dewbre

11:00 a.m. Service

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

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

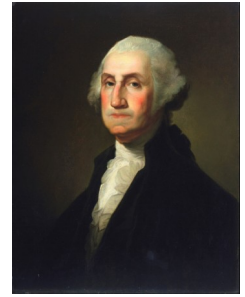
Liturgists: Ron Komatz, Janet Greger, Bonnie Korngiebel, Lisa Isenberger,

Altar Flowers: Charlene Brandt, Randy & Eileen Sever, Mike & Sandie Fawcett, Kottenbrook family

Refreshments: Jan Herrington

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

George Washington's 1789 Thanksgiving Proclamation



Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor; and Whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me to, *“recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.”*

Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies and the favorable interpositions of His providence in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now instituted for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and, in general, for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our National Government a blessing to all the people by being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide a; sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness to us), and to bless them with good governments, peace and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us; and, generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand, at the city of New York, the
3rd day of October, A.D. 1789.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "G. Washington".



HDUMC Bulletin Board

◆ Substitute Bus Driver Needed

If you are willing to occasionally drive the Church Bus, please see Jeff Pratt, Earl Hester or Reuben.

◆ Church Thanksgiving Dinner

We are be hosting a potluck Church Thanksgiving Dinner on November 28 at 2 pm. The turkey and dressing will be provided. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table.

◆ Christmas Bazaar

The United Methodist Women of Asbury UMC are having their 37th annual Christmas Bazaar on November 2, 2019, from 9 am – 3 pm; Asbury UMC is located at 10000 Candelaria NE in Albuquerque.

◆ Feed Wesley the Pig

Funds donated to Wesley the Pig are used to provide assistance to people who walk into our office for help. You may put your contribution in the blue pig on the back table or write “Wesley the Pig” on the memo line of your check to the church. Thank you!



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 Joshua, the first of the historical books.

Wednesday eve Bible Study has started an overview on the NT; the time will coincide with choir practice.



VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE:

JUDY BALLARD

HAS BANISHED HER LAND-LINE HOME PHONE!

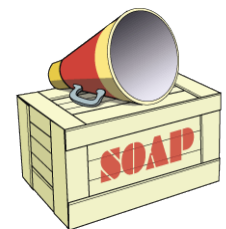
I will only be using my cell phone:

505-240-0912

Mark your church directories, please!



Judy sez . . .
Items for next Newsletter
due by Nov. 26th.



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