



## Capital News — March 20, 2023

### Caring for God's House - Together



#### The Holy Spirit at Work

The Capital News launched in October 2022 as part of the Capital Campaign of RRPC. The campaign has a monetary goal of at least \$400,000 to make major repairs to the building – the sacred space of RRPC. Part of the News project is to highlight how we share this sacred space with several other groups, that carry on similar ministries to our own. By making major repairs to the roof, stucco and parking lot, we are assuring that all of these groups, who are part of our extended family, will continue to have a safe and secure space for their ministries in Rio Rancho.

#### Here is a summary of these groups.

**AA** is a fellowship of people who come together to solve their drinking problem, free from outside influence. There are 475 such groups in the Albuquerque metro area. The goal is to help alcoholics achieve sobriety. The 12 Steps are a set of spiritual principles. The organization has 12 Traditions as well; these are traditions but are not rules. The Steps and Traditions can help people resist the obsession to drink and help the sufferer recover from alcoholism. The fellowship works through sharing stories – but it does not impose anything. AA works when there is a connection with other alcoholics. RRPC hosts 2 weekly meetings listed in the Witness calendar.

**AI-Anon**

Al-Anon is a mutual support program for people whose lives have been affected by someone else's drinking. By sharing common experiences and applying the Al-Anon principles, families and friends of alcoholics can bring positive changes to their individual situations, whether or not the alcoholic admits the existence of a drinking problem or seeks help. The primary purpose of Al-Anon is to provide support to the friends and families of alcoholics.

**Storehouse West** (SHW) is a local ministry with roots in our congregation, its first official location was RRPC. Storehouse West was created as a non-profit in 1992 to help alleviate poverty throughout Sandoval County (residents of Rio Rancho and surrounding communities). SHW is now at Veranda Drive and is a member of the Rio Rancho Chamber of Commerce, active in their Non-Profit Alliance. SHW serves individuals and families who are residents of Sandoval County and meet the federal income guidelines for low-moderate income households.

**Guardians of the Children** used our fellowship hall to have a Christmas Party for the children under their protection and care; we hope to see them again. This group are individual "bikers providing assistance and protection for abused children". The fellowship hall was filled with laughter and joy, Santa and the Grinch! Gifts were given, food was served, games were played. Much like any other Christmas party. But this party was different because it was in a safe space to be happy and celebrate.

For the last 5 years the **Chaplains**, a group of 4 to 12 people, have met at RRPC when their schedules and the church schedule meshed. They are folks who have been called to serve others. And that is probably the single common thread that describes each chaplain in the corps. The chaplains come from every walk of life, and where they serve is just as varied: In hospitals, in hospice for patients, families & everyone on the care team. In nursing homes, and as first responders to disasters (manmade and natural). They provide a ministry of presence.

**Share Your Care at RRPC** (SYC) is a non-profit adult day service, the largest day service in New Mexico. Although it uses facilities at 2 churches, it is not church affiliated. Share Your care provides adult day services at seven different locations across the state. The hours are 8am-4pm Monday-Friday. The Rio Rancho Presbyterian Church program opened in March 2010. Some families of RRPC church have participated in the program.

**New Horizons Band** We enjoy and are very appreciative to be able to come together at RRPC for Tuesday morning rehearsals. The band started in 2008 with 8 people and probably started rehearsing at RRPC in about 2016. Our mission is to provide a music outreach to particularly the older adult who once played in their youth, and to those who always wanted to play an instrument, and of course people already playing. Participating in music has been proven to benefit the older adult in many ways. It is a social outlet and is very helpful for the aging mind and it keeps people active. We welcome interested people to visit and check us out, to see if we are a fit for them in their current level of playing. Giving back is important to do. This is a way senior adults can do just that while having fun too. We provide concerts for the community.

***Did you realize we have established so many relationships within God's community?*** Isn't it wonderful that we are able to share God's house with these wonderful, life saving and life extending ministries among God's children? Everyone is welcome and included here --and it has been going on throughout RRPC's 30+ years!

***Thank you for your support!***

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