



NEWSLETTER

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Sunday Worship 9:00 AM

From the Desk of...

Pastor Bonnie

On my drives from Albuquerque to Estancia and on to Mountainair, I can't help but notice how the recent rains have dramatically changed the terrain. The hills are green. The air smells sweeter. The sudden rush of new plant life has given the mountains a soft and inviting appearance. No longer do irrigated fields stand out starkly against their parched surroundings. The landscape blends together in harmonious shades of life. Wow! What a difference a little rain brings!

The same is true when we invite the Holy Spirit into our lives. A little Spirit makes a HUGE difference! The dry unforgiveness that stands out starkly against innocence begins to fade. A sudden awareness of God's abundance colors humankind with gentleness and generosity. Acknowledgement of God's ever-presence with us draws the sweet perfume of love and joy into all our relationships.

Have you been wandering in a spiritually dry land? Are you thirsting for new life? Jesus says that if you ask, He will give you **living water** that will spring up into eternal life... and you will never thirst again. Welcome to the well of life! Drink your fill my friend.

John. 4:4-13

Administrative Council News

At the Administrative Council meeting on July 25, 2013, we performed a mid-year review of our annual budget. The review revealed that some of the budgeted categories were already overspent or in danger of running out of funds. However, there were a number of categories that had not spent any of the budgeted funds. Therefore, we are making the necessary adjustment by moving some of the funds from the unspent areas to the troubled areas. Some of the spending and income categories are fairly good as budgeted, even though income has decreased quite a bit these summer months. This not too unusual, but we will have to monitor this very closely as our bank balance has dropped at the rate of approximately \$3,000.00 a quarter or \$1,000.00 per month. This may be the time for the congregation to consider increasing their giving or begin giving in a more dedicated and systematic manner.

Another item discussed at the Council meeting, was the report given by Nick Griffo regarding the letter he had received from The Conference. The letter states that a decision was made at Annual Conference to qualify part time pastors for pension benefits. This came as quite a surprise to the Council members. We were told by the District Superintendent (DS) that we would not have to pay into the Pension Plan when Pastor Bonnie came to Estancia/ Mountainair. Her Compensation Package, approved by the DS and last years Charge Conference, did not include the funds for the Pension Plan. This could be a real **budget buster** for our church if the cost is what Pastor Bonnie estimated at \$350.00 to \$400.00 per month. We will have to address this at this year's Charge Conference. The Administrative Council did not take any action. Pastor Bonnie suggested some possible solutions to the situation but nothing concrete. Nick was requested to put together a plan to address the situation.

Pastor Bonnie announced that this years Charge Conference is scheduled for September 29, 2013. The time and location (Estancia or Mountainair) will be announced later. This means a lot of reports and other paper work has to be done in a short time. More information will be forth coming.

Carolyn Moore visited the Council meeting and gave an update on the membership task.

-Mel Stephenson

Mountainair UMC News



On July 28, Mountainair UMC hosted the July "Fifth Sunday Sing". Attendance was approximately 60. Bonnie did a masterful job of emceeing, and Kent Potter, Anna Hopping, and Nancy Karlsberger, accompanied by Patty Mahoney, offered a couple of songs, representing MUMC. Afterwards, we ate!

Sacramento Methodist Assembly (SMA) is a Christian Camp and Conference Center that was founded by the Methodist Church in 1931. Located in the Sacramento Mountains and surrounded by Lincoln National Forest, the camp is about 30 miles southeast of Cloudcroft, New Mexico. SMA provides a wide array of indoor and outdoor facilities and equipment (conference space, upscale and basic lodging, rollerskating, minibikes, a duck pond with paddle boats, a rock climbing and ropes course, dining facilities and the best apple crisp your pastor has ever had!) and can accommodate up to 400 people at one time. The camp is open year-round, and welcomes all who wish to visit and enjoy a fabulous mountaintop setting.

Why go to camp at Sacramento? Camp gets you out of your everyday life and away from the distractions of tv, phone, and activities that pull us all away from God. When there is time away in a Christian environment, a relationship with God can be nurtured and developed. Summer Camp at Sacramento is not just about getting away for fun. It is about growing in the Lord. Some of the most important and life changing decisions in people's lives have been made at camp. Emotional, physical, and spiritual revival make camp an important experience. Leadership and goal setting is encouraged. Self esteem is given a boost. New friendships and character can be built in a safe environment. Opportunities to try new adventures in a natural setting are provided. Memories will be made that last a lifetime. You are brought close to the creation God has made.

This year, three children and one adult coordinator from Estancia UMC attended Promise Seekers' camp for kids in 4th-6th grade. Here are a few of their favorite memories:

Promises Seekers camp, July 8-12, 2013, at Sacramento Camp and Conference of The United Methodist Church.

Trail of Triumph, The Brave Way

Trail of Stones: The stubborn way, Bible verse: But woe to the stubborn children, says the Lord... who carry out plans that are not mine. Isaiah 30:1

Trail of Silence: The listening way, Bible verse: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry. James 1:19

Trail of Mending: The forgiveness way, Bible verse: For if you forgive others when they sin against you, your heavenly father will also forgive you. Matthew 6:14

Trail of Unknown: The trust way, Bible verse: Trust in the Lord with all your heart... don't be wise in your own eyes. In all your ways acknowledge God and He will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-7

Trail of Hope; The never-give-up way, Bible verse: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. Matthew 7:7

Trail of Light and Life: The only way, Bible verse: I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6

We all (Julie, Jasmine, Michael, and Julius) would like to thank the congregations for the wonderful, fun, and blessed week we had at camp! It was a very beautiful, peaceful, emotional, joyful, spiritual, and all out amazing experience for us all! We learned a lot in our small groups that will help us stay on the path that God has chosen for us. We thank you all for the opportunity, we hope to continue and share this experience with others for many summers to come! Thank you,

-Julie Morales



June and July Baptisms



June 30, 2013 - Jolynda and Baby Abrianna



July 7, 2013 - Malachi and Baby Mieke

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 9 AM Worship 11 AM -Mtair	5	6	7 10:30:am Quilters	8 6:30 PM TRUSTEES	9 10	10 17 7:00 AM Mens Breakfast
11 9 AM Worship 11 AM -Mtair	12	13	14 10:30:am Quilters	15	16	24
18 9 AM Worship 11 AM -Mtair	19	20	21 10:30:am Quilters	22	23	31
25 9 AM Worship 11 AM -Mtair	26	27	28 10:30:am Quilters	29	30	





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A Christian Educator friend of mine, Christy Sorensen Albright, posted the following on Facebook... and I'm following her lead by 'reposting' the message here:

Special request to all you kids returning to school in August : If you see someone who is struggling to make friends or being bullied because he/she doesn't have many friends or because they are shy or not as pretty or not dressed in the most "in" clothes -- PLEASE step up. Say hi or at least smile at them in the hallway. You never know what that person might be facing outside of school. Your kindness might just make a BIG difference in someone's life! PARENTS and GRANDPARENT'S SHOULD RE-POST