



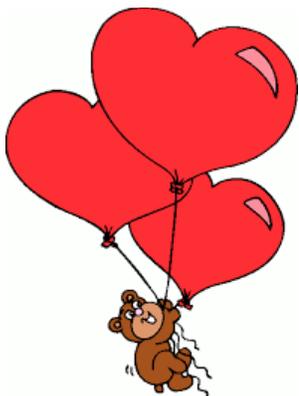
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From the Desk of...

Pastor Bonnie

Easter comes early this year – March 27. It's the earliest date on which Easter ever arrives. And so, Lent also begins early – on Ash Wednesday, February 10.

Instead of 'giving up' something this Lenten season; how about adopting a new spiritual practice, or revisiting an old one?

We're not perfect... all the more reason to reset our minds and souls to focus on God's calling on our lives. We have an opportunity to reflect on times when we think we've failed; so that we can be reminded that, with God, we can never really fail if we're at least trying. It is...simply *grace*.

Here are a few ideas, suggested by Laurens Glass, for growing spiritually this Lenten season:

1. Count to 10 - Your mother was right — counting to 10 is an age-old axiom for a reason. Our first reactions to things may be influenced by how stressed we are at the moment, what just happened in that meeting, or where our blood sugar levels are hovering. Do you really want to snap at someone because you are mad at someone else? Especially if that someone else is yourself? Taking a few seconds to think before speaking takes discipline and practice. But taking time to respond when you feel emotional is a spiritual exercise that will help you be more centered and more caring.

2. Breathe - Breathing is an involuntary response of the body, one that happens regardless of whether we're aware of it. But breathing can become shallow or quick when we are anxious or stressed — and that is when we need oxygen the most. There are over 30 verses in the Bible that mention breath and they seem often to be connected to or representative of Spirit, of God. Mindful breathing is essential to our spiritual life because it connects our heads with our bodies and our bodies with our hearts.

The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life. — Job 33:4

*And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,
"Receive the Holy Spirit. — John 20:22*

3. Think positive thoughts - I read somewhere that human beings think three or four negative thoughts to every single positive one. Some admit to worrying to the point of distraction about the future. When things are going wrong, that's the most difficult time to be positive — and sometimes you just have to go to bed! But a steady stream of hopeful or reassuring thoughts can help bring us back to the truth that we are not alone.

“I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:13

4. Love (and forgive) yourself - One of my favorite Bible verses ever, but one that has taken years for me to comprehend is “love your neighbor as yourself” (Luke 10:27, among others). What does that really mean? I struggled with thinking loving the self was... well, selfish. Now, as an adult, I understand that you cannot love and accept others if you do not love and accept yourself. You cannot express unconditional love if you do not first practice it with yourself. Holding on to guilt can impact relationships because it blocks the flow of communication, of love itself. Practice grace — with yourself. You can't truly live your life until you do.

5. Love (and forgive) one another - Such a simple directive. Did He really mean the ones we disagree with, too?! Learning to love in the manner Christ intended is more of a lifetime goal than an immediate accomplishment. The progress sneaks up on you over months or years. Forgiving people who have hurt us may well be the most difficult task we are asked to perform as Christians. But if you keep “carrying all that anger, it'll eat you up inside,” as Don Henley sang. The subtitle of the Rev. Adam Hamilton's book on forgiveness is, “Finding Peace Through Letting Go,” and it means just that. It's a process. Just keep working at it.

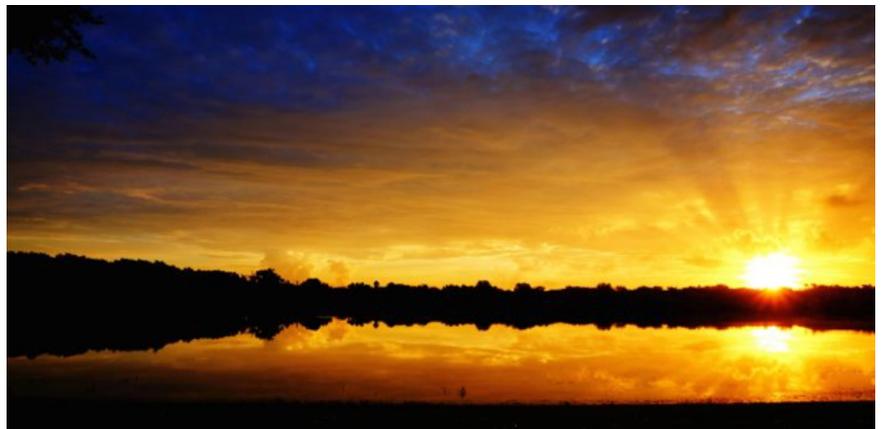
6. Pray right where you are - Anne Lamott writes that prayers are usually “Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!” or “Help me! Help me! Help me!” But as I grew spiritually, I began to pray for other people even when I, myself, was hurting. It's been a powerful practice that has changed my perspective about what others go through and how many blessings I actually have. A daily devotional, like the one offered at The Upper Room, a book of prayers from around the world, “A Bead and a Prayer,” and even crying, are all ways you can connect with God. Pray. Pray in the way that works for you. Even if you haven't in a while, even if you don't believe it works... God's not afraid of your doubt. Praying is something you can do *wherever* you are.

7. Be grateful — and be joyful - I woke up one morning when all I wanted to do was cry, and I heard clearly in my head: “*This is the day that the Lord hath made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.*” (Psalm 118:24) So, I played “Happy” by Pharrell Williams, instead. Gratitude is a spiritual practice that will change your life. It's not just that it shifts your focus from what you *don't have* to what you *do have*. It can lift your spirits in such a way that helps you cope when you are down. Joy is an inside job but it can be inspired by external things. Music. Children. Nature. Art. Find them, and be grateful!

8. Think of the other fellow - That's another thing my mother used to say. “And you'll feel better.” When I was little, I thought doing things for others was about, well, others. It was the right and proper thing to do; but I wasn't sure it was necessarily fun. As an adult, I realized it did far more for me than it ever did for anyone I ever helped. The Wesleyan tradition teaches that faith and good works belong together. “We offer our lives back to God through a life of service.” You cannot help someone else and not be changed yourself. Which may be the coolest paradox of, “do unto others as you would have done unto you.” Try it.

You don't have to master all these spiritual practices in a week, in the course of the 6 weeks of Lent, or even in this coming year. But you can earnestly strive to be more spiritual. It is an on-going practice. A decision you can re-make daily. Good luck!

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Money Matters

I wanted to let the congregation at Estancia United Methodist Church know about some of the changes that have taken place since the beginning of 2016. First of all, I have taken over the Treasurer and Finance Secretary positions from Vickie Coburn. Vickie did an outstanding job of taking care of our church's finances for many years. Be sure to thank her for her hard work and dedication. Now she has the task of training me! I will try to do my best with her, and God's, help.

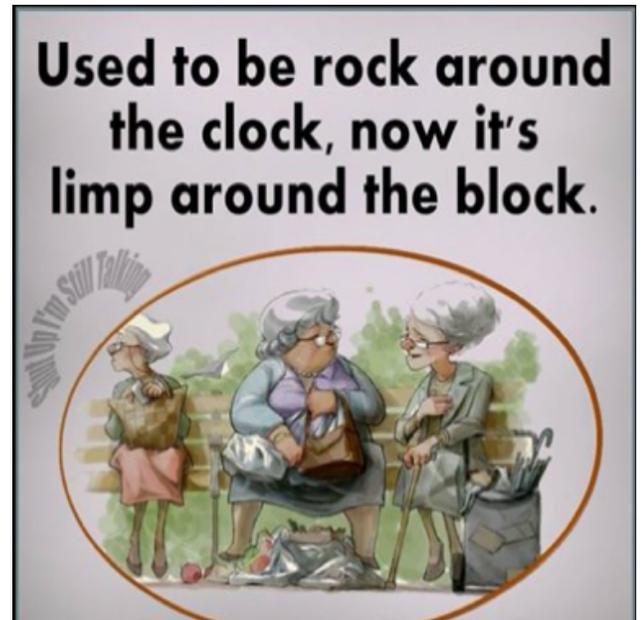
Secondly, all New Mexico conference churches began a new "tithing" approach this January. The proposed new system detailed in the NM Annual Conference "Tithing Times" is as follows: We will no longer receive a bill from the conference telling us what we should pay for each Shared Ministry as we have done for a long time. Instead, we will pay a set amount to the Board of Pension and Health Benefits as well as 8% of our monthly income (regular giving, tithes, camp fund, etc.) This will end up being about 10% of our total income. According to the conference, a "tithing church" will be one that successfully pays both parts of the newly defined Shared Ministries. Estancia UMC has a long history of being able to pay our apportionments and Shared Ministries, so this should not be a problem at all for us to do.

Finally, the Administrative Council has decided that the church's finances should be published in the monthly newsletter. This information will include our monthly receipts and expenses, general fund balance, and monthly tithe paid to the conference. Since I'm writing this before January is over, I have decided to include all of these amounts for January in the February newsletter. Our general fund balance on January 1st was \$11,177.25, and we paid \$344.42 to the NM conference for our December tithe.

Please let me know if you have any questions about our church's finances.

In Christ's Service,
Julie Griffo

Financial Corner: Mountainair UMC	
General Account	
MyBank Balance, Dec 1	\$4,729.17
December Receipts	\$1,429.53
December Disbursements	\$1,113.08
MyBank Balance, Dec 31	<u>\$5,045.62</u>
Investment Account	
Balance, Dec 31	<u>\$7,943.00</u>



52 Messages of Hope! Pastor Bonnie is wrapping up a sermon series on HOPE. Every Sunday we have heard another reason for us, as Christians, to be hope-full! Following is a *very brief synopsis* of the Hopeful Message preached in January.

Date	Sermon Notes	The Reason for Our Hope
1/3/16	<p>In the story of the Magi – the Wise Men – we learn of their epiphany: Jesus, the King of Kings, has been born! Although He appears to most to have been born in lowly state, no one worthy of knowing, naming, or numbering; this is no common child. But only the Star-Gazers from the east took note. Only <i>they</i> went to search for the child, to honor Him. The Herald Angel had to call the rest.</p> <p>Apostle Paul reveals another epiphany to the 1st century church in Ephesus: Gentiles are called to be joint heirs with Christ! He is the first Apostle to grasp the importance of this great revelation. It takes years for the others to catch on.</p> <p>I wonder – why did ONLY the Magi understand the relevance of the star? Why was the mystery of inclusivity understood at first ONLY by Paul? Why do people today continue to shun the Gospel message? Why do those who claim to embrace it, so often behave as if it is foreign doctrine?</p>	<p>Here is the reason for our hope: Jesus has bridged the chasm between sin and salvation! The Way is no longer hidden. The mystery has been revealed. It is no secret what God can do: Empower us to love our enemies; Empower us to comprehend His Word; Empower us to serve as His emissaries; Empower us to communicate with Him through prayer. Everyone <i>can</i> be saved. Everyone <i>is</i> given the gift of eternal life in Christ... it is NO SECRET – <i>if only we would believe</i>. Open your heart to Jesus and his love will enlighten your path. Arise, shine, for your light has come!</p>
1/10/16	<p>In the Book of Acts, we see a ‘picture’ of what being Christian is supposed to look like: people sharing possessions in common; selling their land and giving the proceeds to the poor; praying and fasting together. Luke reports that when the Apostles heard about the Samaritans being baptized, Peter and John went to them and laid hands on them... that they might also receive the Holy Spirit.</p> <p>Wait, what?! They had been baptized in the name of Jesus and HAD NOT RECEIVED the HOLY SPIRIT?! Is it possible to be marked for salvation (through baptism) and yet NOT have the presence of the Holy Spirit with us?! YES, my friends, it’s true. And this is a great problem in the church today. Many have the outward appearance of believers, but not the power. The power comes through the Holy Spirit!</p>	<p>Here is the reason for our hope: John Wesley, the founder of the Methodism, observed this same conundrum in the 18th century Anglican Church – the outward appearance of Christianity without the power of the Holy Spirit flowing through it. His corrective? Like Jesus told Nicodemus, “You must be born again!” Many of us may ask, like Nicodemus did, “How can that happen?!”</p> <p>Thanks be to God, there IS an ANSWER. Here’s how Wesley put it: 1st – Do no Harm. 2nd – Do all the Good you can. And 3rd – Keep all the Holy Ordinances of God (keep His Commandments; read and study His Word; participate in Communion as often as possible (Wesley suggests daily!); Fast; Pray; Engage regularly in acts of Mercy, Justice, Piety, and Worship); and participate in an Accountability Group (Wesley called them Bands and Classes.)</p> <p>Want the power of the Holy Spirit in your life; or do you just want to ‘look like’ a Christian? The Power awaits you!</p>
Date	Sermon Notes	The Reason for Our Hope
1/17/16	<p>When the Holy Spirit was gifted to the Apostles their eyes were opened, their ears unstopped, their memory and comprehension of Jesus’ life and teachings became truly meaningful, and the POWER of the Holy Spirit became manifest! The Apostles came out of hiding. Peter’s first sermon resulted in over 3,000 conversions. The lame were healed, the demon-possessed were freed, a people who walked in darkness finally saw the Light! And The Word was scattered to the far corners of the known world.</p> <p>And then EVERYONE wanted to wield that same POWER. The Book of Acts records what followed. Church leaders were split over requirements to be placed on gentile converts. Apostles and believers were beaten, jailed, and martyred. Anger, jealousy, and deceit sprang up within the community. Suspicion arose throughout the Empire. People wanted that POWER.</p> <p>I know a person who, for decades, had desperately coveted the power of speaking in tongues. She prayed and prayed and prayed for that gift. Now quite elderly and widowed, she still doesn’t have the gift of speaking in tongues. For many years this person pretended to be faithful. But disappointment, anger, and jealousy brewed just under the surface of her finely painted smile.</p>	<p>But here is the reason for our hope: Paul presents, in I Corinthians Chapter 12, a litany of Spiritual Gifts: Wisdom, Knowledge, Faith, healing, Miraculous Powers, Prophecy, Distinguishing between spirits, Speaking in different kinds of Tongues, Interpretation of Tongues... and he is quick to point out that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) These gifts are NOT available through ‘mute idols.’ 2) All these gifts are the work of the one Holy Spirit. 3) The Spirit determines the best distribution of gifts. 4) Gifts of the Spirit are given for the common good – to build up the entire believing community. <p>My friend, who wanted the POWER of speaking in tongues, has instead the gift of speaking in English. Over the years, she has learned to use THAT gift; and has become a powerful counselor for those who suffer from drug addiction. The Spirit has gifted YOU, too.</p> <p>Are you using your gift in a way that would please God? Are you building up the community? Or are you wasting your life in disappointment, jealousy and anger, praying instead to have someone else’s gift? Trust the wisdom of the Spirit to provide exactly what is needed, at the time it’s needed, to the person who needs it! And then PRAY that each one is emboldened to use those gifts as intended – to build up the community.</p>

1/24/16	<p>The Apostle Paul wrote to his church in Corinth about spiritual gifts, comparing the variety of gifts to the variety of human body parts, and declared that ALL were necessary to the proper functioning of the whole. The body functions best when each part does its job. Hands should hold. Eyes should see. Ears should hear. Likewise, prophets should prophesize. Teachers should teach. Healers should heal. The generous should give. In fulfilling our assigned role (in applying our God-given spiritual gifts), the entire body (the body of Christ) is made whole, healthy, purposeful, capable.</p> <p>But have you ever thought about Jesus' spiritual gifts? When the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus at his baptism, what gift was given him? What unique role was assigned? Certainly Jesus could heal. He raised Lazarus from the dead. Certainly he had the gift of miracles – remember how he changed the water to wine? For sure Jesus was a teacher – think of all the parables he shared with his disciples! Wait, could it be that his unique gift was DEATH?! Didn't he come to die for our sins?</p> <p>Jesus himself revealed his unique gift. It's recorded in the Gospel of Luke, chapter 4, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because <u>he has anointed me to bring good news</u> to the poor. He has sent me <u>to proclaim</u> release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down... saying "Today <u>this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.</u>"</p>	<p>And here is the reason for our hope: Jesus came <i>to proclaim and fulfill</i> God's Word. He is a proclaimer. And in his proclaiming, the Old Testament Scripture is fulfilled. His healing acts were acts of compassion. His miracles were object lessons. His death was the result of his obedience. But his GIFT, his unique role in God's plan for salvation, was <i>proclamation and fulfillment of scripture.</i> And for his obedience to that calling, he gave his life.</p> <p>The Word he proclaimed is eternal. This world and all that is in it will pass away; but the WORD proclaimed by Jesus will never pass away: good news for the poor, release for the captives, recovery of sight for the blind; the oppressed will go free, for we are now living in the year of the Lord's favor. Amen!</p>
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Following are the **Revised Common Lectionary** readings for the last Sunday in January and the month of February. If you read each week's recommendations consistently, over the course of three years, you will have read nearly the ENTIRE BIBLE! Try it!!

January 31	February 7	February 10	February 14	February 21	February 28
<input type="checkbox"/> Jeremiah 1:4-10 <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 71:1-6 (UMH 794) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 4:21-30	<input type="checkbox"/> Exodus 34:29-35 <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 99 (UMH 819) <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 9:2-36 (37-43a)	<input type="checkbox"/> Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 51:1-17 (UMH 785) <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	<input type="checkbox"/> Deuteronomy 26:1-11 <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 (UMH 810) <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 10:8b-13 <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 4:1-13	<input type="checkbox"/> Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 27 (UMH 758) <input type="checkbox"/> Philippians 3:17-4:1 <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 13:31-35	<input type="checkbox"/> Isaiah 55:1-9 <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 63:1-8 (UMH 788) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 13:1-9
	Transfiguration Sunday	Ash Wednesday	First Sunday in Lent	Second Sunday in Lent	Third Sunday in Lent

NM Conference Calendar UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event	Location
>Feb. 4 - 6 >Feb. 10	Fusion - Future of Worship UMC Jan. Operational Income Report Due with 8% Tithe	Raleigh, NC
>Feb. 12-18 >Feb. 16 >Feb. 17 >Feb. 19-20	CCYM - HS Winter Camp TMF - ...Bountiful Generosity TMF - ...Bountiful Generosity AWAKEN - Youth Leadership	Sacramento St. Paul's UMC, ABQ St. Mark's UMC, El Paso Denver
>March 4-6 >March 6 >March 11-13	ROC - Middle School Camp Bishop Bledsoe in Worship UMW Spiritual Retreat	Sacramento First UMC, Deming Sacramento
>April 15-17 >April 22-24 >April 27	SWIFT Young Adult Spring Work Camp Clovis District Youth Work Camp NMAC 24 hours to Pray for General Conf	Sacramento Sacramento
>May 10-20 >June 2-4	UMC General Conference NM Annual Conference	Portland, OR Roswell, NM

HEALTHY CHURCH INITIATIVE UPDATE

The Healthy Church Initiative has been an intense experience. The goals of HCI are to determine the health, vitality and direction of our church and to discuss ideas about how our church can become healthier.

We spent quite a bit of time learning about our community, our church, and ourselves. In September, our HCI Team participated in a consultation weekend. The consultation ended with a list of strengths, concerns, and prescriptions (recommendations) to improve Estancia United Methodist Church. EUMC's strengths were:

- 😊 Our participation in community and ecumenical activities such as 4th of July and Worship in the Park.
- 😊 Pastor Bonnie's hospital visitation and pastoral care for those who cannot attend church.
- 😊 Our church, fellowship hall/education building, parsonage is extremely attractive, well cared for, and provides ample space for activities.

Of concern were:

- 😊 The need for more "embeddedness" in the community by our pastor or a EUMC representative. This means being more visible and active in local events such as games, town/county meetings, etc. Embedding God's presence allows greater opportunities to reach those seeking a church home and to touch those who are unchurched.
- 😊 Sunday service has experienced a loss of energy and is not engaging to all age groups.
- 😊 The empty parsonage represents a missed opportunity to generate rental income and to use that money for ministries.

We held a "town meeting" to discuss the HCI consultants' prescriptions. We agreed with the intent of the recommendations, however, rejected the deadlines for activities. The deadlines were not achievable with the upcoming holidays. In summary, the prescriptions were:

1. Local Pastoral Leadership: Identify EUMC members to participate in lay leadership training in order to provide greater engagement in our community. This will address the first concern above.

To date: Julie and Nick Griffo attended the first training for lay leaders. We are investigating the certification process and dates for additional trainings. Melanie Chavez will participate in trainings at a later date.

2. Passionate Worship: Create a worship design team including musicians, Pastor, worship leader, and other leaders. The worship design team will visit three other church services then modify EUMC's Sunday service to be inclusive of all ages and allow greater accessibility for new people.

To date: At the most recent Ad Council meeting, we discussed attending one contemporary service and two blended services in Albuquerque. We chose times that would have the least impact on Sunday service. We anticipate the modified service will be a blend of traditional and contemporary services. We are particularly interested in how that looks at other churches. Soon we will choose dates so we can all attend together and then discuss our experience.

Chapter 2 of Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations, by Robert Schnase, is required reading prior to our fieldtrips. I think the whole book is excellent and all EUMC parishioners should read it!

3. Maximize Opportunities for Ministries: Rent the parsonage asap and to use the money to hire a ministry assistant

To date: At this point it is not feasible to rent the parsonage as we are unclear if we will have a new pastor in June. Once we have clarity about pastoral assignments and if the new pastor will live in the parsonage, we will proceed. Either way, the parsonage needs to be repaired and repainted prior to consistent use. The Trustees will coordinate the effort and the whole congregation is invited to help!

We continue to work together to be visible and bless others. Elaine Darnell will continue to coordinate school blessings. We will give snack blessings to spring athletes (middle and high school track, baseball and softball) when the seasons start. We are also making Valentine cookie blessing plates for all Estancia School staff members. Please bring cookies to church on February 7th!

The Ad Council welcomes your suggestions. Please call Melanie Chavez if you have questions, concerns and/or suggestions!!

Improving our Visibility in our Community

One of our church's prescriptions from the Healthy Church Initiative is to find ways to increase our visibility in our community. To accomplish this, the Administrative Council has decided that one area we will focus on is the recognition and support of our Estancia school athletes and staff. During the fall semester, we provided cookie trays for each school building and delivered pencil bouquets for each and every teacher. We included a note to let them know that Estancia United Methodist Church is praying for their safety and success.

We also recognized our Middle School and High School athletes by providing some healthy snacks and water for an away game, and letting them know that we are praying for their safety and success. Because of some generous donations, we provided healthy snack bags and water for the Middle School Football and Volleyball teams and the High School Cross Country team. At January's Administrative Council meeting, Pastor Bonnie reported that we have received permission from the Albuquerque District Missions Committee to use the remaining \$380 of our grant money from the Wednesday Family Night program for the Athlete Snack Bag program. **YAY!!! Please come help us assemble the next round of 75 snack bags on Sunday, January 31st after church in Fellowship Hall.** These will be delivered to the High School Girls and Boys Basketball teams. We will also assemble and provide snack bags to Middle and High School Baseball, Softball, and Track teams sometime in the spring.

Valentine's Day is nearly here and we plan to show all of the Estancia staff that we love, support, and pray for them by delivering cookie trays to every building once again. Thanks to all who have volunteered to provide cookies – including *Julie Griffio, Alma Wimsatt, Vickie Coburn, Terry Ann Moore, Barbara Simms, Tamma Widner, Donna Neish, and Elaine Darnell*. **Please have your cookies at the Fellowship Hall by Sunday, February 7th. We will assemble the cookie trays after church and deliver them to our Estancia staff on Monday, February 8th.....Elaine Darnell**

Do We Really Need One Another?

“The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body – whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free – and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.” 1 Corinthians 12:12-13

Believers have two responsibilities. The first is to worship God and the second is to work for His kingdom. Where and how we serve is based upon our unique talents, skills, and calling. But the one place where we are all expected to give of ourselves is the local church.

When you were saved, the Lord baptized you by the Holy Spirit into His church—the body of believers who live all over the world but are united by trust in Jesus Christ. You then chose, according to the will of God, to become part of a local, autonomous group of believers. He placed you there because He knows that you are needed (1 Cor. 12:18). You are significant to your home church.

The church is more than a community. It is an interdependent body with individual members who were created by God to function in communion with one another. We Christians, like the world at large, are a diverse group, and that means we often have to strive hard for unity. But our differences are actually something to be celebrated, because each person uniquely contributes to God’s purpose. A church that is truly operating as a unit—with all its varied gifts, talents, personalities, and intellects focused toward kingdom goals—must be a beautiful sight before the Lord.

Christianity isn’t a spectator religion. We all have jobs to do in God’s kingdom. The body of Christ functions best and most beautifully when all members resolve to serve God and each other to the best of their ability (v. 25). What are you doing for your church?

From the online devotional, In Touch with Dr. Charles Stanley, January 25, 2016.....*Julie Griffo*



Butch giving the Kings Kids lesson.



Learning a new Song

**HONK IF YOU LOVE
JESUS ... "TEXT" ...
"WHILE DRIVING" IF YOU
WANT TO MEET HIM**



February



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 7am Pastor's Breakfast, ABQ	4	5	6
7 Imposition of Ashes in Mountainair  Altar Color – White or Gray	8	9 Fat Tuesday	10 Ash Wednesday ☐ 7am Pastor's Breakfast, ABQ ☐ 11:30 Faith @ Work in ABQ ☐ 1:30 Prayer @ Moore's (303 N Walker)	11	12	13
14 Valentine's Day  Altar Color – Purple	15	16 2-6pm MtAir Promised Land / Road-runner Food Bank	17 7am Pastor's Breakfast, ABQ	18 11-2 AMA – Pastor Bonnie	19	20
21 Altar Color – Purple	22	23	24 7am Pastor's Breakfast, ABQ	25	26	27
28 Altar Color – Purple						



I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts. -- Will Rogers



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One Great Hour of Sharing

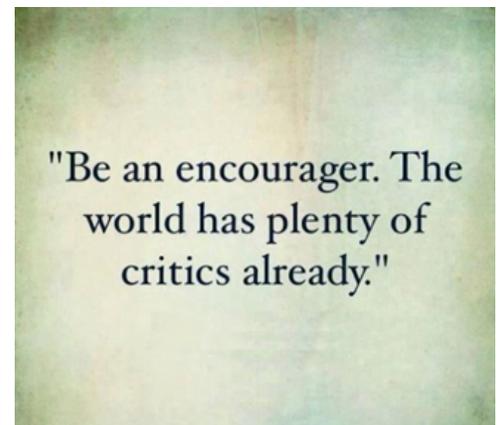
A Note from **Rev. J. Denise Honeycutt**, Deputy General Secretary, United Methodist Committee on Relief

One of our biggest Special Sundays, **One Great Hour of Sharing**, is on the horizon. **On March 6, 2016**, you have an opportunity to participate with thousands of other congregations throughout the world in a special offering to support the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). When you support One Great Hour of Sharing, you help cover the operating budget of UMCOR. Your support makes it possible for UMCOR to direct 100% of all other contributions to the projects our donors specify, instead of using this money on administrative or fundraising costs.

UMCOR is an incredible organization ...

- When Katrina struck in 2005, UMCOR was there with heartfelt prayers, tears, monetary donations and volunteering spirits.
- After earthquakes struck Japan and Haiti, UMCOR was there.
- After forest fires displace hundreds of families, UMCOR is there.
- As millions of refugees and migrants seek out safety and opportunity, UMCOR is there.

*All over the world, UMCOR is there, **providing compassion and hope to those who desperately need it.***



Thank you for your continued support and I sincerely hope you and your congregation will give generously on **March 6**. God bless you! Happy New Year!