



NEWSLETTER
OF THE
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Sunday Worship 9:00 AM

*From the Desk of... **Pastor Bonnie***

I cannot believe that Summer is already here! I'm SO EXCITED about the opportunities we have coming up:

The **Mountainside Jug Band** will be at both churches leading worship on **Pentecost Sunday, June 8**. Bring your friends and neighbors for a toe-tappin' good time as the Holy Spirit ignites a fire!

On **June 15, Father's Day**, we'll celebrate with a joint **Worship Service in the Estancia City Park at 10am**. Bring your lawn chairs & sunscreen!

June 29 is a 5th Sunday & you know what that means – **5th Sunday Hymn Sing at the Mountainair Church!** Come hear some of the best talent this side of the Mississippi!

Looking forward to July, we're negotiating with the City of Estancia to bring back a church-supported **4th of July Celebration** that includes food, fun, and fireworks... **and maybe hay wagon rides provided by Mr. McGee!** Stay tuned for more details!

Blessings to All... have a safe and fun-filled summer!

-Pastor Bonnie



Family Movie Night

Starting **Wednesday June 4!**

Facing the Giants (a football story with heart!)
Weekly **Wednesday, 6pm-8pm** in Fellowship Hall

June 4 – July 30

Get some Popcorn & Enjoy the Show !!

Wednesday Family Movie Night Schedule		
Date	Sponsor (your name goes here!)	Movie
4-Jun	Nick & Julie Griffo	Facing The Giants
11-Jun	Bill & Barbara Simms	Frozen
18-Jun	?	?
25-Jun	?	?
2-Jul	?	?
9-Jul	?	?
16-Jul	?	?
23-Jul	?	?
30-Jul	?	?

Need a Good Summer Project? Try these out...

Sponsor a Family Movie Night: Pick out a good movie you'd like to share on a Wednesday night in June or July. Select a snack to share (popcorn is always good!) Contact Pastor Bonnie (505-271-0486) ASAP to get your movie on the schedule and she'll create a mini-Bible lesson to go with it. Bring your movie DVD, snacks, and arrive 15 minutes early on the scheduled Movie Night to help set up – Enjoy!



All Armies Run on Their Stomachs – Help Keep our Christian

Soldiers Fed & Watered! Bring snacks for Estancia's after-church fellowship on Sundays. See the schedule in Fellowship Hall.

Entertain Little Ones on Movie Night: Some families have children too young to sit through a movie. Having a nursery available is a big help! Little ones will be entertained at the parsonage. If you can help one night (or more!) please let Pastor Bonnie know.

Keep Our Churches Sparkling! Cleaning help is always appreciated. Could you volunteer an hour or two once a month to help keep the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall looking great? If so, please sign up in Fellowship Hall, thanks!

Can't Make it to Movie Night, but Want to Help Out? **Send a Snack! Finger Foods Only, Please.**



Thanks to Anna Hopping of Mountainair UMC, and Peggy and Steve of Paradise Hills UMC, for making the NWNM Emmaus Gathering at Estancia on May 16 EXTRA SPECIAL. Anna, your 4th Day Talk was heart-felt and inspiring! And Peggy and Steve – AWESOME MUSIC !!! Please come back anytime!

Mission Day at Bethel

Have you ever opened your cupboard looking for food and find there's nothing to eat? Have you ever seen a family lose everything in a fire?... furniture, food, everything? Have you ever been traveling when your car broke down and you needed food and a place to stay? One of the places that can and does help people in these situations is the Bethel Community Storehouse. Many of you may recall that Estancia and Bethel used to be a part of a two-point charge. Our pastor was shared with the Moriarty Church. Twenty seven years ago in a fellowship hall, Bethel was started. You may not know that Bethel is an interdenominational ministry, and it's administration and support comes from eleven churches, **of which we are one**. Bethel helps people in many ways, food being one. All proceeds from the sales at the store go to buy food. And, it's not just Moriarty or Torrance county that Bethel serves. Bethel serves over five counties covering a wide area.

On April 26th, our church, our confirmation class and our Administrative Council went to be part of this wonderful ministry. My brother and I volunteer at Bethel on a weekly basis. Pastor Bonnie came, was given a tour, and was given the job of separating and arranging the toys. Mary Alice Drolte, also participated in arranging toys and placing items in food boxes. I separated purses and my brother worked on donations. One of the staff persons, Gina, oversaw our work and was very pleased. She hoped we would come back as a group. A request will be made to the Administrative Council that we should make this a routine volunteer effort every two months, if possible, to help out for two to four hours on a Saturday. If you would like to volunteer at a different time, they have volunteer training on Thursday mornings at 10:00 am.

I want to let you know that recently Bethel received notice that they will not be receiving a large grant of \$35,000 from United Way to help pay for food. So now they are looking to the community to help them purchase food for those that are in need. For every dollar donated, five pounds of food can be purchased. We thank you, and hope you can be part of a future mission day at Bethel..... -Rev. T. A.

Mark Your Calendars...

Bible Guppies are on Summer Break – Enjoy your Time Off & Camping !

June 4-7 – Pastor Bonnie, Elaine Darnell, and Wanda Giovengo attend **Annual Conference in El Paso** – pray for our churches!

June 8 Pentecost Sunday – The Mountainside Jug Band leads worship at both churches. **Wear RED and Invite your friends** for a toe-tappin' Good Time!

June 12 – Estancia Trustees @ 6:30.

June 15 Father's Day Sunday – 10am Worship in Estancia Park, Father's Day - Celebrate the Fathers in our midst at Worship. Bring your lawn chairs & sunscreen!

June 17 – Road Runner Foodbank & Promised Land Ministries food distribution, 3pm in Mountainair

June 22 – Ad Council: 1:00 PM in Mountainair and 2:30 in Estancia

June 22-27 – Youth Backpacking Camp – Watch Out for the BEARS Jaxon & Christian!

June 29 – 5th Sunday Hymn Sing & Potluck, 6pm hosted by Mountainair UMC.

Friday July 4 – Estancia City Celebration in the Park! Details TBA.

July 6 – Celebration of Independence, wear your red, white & blue to Worship!

July 6-11 & July 7-11 – Music and Promise Seeker's Camps @ Sacramento – Have a Great Time Luke, Jenny, Sydney, & Alex!

July 18 – Road Runner Foodbank & Promised Land Ministries food distribution, 3pm in Mountainair

Monday, July 21 – How about a Night Out at Isotope Park? Contact Rev. Terry Ann (384-2616) for details!

In Case You Hadn't Noticed

This past week, the Trustees, along with the carpet contractor have replaced the carpet in the Education Building, as well as replacing the flooring in the kitchen and both bathrooms. This has been a Trustee priority for the last several months, and now it's finally complete. An interesting discovery was made during the installation... Before the last carpeting was installed in 1999, many members of the congregation at that time signed their names and left brief messages on the bare wood floor before the carpeting was installed. We will put pictures of these entries on the bulletin board in the Ed. Building. Special thanks to Tamma and Lee Widner, the Danny Chavez family and Ladd Hagmaier for their help in getting this project accomplished!



Stewardship:

What does "stewardship" mean to you? Each of us have our own thoughts about the meaning of Stewardship. When we joined the Church, we vowed to support the Church with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness.

We can take time each day to pray for our Church and it's leadership. We also need to pray for one another; those that are sick and those who have other problems. We may not always be present, but we should try. Illness sometimes keeps us away. If this happens, we could mail in our monetary support to the Church so the mission of the Church can go forward.

Let us all be good stewards.
Carolyn Moore, Chair

FROM MOUNTAINAIR

On Sunday, June 29, the Mountainair UMC will host our **5th Sunday Sing** at 6:00pm. All are welcome. Even better if you wish to present a song or two! Be there or be square!

-Patty Mahoney

GRADUATION TIME...

For many students across America, May is a time of closure, graduation and celebration. High school and college graduates step out into the "real" world of adulthood. Some graduates are excited about the vast opportunities before them. Others are a bit hesitant and some are downright scared. Please share the prayer below ([About.com](#)) with all of the graduates you know. I firmly believe each and every young graduate needs us to pray for them! ...*Melanie*

A Christian Graduation Prayer

By Mary Fairchild

Dear Lord,

As I look toward the future
Bright hope conducts this prayer,
For I know the plans You have for me
Were wrought with divine care.

Holy Spirit, lead me.
Let me run at Your command,
Yet be still and know that You are God
When trouble is close at hand.

Your Word will be a lamp for me,
A guide to light my way,
A solid place to set my feet,
A compass when I stray.

May I live my life to praise You,
Not for fortune, nor for fame,
May everything I say and do
Bring glory to Your name.

May my eyes stay fixed upon You
As I seek the way that's pure,
Tasting Your love and goodness
Sleeping and rising secure.

Planted by Your living streams
I'll delight in all Your ways,
Hidden by Your sheltering wings
With new mercies for each day.

Even in a dangerous land
When storms threaten to destroy,
At the cross I'll stand upon the Rock
My Strength, my Hope, my Joy.

Dear Lord, show me Your favor,
At all times keep me blessed,
May Your face ever shine upon me,
With peace and perfect rest.

Amen.

New Mexico Conference Historical Society

Did you know that our Conference has a Historical Society? It sponsors Heritage Tours and publishes a semi-annual Historical Journal. The May Journal, for example, contained stories about Thomas Moore Harwood (the preacher who came all the way from Wisconsin via train & horseback to found the first Methodist Churches in NM), the history behind the "Unmarked Graves" in the Harwood plot at Fairview Cemetery in SE Albuquerque, and the "last word" by Maurice Nichols, who served as our Conference Superintendent in the Evangelical United Brethren Church for 30 years.

*The next **Heritage Tour** will be to Gallup, Window Rock, Shiprock, Farmington, Aztec, and Bloomfield on Aug 2-3. Anyone want to go?!*

Membership in the Historical Society is just \$12 per year and includes copies of the Historical Journal (May and November of each year.) To join send a check for \$12 payable to the New Mexico Annual Conference at 11816 Lomas Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87112.

Recall Notice

The maker of all human beings (GOD) is recalling all units manufactured, regardless of make or year, due to a serious defect in the primary and central component of the heart. This is due to a malfunction in the original prototype units code named Adam and Eve, resulting in the reproduction of the same defect in all subsequent units. This defect has been identified as "Sub-sequential Internal Non-morality," more commonly known as S.I.N., as it is primarily expressed.

Some of the symptoms include:

1. Loss of direction
2. Foul vocal emissions
3. Amnesia of origin
4. Lack of peace and joy
5. Selfish or violent behavior
6. Depression or confusion
7. Fearfulness
8. Idolatry
9. Rebellion

The Manufacturer, who is neither liable nor at fault for this defect, is providing factory-authorized repair and service free of charge to correct this defect.

The Repair Technician, JESUS, has most generously offered to bear the entire burden and has paid the price of the staggering cost for these repairs. There is no additional fee required. The number to call for repair in all areas is: P-R-A-Y-E-R. Once connected, please upload your burden of SIN through the REPENTANCE procedure. Next, download ATONEMENT & FORGIVENESS from the Repair Technician, Jesus, into the heart component.

No matter how big or small the SIN defect is, Jesus will replace it with:

1. Love
2. Joy
3. Peace
4. Patience
5. Kindness
6. Goodness
7. Faithfulness
8. Gentleness
9. Self control

Please see the operating manual, the B.I.B.L.E. (BEST Instructions Before Leaving Earth) for further details on the use of these fixes.

WARNING: Continuing to operate the human being unit without correction voids any manufacturer warranties, exposing the unit to dangers and problems too numerous to list, and will result in the human unit being permanently impounded. For free emergency service, call on Jesus.

DANGER: The human being units not responding to this recall action will have to be scrapped in the furnace. The SIN defect will not be permitted to enter Heaven so as to prevent contamination of that facility.

Thank you for your attention!

GOD

"A minister's musings.... Pentecost"

It was heartbreaking to hear the news, although it was not a surprise to me. I have had to come to grips with it. As I look back, I've been this way for a long time.....shakes my head. I just have to tell you....

I have learned (*gasp!*) that since I was child (*cough, cough*) I am (*drawing in my breath*) **a hoarder!!!!**

Yes a hoarder! I have a very hard time letting go of something no matter how big or small or how long it was used. It is a part of my history and I need to keep it....not. I will tell you more on how this was important for me to know, but first a story on how I got some of the keepsakes I just love.

When I was an active pastor in my Church we had some young people who would get bored (imagine that) in church. So I gave them the idea of doing activity sheets similar to the ones that are in the black bags here.

I'll never forget, that one Sunday, Pentecost it was,... I was down a bit because I could not find a Hallmark card that said "*Happy Birthday Church*" or even a good **Pentecost** card! So I mentioned that in my sermon as I was talking about the joy we hope to have, remembering the day when God gave us another wonderful gift. That was the gift of the Holy Spirit, having The Holy Spirit in our lives and the gifts that the Holy Spirit gives to us.

Well, after the service that day, "Veronica" walked up to me and said, "This is for you Rev. T.A. " I took what she handed to me and it brought tears to my eyes. She gave me my very first "Happy Birthday Church" card! It was beautiful. I kept it, of course, along with every drawing she gave to me each Sunday. I liked her a lot and she was doing me a big favor without realizing it. Veronica, through her drawings, comics etc., told me whether or not she "got it" or that I had more work to do.

Well, recently, Pastor Bonnie was visiting at our home and I told her about how this young lady used to draw on the paper we put in the "bolsas" or bags. it was a fun idea. I told her about the card and she wanted to see it. I had to go through some things to find my scrapbook. It was, and is, a beautiful gift I had been given. In the middle of my scrapbook is the page by Veronica with her file of drawings that I still have and treasure.

Why do I do it? To keep alive memories of my times there. To remember her, specifically, and to give thanks for her many talents.

That is what it means, in this case, to be a hoarder.

So I keep things that make me think of God's work and the joys we can have from working with kids, and enjoying what they have to share with us.

The second Sunday in June is **Pentecost**. We use the color red to symbolize Pentecost and white doves are often used to symbolize the Holy Spirit. I hope you will come and listen to wonderful music, and share in this important day in the life of the church. (See Acts 1 and 2)

Vaya Con Dios!



-Rev. Terry Ann Moore

JUNE 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9 AM Worship 11 AM -Mtair	2	3	4 6 PM MOVIE NIGHT	5	6	7
9 AM Worship 11 AM -Mtair Pentecost Mountainside Jug Band	9	10	11 6 PM MOVIE NIGHT	12	13	14
10:AM 15 Worship in the Park FATHER'S DAY	16	17 3:00 - 6:00PM Foodbank MtAir	18 4:30 PM TRUSTEES 6 PM MOVIE NIGHT	19	20	21 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast
9 AM Worship 11 AM -Mtair Ad Council 1:pm Mtair 2:30pm Estancia	23	24	25 6 PM MOVIE NIGHT	26	27	28
9 AM Worship 11 AM -Mtair 5th Sunday Sing & Potluck	30					



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Spotted on the Net... WHAT GOES AROUND COMES AROUND!

One day a man saw an old lady stranded on the side of the road, but even in the dim light of day, he could see she needed help. So he pulled up in front of her Mercedes and got out. His Pontiac was still sputtering when he approached her. Even with the smile on his face, she looked worried. No one had stopped to help for over an hour! Was he going to hurt her?

He could see that she was frightened, standing out there in the cold. He knew how she felt. It was that chill; which only fear can put in you. He said, 'I'm here to help you, ma'am. Why don't you wait in the car where it's warm? By the way, my name is Bryan Anderson.'

All she had was a flat tire; but for an old lady, that was bad enough. Bryan crawled under the car looking for a place to put the jack, skinning his knuckles a time or two. Soon he was able to change the tire. But he had gotten dirty and his hands hurt. As he was tightening up the lug nuts, she rolled down the window and began to talk to him. She told him that she was from St. Louis and was only just passing through. She couldn't thank him enough for coming to her aid.

Bryan just smiled as he closed her trunk. The lady asked how much she owed him. Any amount would have been all right with her. She already imagined all the awful things that could have happened had he not stopped. Bryan never thought twice about being paid. This was not a job to him. He was helping someone in need, and God knows there were plenty who had given him a hand in the past. He had lived his whole life that way; and it never occurred to him to act any other way.

He told her that if she really wanted to pay him back, the next time she saw someone who needed help, she could give that person the assistance they needed, and Bryan added, 'And think of me.' He waited until she started her car and drove off. It had been a cold and depressing day; but he felt good as he headed for home, disappearing into the twilight.

A few miles down the road the lady saw a small cafe. She went in to grab a bite to eat, and take the chill off before she made the last leg of her trip home. It was a dingy looking restaurant. Outside were two old gas pumps. The whole scene was unfamiliar to her.

The waitress came over and brought a clean towel to wipe her wet hair. She had a sweet smile, one that even being on her feet for the whole day couldn't erase. The lady noticed the waitress was nearly eight months pregnant; but she never let the strain and aches change her attitude. The old lady wondered how someone who had so little could be so giving to a stranger. Then she remembered Bryan.

After the lady finished her meal, she paid with a hundred dollar bill. The waitress quickly went to get change; but the old lady had slipped right out the door. She was gone by the time the waitress came back. The waitress wondered where the lady could be. Then she noticed something written on the napkin. There were tears in her eyes as she read, 'You don't owe me anything. I have been there too. Somebody once helped me out the way I'm helping you. If you really want to pay me back, here is what you do: Do not let this chain of love end with you.'

Under the napkin were four more \$100 bills.

There were tables to clear, sugar bowls to fill, and people to serve, but the waitress made it through another day. That night when she got home from work and climbed into bed, she was thinking about the money and what the lady had written. How could the lady have known how much she and her husband needed it? With the baby due next month, it was going to be hard... She knew how worried her husband was; and as he lay sleeping next to her, she gave him a soft kiss and whispered, 'Everything's going to be all right. I love you, **Bryan Anderson.**' Let your light shine. God works in mysterious ways and puts people in our lives for a reason.