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FROM THE PASTOR'S KEYBOARD

Mother's Day became a national holiday in 1914. Father's Day followed shortly thereafter. Trivia: Which U.S. President signed Father's Day into law- A. Woodrow Wilson, B. Calvin Coolidge, C. Richard Nixon? If your answer was C, that mothers around the country received carnations and cards for 58 years without a corresponding holiday for dads, you were right. In fairness, Lyndon Johnson issued a Presidential Proclamation in 1966, and Calvin Coolidge had made an unofficial recommendation in 1924, but it wasn't until 1972 that Father's Day became an official National Holiday.

Of course, countries around the world had recognized a particular father, St. Joseph, as the "nurturer of the Lord" or "the putative father of Jesus" for centuries. We don't read much about Jesus' Earthly father. When Jesus stayed behind at the Temple in Jerusalem Mary asked Him "Don't you know that your father and I were worried about you?" and He replied, "Didn't you know that I must be in my father's house?" They weren't talking about the same father, and we never hear from Joseph after that. We know something about the character of him, in that, when he learned that his fiancé was pregnant, and before he knew the divine details, although he had to have been stung with thoughts of betrayal and would have been well within his rights to have Mary stoned to death, Joseph decided to quietly send her away.

The ultimate father is the one to whom we pray, as Jesus taught, "Our Father, who art in Heaven..." It's interesting that there are those

who have been pursuing a cause for years to eliminate male pronouns when referring to God. They correctly point out that there is no Mrs. God with whom God produces baby Gods, and therefore believe it important to replace He with God, and His with God's. These efforts are most visible in hymns. I frankly lump this controversy with the lawsuits brought by the Anti Christian Lawyers Union (that *is* what ACLU stands for, right?) against Podunk, Indiana, population 37, to force the removal of the nativity scene from the town park. Why does the ACLU pick the low-hanging fruit? Why don't they sue the U.S. Supreme Court which has an image of Moses and the 10 Commandments on their building? (Answer: Because Moses in that context is portrayed as a lawgiver, not a religious figure. To which I reply, "Yeah, right!")

And to those who would eliminate “He” I ask, “Which pronoun to you think is better associated with the word “Father?” And then I ask, “Why go after the low-hanging fruit? Why don’t you work to change the Lord’s Prayer, which, in 28 translations (thanks, biblehub.com) says “Our Father.” Why not work to change it to “Our God?” And yes, I understand that many have grown up with absent or abusive fathers, and that patriarchal societies have outnumbered matriarchal societies far and away over the millennia. But because your brother beat you up, must we all keep track of that and remember to never call you “Brother?” Is it really more important to focus on what we call God than sharing His word?

I hope you had/have a good relationship with your father and your Father, and that you have a chance share your love with both. Fathers, I hope you didn’t have to pay for that “World’s Best Dad” tie or cup.

God bless you,

-Pastor Keith

NOTES FROM BETHEL

BETHEL storehouse’ monthly meeting addressed and signed in new policy for sexual harassment. We are following by example the same policy used by the school system.

The strategic planning committee has decided to meet every other month unless there is a need. This is partly due to poor attendance, not much going on.

They are excited about the yard sale UMC is having for them. So hope we have a good turn out!!

There is a work group going on the same day at BETHEL working on re-roofing the out buildings.

Just a note....we may need help in getting items not sold to Bethel after the sale. I doubt Pastor can fit it all in his car!

-Darla Lautenschlager

Mile Long Yard Sale in Estancia, June 2nd, 2018

Estancia United Methodist Church participated in the “yard sale” with the proceeds going to the Bethel Storehouse. Left overs were also donated to Bethel!





Butch believes you're never too old for Kings Kids



On May 6, 2018, Vickie D. became a member of the Estancia United Methodists Church

Notes of Ad Council May 20, 2018

Saturday, June 2—Estancia's Mile-long Sidewalk Sale. EUMC will have a booth, funds raised and unsold items will be donated to Bethel Storehouse. Sign up sheet to work the booth is in the sanctuary.

EUMC needs your help!
Host a Family Movie Night
Visit folks who can't make it to church or in
the hospital
Spread God's word to everyone you see

Estancia United Methodist Church
Sunday Family Movie Nights
June and July
6—8 pm, Education Bldg.



How to host:
choose a Christian movie to show,
play it,
bring snacks (or make the popcorn in the Ed Building),
say a prayer,
enjoy!

See Pastor, Melanie or Julie for more information. The Ed. Bldg has
Netflix and DVD player

FROM MOUNTAINAIR UMC



MUMC had a great celebration of Pentecost this year with nearly all the congregation wearing red and two dozen red balloons wafting in the sanctuary air as though by the breath of God. Pastor Keith's sermon on the experience of the Holy Spirit in our lives made this a High Holy day for sure.

-Patty



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600 Williams Ave.

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Education Bldg.

FREE



Bring a friend!!



Everyone was glad to see Nate in church on May 27. He was visiting from Oklahoma.

Occasionally, a few old codgers, in our church, get together and take a sentimental trip to some nearby historical places. Our last trip included Butch McGee, Don Fitzner, Bill Simms and Pastor Keith. We visited the old ghost mining town of Kelly, NM. Gold and Silver were discovered in south of Magdalena in the 1860s, and the town grew to around 3000 citizens. The last residents of Kelly departed in 1947.



Kelly Main Street around 1880



Kelly Church



Kelly Cemetery



Kelly Mine Shaft



Results of our Bethel food Drive

Pastor Keith managed to load all of this in his small car and get it delivered to Bethel!

June 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 Worship 9:00 AM Mtair 11:00 AM	4	5	6 Women's Bible Study 6:00 - 7:00 PM	7	8	9
10 Worship 9:00 AM Mtair 11:00 AM	11	12	13 Women's Bible Study 6:00 - 7:00 PM	14	15	16 Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM
17 Worship 9:00 AM Mtair 11:00 AM	18 ECHO Food Distribution 9:00 - 12:00	19	20 Women's Bible Study 6:00 - 7:00 PM	21	22	23
24 Worship 9:00 AM Mtair 11:00 AM	25	26	27 Women's Bible Study 6:00 - 7:00 PM	28	29	30



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A Work in Progress

Jesus will keep you strong until the end so that there will be no wrong in you on the day our Lord Jesus Christ comes again.

1 Corinthians 1:8

God is not finished with you yet. Oh, you may think he is. You may think you've peaked. You may think he's got someone else to do the job If so, think again.

"God began doing a good work in you, and I am sure he will continue it until it is finished when Jesus Christ comes again" (Phil. 1:6)

Did you see what God is doing? A good work in you.

Did you see when he will be finished? When Jesus comes again.
May I spell out the message? God ain't finished with you yet.

When God Whispers Your Name

By Max Lucado

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