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Hurricane Harvey
Victims



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FROM THE PASTORS KEYBOARD

As I write this the death toll from Hurricane Harvey is more than 30, the death toll in Clovis is two, with four more wounded, and in the first six months of 2017, 323 people have been killed in Chicago. It's easy to find information about how quickly and spitefully the twitters flew when it was suggested (note how "suggested" is a very different word than either "shown" or "proved") that Lakewood Church in Houston wasn't going to serve as a shelter. The retractions seem to be much more muted and slower in coming. Nowhere have I seen anybody mention that a majority of the shelters open to victims of the flooding are churches or other religious facilities. The most important question in my mind is, were those who died saved? From the example of the thief on the cross we believe that we have until the very last minute to accept salvation. But Jesus' references to places of fire, and weeping and gnashing of teeth tell me that, despite God's infinite love, Hell is real, and there are those who will go there. This makes the urgency of the Great Commission very real. After we are confident of our own salvation there are important steps we can take to obey that Commission. The first is to pray for the safety and comfort of those affected by the storms of nature, and the storms of human lawlessness. Perhaps the examples of those Christians in shelters will help open the eyes and hearts of the victims that there is something more to life than stuff. We can also help support the Methodist efforts through extra donations to the United Methodist Committee on Relief. Finally, and always, we must live our day-to-day lives as if we were the only example of Christ that the people we encounter will ever see. God bless you, and I look forward to seeing you on Sunday.

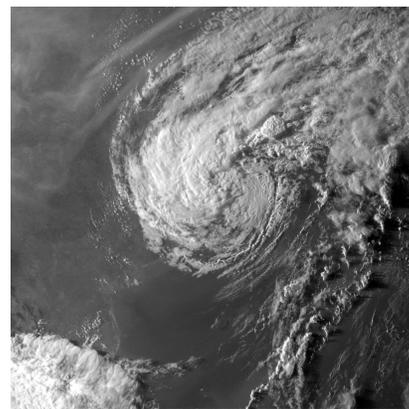
-Pastor Keith

TRUSTEES TO MEET WEDNESDAY, Sept. 6th 6:00 pm

A year ago in August the church was able to sell the land most generously donated to us by Ethyl Floyd's Son, Gene White. Since that time the trustees have been brainstorming how best to improve our church and grounds. We decided, with input from many of the congregation, that the annual winter ice buildup at our front entrance demanded our attention most of all. We have had one accident on the ice, and many close calls.

At the meeting, we will be discussing our options for correcting the ice problem, as well as, other improvements that we can make at the same time. Although, we will need to hire contractors for some of the work, we will need all the help we can get from the able and willing members of our congregation. So, please find a trustee and ask how you can help. We would like to get started on or before October first.

Hurricane Harvey is an active [tropical cyclone](#) that is causing unprecedented and catastrophic [flooding](#) in southeastern [Texas](#), and was the first major hurricane to make [landfall](#) in the [United States](#) since [Wilma](#) in [2005](#), ending a record 12-year period with no hurricanes of [Category 3](#) intensity or higher making landfall in the United States. In a four-day period, many areas received more than 40 inches (1,000 mm) of rain as the system meandered over eastern Texas and adjacent waters. With peak accumulations of 51.88 in (1,318 mm), Harvey is the [wettest tropical cyclone on record in the contiguous United States](#). The resulting floods prompted more than 13,000 rescues, displaced more than 30,000 people, and inundated hundreds of thousands of homes. Harvey has caused at least 30 confirmed deaths in the United States.



An Appeal from Bishop W. Earl Bledsoe

Dear Friends,

As we continue to follow the unfolding events in Texas with the aftermath and flooding from Hurricane Harvey, I appeal to every local church in New Mexico and Northwest Texas Annual Conferences to take up a special offering this Sunday to support the disaster relief efforts and what will undoubtedly be a long-term rebuilding exercise.



I want to encourage pastors and laity alike to prayerfully consider what God would have us do in this time - Leslie and I have already made our contribution to this worthwhile effort and continue to be in daily prayer for the many families affected by the storm. Sunday's special offering can be sent to the Conference Office with "Hurricane Harvey" in the memo line and will be passed along to the relief efforts through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

I also urge churches to share the online donation portal for UMCOR's disaster relief efforts through your bulletins, newsletters, and social media (100% of those contributions go directly to support relief efforts). Go to the UMCOR website top donate.

We are a generous people and, at times like these, we can demonstrate the power of our connection by rallying to support the many needs of our sisters and brothers dealing with this tremendous storm and flooding. Please continue to be in prayer for those who have been impacted by the storm and the flooding and especially those working to provide relief. Looking ahead, another appeal for flood buckets, health kits, and (especially) work teams may be forthcoming, but in the meantime, fervent prayers and generous financial contributions are the best way for us to mobilize.

I look forward to seeing many of you in the New Mexico Conference during our Fall Itineration!



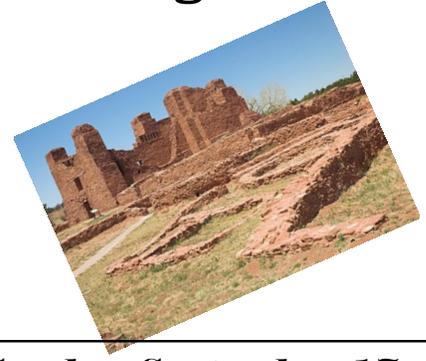
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NOTES from EUMC

Administrative Council Meeting



August 20, 2017



Blessing the Children

EUMC will contribute to the Save the Children and bless a community with 2 chickens, 2 rabbits and a goat!



Save the Children

Christ
needs
YOU!!



**Sunday, September 17
3—4 pm
de Profundis at Quarai
Acapella concert in a
beautiful, historic setting!**

Thanks Pastor Keith!

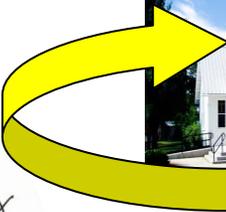
for changing all lightbulbs to energy efficient LED bulbs.

for adding contemporary praise songs a few minutes

before church each Sunday.

for adjusting the light timer in the bell tower.

You sure are handy!!



Next AD Council meeting SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 17, 8 am

Stay Tuned
FOR something
AWESOME

GET INVOLVED in EUMC 's UPCOMING EVENTS!

- Fall—Snack bag blessings to middle school athletes. Donate water, paper lunch bags, granola bars, fruit snack or cookies.
- Last Monday of each month—Echo Food distribution 8 am—1 pm in the Ed. Building. See Julie Griffo for details.
- September—Fill teacher wish lists!
- End of September thru mid-October —help Trustees with church-wide cleaning day and the cement project. We need your hands and back!!
- Tuesday, October 31—Halloween Trunk or Treat!!



CROSS COUNTRY



**Fellowship...fun and you get to rub elbows and laugh and enjoy and grow in the spirit.
By Rev. Terry Ann Moore**

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ:

Have you ever been driving by a building and counted the number of vehicles and wonder if you might go in just to see what they are doing? How many cars might be there that week? Who might be attending? Maybe there is someone there that you have never met or talked with. What a great opportunity!

This past week I had the joy of sitting in again on the Worship Committee's meeting. I listened, and every once in a while, offered up a third suggestion, or maybe how to combine ideas.

Have you noticed how many stay for fellowship time after church? I am not as regular as I should be myself, but we know there are people out there that think the church is not doing as much as we could.

One of the greatest life lessons I have learned was not to give up.. If it doesn't work this time, try it a different way. Eventually God will get other people to come to see what we have to offer. Another thing I've loved about this place and the people here, is that they can have fun in so many ways. But also, if we want to study God's word, we can re-direct our mind and calm down. Be still and listen for God in our midst.

The Worship Committee is working on some special activities for Advent, to help us retell the story of Jesus' birth. We will have activities, arts and crafts for the kids and some study time for youth and adults. So, please start putting this on your prayer list, and in your mind, and on your calendar... Advent activities will start either at the end of November, or the beginning of December.

I look forward to seeing how God's plans will develop.

You know that you can invite people to come with you to all of our fellowship events.

If anyone is familiar with Facebook and would consider helping me with the Church's page, please let me or Pastor Keith know. Nice job on the website!

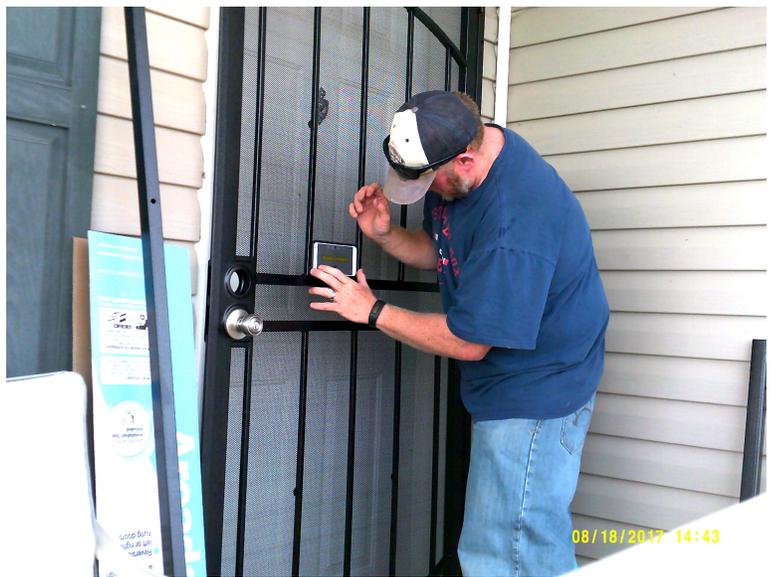
Last but not least, I'd like to see if you know these facts This might be sort of like. "this is my line" or (life with Christ.....

1. This person has been a teacher for over 15 years (warning there may be more than one)._____
2. These people love to talk religion and sports.....
3. How many people were born in this area?.....
4. Who can remember when the fellowship hall was remodeled.....?

(Answers to come next month.)

Vaya Con Dios!

-Rev Terry Ann



On Saturday, August 19th, the **Methodist Men** came together to complete a project that been on our list for a long time, pouring a concrete step, and installing a storm door for Mary Alice Drolte. Thanks to all the participants, which included Nick Griffo, Robert Chavez, Butch McGee, Jon Shively, Pastor Keith Smith and Lee Widner. What a great job!!

Day Trip

Let's go to a concert! The group *de Profundis*, an a cappella men's choir will be presenting their annual performance at the Salinas Pueblo Missions National Monument Quarai Ruins on September 17th at 3:00 p.m.. Pastor Keith is organizing a carpool trip to the event for the Estancia and Mountainair churches, and anyone else who would like to come along. He promises more details as the event gets closer.



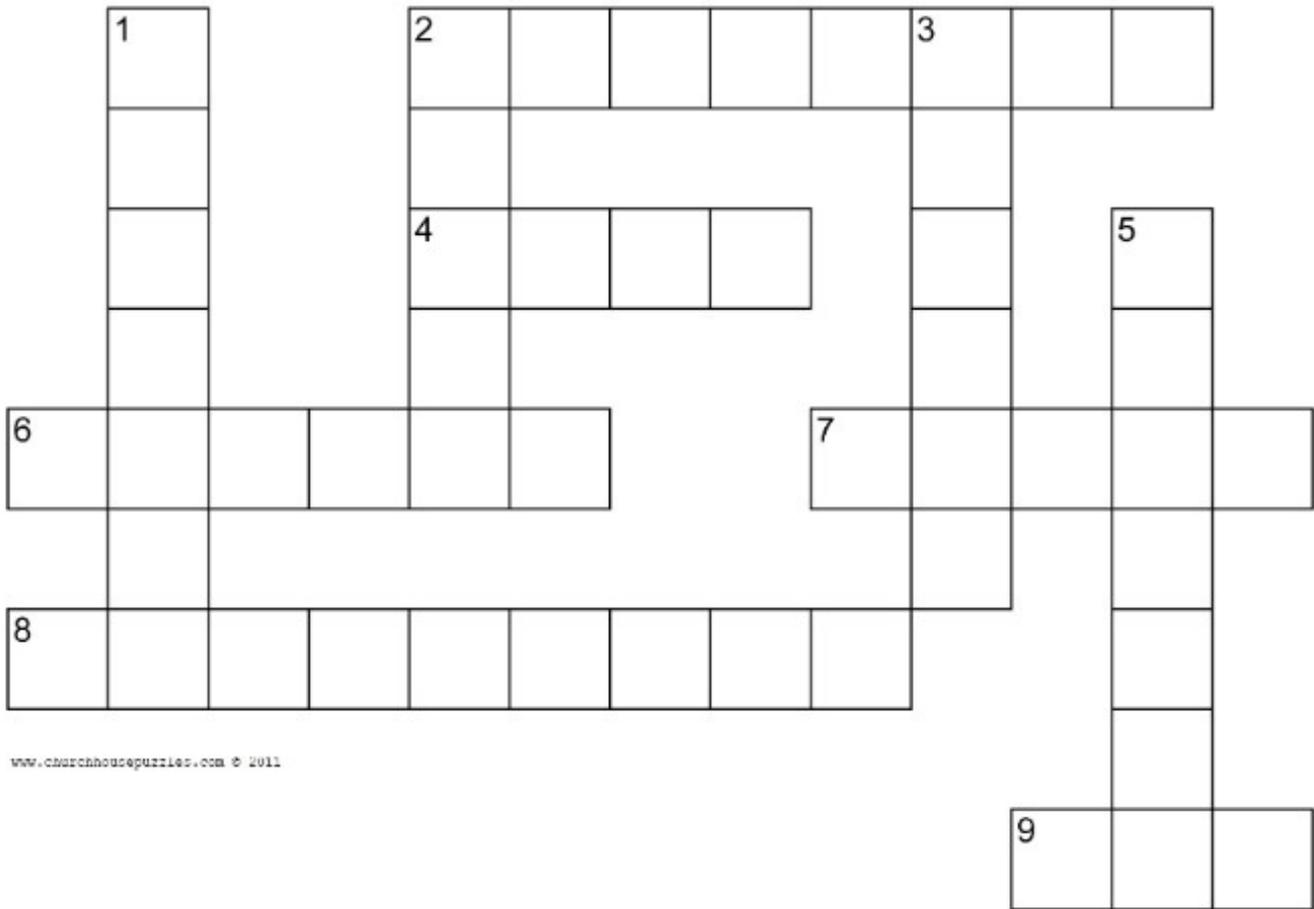
Melanie filled in for Butch during Kings Kids with a lesson on trust.



Butch always has a good time with the youngsters during Kings Kids.

People in the Bible

1 Samuel



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ACROSS

- 2 David's best friend
- 4 First king of Israel
- 6 Last judge of Israel
- 7 A man after God's own heart
- 8 Gave David the showbread to eat
- 9 Fell off his seat backwards and broke his neck

DOWN

- 1 Stood over nine feet tall
- 2 Shepherd from Bethlehem; his youngest son became king of Israel
- 3 Mother of the prophet Samuel
- 5 Brought food and supplies to David in the wilderness

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 2017						
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3 Worship 9:00 AM Mtair 11:00 AM	4	5	6 Trustees 6:00 PM	7	8	9
10 Worship 9:00 AM Mtair 11:00 AM	11	12	13	14	15	16 Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM
17 Worship 9:00 AM Mtair 11:00 AM DE Profundis 3:00 PM Quarai	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Worship 9:00 AM Mtair 11:00 AM	25	26	27	28	29	30

Estancia United Methodist Church will begin hosting the ECHO Food Distribution on **Monday, October 16th** from 8:00-12:00. Please come by and make the clients feel welcome.



Sent with a prayer to:



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THE COURTROOM OF THE WORLD

You will be my witnesses...in Jerusalem, in all of Judea, in Samaria, and in every part of the world.

ACTS 1:8

We are witnesses. And like witnesses in a court, we are called to testify, to tell what we have seen and heard. And we are to speak truthfully. Our task is not to whitewash nor bloat the truth. Our task is to tell the truth. Period.

There is, however, one difference between the witness in court and the witness for Christ. The witness in court eventually steps down from the witness chair, but the witness for Christ never does. Since the claims of Christ are always on trial, court is perpetually in session, and we remain under oath.

Just like Jesus

By Max Lucado

-Submitted by Alma Wimsatt