



NEWSLETTER

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Stewardship. Money. A few people won't read past those words because they think that they know what this article is about. When my mom listened to sermons on the radio (do you remember Herbert W. Armstrong?) she would change the station if the message was about stewardship ("Preachers should explain the Bible, not beg for money!"). One time in my life when I was church shopping my friend and I would attend each church at least twice, with an extra Sunday added on if we accidentally landed on "Stewardship Sunday" just to be fair to the church. But Jesus taught more parables about resources than any other topic. Please confirm this for yourself if needed, consider: the two debts, workers paid the same, widow's mites, rich man's harvest, etc. Of course at its heart this is related to a little request God made in Exodus 20:3, "You shall have no other gods before me." How do we identify our gods? When there isn't enough time/money/energy for all the things in your life, which one gets shorted?

And please note that list- it's more than just money. As United Methodists we agree to participate in the ministries of the church with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, **and our witness**. That last one was added as of January, 2009 and any hymnals older than that (e.g. **all** of ours) are out of date and need to be corrected. So even if you give your offering off the top of every check you receive (before or after withholding? Only God needs to be satisfied with your answer to that), the question remains, how often do you pray, attend worship, work on projects, share your faith with our mission field- which is everyone you meet. Each one of these could be the subject of a separate article, and this is **not** intended to be a challenge or accusation. By themselves neither a yardstick nor a bathroom scale is capable of expressing an opinion. As you go through

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the list: prayers, presence, gifts, service, witness, do amounts and events come to mind? A scale is a tool I should use to compare how much I weigh with how much I should weigh. In the same way, the list of ways we can serve God is a tool we can use to compare how much we have sacrificed with how much we could have sacrificed. Remember that sacrifice is how we identify the God or gods in our lives. Did you have to give up something to serve God, or does He get a balanced portion? Remember what stewardship is. It is recognition that we didn't bring money (or anything else) into the world, and we will leave everything behind when we pass, except the gift of eternal salvation. In between we are given stewardship over some resources. Whether you are the servant entrusted with many talents, or a few, what will the Master say to you when accounting time comes?

God bless you,

-Keith

FROM MOUNTAINAIR UMC



There is an old song called “At long last love” but for MUMC it is at long last concrete parking pad! Led by Pastor Keith, a hardy band of Methodists were converted into concrete workers. And no longer will folks have to navigate walkers, wheelchairs, or crutches through muck, mud, gravel or snow. What a blessing! Thanks to Keith, Vicki, Jill, David, Anna and the ladies who brought lunch. And all who helped with the planning.



The construction crew was David, Anna, Vickie, Jill and Keith, with help from others, including special thanks to Adolpho (not pictured), our neighbor across the street who attends the Christian Center and helped us mix the last 28 bags of cement in his mixer that he let us borrow. He also carried and mixed many of the 80-lb bags.

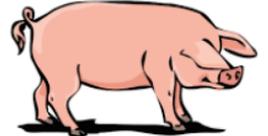


UPCOMING EVENTS

EUMC will be in the County Fair Parade and is hosting a Scavenger Hunt for folks during the Torrance County Fair! Help kids learn about the fair and have fun! See Tamma for details.....



Scavenger Hunt



Here's How It Works: All ages are encouraged to play and compete for prizes. Questions will pertain to a wide variety of attractions, animals and people at the Torrance County Fair. Some questions require a written answer, others need a signature, others need your opinion. Participants who answer all questions correctly and/or completely will win a prize at the Estancia United Methodist Church Scavenger Hunt Table.



It's Back to School Time!!



Yes, it is **that** time of year again! Gone are the relaxing summer vacations, sleeping in, and down time. Returning are over-booked schedules, homework, early mornings, and juggling life. As a Christian, a parent, and an educator, I see how important it is for children to have a strong foundation in Christ. When we remember to put Him first, our decisions and actions are more thoughtful, healthy and show His love. In our crazy, hectic, confusing world we need to stop to pray for guidance and pray for others. Years ago our congregation would take annual "field trips" after church to bless the school buildings and campus. I think that would be a great thing to do again! (hint, hint) I found a nice article with back-to-school prayers on the internet called *5 Back to School Prayers for Kids and Grandkids* (Rebecca Barlow Jordan). If you are a bit anxious about the new school year starting and are looking for some peace, check out this website! <https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/prayer/five-back-to-school-prayers-for-kids-and-grandkids.html>

KING'S KIDS JULY 2019

(AKA Kimber's Kids)





Alex at Sacramento's Music on the Mountain Camp in July



Thank you **EUMC** and **Change for Children** for sponsoring my 5th year of Music on the Mountain!
-From, *Alexandra Chavez*

EUMC POOL DAY

Saturday, August 3



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Grieving Mothers 6:00 PM	2	3
4 Worship 9:00 AM Mtair 11:00 AM	5	6	7 Women's Bible Study 5:30 - 7:00 PM	8 Grieving Mothers 6:00 PM	9	10
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18 Worship 9:00 AM Mtair 11:00 AM	19 ECHO Food Distribution 9:00 to 1:00	20	21 Women's Bible Study 5:30 - 7:00 PM	22 Grieving Mothers 6:00 PM	23	24
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Sent with a prayer to:



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PROMISES TO HELP YOU LIVE ABOVE MEDIOCRITY

Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways,
And we shall walk in His paths.

Isaiah 2:3

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life,
to which you were also called and have confessed
the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

1 Timothy 6:12

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race,
I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the
crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous
Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only
but also to all who have loved His appearing.

2 Timothy 4:7-8