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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Greetings, here we are in February already. As always it is my prayer this news letter finds each of you healthy, well, and blessed. May 2017 be a better year than 2016. Where did January go? Turned around and it was gone, so now we find ourselves in February, with Valentines Day just ahead. If you have a special someone in your life do something special for them on the fourteenth.

Yes, old man Winter is still with us. I know we need the moisture but I sure do prefer rain to snow. As I grow older I find I like the warm days much better than these cold days. Some how, experience I would guess, tells me winter will pass. Then along the way spring will arrive. I am looking forward to green green grass, new leaves, flowers and blossoms and yes "hay fever" I guess. Take the bad with the good. I need to get on with church business.

My friends, I have now been your Pastor for six months. I am now remembering names, faces, and smiles. Thank you for helping me in this area. You have only me and my lovely wife to remember. I have a number of items I could use your help in accomplishing. You good folks have lived in the area most of your life. I have not. You know your neighbors, friends, and most everyone else in the county. I do not. So, if you could please take some time and write out directions from the church to your house (street, county road, address, color of house, phone number, etc) it would be very helpful. I would like to visit you sometime in this New Year. Torrance County covers a large area. Some area's are posted "keep out" not saying except for "the preacher". Other area's have closed chained gates. While other area's leave the very

real impression of 'Enter at your own risk". Now I know this is not true for any of you. None the less, I do not want to show up "unannounced"

If you would prefer to have a phone call from time to time that would be fine. But please let me know (I'm not a mind reader yet). I will admit phone calls work well for me and I love to visit even by phone. My Cell number is in the weekly bulletin. Phone calls are good because I am limited on time.

Additionally, it would be helpful if you can keep me informed as to hospital or surgery dates (except emergencies) special request, needs, or area's of concern you might have from time to time. Please write these items down and pass them along to me. Also let me know if you want those items to be confidential or not. There is only one of me

and a fair number of 'you'. Then please keep Kathy and me in your prayer's as we do with you.

In 2017 we need to be busy about "Making disciples for Jesus, so our world can be transformed into a better place. On to other ministries as we live in 2017. We are half way with the evening Bible study on Wednesday nights at 6P.M. titled "What United Methodist Believe and Why". We will meet Feb 1st and 8th .

On March 17th Saint Patty's Day the EUMC will sponsor a Community Area wide "Corn Beef and Cabbage" Dinner. We need your help to make this meal a success. So please sign up if you can help. In closing I want to say Thank You to each and every one of you for the ministry and hard work you give and provide to EUMC and to Mountainair UMC. May God Bless you.

Peace and Grace
Bro. Bob (Robert) Hunt

On Sunday, January 8, Lee gave the Sunday School lesson on how God made us so perfect. Using pudding, Lee mixed the powdered pudding mix with Pepsi, peanut butter, and bacon. (bowl of pudding with lumps). This was not perfect. Lee made another bowl of pudding using the right ingredients, powdered pudding mix and milk, then whisked until it turned out perfect. (bowl of smooth pudding!).

When God made us, He made sure He had all the right "ingredients" so each and everyone of us is perfect in His eyes. Thanks for a great lesson, Lee!



NOTES FROM ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 22, 2017

Bible Study titled “What United Methodists Believe and Why” is in progress and planned for: Jan. 18, 25, Feb. 1, 8 at 6 pm. Please attend and enjoy an evening of learning and fellowship!



The Pastor-Parish Relations Committee (PPRC) met to complete an evaluation of Brother Bob. Thanks for all you do!

God works in mysterious ways! The 2017 budget of \$50,778 was approved. Our accounts are healthy and despite nearly the same number of members and attendance on Sunday, we have been able to increase the amount of money in our checking account for the past few years. In addition, we paid 100% of our shared ministries. Thanks for your tithings and offerings!



**A LOOK
at the
BUDGET**

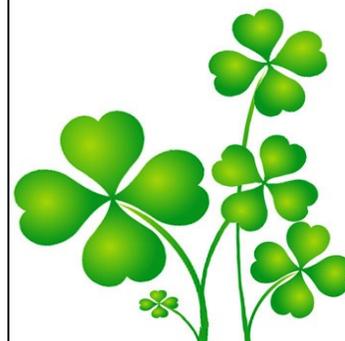


Join EUMC for a

St. Patrick's Day Community Gathering

on FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 4:30 – 6:30.

We need folks to make flyers, decorate, cook, serve, greet, and enjoy an evening bringing folks closer to Christ! More information to come!



If you know someone who hasn't been in church in a while, extend your hands and give them some love.... encourage them to come!



EUMC shared Christ's love by giving snack bags to Estancia Middle School girls and boys basketball teams.



Trustees are excited for the spring when we can begin to replace cement at the front of the church, widen the walkway, and lay wiring to improve outside lighting. One of Bill's favorite things to say is, “Remember, we are **ALL** Trustees.” This is his nice way of asking for everyone to help! Stay tuned for the dates for the spring work day!

FEBRUARY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Pastor's Office Day 10 AM - 4 PM	2	3	4
5 Worship 9:00 AM Mtair 11:00 AM	6	7	8 Pastor's Office Day 10 AM - 4 PM BIBLE STUDY 6:00 PM	9	10	11
12 Worship 9:00 AM Mtair 11:00 AM	13	14 	15 Pastor's Office Day 10 AM - 4 PM	16	17	18
19 Worship 9:00 AM Mtair 11:00 AM AD COUNCIL 2:00 PM	20	21	22 Pastor's Office Day 10 AM - 4 PM	23	24	25
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WHO'S IN CHARGE?

Give all your worries to him because he cares about you.
1 Peter 5:7

Worry...makes you forget who's in charge.

And when the focus is on yourself...you worry. You become anxious about many things. You worry that:

- Your co-workers won't appreciate you.
- Your leaders will overwork you.
- Your superintendent won't understand you.
- Your congregation won't support you.

With time, your agenda becomes more important than God's. You're more concerned with presenting self than pleasing him. And you may even find yourself doubting God's judgement....

God has gifted you with talents,. He has done the same to your neighbor. If you concern yourself with your neighbor's talents, you will neglect yours. But if you concern yourself with yours, you could inspire both.

He Still Moves Stones

Max Lucado

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