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FROM THE PASTOR'S KEYBOARD

Well we “survived” the Christmas eating and travelling season, and hopefully at some point reflected on the amazing gift above all gifts- the gift of the only person who could and would ever live a completely blameless life, and then willingly sacrifice that life that we may have eternal life. But I want to spend just one more moment on Earthly gifts. I very much appreciated the outpouring of invitations, the pickled eggs, vast menagerie of cookies, fudge and other sweets, popcorn, gingerbread, elk, cards, and, of course, those oval portraits of presidents on green linen! You made my first Christmas in Torrance County one of warmth and love. Thank you!

This year, through the nature of the floating date of Easter, Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine’s Day. So this might not be the best year to give up chocolate for Lent! But seriously, is it really appropriate to make remembering the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness, and preparing to remember the ultimate sacrifice He made for us- part of a diet plan? Is the reasoning, “I’ll honor Jesus, but I wanna get something out of it, too” the sort of thinking that results from love? What if this year we took Lent *really* seriously? What if we actually skipped a meal a day, put the money we would have spent on it aside for God’s work, and spent the entire time we would have been eating in prayer and/or Bible study? And all God’s people said, “Ouch!” But of course it’s not the details of the act that are the important part; it’s our frame of heart. Remember that the widow’s offering wouldn’t have been enough to buy the sacks that Israel’s elite brought their “offerings for show” in. But Jesus knew of her sacrifice and her devotion to God. That’s the hard, and easy, aspect of God’s covenant with us. There isn’t a checklist or scorecard telling us exactly what we should *do* to fulfill God’s

expectations of us. Because no two sets of expected actions are the same. We have different gifts, and different levels of resources. So the amount of time each of us spends studying His Word, carrying out His will, and supporting, with prayers and money, his work, are measured according to the blessings we have received. There is no universal “correct” level of stewardship. Each of us knows our own hearts, as does God. And we know that our works will be tested with fire, and either burn away, or be shown to be pure. And that knowledge *should* be cause for us to rejoice.

God bless you

—Pastor Keith

NOTES from EUMC

Administrative Council Meeting

January 21, 2018

Bethel Storehouse Report

In 2017, Bethel served 21,804 from the community!

Bethel asks EUMC to
participate by volunteering and
fundraising.

Stop by Bethel and sign up to help!

Feb. 2—50% off everything at Bethel

Feb. 3—\$2 Bag Day

DARLA—Thanks for serving as EUMC representative!

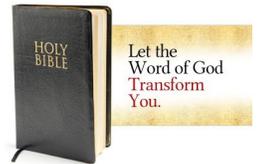
**EUMC is planning a garage sale or
item drive to help!**

**EUMC's finances are going
well! We were 3% under
budget for 2017! Thanks Bill
and Julie for all of your hard
work!**

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS, 6 PM

See Julie Griffo
for details



ECHO FOOD DISTRIBUTION

EUMC Education Bldg

Monday, February 12

9 am to Noon

Call Julie Griffo to help



"Jesus said in Matthew 5 we're to be salt and light, and when all the salt and light gathers together at church on Sunday, it's great, but it doesn't really do anything to the world. The world's not any brighter, because all the church people, all the church lights gathered on Sunday, but when the light and salt goes out into permeate where people live and work, which is the marketplace, that's where the action is. "

<http://www1.cbn.com/700club/person-influence-keys-being-great-christian-leader>

Stay Tuned:

Special St. Patrick's



Dinner Thursday, March 15

"We—all of us, but especially the young—need around us individuals who possess a certain nobility, a largeness of soul, and qualities of human experience worth imitating and striving for."

William J. Bennett

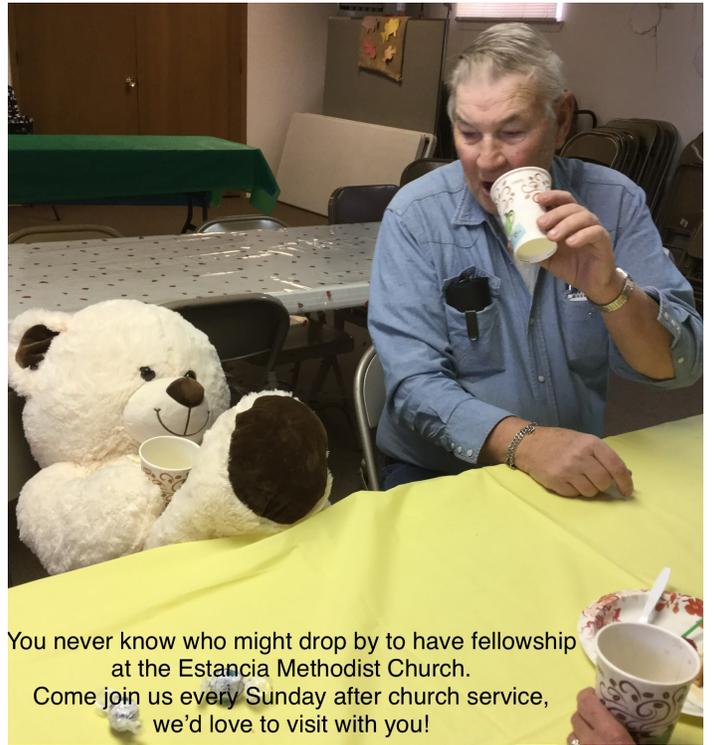
"A mature Christian is someone who is a model, a pacesetter; someone who influences others in positive ways according to biblical standards! Modeling Christian virtues, virtues of true spirituality, is crucial to effective ministry in the world. "

<https://bible.org/seriespage/mark-1-example-others-imitate>



Chuck and Sharon Crain
01/07/2017

On the evening of January 7, Chuck and Sharon Crain gave a concert with singing some good ole gospel songs. There were a couple of songs that all who attended were invited to sing along. If you missed them, you missed a good concert!



You never know who might drop by to have fellowship at the Estancia Methodist Church. Come join us every Sunday after church service, we'd love to visit with you!



Notice the cross on the Bible behind Pastor Keith, It appeared when the congregation was singing "Blessed Assurance" 1/21/18



Melanie giving the Kings Kids sermon, being "fishers of men" 01/21/2018



Thanks to Ray, Bill, Julie, Elaine and Pastor Keith for helping out when Morrow is absent from the organ. 1/21/18

From Rev. Terry Ann

So many times I have heard different folks talk about the books they read or the music they listen to for their devotional time. I always enjoy reading the passages that Alma submits to the newsletter. I think it would be nice to hear from each of you, who do you turn to after God, to learn how to deal with daily issues. Two of my favorite authors are Max Lucado and Joyce Meyer. My TV provider has a channel called "Hallelujah" that I love to listen to as well.

If you find that you would just like to sit around and listen or sing along, may I recommend or suggest to you an album that the Gaither music folks have put out for us to hear and share. Country Music star Alan Jackson has put together an album of old hymns commonly found in an old Baptist and even the Methodist hymnal. It is called "Precious Memories Live at the Ryman." His beautiful tenor voice singing the hymns is soothing, spiritual and a lot of fun to hear. He picked most of the songs, but his "mama" picked the last song, "I Want to Stroll Over Heaven With You." This part of the music was filmed at the old home of the Grand Ole Opry, the Ryman Auditorium. It comes in DVD form and they add a CD as well. You can go to www.gaither.com or www.alanjackson.com. Enjoy! Let me know what you think of it.

I am in need of a driver every now and then. Is there anyone who could consider taking me to doctor visits in Albuquerque, mostly. Call me at 505-384-2616.

Lent is coming up and it is a very busy time in our church calendar. Please pray for our Pastor and all who lead and participate in worship this time of year. We need to pray for both churches and our ministries in the community and world around us.

On behalf of the ones who are homebound, please lift them up and maybe send a card or letter every now and then.

Get your Laity Connected!

Currently, every pastor and every local church receives our conference eNewsletter. Laity who have self-selected to subscribe also receive it. We recognize that we can do more to connect all of our people. Our objective is not only to get more information to our people, but also make it easier to hear your stories.

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To that end, we are working to widen the audience of the once-weekly email blast. If you are so inclined, please use the graphic above in your church communications. If you would like a different format, please contact our Conference Communications Director, Alli Newsom at alli@nmconfum.com. The sign up link can be accessed on the front page of the Conference website: <http://www.nmconfum.com/>

We are working on a new, cleaner, mobile responsive newsletter design. Stay tuned!

Ash WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Depending upon your work schedule and willingness to drive, On **February 14th**, there will be two opportunities to participate in an ***Ash Wednesday service***. The service in **Estancia** will be from **12:15 until 12:45 p.m.** In **Mountainair** it will be from **6:00 until 6:30 p.m.** Members of both churches are invited to attend either service.



YOUR METHODIST MEN AT WORK

Last Friday and Saturday a group of Methodist men, which included Nick Griffo, Butch McGee, Pastor Keith Smith, and Bill Simms, set out to rid Mary Alice Drolte of her dirt and often muddy front parking area. A large truckload of crushed gravel was brought to her front door. After two days of raking, shoveling, leveling and smoothing, Mary Alice finally has a smooth and dry place to walk and park her car. Thanks for all your help, guys!

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



Sent with a prayer to:



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PRAYER REMINDS US

When a believing person prays, great things happen.
James 5:16

PRAYER CHANGES THINGS.

-Contributed by Alma Wimsatt