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FROM THE PASTOR'S KEYBOARD

Your prayers of intercession for our decision makers are needed. The General Conference, the governing body of the worldwide United Methodist Church, meets in St. Louis February 23-26. This is a called General Conference, only the second called Conference in the 50-plus-year history of the denomination. The two questions before the Conference are: 1. Will we ordain self-avowed practicing homosexuals, and 2. Will we perform same-sex weddings. Neither is allowed under the current Book of Discipline, which states, "The United Methodist Church does not condone the practice of homosexuality and considers this practice incompatible with Christian teaching."

The Council of Bishops appointed a 32-member Commission on the Way Forward, which met nine times over the course of 17 months, and created a 93-page report which is available online. The report identifies three possible paths, and the Council of Bishops endorses one of those plans, which in the simplest terms, could be called the "local option." If you *really* want to read the report, and don't have access to the internet, and *promise* to actually read it, I will print the 93-page report for you. This is not my first choice, because the General Conference might adopt one of the three plans (with changes, because the Judicial Council (UMC's chief legal body) has determined that portions of the plans violate the Church constitution), or a different plan, or possibly no plan at all.

To call this issue divisive is simply a statement of fact. In one jurisdiction a self-avowed practicing homosexual has been elected bishop, and in another jurisdiction at least one congregation has severed ties with the UMC because of the controversy. I could fill most of a page with scripture from both testaments calling for unity in the Church, which tells us two things: 1. God's children have been divided against each other in the past, and 2. This is *not* God's will. But we also read in both Scripture and history that God's children have had an unfortunate history of ignoring both His will, and His direct commands. It could go

without saying that this disobedience continues today. The best thing we can do, and I urge you do so, is pray for those meeting in St. Louis, that their deliberations be guided by God's Spirit, and that their decisions be in accordance with His will. This is not a unique or surprising prayer, and doubtless they will be praying the same thing for themselves. The problem is that we don't always perceive God's will in the same way. Just ask Paul and Barnabas when you see them.

God bless you.

-Pastor Keith

Take a good look at this church



Pastor Terry Ann submitted this photo of a church of the same vintage as ours built in Iowa. Undoubtedly ordered from the same catalog!

Received from the Methodist Children's Home:

“Estancia UMC,

Thanks so much for your December gift and for your faithful support of MCH!

The Lord is using you all to change the lives of so many in New Mexico and Texas. Thank you for investing in our children and youth and partnering with us. We hope to partner with you for years to come!

Blessings,
Jeremy Webb”

In Memoriam Carolyn Moore 1930 - 2019

Carolyn Moore, long time member and supporter of the Estancia United Methodist Church, passed away on Thursday, January 31st, 2019. She has gone home to be with her Lord. We will miss her.





Trustees, Butch McGee, Pastor Keith and Bill Simms braved the cold weather this last week to replace some of the siding that had blown off the Education Building. The same wind that blew down the big tree a few weeks ago.

Congratulations to our Estancia Senior, Jesse Chavez!!!

At the Football Awards Banquet, Jesse received 4 awards. He was named:

- **1st Team Offensive Line** for our District
- **1st Team All State Offensive Line** - This is a selection of the BEST 5 offensive linemen from ALL of New Mexico's 2A schools. Jesse and 2 other Estancia football players were named to 1st Team. Four Estancia players were named to 2nd Team.
- **1st Team Offensive Line for South All Star Team** - This is a selection of New Mexico's most outstanding Senior football players who will play in the North/South All Star game in Albuquerque in early June. Jesse is the ONLY Estancia Senior selected for the Offensive Team. Estancia also has 4 Seniors selected for the Defensive South All Star Team. This group of 5 is the largest group of Estancia Seniors ever selected for the All Star Game.
- **Member of Estancia's 1,000 pound club** - for the second year. Weightlifting is part of the year round conditioning that all Estancia athletes do.



Hi all,

I'm listing the home Estancia basketball games for February's calendar. There are nearly always 4 games at a time, with both JV & Varsity girls and boys teams. Sydney and the 3 Fastnacht girls are playing, 2 on JV, and all 4 of them on V. Both girls and boys are very competitive in the state this year and the games are fun to watch!

- 2/7/19 - vs Magdalena beginning at 4pm
- 2/9/19 - vs Alamo Navajo beginning at 1pm
- 2/15/19 - vs MAS beginning at 6pm
- 2/19/19 - vs NACA beginning at 5pm



Go Bears!
Elaine

News from Bethel

The attendance at the meeting for December did not reach a quorum, therefore, only minor voting was done. Two new members were voted in and the 2019 budget was accepted.

East Mountain Assembly of God has been donating money exclusively to travelers. They donate quarterly, and at the end of 2018 the fund had a value of \$8,526. Anyone may donate to this fund, just specify this fund when you donate.

Bethel helped 22,471 people with 149,143 pounds of food distributed. Financially, Bethel ended the year in the black, with 125% coming from donations and grants. We ended 2018 very well.

Up-coming events:

- * Everything half off on Feb 2nd 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM!
- * Wednesday → Wacky Wednesday Sale, and Half Off Day for Seniors!

EVERY DOLLAR SPENT IN THE STORE ENABLES BETHEL TO PURCHASE FIVE POUNDS OF ADDITIONAL FOOD.

Volunteer orientation - Thursday at 10:00 AM Next meeting on Feb.14, 7pm

Thanks for letting me represent our Church.

-Darla Lautenschlager

Thoughts from Pastor Terry Ann

New Year's Resolutions: "First, we all need changes. Some we find very hard to admit to ourselves. I've heard people say, "I have no regrets about my life. If I had it to do over, I'd do it the same way again." But that attitude is way too blind and self-serving as far as I'm concerned. There is great power in confession--to ourselves, to God and

to others. Owning up to our failures is the first, painful step on the road to something better.

Secondly, when we change our calendars, why not take time for "reassessment." How did last year go? What do I want to do differently this year? This time of year always reminds me of a passage of scripture, better understood by farmers than suburbanites: "Break up your unplowed ground, and do not sow among thorns" (Jer 4:3). It makes sense. The more land you put into production, the more prosperous you'll be.

Third, New Year's is an excellent time for mid-course corrections. Sure, we might fail in what we set out to do, but if we fail to plan, the old saw goes, then we plan to fail. Failure is not the end. For the person who determines to learn from it, failure is a friend.

Fourth, New Year's is a time to learn to rely more heavily on the grace of God. Now I've met a few self-made men and women and so have you, but so often these people seem proud and driven. There is another way: beginning to trust in God's help. One more secret from the Apostle Paul: "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength," he said (Phil 4:13, NIV). And God's strength saw him through a lot--through pain, through joy, and through accomplishment.

If this last year, you didn't practice relying on the Lord as much as you should have, there is no time like the present to make a New Year's resolution. In fact, why don't you say a short prayer right now--use these words if you like: "Dear God, I want the new year to be different for me." Now spell out in prayer some of the changes you'd like to see. And close this way: "Lord Jesus, I know that I'm going to need a lot of help for this. So right now I place myself in your hands. Help me to receive Your strength. Amen." Good. Now you've got a much better chance of a Happy New Year."

-Pastor Terry Ann



Kimber giving the Kings Kids message when Jesus was a young boy being in the temple and Joseph and Mary went looking for him.



KINGS KIDS
Butch telling the story of how
Jesus turned the water into wine.



In Morrows absence, the Darnell's, Bill,
and Kitty (not shown) filled in with some beautiful music.



Bible verses that tell us the truth about love

The Bible has something to say about every kind of love there is: God's love for us, and our love for Him, in marriages, families and between friends. Here are some of the best:

Deuteronomy 6:5

Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

Proverbs 17:17

A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity.



Matthew 22:34-39

Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Luke 6:32-36

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."



John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.



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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 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 |  | 15 | 16 Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM |
| 17 Worship 9:00 AM Mtair 11:00 AM | 18 ECHO Food Distribution 9:00 to 1:00 | 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 | | |



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PROMISES TO HELP YOU CHOOSE TRANQUILITY

Whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy...meditate on these things.

Philippians 4,8

Let not your heart be troubled, you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.

John 14,1-3