



NEWSLETTER

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Sunday Worship 9:00 AM

FROM PASTOR BONNIE

Hello Churches! I'm looking forward to meeting you on July 1 when my appointment becomes effective. You're probably curious about your new Pastor, so allow me the honor of introducing myself...

My name is Rev. Bonnie Hardesty, and I go by 'Pastor Bonnie.' I'm 57 years young (I've heard a positive attitude can work miracles!) I have two children and almost three grandchildren. The third is 'on the way' as I type! My daughter Toni and son-in-law Sam live here in Albuquerque with their two children Soul and Harlan. My son Jay and his wife Monee reside in San Diego, where he (by the time you read this) just graduated from UCSD (electrical engineering) and she is active duty Navy (Lt. Commander) temporarily on maternity leave.

I'm originally from Wood Dale, IL... a sleepy little burg bordering the west side of what is today O'Hare Airport outside Chicago. I was born and raised in a converted chicken coop (yes, you read that correctly) along with 3 siblings, a dog, several cats, some chickens, and lots of rabbits (a kid's got to eat!) Actually I didn't know we were eating the rabbits until I was old enough to start helping in the kitchen.

I've worked outside the coop, for pay, since age 8 and have been steadily employed ever since... even and especially when attending school: Parkland Jr. College (where I earned an Assoc. Degree in Business Administration, summa cum laude) and University of Illinois (where I earned Bachelor of Arts - Finance and Master of Accounting Science – International Accounting degrees, both summa cum laude also.) I've been a

child care worker, a cashier, a domestic, and a reservations clerk at a hoity toity Chicago hotel. I passed all parts of the CPA exam on the first try while still in graduate school (and working as a graduate teaching assistant... which is why I knew the material so well – I was teaching it!) Having all the tickets duly punched, I worked as a CPA in public accounting and then at Sandia National Labs, from which I've recently retired after 25 years service.

God raised me up in the Baptist tradition as a child & converted me to Methodism as an adult (so there's hope for everyone!) My 'call to ministry' actually came in my early childhood, through God's prevenient Grace which, thanks be to God, He extends to all! I entered the candidacy process in November, 1995, was ordained Deacon and eventually Elder in full connection in 2008. Yes, it's a L-O-N-G process! During those years I continued work at Sandia Labs, pastored Bernalillo United Methodist Church, became primary care giver for my parents (who resided in southern Indiana and have since passed on to glory), and completed my seminary degree (Master in Divinity) on the campus of Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, KY.

Upon graduation from seminary in 2006, I started up a ministry here in Albuquerque, called Sabbath House. Just think 'faith-based Ronald McDonald House' and you've got the idea. It's a ministry of food and shelter, prayer and presence for care givers while their loved ones are in the hospital. It was born out of 8 years of personal care giving for my own family members, and the Sandwich Support Ministry I co-chaired at Sandia Labs for over 10 years.

All that having been said, however, where a person's been and what they've done are in the past. One's past informs, but does not dictate one's future. So let me tell you a little bit about WHO I am today & WHERE God is leading me: I'm an 'I-N-F-J.' For those of you familiar with the Myers Briggs profiles, you'll recognize me as Introverted, Intuitive, Feeling, and Judging. There are very few of 'me' in the world. Some say less than 2% of the population has this social style. I know that I'm an I-N-F-J because, as part of the candidacy process, one is required to be tested psychologically... and all three times, these tests confirmed my personality profile: INFJ.

What does this mean in real life? It means I process information internally (introvert) before externally (extrovert.) I'm likely to have been cogitating on an idea for some time before I share it with anyone. Intuitives have a strong '6th sense.' I might not be able to point to particular evidence supporting a decision; but I will know it's right because my gut (some might say – the Holy Spirit) tells me so. Feeling people 'sense' things: the mood of people gathered in a room; they hear and interpret the meaning in a person's tone of voice. Finally, 'Judging.' Often misinterpreted as 'Judgmental,' this attribute actually implies that I lean into standards. I like concreteness about things... such as Scripture, the ethical codes of conduct for CPAs and Internal Auditors. This attribute, no doubt, assisted me greatly in my work in public accounting and at the Labs.

And where am I going?! To Estancia & Mountainair, of course!! I'll see you on Sunday, July 1, as we walk together the path that God has laid out before us.

Blessings,

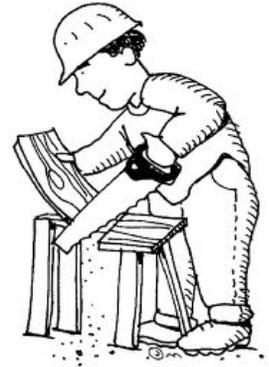
-Pastor Bonnie

Stained Glass Project

The month of June saw the final installation of the stained glass windows!! Other major accomplishments included: 1) Re-erected the scaffolding needed to finish the north center windows; 2) Installed trim on 14 windows. This is about 65% of the total window trim; 3) Started work on sun-catchers for the dedication of the stained glass windows; 4) Continued work on the Torrance County Fair consignment to make 30 small Sun-Catchers.

Next month will be devoted to finishing up the remaining trim and working on the sun-catchers.

-Mel Stephenson



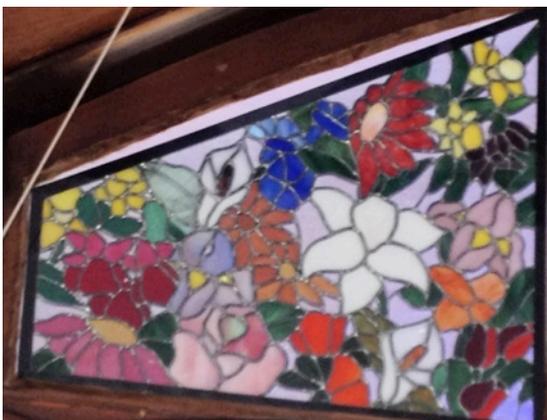
THE LAST WINDOWS INSTALLED!!



Mel & Ladd putting in last screws



“Walk to Emmaus”



Final Partition Window

“THANK YOU” From the Spooners

We are truly blessed and grateful for an over whelming attendance at our Open House on June 17th. Thank you for sharing your time and love with us on that day. We appreciated your well-wishes, phone calls, cards, and patience during the many “tours” and chocolate fountain learning curve. We will try that one again someday. We loved having our daughter Cara and two of her children. There wasn't a lack of holders for the newest baby. Special thanks goes to Rev. Hunt for Blessing our home, Vickie and Butch for handling kitchen duty and especially to Kitty who found herself pitching in. What a trooper!

As we move on, know that each of you will never move on from our hearts.

On another note; Thank you for the wonderful “Farewell Dinner” on Saturday night. We enjoyed visiting with many at the dinner. The singing was creative if not sappy and the roasting wasn't too harsh. The love offering is greatly appreciated. And Butch, the boots and flowers had style. You know where we live. Come by and share yourself with us.

-Charles and June Spooner



Methodist Men's Breakfast Club

The Methodist Men met at the Old Mill on June 16 at 7am. After an opening prayer the group discussed forthcoming activities on the church facilities. The last stained glass window will be finished and installed next week. The need to bring back the scaffolding was discussed to begin installing the trim. Jon expects to have completed the cutting and routing work on the poplar wood trim after he gets some more wood by the end of next week. Bill Simms said that the new church siding has been received and ready to be installed.

The Joyful Singers aka The Buckaroos

The choir offered a special presentation to the congregation on June 23 that included the gospel song I'll Fly Away in honor of Pastor Spooner's retirement. The choir presented a modified version with new lyrics at the retirement party held on the 23rd. Seven members of the Joyful Singers are participating in the Mountainair Community Choir under the direction of Patty Mahoney that will perform on July 8 at 2:00 pm at the Mountainair Baptist Church. The singers will be dormant in July and will begin rehearsing again in August. We still need participants, especially tenor and alto voices. If you are interested, contact Jon Shively at 384-5387 or by e-mail jshively@csun.edu.



-Jon Shively

Mountainair UMC News



The Mountainair UMC is holding their annual "STUFF" sale on Friday, July 6, and Saturday, July 7, from 8:30 to 3:00. We welcome donations and would particularly appreciate them being brought to the church in Mountainair on Tuesday, July 3. We are targeting two projects for our proceeds: repair of the ramp surface and renovation of the bathroom to make it more accessible.

On Sunday, July 8, at the Mountainair Baptist Church, the Mountainair Community Chorus will present ***"Give Me Liberty and I Will Sing"*** at 2:00pm. Participants include Anna Hopping, Nancy Karlsberger, Jan Cool, Elaine Darnell, Jon and Joanie Shively, Ross Carder, Kent Potter, Keith Loepere and Marcia Fitzner.

-Patty Mahoney

Game Night

Last Thursday our church, led by Melanie Chavez, Cheryl Chavez and Leslie Fastnacht, sponsored a kids community game night. They had fun and Pizza!!





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9 AM Worship 9:15 Childrens Church 11 AM Worship -Mtair	2 9:am Glass Shop	3 9:am Glass Shop	4 10:30:am Quilters Independence Day	5	6	7
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"God Bless America"

"God Bless America" is an American patriotic song written by **Irving Berlin** in **1918** and revised by him in 1938. The later version has notably been recorded by Kate Smith, becoming her signature song.

"God Bless America" takes the form of a prayer (intro lyrics "as we raise our voices, in a solemn prayer") for God's blessing and peace for the nation ("...stand beside her and guide her through the night...").



Irving Berlin