



## **NEWSLETTER**

**OF THE**

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try to force-fit today into yesterday's mold. Instead, ask Me to open your eyes so you can find all I have prepared for you in *this* precious day of Life.

Adapted from an article by Sarah Young

*The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. — Matthew 28:5*

*Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old things have passed away. Behold, all things have become new. — 2 Corinthians 5:17*

From the Desk of...

*Pastor Bonnie*

### Big Changes are coming to Estancia and Mountainair UMCs!

Your new Pastor, Rev. Robert Hunt will be taking the pulpit for the first time on July 3. Meanwhile, Estancia is in the process of redesigning its worship service. Mountainair is pressing forward with new ministries that will extend the love of Christ into the community. But CHANGE is the one thing that scares the dickens out of most people. It ranks right up there with public speaking and a visit to the dentist! So let's remember what Jesus said about change... do not fear change; for I am making you a new creation.

I Am the Risen One who shines upon you always. You worship a living Deity, not some idolatrous, man-made image. Your relationship with Me is meant to be vibrant and challenging, as I invade more and more areas of your life.

Do not fear change, for I am making you a new creation, with old things passing away and new things continually on the horizon.

When you cling to old ways and sameness, you resist My work within you. I want you to embrace all that I am doing in your life, finding your security in Me alone.

It is easy to make an idol of routine, finding security within the boundaries you build around your life. Although each day contains twenty-four hours, every single minute presents a unique set of circumstances. Don't



# **CELEBRATION!**



## **COME JOIN US IN THE PARK**

To **THANK PASTOR BONNIE** for all the work and love that she has lavished upon our churches these past four years!!

**The  
Estancia United Methodist Church  
and the  
Mountainair United Methodist Church**

Invite you all to attend **“Worship in the Park”** in Estancia on Sunday June 26th at 10:00 AM. Hamburgers and Hotdogs will be provided — Please bring a dish to share...

**(and don't forget your folding chairs)**

**We wish Pastor Bonnie God's love in her new mission,  
and we hope our paths cross again and again!!**

## General Conference 2016 Reflections from Bishop Bledsoe

I will leave GC with renewed hope for the future of the church. We may not have accomplished all that we needed to get done, but I can definitely say we certainly open ourselves up to the presence of The risen CHRIST through prayer. This conference was surrounded and lifted up by prayer. I want to thank all the members and friends of the New Mexico conference who were obedient to the call to pray. I also saw first hand the commitment and engagement of those who were delegates and guests. All served with distinction, humility, respect and integrity. May God continue to bless and guide our work in the future.



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### Parsonage Prep:

**Pastor Robert Hunt is coming to Estancia. If you have furniture or other things 'stored' or 'on loan' at the parsonage, please reclaim them and move them out of the parsonage before June 1 so that your Trustees can prepare for the Hunt's arrival.**

### Staff Parish Relations Committee needs your help 'POUNDING' the new Pastor!

**One time-honored tradition in the United Methodist Church is to 'Pound the Pastor' on their arrival... that is, bring a pound of flour, a pound of butter, a pound of ... you get the picture. These staples help the incoming pastor and family to feel welcomed and cared for by the congregation of which they will soon become a part. Help welcome the Hunts with a pound of good will. Date/s and time/s for the 'pounding/s' will be announced soon.**

## NM Conference Calendar

### UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event	Location
June 1 - 4	NM Annual Conference	Roswell, NM
July 13-16	SCJ Conference	Wichita, KS
July 15-18	UMW - Mission U	Sacramento Camp
July 22-23	Small Membership Church Retreat	Sacramento Camp
Oct 2-5	Fall Clergy Retreat	Sacramento Camp

## PRAYER CONCERNS

**Passing to Glory** – Elaine Pogue, Bozo Sturges, Cecelia Chavez, Heid & Sanchez-Lujan boys; Wanda’s son-in-law Dean’s father; Ralph Schmidt.

**Joys & Thanksgiving** – Congrats to Dianne and Ron Doan on their 50th Anniversary! Congrats to Michael & Tina Dile on their marriage May 20! Joy for all the Graduates & Prayers for the next chapters in their lives! Trish Garner (cancer, doing much better!) Dustin (closed on his house); Mothers everywhere, especially those with sons and daughters in service to our country; Cora’s daughter Gwen (spinal surgery) is back at work! Eric Childers (brain tumor removal) is doing GREAT, PTL! Tony Mahoney’s cataract surgery fix is healing well! Rev. Robert Hunt and wife Kathy (new Pastor arriving in July); Pastor Bonnie and her next steps in serving God.

**Illness** – Macen (osteocarcinoma, very critical condition); Rowlin Martin has terminal cancer; Ray Reagan (liver trouble); Jackie Henry (recurrence of cancer); Duane Coburn (Lung issue, diagnosis pending); Kent’s niece Lindsey; Ron Gilsdorf; Louise Emvoutou.

**Other Concerns** – The Mountainair Community (recent robberies and store closing.)

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Following are the Revised Common Lectionary readings for the month of June (and a bonus first Sunday in July!) If you read each week’s recommendations consistently, over the course of three years, you will have read nearly the ENTIRE BIBLE!

June 5	June 12	June 19	June 26	July 3
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Kings 17:8-24 <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 146 (UMH 858) <input type="checkbox"/> Galatians 1:11-24 <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 7:11-17	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Kings 21:1-21a <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 5:1-8 (UMH 742) <input type="checkbox"/> Galatians 2:15-21 <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 7:36-8:3	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Kings 19:1-15a <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 42 (UMH 777) <input type="checkbox"/> Galatians 3:23-29 <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 8:26-39	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 (UMH 798) <input type="checkbox"/> Galatians 5:1, 13-25 <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 9:51-62	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Kings 5:1-14 <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 30 (UMH 762) <input type="checkbox"/> Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16 <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

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## Leading Ideas from the Lewis Center for Christian Leadership Wesley Theological Seminary:

**The Right Question** – *Leaders do not need answers. Leaders must have the right questions.*

Carey Nieuwhof, a Canadian pastor and popular blogger, is frequently asked how to reach unchurched people because of his success in doing just that in his church. He has an interesting theory about what it takes ... He believes that *if teens find your main worship services boring, irrelevant, and disengaging, so will unchurched people.* But if you can design services that engage teenagers, you have designed a service that will engage people currently beyond your walls.

Therefore, his **Right Question** for churches is: **Do the teens in your church love your services and want to invite their friends?**

# Four Truths to Help Our Kids Learn to Follow Jesus Well

Excerpted from an article by Callie Martinez

If we believe that Jesus paid for our sins on the cross and rose again to save us, that knowledge should affect how we live. But, it's not always easy to follow Jesus in our everyday lives when there are so many influences pulling us opposite directions. My son doesn't know any of these struggles now; he just knows He loves Jesus. There is a beauty in that simplicity, but as his parent, I am also looking ahead to prepare him to follow Jesus when it is hard, in those moments when it might be easier to take a different road. The Bible compares the Christian life to taking the narrow path, and that is such an appropriate analogy, because following Jesus is not easy. In fact, we are promised it will be hard. Here are a few things that have helped me as I have tried (and sometimes failed) to follow Jesus well.



## 1. Remember That Following Jesus Requires a Change In Behavior

When we are saved we must repent, which quite literally means to turn a different way. When we understand what Jesus has done for us and that change settles into our hearts, we turn away from the world, from our sinful desires, and follow Jesus. After we make the decision to do that, we have to continually re-make the decision to “deny ourselves and follow [Jesus]”. It is so much easier to go with the flow and do whatever we (or others) want, but out of love for our Savior we should think about what He would want us to do first. As my son grows, I want to emphasize that following Jesus will mean taking the harder road and narrower path because we love Him!

## 2. When In Doubt, Read Your Bible

I can't see the future and teach my kids the correct decision for every situation they will face, but I do know that God's Word is truth! Teaching my son Scripture is a priority. I want him to realize that all the help he will need can be found there. In addition to our Bible reading, at this stage we are also enjoying picture storybooks about Jesus. One of our new favorites is [I Will Follow Jesus Bible Storybook](#), and I love how between the stories there are little section with practical applications for young children on how to follow Jesus in their daily lives. This is a great Bible for starting those conversations with younger children on how to follow Jesus well!

## 3. The Devil Can't Make You Do It, But He Can Sure Try

Spiritual warfare is a reality I want my kids to be aware of, but ironically I don't even always recognize my own struggles as spiritual warfare! It has taken me a while, but I am realizing how active the spiritual world is, and how often that spiritual warfare is a factor in the situations I face. There is nothing our kids can do to fight this spiritual battle if they do not know how to pray. When they find themselves struggling and making mistakes, I want them to attack it with prayer, because we need God's help to truly overcome our enemy.

## 4. There Is No Such Thing as a Perfect Christian

Though I accepted Christ at a young age, I have not always followed Jesus perfectly. There are times I have been distracted by everything the world chases after, times when I have ignored that gentle tug in my spirit, Jesus nudging me to get back on track, and times when I have flat-out disobeyed God and kicked myself afterward. It is so easy to get caught up in past failures, but the most beautiful thing about following Jesus is that there is grace. There is grace when we mess up, and we can come right back to Him and ask Him to forgive us and help us choose the better path. When my kids fail, and they will, I want them to know deep in their hearts that they can always rely upon the wonderful grace and forgiveness of Jesus.

The world likes to tell us that if we follow our heart, we can't go wrong, but that is just not true. Our hearts are deceitful, and feelings change all the time. There will be times in my kids' lives when it will be hard to make the right decisions, when it will be tempting to follow what everyone else is doing.

As parents, when our kids face tough decisions, we want to have already equipped them with the tools they need to choose to follow Jesus no matter what.

## Garrison Keillor on "Those People called Methodists"

"We make fun of Methodists for their blandness, their excessive calm, their fear of giving offense, their lack of speed, and also for their secret fondness for macaroni and cheese. But nobody sings like them....If you were to ask an audience in New York City, a relatively Methodist-less place, to sing along on the chorus of 'Michael row your boat ashore' they would look daggers at you as if you had asked them to strip to their underwear. But if you do this with Methodists, they'd smile and row that boat ashore and up on the beach! And down the road!"

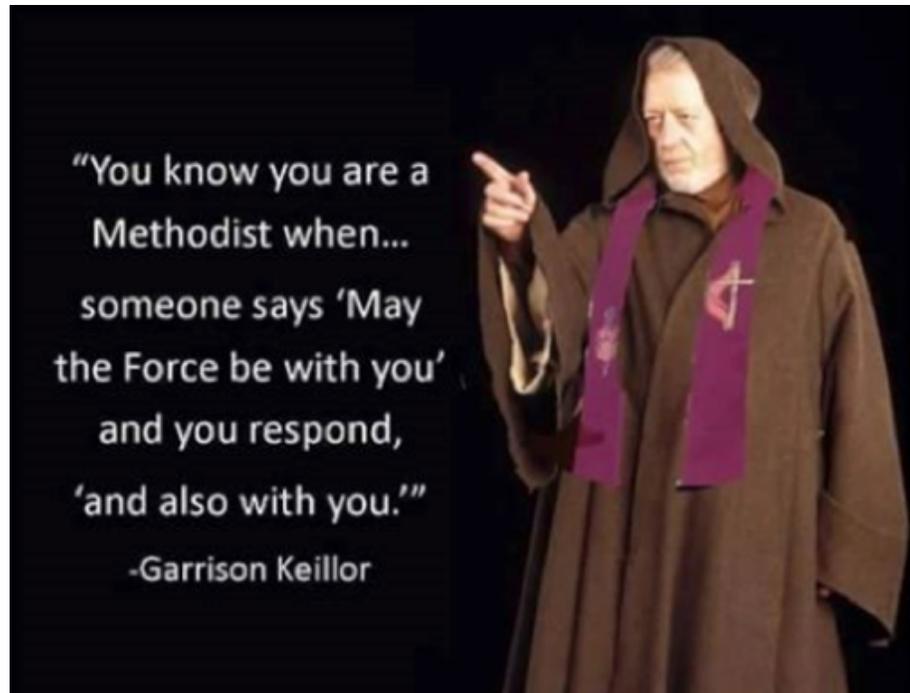
"Many Methodists are bred from childhood to sing in four-part harmony, a talent that comes from sitting on the lap of someone singing alto or tenor or bass and hearing the harmonic intervals by putting your little head against that person's rib cage. Its natural for Methodists to sing in harmony. We are too modest to be soloists, too worldly to sing in unison. When you are singing in the key of C and you slide into the A7th and D7th chords, all two hundred of you, its an emotionally fulfilling moment. By our joining in harmony, we somehow promise that we will not forsake each other."

"I do believe this: People, these Methodists, who love to sing in four-part harmony are the sort of people you could call up when you're in deep distress. If you are dying, they will comfort you. If you are lonely, they will talk to you. And if you are hungry, they will give you tuna salad!"

"Methodists believe in prayer, but would practically die if asked to pray out loud. Methodists will usually follow the official liturgy, and will feel it is their way of suffering for their sins....You know you are a Methodist if when you watch Star Wars and they say 'May the Force be with you,' you instinctively respond 'And also with you.'"

"Methodists think that the Bible forbids them from crossing the aisle while passing the peace. Methodists believe in miracles and even expect miracles, especially during their stewardship visitation programs or when passing the plate. Methodists believe their pastors will visit them in the hospital, even if they don't notify them that they are there! Methodists are willing to pay up to a dollar for a meal at church....They drink coffee as if it were the third Sacrament. You will know you are a Methodist when its 100 degrees outside with 90% humidity and you still serve coffee after the service. You know you are a Methodist when doughnuts are a line item in the church budget, just like coffee."

"Methodists still serve Jello in the proper liturgical color of the season and think that peas in a tuna casserole adds too much color. Methodists feel guilty if they don't stay to clean up after their own wedding reception in the Fellowship Hall. You know you are a Methodist when it takes at least ten minutes to say goodbye!"





Kings Kids Sunday May 22

## Financial Corner:

<b>April 2016</b>	<b>Estancia</b>	<b>Mountainair</b>
General Account 4/1/16	<b>\$13,582.46</b>	<b>\$6850.30</b>
Receipts	4,500.69	\$1385.01
Disbursements	3,616.33	\$1873.28
Month-End Balance	<b>\$14,466.82</b>	<b>\$6362.03</b>
<b>Tithe</b>	601.43	
<b>One Great Hour of Sharing</b>	40.00	
<b>Investment Accounts</b>		
001	<b>\$13,908.05</b>	<b>\$8038.10</b>
002	<b>\$8,944.95</b>	-----

# June



Summer's Here, YAY !!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
June 1-4, Annual Conference in Roswell						
5  Altar Color – Green	6	7	8 <input type="checkbox"/> 7am Pastor's Breakfast, ABQ <input type="checkbox"/> 11:30 Faith @ Work in ABQ <input type="checkbox"/> 1:30 Prayer @ Moore's (303 N Walker)	9	10	11 6am – 9pm Emmaus Team Mtg., Bloomfield
12 The Doan's 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, 11am in Mountainair  Altar Color – Green	13 6pm Safe Sanctuaries Training, FUMC ABQ	14	15 7am Pastor's Breakfast, ABQ	16	17	18 8am Men's Breakfast
19 Father's Day  Altar Color – Green	20	21 11am-4pm MtAir Promised Land / Road-runner Food Bank	22 7am Pastor's Breakfast, ABQ	23	24	25
26 WORSHIP IN THE PARK 10:00 AM "Thank You, Bonnie!!" Altar Color – Green	27	28	29 7am Pastor's Breakfast, ABQ	30	July 1	July 2



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From Max Lucado...

**Sowing Seeds of Peace** (Contributed by Alma Wimsatt)

Plant goodness, harvest the plant of loyalty, plow the new ground of knowledge...Hosea 10:12

Want to see a miracle? Plant a word of love heart deep in a person's life. Nurture it with a smile and a prayer and watch what happens.

An employee gets a compliment. A wife receives a bouquet of flowers. A cake is baked and carried next door. A widow is hugged. A gas station attendant is honored. A preacher is praised.

Sowing seeds of peace is like sowing beans. You don't know why it works: you just know it does. Seeds are planted, and topsoils of hurt are shoved away.



Don't forget the principle. Never underestimate the power of a seed.