



NEWSLETTER

OF THE

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JANUARY, 2013

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Sunday Worship 9:00 AM

A New Year's Prayer

Lord, As a new year begins, we come to You and ask for Your blessing. We pray that you would give us joy to fill our days, peace to fill our hearts, and love to fill our lives. Thank You for the plans You have for us in this new year. We wait in anticipation to see all You will do!

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

You know the old adage, "If you don't care where you're going, any road will get you there!" But as Christians, we should care deeply about both where we're going and how we intend to get there. I recently read a snippet from "*I Am Still A Pastor*" by Mary C. Lindberg, as quoted in the Alban Weekly:

"Twenty girls, ages three to twelve, pile into the entrance of the Korean Cultural Center, where they have come to practice traditional Korean dance. According to Korean custom, everyone takes off their shoes when they enter a building, and the girls observe this ritual--in their own fashion. They topple over one another as they toss their shoes into a large pile and head off to rehearsal. While the dance teacher leads the class, I sit in the lobby, waiting for my daughter and watching another ritual unfold. One of the other moms methodically picks up each of the dozens of shoes in the large pile and sorts them into pairs. She matches up the shoes and sets each pair neatly down, with the toes pointed

toward the door. By the end of her ritual she has turned all the shoes around. When our daughters finish dancing, their shoes are ready for them to head out the door and on to the next event in their lives.”

In what direction are your shoes pointed today? Where will you be going in 2013? Scripture tells us that God has called each of us to a path marked for us by Jesus. It’s a path that leads to wholeness and holiness, and to life eternal. May God bless you on your journey!

“Thy word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path.” Psalm 119:105

-Pastor Bonnie

Pastor Bonnie’s Calendar, January, 2013

January 2013 Show more Show less						
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***United Methodist Churchwide Special Sunday –
January 20th is Human Relations Day.***

This is the first of 6 opportunities for special giving in 2013. Human Relations Day giving supports neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy in the United States and Puerto Rico through United Methodist Voluntary Services, and work with at-risk youth through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program. Please pray about how God may be calling you to support this special giving opportunity. Other special offering Sundays in 2013 will include:

March 10 – One Great Hour of Sharing (gifts to the United Methodist Committee on Relief – UMCOR)

April 14 – Native American Ministries Sunday (for Native American Ministries within our Conference)

May 26 – Peace with Justice Sunday (to help remove structures and systems that harm God’s children)

October 6 – World Communion Sunday (funds racial-ethnic Scholarships, focused outside the US)

November 24 – United Methodist Student Day (UM-school related scholarships & student loans)

In addition, it has been the habit of the Estancia & Mountainair Churches to designate a special gift on Christmas Eve, December 24, to support the 2-in-1 Offering for the Methodist Home in Waco, TX and Methodist Mission in San Antonio.

As you lay out your budget for 2013, please consider taking the Financial Peace University course that Estancia UMC will be offering (details to come!) If you want to live like no one else *someday*, you’ve got to ***plan for your financial success today!***

Christmas Activities

Sunday, Dec 30-- The highlight of the morning was Pastor Bonnie and her friend, Peggy Stevens, performing the “Christmas Rap.” The congregation was so mesmerized, that no one thought to take a picture; however, here is the text of the performance:

This is a kind of ‘Rap’ style...

Chorus:

It’s called Christmas, What more can I say?

It’s about the birth of Christ, And they can’t take that away!

You can call it something else, But that’s not what it will be.

It’s called Christmas, with a capital ‘C’ !

Verse 1

Well I went to the coffee shop, to get myself a mocha.

The lady at the counter said, ”Happy Holidays.”

I said, “Thanks Lady, I am pretty happy; but there’s only one holiday that makes me feel that way.”

And... (Chorus)

Verse 2

God’s got a law

And we pretty much destroyed it.

We’re gonna get judged,

There’s no way to avoid it.

But Jesus came down to take the punishment for me.

He did it for you too, so now maybe you can see

Why...(Chorus)

Christmas Activities. Cont'd

Christmas Caroling

On Saturday evening, Dec. 22nd, we all gathered at the church for our annual caroling around the town. Butch McGee brought his tractor and a trailer lined with hay bales and festive Christmas lights. Luckily, we were able to fit everyone on. We caroled most of the restaurants and many of the elderly and shut-ins around town. One of the highlights was stopping at Marcella Reynolds' home. She had been warned that we might show up, and she was sitting up and waiting.

Afterwards, we all enjoyed a huge assortment of goodies along with hot chocolate, coffee and tea, and Pastor Bonnie along with Julie Griffio entertained the group with their interpretation of ***"The Twelve Days of Christmas."***



Christmas Eve Candle Light Service

The service on Christmas Eve was special, as we combined Christmas carols and associated scripture lessons. One of the highlights was the piano/ flute duet performed by Pastor Bonnie and Patty Mahoney.



On Sunday, December

16, at 2:00pm, the Mountainair Community Chorus presented a Christmas Cantata entitled "**A Celebration of Carols**" by **Joseph Martin**.

The Chorus was accompanied by Kathleen Ryan Clute on keyboard, Pastor Bonnie on the flute as well as other people on various instruments. The singers and musicians were from Mountainair, Deer Canyon, Tajique, Willard and Estancia.

Mountainair UMC News**Administrative Council News**

With the new year, we have the opportunity to see our congregation grow and help new people hear and act on the good news of Jesus Christ. To achieve these desirable results, it is necessary to start the planning and setting of goals for ourselves. For this reason, I plan to hold a meeting of the Administrative Council and other interested individuals during the month of January 2013, date and time TBA. During the meeting, we will discuss plans and goals for this year and insure finances are available to achieve our goals. It is necessary for us to involve the entire congregation and give regular up-dates on our progress. It is recognized that we may not come-up with all of the activities in one meeting, and that we may have to modify our plans as we progress through the year.

Please be thinking of how best we can serve and set goals that are meaningful in our quest.

-Mel Stephenson

CHURCH CLEANING

Happy New Year - 2013 !! A fresh new year and time to sign up for cleaning the church. There is a sheet attached to the vacuum at the front of the sanctuary - yes "attached". Please take time and select a month you could handle this job - an hour a week is all it takes - if you're fast and have a helper. THANKS

A Special Trustee Meeting

Next **Thursday, January 10, at 6:00 pm.** In addition to our regular Trustee business, we will present a preview to a financial class that our newest Trustee, Tamma Widner, has been taking... All are invited.

*A new Year a New You, spiritually and financially. During this month's trustee meeting we will be viewing a **Dave Ramsey** DVD to see if our church would like to host a **Financial Peace University** class.*

***Financial Peace University** is a course created by Dave Ramsey who's study of the Bible has revealed that God has a plan for our money and when we follow his teaching we become more blessed. **"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil" -1 Timothy 6:10** The "love" of money is evil, having it isn't. Through Dave Ramsey's seven step process you will learn the importance of fundamental accounting, how much you should save, how much you will need for retirement and getting rid of debt, just to name a few. Everyone can learn something from this class whether you are 20 or 60, its never too late to learn financial peace. Financial behavior is 20% knowledge and 80% behavior. Change the way you think and your view of money for the rest of your life.*

Calling All Guppy Lovers!

Bible Guppies (elementary school-aged children) meet Thursdays, 3:15-4:30. The children have a snack, practice Bible skills, enjoy a faith-building exercise, sing a song or 2, and form friendships and holy habits that will benefit them their whole lives through. If you love children and want them to have the BEST, please consider joining the Guppy Lovers. Guppy Lovers pledge their prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness to support the Bible Guppies program:

- 1) Pray each week for the children attending
- 2) Pray for their parents, teachers, and Bible Guppy leaders
- 3) Consider joining us on Thursdays
- 4) Donate snacks (cheese, crackers, cookies, boxed juices, etc.)
- 5) Donate funds to help purchase curriculum and other supplies
- 6) Consider an opportunity to read to the Guppies and share your faith with them.

Bible Guppy teachers are busy creating a Bible Bowl and other lessons based on the symbols in our beautiful Estancia stained glass windows. If you can help in this creative process, please contact Pastor Bonnie at 271-0486.

Joyous Singers

The Joyous Singers will begin rehearsing on January 27th at 8 am pending weather conditions at the time.

Methodist Men Makeover Project

The first phase of the remodeling of the Mountainair Methodist Church restroom for handicapped access is nearly complete, thanks to the hard work of Jon Shively, Mel Stephenson and Don Fitzner. Drywall still needs to be installed on the inside of the hallway leading to the restroom. The wiring is also installed awaiting the completion of the dry wall installation thanks to Don Fitzner and Sonny Massey. The passage and the new door is shown in the attached photograph along with Kent Potter who has masterminded this project from the beginning. There is considerable work remaining after the dry wall is installed. The cracks and joints need to be taped and puttied before it can be painted. Inside the restroom the sink needs to be removed and relocated. The floor rug needs to be removed and vinyl tile put down on the concrete. A new faucet also needs to be installed.



A Note from Marcia

“This is the day of new beginnings.” These are words from a hymn that we sometimes sing, and this is the time of year that we start reflecting on what we have done and what we might do in this New Year . We always have high hopes and plans and somehow they just sort of go away as we encounter other things that are happening around us. I always think of the passage in Ecclesiastes, chapter 3, where it talks about there being a time for this and a time for that. But it is easy to get involved and forget your initial hopes and goals.

The main thing for me is keeping the schedule and promises that I have made to myself and God. My mother was one of those that stuck to her agenda: wash on Monday etc. It use to drive me crazy as a kid because you dared not change the schedule unless you were dying. As I think on it now, it was and is, perhaps, a good idea to have some kind of schedule and stick to it. I might get more done. There is a time for this and and a time for that just as Ecclesiastes suggests.

Every morning we are all given the same gift of 24 hours. What we do with it is our choice. Some folks get a lot of good stuff done, and some of us just float along looking for something good to happen. This time that we are given is not time that we can roll over like we do on our phone minutes. Once they are up, they are gone. How many times have I thought that I should not have passed up an opportunity whatever it might have been.

As we go into this new year and continue our journey with the Lord, let our prayer be that, as we use those minutes, they will be for the glory of God. Of course, this means that I will have to pay more attention to what I am doing and how I treat folks. I am not sure that eating fudge falls within that scope, but I hope that the PRESENT that God gives all of us will indeed be used for his Glory. We can't do anything about the past except ask for forgiveness for things we have neglected; we can't do much about the future, since we don't know what it might bring, but we can do a lot about the PRESENT gift that God has given us.

I am asking you to help me in this journey into the new year and I will do my best to help you. When you see me, ask me, *“How is it with your soul?”* Surely, this will put me back on tract to use my minutes, hours, etc., for the Glory of God.

Blessings,

-Marcia Fitzner

Quote for the day!!!

"The budget should be balanced, the Treasury should be refilled, public debt should be reduced, the arrogance of officialdom should be tempered and controlled, and the assistance to foreign lands should be curtailed, lest Rome become bankrupt. People must again learn to work instead of living on public assistance." - Cicero , 55 BC

So, evidently we've learned nothing in the past 2,068 years.

Leadership Nominations- Estancia 2013

Administrative Council

*CHMN- <u>Mel Stephenson</u>	*TRUSTEE- <u>TBS</u>
*LMAC- <u>Marcia Fitzner</u>	WORSHIP- <u>Sylvia Levy</u>
SEC- <u>Vickie Coburn</u>	EDUCAT- <u>Melanie Chavez</u>
*FIN SEC- <u>Vickie Coburn</u>	OUTREACH- <u>Barbara Simms</u>
*TREAS- <u>Vickie Coburn</u>	McMUR REP- <u>Marcia Fitzner</u>
*CONTROLLER- <u>Bill Simms</u>	CAMP REP- <u>Bonnie Hardesty</u>
*SPRC- <u>Nick Griffo</u>	MEMBERSHIP- <u>Carolyn Moore &</u>
MEMNURTURE- <u>Marcia Fitzner</u>	<u>Marque Sturges</u>

*Means Finance persons to meet as needed, apart from Administrative Council!

COMMITTEES

SPRC

15-Elaine Darnell
15-Alma Wimsatt
13-Sylvia Levy
13-Jim Wyman
14-Nick Griffo
14- Gayle Clark
LMAC-Marcia Fitzner

COUNTERS

Julie Griffo
Mary Alice Drolte
Sylvia Levy

TRUSTEE-Directors

15-Jon Shively
15-Mel Stephenson
13-Bill Simms
13- Mary Alice Drolte
14- Tamma Widner
14-Phil Levy

WORSHIP TEAM

Chair-Sylvia Levy
Commun-Susan Samuels
Music-Marrow Hall
Specials-Jon Shively

OUTREACH TEAM

Chair-Barbara Simms
Foodptry-Butch McGee
Soldiers-Alma Wimsatt

LAY LEADERSHIP

15-Alma Wimsatt
15-Julie Griffo
13- Bill Simms
13- Melanie Chavez
14- Mel Stephenson
14-Jim Wyman

January 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 10:30:am Quilters	3	4	5 3:00:pm Bible Study
6 9 AM Worship 11 AM -Mtair	7	8	9 10:30:am Quilters	10 6:pm TRUSTEES	11	12 3:00:pm Bible Study
13 9 AM Worship 11 AM -Mtair	14	15	16 10:30:am Quilters	17	18	19 7:00AM Men's Breakfast 3:00:pm Bible Study
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The Old Rugged Cross (504) was written in 1913 by George Bennard in Albion, Michigan, or Pokagon, Michigan, or Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin. All three towns claim to be the birthplace of this hymn.

The Old Rugged Cross uses a sentimental popular song form with a verse/chorus pattern in 3/4 time, and it speaks of the writer's Christian experience rather than his adoration of God. Bennard retired to Reed City, Michigan, and the town maintains a museum dedicated to his life and ministry. "The Old Rugged Cross" remains enormously popular and has been performed by some of the twentieth century's most important recording artists.



George Bennard