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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Greetings, and Happy New Year 2017. The New year is here already. As always it is my prayer this news letter finds each of you healthy, well, and blessed. As you read this, I want to say "Thank you" for helping Sunday December 4th with the Hanging of the Greens, Cleaning up outside and for helping to make our pot luck meal and Annual Charge Conference a success. For all of your hard work and willingness to serve God, His Church and one another. To everyone who helped to prepare our Christmas Eve Service, I want to say "Well done", Thank you. It was indeed a wonderful service with a packed house. Bro. Butch says he counted ninety seven good folks in attendance. I also want to say Thank you to the church's of this charge for your kind Christmas gift on Christmas eve. Thoughts and Hopes for this New Year 2017:

Now we are celebrating 2017! What will this year hold? As of now we do not know. We can only hope for a great year filled with the presence of God and leadership everywhere that understands "Grace". God is Good all the time, and all the time God is Good. May God's people everywhere learn to be tolerant, loving, patient, and understanding of all peoples in all situations. The Bible tells us to live by Christ's example. May we as the Universal Church in this New year make it our resolution to "Learn the circumstances and life stories of those we are quick to judge". If we do so we will find a bit of our Holy God in everyone we meet. Life in this New year will not be about what we like or do not like. There will be less judgment and

self-importance and more of God's love towards "All mankind". What a beautiful year this would be if we could learn God has not put us here for what we want. God has put us here to be kind, loving, understanding and to WIN the loss to Jesus. (The making of Disciples for Jesus Christ - Evangelism 101). Which has nothing to do with how wonderful or important we might believe we are (Except for the GRACE of GOD, there I go also?) What an awesome God we are privileged to SERVE. The New year is about a "new beginning". So as we begin this new year let us leave any prejudices and value judgments' in the old year. As our youth have been taught let us practice WWJD (What would Jesus Do). Also may we remember, the more authority and responsibility which is given, carries with it Gods mandate to show and to extend more Grace, Love, Servant hood and Understanding with kindness to those whom we serve or may disagree with.

We are the people of God, let us live in peace, love, and grace as God would have us to do. Now back to what we in our charge can do in this New Year. We can reach both Mountainair, Estancia and the surrounding area with the message of God and his love. We can share Gods Grace with our part of the world. I would like to see us do more in ministry to help the elderly in the area. Yes, I know there are State & Federal Agencies to help this segment of our population. However our Government does not encourage Religious activities and ministries. I am so very glad they do not. However we can encourage people to know Christ, live by Christian principles and accept the Salvation and grace our Lord Jesus brought to this world. We need to be sensitive to hunger, homelessness, poverty, unemployment, loneliness, prejudice and self rightness. In 2017 we need to be busy about "Making disciples for Jesus, so our world can be transformed into a better place.

We need to encourage our youth with the truth and knowledge that our world can be and well be a better place with their help. They need to be reached and shown as well as told Jesus cares about them, their needs, and their families. Our youth need to know God is still in control, not drugs, nor cults, nor institutions which are self serving. We MUST reach this youthful generation. To reach them means we must be willing to do "church" different from what makes us comfortable and more in step with what they need, want, and can relate too. There must be more attention given to reaching our youth.



Children, are God's gift to all of us. No, you can not send them back to where they came from. Once you receive them you have them. They are small reproductions of us. If you don't like the way they behave remember these two facts. (1) You also, most likely, acted as they do when you were their age. We have to teach them, love them and guide them to adulthood. (2) Second, they learn from us, they copy us??, and they will grow up to be just like you unless you change your way of doing things. If you want your children to be better than you, then change how you live and show them a new, yet better, path, with Gods Son at the center of your life. We need MORE Children in our Churches. We can make all the excuses we want for why they are missing from our churches. We know why, and we in 2017 can do something about it if we really want too.

So what will we do in 2017?

On to other ministries as we live in 2017, I will lead a four week, evening Bible study gathering on Wednesday nights at 7P.M. called "What United Methodist Believe and Why". The first session will be January 18th and the last session will be February 8th . We will begin at 7PM and conclude at 8PM with snacks and fellowship to follow. Plan to come and participate.

On March 17th Saint Patty's Day the EUMC will sponsor a Community Area wide "Corn Beef and Cabbage" Dinner. We will need your help to make this meal a success. So please let me or Butch know how you will help.

In closing I want to say Thank you to each and every one of you for the ministry and hard work you give and provide to EUMC and to Mt. Air UMC. May God Bless you. Peace and Grace.

Peace and Grace

-Bro. Bob (Robert) Hunt

All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

Acts 10:43, NRSV

December 4 was hanging of the greens and cleaning up the outside of the church grounds, church service, and followed by a pot luck and council meeting. Thanks to all who participated!!



On December 18th, Lee gave the Kings Kids sermon on the birth of Jesus and celebrated with cupcakes (yum).



Advent Candles



Landon being the usher... Thanks for helping Landon!



Youth lighting the Advent candle and giving the reading.



Butch Driving tractor with lighted trailer in Twinkle Light Parade



A great big THANK YOU goes out to Alma Wimsatt and to Bill and Barbara Simms for remembering us and bringing us a Poinsettia from the Church and Holy Communion. This helps keep us to stay connected with those who were able to be there that morning as a Church Family.

My mother, Carolyn Moore, and myself will once again this month and for a few months afterward, be praying for each member and friends who attend EUMC. And as a part of our ministry, we will be sending you a card to let you know we have prayed and thought about you. If anyone has a special prayer request that you would like to add to our list, just e-mail me at reverenda@earthlink.net. In the subject line put prayer request or just call 505-384-2616.

Upon receiving the newly edited book, "Battlefield of the Mind" by Joyce Meyer, we will be starting the book study here in our home. If you would like to join us, let us know. All are welcome.

As a side note, this month the State of New Mexico will be celebrating it's 105th year of statehood. As I continue to peruse old newspapers from the area, I still find it interesting that the County of Torrance was formed before New Mexico became a state.

Vaya Con Dios!

-Pastor Terry Ann Moore

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
JANUARY 2017						
1 Worship 9:00 AM Mtair 11:00 AM	2	3	4 Pastor's Office Day 10 AM - 4 PM	5	6	7
8 Worship 9:00 AM Mtair 11:00 AM	9	10	11 Pastor's Office Day 10 AM - 4 PM	12	13	14
15 Worship 9:00 AM Mtair 11:00 AM	16	17	18 Pastor's Office Day 10 AM - 4 PM	19	20	21
22 Worship 9:00 AM Mtair 11:00 AM Ad Council 1:30PM	23	24	25 Pastor's Office Day 10 AM - 4 PM	26	27	28
29 Worship 9:00 AM Mtair 11:00 AM	30	31				



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Living Above Mediocrity

Anne Orland

Disciplines of the Heart

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

1 Timothy 6:12

If you haven't before, deep inside your heart begin to believe a daring truth. God doesn't want you to live a mediocre life. In fact here's His flat-out goal for you: That you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe (Phil.2:15).

You don't have to live a grey, feeling dirty, unworthy, mediocre, unfilled and guilty life.

And, my friend, whatever God asks you to be, He enables you to be. *2Peter1:3* says that His divine power has given you everything for life and Godliness! He says that you may even participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

(2 Peter 1:4)

Contributed by Alma Wimsatt