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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

“Who's the new guy?” That might be your question, mine is “What's a pen, where do I find one, and who is the poor soul that would have to try to read my penmanship?” Perhaps we'll rename the column to refer to the pastor's laptop, tablet or smart phone.

So who is the new guy? I am a sinner, saved by grace through faith. I point that out first not to be “holier than thou” but to share my feelings on servant leadership. Yes, if we could get past the awkward part, I would willingly wash your feet. When I took the Disciple I class way back when, that was part of the last class meeting, and was meaningful for all of us.

That said, I am a native of Georgia, born in Macon, home town Gordon (pop. 2,152 as of 2000). So I will call you Sir or Ma'am and enjoy anything you cook. You should also know that in Gordon there were three churches: Baptist (that was my family), Methodist, and black . The restaurant was (is?) the Village Lantern, and the first Sunday service to finish got seated, while others stood in the lobby. I grew up in Albuquerque, except for about a 3-year period in Edgewood (which was only Stuckey's, Plateau, the Post Office, Mike's Friendly Store, and Edgewood Realty) in the late 70's. In Albuquerque I attended the Church of Christ (hard pews, no organ). My summer daycare was whatever VBS was that week, regardless of the denomination.

I became a Lay Speaker in 2000, and a Certified Lay Minister in 2014. I have been a member of Central UMC in Albuquerque for 23 years, and the liturgist/worship leader at University Heights UMC

for three years. Fourth Sundays I am the pastor of the service at Manzano del Sol Good Samaritan Village. I am pursuing ordination. You'll learn more about my theology in future articles and from the pulpit, but the core of it was best expressed by John Wesley: “But as to all opinions which do not strike at the root of Christianity, we think and let think.” I think ecumenical is a good thing, that brothers and sisters in the body of Christ spend too much time worrying about the specks in each other's eyes. I look forward to the part of our faith journeys that we will share with each other, and getting to know you in the process. Given the nature of the East Side, you might not know which of my doors is open at any particular time, but my phone is always on. God Bless you.

Pastor Keith

EUMC Administrative Council Meeting

6/11/17

Join EUMC for:

4th of July

at

Estancia's Arthur Park

Bless our community with icy sweets and a
small token of God's Love!.

EUMC needs your help!

Come and join the fun!



**Say "hello" to our new
pastor!**

**Please welcome Keith Smith to
Estancia and Mountainair.**

**Stay tuned for information about
moving day.**



Say good-bye to Robert
and Kathy Hunt. We
wish them the best
and will miss them!



Farewell From Bro. Bob (but not goodbye!)

Greetings, here it is the end of June 2017. July is upon us. Change is happening all around us. Some good and some not so good. (I'm still trying to decide while packing and loading boxes, which is which) However, when it comes to Gods people in the local church, it is good. You will never find better or more loving people than there. My friends, I am going to miss each of you. I will cherish your friendship for the remainder of my life.

Thank you for your kindness. Next Sunday July 2nd the Rev. Keith Smith will preach his first sermon as your new Pastor. I know he will do a great job in leading you as a congregation. Remember it will take some time for him to get all of your names down. There is one of him and many of you. I know he will do a great job and you folks will love and support him in ministry. Thank you.

I promise to surprise you from time to time by showing up and saying hello "friend." I do not as yet know what my address will be in Arkansas. When I receive that information, I will share it with Brother Bill. Mine and Kathy's address here in New Mexico you already have. Please feel free to write or drop us a note from time to time. I am asking Bro. Bill to please email me the news letter each month so I can keep up on your lives. My email address is RobertHunt50@gmail.com feel free to use it. If I can ever do anything for you, just let me know. Kathy and I have enjoyed your love, support, fellowship and friendship. We do not want to say good-bye because you each will always be a part of our ministry and expanding Christian Family for the remainder of our lives. Each of you have made our lives a little bit better and more blessed than before we had met you, God Bless you.

-Rev. Robert Hunt (Bro. Bob)



Remembering Mary Jean Gilbert (nee Mattingly)

(From her son, Mike Gilbert)

I am writing to inform you and the congregation of the Estancia United Methodist Church about the death of my mother, Mary Jean Gilbert (nee Mattingly).

Mary Jean grew up in Estancia, attended the Estancia high school, and was married in the Estancia United Methodist church on June 15th, 1955. Her parents were life-long residents, plus her mom was a school teacher in Estancia.

Relative to the Estancia UMC, Mary Jean's mom Helen was a lifelong supporter of the church and made a major contribution to replacing the Church's roof at one time. The family made contributions in the name of the Mattingly parents and all their offspring to your stained glass window project. Mary Jean was a church member until shortly after she married in the church, after which she and her husband moved away as required by his military service.

I'm sure there are members of the congregation who remember the family and would be interested in this notice. I have enclosed an obituary and photo. I'm not sure what you normally do with this information – make an announcement? Mention something in the bulletin? But I wanted you to have the information because the church was so important to Mary Jean and her family.



In summary, I can tell you that Mary Jean lived a rich and happy life, had many interests, and as the family genealogist kept us all in touch with each other and made all of our lives a little better. We will miss her terribly

If you need any more information, please email me at jng@sl.com or call me at (781) 405-6943. Thanks,

Mike Gilbert

Saying good by to Pastor and Kathy Hunt Father's Day Sunday June 18



Mountainair and Estancia churches joined for a farewell Barbecue in the backyard on Father's Day Sunday, June 18



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<h1>JULY 2017</h1>						
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2 Worship 9:00 AM Mtair 11:00 AM Pastor Keith First Sunday	3	4  Popsicles in the park	5	6	7	8
9 Worship 9:00 AM Mtair 11:00 AM	10	11	12	13	14	15 Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM
16 Worship 9:00 AM Mtair 11:00 AM	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Worship 9:00 AM Mtair 11:00 AM	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Worship 9:00 AM Mtair 11:00 AM	31					



Sent with a prayer to:

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Sewing Seeds of Peace

Plant goodness, harvest the fruit of loyalty, plow 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.

The Applause of Heaven

By Max Lucado

(Contributed by Alma Wimsatt)