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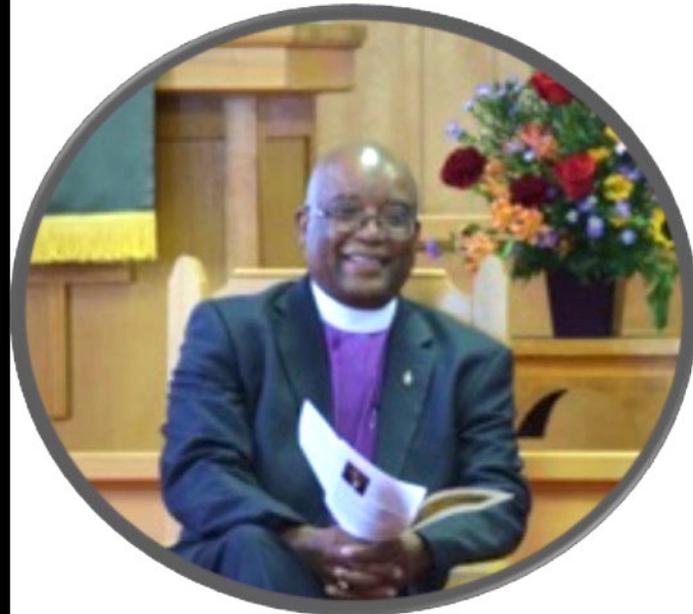
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From the desk of...

Pastor Bonnie

October sure was an eventful month. *Just LOOK*

Mountainair Celebrated their 100th Anniversary:



Bishop Bledsoe Preached

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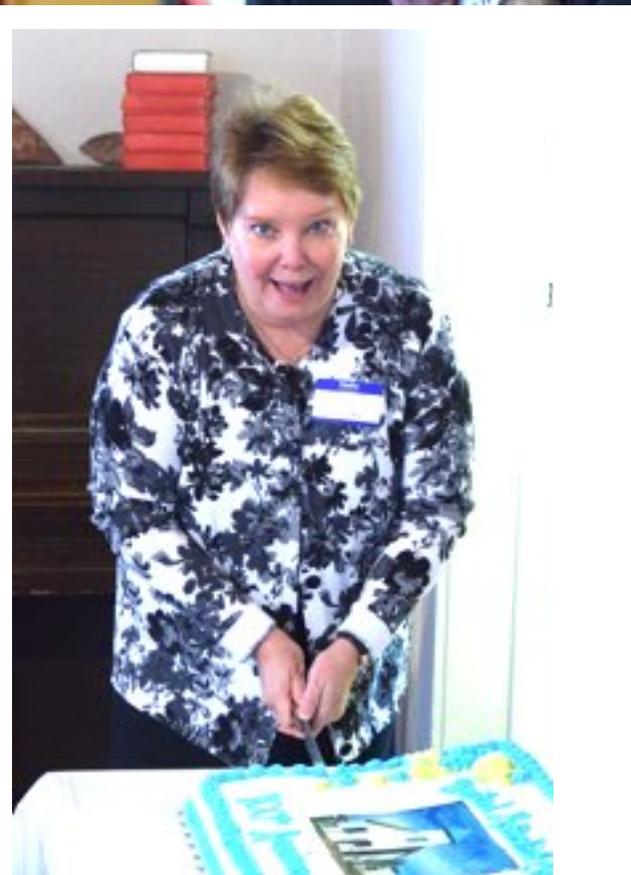
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Staff Parrish Relations Chair	Bertha Warner



Food was Plentiful



Old Friends Reunited!





And the People Continue to Praise God,
asking for another 100 Years in THIS PLACE!



***AND* The Nomads Visited Estancia UMC:**



In Case You Hadn't Noticed...

During the past three weeks, our church has undergone a huge transformation thanks to the Nomads crew that arrived here on Sunday, October 11th. The crew was made up of the leaders, Earl and Dottie Hester, and members, Pat and Ron Solfest, June and Carl Coleman, and June's sister Jan Obar. They came in 4 RVs. And, special thanks to the Immanuel Baptist Church for allowing them to connect to the hook-ups they have behind their church.

Monday morning began the job of surveying the extent of the project and deciding how to tackle it. It became evident early on that the job could not be completed without the use of a bucket lift to reach the high peaks of the church, and to repair the ailing bell tower 40 feet in the air. The task of scraping and painting the lower part of the church started immediately. Work was also started in the interior of the bell tower. The bucket lift arrived Thursday morning. Carl and Ron immediately mastered the operation of the machine, and the serious work began. Repairs were made to the bell tower and the upper roof of the tower was repaired with vinyl material donated by Ray and Elaine Darnell.

On Friday, the Nomads took the day off and Danny Chavez took his chain saw into the bucket lift. He trimmed the entire tree line in front of the church and education building, creating two huge trailer loads of branches that we hauled to the dump.

The next week was one of hard and fast work... With the help of the bucket lift, the Nomads washed, scraped and painted the entire church. A very special thanks to the Nomads for re-arranging their schedule to work both Friday and Saturday, in order to make efficient use of the bucket lift.

Thanks goes out to many church members who also helped with the project, a few of which include Lee Widner, Pastor Bonnie Hardesty and Cathy, Butch McGee, Julie Griffo, Barbara and Bill Simms, Bill Neish, Ray Darnell and Robert and Jesse Chavez. Thanks also to those who brought food and snacks to the Nomads, not only during the day, but for the two potluck dinners. By the end of the project, we and the Nomads ended up the best of friends.







Pastor Bonnie presented the Nomads and Bill with "golden paint brushes for the work the did. What a Beautiful job they did along with some members of the church joining them. A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to all for a job well done.



The Nomads came and cleaned up the church with a new paint job, refinished the bell tower, cleaned up the windows, did some tree trimming, and what ever else they saw that needed tending to.

Date	Sermon Notes	The Reason for Our Hope
10/4/15	<p>Like Abram, who became Abraham when he accepted God's direction, to "GO"; the Pharisee Saul became the Apostle Paul, as he also accepted God's direction – "GO." How many of us would accept the uncertainty of such a calling? It's a dangerous world out there! How will we know where to go, what to do? Will we know when we've 'arrived'? After all, it was 25 years AFTER Abram's calling that his promised son, Isaac, was born. And in the meantime, Abraham had made several serious wrong turns on his way to 'the place' that God 'would show him.' Saul disappeared into the Arabian desert for years, then moved in with his parents, after making the serious mistake of challenging the Apostles in Jerusalem. It wasn't until AFTER his missionary journey with Barnabas passed through Cyprus and the governor was converted to The Way, that Saul became known as Paul; and then the world began to recognize the authenticity of his intent to Go where God led.</p>	<p>And here is the reason for our hope: The Holy Spirit, like the wind, blows where it will. Those who yield to God's prevenient grace still yearn to hear His Word. Like the "man from Macedonia" in Paul's dream, there are persons all around the world who are still clamoring – "Come over here and help us!" And some of those people are our own neighbors. Jesus' Great Commission, recorded in Matthew's Gospel, says this: <i>"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."</i> Jesus promises to be with us to the end of the age. He will equip us for the journey. He will send encouragers. He will make provision. He will walk with us. He will carry us if needed. HE is ALL we need! So take that first step – not a leap into the darkness, but a step into the Light!</p>
10/18/15	<p>About 10 years ago, I had the privilege of marrying my niece, Amanda, to her betrothed, Aaron. Amanda's Father, my brother, Randy, is a master plasterer; and Aaron had begun working with him in the family business.... So of course, Amanda and Aaron would get a 'Duct Tape' sermon for their wedding! What?! Yes, a 'Duct Tape' sermon.</p> <p>I must confess, the idea came to me after reflecting on a lesson Rev. Dr. Leonard Gillingham once taught a youth group – back in the day when moral education was seated soundly within the purview of the church. Leonard taught about the value of abstinence before/outside of marriage. I translated that teaching into the virtue of aligned hopes and dreams and hearts of husbands and wives. The crux of both lessons hinges on the condition of two good pieces of duct tape, once pressed together, and then torn apart. The result is that neither piece of duct tape is much good after the separation!</p> <p>When Paul wrote, in I Cor. 13, his famous words about love; he didn't have weddings in mind. But these are the most often quoted words in weddings today – even non-Christian weddings. Paul intended these words as a conveyance of the defining quality of Christians – that they LOVE. Paul says it well, "If I have not love... I am nothing."</p> <p>But, as we look around our world today – we see a lot of NOTHING. A lot of GOOD FOR NOTHING shredded 'duct tape:' broken marriages, broken homes, sexual immorality, a church too timid to address the ravages of pornography, rampant child abuse, and an internet cesspool.</p>	<p>But here is the reason for our hope: GOD is LOVE. And WE LOVE because HE FIRST LOVED US. If we will align our hopes and dreams and hearts with God's, our lives will be whole, our homes will be happy, and our world will be a better place.</p>
10/25/15	<p>Acts Chapter 19 tells us about the economic impact of Christian conversion. And it's NOT PRETTY! Christians are known as people who turn the world upside down ... and the economic realm is only one venue in which this impact can result in all sorts of bad behavior by those who feel threatened. The merchants of Ephesus banded together against Christians in an effort to protect their livelihoods.</p> <p>The world is no different today. Christian conversion results in change: Change in the way we spend our money. Change in how we invest our time. Change in the way we raise our children. Change in the way we resolve our differences. Change in the way we care for our neighbors. Change in the way we view the future. Change in the way we spend our 'free time.' Change. And CHANGE IS HARD, not only for those making the CHANGES; but also for those all around us.</p>	<p>But here is the reason for our hope: Jesus sent the Holy Spirit – the POWER, the COMFORTER, the TEACHER – so that we can BE the CHANGE the WORLD NEEDS.</p>



During the project, we uncovered and cleaned up the original corner stone on the northeast corner of the church. It says, "Methodist Episcopal Church, 1905".



Butch brought in his 2 goats for the Kings kids sermon



Keith Smith was the guest Pastor who filled in for Pastor Bonnie on October 11

PRAY, PRAY, PRAY!

Many of us in our congregation have been praying very hard for our church. We want to be the church God needs us to be. We want to be devoted disciples of Jesus Christ and make a difference for and through Him in our community. And the way to achieve these things according to God's Will is through prayer.

I recently read this devotional in *Daily in His Presence* by Andrew Murray. It re-affirmed my belief that by coming together in prayer we here at Estancia United Methodist Church can and will do great things for Jesus Christ.

*"After they **had prayed**, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all **filled with the Holy Spirit** and spoke the word of God boldly." Acts 4:31*

"Such is the power of true union in prayer. The world can be overcome with the power of united prayer.

In KwaZulu-Natal, owing to the many mountains, the streams often flow down with great force. The Zulu are accustomed to join hands when they wish to pass through a stream. The leader has a strong stick in his right hand, and gives his left hand to some strong man who comes behind him. And so they form a chain of twelve or twenty and help each other to cross the current safely. When God's people reach out to others, there will be power to resist the overwhelming influence of the world. And in that unity God's children, when they have overcome the power of the world and the flesh, will have power to prevail with God.

In the ten days the disciples waited on the Holy Spirit to be poured out, they truly became one in heart and soul. When the Spirit of God descended, he not only filled each individual, but He also took possession of the whole company as the body of Christ."

As part of the Healthy Church Initiative's prescription, our church will be holding a Prayer Meeting sometime soon. Beginning in January, Pastor Bonnie will be focusing on prayer with a Sermon Series and Bible Study (*see details below). My hope is that each of you will begin to pray fervently now, join with us when we come together in prayer as the Body of Christ, and participate in the Bible Study. People who form a strong bond can accomplish many things. The Zulu do it to cross mighty rivers. The apostles did it in Jerusalem when they received the Holy Spirit. And we can do it here at Estancia United Methodist Church to do God's Will. Won't you join us?

In His Service, Julie Griffo

*Details of the Bible Study: "The Circle Maker" by Mark Batterson – a 4-week Video and Book Study on Prayer. Each Adult will need a Participant's Guide (\$7.99 @ Cokesbury). You may order your own book or give me or Pastor Bonnie your money, and we will order it for you.

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Saints Day  Did You Set Your Clock BACK?! 10:30 am Estancia Sunday School – <u>The Call</u> Noon - Mountainair Potluck & Ad Council Altar Color – <i>White</i>	2 6pm Accountable Discipleship Study ABQ,	3	4 <input type="checkbox"/> 7am Pastor's Breakfast, ABQ <input type="checkbox"/> 11:30 Faith @ Work in ABQ	5	6	7
8 10:30 am Estancia Sunday School – <u>Earn, Save, Give</u> 1:00 pm Estancia Ad Council Meeting 3:00 pm Estancia Nominating Committee Meeting Altar Color – <i>Green</i>	9 6pm Accountable Discipleship Study ABQ,	10	11  <input type="checkbox"/> 7am Pastor's Breakfast, ABQ <input type="checkbox"/> 1:30 Prayer @ Moore's (303 N Walker)	12	13	14
15 <u>ALL Church Conf. Reports DUE TODAY !</u> 10:30 am - Estancia - NO BIBLE STUDY COME DECORATE the Sanctuary for Advent! Altar Color – <i>Green</i>	16 6pm Accountable Discipleship Study ABQ,	17 2-6pm Promised Land / Roadrunner Food Bank	18 7am Pastor's Breakfast, ABQ	19 11-2 AMA – Pastor Bonnie	20	21 Men's Breakfast <u>8:00 aM</u>
22 Christ the King Sunday 10:30 am Estancia Sunday School – <u>Earn, Save, Give</u> 1:30 pm – Church Conf. in Mountainair Altar Color – <i>White</i>	23 6pm Accountable Discipleship Study ABQ,	24	25 7am Pastor's Breakfast, ABQ	26 Happy Thanksgiving ! 	27	28
29 First Sunday in Advent  Altar Color – <i>Purple</i>	30 6pm Christmas Cantata Rehearsal, Mountainair					



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LAY SERVANT SCHOOL PLANNED AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN ALBUQUERQUE December 11th & 12th, 2015

Is your Lay Servant certification about to expire? Well, now is the chance to sign up for the upcoming Lay Servant School at First United Methodist Church in Albuquerque and satisfy the requirements to maintain your certification before the first of the year.

The school will run December 11th and 12th at FUMC located at 314 lead Ave. SW in Albuquerque.

Classes offered will be the ***Basic Lay Servants Course*** for those who have never taken one of the courses. It is necessary for you to complete this course before signing up for any of the advanced courses.

Advanced Courses will include:

- ****Rediscovering Your Spiritual Gifts***
- ****Planning Worship***
- ****Leading Worship***

The cost for the course is \$45 which will include meals and books.

Attention YOUTH DIRECTORS and SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH, we'd like to invite you to consider taking our Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course. It's a wonderful overview of the United Methodist Church and its ministries. It also provides superb leadership skills training.

If you'd like registration information, please contact John Milholland and (505) 980-7494 or e-mail, milholland93@q.com. You can also contact FUMC in Albuquerque at (505) 243-5646.