



## NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Greetings in the name of our Lord. I do hope this news finds you healthy and well. It is good to be here at EUMC and Mt. Air UMC. My news letter articles will usually be written to and for both church's. After all we are all "The One Family of God" simply worshipping in two locations.

A little housekeeping information. Office hours, you will find me in the office at EUMC usually somewhere between 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 pm, on Wednesdays. I will be in and out of town throughout the week, as I enjoy being out and visiting. If you hear of someone in the hospital or ill please let me know so I can schedule a visit.

Now on to other matters and thoughts. Here we are facing the middle of summer, with August just around the corner and school opening in several weeks. Back to School shopping and off to college good-byes for some families.

The one constant event in our lives is change. I have come to understand this word called "**change.**" There are times I extremely dislike change. Then times when I embrace it with joy and celebration. In the mist of change there is one thing which remains solid, never changing,

reliable and dependable. This one thing gives me strength and courage to face our world with its never-ending unknowns. That one thing is Jesus Christ our Lord. He is the solid rock upon which I can stand. I find myself standing there most of the time these days.

I embrace change through prayer. We do not have to look very long to realize the need for prayer. Prayer is the source of our strength and our life line to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Just about the time I think my struggles are leveling off, guess what? I find myself still struggling with spiritual tug of wars. The needs, the issues, the pains and hurts of broken lives and dreams. Yet in the mist of depression, sadness, and pain we can

see the “Light of Gods” love and his hand at work. Always remember, God brings hope, celebration, healing, and strength of spirit where and when it is needed. I do not always understand why some things happen. But this I do know: “God is the one who holds tomorrow in his hands” and when we are faithful and trusting in Him all of our “tomorrows” will turn out alright.

### **Christian Stewardship and Ministry**

In approaching the close of summer as usual with all church’s finances always seem to be off a bit. It happens every year. I know this may not seem to be a good time to address such an issue. Yet there never is a best time to discuss stewardship. As the Community of Faith we all know how tight and difficult our financial world is at this time. We hear speeches and promises of how things across our great land are getting financially better. Those who are making such claims appear to live on a different planet from the rest of us. The truth is financial resources are very tight and not falling from the sky. Everything costs more and no one wants to be second in line. I have no magic ball to see into the future. This I do know. We are not alone in the financial boat upon the stormy sea. We all feel its effects and toils. However remember, “God calls us to stay the course”, to be faithful in our stewardship. Friends we know where we have been as Gods church. We know where we are as Gods church. Now we need to decide where we want and need to be as God’s Churches. The greatest preaching, the best leadership, talents and gifts, will never get us where God would have us. But ! The Faithful fervent prayers, commitment, and the active positive actions of God’s people will change the world.

As your newly appointed Pastor it will take some time for me to get to know each of you, please be patient. There are many of you and only the one of me. So I will work hard to get each of your names recorded in my mind. Thank you for helping me.

I have many ideas, thoughts and skill sets which I know can be both helpful and valuable to the church’s in the charge. But, experience has taught me to move forward with change slowly. I want to hear your dreams, desires, hopes, and fears about the future of your church home. So during the next several months I plan to visit each of you, fellowship with you, hear your hopes and fears. So please be prepared to share when I visit with you.

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.

**Bro. Robert Hunt**

Earlier this month We received a new pastor for our Estancia Untied Methodist Church. Following is the welcoming ceremony, and a few pictures documenting the event:

## *Welcoming Our New Pastor: Rev. Robert Hunt*

**Lee:** Today we welcome Rev. Robert Hunt, who has been appointed to serve as our Pastor. We believe that he is well qualified and has been prayerfully appointed by our Bishop, W. Earl Bledsoe. Pastor Hunt, you have been sent to be among us as a bearer of the Word of God; as a minister of the sacraments; and a sustainer of the love, order, and discipleship of the people of God.

**Pastor:** Today I affirm this commitment in the presence of this congregation.

**Lee:** Brothers and Sisters in Christ, as a people committed to participate in the ministries of the Church by your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness, will you who celebrate this new beginning support and uphold Pastor Hunt in these ministries?

**Congregation:** We affirm our commitment to support you with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

**Lee:** How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger...

**Congregation:** who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation.

\*Doxology (#95)

**Lee:** Let us pray. Eternal God, strengthen and sustain us

in our ministries together with Pastor Hunt. Give him and us the patience, courage, and wisdom so to care for one another and challenge one another that together we may follow Jesus Christ, living together in love, and offering our gifts and talents in your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Melanie:** Almighty God, you still call us to go out into your service and spread the message of Jesus' salvation. Richly bless your servant, Robert and his wife, Kathy as they enter into this fellowship. Fill them with the power of the Holy Spirit, and let them find in us an open door for the Word. We pray for your church on earth. Equip us all with a spirit of willingness; so that we with courage can witness about you by the profession of our mouths and in our daily living. Grant us all to partake of your strength and joy, so that we can enter into the anxiety and suffering of this world, to be a radiant and lively Christian presence. All this, we dare to pray to you; for you are the Father of mercy and the God of all Grace. You are the Son, the Savior and Redeemer. You are the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Helper and the Giver of Life. Blessed be your holy name. Amen.



**Addie:** Pastor Hunt, accept this Bible, and be among us as one who proclaims the Word. Amen.



**Alex:** Pastor Hunt, take this water, and baptize new Christians in this place. Amen.



**Susan:** Pastor Hunt, take this bread and cup, and keep us in communion with Christ and his Church. Amen.



**Morrow:** Pastor Hunt, use this Hymnal and Book of Worship to guide us in our prayer and praise. Amen.



**Bill:** Pastor Hunt, receive this Book of Discipline, and help us keep the covenant that strengthens our connections as United Methodists. Amen.



**Butch:** Pastor Hunt, receive this map, and lead us in our mission to this community and to all the world. Amen.



**Lee:** Pastor Hunt, receive this stole, signifying your ordination, and shepherd us as our pastor. Amen.



**Pastor:** This yoke has been laid upon me, and I willingly take it upon myself. Let us pray...

**All:** Lord God, bless the ministries of your Church. We thank you for the variety of gifts you have bestowed upon us. Draw us together in one Spirit, that each of us may use our differing gifts as members of one body. May your Word be proclaimed with faithfulness, and may we be doers of your Word and not hearers only. As we who have died and risen with Christ in baptism, gather at his table and then scatter into the world, may we be one in service to others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

<b>Financial Corner</b>	<b>ESTANCIA</b>	<b>MOUNTAINAIR</b>
<b>General Acct July, 2016</b>	\$13,562.53	\$6,734.44
<b>Receipts</b>	\$3,685.75	\$995.00
<b>Disbursements</b>	\$2,994.46	\$797.69
<b>Month-End Balance</b>	13,940.05	7,048.67
<b>Tithe from Prior Mo</b>	\$313.77	\$73.20
<b>Investment Accts. 1</b>	<b>\$13,888.95</b>	<b>\$8,163.22</b>
<b>Investment Accts. 2</b>	<b>\$8,984.12</b>	

**A PRAYER FOR THE DAY**

Dear God, so far today, I've done all right.  
 I haven't gossiped, and I haven't lost my temper.  
 I haven't been grumpy, nasty or selfish, and I'm really glad of that!  
 But in a few minutes, God, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on,  
 I'm probably going to need a lot of help.  
 Thank you! **Amen.**



**Birthday Party**

You are invited to come to a birthday party in the Fellowship Hall for my daughter Terry Ann on Friday, August 26th from 6 to 9 pm. It is a come and go party. We are planning on serving a light dinner to be followed by cake and ice cream. We will ask for you to take an index card and share a story of one of your times you spent with Terry Ann. Cards will be provided or bring your own. They will be put in a scrapbook. No presents please your presence will be a gift enough. RSVP to me, Carolyn Moore at 505-384-2616 or write a note to me at PO Box 335, Estancia, NM 87016.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Worship 9:00 AM Mtair 11:00 AM	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Worship 9:00 AM Mtair 11:00 AM	15	16	17	18	19	20 Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM
21 Worship 9:00 AM Mtair 11:00 AM	22	23	24	25	26 Rev. Terry Ann's Birthday Party 6 to 9 pm	27
28 Worship 9:00 AM Mtair 11:00 AM	29	30	31			





*Sent with a prayer to:*



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SHORT CUTS From Max Lucado

***They continue saying things that mean nothing, thinking that God will hear them because of their many words.***

***Matthew 6:7***

I love the short sentence....What follows are cuts from some of my books and a couple of others. Keep the ones you like. Forgive the ones you don't. Share them when you can.

Pray all the time. If necessary, use words.

God forgive the past. Imitate him.

Greed I've often regretted. Generosity...never.

Don't ask God to do what you want. Ask God to do what is right.

No one is useless to God. No one.

Nails didn't hold God to a cross. Love did.

You will never forgive anyone more than God has already forgiven you.

Thanks to Alma Wimsatt for this contribution!