



NEWSLETTER

OF THE

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**Merry
Christmas**



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Once we Arrive at 2017, I would like to lead a four week, evening Bible study gathering on Wednesday nights at 7P.M. called "My Blessings as a Child of God". Plan to come and participate. Then come Saint Patty's Day in March we will need your help to sponsor a Community "Corn Beef and Cabbage" Dinner.

More information on this next month. And, oh yes, "Happy new Year 2017".

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. Bob (Robert) Hunt

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Greetings, and Merry Christmas. WOW, December is here already. As with December we have also already seem our first snow of the season. It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas. 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. Advent is here and as we move on to Christmas, may God's Grace be clear in our lives.

Now on to other matters and thoughts. Holidays and their planning: We are celebrating our 2016 Advent Season beginning Sunday, November 27th and continuing on through December 24th. Saturday, December 24th we will celebrate our Christmas Eve Service at 6:30P.M. If you would like to help with this Service please visit with me and or Julie. Yes there will be Services on Sunday "Christmas Day". After all it is the true *Reason for the Season*. We would not have the Church and type of worship which we have if God had not sent Jesus to us through Mary and Joseph at that first Christmas.





Ed Witzke filled in for Pastor Hunt while he and his wife Kathy were out of town for Thanksgiving



TAKE 5 MINUTES!

Things I am thankful for, this Christmas Season:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____



A TRUE STORY

After the Christmas Eve services in my first churches, I finished checking my list of things to have with me on a road trip, like a jack, oil, water, tools, etc. I loaded up my dogs and began the 11 hour trip home.

About 10 miles out of town I see red lights flashing and a man frantically waving his arms. Now I was a bit leery, as you hear stories about what can happen, but I said a prayer and God said to stop. So I pulled over and went up to the man and quickly found out he spoke some English but we found it easier to speak in "Spanglish" or Spanish by itself. He told he had been there on the side of the road for four hours. I was the *first* of many cars that went by that would stop to help. All he needed was a tire jack.

As I left, they reminded me of the Holy Family. My hope is that we would all help someone in need, if given the opportunity!

Feliz Navidad !
-Terry Ann



The MUMC is still basking in the beauty of our church's new paint job. We hope it will be inviting to those who might consider worshipping with us. These pictures don't go far enough to express the great fellowship we had with the NOMAD "ministers". What wonderful folks they are! We feel mightily blessed.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
				1	2	3	
4 Worship 11:00 AM Joint Service Charge Conf 2:00 PM	5	6	7	8	9	10 PARADE OF LIGHTS 6:00 PM!	
11 Worship 9:00 AM Mtair 11:00 AM	12	13	14	15	16	17	
18 Worship 9:00 AM Mtair 11:00 AM	19					23	24 CHRISTMAS Eve Service 6:30 PM!
25 CHRISTMAS DAY! Worship in Estancia & Mountainair 	26				30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE	

December



Sent with a prayer to:

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Prayer Reminds Us

When a believing person prays, great things happen
James 5:16

Prayer is the recognition that if God had not engaged himself in our problems, we would still be lost in the blackness. It by his mercy that we have been lifted up. Prayer is that whole process that reminds us of who God is and who we are.

I believe there's great power in prayer. I believe God heals the wounded, and that he can raise the dead. But I don't believe we tell God what to do and when to do it.

God knows that we, with our limited vision, don't even know that for which we should pray. When we entrust our requests to him, we trust him to honor our prayers with hold judgment.

Walking with the Savior
by Max Lucado



Contributed by Alma Wimsatt