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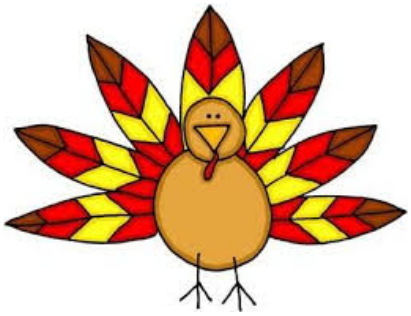

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Greetings, and a Pleasant November. It is my hope this news finds each of you healthy, well, and blessed. Wow did October go quickly? As you read this news letter it will be November, already. Yes we do feel that coolness in the air reminding us Fall is here and Winter is just around the corner. To everyone who helped with the Halloween Fall Festival, I want to say Thank you. It was a great success. So everyone knows, EUMC has sold its property north of town. If you were in worship services the first and second weeks of October you will recall the Church Leadership had announced the calling of a Special Charge Conference for October 16th for the sale of that land. Special Conference was held and the funds from said sale have been placed with the Methodist Foundation.

Now on to other matters and thoughts.

Holidays and their planning:

As we move towards 2017 our next community activity will be Sunday, November 6th "All Saints Day" and the end to "Daylight Savings Time". (So on Saturday night turn your clocks back one hour). The Estancia Masonic Lodge will also be sponsoring a Veterans Day Luncheon and Program at Noon. The Greater community and all veterans are welcome to attend.

Please remember Election Day and go vote on November 8th, What a Blessing it will be to get campaigns out of our lives and homes for a while.

We will celebrate "Veterans Day" on Sunday November 13th with the official date being Nov. 11th. Then the big day for November, "Thanksgiving Day", Thursday the 24th .

We will begin celebrating our 2016 Advent Season on Sunday, November 27th and then continuing on through December 18th .

Come Saturday, December 24th we will celebrate our Christmas Eve Service at 6:30P.M. Yes there will be Services on Sunday "Christmas Day" December 25th .

Annual Charge Conference will be held on Sunday, December 4th. It will be held at the EUMC. There will only be one Worship Service that morning to be held at EUMC at 11:00 a.m. There will be a charge wide potluck luncheon at Noon.

Thank you for your prayers last week and this week as I have been out sick with something very unpleasant. Thank you for making Charlie Spooner feel welcome as he supplied for me this past Sunday. I am beginning to feel better.

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

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE EUMC Administrative Council
Sunday, 10/16/16

Special Charge Conference

A Special Charge Conference was held 10/16/16. Attendees voted to approve the sale of EUMC's 80 acre parcel north of Estancia. All required procedures were followed. Sale proceeds will be partially used for much needed repairs to the church property.

Worship - The order of worship is working well. Prayer concerns will be put back in the bulletin without specific concerns to respect the privacy of families.

Nominating Committee - Pastor Hunt wishes committee leaders to remain in their positions for another year. If you do not wish to do so, please contact him.

HELP WANTED! We are exploring options for hiring someone to clean the church and education building. Please contact Julie or Melanie if you have ideas.

Please donate granola bars, water, lunch bags, or other healthy snacks to put in our blessing bags for Estancia athletes! See Elaine for details

11/6 Turn clocks back

12/4 BIG DAY!!

9 am – Hanging of the Greens

11 am – Combined service

12 pm – Potluck

2 pm – Charge Conference

Trunk or Treat!

Haunted House!

Hello!

Financial Corner	ESTANCIA	MOUNTAINAIR
General Acct August 2016	$12,280.57	
Receipts	$3,533.29	
Disbursements	$3,268.48	
Month-End Balance	12,262.72	
Tithe from Prior Mo	$297.72	
Investment Accts. 1	**$14,351.87**	
Investment Accts. 2	**$9,230.40**	

LAND SALE

In 2010, Gene White, son of long time EUMC member, Ethyl Floyd, contacted Pastor Charles Spooner, saying that he wanted to donate a piece of land just outside of Estancia given to him by his mother. Mr. White wished to give this land to our church in her memory. Our church has kept this land for the last six years, thinking we might do something with the land some day. However, there was no cost effective use which the Trustees could devise during that time. The Trustees decided that much better use could be made of the proceeds from selling the property. The land was finally put up for sale last August and recently sold. The money has been invested with the Methodist Foundation.

The Trustees are considering the construction of a shelter over the church front entrance. This would help eliminate the yearly ice and snow accumulation that has plagued our front entrance for the last 100 years!

Mountainair UMC has a new church!! Well, not exactly, but it looks like a new church with the new coat(s) of paint applied by the Nomads. It is so white that it seems to glow! We had a great time getting to know the team from Albuquerque, Tennessee, and Wyoming. We expressed our deepest thanks to Earl and Dottie Hester, Carl and Linda Ford, Ray Down, and Stephen Gilland. We also received help from Steve Ivey (power washer), Jason Fastnacht (scaffolding), Benny and Wanda Giovengo (scaffolding), Manzano Mountain Art Council (scaffolding), and many folks in the MUMC congregation who brought food and snacks. We were also blessed by Western Skies Stucco of Albuquerque who repaired our damaged stucco for free. Wow! The team was so efficient that they finished in two weeks what they had expected would take three. God is so good!

Are You Jesus?

A few years ago a group of salesmen went to a regional sales convention in Chicago. They had assured their wives that they would be home in plenty of time for Friday night's dinner. In their rush to catch the plane home and with tickets and briefcases, one of these salesmen inadvertently knocked over a table which held a display of apples. Apples flew everywhere. Without stopping or looking back, they all managed to reach the plane in time for their nearly-missed boarding.

ALL BUT ONE! He paused, took a deep breath, got in touch with his feelings and experienced a twinge of compassion for the girl whose apple stand had been overturned.

He told his buddies to go on without him, waved good-bye, told one of them to call his wife when they arrived at their home destination and explain his taking a later flight. Then he returned to the terminal where the apples were all over the terminal floor.

He was glad he did. The 16-year-old girl was totally blind! She was softly crying, tears running down her cheeks in frustration, and at the same time helplessly groping for her spilled produce as the crowd swirled about her; no one stopping and no one to care for her plight. The salesman knelt on the floor with her, gathered up the apples, put them back on the table and helped organize her display. As he did this, he noticed that many of them had become battered and bruised; these he set aside in another basket.

When he had finished, he pulled out his wallet and said to the girl, "Here, please take this $50 for the damage we did. Are you okay?" She nodded through her tears. He continued on with, "I hope we didn't spoil your day too badly."

As the salesman started to walk away, the bewildered blind girl called out to him, "Mister...." He paused and turned to look back into those blind eyes. She continued, "Are you Jesus?"

He stopped in mid-stride, and he wondered. He gently went back and said, "No, I am nothing like Jesus… He is good, kind, caring, loving, and would never have bumped into your display in the first place.

"The girl gently nodded: "I only asked because I prayed for Jesus to help me gather the apples. He sent you to help me. Thank you for hearing Jesus, Mister."

Then slowly he made his way to catch the later flight with that question burning and bouncing about in his soul: "Are you Jesus?"

Do people mistake you for Jesus?

From Pastor Terry Ann…….

This is in regard to the Easter Play, “The Other 12 Disciples”, which we performed at our church last Easter. The Rev. John Barrett wants to present this play with members from his congregations in eastern NM. He saw videos on U-tube and wondered if EUMC had made a video? If one of you ladies took some pictures of the play, would you send them to me so I may share them with him. I even thought of taking a road trip in Jan. or Feb. to visit John with anyone else interested in going to talk to him.

Please add my Mom, Carolyn Moore, and myself to your shut-in list. We would appreciate any homebound ministries. We miss seeing you, the music and our pastor’s sermon very much. We have found a gift on television, however. We really like Joyce Meyer and her book, “The Battlefield of the Mind”. If you would like to join us in a study of this book give us a call at 505-384-2616. We also listen to Steven Furtick at stevenfurtick.com as well as David Jeremiah, Joel Olsteen and Charles Stanley. We would love to hear from you. *-Vaya con Dios! Terry Ann and Carolyn Moore*

Remembering Joe Candelaria:
Recently a gentleman by the name of Joseph Candelaria passed away after a courageous battle with cancer. When I first moved here in 1973 the Candelarias were a part of our youth program and sang in the youth choir. I met them there when I accepted Rev. Leland Graben's invitation to come and join the choir. Joe, his brother Martin, aka Tiny, and his two sisters, Ramona and Roberta, all joined. Joe loved to play tricks on us as we sat up in the choir to make us laugh. He loved life. He loved his family. He was so strong when his brother died at such an early age. Joe loved his church and his friends he had here at EUMC. When he came home to visit he went to see the new windows at the church, and all the memories made us smile. Joe loved his Lord and knew where he would be in the end times. The last time I talked to him I tried to talk to him about that....he said he was ok....but told me his Washington Redskins would beat my Dallas Cowboys! Then he said, "I love you Terry”, and I said it back to him, and he hung up. I know where he'll be waiting… at the pearly gates with a big hug and a smile.....for all of us.

-Terry Ann

2016 NOVEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Worship 9:00 AM Mtair 11:00 AM ALL SAINTS Day	7	8 VOTE	9	10	11	12
13 Worship 9:00 AM Mtair 11:00 AM VETERANS DAY	14	15	16 TRUSTEES 4:00 PM	17	18	19 Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM
20 Worship 9:00 AM Mtair 11:00 AM	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Worship 9:00 AM Mtair 11:00 AM ADVENT	28	29	30			

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Because of his gift....

I want to know Christ and the power that raised him from the dead. I want to share in his suffering and become like him in his death.
Philippians 3:10

Trace the path of this Savior, the God who swapped heavenly royalty for earthly poverty: His bed became, at best, a borrowed pallet...and usually the hard earth. He was dependent on handouts for his income. He was sometimes so hungry that he would eat raw grain or pick fruit off a tree. He knew what it meant to have no home. He was ridiculed. His neighbors tried to lynch him. Some called him a lunatic. His family tried to confine him to their home. His friends weren't always faithful to him.

He was accused of a crime he never committed. Witnesses were hired to lie. The jury was rigged. A judge swayed by politics handed down the death penalty.

They killed him.

And why? Because of the gift that only he could give.

The Applause of Heaven.
By Max Lucado

Submitted by Alma Wimsatt