



NEWSLETTER

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Church**

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Fall is Here!



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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

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Greetings in the name of our Lord. I do hope this news finds you healthy and well. Is it time for another newsletter already? Where has August gone. School is back in session and buses running there routes. Please watch the school zones and remember to slow down. There seems to be a coolness in the air lately, making one wonder if Fall is here and Winter just around the corner. I enjoyed the Estancia "Old Timers Day" celebration. Now looking forward to the Mt. Air Sunflower Festival this weekend. I always enjoy community celebrations.

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This past month I stated my office hours at EUMC would usually be somewhere between 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 pm, on Wednesdays. In August I tried to maintain this schedule. It was interesting, a few folks came by to visit (Butch, Brad, several others and a number of phone calls). So again I will attempt to maintain the same schedule, but please call my cell number so as not to miss me. I am not always in the office but else where on the property (like the

Worship Center or outside). I will be in and out of town throughout the week, as I enjoy being out and visiting. I want to get to know our business communities here and in Mt. Air. If you learn of someone in the hospital or who is ill please let me know so I can schedule a visit.

Now on to other matters and thoughts.

What in the World is Evangelism

* The problem facing many churches in regards to evangelism is that deep down they really don't want to grow. Growth takes them out of their comfort zone.

I hear this is not true of our Charge.

* United Methodist don't like being intrusive so we often will not talk to people about our faith.

* Evangelism is the responsibility of the laity not just the clergy. Many people use the excuse; "We pay the pastor for that." That is a shirking of the responsibility that was mandated by Jesus in the Bible for all believers.

* A church must understand what their particular strengths are and then build upon those strengths.

* Evangelism is not about the style of worship whether it is contemporary or traditional.

* All churches should have a welcome center even if it is only a card table with a placard and a person sitting behind it to welcome people into the church.

* Within twenty four hours, a hand-written card from the Evangelism Committee or hospitality person should be sent to anyone who has visited the church.

* Someone from the laity should visit a new prospect and then follow-up with a telephone call.

*A church Must have a nice, clean, modern nursery.

* There must be signage for all churches large or small showing where the rest rooms are located along with offices, classrooms, visitors parking, etc.

* Church attendees need to make a list of 3 or 4 people they know who are unchurched in our community. Pray over those names for a while, then call them and invite them to church, even offer to pick them up so that they do not have to arrive at the church alone. Then the person should stay with them every minute during their first visit.

If we all start doing our part we can build our church together into a more vibrant church that we envision for our communities. I'm calling for all of our attendees to take this challenge and to become Evangelists for Christ.

Additional Thoughts

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



Kings Kids - Last Sunday, August 28

Galyn Solomon 1945 - 2016



Galyn Solomon worked and helped around our church for many years, and was always quick with a cheerful greeting. Galyn passed away a couple weeks ago at the age of 70. He would never come in to a church service because of his shyness, but he talked frequently about how important the Lord was in his life, and how it made him feel like he was serving the Lord by helping around the church.

Galyn's funeral was a simple graveside service, which was well attended by friends and family. The service was performed by his sister-in-law, Kitty Solomon. We will miss seeing Galyn riding his bicycle around town, and his friendly smile every Sunday morning.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING 7/31/16

Whew! The Administrative Council met the very last day of July. The meeting was as much a business meeting as a "get to know Brother Bob" meeting. Below is a summary of the discussion and decisions your Ad. Council team made for Estancia United Methodist Church.

- EUMC will list its 80 acre parcel just north of town for possible sale.
- We will put feelers out for potential renters for the parsonage
- Tamma and Lee will better utilize their strengths by trading SPRC and Trustees positions
- EUMC's finances are holding steady (yahoo!!)
- Julie will have a Worship Committee meeting to discuss changes to worship
- Reverend Hunt will facilitate and in-house lay leader training in the Fall and a Methodist 101-type workshop in the Winter.
- We will look at resurrecting weekly adult Bible Study and/or providing youth Christian activities/tutoring.
- EUMC will make plans to support Estancia athletes and teachers, and nail down plans for its annual Trunk or Treat.



GOOD MORNING

Good morning. I am God. Today I will be handling all of your problems.

Please remember that I do not need your help. If the devil happens to deliver a situation to you that you cannot handle, do not attempt to resolve it. Kindly put it in the SFJTD (Something for Jesus to do) box. It will be addressed in MY TIME, not yours.

Once the matter is placed into the box, do not hold on to it or remove it. Holding on or removal will delay the resolution of your problem.

If it is a situation that you think you are capable of handling, please consult me in prayer to be sure that it is the proper resolution.

Because I do not sleep nor do I slumber, there is no need for you to lose any sleep. Rest my child.

If you need to contact me, I am only a prayer away.

- Author Unknown -

NO WONDER JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN

When I look at a patch of dandelions, I see a bunch of weeds that are going to take over my yard.
My kids see flowers for Mom and blowing white fluff you can wish on.



When I look at a homeless person and he smiles at me, I see a smelly, dirty person who probably wants money, and I look away.
My kids see someone smiling at them and they smile back.

When I hear music I love, I know I can't carry a tune and don't have much rhythm, so I sit self-consciously and listen.
My kids feel the beat and move to it. They sing out the words. If they don't know them, they make up their own.

When I feel wind on my face, I brace myself against it. I feel it messing up my hair and pulling me back when I walk.
My kids close their eyes, spread their arms and fly with it, until they fall to the ground laughing.

When I pray, I say thee and thou and grant me this, give me that.
My kids say, "Hi God! Thanks for my toys and my friends. Please keep the bad dreams away tonight. Sorry, I don't want to go to Heaven yet. I would miss my Mommy and Daddy."

When I see a mud puddle, I step around it. I see muddy shoes and clothes and dirty carpets.
My kids sit in it. They see dams to build, rivers to cross and worms to play with.

Sometimes I wonder if we are given kids to teach . . . or to learn from.



No wonder Jesus loves the little children!

- Author Unknown -

PARTY FOR TERRY ANN

On Friday, August 27, friends of Terry Ann Moore helped her celebrate her birthday. Her friends talked about one of their favorite memories. Mrs. Carolyn Moore, Terry Ann's mother, talked about Terry Ann's travels and where it has led her. Along with the good memories, good food, and cake and ice cream everyone seemed to have had a good time..



Landon showing off the Blue ribbon he won at the county fair.

Financial Corner	ESTANCIA	MOUNTAINAIR
General Acct August 2016	\$13,844.63	\$6,734.44
Receipts	\$3761.18	\$995.00
Disbursements	\$3773.02	\$797.69
Month-End Balance	13,531.89	7,048.67
Tithe from Prior Mo	\$300.90	\$73.20
Investment Accts. 1	\$14,390.75	\$8,163.22
Investment Accts. 2	\$9,255.40	



SEPTEMBER 2016

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 Worship 9:00 AM Mtair 11:00 AM	5 Labor Day Holiday	6	7	8	9	10
11 Worship 9:00 AM Mtair 11:00 AM	12	13	14	15	16	17 Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM
18 Worship 9:00 AM Mtair 11:00 AM	19	20	21	22	23 First Day of Autumn	24
25 Worship 9:00 AM Mtair 11:00 AM Ad Council 1:30 PM	26	27			29	30



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IT'S CALLED CHOICE From Max Lucado

To choose life is to love the Lord your God, obey Him and stay close to Him
Deuteronomy 30:20

He placed one scoop of clay upon another until a form lay lifeless on the ground....

All were silent as the Creator reached in himself and removed something yet unseen. "It's called 'choice'. The seed of choice"

Within the man, God had placed a divine seed. A seed of his *self*. The God of might had created earth's mightiest. The Creator had created, not a creature, but another creator. And the One who had chosen to love had created one who could love in return.

Now it's our choice.

Thanks to Alma Wimsatt for this contribution!