

Beacon Initiative

On September 9th, we will begin our 2018 Beacon Initiative focus on spiritual disciplines. Our goal is for you to develop a clear idea of where you are on your spiritual journey along with a plan to take another step in this season of your life. Additionally, it is important that we all acquire a better understanding of the importance of making disciples, what steps we need to take in order to launch a clear path of discipleship in our ministry, and feel hopeful that we have been provided all the resources we need from God to do so.

Prayer, reading scripture, serving, generosity, worshipfulness, taking sabbath, building community, and witnessing are the disciplines we will take up in this study time. I will address one discipline a week in my sermon and there will be growth groups to study and discuss in deeper detail.

As I said before, this is not about energizing our church as an organization, nor about creating the right structure or committees within our congregation. Instead, it's about providing each of us with the tools we need to be the disciples God is calling us to be. This focus will give each of us the opportunity to create our own discipline, our own exercise program, to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. What do you need to grow in your discipleship of Jesus Christ?

We will hold one worship service on **September 9th, at 10:15AM**. One of the authors of our book, Ken Willard, will join us by live video feed! A brunch will follow with table discussion. Sunday School will be held at **9 AM**. We will end this study on **November 11th**, again with one worship service at **10:15** and a pot-luck lunch to follow.

Making disciples is what our church is all about. And this is one of the most interesting studies to come along, to help us become the disciples God has called us to be. I am looking forward to seeing you in church and in ministry in our area.

In Christ,
Pastor Mills

2018 Charge Conference

Craig Cockrell, the new Albuquerque District Superintendent, has scheduled our congregation's Charge Conference for **Wednesday, September 19th at 6:30 pm in our sanctuary**. Everyone is invited, indeed, encouraged to attend. This charge conference will be convened as a church conference, meaning that all church members have a vote. The primary purpose of the church conference is to elect the church's lay leadership for 2019 and to set the pastor's compensation. Please plan to attend.

Prayer

The power of prayer is available for all kinds of requests and issues. The word of God tells us of many instances of the power of prayer. Prayer has overcome enemies, defeated demons, brought about healing, granted wisdom and defeated death. As James tells us in 5:16-18, "The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective."

Let us come together to revitalize our prayer room. Please think about volunteering to help keep our Sunday worship time covered in an abundance of prayer. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex the next few Sundays to help establish a list of interested individuals. **Should you have any questions, suggestions or concerns please get in touch with either Dawn Houck or Don Ferris at donferrisfamily@msn.com or ddawnhouck@comcast.net**

Stride

What does it mean to be a disciple? How do we go forth and make disciples? We invite you to join us and Pastor Doug on a nine week journey on the path of discipleship. We will be doing the workbook STRIDE, a model that works by meeting people wherever they are and helping them move forward in their faith. The author, Ken Willard, will be joining us via live video **September 9th**. That Sunday there will be a single service starting at **10:15**. A continental breakfast will be served afterwards to further discussions and fellowship. Sunday School will start at **9:00AM** that day. We hope to see you all there as we embark on this exciting journey.



Asbury Pie Café

Time again to help serve at the Asbury Pie Café during the State Fair. **If you would like to help, please respond via email to Bob VanAllen, rvanallen5@comcast.net.**

Veterans Day

Veterans: As we approach Veterans Day (Nov. 11), we would like to update our list of MUMC military veterans. **If you have not already received an email from Dan Patterson regarding this matter, please contact him so he can update our records at (505) 205-5571 or danpatters@q.com.**

East Mountain Food Pantry Donations

The East Mountain Food Pantry has received 211 items from Mountainside UMC. During August there have been 553 items donated. The food pantry gave out 243 food boxes to:

168 seniors 347 adults and 210 children
4 families were repeats 17 were new families

72% were from Bernalillo county
16% were from Santa Fe county
12 % were from other counties

NM Dream Center

NM Dream Center, aka The Harbour, is having an all day training session on **Saturday September 15**. If you are interested in helping at the drop in center for homeless youth, or with Spoken For, who works with trafficking victims, this is an easy way to get training in ONE day. Volunteers help the victims in a number of ways. Cook, walk the streets looking for homeless youth, be at the center to greet, etc. **The event will be held at The Harbour, located at 126 General Chanault, 1 block north of Central @ Zuni from 9:00-3:30.**

RSVP to Jazmine
jazmineg@spokenformn.com

Because of your generous giving, we are able to support The Harbour at the New Mexico Dream Center, which ministers to the most vulnerable and at-risk youth and teens and addresses immediate and long-term needs around homelessness, hunger, poverty, addiction, education, and human trafficking. **If you would like to donate to the Dream Center, make your checks payable to Mountainside UMC and write "Dream Center" in the memo line.**

Your Whole Life: 3D

We have started our study group again on **Tuesday mornings at 10:40AM (after chair yoga)**. We invite all who are interested to join us and invite your friends also. 3D stands for diet, discipline, and discipleship. We focus on body, mind and spirit as it relates to our relationship with God, through Jesus Christ. We spend time on weight management, nutrition, exercise, meal planning, and scripture from various devotional materials. Retired Clergy Linda Mizell is the leader. She also holds a BS degree in Home Economics, and is a graduate from a weight management, doctor supervised program (where she personally lost 70 pounds). **You may reach Linda at 286-9984 or email at lindamizell@mac.com.**

thank you



Sanctuary Choir

Rehearsals for the Sanctuary Choir begin on **August 29th at 6:30 in the Round Room**. All interested please come to rehearsal or **contact Vera Kleinhenz at verak@mountainsidemethodist.org for more information.**

Jubilee Band Practice

Have you been wondering what to do with that musical instrument that seems to take up space in your closet? Now is your chance to increase your closet space and to breathe new life into your instrument. String, percussion, and woodwind instruments and their players are welcome.

The Jubilee Band will practice on Wednesday evenings from 5:50- 6:30PM, starting September 5th. Childcare is available. Let's make a joyful noise unto the Lord together!

Call Susan Walter @ 286-2139 and leave a message if you have any questions.

M O C

Mountainside Outreach on Central will be "working" Central Ave on **Friday, September 7 from 6-9PM**. This is during the State Fair, the number ONE time for trafficking victims to be brought in to Albuquerque. We will hand out bags of goodies to the victims of trafficking. We also hand out water and candy, as well as sandwiches, socks, and hard boiled eggs. If you would prayerfully consider participating in this outreach, please **contact Barbara Burkdol (505) 235-8107**. Thanks you for your consideration.

Digging a Little Deeper

Dee Butler

In my personal Bible study, I had always felt that there was something that I was missing, something that I just wasn't getting. What was Jesus trying to convey? Where did that thought come from? Why would Jesus—God incarnate—refer to Himself as the "Son of Man" and later the "Son of God"? Why would God incarnate say, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Why is it that the poor in Spirit are blessed? Etc., etc., etc.

Who better to go to when you need help? The One In Charge, of course. I asked, "What is it You want me to know about Jesus that will help me to better understand His teachings?" Simple question and, coincidentally, a simple answer: His Jewishness. So, I expanded my range of study, digging more deeply into the Old Testament, adding "learn Hebrew" to my bucket list, adding more Jewish-related book volumes and Internet sites to my reading list.

Recently, the Lord put Lois Tverberg's book "Walking in the Dust of Rabbi Jesus: How the Jewish Words of Jesus Can Change Your Life" into my hands. I give you a synopsis of the book's published synopsis: *"... Tverberg challenges readers to follow their Rabbi more closely by re-examining his words in the light of their Jewish context. Doing so will provide a richer, deeper understanding of his ministry, compelling us to live differently, to become more Christ-like. We'll begin to understand why his first Jewish disciples abandoned everything to follow him, to live out his commands...how hearing Rabbi Jesus with the ears of a first-century disciple can bring new meaning to our faith..."*

Tverberg is a Christian, who like many of us had questions that could only be answered by deepening her study, which she has done for the past 20 years. When I approached Pastor Doug about the possibility of hosting an in-home study using Tverberg's book, he gave me the green light. If you would like to share in the delights of this book with others and take home a few "aha moments," we will begin the study on **Thursday, September 13th, at 6:30 PM in the church's Fellowship Hall**. We will decide then if we will be able to take the next class from the church into our home(s). The class sign-up sheet will be on a Narthex table. Have questions? **Contact Dee Butler at butlerbd44@q.com.**

187th Habitat House Celebrated!

The Greater Albuquerque Habitat for Humanity celebrated the dedication of their 187th Habitat house on Saturday, August 18th, welcoming Louis, Orariya and their four children to their first real home. At the dedication/ribbon cutting, support representatives from the Albuquerque Police Dept, Wells Fargo bank, and Mountainside UMC expressed congratulations and hope for a bright future to the new residents.

The Burque Build homeowners, Louis and Orariya, are originally from Africa where they experienced many difficulties due to violence and political struggles. Between 1996 and 2015, their family was stateless, but today they have a life—a life that seemed like a dream only two years ago.

A year ago, when Louis was first selected to become a Habitat homeowner he said, “We have safety, we have a future, we have opportunity and we have goals. A home for my family is the best gift I could ever receive. It is a sad reality, but my children have never known a ‘home’ – something that is ours, somewhere that is safe, and something that we can always come back to. I thank Habitat for Humanity for letting our story continue,” said Louis.

During the dedication ceremony Louis thanked everyone who has helped his family along their path to finding a home saying, “Before living in Albuquerque, we lived in a refugee camp in Tanzania. Every day was a struggle to find work and enough food for our family. We never dreamed we would live in a home like this. We didn’t know what to expect when we arrived here. We didn’t know the culture or the language, we didn’t have much money, we didn’t have a home. Now we are happy and grateful to have a community that helps us. Thank you so much.”

Claude, a junior in high school and the eldest of the four children, was out at the job site every Saturday helping his family earn their sweat equity hours. In his short life, Claude only knew what it was to live in a refugee camp and is so proud of his family’s new home. “Thanks to everybody who helped us. I never dreamed we would have a house in America, this is something special for me. I say thanks to God who brought us to America. Thanks for all you do for us.”

This Burque Build was named in honor of Bernalillo County First Responders as a way to recognize their hard work and sacrifices to ensure safety in our community. This past year, more than 100 cadets from the Albuquerque Police Department volunteered and helped build Louis and Orariya’s new home.

The Burque Build is the 187th home that Greater Albuquerque Habitat for Humanity has dedicated in the past 31 years. Habitat’s mission is to build community,



APD Officer Hence Williams III speaking during the Burque Build dedication

one home, one family at a time. They are only able to do this work because of the generosity of so many individual and business who donate their money and time to ensure low-income families can own decent, affordable homes.

Mountainside UMC has recently provided hands-on support to two Habitat builds with plans for another two over the next year. Rob Easterling

from our Missions@MUMC committee coordinates formation and scheduling of the MUMC teams and encourages anyone who is interested to contact him at rgaste@comcast.net. Together, we help to make a difference in people’s lives, thanks for all that you do!

Bob VanAllen



Habitat For Humanity

Mountainside's next opportunity to participate in a Habitat for Humanity work day is **Wednesday, October 3rd, 8AM to approximately 3PM**. If you would like to participate, and have not already contacted **Rob Easterling**, please notify him at **505-379-9683** or **rgeaste@comcast.net**.

Feel free to write or call to request more information before you make a decision.

Thank you for your participating in this important mission - *to make it possible for more people in the greater Albuquerque area to have a decent place to live.*



Upward Scholarships

As we are preparing to register participants for our Upward program, we always have a number of youngsters who are unable to participate because they cannot afford it. If you would like to provide a scholarship for one or more of these youngsters you may do so at \$75.00 per scholarship. **If you are interested, please contact Dan Patterson at (505) 205-5571 or danpatters@q.com.**

Upward Basketball and Cheerleading Program

A little over 30 of the team leaders for Upward met at Head Coach Dan Salzwedel's home on Sunday, August 26th. We discussed all aspects of the program and how we can improve things for the players and their families. As a consequence, we intend for this year's Upward program to be better than ever. Some of the ideas include:

- Better ways to recruit players
 - Improving the registration/evaluation session experience
 - A Classic Car Show at one or more times in the season
 - Activities for family members to do while practices or games are underway
 - A renewed emphasis on how to best share Mountainside's youth programs
 - Introducing some new variety into the Snack Bar
- Many more ideas were introduced that may yet become reality as we move into the new season.

Just to remind our readers, Upward registration (Early Registration) is now open and we already have kids entered into the online registration system. If you know of any kids in K-8th grades, let them know that they can

Learn all about the Upward program at
<http://mumsm.org>

Register online at
<http://registration.upward.org/UPW66478>

Encourage everyone to register ASAP as we expect to hit our maximum of 200 kids early this season. When we reach that goal, we have to shut down registration and close the teams for the season. We have done that for 3 years in a row now.



Budget Report

As of 8/31/2018

	Budget Needs	Actual Expenses
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MONTHLY

August Budget Needs	\$30,103.00	\$31,221.00
August * GF Contributions		\$27,869.00
Difference		

YEAR TO DATE

Year to date Budget needs	\$286,767.00	\$272,219.00
Year to Date *GF Contributions 2018		\$291,187.00
Difference	+\$18,968.00	

We have been blessed with some substantial pre paid annual pledges, giving us a solid financial start to the year, which places us ahead of our budget income projection.

***GF (General Fund)**

Greetings from Guatemala

Greetings to my Mountainside family all the way from Guatemala! All is going well here. Here the kids are in their last quarter of school and we are hoping for good results. Telma and I are working every day, with no typical day, as life is fluid! Last week she had an accident coming to work. Fortunately no broken bones or smash up!

I really wanted you to add me to prayer lists for the first week of October. Yes, it is close to 6 months since I drove down to Guatemala through Mexico. Lord willing, early on the 1st of October, I will start the arduous trip back through. It's the day after my birthday, so at a newly minted 70, I drive through Mexico, 4 full days to reach the Texas-Mexico border at Eagle Pass.

Please know that I will be at Mountainside on the 11th of November. I've promised several people that this year I will bring those lovely nativities, Christmas decorations, small gifts for Christmas and our Telma Y Miss new things. Looking forward to seeing you! Should have a full report on the building project in Uganda, money was sent for it in August. They begin August 24th and have a month to do it in-between terms of school there.

Blessings abound to each of you, let us encourage one another!

*His servant
your sister
s.e. coleman*

IGNITE

Come to IGNITE! –our youth program at Mountainside. All youth, grades 8th- 12th, are invited to come. Bring a friend and join us for food, fun, and fellowship **each Saturday evening at 5:00PM** at Mountainside UMC.

We are currently looking for adults who would be interested in becoming part of a host team for IGNITE! This includes contributing to a meal, activity, or leading a study for our youth.

If you have any questions about how you can be a part of this ministry, **contact Jack Brisbin at 505-206-0026 or Lu Brisbin at 804-832-0606.**



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Newsletter Submission Guidelines

If you have an article or photos you would like to submit to the Mountainside United Methodist Church's newsletter, *The Beacon*, please follow these guidelines:

Submit articles as a pdf, Word document, or within the body of an email to office@mountainsidemethodist.org or to the Newsletter Editor at jeanneillustrates@gmail.com.

For photos, please always send separate jpg files attached within the email with each photo titled in this manner: ArticleTitle_MonthYear An example might be FoodBoxes_Jan2018.

The deadline for submission is the **20th of every month**. We are especially interested in Mission oriented messages. Thank you for submitting to the newsletter.

September Birthdays

Winnie Pearsall 9-1	Kathryn Foster 9-20
Skyler Woods 9-1	Nicholas Edwardson 9-21
Barbara Rech 9-1	Tim Kleinhenz 9-22
Lila Nimick-Lopez 9-2	Rob Easterling 9-25
Toni Edwardson 9-3	Eileen Boehm 9-28
Linda Ellis 9-8	Anastacia West 9-29
David Thompson 9-6	Flossie Blackwell 9-30
Connie Patterson 9-9	S.E Coleman 9-30
Wanda Mason 9-9	
Judy Hall 9-9	
Glenda Bachelor 9-10	
Janeen Counts 9-10	
Mary Hancock 9-10	
Katharine West 9-10	
Penny Morris 9-11	
Julia Beach 9-13	
Carla Foster 9-20	

