



## Paradise Hills United Methodist Church The Messenger

Good news makes for good health  
Proverbs 15:30b (NLT)

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And now. . .

### **A Word**

#### **From our Pastor**

What a wonderful day Kick-Off Sunday was! It was a great day of celebration through worship, fellowship, and breaking bread together! It was so good to gather all together as one congregation for this special Sunday. Thanks so much for all those who were involved in the planning of the glorious worship, and many thanks to the board members and their families, with help from John Alvarado and John Fessler for setting up for the meal on Saturday and preparing and serving and cleaning up after the meal on Sunday! Special thanks go to board member Mary Spurlock for planning and purchasing the food and preparing the delicious apple crisp! It is great to have leaders who are so willing to serve!

And it was so wonderful to welcome into our membership our three newest members: Andra Ridout, Carol Rowley, and Jane Taylor. Andra has already joined the choir and the bell choir, and did the beautiful altar flower arrangement in honor of Trevor Johnston on September 12. Jane has also joined the choir and attended the women's gathering. Carol spent the last several weeks caring for her mother, who attended our



church a couple of times and just recently passed away. Carol has been bringing her nephew Eric to worship on Sunday mornings as well. I hope you will all help them find ways to get connected in their new church home!

And thanks so much to those of you who filled out the small group questionnaire. Your responses will be so helpful as we expand our small group ministry and outreach opportunities.

And remember, October is not too far away, which means Pumpkin Patch and Fall Festival are fast approaching. Please consider how you can contribute to this ministry to support our youth, particularly with the gift of your time to volunteer. Our youth so beautifully led worship on Youth Sunday, so let's continue to support them through our time and service.

I thank God for each one of you and pray God's richest blessings on each one of you as together we seek to deepen our commitment to the calling to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ!

Love in Christ,

Pastor Jeanie



### **Special National Days**

#### **From the National Day Calendar**

(Find these in small places of The Messenger)

October 1st

National Hair Day

Fire Pup Day

National Homemade Cookies Day

October 2nd

National Custodial Worker's Recognition Day

October 4th

National Cinnamon Bun Day

National Taco Day

National Child Health Day

## October's Worship News

### Sundays Schedule

October 3<sup>rd</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
World Communion Sunday

October 10<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

October 17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

October 24<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

October 31<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Fifth Sunday Donation Sunday

Please remember to support our mission projects. Store House West will take donations of non-perishable Food. Rock at Noon Day will take donations of personal hygiene products.

Everyone wear your Paradise Hills Polo Shirt if you have one.

### Prayer Requests

Please remember to fill out a prayer request card. Live streaming is closer to becoming a reality and names can't be lifted up out loud. There are cards outside the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall doors to fill out. The ushers will collect them before the service starts.

### Sunday Announcements

If you have an announcement that you would like to be included on the screen at the worship service, they must be e-mailed to Jordan Fisher by Tuesday of the week you want the announcements to appear. Send them to. . . [PHUMCYouthLeader@GMail.Com](mailto:PHUMCYouthLeader@GMail.Com) Let her know if this is a one week or a two week announcement.

### Altar Flowers

The sign up sheet for the altar flowers for Sunday's service is posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.  
Flowers are \$20.00.

## Worship Reminders

During worship, per governor's mandate, all are required to wear masks no matter your vaccination status.

Check out the PHUMC Music Ministry YouTube Channel at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCah4IqCXYIJLPRZxd8HM1Vw?v>

or go to YouTube and search  
Paradise Hills UMC Music Ministry

**We have some of Steve Wiseman's CDs available. Any donations for the CDs will go to the PHUMC choir.**

## Live Streaming Church

In the next month or so, we will be able to view our worship services via livestream. The installation of the fiber optics is still in the works.

Currently, our services are posted on YouTube as pre-recorded services.

## Do you know of any visitors?

If you know of any visitors that might want to attend PHUMC services, they can check out our website, and the services are on You-Tube: search – Paradise Hills UMC. The office can also answer any questions at 505//898-1327.



## Looking Forward

October 2<sup>nd</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>  
International Balloon Fiesta  
October 6<sup>th</sup> – New Moon

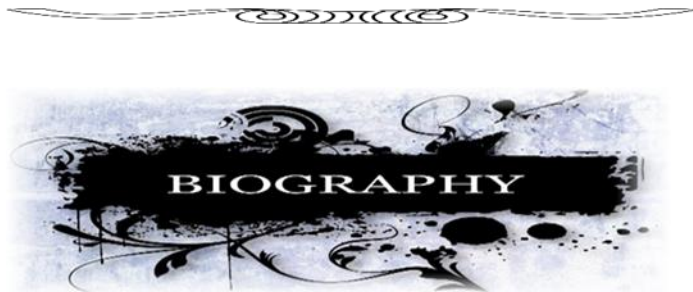
October 12<sup>th</sup> – National Indigenous People Day  
October 20<sup>th</sup> – Full Moon  
October 16<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Orionid Meteor Shower

## Quote of the Month

"If the small church can see that they, in fact, are on the edge of the next wave, as opposed to the ones who are left behind, I think there's a different sense of hope that starts to rise." —

The Rev. Thomas Tumblyn, dean of Beeson School of Practical Theology at Asbury Theological Seminary.

The following biography is from the small 25 member New Mexico UMC a bit north of Espanola in Alcalde, NM.



### Faustina's Church History

Faustina Honaberger Lucero was presented the Laitly Living Archives Award by the New Mexico Annual Conference on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 for her many years of service as a member of the Alcalde UMC, as Chairperson of the Ethnic Minority Local Church task force, as a delegate to General and Jurisdictional Conference, her committee work at the national level of the United Methodist Church, and for her example as a faithful servant and disciple of Jesus Christ.

Let's see what Faustina says about her history as a Living Archive.

I've been a member of Alcalde United Methodist Church (UMC), which was a former Evangelical United Brethren Church (EUB) with 27 members located about 35 miles north of Santa Fe, NM. (*The UMC came into being in 1968.*)

Attended Kindergarten (in those days known as "pre-primers") through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade at the Alcalde Mission School which was a former EUB mission school with approximately 60-65 students. The school had three rooms with three grades in each room with one teacher in each room. (I was the entire "8<sup>th</sup> Grade graduating

class" of 1959. There was no one else in that class) (*So let's say Faustina was born around 1945.*)

Along with my 6 siblings, I attended Sunday School, Youth Fellowship Group, and VBS faithfully first as a young student, and eventually as a leader/teacher.

I attended McCurdy Mission School (still an EUB entity) as a boarding student for my Freshman year of High School and then transferred to Espanola High School where I graduated as President of the Senior Class – the first girl President ever elected at that School! (I was quite the politician.)

Began my College education at NMSU and earned my BA in Personnel Management and Administration from Antioch University in Yellow Springs, OH.

In May of 2021, I celebrated my "Church Membership Anniversary" of 65 years, which included 9 years as an EUB and 56 years as a UMC. (*As of August 2021 she's been married to Jose for 56 years.*)

It has been a privilege and a blessing for me to have been involved in the following:

- Chairperson of the Group Ministry Council which included the former EUB and following the merger of the UM Churches of Taos, Vallecitos, Velarde, Hernandez, Valley View, Santa Cruz, Alcalde, as well as McCurdy Schools (4 years)
- Board member of the Loma Vista Cemetery Committee (formerly owned by Group Ministry [6 years])
- Completed an exchange youth group involving approximately 25 youth with the Southern Illinois Annual Conference.

Served in the following:

- Lay delegate to the New Mexico Annual Conference (NMAC) since 1975.

- Member/Chairperson of NMAC Ethnic Minority Local Church (EMLC) missional priority task force (13 years)
- Member of NMAC Committee of Church and Society
- General Conference delegate in 1988
- Jurisdictional Conference delegate (5 times)
- General Commission on Religion and Race (8 years)
- National Hispanic Ministry Committee (4 years)
- Lay delegate appointed by the Council of Bishops to represent laity at the AC of the Americas and Caribbean held in Antigua
- Work groups to Democratic Republic of Congo, Africa 2009 and 2011 (A calling I received when I was 8 years old)
- Landsun Homes Board of Directors (12 years)
- Older Adult Ministry task force of the General Church (4 years)
- Various positions on the Administrative Council of the Alcalde UMC

Programs at Alcalde UMC put on hold due to COVID:

- Weekly After-School Bible Study (ASBS) for children K-6<sup>th</sup> Grades with an average attendance of 30-35 (Our own UMC children could not participate due to the distance they would need to travel during the school week.)
- VBS for the past 21 years (with this format) with average attendance of 85-110 children 4 years old through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, 17 youth helpers (most of whom are former ASBS and VBS students) and 35 adults  
 Serve as director, recruiter, planner, decorator, as well as song leader in the VBS. (No one else is willing to be up front making a monkey of herself leading those crazy/fun VBS songs complete with motions/dancing.)

- Despite COVID, we have been able to serve 33 children with masked parents remaining in their vehicles in the church parking lot to pick up the Snack Sacks we take out to them. (This is an on-going program for the past 14 years with thousands of sacks given out during the school season for families who have food insecurity over the weekends)

What a tremendous honor and absolutely total surprise to receive the Laity Living Archives Award. I am deeply humbled when I think of the great laypersons who have received this award before me; and when I think of the many lay women and lay men throughout our New Mexico AC who work so diligently every day to serve our God.

Although it is nice to be recognized for the work one has done, none of us do this for awards or recognition but simply to carry out the will of God in our lives as we decipher it.

And so, the work continues for the rest of our lives as we move forward with trust, love, and hope in our hearts that someday we will see God face-to-face and hear Him say, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."



## Renumbered

We have renumbered the class rooms. This will make it easier for visitors and new members to find a room.



## Youth News

The Youth meet every other Sunday at 5:00pm in the Youth room. All Youth, 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend.



October 5th  
 National Rhode Island Day  
 National Do Something Nice Day

# Sacramento

## Another Summer Season for the books!

We wrapped up another summer season filled with hard work, plenty of activities and games, and so much rain! To our summer season staff, we just can not thank you enough! The youth, the energy, the heart to try new things and get out of your comfort zone was inspiring.

Our groups, whether churches, families, companies or companions, were shown professional service and contagious attitudes! We simply could not do it without you!



What a wonderful 90th birthday celebration!

We were able to consecrate the 1st section of the Family Life Center that has been open for business for the last several months. We prayed for God to bless this new facility that has 70 additional beds and 3 additional meeting rooms so that current and future generations will experience the presence of the Holy Spirit as much as past generations have.

We look ahead cautiously optimistic about the near future as related to the pandemic restrictions. Thanks to our amazing staff that has sacrificed much and to so many of you that have faithfully supported us, we have been able to survive these challenging times.

Rejoice with us as we reflect on these last 90 years of transformed lives for the Kingdom and look forward to God's Vision for this special place that promises to be exciting and bright for the next 90 years.

Go God! Continue to do Your thing!  
Bill McCuaig



Our first Women's Gathering since the pandemic was held on Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. Looks like they had a wonderful time chatted while enjoying munchies.

Thanks to Becky Steinfeld and Mary Spurlock for providing the food, and to Becky Talbott for playing the piano and leading the singing.

If there other details to the gathering you'd like to post in the newsletter – let me know. Peggy



October 6<sup>th</sup>  
National Coaches Day  
National German-American Day  
National Coffee with a Cop Day

October 7<sup>th</sup>  
National Trigeminal Neuralgia Awareness Day

October 8<sup>th</sup>  
National Fluffernutter Day  
National Hero Day  
(People or sandwiches? – pas)

October 9<sup>th</sup>  
National Leif Erikson Day

## **Church Activities**

Submit your activity through the Messenger's eMail – Deadline is the 15th  
[PHUMCNewsletter@GMail.Com](mailto:PHUMCNewsletter@GMail.Com)

### Hiking to Paradise (HtP)

HtP is meeting in person on Tuesdays in the Alpha Sunday School Class room at 5:30pm.

This is an accountability group discovering our discipleship in Jesus Christ.

Masks and social distancing are required for ALL, not just the unvaccinated.

For more information, please contact Peggy Stevens at 505//898-8217 or  
[Peggy.A.Stevens@GMail.Com](mailto:Peggy.A.Stevens@GMail.Com)

### Women's Bible Study

Every lady who wants to come - join! We are studying Galatians through Living Proof Ministries. Beth Moore and her daughter will lead us through this study through videos, podcasts and workbooks.

You can visit [store.lproof.org](http://store.lproof.org) to purchase the study guide and there are several options. As usual, there is no requirement for you to buy the study guide. We want everyone who wants to come to feel free!

Our study is at 6:30pm in the Office Conference Room!

Please forward to anyone who is wanting to connect with other women of faith. All are welcome!

Any questions? Please contact Elizabeth Ross at (501) 514-5045 [lizzygirl61398@gmail.com](mailto:lizzygirl61398@gmail.com)

October 10th  
World Mental Health Day  
Clergy Appreciation Day

October 11th  
Native American Day  
Columbus Day

## Prayer and Praise

The church has a weekly Wednesday prayer meeting where we ask God to receive praises and our concerns. We have been meeting via Zoom, but now we have the opportunity to meet face-to-face.

We invite you to join us in prayer—on Wednesdays, 7:00 pm. We can meet in the Alpha Sunday school class room (Room 44) or via Zoom.

If you wish to join us in prayer, let Dave Price know (505/897-0875 and/or [dr555price@msn.com](mailto:dr555price@msn.com)) so we can arrange to meet together in prayer.

-- Dave Price

### Grief Support Group

Currently meeting virtually at 3:30pm on Friday afternoons.

For more information, contact David or Le Nien Mueller 505//898-1991

### UMM

The United Methodist Men meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month.

Currently, the meetings are being held in hybrid mode / ZOOM and in-person.

Contact John White 505//363-9463 or David Mueller 505//898-1991 for more information.  
Alpha Sunday School Class

Currently the Alpha Sunday School class meets via ZOOM and in-person on Sundays at 10:00am. They are studying the Gospel of Luke. Contact Dave Price for more information (505//897-0875).

October 12th  
National Vermont Day  
National Freethought Day  
National Farmer's Day

## United Methodist Annual Reports

Click on the link and find the New Mexico Annual Report dated October 17th. You can also open annual reports for other Conferences. Take a look!


<https://www.umnews.org/en/tag/2020-annual-conference-reports>



### **Classifieds**

*Submit your classified ad through The Messenger's eMail – Deadline is the 15th of the month PHUMCNewsletter@GMail.Com*

A LazyBoy queen size sleeper sofa - \$500.00.  
Contact Penny Price at 505//897-0875.



### **From UM News Daily Digest**

#### ***World Methodist Council***

### **Ecumenical conference postponed from 2022**

WAYNESVILLE, N.C. — Because of COVID-19's continuing menace, organizers have decided to postpone for a second time the 22nd conference of the World Methodist Council. The global Wesleyan gathering previously was scheduled for August 2022 in Gothenburg, Sweden. New dates are to be determined.

The United Methodist General Conference still is scheduled for Aug. 29-Sept. 6, 2022, in Minneapolis.

#### ***News 12 The Bronx***

### **Church gets state landmark status**

NORTHPORT, N.Y. — Parishioners at Saint Paul's United Methodist Church are celebrating the church's recognition as a New York historic landmark. The church, whose building is now 175 years old, once hosted famed educator and reformer Booker T. Washington.

October 13th

Navy Birthday  
National Metastatic Breast Cancer  
Awareness Day  
National Emergency Nurse's Day


## FEMA Assistance for Funerals

Here's an item to make sure you are aware of new assistance that will be provided by FEMA thanks to the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Under these laws FEMA will provide financial assistance to affected families for COVID-19-related funeral expenses incurred **after January 20, 2020**.

FEMA is working with stakeholder groups to get their input on ways to best provide this assistance, and to enlist their help with outreach to families and communities. FEMA began to implement COVID-19 funeral assistance in April, at which time they will begin accepting applications.

Additional guidance is being finalized and will be released to potential applicants and community partners as soon as possible. In the meantime, people who have COVID-19 funeral expenses are encouraged to keep and gather documentation.



### **Elder/Senior Information**

Be aware – a story from a friend.

On June 13, 2021 around 5:30pm, I received a knock on my front door from a woman in her mid-20s. When I answered the door, she said, "I have lost my phone in the park yesterday." When I asked what it had to do with me, she then proceeded to request entry to my house because her phones GPS tracking said it's in my residence. And that if I denied her entry she would call the police.

As soon as I said to call them right now, that I wasn't going to allow her or the person still in the car entry to the home, she ran to the car and peeled back onto the road.

Please be aware this scam is how a home invasion can happen. Please don't let anyone into your home that you don't know.

October 13<sup>th</sup>  
National Stop Bullying Day  
National Take Your Parents To Lunch Day

October 15<sup>th</sup>  
National Aesthetician Day  
National I Love Lucy Day  
National Pregnancy and Infant Loss  
Awareness Day  
National White Cane Safety Day  
National Mammography Day  
Boss's Day

October 16<sup>th</sup>  
National Dictionary Day

October 19<sup>th</sup>  
National Kentucky Day  
National Pharmacy Technician Day

October 20<sup>th</sup>  
National Youth Confidence Day  
Medical Assistants Recognition Day

October 21<sup>st</sup>  
National Get Smart About Credit Day

October 22<sup>nd</sup>  
National Make a Dog's Day

October 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Swallows Depart from  
San Juan Capistrano Day  
National Make A Difference Day

October 24<sup>th</sup>  
United Nations Day  
National Mother-in-Law Day

October 26<sup>th</sup>  
National Financial Crime Fighter Day  
National Tennessee Day  
National Day of the Deployed

October 28<sup>th</sup>  
National Internal Medicine Day  
National Chocolate Day  
National First Responders Day

October 29<sup>th</sup>  
National Cat Day  
National Oatmeal Day  
World Stroke Day

October 30<sup>th</sup>  
National Speak Up For Service Day

October 31<sup>st</sup>  
National Knock-Knock Jokes Day  
Girl Scout Founder's Day  
All Hallows Eve  
(Nov 1<sup>st</sup> – All Saints' Day)

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You'll need a Username and Password to  
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