

# NEWSLETTER

OF THE

Estancia United Methodist Church  
*600 Williams, Estancia, New Mexico*



## MARCH, 2009

Spring Forward  
March 8th

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**Your Church Staff**

Chairperson of Church Council

Recording Secretary

Organist

Lay Member of the Annual Conference

Chairperson: Board of Trustees

Worship Team Leader

Education Team Leader

Chairperson: Missions

Care and Outreach Team Leader

Chairperson: Pastor Parish Relations

Chairperson: Finance Committee

Financial Secretary

Church Treasurer

President UMM

McMurry Rep

Sacramento Camp Rep

Mel Stephenson

Vickie Coburn

Morrow Hall

Marcia Fitzner

Bill Simms

Pam Lambert

Leslie Fastnacht

Marcia Fitzner

Jan Winn

Jim Wyman

Marcia Fitzner

Vickie Coburn

Sylvia Levy

Jon Shively

Charles Spooner

Cheryl Chavez

Bishop: D. Max Whitfield

District Superintendent: Rev. Jim Hawk

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<http://www.gb-gm-umc.org/estancia>



**Sunday Worship 9:00 AM**  
**Adult Sunday School 10:15 AM**

**SPOONNOTE**

I am dreaming of raspberry delights. Long ago on the fence line of my aunt's farm were raspberry bushes. They were great tasting and set my mouth for life to think favorite! I have learned some fascinating tidbits about them since. 1. At the best they keep coming back every year. 2. The berry sprouts on the new growth. 3. The bushes have stickers and tend to hide the best berry. 4. In the wild, you have to search and spend time to get your fill. All that aside, raspberries are something to dream about.



What does this have to do with faith and walking as a Christian? Let me try to explain.

1. The love of God keeps expressing itself forever. No frost, no freeze and no drought ever destroys it.
2. The blessings of God's love expresses best when one has new insights and maturing growth.
3. Even in the sticky and difficult times of our lives God's love is in the middle of the times. Love's action brings help and hope.
4. In the arena of our living we have to spend time in spiritual seeking and discernment. God's action in our lives happens because we seek the happening.



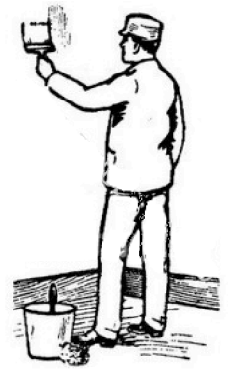
Well, bless you in your dreaming, delighting, investing and seeking the blessings of the kingdom!

-Pastor Charlie

### **METHODIST MEN MAKEOVER MISSIONS**

The Methodist Men met for breakfast at 7am on February 23, 2009 in the education building. The meal was prepared by Phil Levy and Bill Simms. After prayer, a thought provoking devotional period was led by Nick Griffo. The treasurer, Nick Griffo, reported on expenses for repair on the trailer window and for our affiliation with UMC Methodist Men's Organization. He also reported that the Methodist Men have opened a checking account at Wells Fargo in Estancia. The completion of the work at Gaylyn's on his backdoor was discussed. The old door will be removed and repairs to the threshold will start next month. The men have also been active in support of the stained glass window project in preparation for installing the new stained glass windows.

*-Jon Shively*



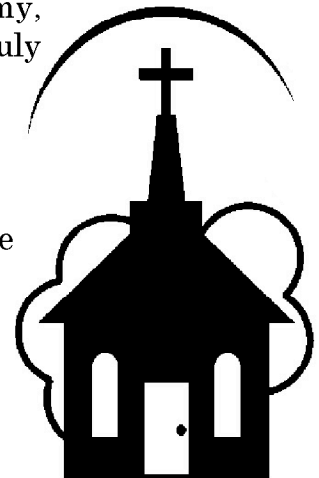
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### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

I want to start by thanking all of you who support our church in many obvious ways. We are so blessed to have folks like you sharing your gifts and monies so that we can have a beautiful church and a wonderful place in which to worship.

Our monetary giving has stayed at a very good level in spite of the economy, and I know that all of us will do our best to continue to "keeping on." I truly believe that if we put God first we will always have adequate left over for ourselves. Temptation is always out there, but with God's help we will prevail.

The stained window project is on the move and we are blessed to have fine leadership and helpers and even though it is a long term project, those of us working there are always looking forward to the next window and the next. It is quite a learning process, but Della and Mel will walk you through it and soon you will be working like you have been doing this for a long time.



As we start a new church year and the finance committee begins its work, I do hope that all of you feel free to ask any of us questions. Sometimes financial stuff seems dry and something we don't quite understand, but the meetings are always open and announced and church members are always welcome.

I look forward with great anticipation to a good and positive new year.

*-Marcia Fitzner, Finance Chairman*

**Mountainair UMC News**

On Sunday, February 22, there was a gathering at the Mountainair UMC to say good-bye to Ted and Mary Jones, long-time members. In March, Ted and Mary will be moving to Ecuador! They prepared a computerized “slide-show” to show where they will be living while they scout a permanent residence. The country is beautiful - lots of green, rivers, mountains, friendly people, even other English-speakers! Ted and Mary have always been very generous with their time and talents to the church, serving many (most? all?) of the official positions in the church. For many years, Mary operated as “Methodist cook”, preparing meals for such groups as the Claunch-Pinto conservation board, Cowbells, and others, raising funds to operate the church. They leave big shoes for the rest of us to fill. Ted and Mary, we send you off with every good wish for a wonderful rest of your life together. Vaya con Dios!



Ted and Mary Jones

Mary Jones writes, “Thirteen years ago, right after we came to Mountainair, Rev. David Blackwell performed our marriage, outdoors, on our ranch, on a beautiful Valentine’s Day just about like the one we just celebrated. We’ve met many wonderful friends here and will miss everyone’s warmth, caring, and hospitality. But, our home will always be open to anyone who’d like to come visit us and see our next new and wonderful place to live.”



## **Stained Glass Project**

The stained glass project continues to accomplish a lot of good work. The beginners class, held in February, resulted in some beautiful small projects by a number of people and will provide some additional help on the windows. I think all the students received a greater appreciation of what it takes to make a stained glass project or a window.

We have installed the third window and the trim to the first two installed windows. Phil Levy stained the trim and it gives a good indication how the windows will look when finished. Jon Shively really did a good job fabricating the trim. We also have two other windows ready to install and several other windows started. As Pastor Spooner stated, it appears that we go along without much sign of accomplishment and then we have a spurt of a lot of work being done.

It appears we will lose the use of the scaffolding we have had borrowed for the last several months in order to install the stained glass windows. The owner of the scaffolding needs to use it for himself. We are not sure of his schedule, when he will take the scaffolding or how we will work around this. We are open to any suggestions. Anyone got scaffolding??

*-Mel Stephenson*



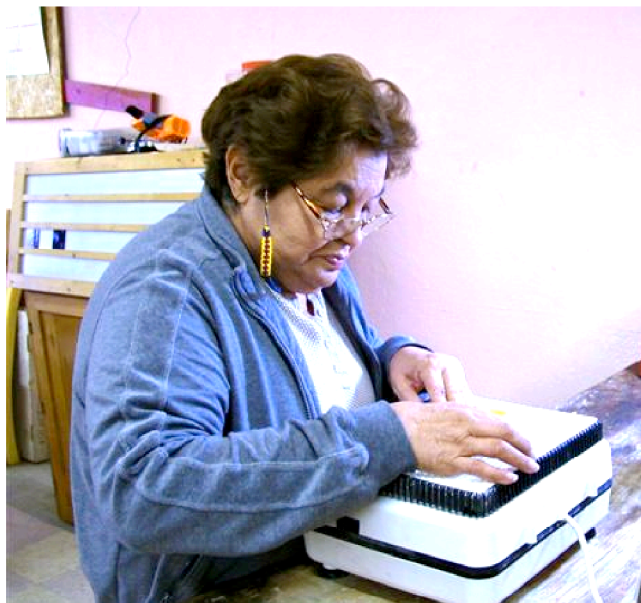
**Upper Nativity window ready to install**



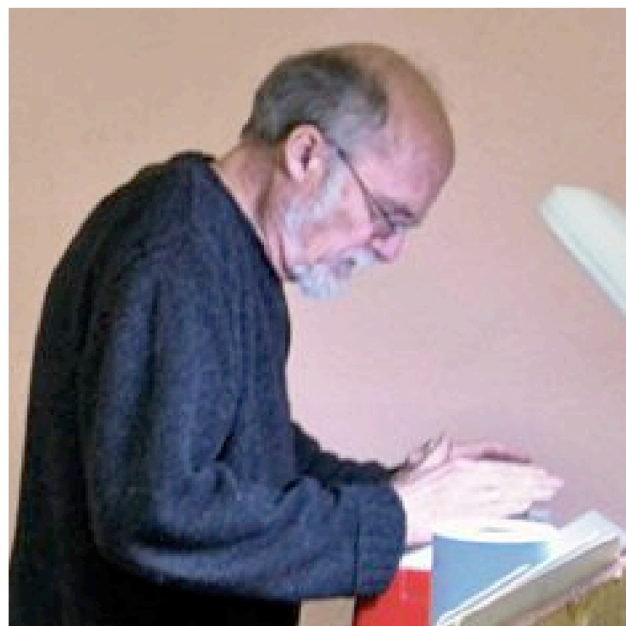
Pastor Charlie and Della Stephenson planning



Gail Clark and Sylvia Levy finishing project



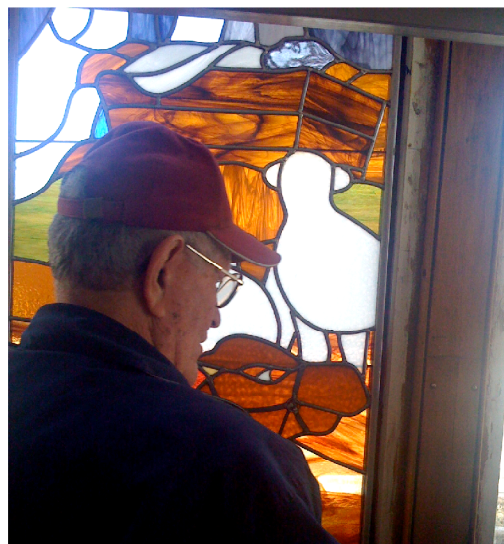
Marcia Fitzner grinding glass



Pastor Charlie grinding glass



Jan Cool grinding glass



Mel installing 3rd window!



# March 2009

| Sunday   | Monday                        | Tuesday                              | Wednesday                   | Thursday  | Friday    | Saturday                          |
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| <b>1</b><br>9 AM Worship<br>9:15 Childrens Church<br>10:15 AM Adult SS<br>11 AM Worship - Mtair                          | <b>2</b>                      | <b>3</b>                             | <b>4</b><br>10:am Quilters  | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>                          |
| <b>8</b><br>9 AM Worship<br>9:15 Childrens Church<br>10:15 AM Adult SS<br>11 AM Worship - Mtair<br><b>Spring Forward</b> | <b>9</b><br><br>7:PM TRUSTEES | <b>10</b><br><br>6:30 PM Bible Study | <b>11</b><br>10:am Quilters | <b>12</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b>                         |
| <b>15</b><br>9 AM Worship<br>9:15 Childrens Church<br>10:15 AM Adult SS<br>11 AM Worship - Mtair                         | <b>16</b>                     | <b>17</b>                            | <b>18</b><br>10:am Quilters | <b>19</b> | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b><br>7 AM Men's Breakfast |
| <b>22</b><br>9 AM Worship<br>9:15 Childrens Church<br>10:15 AM Adult SS<br>11 AM Worship - Mtair                         | <b>23</b>                     | <b>24</b><br><br>6:30 PM Bible Study | <b>25</b><br>10:am Quilters | <b>26</b> | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b>                         |
| <b>29</b><br>9 AM Worship<br>9:15 Childrens Church<br>10:15 AM Adult SS<br>11 AM Worship - Mtair                         | <b>30</b>                     | <b>31</b><br><br>6:30 PM Bible Study |                             |           |           |                                   |

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*Sent with a prayer to:*

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Who are these happy people attending church last Sunday, Feb. 22, 2009...??  
Tish McMichael and her two daughters, Elaine (left) and Diane (right)