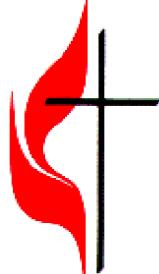




**100th Anniversary - July 31, 2005**

**NEWSLETTER**  
OF THE  
**Estancia United Methodist Church**  
*600 Williams, Estancia, New Mexico*



**November**  
**2004**

## Your Church Staff

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Chairperson of Administrative Council

Recording Secretary

Lay Leader

Organist

Lay Member of the Annual Conference

Alt. Lay Member of the Annual Conference

Chairperson: Board of Trustees

Chairperson: Worship Committee

Chairperson: Education Committee

Youth Representative

Chairperson: Missions

Chairperson: Prayer Evangelism

Chairperson: Care and Outreach

Chairperson: Pastor Parish Relations

Chairperson: Finance Committee

Financial Secretary

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Mel Stephenson

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Morrow Hall

Carolyn Moore

Marcia Fitzner

Mark Lambert

Morrow Hall

Angela Creamer

Kelsey Sours

Marcia Fitzner

Nick Griffio

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Barbara Simms

Marcia Fitzner

Sylvia Levy

Jim Wyman

Ethel Floyd

Ashley Welch

Nick Griffio

Bishop: D. Max Whitfield

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## Prayer Concerns

- Sylvia Levy
- Delmar Brown
- The After School Ministry
- The United Methodist Men's group and their ministries
- All who do not have a relationship with Jesus
- The men and women of the armed forces
- National leaders and the leaders of the world
- Teachers, administrators and students
- Our town government and the youth center

Members and friends to pray for this week:  
Leheeta Harvey; Tracy, Mary, Megan, and Jess  
Hemke; Carolyn Hill (Josh and Julie Schmitz);  
Mike, Lisa, Michael, Leah Jo, and Chris Hughes;  
Don Hunt.

### Thoughts from the Stewardship Committee:

***"When we determine to give away at least 10%, we are signaling to ourselves and to others that we march to a different drummer"***

Pray each Thursday at noon for the United Methodist Church to experience a revival like in the days of John Wesley. Pray for this church to be flooded with the Spirit of Christ.

**Sunday Worship 11:00 AM**

**Nursery Provided**

### FROM PASTOR GARY

#### **"A Big God"**

A little boy on the way home from church turned to his mother and said, "Mommy, the priest's sermon this morning confused me."

The mother said, "Oh! Why is that?"

The boy replied, "Well, he said that God is bigger than we are. Is that true?"

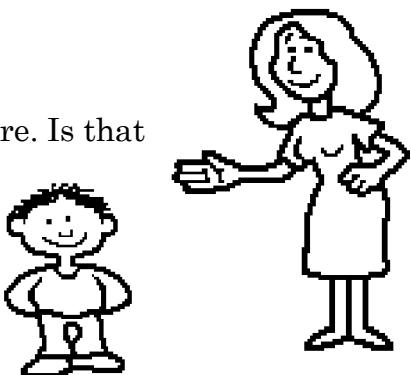
"Yes, that's true," the mother replied.

"He also said that God lives within us. Is that true too?"

Again the mother replied, "Yes."

"Well," said the boy, "If God is bigger than us and He lives in us -- wouldn't He show through?"

Jesus seemed to think the same thing. In the Sermon on the Mount (*Matthew 5.14-16*) Jesus



said to his disciples and the crowd, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. No one, after lighting a lamp, puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lamp stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." Did you ever notice how cute some new Christians are? They kind of bust out all over. It's almost like watching a fast-action movie of a flower opening. There is absolutely nothing secret about their newfound faith and Lord. God "s hows through," and there is no darkness around them. Their light truly shines.

Eventually, for most, the light dims. For some, it seems to be hidden and no longer gives light "to all in the room." But it's not supposed to be that way. Sure, we become more mature in our faith and not quite as exuberant as a Christian "baby" may be. However, our light is still supposed to help brighten up the lives of others around us. We are still to be a beacon to folks lost in the dark world we can find ourselves living in today.

### CHURCH CONFERENCE MEETING

October 20, 2004 at 7:00pm  
Celebration of Ministry

The annual meeting of the Church Conference was held at Bethel United Methodist Church on Wednesday evening at 7:00pm. **Dr. Larry Hall**, District Superintendent, presided over the meeting. East mountain churches included Bethel, Estancia United Methodist, Mountainair United Methodist and Mountainside United Methodist. A large choir composed of members from each church sang, and reports for the year were presented by lay people from each church. **Dr. Hall** gave a power point presentation on Methodist history and after the closing hymn, refreshments and fellowship followed the meeting. Those attending from our church were: **Carolyn Moore, Tracy Hemke, Marcia Fitzner, Alma Wimsatt, Ethel Floyd, Jan & Francis Winn, Della & Mel Stephenson, Barbara & Bill Simms and Pastor Gary.**

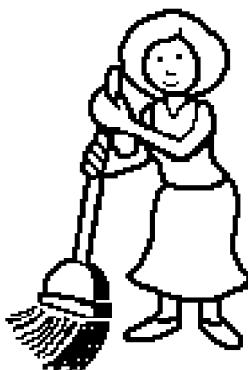
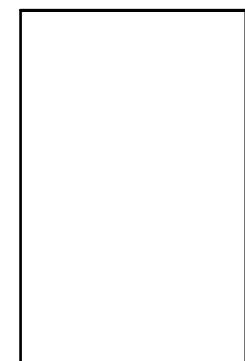
### Expanding News Coverage

Over the next few months we will be expanding our news and announcements to include our



**CALENDAR FOR CLEANING ESTANCIA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 2004 -2005**

Below are the names of folks who have volunteered to help clean our church each month. It is a weekly job that gives a lot of satisfaction to those who come and help. As you can see, there are still two months that need volunteers, and TRACY wouldn't mind a little help in December. If two families signed up for one month, then it would be a SNAP. Please check and see if possibly YOU could help in JANUARY or APRIL. THE SIGN UP SHEET IS IN THE EDUCATION BUILDING. Thanks!!!

***Monthly Schedule*****June '04****Della & Mel Stephenson****July****Carolyn Moore****August****Marcia & Don Fitzner****Sept.****Barbara & Bill Simms****Oct.****Amanda & Gary Eggart****Nov.****Jan & Francis Winn****Dec.****Tracy Hemke****Jan. '05****Feb.****Julie & Nick Griffio****March****Della & Mel Stephenson****April****May****Barbara & Bill Simms**

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When all is said and done, there's a lot more said than done.

*Anonymous*

## **HISTORY COMMITTEE REPORT**

For my monthly report of the History Committee, I am going to give you one of the funny instances from a story received from a former member of EUMC. This story and many more will be included in the history book we are publishing. Everyone attending the 100th anniversary celebration banquet ,scheduled for July 30, 2005, will receive a copy of the book.

**Jim Hall** relates one of his experiences as a High School Sunday School teacher and is as follows: "I hope my "students" had as much fun as I in our weekly classes - I remember one in particular when the lesson plan involved the demand by the King to bring him "the head of John The Baptist" "I brought a pillow with a towel wrapped head of cabbage to church and just let it set there while we had the lesson. I had fun watching my "students" attempt to ignore the head."

There are many funny and interesting stories in these letters as well as a lot of history. Be sure and plan to attend our Saturday night and Sunday functions - July 30/31, 2005. Everyone is invited to attend. Help us get the word around.

-Ethel L. Floyd, Church Historian

## **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S REPORT**

**Guess what?????** We have been contacted by a publishing company in New York requesting permission to use recipes from our Ecumenical Cookbook. This company is publishing a "Church Supper Cookbook" with approximately 300 pages and will reprint a collection of recipes contributed by churches from across the United States and Canada. They will offer a **donation of \$75.00** to our church and in addition we can choose up to \$200.00 (retail value) worth of the Church Suppers books. We have given them permission to take up to thirty recipes from our book.

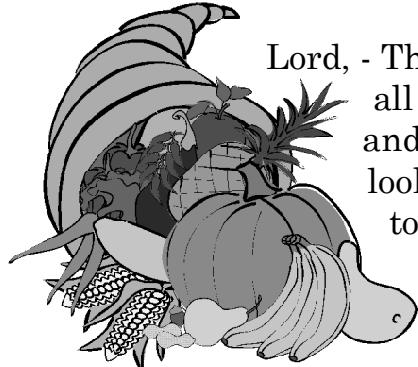
We have also received an e-mail requesting an additional recipe and it is being tested at this time for entry in the Church Supper Cookbook. We submitted **Mel Stephenson's** original "Banana Split Pie" recipe.



Don't forget our annual "**Cookie Walk**". It is just a little over a month away. We are so few in number, we would welcome any donations of homemade cookies from our congregation. The money realized from this project is used for local, national and international missions as well as helping us meet our operating expenses.

-Ethel L. Floyd, Pres.

## **THANKSGIVING PRAYER**



Lord, - Thank you for this Thanksgiving Day. Thank you for all the many many blessings you bestow on us each and everyday. Thank you for the little things we over look from day to day. Lord, I pray you feed the ones today less fortunate. Draw close to them and let them know how very precious you are. I pray Lord, for the ones who are down and out today. Lord, put your loving arms around them and draw them close to you and show them your love. Thank you for each one around this table Lord, and thank you Lord for the ones who prepared this food. In your loving name. - Amen

-Ann Graham

**MEMBER'S MEMORIES . . .****AGATHA GARRISON****A Short Story of My Life on a River Boat**

In the fall of 1976 I moved from Albuquerque back to my home state of West Virginia. In a short time I went to work for the Indiana-Michigan Power Co. cooking for the crew on the river boat *E. Gene Fournace*. Our boats were hauling coal from the coal mines to the power plants. This was a great experience for me. On the river 21 days and home 21 days, I learned to order groceries for a crew of 10 for 21 days, about 800 to 1000 dollars per order.

Since I had recently studied photography, I carried 2 cameras and took many pictures.

The winter of 1978 we were frozen in the ice on the Ohio river about 20 miles from Cincinnati. Other boats were also stranded. We had lots of time to walk across the ice and meet the other stranded river boat workers. When the ice from other rivers and streams dammed the lock, the company brought engineers from Louisville, KY to get us out. They were let down by helicopter where they drilled holes in the ice to place explosives and break the ice so the boats could get through.

Another exciting time was when local miners went on strike. Several boats went over to Illinois to meet train loads of coal coming in from Arizona and New Mexico. The miners were waiting at the docks with guns. They shot holes in the boat ahead of ours. The engineer asked me to sit on the floor in the galley until we were out of danger.

When I retired, I had many pictures and lots of memories. It was a period of my life I will never forget.



*E. Gene Fournace, Vice-President of the Ohio Power Company made a visit to Agatha's boat. Afterward, he wrote Agatha a personal letter thanking her for the splendid meal she prepared and for some photographs she took and sent to him.*

# Stewardship and Finance

## GIVING IS AN ACT OF FAITH

Use this helpful chart to help you increase your giving.

**Step One:** Figure your income for the past month.

**Step Two:** Find the intersection of your monthly income and your percentage of giving to discover your monthly contribution.

**Step Three:** Divide the amount by four if you will be making your gift weekly: (i.e. \$4,000 monthly income, 7% gift, \$280 monthly gift, \$70 weekly contribution)

**If you make a decision to increase your giving by one percent next year, take the following steps:**

- Locate your monthly income in the left column.
- Move to the right in that row until you come to the amount you give per month.
- Move one more box to the right.
- The amount noted in that box includes a one percent increase over what you are now giving.

Monthly Income	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	10%	11%	12%	13%	15%
\$1,000	\$30	\$40	\$50	\$60	\$70	\$80	\$90	\$100	\$110	\$120	\$130	\$150
\$1,500	\$45	\$60	\$75	\$90	\$105	\$120	\$135	\$150	\$165	\$180	\$195	\$225
\$2,000	\$60	\$80	\$100	\$120	\$140	\$160	\$180	\$200	\$220	\$240	\$260	\$300
\$2,500	\$75	\$100	\$125	\$150	\$175	\$200	\$225	\$250	\$275	\$300	\$325	\$375
\$3,000	\$90	\$120	\$150	\$180	\$210	\$240	\$270	\$300	\$330	\$360	\$390	\$450
\$3,500	\$105	\$140	\$175	\$210	\$245	\$280	\$315	\$350	\$385	\$420	\$455	\$525
\$4,000	\$120	\$160	\$200	\$240	\$280	\$320	\$360	\$400	\$440	\$480	\$520	\$600
\$4,500	\$135	\$180	\$225	\$270	\$315	\$360	\$405	\$450	\$495	\$540	\$585	\$675
\$5,000	\$150	\$200	\$250	\$300	\$350	\$400	\$450	\$500	\$550	\$600	\$650	\$750
\$5,500	\$165	\$220	\$275	\$330	\$385	\$440	\$495	\$550	\$605	\$660	\$715	\$825
\$6,000	\$180	\$240	\$300	\$360	\$420	\$480	\$540	\$600	\$660	\$720	\$780	\$900
\$6,500	\$195	\$260	\$325	\$390	\$455	\$520	\$585	\$650	\$715	\$780	\$845	\$975
\$7,000	\$210	\$280	\$350	\$420	\$490	\$560	\$630	\$700	\$770	\$840	\$910	\$1,050
\$7,500	\$225	\$300	\$375	\$450	\$525	\$600	\$675	\$750	\$825	\$900	\$975	\$1,125

*When you need an angel, one will find you!*

**FROM SACRAMENTO METHODIST ASSEMBLY:**

Dear Friends,

We hope that this letter finds you well and happy as the fall season begins! Here at the Sacramento Methodist Assembly, we have some very exciting news to share...

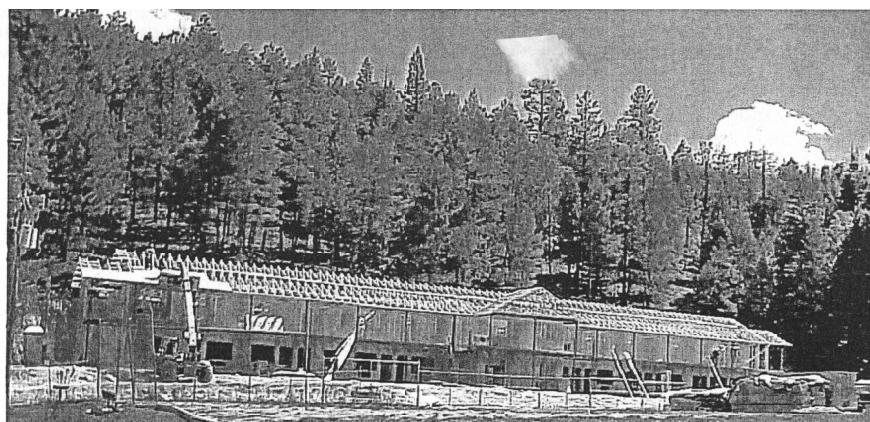
As you can see from the photo on this mailing, the new lodge construction is progressing on schedule, thanks to a dedicated crew and the wonderful weather we've been having here in the mountains! The framing is complete, and by mid-October the roof decking will be finished and work will begin on the new metal roof. Our contractor projects lodge completion by the end of the year. God is good!!

The new two-story lodge will have 24 rooms to comfortably house our guests, and each room will have two queen beds, a desk, nightstand and two chairs. Two ADA-accessible rooms will have one queen bed each. We estimate that fully furnishing a room will cost \$3,000. This wonderful new structure will also house a new meeting room and a laundry room, and we'll also be purchasing equipment and furniture to complete these features.

To meet these goals, however, we need your help! Below is a price list for furnishing the new lodge. We hope you, your church, Sunday School class, men's or women's group can find it in your hearts to take on a small piece of this project. Please give us a call, or send your contributions to the address at the bottom of this letter. As always, we are grateful for the generous support of all our friends. Thanks for your help!

**YOUR SUPPORT CAN HELP US FURNISH OUR ROOMS IN THESE WAYS...**

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|-------------|---|
| \$10 Buys:  | Mattress Pads (50 needed) or Shower Curtains (24 needed);                             |
| \$40 Buys:  | Queen blankets (46), Pillows or Towels for 1 room (24 sets of each);                  |
| \$50 Buys:  | Bed Linens for 1 room (24 sets), a Mirror (48), Lamp (24) or Meeting Room Chair (50); |
| \$75 Buys:  | One Queen Bedspread (46) or Bathroom Hardware (25 sets);                              |
| \$100 Buys: | One Queen Headboard (46) or Chair (50);   |
| \$150 Buys: | One Night Stand (24), Drapes (24 sets) or an Overhead Projector (1);                  |
| \$200 Buys: | Prints for one room (24);   |
| \$300 Buys: | Desk for one room (24);   |
| \$400 Buys: | One Queen Bed & Frame (46) or an Industrial Dryer (2);                                |



# November 2004

Tear Off

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 7-7:45 Morning Meditation 7:30pmAA	<b>2</b> Pastor Gary in Mountainair	<b>3</b> 7-7:45 Morning Meditation 6:30 Wed Night Blessing	<b>4</b> 3:5:00 After School Ministry 7:30pmAA	<b>5</b> 7-7:45 Morning Meditation Women of Virtue Conference	<b>6</b> 7-7:45 Morning Meditation	
<b>7</b> 10 AM Choir Prac 11 AM Worship Communion 5 PM Youth Group 6 PM Growth Gp Winns	<b>8</b> 7-7:45 Morning Meditation 7:30pmAA	<b>9</b> Pastor Gary in Mountainair	<b>10</b> 7-7:45 Morning Meditation 6:30 Wed Night Blessing	<b>11</b> 3:5:00 After School Ministry 7:30pmAA	<b>12</b> 7-7:45 Morning Meditation Lay Speaker Course - Bethel	<b>13</b> 7-7:45 Morning Meditation
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<b>21</b> 10 AM Choir Prac 11 AM Worship Communion 5 PM Youth Group 6 PM Growth Gp Winns	<b>22</b> 7-7:45 Morning Meditation 7:30pmAA	<b>23</b> Pastor Gary in Mountainair	<b>24</b> 7-7:45 Morning Meditation 6:30 Wed Night Blessing	<b>25</b> THANKSGIVING DAY	<b>26</b> 7-7:45 Morning Meditation	<b>27</b> 7-7:45 Morning Meditation
<b>28</b> 10 AM Choir Prac 11 AM Worship Communion 5 PM Youth Group 6 PM Growth Gp Winns	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Pastor Gary in Mountainair				Please see Marcella Reynolds to schedule meetings or activities in the Education Building, 384-2358.



*Sent with a prayer to:*

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### The Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition

I am no longer my own, but thine.  
Put me to what thou wilt; rank me with whom thou wilt.  
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.  
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside by thee,  
Exalted for thee, or brought low for thee.

Let me be full, let me be empty  
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.  
I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
Thou are mine and I am thine. So be it.

And the Covenant which I have made on earth,  
Let it be ratified in heaven.

AMEN

#### OUR MISSION

To honor God through our worship, ministry and discipleship based on God's Word; supporting one another with Christian Fellowship and reaching out to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.