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Sunday Worship 9:00 AM Nursery Provided Church School 10:30 AM



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OCTOBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Lay Assistant:Julianne Welch Ushers: Kathy & Jeff Gorum

Greeters: Nick & Julie Griffo

Acolytes: Jessica Gorum & Ashley Welsh

OCTOBER YOUTH SCRIPTURE READERS:

Oct. 4 Katie Rogers

Oct. 11Dominic Griffo

Oct. 18 Christopher Hughes

Oct. 25 Amy Lamb

OCTOBER NURSERY CARE:

Oct. 4 Barbara Simms

Oct. 11Julianne Welch

Brian Wilson (youth

assistant)

Oct. 18Renee Richards
Oct. 25 Volunteer Needed!

Him?

Giving, investing, and blessing in time, talent, and treasure are all matters of the WILL. Yours? Or His?

God's blessings be on YOU and all of yourself You give to Him in prayer, service, and material to this His church.

Dave

WELCOME TO OUR NEW FAMILIES:

The Sharps: Cyle, Sharla, Jett, Belyne from Clovis. The Stewarts: Alan, Shellee, Ashlea, Josh from Albuquerque. We pray you are at home with us. Let us know if we can do anything for you.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Alma Wimsatt, baptized on August 23. Bonnie Thomas, joined on September 27. We welcome you into our fold and we treasure the ministry you have already provided in God's glory for us.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH:

Children's Sunday School is not only alive and well now, IT IS THRIVING!! Great fun for all ages in newly decorated rooms downstairs. If you haven't had your children involved, we invite you to do so.

The youth went on a nature walk on September 28 after church and had a great time. There are plans for more activities and plans are also being made regarding community service. This is the first time since Pastor Dave has been appointed here that a concerted youth program has been put together. Many thanks to Julieanne Welch for her perseverance and especially to Jeff Gorum, Nick Griffo, and Sam Wilson for their dedication to this very special ministry.

FROM THE PASTOR'S PASTURE:

You may have noticed dual themes in church and in the newsletter during the last month: COMMITMENT AND for all ages in newly STEWARDSHIP. Well, for some they may be themes, for others they may seem like news coverage of the Clinton-Lewinski affair--endless! To that I would answer, "Don't make invite you to do so. time and money your mistresses, and I am not lying."

Actually, the real theme is "WILL." How much WILL we let God have back of what has already been His? How much WILL we put into our spiritual account to draw from later with regard to possessions and time? God WILL let us have all we need, but He needs to know if we WILL invest into the sacrificial account He gave us in Jesus Christ.

WILL you give thanks to Him for your blessings? WILL you invest those blessings for His glory? WILL you bless others as you have been blessed by

Logos- Recently a new youth program called Logos was offered to our congregation by the Education Committee. The presentation was given by Debra Freeman from the Trinity Episcopal Church in albuquerque. Logos is a mid-week program that bridges the gap from Sunday to Sunday for youth. ages Kindergarten through 12th grade, and is also an opportunity for the adults of the congregation to study and become better disciples for Christ. The program is basically about building disciples for Christ in a fourpart weekly program that covers Bible Study, Activity & Play, Family Time and Worship Skills. It was decided to go forward with this program with the understanding that we would continue to become educated about Logos and share that education with the congregation. with the intent of beginning a Logos program in September of 1999. This program would replace our current Monday School program, but is not designed or meant to replace the Church's weekly Sunday School program.

FOR YOUR OCTOBER CALENDAR:

•••Sunday, October 11:The Zabalzas will be here to give us their special music. We are blessed to have them come and provide us with their rich, beautiful music.

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If you've heard them before, you'll want to come back. If you haven't heard them, make plans for a very special worship service. Also, **Harold Garretf**rom the Gideon's will be here to present the Gideon Bible Program. Harold was here last year and gave a wonderful message. Bring your friends for a great Sunday morning!

At 4 p.m. on the 11thwe will be having our Charge Conferencewith District Superintendent, Dr. Terry Anderson presiding. Come and hear the state of the church and our ministry. Your comments are always welcome. Then, stay for fellowship flerwards. If you could bring finger foods or desserts share after the meeting, it would be highly appreciated.

•••Sunday, October 18: Choir practice starts!!

Rehearsals start at 8:00 AM and go through 8:45 AM. Don't get discouraged if you get there a little late--just come sing! The



choir has been a blessed part of our worship for many years and we are looking forward to many programs with their special music.

The 18th is Laity SundayGiving us his witness for the very first time is Nick GriffoLaity Sundays have always been a treat for everyone, and this one will be just as special. You will be blessed by Nick's message and by the singing of MichaelCalhoon Come to church one and all for this very special occasion.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The new officers for the U.M.W. are:

President: Marcia Fitzner
Vice Pres: Agatha Garrison
Treasurer: Ethel Floyd
Secretary: Renee Richards
Nominations: Bonnie Thomas
Support Team: Alma Wimsatt and
Dee Dee Young

We at Estancia United Methodist Church thank you for your ministry and your mission work to the world. You are an inspiration to all of us.

CARE AND OUTREACH

One of the strongest areas this church is known for in the community and many parts of the valley is its care and outreach for people who are suffering, alone, etc. But, this committee needs your help. We can't get to people for visits or deliver cards, cookies, etc., if we don't know who is in need. Would you help be our eyes and ears? Care and Outreach Committee Members are:

Bonnie Hughes, chr.

Ruby Martin

Bonnie Thomas

Kathy Martinez

Patty Acosta

Marcella Reynolds

Renee Richards

Kathy Gorum

If you know of a need, let any one of these committee members know what it is and how they can help.

"PLEDGES"

Thomas Cook, treasurer of St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Orlando, FL, decided to use humor in a letter to parishioners to remind them to keep their pledges current.



"So, that's what tithing was all about"

He wrote: "Here are the 10 worst things that can happen when we are behind in pledges:

- **10.** Church won't have money to buy wine for communion.
- **9.** George (Rev. Dr. George M. Gann, rector) will have to cut back on cigarettes.
- 8. We'll have to turn the air conditioner off during church services
- **7.** Can't pay child care givers; you'll have to take turns in the nursery.
- **6.** Can't buy batteries for the church microphone (think anyone will notice?).
- 5. No more coffee at coffee hour; we'll have to call it water hour
- **4.** No more paper for pledge letters; it will come on a postcard and your mail-carrier will read it!
- **3.** In order to save on postage, we will be recruiting you to hand-deliver the St. Michael's Messenger.
- **2.** As a cost-cutting measure, the organ will be turned off and Andrew, our organist, will use a harmonica.
- **1.** I'll have to write another letter and it won't be as humorous as this one."



And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19____

Not only are we to meet the needs of others by giving, but we're to do so with excitement! . . . Giving loosens our grip on self-sufficiency, offering us a fresh opportunity to trust God to provide for us what we like to provide for ourselves.

Passage:	Philippians	4.13-19	
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They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

____Acts 2:42____



were called out for the purpose of worshiping God, encouraging each other, and illustrating God's love to the world. Some Sundays it's good to recall why we're doing what we're doing, and why we're teaching our children to follow after our example.

Passage: Acts 2:42-47



A poem for you to carry in your Bible:

I have been through the valley of weeping,
The valley of sorrow and pain;
But the "God of all comfort" was with me,
At hand to uphold and sustain.

As the earth needs the clouds and sunshine, Our souls need both sorrow and joy;

So he places us oft in the furnace, The dross from the gold to destroy.

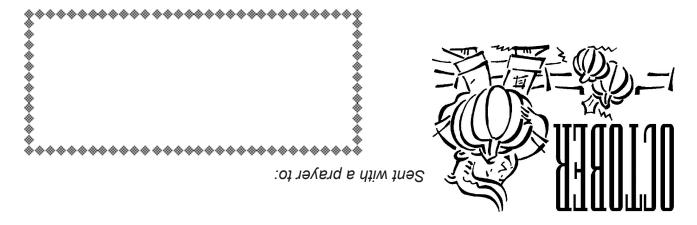
When he leads through some valley of trouble, His omnipotent hand we trace; For the trials and sorrows He sends us, Are part of His lessons in grace.

Oft we run from the purging and pruning, Forgetting the Gardener knows That the deeper the cutting and trimming, The richer the cluster that grows.

Well He knows that affliction is needed; He has a wise purpose in view, And in the dark valley He whispers, "Soon you'll understand what I do."

As we travel through life's shadowed valley, Fresh springs of His love ever rise; And we learn that our sorrows and losses, Are blessings just sent in disguise.

So we'll follow wherever He leads us, Let the path be dreary or bright; For we've proved that our God can give comfort; Our God can give songs in the night.



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Daylight-Saving Time ends, October 25!!