



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

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



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**OUR MISSION: To honor God by leading people to become devoted followers and ministers of Jesus Christ.**

# AUGUST, 2000

## SUNDAY SERVANTS FOR AUGUST

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lay Assist: Jeff Gorum  
Acolytes: Cassandra & Jeffery Gorum  
Ushers: Barbara & Bill Simms  
Greeters: Marcella Reynolds & Carolyn Moore

### SCRIPTURE READERS

August 6: Jessica Gorum  
August 13: Nick Gomez  
August 20: Belynn Sharp  
August 27: Matthew Sanchez

### NURSERY

August 13: Catherine Gomez  
August 20: Jessica Gorum

## COACH'S CORNER:

Dear Estancia Saints,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Wonder why I used the *term*



*"Coach" instead of "Pastor"?* It goes back to my recent appointment in Odessa, Texas. Prior to moving to that appointment, I sensed the Lord direct me to make that change of title for the simple reason that in the minds of many church people, the "Pastor" is the "paid religious professional" employed to do the work of the ministry. However, according to Ephesians 4:11-12, God has placed pastors in the church to "equip the saints for the work of ministry". The work of the "coach", in like manner, is to "equip the players to play the game". That is my function also here in Estancia – to coach, help equip, release you into ministry, and to help us play and win as one team.

In our family we have always made a point of *verbally affirming our love and affection for one another* on a regular basis – not because we were uncertain about it or questioned it, but because we know how much it blesses and lifts the spirits of those to whom it is addressed. Now that we have been welcomed into the larger family circle of the Estancia United Methodist Church, we wish to continue that custom with you by letting you know corporately and individually that we love, appreciate, and thank God for each one of you.

I have truly enjoyed the *visits* I have already made in some of your homes and look forward to still meeting others of you on your *"home turf"* as soon as we can set up a mutually acceptable time. The *Sunday lunches* in our home have gotten off to a great start and we believe will further enhance and enrich our relationships with each other. Please consider these

occasions an opportunity to bring some new friends to the church with you.

The first Sunday afternoon of every month is time to take **Holy Communion to our homebound members** and those who are ill or in hospital. I am appreciative of those members who volunteered to join me this past month as we shared communion in two homes and invite others of our members to occasionally join us for this special time.

The **Sanctuary is now open for prayer** for 12 hours a week. A white board is available on which prayer needs may be listed after church on Sundays or during the week. A prayer journal has also been added for you to list prayer needs and answers to prayer.

The **Adult Sunday School Class** will be meeting every Sunday at 10:30am, immediately following worship. For the next seven weeks we will be engaged in a study on **Effective Prayer**. Other scheduled meetings will follow after Sunday School, no later than 11:15am.

**Upward and onward....**

"Coach" Johann

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE**

When I stated last month we would discuss stewardship programs in August, many of you probably thought all we were going to talk about was tithing and / or some fund raisers. While tithing is a key element of stewardship, there are other elements just as important. By definition, stewardship is the management of our assets entrusted to us by **God** for doing His work. These assets include our money, time, and talents. Remember the story of the one who bestowed talents on his servants according to their capabilities. The ones that invested and increased their talents were rewarded. But the one who received only one talent was afraid to invest, fearful he might lose it, was rebuked by his master.

The four stewardship programs that could be applied to our congregation are: Year-Around Tithing Emphasis; Annual Tithing Campaign (sort of our current approach); Consecration Sunday; and Grow One Sunday. These four programs were suggested by **Herb Miller**, a writer for the *United Methodist Reporter*. I will be getting more information on each of these programs to discuss with the finance committee, Administrative Council, and **Pastor Johann**.

*Mel*



**Stephenson**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE**  
**COUNCIL NEWS**

The Administrative Council met for their regular meeting on July 2nd, to hear the reports of the church committees and to attend to new business. Each committee chairman is responsible for

reporting his/her activities to the editor of this newsletter.

**Goals for the future progress of the church** were set up as follows:

1. Office space for the pastor / church office
2. Expansion of facilities, esp. class room space
3. More parking spaces
4. Plumbing in the church, i.e. restroom facilities
5. Expansion of the Sanctuary
6. Daily prayer time in the Sanctuary
7. Choir on a regular basis
8. Initiate a stewardship program
9. Participation in community events by the church as a whole
10. Evening Services, i.e. Sunday evenings
11. Better Sunday School attendance



These goals are posted on the church bulletin board at the back of the church and each committee chairman has been furnished a copy of the goals.

Our next regular meeting is scheduled for September 3rd.

### **HISTORIAN'S REPORT**

The History Committee is meeting once a month. A lot of progress has been accomplished as far as organizing materials.

A church history of the first fifty years has been put on the "web" that our pastor has set up as well as a brief history of the United Methodist Women. You can view this by getting on line at website:

**<http://www.gbgn-umc.org/estancia>**



### **LOGOS**

The LOGOS staff has been meeting each Wednesday for the past 8 weeks to plan another wonderful year of LOGOS at our Church. We are excited about starting up again, but have some real concerns that we would like you to pray about. One of those concerns is the amount of space we have at this time. Last year we maxed out on the number of children and adults that could fit in our facilities. We are anticipating a great increase in the numbers this year so please keep this space issue in mind. We know that the Lord will guide our Church family to know exactly what to do, that we can continue ministering, not only to our own children, but also to those children who are unchurched and are reaching out to be touched by our Savior.

Also in the planning is **EUMC's LOGOS kick-off dinner** which will take place in the church yard on **August 27, 2000 at 5:00 p.m.** We have a lot of fun planned for this event and hope that you will mark your calendar to attend. We will also be having registration for **LOGOS** this year at the dinner and will have sent letters out to all of our **LOGOS** kids from last year. This way we can get a good idea of what our beginning numbers will be so that we can begin ordering our curriculum and other items we will need.

Your prayers have been awesome and we appreciate this Church's dedication to praying through all the things that each one of us is doing. This **LOGOS** Program is indeed an outreach program to youth and adults, and ministers to these folks in such a touching way. So, we thank you for continuing to pray about the program and for your **LOGOS** staff.

Another area of concern that we are struggling with is **who will answer God's call** to help in the following areas: **Bible Study Coordinator, Recreation Coordinator, Bible teachers and assistant teachers, Nursery Worker, Worship Skills assistants (this is our music area), and Table Parents.** Please continue to pray about these areas and ask the Lord to place into our hearts the ones He is calling to these positions.

We will also be having a training day in August which will be a lot of fun. We will keep you posted as to the date and time of the training. We may need some help with providing food for the trainees, so if you would like to help in this regard, please contact **Susan or Julieanne.**



To add to our blessings, we received the **Bishop's Award** for the second year in the amount of \$3000.00!

God bless all here at EUMC and may God continue to touch your lives with his loving hand of encouragement each and every day.

### **Ministerial Education Fund** **Your Church Dollars at Work**

**“One of United Methodism’s eight apportionments, the Ministerial Education Fund provides educational support for ordained elders, ordained deacons and diaconal ministers through theological schools, recruitment, professional development and continuing education.”**

Illustrations, contributed by **Carolyn Moore**, show the effectiveness of this apportionment:

In the July 14, 2000 New Mexico Reporter it was announced that **Rev. Charla Hart** and **Rev. Susan Hart** have retired and are at home at 320 Willowood Dr., Midland, TX 79703. Phone (915) 689-4267 - email: revchuck@excite.com. Both of these pastors came from Estancia United Methodist Church.

Also included in this group of people from EUMC who have received help through the Ministerial Educational Fund are the **Rev. Raquel Mull** and **Rev. Terry Moore Hanig**. And we like to claim **Greg Armstrong** since he went to college while pastoring Estancia UMC. I think this is an accomplishment to be proud of in our small church.

Soon, we will have another member preparing to become a pastor. I understand **Julieanne Welch** is beginning her studies toward this goal. We, as her church, need to support her with prayer and financial help when she starts her college courses.

*Carolyn Moore*

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SUCCESS**

This summer’s Vacation Bible School held July 10 - 14, was another huge success. There were 40 children in attendance. The school’s success was due to the hard work and planning by church members.

Following is a **partial** list of names who volunteered their time and effort: **Renee Calhoon, Elaine Darnell, Margaret Gomez, Julie Griffo, Maria Neethling, Carla Patterson, Sharla Sharp and Shellee Stewart.**



### **NEW BISHOP ELECTED.**

**Dr. D. Max Whitfield** was recently elected as our new bishop replacing **Dr. Alfred C. Norris** at the Jurisdictional Conference held in Albuquerque. **Dr. Whitfield** has been Superintendent of the Fayetteville District since 1996. The conference was attended by **Marcia Fitzner.**

### **ESTANCIA EMMAUS COMMUNITY GATHERING**

**August 11 at 6:30PM.** Please join the Emmaus Community for a potluck dinner. **EVERYONE is WELCOME!**

# AUGUST



*Sent with a prayer to:*

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## CHURCH ETIQUETTE— A ROUGH DRAFT

1. Members will always take the less desirable seats near the front of the church so that visitors and shy newcomers have the choice seats near the back.
2. Members will park down the street from the church, so that visitors can have the best parking places.
3. Members will not turn up chairs or save seats at church dinners (nor rush to be first in line), but will look for strangers who might become new friends and offer to sit with them.
4. Members will take turns dressing casually for church to let newcomers know any kind of dress is appropriate.
5. Members will never speak ill of their pastor or church at the beauty parlor, coffee shop or ballpark.
6. Members will not put a badge or name tag on a visitor unless members also wear one.
7. Members will always smile or wink (and never frown) at moms and dads with crying or disruptive babies in worship, for they not only know to such belong the kingdom of God, but they are glad to have youngsters in their church.

*—The Rev. Michael Stewart is  
council on ministries director for the  
North Alabama Conference*



**If you have an email address,  
please notify the Church!**