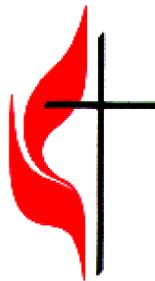




100th Anniversary - July 31, 2005

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



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Chairperson: Finance Committee	Marcia Fitzner
Chairperson: History	Ethel Floyd
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 District Superintendent: Rev. Jim Hawk
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<http://www.gbgn-umc.org/estancia>

Prayer Concerns

- The United Methodist Men's group and their ministries
- All who do not have a relationship with Jesus
- This congregation and its leaders & finances
- 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

Sunday Worship 11:00 AM
Nursery Provided

From Pastor Gary

In 1851 William Maltas was born in Toronto, Canada. He had three brothers and two sisters. By age nine he had learned to drive and plow with oxen. One day when he was 13 he narrowly escaped being killed while driving his team and wagon down a hill. At 15 he had enough of the hard times and decided to run away. However, on Friday October 20, 1868 William went to a farmers picnic. When the games and sports were over he was about to leave when a friend (who was a Christian) asked him to stay for the church service in the evening and he stayed. Mr. Maltas wrote, "I went into that service an unsaved boy but came out rejoicing in 'God my Savior'. I was seventeen years, one month and ten days old. Praise God for the influence of that Christian boy!"

William worked as a blacksmith, worked in the lumber business, and operated a store. He became acquainted with a good Christian woman and in the fall of 1871 at the age of 20 he married her. They had six children. In 1889 his wife died. But in 1892 he remarried to Annie Miller and they had 2 children.

His story isn't much different from yours. He even grew up going to church, but it was the influence of a Christian friend that made a difference in his life. As you read the History Book, you will read

the stories of others. You will read about the influence the people of this church had on it's community. This church has been here for 100 years now. A hundred years of influence, of reaching out to the people and children of Estancia. How many years of VBS contributions?! And no one can deny the impact of LOGOS. Lives were affected and people came to know the Lord. For those of you who have served in this church, given of your time and money, and used your abilities, *thank you* for making a difference in the lives of others!

When we celebrate this church's 100th birthday, we are not just celebrating the fact that this building (which has survived two fires) has been around 100 years. We are celebrating the impact and influence this church has made in the lives of others. We are celebrating how God has used this church to grow his kingdom. We always need to keep in mind that this is what we are about - being used by Jesus to influence the lives of others so more people will come to know the saving knowledge and grace of Jesus Christ.



That boy had no idea of the future impact when he encouraged his friend William to stay for church. There is a church in Fairview, MI named "The Maltas Memorial Church". Mr. William Maltas became a Methodist Episcopal minister and he was then able to lead others to Christ. You may not have any idea of the impact of your influence, but pray that God will continue to use you and this church to lead people to Christ.

I am thankful for the "influence of that Christian boy". He encouraged my great-grandfather to attend a worship service where he heard the gospel and gave his life to Christ. The most important history to remember and celebrate is the history of encouragement and influence that leads people to Christ. And that is exactly the history we are celebrating for the 100th anniversary. You too can make this kind of history.

One side note - when William was four he found a pile of bricks not far from an open well. He carried the bricks one by one and put them into the well. A man had to be sent down to get them and up again by a windlass and bucket. Now you know where Nathan gets it!



Pastor Gary

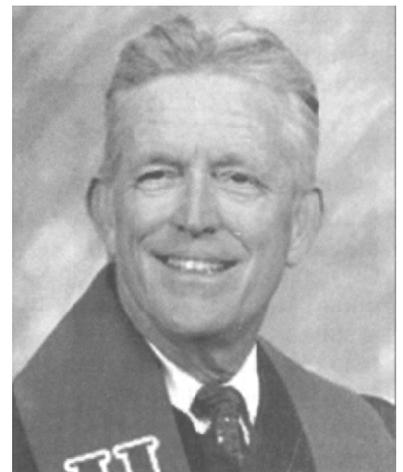
St. John's UMC, Albuquerque, Pastor Jim Hawk Succeeds Larry Hall as District Superintendent

From the New Mexico United Methodist Reporter

Northwest Texas/New Mexico Area Bishop Max Whitfield has announced the appointment of the Rev. Jim Hawk, pastor since 1999 of St. John's United Methodist Church, Albuquerque, as district superintendent. He succeeded Albuquerque district superintendent Dr. Larry Hall, who retired at the end of last conference year. The appointment was effective in June, after the 2005 session of the New Mexico Annual Conference.

"I'm humbled and honored that the Bishop has appointed me to serve in this way," Rev. Hawk said. "I look forward to working with the pastors and churches of the district and the conference."

Jim Hawk attended St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, and graduated in 1974 with a Masters of Religious Education degree and a Masters in Divinity degree. He did work toward the Doctor of Ministry degree at Perkins School of Theology, and regularly engages in continuation education events.



Rev. Jim Hawk

OUR HISTORY

Because of this special time in the history of our church, we would like to honor two of our long time members, Ethel Floyd and Marcella Reynolds. These two women have been at the center of the core of our church for more than half of the history of our church and have played a major part in bringing our church to where we are today. Below is an excerpt of their entries in our newly published history book:

ETHEL L. FLOYD

In 1948, my two sons, Gene and Perry Lee White and I transferred our membership from Alamogordo to the Estancia United Methodist Church. Rev. Galbreath was the minister at that time.

Since I had two young sons, I became active in the Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF). Besides my two boys, others I especially remember are Earl Parker Jr., Marvin Dawson, Eunice and Frankie Earnest, Mary Jean, Bill and Charles Mattingly, Margaret Scott, Sidney Shoemake, Jimmy Butler and Norma Jean and Chuck Thompson and there were others, but I don't recall their names right now. We had a very active MYF and I served as their leader for six years.

I also remember taking my vacation from work, chaperoning a group of MYF girls to a camp in the Jemez Mountains. I thought I was going to have a vacation. (The girls giggled and talked all night) Very little sleep did I get. It was hardly a vacation but I did enjoy the girls. Rev. Galbreath transported us up to the camp. This was before I-40 was four lanes. There happened to be a long trailer moving a house on this two-way highway and the cars were backed up behind the trailer. This did not bother Rev. Galbreath, he just drove off the highway on the right side and the long line of cars and the house moving outfit. We arrived at the camp on time.

Rev. Galbreath was a very active pastor and especially good with the kids. We all loved him and he remained our pastor for nine years.

Since I became a member of the Estancia UMC, I have served on every committee and served at one time or another as chairman. I have attempted to exercise whatever talents I might have to further the growth, worship and fellowship of the church.

MARCELLA SMITH REYNOLDS

I have been a member of the Estancia Methodist Church for over 50 years. I grew up in the church, however, I did not become a member until early adulthood. I believe I may have the distinction of being the only member with six generations of membership.

As a "teen" in Estancia, most of our social activities were centered around the church. I was a member of the youth group, at that time, called Epworth League. We attended youth rallies as well as having our own activities. Our pastor also sponsored a "Game Night" once a week at the church for all youth of the community.

The church kitchen was in the southeast corner of the basement. The Women's Society of Christian Service cooked and served dinners once a month as a fundraiser. Susanna Schmidt and I were the "waitresses". I recall Mrs. Maggie Dean instructing us on the "proper" way to serve and remove plates. It was good training for young girls. Years later, as a young married lady, I became a member of this group and we still cooked and served dinners for fund raisers. Later, when so many of our younger women became "working gals" we formed a Wesleyan Service Guild Unit and met at night. I served as President of the unit for one year.

I taught Sunday School and Bible School for many years. Sunday School was divided into Pre-school, Primary (first, second and third grades); Juniors (fourth, fifth and sixth); Intermediate (seventh and eighth) and High School. I taught Primary. What is now the Education Building, was then the parsonage. So we all met in the basement with curtains as dividers and did very well. Each year in June, we held Promotion Time during morning worship. Each advancing child was given a promotion certificate. Perfect attendance pins were also given at this time. Before my third graders could be promoted to the Junior class, they were required to name all the books of the Bible in order; recite the 23rd Psalm; name the twelve disciples and know the Lord's Prayer. I am sure they all thought Mrs. Reynolds was a hard teacher.!!

THE STORY OF THE HISTORY BOOK

In the late 1970s, I was elected Historian of the Estancia United Methodist Church. I have always been a "History Bug".



One of the first thoughts that entered my mind as Historian was that I needed a committee and I asked Carolyn Moore and Marcella Reynolds to be a part of the History committee which they both agreed to. We begin to discuss setting up files to organize all the papers, books and other records. We worked several nights and eventually the records were organized from the first pastor to the present pastor. After the records were all

organized and categorized, I began writing the general history which you will find in the front of the book following the statistics.

The committee realized our 100th anniversary was just "around the corner" so we begin talking about plans for the celebration. Rev. Neethling added Agatha Garrison and Roy Daniel to the committee. I asked Bill Simms to join us. Bill is much more knowledgeable of computer capabilities than I am and we really needed his expertise. We were very pleased to have him as a part of our team and he has done a good job putting this book together and getting it to the printers. Don Fitzner gave me several ideas of how we might publicize the upcoming celebration and in return, I invited him to join us as Publicity Chairman.

Our pastor, Rev. Gary Eggart, is also a member of the committee by virtue of his position. He has assumed the responsibility for the Sunday morning services. So the committee of one became a committee of eight (four men and four women).

Barbara Simms is in charge of "Dinner on the Grounds" and Richard White will take care of the filming for the celebration DVD.

Agatha is manning our display table at the celebration which will include scrapbooks, pictures and clipping for all to enjoy. Marcella sent out the first notices of our history book, requesting resumes of former members (the first 75 years). Carolyn has mailed out the invitations which Bill had made on his computer.

The History Book is a 207 page document that I feel everyone will enjoy. We relied entirely on records and people's accounts. Sometimes these historical events were witnessed differently by different people but all in all, we are very proud of this publication.

*Ethel L. Floyd, Chrm
History Committee*

JUST IN CASE YOU HADN'T NOTICED...**Fire Recovery**

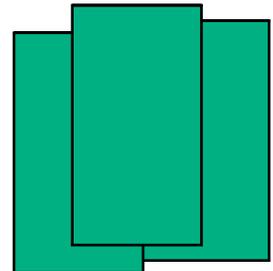
Our church is still recovering from the serious fire that occurred in the basement on June 4th. Serve Pro, the restoration company recommended by our insurance company has done a great job cleaning and deodorizing our sanctuary. Last Sunday (July 24th) we held our second service in the sanctuary since the clean up and it's starting to feel normal again. The basement, however, is a different story. The repairs to the Sunday School rooms and the replacement of carpet and furniture still remains. We specifically want to thank the area churches and individuals who made such generous contributions to help us get back on our feet. This help will assure that our church will continue to be a driving force and a blessing to our community.

Work Day, Saturday July 16

A *hugely* successful work day took place a couple of weeks ago. When you can, please notice the newly planted flower beds in front of the church, along the front fence and beside the Education Building. Also notice the freshly pruned shrubs, the clean up along the back fence and the newly planted grass in front of the Education Building. Thanks to all who donated their valuable time!!

Flowers

Cindy and Jim Braman recently rescued a huge bag of artificial flowers from the ALCO store in Moriarty and gave them to our church.. These may be used by the Sunday School, vacation bible school, or any EUMC group for decorations. Thanks, Cindy and Jim, for quick thinking on your part!!

**Threads of Time Trip Postponed**

As some of you may (or may not) have noticed, the UMW trip to Villanueva to view the "Threads of Time" tapestry, scheduled for Tuesday, July 7th, did not take place. People's busy schedules, and possibly the hot weather, severely interfered with the attendance. We will try again in a few months when the weather is cooler to again visit the Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe church in Villanueva, New Mexico.

A Celebration of Life!

These two sisters are so familiar to many of you, Agatha (left) and Macel (right) Garrison. Macel



passed away last Tuesday morning at age 93. Macel and Agatha have lived together at their place on Riley Road for the last 25 years.

Macel will be laid to rest at the Otterbein Cemetery in Evans, West Virginia. A memorial service was held Friday at the First Baptist Church in Estancia. The family has asked that, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Macel's name to the Estancia First Baptist Church, the Portales Children's Home or your favorite charity.

August 2005



Tear Off

Sunday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 100 Years Old! 11 AM Worship Bishop Whitfield	2 Pastor Gary in Mountaintair 7:00pm Mens Ministry	3 7-7:45 Morning Meditation 6:00 Disciple Bible Study	4 7:30pm AA	5 7-7:45 Morning Meditation	6 7-7:45 Morning Meditation
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GOOD NEWS FROM NUMBERS

Where you good at math in school? I liked math until they combined it with English and created another subject called “mathish”. But, there was something about the name that no one liked so they changed it to algebra. Numbers and letters should never mix. Anyway, we use numbers every day. Try to go through a day without using numbers. You might as well forget using the phone, buying gas or going to the grocery store. You wouldn’t even be able to use the microwave or make coffee without counting the scoops of coffee. They even created a TV show called “Numbers.” Numbers can be impersonal and no one wants to be just a number or just a statistic.

However, numbers and statistics are important even in church life. When we count attendance, a number represents a soul who is worshiping our Lord, or a person learning in a small group Bible study. The number may represent a child who is learning about Jesus in children’s church. The numbers and statistics for the first six months (Jan. - June) tell us EUMC is doing good things. They tell us we averaged 56 souls in worship service and 12 children in children’s church. This is great news even from a year ago. Give praise to God for the lives touched and ask God for the blessing of more people to worship with us, and children to instruct in His Ways.

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.