



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



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Prayer Concerns

- Elenor Sanchez
- Sam Wilson
- Joe
- Ron Pitman & family
- Frances Tyler
- Irene Armstrong
- Ruth Brindle
- Donald Berry
- Erma Ann McGee
- Ruth---Mel's sister
- Mary Garcia
- Peter Sanchez
- Shirley Solomon
- Pam's Sister
- Billy & Dustin Newsom
- The men and women of the armed forces
- National leaders and the leaders of the world

Sunday Worship 11:00 AM
Nursery Provided

From Pastor Gary

Family vacations are always, well, shall we say, interesting, and at some point things never go as planned. Our vacation did not go exactly as planned from the beginning. Actually things started to change before we ever got in the car. When things change some people handle them we ease. Other people have this need to stick to the plan to the very end no matter what - because if they don't, they tend to fall apart. They have looked forward to these plans and have written them on that stone tablet inside their head. It all depends on how we are wired - the make-up of our personalities.

Some people feel the need to share their thoughts about changing plans and this sharing can make things worse. Maybe you know someone who has not learned the art of sharing and has unintentionally hurt someone else. The fact is we all need to let our human side show through. An inflexibility toward change may cause our pride and ego to surface, causing a temptation to hurt other's feelings. We don't always let our Christianity show through. While it doesn't take a genius to realize this, no one wants someone else pointing out our mistakes.

There is a bright side when confronted with our own humanness. After my darker side had become visible and I was confronted with my humanness, and reflected on my

shortcomings, I was tempted to be depressed with my failure. Sometimes it seems like I will never change. Then a song by Steven Curtis Chapman, "All Things New," reminded me of God's truth. God can make me new. So I prayed for God to make me new. Another song came to mind, "You Raise Me Up." God also raises me up to more than I can be - no matter what my failure was at the time. It is God I depend on to make me new and raise me up.

Dick Wills (pastor of Christ Methodist Church in Ft Lauderdale, FL) wrote in his book *Waking To God's Dream*, "It's not what you are now that is important, but what God wants you to be and what you can be with faith" (p.16). Since reading those words, I have begun to pray a simple prayer, "God help me to reach my potential in you." God isn't focusing on my past, but looking to what I can be. I want to become the person God created me to be and I want to do what God wants me to do.

The same is true for the church. It is not what the Estancia UMC is now that is important, but what God wants the EUMC to be and what we can be with faith. Would you join me this month in praying that the Estancia UMC would reach it's potential in Christ.

See you Sunday

-Pastor Gary

Acolyte Training



On Wednesday, July 19th, a training session for acolytes was held immediately after Vacation Bible School. Pastor Gary Eggart and Julie Griffio led the training. Approximately sixteen children attended. They learned that an acolyte is a person who assists in the worship service. The main duty of an acolyte is to light and extinguish the candles on the altar, although acolytes may perform other functions during worship such as assisting during Holy Communion or collecting the offering.

The children practiced lighting and extinguishing the altar candles. They learned that the flame represents Jesus as the "Light of the World." They also found out that there are normally two candles on the altar to symbolize the divine and human natures of Jesus. After their training, the children enjoyed a pizza lunch in the Education Building.

We hope that this training will encourage the children in our church to volunteer to be acolytes during Sunday worship and will also prepare them for their duties. Having our children be acolytes during worship gives them the opportunity to be involved in our church and helps build their self-esteem and spiritual development. Regular church attendance and proper behavior are important factors for any child wanting to be an acolyte. For more information, or to sign your child up to be an acolyte, please contact Julie or Pastor Gary.

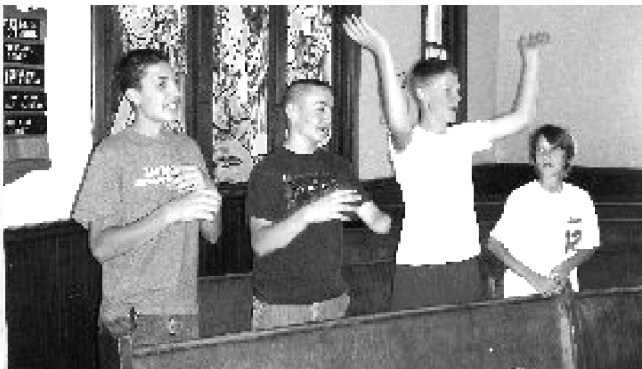
-Julie Griffio

Acolyte Training, Cont'd



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2006

This year's Vacation Bible School was held the week of July 17th, and was a grand success. The theme for the event was "Under Construction." Darryl the Barrel, our own Leslie Fastnaught, was a big hit with all the children. Youth crew helpers: Kaitlyn Taylor, Kayla Dile, Kalef Dile, Tim Sedillo, Derek Georgia, Terrance Porter, Makandle Mercer and Bryan Wilson were a tremendous help with the younger children and doing "chores" for the day. EUMC members, Carolyn Moore, Vickie Dile, Susan Wilson, Della and Mel Stephenson, Vickie Coburn, Pastor Gary & Amanda Eggart, Leslie Fastnaught, Cheryl Chavez, Julie Griffio, and Melanie Chavez all did an excellent job. Other folks helping were Annette Mercer, Ashley Welch, Angela Creamer, Julie Morales and Sherlyn Barella. If your name was not mentioned and you were there, please forgive us and THANKS A BUNCH!!!! to everyone. Following are some snapshots of the week's activities:



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2006 Cont'd



August 2006

Tear Off

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Pastor Gary in Mountainair 7:00pm Mens Ministry	2 7-7:45 Morning Meditation 10:am Quilters 6:pm Disciple Bible Study 7:pm PPRC	3 7:30pm AA	4 7-7:45 Morning Meditation	5 7-7:45 Morning Meditation
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ACTUAL ANNOUNCEMENTS TAKEN FROM CHURCH BULLETINS

- 1 . Don't let worry kill you--let the church help.
2. Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.
3. The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belzer, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Julius Belzer.
4. For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
5. Wednesday, the ladies Liturgy Society will meet. Mrs. Jones will sing, "Put me in My Little Bed" accompanied by the pastor.
6. Thursday at 5:00 pm there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers Club. All wishing to become little mothers, please see the minister in his study.
7. At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.

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.