



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

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



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

# DECEMBER, 2002



## SUNDAY SERVANTS FOR DECEMBER

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

**Lay Assist:** Marcia Fitzner  
**Ushers:** The Darnell Family  
**Acolytes:**  
**Greeters:** Rene Richards & Lois VanMeter

### YOUTH SCRIPTURE READERS

**Dec 1:**  
**Dec 8:** Rose Daniel  
**Dec 15:**  
**Dec 22:** *Needed*  
**Dec 29:**

### KINGS KIDS

**Dec 1:**  
**Dec 8:** Morrow Hall  
**Dec 15:** Paige Deborski & Ashley Welch  
**Dec 22:** Elaine Darnell  
**Dec 29:**



**Mark 1:17 "Follow me and I will make you fish for people."**

I was touched by the *Upper Room* devotion for October 21. It was written by a father who liked to take his daughter fishing. His daughter has Juvenile Arthritis and the place they go to fish means he must carry her because it is too far for her to walk. Friends have suggested that they go to a fish farm where they could catch a large fish in a short time with little or no walking. At the fish farm the people there will clean and wrap the fish for you. What a deal.

But the little girl said, "Daddy, those fish will be caught anyway. what's so rewarding about that?" The following week they went back to the lake and her dad carried her until she found a good spot. She threw in her line and waited patiently for several hours. Finally she caught a tiny, two-inch fish. Nevertheless, for her it was a satisfying victory.

What really got my attention was the Father's conclusion. "Many of us share our faith only within the comfortable confines of our churches, where acceptance is easy. Do we have the courage to venture out to share our beliefs in settings where the fish -- the souls -- may not be so easy to catch?"

This was a really good observation that should cause us all to ask ourselves what kind of

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disciples (fishermen) we are. It seems to be hard for many of us to even share our faith with one another much less with our neighbors, family, friends, or heaven forbid, a stranger. Can we really say that we are mature Christians if we haven't been on a fishing trip with Jesus? Get your gear together and let's go fishing. Jesus will carry us to the right spot.

-Pastor Linda

**From:** Linda Mizell

**To:** rw simms \_\_\_\_\_

It was amazing. I sent you my article and this message came in at the same time. Do you think God is telling us something?

Grace and Peace,  
Linda

**Forwarded message From Cheryl Hicks:**

I received the following prayer request from Rev. Gregg Armstrong, Rio Rancho UMC, this morning....it served to remind me that there are countless unchurched souls with whom we come into contact daily, who desperately need our shared faith, love and compassion:

"Please put Tanya on the Conference Prayer list. Tanya is a person who proclaims no faith and has had a long and painful illness. Pray for comfort and Christ to enter her life."

You may be the only way someone learns about God. Let us all be reminded to offer prayer each day for the many who are "lost" in our chaotic world; remember that through your prayer and your faith in the saving grace of our Lord, the lost may also experience His love.

**THANKSGIVING POTLUCK**

What a wonderful day of Thanksgiving!! Our Care and Outreach Committee organized the lovely potluck dinner complete with turkey and all the trimmings after church on Sunday, November 24. There was no end of pies, the turkey and dressing were superb, and the fellowship wonderful. Prior to the dinner **Mr. Bill Lux** gave the message on the **Methodist Children's Home** in Waco. He and his wife were visiting New Mexico along with **Mr. and Mrs. Springer**. In a couple of weeks we will be asked to help by contributing to this worthwhile home for children.



**LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE  
MONTH OF DECEMBER**

**December 1, 2002**

**First Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 (UMH 801); 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

**December 8, 2002**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

Isa 40:1-11; Ps 85:1-2, 8-13 (UMH 806)  
2 Pet 3:8-15a; Mk 1:1-8

**December 15, 2002**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

Isa 61:1-4, 8-11; Ps 126 (UMH 847)  
1 Thess 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**December 22, 2002**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

2 Sam 7:1-11, 16; Lk 1:47-55 (UMH 199); Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

**December 24, 2002**

**Christmas Eve**

Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96 (UMH 815)  
Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20

**December 25, 2002**

**Christmas Day**

Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98 (UMH 818)  
Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12); John 1:1-14

**December 29, 2002**

**First Sunday After Christmas Day**

Isa 61:10-62:3; Ps 148 (UMH 861)  
Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:22-40

**In Memoriam:**

Long time member, Ann Coburn, passed away last Sunday, November 24th.

***WELCOME HOME, ROY!!***

## Weigh Down Workshop

Angela Creamer and Pam Lambert will be starting a Weigh Down Workshop in January at Angela's home. If you would like more information please call Pam (9430) or Angela (4167) for the details. The Weigh Down Workshop is a Christian based weight loss program that is leading thousands away from the slavery of food and dieting to a true relationship with God.

### From PPRC

Pastor Parish committee meet Sunday Nov. 10 to discuss the current Logos program. Present were Angela Creamer, Shellee Stewart, Linda Mizell, Susan Wilson, Julieanne Welch, and Kim Sanchez. If you have any questions please call Angela or Linda.

*Grace and Peace, Angela Creamer*





Prepare for caroling again this year with Gale and Lowell Clark and their team and wagon. Tentative time is Saturday the 21st at 5:00 PM.

### 2003 COMMITTEE MEETING DATES AND TIMES

<u>Ad Council</u>	<u>Finance</u>	<u>Worship</u>
<u>11:30am</u>	<u>11:30am</u>	<u>11:30am</u>
1/12/03	2/9/03	1/19/03
3/9/03	4/13/03	3/16/03
5/11/03	6/8/03	5/18/03
7/13/03	8/10/03	7/20/03
9/14/03	10/12/03	9/21/03
11/9/03	12/14/03	11/16/03
<u>PPRC</u>	<u>Trustees</u>	<u>Care &amp; Outreach</u>
<u>11:30am</u>	<u>7:00pm</u>	<u>10:00am</u>
2/16/03	1/9/03	3/10/03
4/20/03	2/11/03	6/9/03
6/15/03	3/11/03	9/8/03
8/17/03	4/8/03	11/10/03
10/19/03	5/13/03	
12/21/03	6/10/03	
	7/15/03	
	8/12/03	
	9/9/03	
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		Other committees to be scheduled



### Ad Council News

On November 24, 2002, the Ad Council held a special meeting to consider the recommendation from the PPRC regarding the **LOGOS Program**. The Ad Council accepted the recommendation to suspend the **LOGOS Program** effective December 3, 2002 until at least next fall. The decision to restart the program will be reviewed next summer.

The **LOGOS program**, for the last three years, has been blessed by God with tremendous growth. We are strong supporters of the program and believe in its vision and purpose. Unfortunately, many times programs seem to have cycles of growth and effectiveness and cycles of decline and ineffectiveness. It is our opinion that **LOGOS** has put too great a strain on the human resources of this congregation and needs a time of rest.

The Ad Council also decided that those children on record having paid the full year fee, would be reimbursed for one-half their fees. Those children that attended this first session but did not pay any fees will be billed for the first half. In addition, if any funds are left in the **LOGOS** account after all bills and payments are reconciled, those funds will be put in the Church's general fund and the **LOGOS** bank account closed. The unused portion of the **Bishop's Fund** will be refunded.

At the regular scheduled November Ad Council meeting, it was decided to create a calendar of scheduled church committee meetings to ensure that no committee meeting is scheduled on the first Sunday of the month. Pastor Linda requested this change because so many other activities occur on the first Sunday of each month.

### Come decorate the tree and church on

December 8th after church. Anyone is welcome to help with the decorating. We will have a crock pot of chili going and warm tortillas for those helping with the decorations. If anyone has any questions please contact Susan Wilson.



There are currently 571 seats left (out of 2300)..... have you sent in your registration for this exceptional 2003 event? Don't delay!

*December*



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# December 2002

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Beginning of Advent Communion 6 pm UMY	<b>2</b> 5 pm LOGOS	<b>3</b> 10am Clergy Pray 6:30pm Prayer Group	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Second Sunday of Advent 11:30am Finance 6 pm UMY	<b>9</b> 10:00am Care and Outreach	<b>10</b> 10am Clergy Pray 6:30pm Prayer Group 7:00pm Trustees	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> City Ceremony
<b>15</b> Third Sunday of Advent 11:30am PPRC 6 pm UMY	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 10am Clergy Pray 6:30pm Prayer Group	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Christmas Break Begins	<b>21</b> 7am Men's Breakfast
<b>22</b> Fourth Sunday of Advent	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7pm Christmas Eve Candellite Communion Service	<b>25</b> CHRISTMAS DAY JOY TO THE WORLD	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Wesleyan Covenant Service	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				