

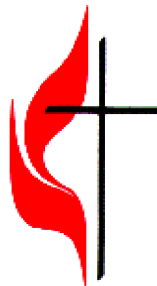


100 Years of Service 1905 - 2005

NEWSLETTER

OF THE

Estancia United Methodist Church
600 Williams, Estancia, New Mexico



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Prayer Concerns

- Danny Chavez
- Mel Stephenson
- Peter Sanchez
- Sue Dile
- Shirley Solomon
- Shawna Horton
- Pam's Sister
- Billy & Dustin Newsom
- Debbie Gallegos and Mildred Griffo
- Tracy Sedillo
- The United Methodist Men's group and their ministries
- A friend or family member who dose 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



Sunday Worship 11:00 AM
Nursery Provided

From Pastor Gary**Making Room**

(a letter to friend)

Dear Pat,

Hello my friend. How have things been going with you and your family? Things here have been busy this year, all year long. I keep waiting for things to slow down.

At the moment we are getting ready for my sister and her family to come-well she is thinking of coming. You remember Carol? She visited us in seminary. Remember the time she called and asked for me, and you said I was at the Library. Then she asked if she had the right room. She has four kids now-and a husband.

She is thinking of coming. It would be good to have her visit, but there is a lot of work to do to get ready for her family to come. For some reason, Amanda thinks I know how to dust and run a vacuum cleaner. I will probably get stuck washing the Christmas dishes so we would be able use them while they are here.

I hope I don't sound like I am complaining. I would be great if she is came, but there would be a lot to do to prepare for company.

~~Last night while lying in bed I was doing some thinking (yeah, I know, but contrary to popular opinion, I do think). This time of year is so busy with all the Christmas shopping, decorating, and parties to attend. I hardly take time to consider why we celebrate Christmas.~~

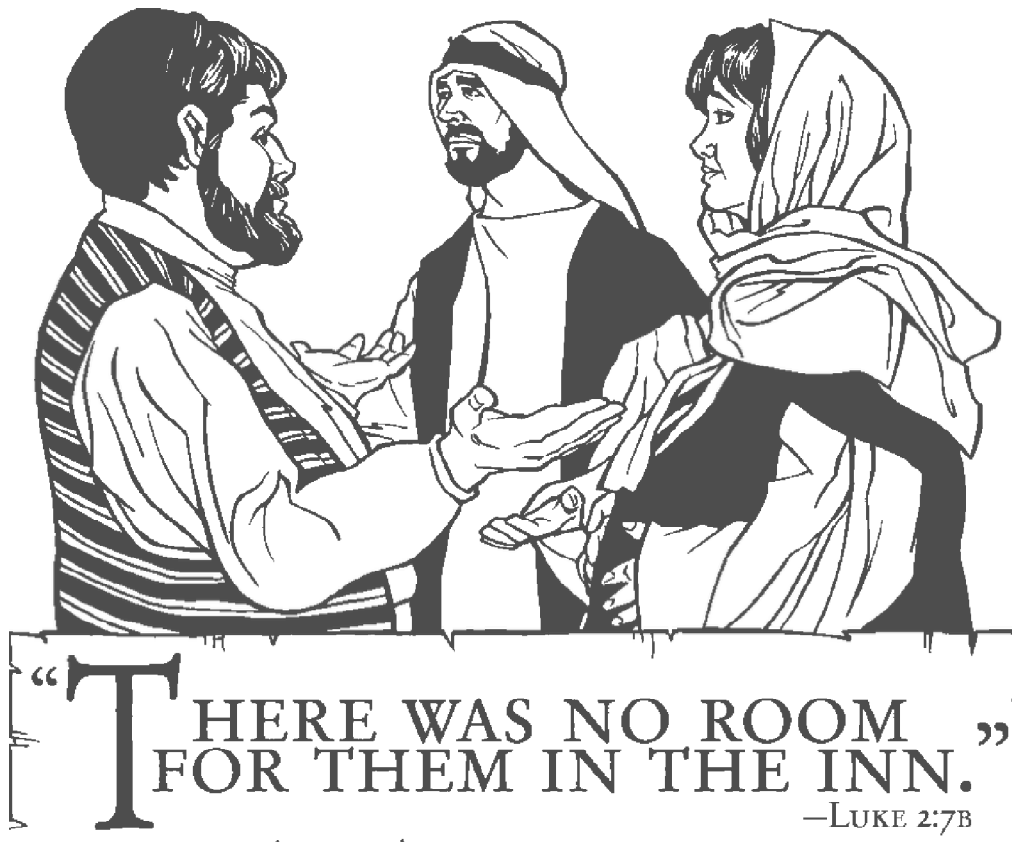
I would take time to prepare for my sister coming, but do I really prepare my heart for my savior? Do I live a prepared life? Luke's gospel tells us John the Baptist came to prepare the way for Jesus. I have been wondering if during this Holiday season, I am preparing my heart and life for the coming of my Messiah.

We all prepare for the holidays: decorating the tree, making Christmas candy and cookies, buying presents, and getting ready for company. But do we prepare for the gift of God and make room in our lives for Jesus?

Well Pat, I better be going. Be sure to tell your family Hi.

Merry Christmas my friend.

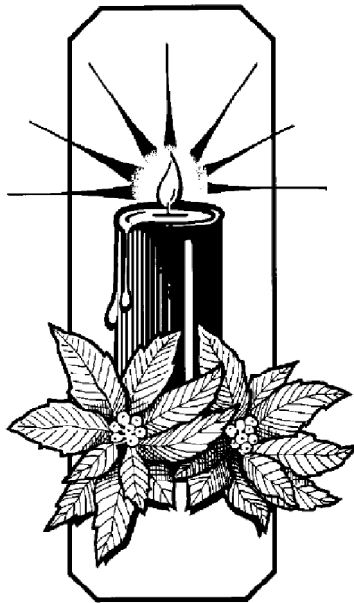
-Pastor Gary



Have you made room for Him in your life?

Christmas Season Schedule

On December 15th please join us for another old fashioned Christmas carol tour with Gail and Lowell's team and wagon around Estancia. We'll start from the church at 6:00 pm and return later for hot soup, coffee, chocolate and fellowship. Dress warmly!



Please Be With Us For Our **Christmas Eve** Candle Light Service On The 24th at 7:30 p.m.. It Is A Special Time For Our Church Family And Others In The Community Who Attend.

Christmas Day Service. This year we will have a joint Christmas day service with Mountainair here at the Estancia UMC at 10:00 a.m. in the morning.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The finance committee has come to the end of the year with a sense of great accomplishments, we had set some goals and have successfully accomplished them. They are as follows:

- Paying in full the assigned apportionments.
- Keeping all bills and expenses current
- In the year 2006 paying the pastors pension
- Accumulating a reserve fund (for emergencies)
- Meeting on a regular assigned time
- Keeping all finance reports, audits etc. current
- Keeping minutes etc. current and up to date



As we end the year we are happy to have accomplished all of the goals and are able to hand over to the new committee all the information they will need to carry us forward in the coming year.

Thanks to the committee who have been steadfast in their duties and faithful to our given roles. It has indeed been a pleasure working with them.

-Marcia Fitzner, Chair Finance.



From now through Christmas we will have our **Annual Food Drive**, so please start bringing non-perishable food items. A rule of thumb, donate food item that you like to eat. Also keep in mind some people don't have any way to keep food cold or heat it up, so we need some items that come ready to eat.

Mountainair United Methodist Church

1. Mountainair UMC will again this year be adopting an Angel Tree Family (children who's parent is in prison).
2. The Mountainair Community Chorus will be presenting their Christmas musical program at 4:00 pm on Sunday, December 11 at the Mountainair First Baptist Church. The program will consist of congregational singing of Christmas carols, a piano solo by **Kathleen Ryan**, a newcomer to the community who is a concert pianist and composer, and presentation of "Rejoice in His Coming." Admission is free - all are welcome. **Mary Jones, Noelle Sharp, Wray and Shirley Simmons** are singers in the chorus, which is directed by **Patty Mahoney**, all of the Mountainair UMC.
3. Mountainair UMC will have Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on Saturday, the 24th at 5:30 PM.
4. On Christmas morning, the two churches will meet together for services in Estancia at 10 AM.

Mary Jones and **Patty Mahoney** participated in the Mountainair 5th Sunday Sing on October 30. The sing is sponsored by the Mountainair Christian Alliance and was held at the first Assembly of God church. Mary sang "Five Smooth Stones", about the Goliath's we each face in our lives, with **Patty's** accompaniment. Then **Mary and Patty** dueted to "Poor Little Jesus", a cappella.





SUCCESSFUL BAZAAR AND BAKE SALE

Remember this announcement in last month's newsletter??

EUMC Quilting Group Joins With UMW to Host Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale

On Saturday, November 19th, the EUMC Quilting Group will be hosting a craft bazaar from 9:00am until 4:00pm. The proceeds from the sale of crafts will go toward the kitchen remodeling. In addition, the ladies of the UMW will be conducting a bake sale. If you would like to donate baked items for the sale, please contact Sylvia Levy at 384-4024. One-Stop shopping... pick up your Christmas gifts as well as your Thanksgiving desserts at the Education Building on Saturday, November 19th!

The joint efforts of the UMW and the Quilting Group two weeks ago were hugely successful! The group took in over \$600. \$306 went to help offset expenses for the new kitchen and the rest went to the UMW.

The same groups are now planning a rummage sale to be held early next year.

The UMW Christmas Luncheon will be held on December 20th at the Winn's home.



Kayla Cook looking over the Christmas tree Sunday morning

Christmas Thoughts



Some people think of Christmas
As sleigh rides in the cold
A tree that glistens of tinsel
And decorations of silver and gold.

Some people think of Christmas
As Christ on Christmas day
And families joined together
With heads bowed down to pray.

Some people think of Christmas
As stockings dressed in red
A crackling glowing fireplace
And a warm and cozy bed.

Some people think of Christmas
As the Lord who dwells above
Who sent His son to die for us
And gave the gift of love.

Some people think of Christmas
As faces filled with glee
Sharing stories, fun and laughter
And gathering 'round the tree.

The Glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all mankind shall see it
Isaiah 40:5

Some people think of Christmas
As gifts wrapped up in blue
Writing letters to their loved ones
And Christmas caroling too.

I bring you news of Great Joy,
a Joy to be Shared by the whole
people...
Luke 2:10

Some people think of Christmas
As snow falling on the ground
The hustle and bustle of shoppers
And the joy that's spread around.

CHRIST is the reason for CHRISTmas

What Shall I Give for Christmas?



A listening ear to the friend with a heartache.
A thank you to the tired salesperson who serves you.
Laughter to brighten a less-fortunate's life.
A kiss and a hug for a handicapped child.
Time to read to the sightless.
An act of kindness to the shut-in.
A cheery greeting to one who is ill.
A smile to the elderly person who is struggling to walk.
A written message to a lonely one.
How simple our Christmas shopping can be this year -
And every year - when we give gifts of the heart





December 2005

Tear Off

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 9 AM Worship - Mtair 10 AM Adlt Sunday Sch 11 AM Worship 5 PM Youth Group	5 7-7:45 Morning Meditation 7:30pm AA	6 Pastor Gary in Mountainair 7:00pm Mens Ministry	7 7-7:45 Morning Meditation 6:00 Disciple Bible Study	1  7:30pm AA	2 7-7:45 Morning Meditation	3 7-7:45 Morning Meditation
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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.