

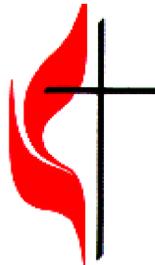


100th Anniversary - July 31, 2005

NEWSLETTER

OF THE

Estancia United Methodist Church
600 Williams, Estancia, New Mexico



February
2005

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Your Church Staff

Chairperson of Administrative Council	Ethel Floyd
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Chairperson: Missions	Marcia Fitzner
Chairperson: Prayer Evangelism	Nick Griffo
Chairperson: Care and Outreach	Alma Wimsatt
Chairperson: Pastor Parish Relations	Barbara Simms
Chairperson: Finance Committee	Marcia Fitzner
Chairperson: History	Ethel Floyd
Financial Secretary	Marcella Reynolds
Church Treasurer	Sylvia Levy
President UMW	Ethel Floyd
President UMY	TBA
President UMM	Nick Griffo

Bishop: D. Max Whitfield
 District Superintendent: Dr. Larry Hall
Please visit us on the web:
<http://www.gbgbm-umc.org/estancia>

Prayer Concerns

- The victims and survivors of the Dec. 26 Tsunami in Southeast Asia
- Stella Sedillo
- Helen Vaughn
- Grace Kerr
- Pat Moore
- Mildred Griffo and family
- Jim and Carol Benton
- Jim and Dee Dee Young
- Safe travel for friends and relatives
- The After School Ministry
- The United Methodist Men's group and their ministries
- All who do not have a relationship with Jesus
- General Conference representatives and resolutions
- 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

Members and friends to pray for this week:
 Kerry and Sydney Alfonso; Bob and Ina Artman; Robert, Tracy, Robert Lee, Karma, Kaleb, Joshua and Garrett Babb; Judy Baldwin; Marilyn and Ross Bevan; Jim, Cindy, JJ and Cricket Braman.

Pray each Thursday at noon for the United Methodist Church to experience a revival like in the days of John Wesley! Pray for this church to be flooded with the Spirit of Christ!

Sunday Worship 11:00 AM
Nursery Provided

From Pastor Gary

Before I had walked into the Church on my first Sunday, I was greeted by a little boy and I will never forget what he said, "I Luke; I three". In the short time we (my family) have been here, it has been fun. We had barely unpacked before jumping into VBS, and who signed me up for recreation? The Jousting with super soakers was the best game (one kid being pushed in a wheel barrow towards another with a super soaker. They shoot at each other as they go by). We will have to do that one again next year. Children's sermons have been enjoyable. One of the favorites was keeping the children in suspense with an Oreo while discussing how many ways there are to eat an Oreo. There are many ways to eat an Oreo, but there is only one way to heaven--asking Jesus to come into your heart. The church Christmas Party was great and I think everyone enjoyed playing a friendly game of Family Feud (men against women). And who could forget the Birthday Party for Jesus (an extended children's sermon).

In the six months we have been here there are other things which will be remembered like starting the After School Ministry, work days, laying sod in the back yard with the Wilson's, sliding off the roof and falling into Nick's arms, driving to Mountainair with Ethel but not at 85 mph because guardian angels don't fly that fast, the forty days of prayer, the Spiritual gifts and Evangelism training with John Barrett. But who remembers programs. It is the love of Jesus that is shared.

UMW Report

Our first meeting for the year 2005, was Tuesday, January 25th. The officers had met and had drawn up a proposed budget. It was adopted at this meeting. The committee also discussed programs, donations and activities for the year. These subjects were discussed at the Tuesday meeting.

The Unit has received a donation of \$100.00 which we have been receiving for several years from an appreciative donor who expressed his thanks for the meal served to his family following the funeral of a family member. This service is always offered to any family who is associated with our church.

During the past year, we have sent \$764.00 to Missions; \$25.00 to McCurdy School; \$25.00 to the Estancia Recreation Program for Youth; \$135.00 to UMW Conference and \$10.00 toward a gift for the outgoing Conference President of UMW. We have raised money for these projects by selling cookbooks, candles, napkins, etc and by our annual "cookie walk". We also sell poinsettias at Christmas and Easter Lilies. In addition, we have a pledge service when each member is given an opportunity to pledge funds for Missions.

As for activities during 2004, we furnished snacks for Vacation Bible School, sponsored the Easter Egg Hunt for the children, held our annual Ecumenical Luncheon for all women in the community who wished to attend. We also had a luncheon at the Mountainair Church with their group. Several of our members attended the Mission Study in Albuquerque conducted by our own Marcia Fitzner and Ethel Floyd. Marcia Fitzner and Marilyn Seddon attended the District Meeting in Los Alamos. Marcia also attended the Conference Meeting in Texas. Marcia has been active on the local, state, national and inter-national level.

We are looking forward to another busy year.

-Ethel L. Floyd, President



History Committee Report

At the present time, our Estancia Methodist History Book has over 200 pages to be edited. We have reached our cutoff dates, but would still include any data or resumes received if we get them before we start printing.

The anniversary celebration plans are pretty well completed. We will have another committee meeting January 27, 2005, to discuss the celebration and history book.

During 2004, we got confirmation from the Bishop's office that he would be here to deliver the Sunday morning service, July 31st, 2005. We have made plans for "dinner on the grounds" at noon on Sunday. We have made many phone calls and sent many letters in an effort to get resumes from former members expressing their experiences while attending the EUMC. This effort was quite successful. We were able to get the school cafeteria for our banquet and have also received confirmation from a caterer to serve our banquet on Saturday night.

During 2005, the history book will be printed and ready to distribute to every family attending the celebration. The programs for Saturday night and Sunday will be finalized and we are ready for a
GREAT CELEBRATION FOR OUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY .

The History Committee:

*Pastor Gary Eggart
Ethel L. Floyd, Chrm.
Bill Simms
Carolyn Moore
Roy Daniel
Marcella Reynolds
Don Fitzner
Agatha Garrison*

Centennial History Book

The History Committee has been hard at work finishing the compilation and the editing of our church history. As Ethel mentioned in her History Committee report, the second effort telephone conversations with past members has been very successful. At present we have about 29 current and prior members and 14 pastors who have responded with their memories of the last 60 to 75 years of activities in our church.

I think you will enjoy this excerpt about MYF in 1949 from Mary Jean (Mattingly) Gilbert's letter:

"What I do remember is how I loved going to M.Y.F.! And, unlike the Busy Bees, which I continued to attend, I do remember the M.Y.F. in great detail. M.Y.F. meetings were usually held in the cozy basement of the Methodist church on Sunday evenings, but sometimes they were held in our sponsor's home. One of the best things about M.Y.F. was the steadfast leadership of our loyal and hard-working sponsor, Ethel White, who later married Richard T. Floyd (aka 'Slim' Floyd) in late July of 1950 and thus became Ethel Floyd.

Ethel Floyd was always pleasant, calm, and composed, and she appeared to truly enjoy being with us, in contrast to some of our other teachers or sponsors at church or school who gave the impression that they wanted to be anywhere except where we young people were or else they wanted to dictate every thought we should have and every action we should take, which felt stifling. Ethel guided us, but she did not dictate what we should do nor did she ever nag us to do the 'right thing.' She did not need to nag us. She treated us young people with respect, never talking down to us, so we responded to Ethel's trust in us by comporting ourselves like decent, although sometimes high-spirited, human beings during the meetings. And she always laughed with us~~not at us."



Finance Committee

The finance committee with the help and support of the congregation and good management of our money has been able to finish out the year by paying the first five of our apportionments plus partial payment on some of the other apportionments. We have finished off the year with a positive balance in the bank and all bills paid except for the partial apportionments we were unable to pay. Everyone deserves to be thankful to God and to yourself for the success that we have had this year.

We have been able to continue existing ministeries and venture into some new ones, and with all of us working together we will be able to continue the work God has for us in this church and community. We are indeed thankful to the Eggarts for their willingness in taking a part-time position that has enabled us to go forth with out unnecessary burden.

As soon as financial records are audited I will be sharing with you the good news and good things that have happened here in the Estancia UMC. I thank you once again for your faithfulness and steadfast giving of your talents, energies and money so that we may continue on this spiritual journey as we follow the will of God for us all.

-Marcia Fitzner, Chair Finance

Mountainair UMC Page



New members: On Sunday, Jan. 16th, **Wray and Shirley Simmons** transferred their membership from another UMC in ABQ. to Mountainair. Their address, phone no. and e-mail are: P. O. Box 261, Torreon, NM 87061, 384-0038, ssimmons@swcp.com. We also have Wray on the prayer list, as he has been receiving treatments for cancer, and will be in Tucson, AZ over the next few months taking further treatments.

Our **Mountainair Christian Alliance** will be sponsoring a "Fifth Sunday Sing" on Sunday, Jan. 30 at 6PM at the Assembly of God Church. Following the singing, we bring finger food type snacks for a time of sharing and fellowship. Everyone is welcome.

The **Mountainair Church** is very proud of **Ryan Sharp**, who was awarded first prize (with blue ribbon and everything!) for his class science fair project. His project demonstrated the relationship between atmospheric pressure and a diminution of pressure inside an airtight vessel. (Picture next time, I hope.)

The **Mountainair Church** enthusiastically participated again this past Christmas in the **Angel Tree Project** by sponsoring a local family. This prison ministry program supports the families of prisoners by providing Christmas gifts for the children in the name of the imprisoned parent. Prisoners register their families and then local organizations who agree to participate receive as many names as they wish to serve in their local area. Of course, it is very important to maintain the family's confidentiality so that the link back to the imprisoned parent is retained. More information may be obtained through www.angeltree.org <<http://www.angeltree.org>> .

OUR WEEK'S SCHEDULE

MON. 6PM - Boy Scout Troop meeting
 TUE. 6PM - Choir practice
 6:30 - AA
 WED. 5PM - Cub Scout Pack meeting
 THUR. 6PM - Ecumenical Bible Study Group
 FRI. 6PM - AA
 SUN. 9AM - Worship Service

Special Intentions for Prayer:

Wray and Shirley Simmons, for Wray's cancer treatments
 Sue Bond for her battle with cancer
 Robert & Teresa, Patty's brother and sister-in-law
 The victims of the Tsunami and those giving assistance
 Our Service People, as they are away from their families, protecting us
 Our National, State, and Local leaders

Our Church Council Members:

Patty Mahoney - Administrative Chair and Alternate Delegate to Conference; also Music Director
 Ted Jones - Treasurer
 Mary Jones - Lay Leader and Delegate to Conference
 Rebecca Lueras - Trustee
 Noelle Sharp - Secretary and Trustee
 Jay Warner - PPRC
 Bertha Warner - Finance Chair

Community Chorus

Patty Mahoney will be starting the rehearsals for the Community Chorus around mid-February, for the Summer performance. Anyone who loves to sing, is welcome. We practice each Tuesday following the MUMC choir practice, about 7PM. She is still selecting the music, and we will have a "theme" in the next months newsletter. The performance will probably be sometime in July.

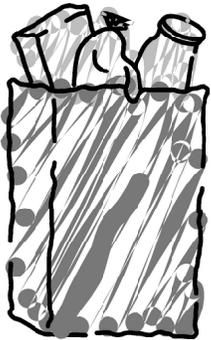


CARE & OUTREACH

Our committee met on January 7th to organize our efforts. All members were present.

We decided to address the following:

- Make every effort to obtain visitor's names and addresses so that Pastor Gary can make follow-up visits.
- Help update the church address list and renew and update the prayer chain list.
- Renee Richards will continue sending cards on the church's behalf during the appropriate occasions.

**Please Help Out With The Food Pantry!**

Check out what is in the food pantry and donate accordingly. Place items in box at back of church. **Specific items needed are:** Peanut Butter, Spaghetti Sauces and Pastas, Soups, Canned Meats (Spam, Tuna, Chicken, etc.), Canned Vegetables (Carrots, Peas, Green Beans, Corn, etc.), Instant Potatoes and Boxes of Rice, Canned or Dried Milk, Canned Fruits, Baby Food, Canned or Boxed, Pedialite, Formula Mixes, Breakfast Items and Nutritional Snacks for kids, Koolaid or other drink mixes.

**Board of Trustees Report**

A new television and computer printer have been purchased. The Board is seeking bids to finish the rest of the education building roof. The Board has a bid of \$3,874.00 to replace windows in the sanctuary and parsonage. There are still home repairs to be done in the parsonage. If anyone would like to help with those repairs, please call Mark Lambert at 384-9430.

Following are the officers for the Board of Trustees, 2005: Chairman, Mark Lambert; Vice Chair., Bill Simms; Secretary, Francis Winn; Treasurer, Carolyn Moore.

Administrative Council Meeting - January 23, 2005

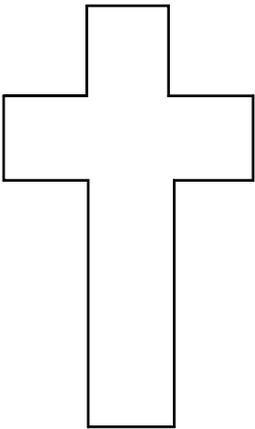
After an excellent lunch provided by Chairman Ethel Floyd the following motions were **passed**:

- Motion: We look into an Oct. revival date and contact Rev. John Barrett.
- Motion: Make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees to work with Pastor Gary to build a church office in the NE corner of the Educ. Bldg.
- Motion: Create a line item under Education in the budget for small workshops.
- Motion: Use the Lenten money folders again this year and put this money into the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.
- Motion: Our church will tithe the offering each month.
- Motion: Mary Hemke will be asked to provide W-2 forms for Pastor Gary and Pastor Linda Mizell.

Easter Sunrise Service will be held at EUMC at 7:00am. The UMM will organize the breakfast afterwards.

Administrative Council meetings will be every other month on the second Sunday of the month at 12:30pm. The next meeting will be on March 13, 2005.

The Season of Lent



Theme:

Retreating Into the Wilderness with Jesus

Dates:

Lent is a forty-day period before Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday. We skip Sundays when we count the forty days, because Sundays commemorate the Resurrection. Lent begins on 9 February 2005 and ends on 26 March 2005. In the Roman Catholic Church, Lent officially ends at sundown on 24 March (Holy Thursday), with the beginning of the mass of the Lord's Supper.

Colors:

In most churches, the decorations are purple or blue, royal colors to prepare for the King.

The East:

In Orthodox churches, this season is called the Great Lent. It begins on Clean Monday.

Special Days:

Ash Wednesday, 9 February 2005

The Annunciation, 25 March 2005

Lent is a season of soul-searching and repentance. It is a season for reflection and taking stock. Lent originated in the very earliest days of the Church as a preparatory time for Easter, when the faithful rededicated themselves and when converts were instructed in the faith and prepared for baptism. By observing the forty days of Lent, the individual Christian imitates Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness for forty days. All churches that have a continuous history extending before AD 1500 observe Lent. The ancient church that wrote, collected, canonized, and propagated the New Testament also observed Lent, believing it to be a commandment from the apostles.

Your Apportionments at Work - Global Ministries

Africa University Opens New Health Sciences Building



United Methodist News Service photo by Andra Stevens

MUTARE, Zimbabwe-Dr. James Holsinger Jr., a physician and former chancellor of the Chandler Medical Center at the University of Kentucky now serving as health secretary for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, attended the dedication of Africa University's Faculty of Health Sciences building as the guest of honor. He led the feasibility study team that recommended priorities and a plan for the health sciences faculty to the board of directors of Africa University in 2000. Diplomats, government officials and local church leaders joined students and staff for the dedication of Africa University's new Faculty of Health Sciences building Dec. 1.

Give Thanks With  A Grateful Heart



February 2005

Tear Off

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 10 AM Choir Prac 11 AM Worship 5 PM Youth Group	7 7-7:45 Morning Meditation 7:30pm AA	1 7:00pm Mens Ministry	2 7-7:45 Morning Meditation 6:00 Disciple Bible Study	3 3-5:15 After School Ministry 7:30pm AA	4 7-7:45 Morning Meditation Small Church Retreat, Ceta Canyon Feb 4-5	5 7-7:45 Morning Meditation
13 10 AM Choir Prac 11 AM Worship 5 PM Youth Group	14 7-7:45 Morning Meditation 7:30pm AA	8 Pastor Gary in Mountainair 7:00pm Mens Ministry	9 ASH WEDNESDAY 7-7:45 Morning Meditation 6:00 Disciple Bible Study	10 3-5:15 After School Ministry 7:30pm AA	11 7-7:45 Morning Meditation	12 7-7:45 Morning Meditation
20 10 AM Choir Prac 11 AM Worship 5 PM Youth Group	21 7-7:45 Morning Meditation 7:30pm AA	15 Pastor Gary in Mountainair 5:pm Mountainair - Potluck/Ad Council 7:00pm Mens Ministry	16 7-7:45 Morning Meditation 6:00 Disciple Bible Study	17 3-5:15 After School Ministry 7:30pm AA	18 7-7:45 Morning Meditation	19 7:AM Men's Breakfast
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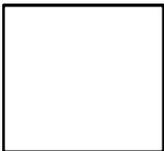
If you would like to visit our sister church in Mountainair some Sunday, their service, with Pastor Gary, starts at 9:00 AM.

Please see Marcella Reynolds to schedule meetings or activities in the Education Building, 384-2358.



Sent with a prayer to:

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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.