



# NEWSLETTER

OF THE

**Estancia United Methodist Church**

*600 Williams, Estancia, New Mexico*

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## JUNE, 2012

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**Sunday Worship 9:00 AM**

**FROM THE SPOONERS**

“Hey, What a Ride!” Our experience in the Estancia - Mountainair Charge has been an absolute delight. We wanted one more place of service close to Albuquerque and it happened. We set some goals for the last move: Close to Albuquerque to establish medical connections and to look for a retirement home. We have accomplished those goals in the middle of other happenings. Since you haven’t heard about the house..... (Butch thinks he has heard too much?) We will have a lovely home to live in and I know Jon Shively welcomes us to the home ownership experience, ha!

In the middle of our personnel goals we have been delighted with the mutual ministries we have experienced together. Patty tried her hardest to educate me musically, but I don’t think it took! I still believe I am hard of hearing because of all my years close to the piano and organ speakers. Yet, I will enjoy my selective hearing privileges always.

Mountainair was fun watching it come to new life and proclaim “it’s not over by a long shot”. Great work you faithful servants! I might have my fill of “stuff sales”, although I still believe June might have too much stuff. Thank goodness I will have my place for the model A and a workshop!!!

I learned or enhanced my stain glass skill working with the marvelous Estancia stain glass people. Great job, effort, and outcome. I am pleased with the results and blessings for years to come. The

music of Estancia and Shively's leadership was a true blessing for this preacher. (No, Jon, I haven't installed the signal flag so persons can know we will be home.)

People of both churches exercised great care and support for me when my mom died and during the several trips to settle her household. Thanks!!! Many were the supportive caring expressions that makes my last appointment meaningful. We prayed, laughed, thought, worked, cried and had a delightful time.

June and I will cherish you people for a long time!!! Great was your faithfulness and attentiveness. The Spooners will be challenged with the new living arrangements, as I know you will accept the challenge of welcoming a new pastor and serving God in new and exciting ways!

Many Blessings to You and Go with God!

*-Charles and June Spooner*

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### **Stained Glass Project**

The month of May was not as productive as past months due to other commitments by some of the workers. Some of the major accomplishments included: 1) Continued the assembly process of the Walk to Emmaus window. There was some slow down on this window due to a minor redesign, but it is now about 90% complete; 2) Obtained the trim for the Vestibule windows; 3) Continued work on the Torrance County fair consignment to make 30 small Light-Catchers.

Next month will be mainly devoted to installing the trim on the installed windows, installing the remaining window, and finishing The Walk to Emmaus window. The scaffolding needed to install and finish the north center windows will also be re-erected.

*-Mel Stephenson*

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### **From Our Ad Council Chairman**

As I said last month "*Times are a changin'*". Charlie and June will be moving to their new home the last of this month and we will be receiving another pastor. Her name is Bonnie Hardesty. She is recently retired from Sandia Corporation, but she is also an ordained minister in our conference. You will have an opportunity to meet her on July 1st. She will be making opportunities to meet all of us. Pastor Hardesty will continue to live in Albuquerque because of another ministry she is involved in, and I know she will be sharing information about that ministry with us. We will have a time of re-adjustment as we go into a ministry with someone who has lived and worked in Albuquerque. We are a small town and a small church, not used to all that goes on in large city churches, but be assured that God will guide her and us as we learn to work together in the spirit of God's love.



As you know the glass project is reaching the end of production and those of us that work there will miss the family fellowship that we have developed. But, "*times are a changin*". Right now the middle of July is projected for our celebration of a job well done. This project has meant a great deal to those of us involved and our blessing will be that others are touched by the beauty of what we have been inspired to do with just a piece of glass. God has indeed been our guide and help.

We were all saddened by the death of our own Lowell Clark. The response of putting together the dinner for friends and family as been great. This just shows how we are willing to shower love on others in their time of need.

As summer moves in on us, I look forward to having more events and chances to have fellowship time for all of us. It is important to get to know each other better so that when there is a time of need, we all respond with God's love and draw nearer to each other, and, of course, to God.

So far our finances are level but I am asking that as each of you, who gives, to remember what we have is not truly ours, but gifts from God. We are asked to give but a portion. I know sometimes 10% seems like a lot but remember, you are left with 90% which is a much larger portion. The bills for the church continue to get larger, just like yours do, so, I ask you to prayerfully consider what you give. Remember it is for the work of God's ministries.

Have a great summer as you pal around with God,

-*Marcia Fitzner*

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### **THE METHODIST MEN'S MISSIONS**

The Methodist Men met this month on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7am at the Old Mill. The group met again last Wednesday to help out at the Inlow Baptist Church Camp in Fourth of July Canyon. The camp was used for a recent Emmaus walk when their repair needs were discovered. The camp supplied the materials and lunch. We cut lumber to construct bunk beds and we repaired many chairs.

The next meeting of the Methodist Men will be June 16<sup>th</sup> at the Old Mill, assuming the repairs of the Old Mill kitchen are completed by then.



### **MUSIC PROGRAMS IN THE CHURCH**



The Joyful Singers men's quartet performed special music, *A Beautiful Life*, at the Sunday service on May 20<sup>th</sup>. The music involved multiple instruments accompanying the vocalists. The singers were Ross Carter, Keith Loepere, Morrow Hall and Jon Shively. The regular choir will meet on June 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> at 4pm for rehearsals in preparation for June 17<sup>th</sup> special music.

-*Jon Shively*



Please Join Us  
**Open House**

June 17, 2012

3:00 to 5:00 P.M.

At the New Home of

**Charles and June Spooner**

#5 Frontier Court

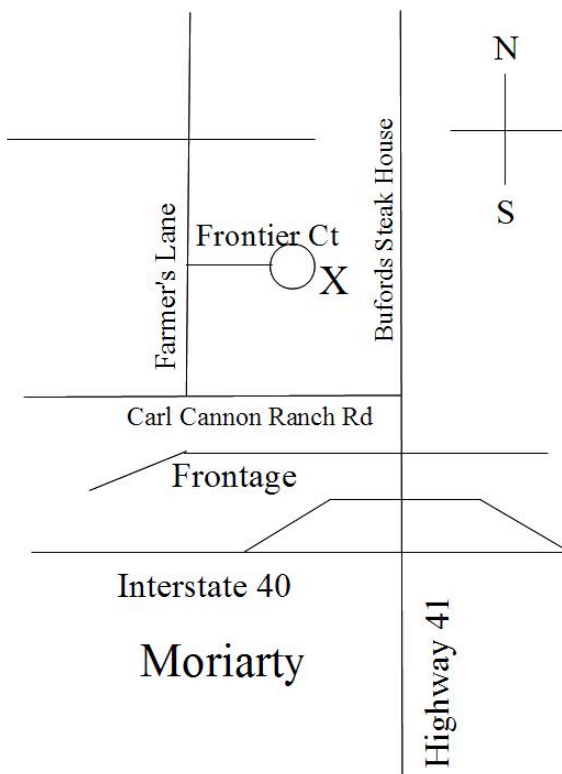
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Moriarty, New Mexico 87035

1-505-384-2710

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4:00 P.M. Blessing of the House!



**To Our Dearest Family and Friends**, Charlie is retiring again! Since we will not have a parsonage forever, we have spent the past year looking for an abode.

A house more or less fell on our radar before October, 2011. After a quick visit with a mortgage broker, we made an offer less than the listing. By the time we made it back to Estancia on that day, we received a call from the realtor to say the offer had been accepted. Amazing! We owe this whirlwind experience to retirement, inheritance and financial adviser.

What June hasn't said is after looking in many towns and communities, we found this house in Moriarty, New Mexico. More accurately, Torrance County. Passing through Moriarty for over 50 years, we never thought we would be living there. Moriarty is about 35 miles East of Albuquerque on I-40.

Charlie was always looking for the third vehicle enclosed space for his Model-A truck. The house has an attached 2 car garage and a detached 2 car garage with an office area. June's, "if wishes were horses", was a wall vacuum. After walking through this house into the master bathroom then to the closet... let's say it was a jaw dropping moment. When she went to the linen closet, there were hoses for a wall vacuum. We had to buy the house. So we did.

Hope you can come for a visit, whether on this special day or another. You have the address, phone numbers and a map. And, on that off chance you are passing through when Interstate 40 is closed due to tire, wreck or weather, then call for sure. You might need a bed. And if this isn't enough of a blessing for us, we are happy to welcome Elana Mae Fuller on May 1, 2012 in Alamogordo, New Mexico. Born a little early she weighed 7.5 pounds. Cara, Patrick, Ethan, Emma and Elana are all doing fine and plan to be here.

## **So, What's the Big Deal about Father's Day?**

There was a time, not too long ago, that Father's Day barely managed to garner a blurb on the American conscience. It came across as an afterthought to Mother's Day, and the only reason dads got any publicity at all was due more to the convenient rhyme scheme of "dads" and "grads" than any collective call to celebration.



### **However,**

Here are some statistics that may help us understand the value of a dad in the home:

- 85% of all children that exhibit behavioral disorders come from fatherless homes –*Center for Disease Control*
- 71% of all high school dropouts come from fatherless homes –*National Principals Association Report on the State of High Schools*
- 70% of juveniles in state operated institutions come from fatherless homes –*U.S. Dept. of Justice, Special Report Sept., 1988*
- 85% of all youths sitting in prisons grew up in a fatherless home –*Fulton County Georgia jail populations & Texas Dept. of Corrections, 1992*

### **Christian Dads Make a Difference...**

But God knew this from the beginning. The New Testament gives this word of family instruction, 1. Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2. Honor your father and mother (which is the first commandment with a promise), 3. So that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth.

4. Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. (Ephesians 6:1-4).

There are two words here for us as children, "obey" and "honor." There are two commands here for us as Dads, "do not provoke" (by having unachievable expectations) and "bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." In other words, the primary duty of a Christian dad, apart from a non-Christian dad is making sure their children learn about Jesus.

One of the goals for men's ministry groups is to help each other become the kind of dads we all want to be...the kind of dads God wants us to be.

Dads, keep your chin up! You have a tough job, but know that you make a true difference!

# JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2 9:am Glass Shop
<b>3</b> 9 AM Worship 9:15 Childrens Church 11 AM Worship -Mtair	4 9:am Glass Shop	5 9:am Glass Shop	6 10:30:am Quilters	7	8	9 9:am Glass Shop
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<b>17</b> 9 AM Worship 9:15 Childrens Church 11 AM Worship -Mtair <b>FATHER'S DAY</b>	18 9:am Glass Shop	19 9:am Glass Shop	20 10:30:am Quilters	21	22	23 9:am Glass Shop
<b>24</b> 9 AM Worship 9:15 Childrens Church 11 AM Worship -Mtair <b>PASTOR CHARLIE'S LAST SUNDAY</b>	25 9:am Glass Shop 4:pm Womens Reunion	26 9:am Glass Shop	27 10:30:am Quilters	28	29	30 9:am Glass Shop

Open House, Spooner's New Residence on June 17, 3 to 5 PM



*Sent with a prayer to:*

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## ***A Beautiful Life***

*Southern Gospel (Special Music Last Sunday by the Joyous Singers)*

*By William Matthew Golden 1918*

Son of James and Camelia Hood Golding (his surname changed later) It is said he wrote most of his songs while serving an eight year sentence in the state penitentiary. His only child reportedly died young.

Born: January 28, 1878, Webster County, Mississippi.

Died: May 13, 1934, in a traffic accident near Eupora, Mississippi.

Buried: Spring Valley Cemetery (south), Webster County, Mississippi.

