



Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
Nursery Provided
Church School 10:30 AM

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



JANUARY, 2000



SUNDAY SERVANTS FOR JANUARY

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lay Assist: Ashley Welch
Acolytes: Andrew and Beth Moore
Ushers: Renee Richards, Mark Lambert
Greeters: Carolyn Moore

SCRIPTURE READERS:

Jan 2: Charlie Encinias
Jan 9: Jacque Creamer
Jan 16: Matthew Sanchez
Jan 23:
Jan 30: Catherine Gomez

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

Jan 9: Marla Lehman & Erinmarie
Blackwell
Jan 16: Julieanne Welch and Miranda Gomez
Jan 23: Margaret and Catherine Gomez
Jan 30: Pam Lambert and Riane Pope

ALTAR FLOWERS

Jan 30: Larry and Waynette Burnett

SUNDAY SERVANTS FOR FEBRUARY

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lay Assist: Audra Long
Usher: Sam Wilson

PLEASE HELP keep God's house clean after worship.

OUR VISION: Offering God's eternal life to all people such that they would be transformed by the Holy Spirit to live by faith and know that their salvation is secure in Jesus Christ.

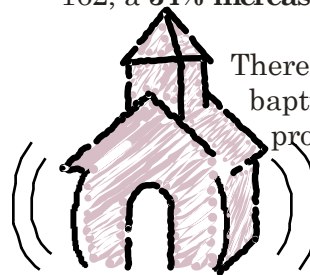
OUR MISSION: To honor God by leading people to become devoted followers and ministers of Jesus Christ.



After worship, would you please help pick up worship bulletins hymnals and Bibles, kleenexes, etc., from the floor? Please take some time to show the respect that we know you have for the church by tidying up. Thank you for your help in this matter.

OUR GROWING CHURCH

If you've been wondering about the growth of the church in 1999... Membership increased from 121 to 162, a 34% increase.



There are 40 preparatory members, baptized children who have not yet professed publicly their belief in Jesus Christ.

Average attendance has risen from 67 to 83, a 24% increase.

Average attendance for Adult Sunday School/ Children & Youth Bible Study on Sundays has risen from 15 to 27, an 80% increase!

THANK YOU

To the **Clarks** for hitching two teams of wagons and taking so many of us carolling after the Children's Service. Great fun, but a lot of work for you!



To **Agatha Garrison** for the beautiful work you did on the Advent Wreath.

To **Kelly Darnell** for your consistent, wonderful, grace-filled help in December as a lay assistant and as a wonderful speaker on

Great Appreciation

the 12th, a Sunday that will not be forgotten by those of us who were there.

To **Ethel Floyd** for your early morning work as a choir leader to bring various voices together in wonderful harmony during Advent.

To **Morrow Hall** for your work after each Sunday worship with our youth and children to create a great choir.

To **Alice Daniel, Rose Daniel, Roy Daniel, Charles Hughes, Jett Sharp, Cyle Sharp, Karla Patterson, and Erinmarie Blackwell** for your special music during Advent. Beautiful!

To **Charlie Hughes** for your patience and calmness prior to singing at the Christmas Eve service while checking the Education Building for gas leaks and the problems that could have ensued. And for fixing the lock on the church the same day you were fixing your house furnace.

To **Ronnie Reynolds** for staying after the Christmas Eve service to re-light the pilot lights in the Education Building, and also for coming back the following Tuesday night to check out more problems and give good advice.

To the **McLains** for their generous donation of so many poinsettias that added rich color to the sanctuary.

To the **Care & Outreach Committee** who did just that in the community during some hard times for

a lot of people.

To the **Administrative Council** for helping the pastor pay a big bill.

To the many who held the pastor up in prayer and spoke lovingly with him during Advent at times while he was visiting "Wit's End, NM."

Thank You Thank You Thank You Thank You

Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, January 17th, 7:00PM

A Prayer for a New Beginning

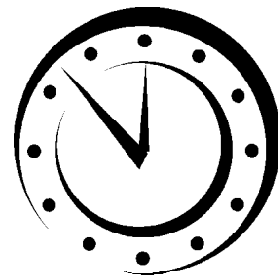


Touch me, O Lord, with the spirit of truth that I may be honest about my sins and failures. Forgive me for treating your covenant lightly and at times ignoring it completely. Enable me to truly seek and know forgiveness for all the hurts I have caused, for harboring ill will and for any hardness of heart I may have. Please renew a right spirit within me that I may today begin to be more Christ-like and that my life may reveal Christ's love and light. In his name. Amen

One Minute

I have just a little minute,
Only 60 seconds in it.
Forced upon me, can't refuse it.
Didn't seek it, didn't choose it.
But it's up to me to use it.
I must suffer if I abuse it;
Just a tiny, little minute,
But eternity is in it.

-Anonymous-



What is a "Lay Leader"?



Nick Griffo

Lay Leader: to gather hopes and dreams of congregation; to actively participate in and support programs that support the vision of this congregation; to serve on Nominations, Finance and Ad. Council. . . . *THANKS, NICK!*



There once was a rich man who was near death. He was very grieved because he had worked so hard for his money and he wanted to be able to take it with him to heaven. So he began to pray that he might be able to take some of his wealth with him.

An angel heard his plea and appeared to him. "Sorry, but you can't take your wealth with you." The man implored the angel to speak to God to see if the Almighty might bend the rules.

The man continued to pray that his wealth could follow him. The angel reappeared and informed the man that God had decided to allow him to take one suitcase with him. Overjoyed, the man gathered his largest suitcase and filled it with pure gold bars and placed it beside his bed.

Soon afterward the man died and showed up at the Gates of Heaven where he was greeted by St. Peter. Peter seeing the suitcase said, "Hold on, you can't bring that in here!" But, the man explained to Peter that he had permission and asked him to verify his story with God.

Sure enough, Peter checked and came back saying, "You're right. You are allowed one carryon bag, but I'm supposed to check its contents before letting it through."

Peter opened the suitcase to inspect the worldly items that the man found too precious to leave behind and exclaimed, "You brought pavement?!"

WHAT'S HAPPENING

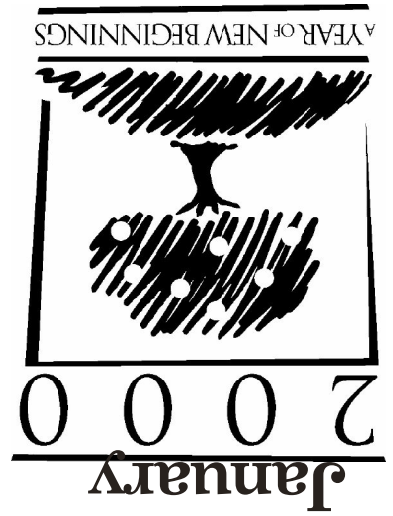


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JAN 19TH



Sent with a prayer to:



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Administrative Council ~ 2000



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