



# NEWSLETTER

OF THE

**Estancia United Methodist Church**

*600 Williams, Estancia, New Mexico*

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**HAPPY  
NEW YEAR**

## JANUARY, 2010

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**Sunday Worship 9:00 AM**  
**Adult Sunday School 10:15 AM**

## New Year's Resolutions

*(By Joanna Fuchs)*

How can I use the New Year  
 To better serve my Lord?  
 I'll read my Bible every day,  
 And be more in accord.

I'll find new ways to serve others;  
 I'll love my neighbor, too.  
 I'll focus on "give" instead of "get"  
 In everything I do.

I'll forgive the people I'm mad at;  
 Angry feelings I'll discard;  
 I'll try to love my enemies,  
 Even though it's hard.

In the new year, I'll lift people up,  
 Instead of putting them down.

I'll fill my heart with love and joy,  
 And never wear a frown.

I'll let go of my worries;  
 I'll put it all in His hands;  
 I'll repent and try to sin less,  
 And obey all His commands.

These new year's resolutions  
 Are difficult, at best,  
 But there's something I can do each day  
 That will put my soul at rest:

I'll love my Lord with all my heart,  
 With all my mind and soul,  
 And if I do that essential thing,  
 All the rest will be in control.

# Old Fashioned Caroling



The Christmas caroling, this year, was one of the best ever! We made many stops to sing for families and couples, young and old, who seemed to enjoy our efforts. Thanks to all those who helped sing as well as the guitar and mandolin accompanists. A special thanks to Lowell and Gayle Clark, who brought their beautiful matched team and wagon for the event! And thank you to all those who brought cookies, brownies, and hot chocolate to serve to the cold singers.



Joanie Shively, Lowell Clark and Annie Everett

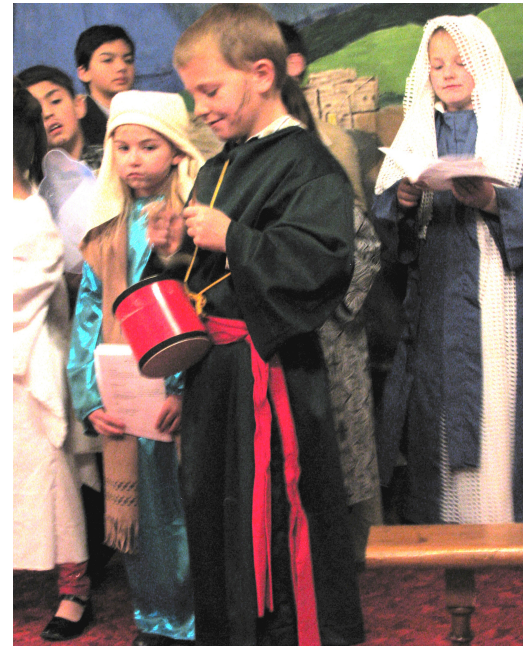


Annie Everett talking to the team

## Children's Christmas Program



The story of Jesus's birth told by the children at Estancia United Methodist Church was the highlight of the Sunday morning service on December 20. The presentation was given again in the evening. The Christmas story was told by various children playing the story characters. In between each part, a Christmas carol was sung with the audience joining the singing. Organizing and helping with the practice sessions were **Melanie Chavez**, **Butch McGee**, **Leslie Fastnacht** and **Cheryl Chavez**. Vickie Coburn provided drinks to the children during practice. Marrow Hall was the organist. Thanks to everyone who participated!!




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**BEGINNING GUITAR OR MANDOLIN CLASS**

On January 6, Jon Shively will be starting a class for beginners (children and adults) on how to play the guitar, or the mandolin, or the auto harp. The class will meet from 6:30PM to 7:30PM in the Education Building on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Class tune up begins at 6:15PM. The purpose of the class is for children and adults to learn how to tune the instrument, play elementary chords, perform different strums on the instrument, and to sing and play simple songs. No prior experience in playing any of these instruments is necessary. Invite your friends. Music and notes will be provided. Grab your old instrument out of the closet, dust it off and join us for an hour of fun and music.



-Jon Shively

## Mountainair Community Chorus



The Mountainair Community Chorus presented their Christmas Cantata, "*Morning Star*" on Sunday December 13th. Singers from EUMC and MUMC include: Jon and Joanie Shively, Lowell Clark, Marcia Fitzner, Ruth Ivey and Wray and Shirley Simmons. The cantata was directed by our own, very able and talented Patty Mahoney from the Mountainair United Methodist Church.

The Chorus has been presenting Christmas cantatas since 2002 and is composed of members of the Mountainair and Estancia communities. Ages of members range from 19 years to 80+!

The cantata was presented at the Mountainair Baptist Church. In addition to being supported by the Baptist and Methodist churches, the Chorus is sponsored by the Mountainair Arts Council and the Mountainair Christian Alliance.

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## 17th Annual Estancia Christmas Craft Fair

The stained glass project outdid themselves this Christmas. Each person in the group worked hard making small individual glass projects to sell at the annual crafts fair held at the high school gymnasium on December 12. The response from the community was very good. This money will be used to purchase glass and supplies for future stained glass windows at our church. Please thank our glass crafters!!



## **Stained Glass Project**

December was an eventful month as the glass crew worked mostly on special projects and selling the items. Including the Craft Fair at the Estancia High School and other sales. Over \$500.00 was made for the stained glass project.

The other major development was that the space we have been using for the past year was sold. We were told on December 23 that we needed to move by January 1, 2010. Bill Simms and others were able to obtain the use of Shorty's Short Stop Café on December 26. Due to the strong response from the request made on Sunday, December 27 for boxes, paper, and help, the glass and equipment was made ready for the move on Monday, December 28. This effort was helped by a great lunch of beans and fresh tortillas prepared by Marcia Fitzner. When the water was turned-on Monday in the new shop, a number of leaks from frozen pipes were found in the kitchen area. There were no problems with the gas and electricity. On Tuesday, December 29, again due to a turnout of 15-16 people, even in the snow, all the glass and equipment was moved into the new space made available by clearing the dinning area on Monday. This effort was helped by a great lunch prepared by Gale Clark, Donna Neish and Jan Cool. There were so many who came to help. We can't list them all - but you know who you are! Even though the space is smaller than the original area, there are many positive aspects to the new area and should not hamper our task of making windows. In addition, a plumber came on Tuesday and fixed all the leaks and started the hot water heater. It will be great to have hot water available. A big thanks to Ross Plumbing.

In summary, we want to say a big **THANK YOU** to Everyone!

*-Mel Stephenson*

## **Administration Council**

In November a lady, Clara Billings from Marion, VA, telephoned me to say she wanted to donate two lots in our area to the church. I contacted Bill Simms and he sent a letter to her to thank her for the intended donation and to offer any assistance in making the transaction. I went to the Court House and obtained a plot and property profile for the two lots from the County Clerk and Assessor. The two lots are actually owned by Margaret G. Billings, Clara Billing's sister, per the County Assessor. The lots are located in Estancia Ranchettes, which is a very old (1961-1971) plat about 6 miles east of Moriarty off Exit 203 of I40. One lot is about 2 or 3 miles South of I-40 and the other lot is just North of I40. Neither lot is marked on the ground as to the location. There are no roads, water or other utilities in the area. Per the Assessor the value of the south lot is \$842.70 and the north lot is valued at \$550.14 as it has an A.R.S.F. Railroad easement right through the middle of the lot. The size of each lot is about one acre.

The Ad Council will need to determine a path forward on how to handle the donation when the transaction is finalized.

*-Mel Stephenson, Chairman*

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## **FINANCE - TheNew Year**

As we go into the new year, I know all of you are like I am and thanking God that last year has come and gone without any tragic incidents. Many have had illnesses and can thank God that we have doctors and folks that care that can help us thru hard times. Most of all, we are thankful we have a church community that was there to help us and all we had to do was ask. Remember, you have to let folks know if you need prayer or other forms of help or no one will be able to respond.

As we go into the new year thinking of resolutions , we can think of many parts of our lifestyle we don't really want to change, but let us concentrate on things that go on in our church, like how can we keep in touch with each other better, and how can we show love and concern for others without being intrusive and to show God's love always.

We have much to be thankful for. We have been able to pay our "Shared Ministries obligations" and maintain our church. These accomplishments do not happen by themselves. We are so thankful to all of the folks who are always ready to help, no matter how big or small the challenge might be. We have kept up with the stained glass project because of the wonderful support of our congregation. This has been a job of great faith and labor. The glass shop's recent move from one location to another was made possible because of the dedication of folks who sincerely believe in the project. What seemed like an impossible task in the beginning, has become a wonderful accomplishment - one we can all be proud of. And, perhaps, out there in the community, there are other projects "waiting to happen."

I recently read something I want to pass on to you: ***THE WILL OF GOD WILL NEVER TAKE YOU WHERE THE GRACE OF GOD WILL NOT PROTECT YOU.***

As our new year unfolds, I look forward to many wonderful things happening in our church community.  
-Marcia Fitzner

### **Ponder These Things**

“Have you ever in the silence, wondered, at His birth  
Of how the Son of God was born, a Child upon the earth?  
Have you ever thought of Him at rest upon the hay,  
Smiling at the faces of the creatures that He made?

Have you ever, in the silence, wondered at the sight  
Of shepherds watching in the fields upon a starlit night?  
Have you ever thought it strange they left their sheep and ran  
To a stall in Bethlehem to kneel before a Lamb?

Have you ever, in the silence, wondered at the thought  
Of how it came to pass the Wise Men chose the gifts they brought?  
Frankincense for holy ones, and gold for kings, but myrrh?  
Why a gift for tombs they brought on this, the Savior's birth?

### **DOORS**

Look back and thank God.  
Look forward and trust God.  
Look around and serve God.  
Look within and find God.

God closes doors no man can open and  
God opens doors no man can close.

### **Thank You!**

Pastor and Mrs. Spooner want to thank the congregation for their generous Christmas gift.



# January 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>3</b> 9 AM Worship 9:15 Childrens Church 10:15 AM Adult SS 11 AM Worship -Mtair	<b>4</b> 9:am Glass Shop	<b>5</b> 9:am Glass Shop	<b>6</b> 10:am Quilters	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b> NEW YEAR'S DAY!	<b>2</b> 9:am Glass Shop
<b>10</b> 9 AM Worship 9:15 Childrens Church 10:15 AM Adult SS 11 AM Worship -Mtair	<b>11</b> 9:am Glass Shop 7:pm TRUSTEES	<b>12</b> 9:am Glass Shop	<b>13</b> 10:am Quilters	<b>14</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9:am Glass Shop
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<b>24</b> 9 AM Worship 9:15 Childrens Church 10:15 AM Adult SS 11 AM Worship -Mtair	<b>25</b> 9:am Glass Shop	<b>26</b> 9:am Glass Shop	<b>27</b> 10:am Quilters	<b>28</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 9:am Glass Shop
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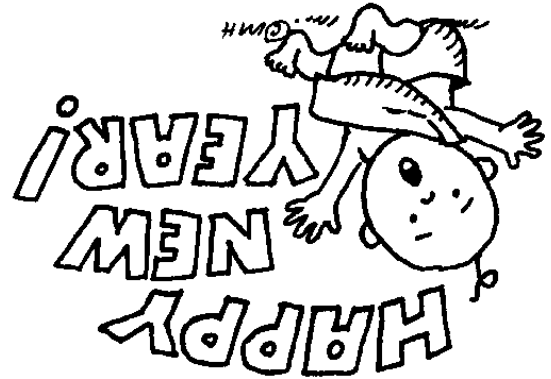
***Without GOD,***

our week would be: Sunday, Mournday, Tearsday, Wasteday, Thirstday, Fightday & Shatterday.  
**Remember seven days WITHOUT GOD makes one WEAK!!**



*Sent with a prayer to:*

# JANUARY



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### **Christ Bell**

I KNOW WHO I AM

I am God's child ( John 1:12)

I am Christ 's friend ( John 15:15 )

I am united with the Lord (1 Cor. 6:17)

I am bought with a price (1 Cor 6:19-20)

I am a saint (set apart for God). (Eph. 1:1)

I am a personal witness of Christ . (Acts 1:8)

I am the salt & light of the earth (Matt 5:13-14)

I am a member of the body of Christ (1 Cor 12:27)

I am free forever from condemnation ( Rom. 8: 1-2)

I am a citizen of Heaven. I am significant ( Phil 3 :20)

I am free from any charge against me (Rom. 8:31 -34)

I am a minister of reconciliation for God (2 Cor 5:17-21)

I have access to God through the Holy Spirit (Eph. 2:18)

I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realms (Eph. 2:6)

I cannot be separated from the love of God (Rom 8:35-39)

I am established, anointed, sealed by God ( 2 Cor 1:21-22 )

I am assured all things work together for good (Rom. 8:28 )

I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit ( John 15:16 )

I may approach God with freedom and confidence (Eph.. 3: 12 )

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phil. 4:13 )

I am the branch of the true vine, a channel of His life ( John 15: 1-5)

I am God's temple (1 Cor. 3: 16). I am complete in Christ (Col. 2: 10)

I am hidden with Christ in God (Col. 3:3).. I have been justified (Romans 5:1)

I am God's co-worker (1 Cor. 3:9; 2 Cor 6:1). I am God's workmanship (Eph. 2:10)

I am confident that the good works God has begun in me will be perfected. (Phil. 1: 5)

I have been redeemed and forgiven ( Col 1:14). I have been adopted as God's child (Eph 1:5)

I belong to God

Do you know

Who you are?