



# NEWSLETTER

OF THE

**Estancia United Methodist Church**

*600 Williams, Estancia, New Mexico*

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# JANUARY, 2011

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

## Some thoughts for the new year...

The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less, we buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time. We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgment, more experts, yet more problems, more medicine, but less wellness.

We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom. We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.

We've learned how to make a living, but not a life. We've added years to life not life to years. We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbor. We conquered outer space but not inner space. We've done larger things, but not better things.

Remember, spend some time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever. Remember, say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person soon will grow up and leave your side. Remember, to give a warm hug to the one next to you, because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart and it doesn't cost a cent.

Remember, to say, "I love you" to your partner and your loved ones, but most of all mean it. A kiss and an embrace will mend hurt when it comes from deep inside of you. Remember to hold hands and cherish the moment for someday that person will not be there again. Give time to love, give time to speak, and give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind.

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

This is the time of new beginnings, time to renew and try again. I am so grateful that our God allows us to do so. New Year's resolutions usually only last a week because we get too ambitious and want to change completely. (I want to be tall and thin by next month.) We all know that it does not happen that way. It took Carlsbad Caverns millions of years to become what is it today. It has taken all of us years to become who we are, not to mention that our church has taken 106 years! We can always look around and find where we need to improve or change.

Let us look at ourselves to see how we need to improve. It could be like the children's game "Where's Waldo". We become so use to what and who our church is that we completely miss "Waldo". Prayer and constant communication with God will open our eyes. This renewal time is the time to open our eyes, ears and heart to each other and to others we meet. Our future is better than our past, thanks to a forgiving and loving God.

*-Shalom, Marcia*

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### **Stained Glass Project**

There was little window progress in December. The only glass activities were a good cleaning of the shop, some slight modifications to make work more efficient and taking some items to sell at the Craft Fair at the Estancia High School on December 11, 2010..

*-Mel Stephenson*



Della and Mel  
Craft Fair

### **Free Gift Wrap**

The annual Estancia Arts and Craft Fair was held in the high school gym on December 11th this year. Three years ago a small group at our church decided to do a complimentary gift wrap at this event. For two years we hauled tables, wrapping paper, ribbon, boxes and good will to the gym and wrapped any and all gifts purchased at the fair. Then we skipped last year, but the good news is we did get it together again for this year. It was a gift to the community from our church. If you have a couple of hours to give next year, come help us wrap in 2011!

- Barbara Simms



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### **Kebar River Band**

Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. on December 21, the Kebar River Band gave a wonderful concert at our church. The band is well known in this area. They played many Christmas carols along with some of their other favorites. They have recently produced a CD of their songs. There were some spirited sing alongs with the band, and the two hours flew by - you should have been there!



## Mountainair UMC News



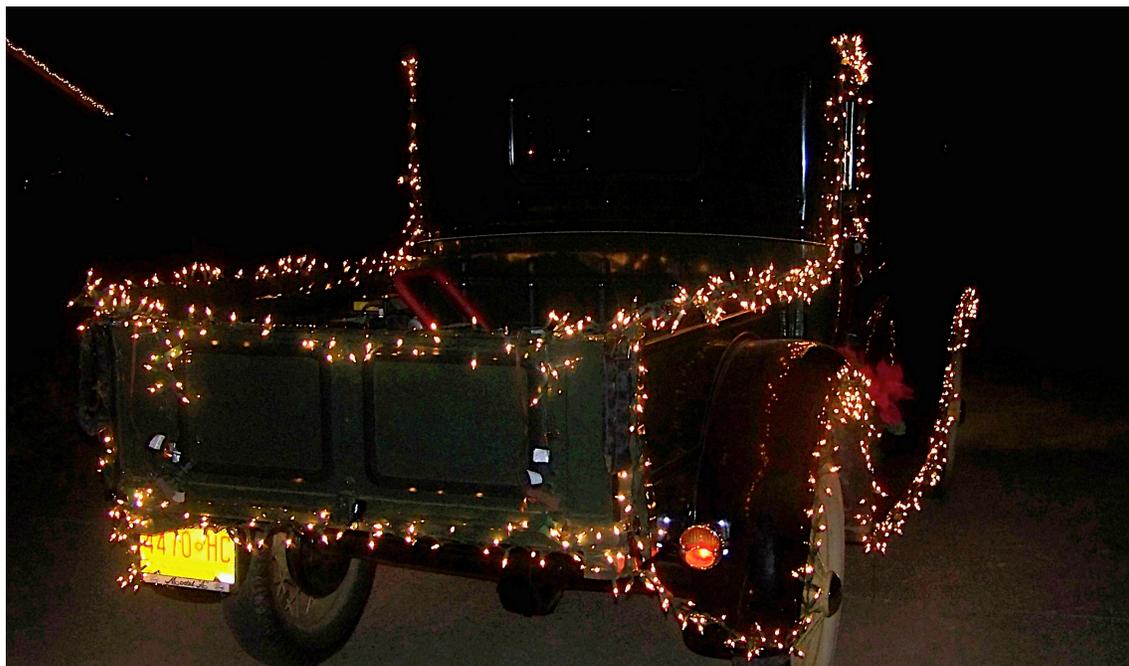
The presentation of "*Night of the Father's Love*" by the Mountainair Community Chorus on December 12 was a great success with an overflow crowd. The singers were pleased with their presentation and the listeners seemed quite moved by the music. Thanks to all who participated and helped. - *Patty Mahoney*



### *Here We Come A-Caroling...*

Truly a blessing for the carolers and those who enjoyed listening to the Christmas carols as they stood in their doorways. Once again, Lowell and Gail provided the wagon and horses that pulled the carolers around Estancia. An added plus this year was Pastor Charlie's 1931 Ford Model T pick-up gaily decked out in Christmas lights following the wagon. You had to be there to see Marcella Reynolds face as the children crowded into her living room and sang for her and her daughter, Markey. Afterwards, we each gave Marcella a hug. There were many others, of course, who were serenaded on the route. The night was warmer than usual and very enjoyable.

Upon returning to the Education Building, more goodies than you could shake a stick at!! Along with a humongous pot of posole and red chili and beans, there was a plethora of cookies and sweets - you should have been there! Thanks to the Clarks and "bakers" for making this happen. (Almost forgot, we had a ton of tortillas.)



## **Methodist Men**

The Methodist Men did not meet this month but helped with the Kebar River Band Concert. The concert was a tremendous success.

The students in the beginning guitar class participated in the church service on the 19<sup>th</sup> by playing and singing two verses of Silent Night. The congregation joined in for the last verses. The children's singing group lead by Morrow Hall also sang on the 19<sup>th</sup>, Joy to the World. Everyone felt the joy in their voices.

The Joyous Singers will meet in January on the 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Education Building to plan the future activities. The guitar classes will resume on the 5<sup>th</sup> of January with the beginners class meeting at 6:30 pm and the advanced class meeting at 7:30 pm.

*-Jon Shively*



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Dear Friends and Members,

June and I wish to express our joy in being your preacher and living in Estancia. Your graciousness and support have been a blessing. Thanks for the Christmas greetings and gifts.

Sincerely, Charlie and June

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# January 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b> 9 AM Worship 9:15 Childrens Church 10:15 AM Adult SS 11 AM Worship -Mtair	<b>3</b> 9:am Glass Shop	<b>4</b> 9:am Glass Shop	<b>5</b> 10:30:am Quilters	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b> <b>NEW YEAR'S DAY 2011</b>
<b>9</b> 9 AM Worship 9:15 Childrens Church 10:15 AM Adult SS 11 AM Worship -Mtair	<b>10</b> 9:am Glass Shop 7:00PM Trustee Meeting	<b>11</b> 9:am Glass Shop	<b>12</b> 10:30:am Quilters	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8</b> 9:am Glass Shop
<b>16</b> 9 AM Worship 9:15 Childrens Church 10:15 AM Adult SS 11 AM Worship -Mtair	<b>17</b> 9:am Glass Shop	<b>18</b> 9:am Glass Shop	<b>19</b> 10:30:am Quilters	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 7:am Men's Breakfast 9:am Glass Shop
<b>23</b> 9 AM Worship 9:15 Childrens Church 10:15 AM Adult SS 11 AM Worship -Mtair	<b>24</b> 9:am Glass Shop	<b>25</b> 9:am Glass Shop	<b>26</b> 10:30:am Quilters	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9:am Glass Shop
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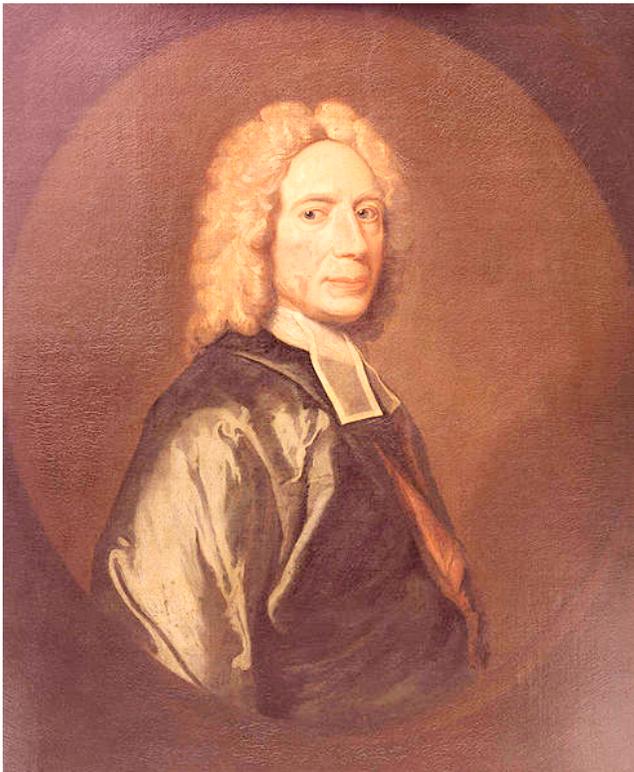


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### *Joy to the World.*

Until Isaac Watts came along, most of the singing in British churches was from the Psalms of David. Although a great deal of effort had been invested to make these poems rhyme and be rhythmic, Watts was dissatisfied with the limitations. And so he "invented" the English hymn. He did not abandon the Psalms entirely though. **Joy to the World** is Isaac Watts interpretation of Psalm 98. As he read this Psalm, Watts pondered the real reason for shouting joyfully to the Lord - the Messiah has come to redeem us! The result has been a timeless carol that has brightened our Christmases for nearly 300 years!