

NEWSLETTER

OF THE

Estancia United Methodist Church

600 Williams, Estancia, New Mexico

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**HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

JANUARY, 2012

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Your Church Staff

Chairperson of Church Council	Marcia Fitzner
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Worship Team Leader	Sylvia Levy
Education Team Leader	Butch McGee
Chairperson: Missions	Marcia Fitzner
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Chairperson: Pastor Parish Relations	Mel Stephenson
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Church Treasurer	Vickie Coburn
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McMurry Rep	Charles Spooner
Sacramento Camp Rep	Charles Spooner

Bishop: D. Max Whitfield

District Superintendent: Rev. Jeff Lusk

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

Christian New Year

Christian or Gregorian New Year falls on January 1st. Countries following the Gregorian Calendar celebrate the New Year on this date. Gregorian Calendar is a modification of the Julian Calendar established by the Roman Emperor, Julius Caesar in 46 BC. In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII of Rome, abolished Julian Calendar as it was slightly long and caused vernal equinox to drift backwards in the calendar year (January 1 to December 31). Gradually Gregorian Calendar gained acceptance in several countries across the world as it created a balance between seasons and calendar.

Christian/Gregorian New Year Traditions

New Year traditions create a sense of responsibility and also ties an emotional bond of togetherness, belief and faith. New Year traditions are being followed with immense devotion and joy by the people of the Christian community. Tradition of New Year Baby is used as a symbol of rebirth by many Christians. An image of a baby with New Year's banner is displayed at many houses.

New Year festivities are incomplete without singing the traditional Auld Lang Syne song. It means 'the good old days'. People sing this song altogether on the New Year's Eve. Traditionally, it is thought one's fate is determined according to the type of food consumed on the first day of the year. People prepare auspicious meals and celebrate the New Year by eating black-eyed peas. Similar to this, the tradition of first-footing is also practiced very seriously by Christians. The visitor should be a tall and dark-haired man.

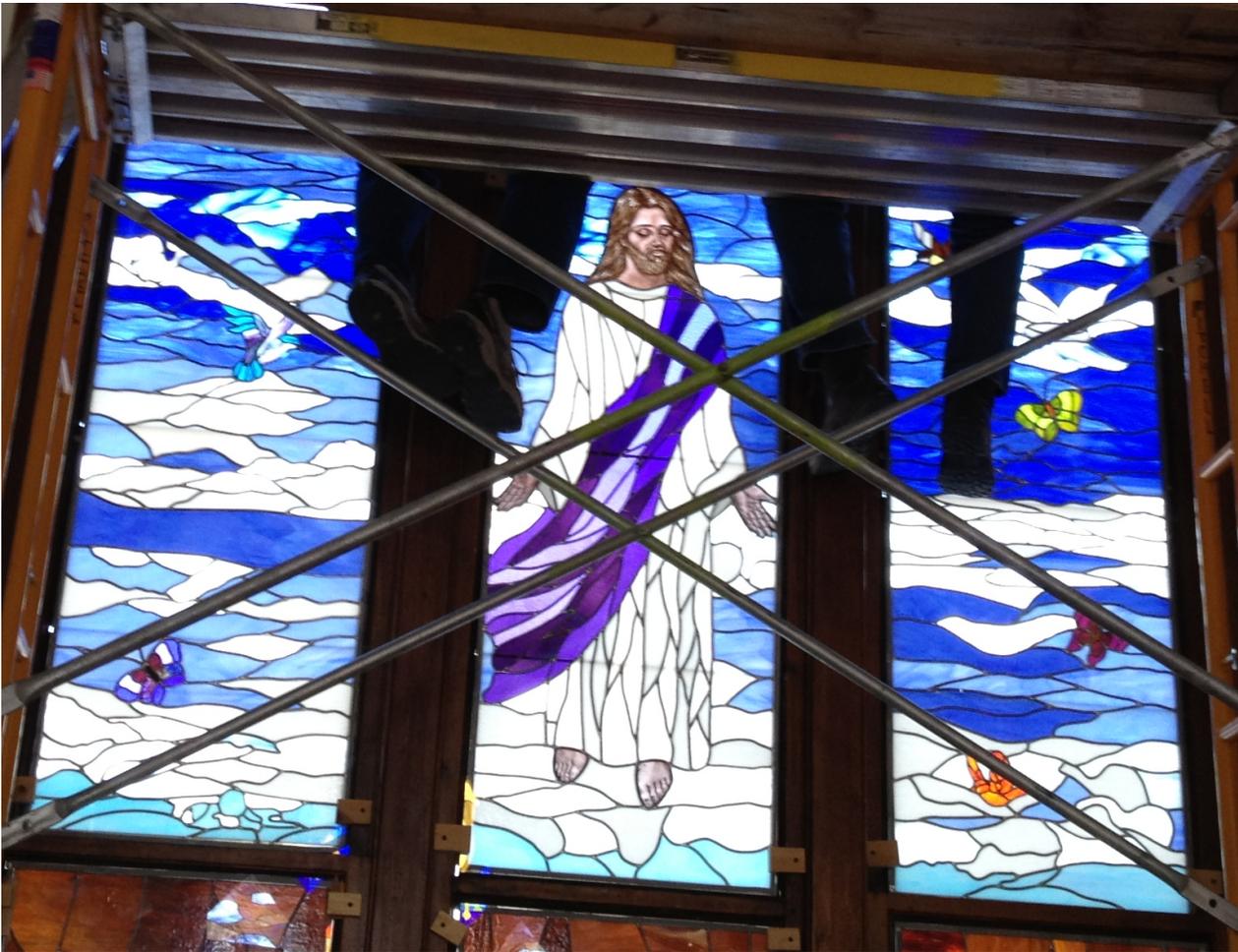
One tradition of the season is the making of New Year's resolutions. Many people keep New Year resolutions in the coming year. They even pledge to get their desires fulfilled. Modern New Year resolutions are the promise to lose weight or quit smoking and many others.

Stained Glass Project

December was not a very productive month, however, we did finish two small windows and got the material for several windows. We as a group worked very little during the holidays. Next month we will concentrate on getting the trim made and installed on all the untrimmed windows. This will allow us to remove the scaffolding and reinstall the two pews. In addition, we will continue to work on the “Rose”, partition, and vestibule windows.

The remaining work consists of five sections for the vestibule windows, five side-windows for the partition, and about eight Rose petals for the windows in the bell tower. These are all relatively small windows and should go together rather quickly. The designs are essentially complete except for some tweaking.

-Mel Stephenson



November 30, 2011

LEADERSHIP 2012

Administrative Council

*CHMN- Marcia Fitner
 *LMAC- Marcia Fitzner
 SEC- Vickie Coburn
 *FINSEC- Vickie Coburn
 *TREAS- Vickie Coburn
 *Comptroller- Bill Simms
 *SPRC- Mel Stephenson

*TRUSTEE- TBS
 WORSHIP- Sylvia Levy
 EDUCAT- Melanie Chavez
 OUTREACH- Barbara Simms
 McMRep- C Spooner
 CampRep- C Spooner
 Membership- Marque Sturgis
Marcella Reynolds

* Means Finance persons to meet as needed, apart from Administrative Council!

COMMITTEES

SPRC

12- Mel Stephenson
 12- Alma Wimsatt
 13- Sylvia Levy
 13- Jim Wyman
 14- Nick Griffo
 14- Gayle Clark
 LMAC- Marcia Fitzner

COUNTERS

Julie Griffo
Mary Alice Drolte
Sylvia Levy

TRUSTEE - Directors

12- Jon Shivley
 12- Della Stephenson
 13- Bill Simms
 13- Mary Alice Drolte
 14- Harry Irvin
 14- Phil Levy
 At-Large- Jason Fastnacht

WORSHIP TEAM

CHMN- Sylvia Levy
 Comm.- Susan Samuels
 Music- Marrow Hall
 Specials- Jon Shively

OUTREACH TEAM

Chmn- Barbara Simms
 FP- Butch McGee
 Soldiers- Alma Wimsatt

LAY LEADERSHIP

12- Alma Wimsatt
 12- Julie Griffo
 13- Bill Simms
 13- Melanie Chavez
 14- Mel Stephenson
 14- Lowell Clark

Joyous Christmas Season - 2011

It was a joyous Christmas season at Estancia United Methodist Church. Our own choir, the Joyous Singers, participated at the morning services through out December, and also several members sang in the community choir in Mountainair. The Baptist Church was full to overflowing for the Christmas cantata lead by our own Patty Mahoney. Patty also braved the weather on Christmas Eve to drive to Estancia and play for the service on Christmas Eve. This year the "caroling by wagon" was done inside the education building with hot chili and soup being served to everyone. The children's program, led by Julie Griffio, was on Dec. 18, and was delightful. The children had worked hard on the hand bell portion of the program. Adults played the hand bells for the Christmas Eve service. We are so blessed - what a JOYOUS CHRISTMAS !



MUMC and EUMC choir members participating include Jon and Joanie Shively, Marcia Fitzner, Jan Cool, Ross Carder, Keith Loepere, Nancy Karlsberger, Anna Hopping, Ruth Ivey, Kent Potter, Patty Mahoney, and Tabitha Holden.

Methodist Men

The Methodist men did not meet in December but we did agree to meet again on January 21st at the Old Mill. This month the men removed 20 bags of refuse from Gaylyn's home and took them to the dump. The men also installed a ramp for Carolyn Moore daughter's wheel chair so that they would have access to her home. The men also helped with the installation of new stained glass windows in the sanctuary. This spring the men expect to have a number of tasks to perform including new siding for the education building and installing the trim around the new windows in the sanctuary.

Joyous Singers

Because of weather conditions right before Christmas, the choir was not able to rehearse. However, the group will meet again on January 3rd to revisit the anthem that they working on for presentation to the congregation. The singers are still having trouble identifying a time to rehearse when everyone would be available. Next year we will try some new avenues of approach to developing music for the congregation to enhance our worship time. Several members of the Singers participated in the bell ringing at the Christmas service. It was really fun

-Jon Shively

Ad Council News - 2012

Can you believe that the year is already gone?? I sit back and wonder not only where the time went but did I even come close to doing what God wanted me to do? (Odds are I did not even come close !!) This new year offers all of us the opportunity to start again. Thank you God for being a God of 2nd chances.

The church has had many accomplishments: the windows are the most outstanding, but there are so many other things going on as well. The women continue to send boxes to those in the military, they continue to gather baskets of good for those in our community that need extra help, and probably a lot of other things that I am not even aware of.

Sunday school continues thanks to two very dedicated folks, Butch McGee and Vicky Coburn.

Several of the young women of the church put together a Thursday-After-School program that is open to the community and this is progressing well.

Charge conference went well, we got to meet our new District Superintendent, Rev. Jeff Lusk, and we were able to present a very good report. We may be a small church, but we certainly do our part. Thanks to all of you, our finances are doing well. We are fortunate to have folks that truly believe in giving more than their share.

I was recently reading Hebrews chapter 10 verses 24 & 25 and thought this is "Us" the Estancia UMC:

"Let us be concerned for one another, to help one another to show love and to do good. Let us not give up the habit of meeting together as some are doing. Instead let us encourage one another all the more since you see that the Day of the Lord is coming nearer."

I feel like we really do care for one another and most of us do gather on Sunday to praise God and to be together. I have seen great concern when someone is ill, or in need of help.

As we go into the new year, I pray that we continue in this spirit and I do know that God will be with us.

I wish you a blessed New Year.

-M. Fitzner

January 2012

January						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9 AM Worship 9:15 Childrens Church 11 AM Worship -Mtair	2 9:am Glass Shop	3 9:am Glass Shop	4 10:30:am Quilters	5	6	7 9:am Glass Shop
NEW YEARS DAY						
8 9 AM Worship 9:15 Childrens Church 11 AM Worship -Mtair	9 9:am Glass Shop 7:pm TRUSTEES	10 9:am Glass Shop	11 10:30:am Quilters	12	13	14 9:am Glass Shop
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What a Friend We Have in Jesus (526)

"**What a Friend We Have in Jesus**" is a Christian hymn originally written by Joseph M. Scriven as a poem in 1855 to comfort his mother who was living in Ireland while he was in Canada. Scriven originally published the poem anonymously, and only received full credit for it in the 1880s.[1] The tune to the hymn was composed by Charles Crozat Converse in 1868. William Bolcom composed a setting of the hymn. The hymn also has many versions with different lyrics in multiple languages.



Joseph M. Scriven