



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

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



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



JULY, 2001



SUNDAY SERVANTS FOR JUNE

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lay Assist: Elaine Darnell & Melanie Dunn
Acolytes: Belynn Sharp & Tracy Avery
Ushers: Sylvia Levy & Carolyn Moore
Greeters: Renee Richards & Carolyn Hill

YOUTH SCRIPTURE READERS

July 1:
July 8: Crystal Simmons
July 15: Catherine Gomez
July 22: Miranda Gomez
July 29:

KINGS KIDS

July 1: Wendi Morton
July 8: Wendi Morton
July 15: Melanie Dunn & Paige Deborski
July 22:
July 29: Agatha Garrison

NURSERY

July 1: Nick Gomez
July 8: Crystal Simmons
July 15: Cassie Burgess
July 22: Melanie Dunn & Paige Deborski
July 29: Catherine Gomez

FLOWERS:

July 1: Barbara & Bill Simms
July 8:
July 15: Maria & Molli
July 22:
July 29:

TIME OUT

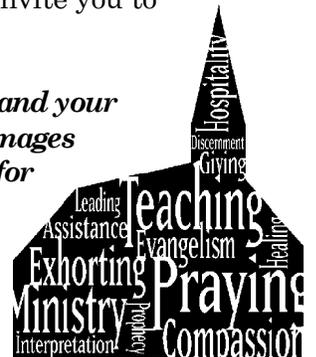
WITH "COACH" JOHANN

Greetings Estancia Saints,

Summer is generally the time when we try to do some of the things we seldom manage to do during the rest of the year. This might mean taking some time off to travel or do things around the house and in the yard, and to regain a healthy perspective on life. As a vital and necessary part of that restoration and renewal, I invite you to reflect on the following...

As you *think of the church and your place in it, what image or images immediately come to mind for you?*

Take a moment to reflect on that question before you read on...(yeah, go ahead, sit back on the couch, put up your feet, close your eyes and spend a few moments in quiet contemplation).



The reason I asked that question is because the nature and level of our participation and the expectations and assumptions we have will all be determined by that image. All who attend and

participate in the services and activities of the church do not necessarily share the same image. Those images have been shaped and formed over the years by a multiplicity of factors, good and not so good, from our first childhood memories to our most recent experiences; from our parents and the pastors who have served our communities, from reports, stories, and anecdotes that have been passed on and modified through the generations. We either filter out and ignore what we don't like or we latch on to the positives or negatives according to our personality type.

Here are just a few of the most common images of the church in Scripture – not in any order of importance - and I simply invite you to compare the image you have with what you find here and then ask yourself the question, *“What does God want me to do to help make Estancia UMC more like what I have found here in His Word?”*

- **A “heaven-prevailing” building established on unshakeable rock (Matthew 16:18, 19)** – living on the offensive for the Kingdom of God and made up of those who have confessed Christ as Peter did.
- **A Gathering of Believers for the purpose of shared worship, instruction in the Word, fellowship, the Lord’s Supper, prayer, and evangelism (Acts 2:40-47)**
- **The Body of Christ (Romans 12: 4-8; 1 Corinthians 12)** – made up of many different members, each with different functions, and all working in harmony for the common will of the head.
- **The Bride of Christ (2 Corinthians 11:2; Revelation 21: 2, 9-22:5)** – eager to be pure and holy, radiant and beautiful – delivered of spots, wrinkles, and blemishes for the Bridegroom.
- **Branches on the True Vine (John 15: 1-17)** – grafted onto the Vine by the Gardener, subject to regular pruning, and with the specific purpose and function of bearing fruit.
- **The Flock of the Good Shepherd (John 10: 1-18)** – sheep who know and respond to the voice of the Shepherd.
- **A Fellowship of the Forgiven and Forgiving (Matthew 18: 21-35; Colossians 3: 5-17)** – who know that their own standing before God is solely because of His undeserved grace and mercy and

consequently are understanding and compassionate when others miss the mark and blow it.

- **A Servanthood of fellow servants (Matthew 25: 14-30; Mark 9: 35; Luke 17: 7-10; John 13: 1-17)** – not seeking their approval, recognition, and status by comparing themselves with other servants, but seeking only the approval of the Master.
- **The Army of God (Ephesians 6: 10-20; 2 Timothy 2: 3-4)** – alert, armed, and attentive to the orders of the Commanding Officer.
- **The salt of the earth and the light of the world (Matthew 5: 13-16)** – making the world acceptable to God, helping reduce the advance of corruption, and providing a clear and unmistakable witness to the One who is the Ultimate Source of our light.

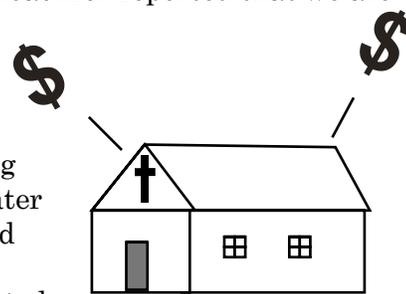


I look forward to hearing what God says to you!

Upward and onward.... “Coach” Johann

FROM OUR FINANCE CHAIRMAN

At the regular Finance Committee meeting on June 3, 2001, the Church Treasurer reported that we are holding our own on receipts and expenditures. This means that contributions are being received at a rate greater than what was pledged and our expenses are about what was budgeted.



As chairman of the Church Expansion Study Committee, I presented the committee report to the Administration Council with the recommendation to do minimal improvements to the Sanctuary and a new building for space for all other church functions.



**Melanie & Dan
July 21st 4:30 pm**

To determine our capabilities it is imperative we



know how you will support a substantial building program.



Therefore, please let me know how much extra you could give

monthly in writing as soon as possible. Thanking you in advance for your support.

-Mel Stephenson-

**SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTING
AUGUST 5TH**

Please help us prepare for our Sunday School starting at the new time of 9:00 am on August 5th by donating the following items: skeins of yarn, egg cartons, shoe boxes, white flat bed sheets, and clothes hangers. Please place in bags marked "Sunday School" and bring to church or education building.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone who helped supply salads and labor for the Ecumenical Luncheon. UMW could not do this alone, and we do appreciate all the extra help that was given. We had over forty women in attendance in spite of the downpour of rain. We had a good time just being together and sharing each other's company.

Don't forget next month when UMW will meet for lunch in Mountainair at the historic Shrader Hotel. Afterwards we will tour the galleries and shops around town.

Thanks again! *-Marcia Fitzner, Pres.-*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

• We give thanks to God for a successful and fun week of **Vacation Bible School** (June 11-15). We once again shared the Good News of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit to change and transform our attitudes at SonCreek Junction. Attendance fluctuated between 30 and 40 children each day. Special thanks to **Sharla Sharp** and her trusty team of happy helpers for this labor of love.

• The **Father's Day Church Picnic** out at the Mora Ranch in Escobosa was a special blessing for all who attended. We shared in worship, a treasure hunt, some exciting new games and some new

twists on old games, horseshoes, and fun with water balloons. God blessed us with lovely weather and a tremendous time of fun, food and fellowship. Thanks Gail and Toby!!

• **Tragedy struck** our small community during the final days of June with the death of a much-loved and active member of our LOGOS Youth Group, **John Berlier**. **John** was killed in a truck rollover accident. Our prayers for comfort and courage and God's healing go out to John's parents, Vicki and Jim Berlier and family and for our youth. We thank God for the work of Cyle and Sharla Sharp, Sam and Susan Wilson, Julieanne Welch, Mike and Renea Calhoon and many others who have helped develop a community of love, trust and support for our area youth.

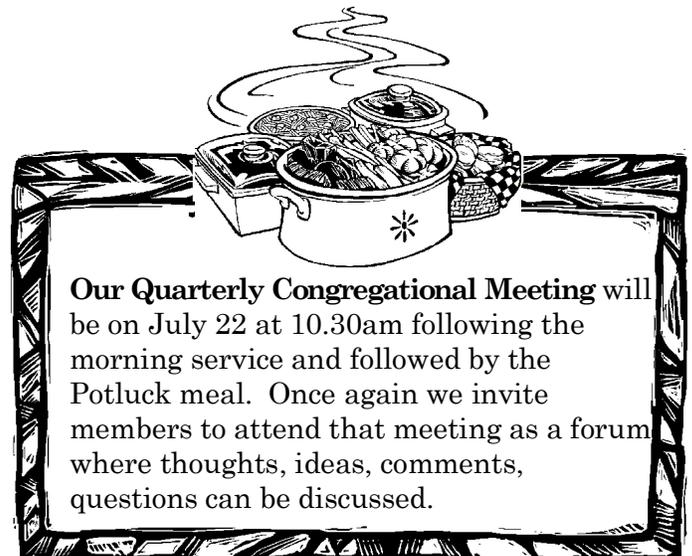


**FUN, FELLOWSHIP AND FIREWORKS
ON THE FOURTH**

The churches in Estancia (Assembly of God, Baptist, Catholic, Church of Christ, United Methodist) invite you and your friends to come join us for fun and games, good music, cookout, and shared enjoyment of the July 4th Fireworks display in the Estancia park. Come join us from 1:00 pm onwards.

The Assembly of God congregation has borne the full cost of arranging for the fireworks display and we invite any who would to contribute to the \$500 cost. Simply make out your check to Estancia Assembly of God. We have been guaranteed a \$1250 display for that amount.

Here is a great opportunity to reach an unchurched person for Jesus. Bring some hamburgers, hot dogs, fixin's, sodas and the love of God in your heart. See you there.



Our Quarterly Congregational Meeting will be on July 22 at 10.30am following the morning service and followed by the Potluck meal. Once again we invite members to attend that meeting as a forum where thoughts, ideas, comments, questions can be discussed.

NEW MEXICO ANNUAL CONFERENCE,
2001

New Mexico Annual Conference 2001, meeting May 23-26 at Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, with Northwest Texas-New Mexico Area **Bishop Max Whitfield** presiding, was the 2nd Annual Conference in 30 years to be conducted at a site other than Glorieta.

Annual Conference activities focused on the theme: "Win. Nurture. Send."

During the four-day session, lay and clergy members and guests shared information, reviewed and evaluated conference programs, ministries, and institutional activities; set goals, recognized special accomplishments, and participated in a variety of worship services and ceremonies.

Guest speaker, **Dan Solomon**, a United Methodist bishop (retired), encouraged those attending to DO evangelism, not just talk about it.

Conference attendees learned that for the year 2000, apportionment-giving was 91.6%, an increase of nearly 5%; that conference churches had contributed more than \$55,000 to the "Hope For the Children of Africa" fund, and more than \$43,000 to the New Mexico Fire fund; and that the New Mexico Conference ranked 2nd in the South Central Jurisdiction and 22nd in the nation in per member giving for General Advance Specials.

Churches brought more than 2000 assorted UMCOR "kits, packs, and flood buckets" to the Annual Conference, for delivery to the Sager Brown depot, an increase of 20% over last year's contributions. In an impromptu offering, lay and clergy members and guests also contributed just over \$2000 to the family of a critically ill Portales youth.

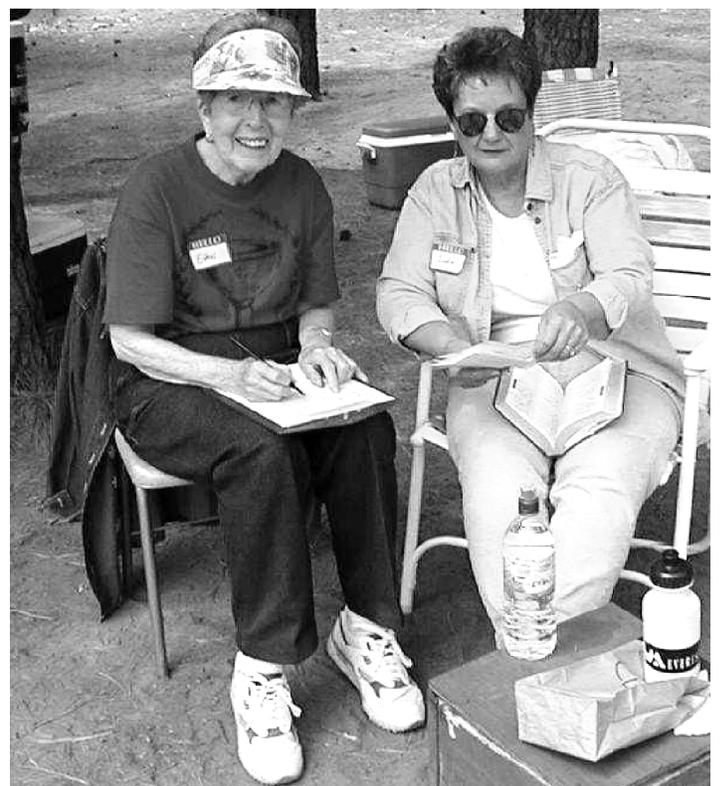
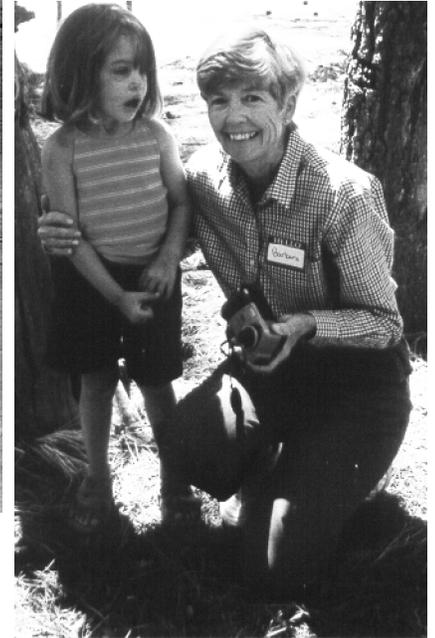
Membership is at 42,869, down 990. Worship attendance is at 18,981, down 692.

Bishop Max Whitfield's charge to our Annual Conference was that each church see itself as a "mission station in a vast un-evangelized mission field" and earnestly seek God's direction for new, creative, and effective ways to advance and grow the Kingdom in our various locations



**Baptism of Jesse James Chavez
Chavez & Darnell Families**

Church Picnic at the Mora Ranch June 17, 2001





Sent with a prayer to:

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EUMC July 2001

"Each One Win One in 2001"

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 Worship/HC 10:30 SS 11:15 Ad Council 3:00 Communion to Homebound	2 10:00 Care & Outreach 7:00 Women's Reunion Group 7:30 A.A.	3 7:00 Trustees	4 1pm- ? FUN, FELLOWSHIP & FIREWORKS in the Park	5	6	7 10:00 Praise Team
8 9:00 Worship 10:30 SS 11:15 PPRC	9 7:00 Women's Reunion Group 7:30 A.A.	10	11 6:30 Prayer in sanctuary	12	13	14 10:00 Praise Team
15 9:00 Worship 10:30 SS	16 7:00 Women's Reunion Group 7:30 A.A.	17	18 6:30 Prayer in sanctuary	19	20	21 7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast 10:00 Praise Team 4:30 Wedding: Dan & Melanie
22 9:00 Worship 10:30 Congregational Meeting 11:30 Potluck	23 Pastor leaves for Seattle & daughter's wedding on Aug. 4th 7:00 Women's Reunion Group 7:30 A.A.	24 12 Noon UMW	25 6:30 Prayer in sanctuary	26	27	28 10:00 Praise Team
29 9:00 Worship 10:30 SS	30 7:00 Women's Reunion Group 7:30 A.A.	31	Abbreviations: A.A. – Alcoholics Anonymous S.S. – Sunday School Conf. – Confirmation Class Barnabus Blessings are available in the church foyer to give or send to someone today.		If you have an email address and would like to share it with us, send it to: siyabonga@aol.com If you want to know more about any of our activities, or have some others that need to be listed, please contact the church office at 384-5215	