



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



Church School 9:00 AM
Sunday Worship 10:00
AM



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

JULY, 2002

SUNDAY SERVANTS FOR JULY

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lay Assist: Nick Griffo

Acolytes: Tracy Avery

Ushers: Alan & Sharon Avery

Greeters: Carolyn Hill

YOUTH SCRIPTURE READERS

July 7:

July 14:

Needed

July 21:

July 28:

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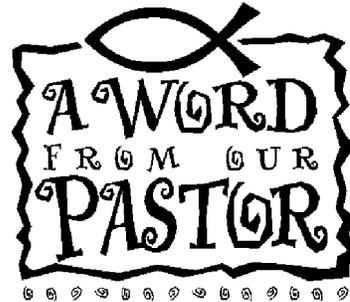
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I wish to thank all of you that have helped **Paul and I** with the moving. It has been a difficult



time for many reasons. I think it was a wonderful opportunity for all churches involved to show their character. The month of July has some exciting activities that will allow the Christian

fellowship to reach out to this community. The Pastor's Fellowship 4th of July picnic in the park and then later in the month our VBS are two such opportunities. Then the Logos program this fall is another way to reach out to the children, youth, and adults of this community. **Paul** writes in Galatians (6:9) "So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up." All of these programs require a lot of hard work so let us not grow weary.

I read several of the newsletters from **Johann** and I like his idea of being a coach. Perhaps another image that is close to the way I feel I am called to lead is director/actor. It is not an easy job and I hope you will remember me, this congregation, and all the churches in this area in your prayers. In meeting with the Pastor's

fellowship, I learned how committed they are to being a community. It is very hard to convince people of the power of the Christian faith if we are fighting amongst ourselves.

I don't have a particular "agenda" at this time except to get to know the congregation and the community better. In **Terry Teykl's** book "Pray the Price" he reminds us that the place to begin with anything, including evangelism, is to pray the price. No matter how talented we are or how many "guru's" of church growth we listen to, if we have not prayed the price our human efforts are doomed to failure. **Teykl** compares much of what we have been trying to do as a denomination over the last few decades (using business models for growth strategy), as being akin to rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic. We may be changing the scenery but the ship is still sinking. Those of you who read "**Waking to God's Dream**" earlier this year got some similar kind of advise from another United Methodist pastor, **Dick Wills**. He also points to the importance of prayer and seeking where **God** is already at work and then joining in on that work. Where do you see **God** at work in our congregation, our community, our schools, the workplace, the family? How can we further the good works that **God** has begun in each of us? We will never know if we don't spend some quiet time with **God** each day. When you are in your time of prayer ask **God** to show you were he was at work in your life yesterday or today. Then pray for the discernment to recognize his work in the coming day. What is **God's** plan for your life? Who do you know that needs to see Christ in you?

I believe when the time is right **God** will reveal to us what we are to do as a congregation to further his kingdom here in Estancia and surrounding communities.

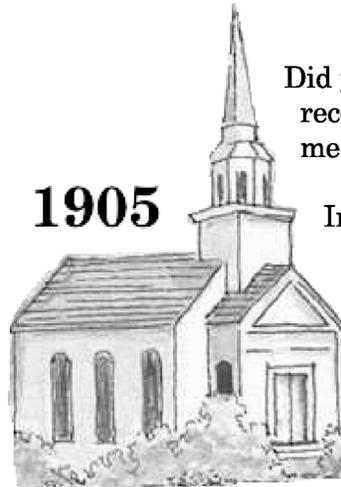
Grace and Peace

Pastor Linda



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FROM YOUR HISTORIAN



Did you know that the EUMC recommended the following members for the ministry?

In 1974, **Floyd Richardson** felt called for the ministry and was recommended by our church to pursue this ambition. His first assignment was to Dexter, NM and from there he attended school at Portales and later at McMurry. If anyone knows his present address, please let me know. I am sure he has retired but we wish to include a resume of his ministry in the upcoming history book

1988 was a prosperous year for recommending candidates for the ministry from our membership. **Terry Ann (Moore) Hanig**, daughter of **Carolyn and Kenneth Moore** was recommended for the ministry in 1988. She was appointed to attend school in 1989, served at Sanderson/Marathon in 1992 and at SulRoss/Marathon in 1997 as Lay Assistant. She is presently appointed to Special Ministries at First UMC, Royce City, Texas. You will find more about **Rev. Hanig** in our history book to be published and distributed at our 100th birthday celebration the last weekend in July 2005.

Also in 1988, **Sue and Charles Hart** were recommended as candidates for Diaconal Ministry. **Charles** first assignment was to Tatum and in 1995, he was then assigned to the Odessa District. He retired in 1997 and passed away in 2001.

Although **Fred McDonald** had left Estancia several years before becoming a minister, he is a native of Estancia, grew up here and attended the Estancia Schools. He has served as pastor of the UMC in Elida, Floyd, Hagerman and Dexter. His wife, **Nancy**, is an accomplished musician and has played the piano and organ in our sanctuary many times. She has also been the organist at General Conference at Glorieta. **Fred and Nancy** have lived in Roswell for many years and you will learn more about them in the history book.

Gregg Armstrong went into the ministry from another church but was ordained while pastoring the EUMC. He came to Estancia in 1986; to Hillcrest/Loving in 1990; Trinity, Clovis in 1994; Santa Cruz 1997 and Rio Rancho in 2000.

Raquel (Armstrong) Mull, although she was a member of the Mountainair UMC, which was a part of the Estancia/Mountainair Circuit, she was a candidate for ordained ministry in 1988. She has served as minister in 1996 at Imperial/Grand Falls; in 1998 at Crane/Imperial/Grandfalls as co-pastor. She presently has been appointed to All Nations Church in Albuquerque.

Dave Blackwell was also ordained while serving as pastor of EUMC. He served as pastor for the Estancia/Mountainair Circuit from 1995 to 2000. While serving as pastor here, Estancia UMC became self-supporting and we continue to enjoy the services of a full-time pastor.

In my opinion, this is a very commendable record for a church the size of EUMC.

-Ethel Floyd, Church Historian

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL NEWS

I apologize for the lack of an organized Administrative Council meeting for the month of May. I really don't know how the time got away. The July meeting will be held Sunday, June 30th (I will be out of town during the regularly scheduled Sunday). I didn't want another to slip away. I am hoping it will be well attended since there is a lot for us to discuss for the coming year. A few thoughts to all as we enter the summer at full swing: a reminder that many members of our congregation family will be traveling and prayers will be needed to bring all of these travelers back home to us safely. There is also a special need for your tithes and offerings during this summer season while ~~attendance is down~~. The financial part of our church business is the most difficult for me to address. I know everyone is more than generous and stretching the dollars is always a creative exercise. Please remember in your prayers those that are away from their homes while protecting all our homes from fires. God Bless each and everyone of you and your families. See you on Sunday.

Roy Daniel, Chairman

A Note from Johann:

Hi, dear Estancia Friends,.....I decided to come home from Alaska - the fisheries job just wasn't for me - not the hard work, that I could handle without any problem, but there was just a lot of abuse to endure as a newcomer from some of the Filipino "bosses" and just chaotic working conditions where I would be placed in situations and expected to do a good job without anyone having explained to me in clear terms just what I was supposed to do. Caucasians are a clear minority there - most of the workers coming from the Philippines and Mexico - and I guess many of them are accustomed to the kind of working conditions where one is treated with less than human dignity - but I figured I was not willing to put up with it for three months.

There were many spiritual lessons I learned during my time there - the Lord's presence was very real. I did meet some very nice people - including the pastor of the small King Cove Bible Chapel - I was even asked to pose for a photo last Sunday to go into their church directory!

Being back with my Beloved is truly joy fulfilled. I will post some of the photos I took on a website (<http://shoppersfiesta.com/alaska.htm>) for those who might be interested to see a bit of where I was.

Special thanks to those of you who wrote to me while up there. It was a very lonely time and I cannot adequately express just how much those cards and letters meant. God bless you for your kindness.

Agape & Shalom,

Johann

Families in Christ

We drew families names... And families names were mailed to those who weren't in church to draw



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JULY 15 - 19, 9:00 - 11:30 AM**



Sent with a prayer to:

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July 2002

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 30 11:15 Admin Council | 1 Noon Rotary 7:30 pm A.A | 2 10amr Pastor's Fellowship 6:30pm Prayer Group | 3 | 4 Independence Day | 5 | 6 |
| 7 Communion Sunday | 8 Noon Rotary 7:30 pm A.A | 9 10amr Pastor's Fellowship 6:30pm Prayer Group 7 pmr Trustees | 10 | 11 | 12 July 12 - 14th: UMM at SMA | 13 |
| 14 10:00 Worship 11:15 PPRC | 15 9 - 11:30 VBS Noon Rotary 7:30 pm A.A | 16 9-11:30 VBS 10amr Pastor's Fellowship 6:30pm Prayer Group | 17 9-11:30 VBS | 18 9-11:30 VBS | 19 9-11:30 VBS | 20 10amr Installation of Larry Hall, D. S. 1St Church ABQ |
| 21 10:00 Worship 11:15 Worship Committee | 22 Noon Rotary 7:30 pm A.A | 23 10amr Pastor's Fellowship 6:30pm Prayer Group | 24 | 25 | 26 July 26 - 29th: UMW at SMA | 27 |
| 28 10:00 Worship | 29 | 30 10amr Sunshine Camp-SMA/ Pastor's Fellowship 6:30pm Prayer Group | 31 July 31 - Aug 6: School of Congregational Dev. | | | |