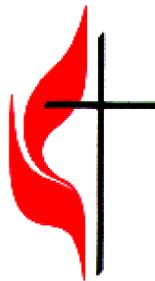




100th Anniversary - July 31, 2005

NEWSLETTER
OF THE
Estancia United Methodist Church
600 Williams, Estancia, New Mexico



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Prayer Concerns

- The United Methodist Men's group and their ministries
- All who do not have a relationship with Jesus
- This congregation and its leaders & finances
- The men and women of the armed forces
- National leaders and the leaders of the world
- Teachers, administrators and students
- Our town government and the youth center

Sunday Worship 11:00 AM
Nursery Provided

From Pastor Gary**What Does the Church Have to Do with It?**

Of the nation's 13-year-olds:

- 75% believe that the devil does not exist-Satan is just a symbol of evil.
- 75% believe that by doing enough good works will earn entry into heaven.
- 75% believe spiritual and moral truth can only be discovered through logic, human reasoning, and personal experience.
- 66% believe the Bible only discourages sin but never describes it as an innate behavior.
- 50% believe there are no absolutes, and
- 50% believe that when Jesus lived he committed sins.

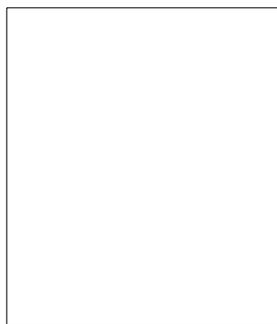
How did I come to know these statistics by my good friend George Barna. He wrote, "we find an astounding level of consistency between the religious beliefs of adults and children...whatever beliefs a person embraces when he or she is young are not likely to change as the individual ages" (George Barna, Transforming Children into Spiritual Champions, pg. 37). You might think that these kids need to get their facts straight when it comes to God and the Bible. However, 93% of our kids consider themselves to be Christian, but being Christian does not correspond to having a grace-based personal relationship with Jesus.

“This leaves us with a majority of self-professed Christians as being neither evangelical nor born again. In total, 59 percent of all 13-year-olds are ‘notional Christians’ -people who say they are Christian but are not committed followers of Christ in a discernable way” (pg.33-34).

Why do we need an After School Ministry? Because our kids need it. We do not need to be the ones who fail the kids-not on my watch, but I can't do it without you. I need you to help. Too many times churches have not made children a priority. We are all familiar with the passage of scripture in Mark 10: 13-14, 13-"The people brought children to Jesus, hoping he might touch them." 14-"The disciples shooed them off." But Jesus was irate and let them know it: "Don't push these children away. Don't ever get between them and me. These children are at the very center of life in the kingdom." (The Message).

Children matter to God. They mattered to Jesus. Do they matter enough to the Estancia UMC to have an After School Ministry this fall? This is not a guilt trip. This is to call you to make a decision, to make a decision for ministry and service for our Lord's kingdom.

-Pastor Gary



**OUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
HAS ARRIVED!!**

After three years of planning, our 100th Anniversary celebration has arrived. On Saturday, July 30th at 6:00 - 6:30 P.M., we will gather at the high school cafeteria to renew acquaintances and enjoy an evening of reminiscing and good food. We will continue to celebrate on Sunday, the 31st at 11:00 A.M., with Bishop Whitfield bringing our morning message.

Following the church services, everyone is invited to have lunch to be held "On the Grounds". The lunch is courtesy of the Estancia United Methodist Church.

In the afternoon, we will again gather in the church to give our former pastors an opportunity to speak of their experiences while serving our church. There will also be special music. The activities will close with Charlie Hughes singing "The Lord's Prayer".

If you have clippings or pictures, please bring them for the display table for all to enjoy. Be sure and put your name on them, and pick them up following the celebration.

We want this to be a celebration of praise and glory to God and one we will all remember.

-Ethel Floyd, History Chariman

JUST IN CASE YOU HADN'T NOTICED...

At 3:30 in the morning on Saturday June 4th, Pastor Gary was awakened by the church fire alarm. He called 911 and went to the church to find the cause. The smell of smoke met him at the back door and he could see smoke boiling out of the basement. After trying to make it into the basement, Pastor Gary realized the smoke was too thick and there was nothing he could do. Before the fire department arrived, he was able to alert some of the church members who came immediately.



The Estancia and McIntosh fire departments arrived in a very short time, located the fire in one of the small Sunday School rooms in the basement and had it out right away. Pastor Gary's wife, Amanda, is an Estancia volunteer firefighter and helped put out the fire.

After the smoke cleared, it became crystal clear how lucky we were that we had an alarm system in place and the damage was no worse than it was. It was later found that the back basement door had been tampered with and it appeared someone had broken in and set the fire. The State Police and the State Fire Marshal are currently conducting investigations.

Our first thoughts were how to get our church back on its feet after such a fire. Early the following week, we met with our insurance adjuster and determined that damage repair and clean-up should be completely covered. Serve Pro, the restoration company recommended by the insurance company, started work the following Thursday, June 9th.

Sunday morning following the fire, our congregation met on the lawn underneath the cottonwood trees with renewed faith in our Lord's protection. Since that time we have met in the Education Building and at our sister church in Mountainair.

Currently, July 3rd, the work is about done with only the deodorization remaining. **We are scheduled to resume regular church services on Sunday July 10!**

What is left to do?

- Rebuild the damaged Sunday School room.
- Replace the damaged Sunday School supplies and furniture.
- Replace the damaged basement door.
- Complete all repairs in time for our 100th Anniversary Celebration on July 31st.

What have we noticed since the fire?

- A strong realization that our church is not just a building!
- Our church members pull together during a crisis.
- Attendance has been up with several new families attending.

ETHEL FLOYD STILL RECEIVING HONORS!

On June 14, 2005, the Estancia School Board held a reception to honor Ethel Floyd's contribution to the children, families, and the Estancia community at large. Through her generous gift of piano lessons to so many area youth (and some adults), untold lives have been touched and improved. In recognition of her contribution, the Estancia Board presented Ethel with the local New Mexico School Boards Association Excellence for Student Achievement Award.

Ethel's sons, Perry, Gene, and Dick, along with their wives, a number of piano students, and community members attended to help celebrate. Board president, Lacy Daniel, welcomed guests and introduced the board, Mary Garcia, Randol Riley, Marco Banales, and Joseph Montoya, along with superintendent, Bruce Peterson and assistant superintendent, Dave Atencio.



**School Board President, Lacy Daniel,
Presenting Award to Ethel Floyd**

In opening remarks, Daniel noted the importance of music in the education of children, acknowledging that due to budget and time constraints, children may not have many opportunities to learn the joy of playing the piano and listening to Mozart or Bach. However, thanks to Mrs. Floyd, many children in this community have personally experienced the benefits of having music in their lives. Daniel pointed out that learning to play the piano is not only about the aesthetic pleasures of music, but it also teaches self-discipline through practicing even when you don't feel like it, self-confidence through learning to play a tough piece, and service by sharing your music with others.

Former piano student and school board member, Mary Garcia, related how Mr. Floyd, who was the school principal in Willard at the time, personally drove several students, including Mary, to Estancia to take piano lessons from Ethel. Several other friends spoke briefly, expressing their appreciation of Ethel's musical gifts and several current students, as well as family, presented her with flower bouquets.

Ethel remarked that she wants to be sure the churches in the area have someone to play the piano for them. From the size of her student pool, she is well on her way to making sure music will continue to be heard in the Estancia Valley every Sunday morning!
(by Lacy Daniel)



Ethel with her three sons, Perry, Gene and Dick and their wives

Mountainair United Methodist Church



As the Estancia United Methodist Church reflects on its history this month, we all need to be aware of the unique history of our sister church in Mountainair. Below is a historical excerpt from the Mountainair Centennial Celebration Cookbook published in 2003:



As settlers came, the need for a place to worship, other than in various homes, became important, and in 1907, the first Church building, called Union Chapel was begun with a \$1,000 donation from Mr. Hopkins of Boston and a matching amount raised by the Ladies Aid Society of Mountainair. Upon completion in 1908, Mr. John W. Corbett specified the name was to be Hopkins Chapel and used as a place of worship by all religious faiths. Fred Hill was the architect and builder, and school was held in the building during the week, until the new school building was completed in 1916. The **Methodists** and the Baptists held services on alternating Sundays, until 1915 when the **Methodists** bought the Hopkins Chapel, built a parsonage beside the church, and sent Rev. T.V. Ludlow as the pastor.

Located on the corner of Third and Sunset, the first church building in Mountainair was erected in 1907. Additions of the bell tower, vestibule, classrooms, kitchen, bath, and fellowship hall have been made, as well as a parsonage, now gone. A fire in 1977 destroyed much of the chapel, which was rebuilt even lovelier than before. Many memorials, given by devoted members over the years, have enhanced the service and the building. Dozens of pastors have faithfully served the church, including the current pastor, the Rev. Gary Eggart.

THREADS OF TIME

Our trip to Villanueva to view the "Threads of Time" tapestry is coming up this Tuesday, July 7th. Please plan to meet at EUMC at 10:30 am. Bring your lunch and we'll picnic at the Villanueva State Park. Our appointment to view the tapestry is at 1:30 pm. A donation to the Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe church is expected.



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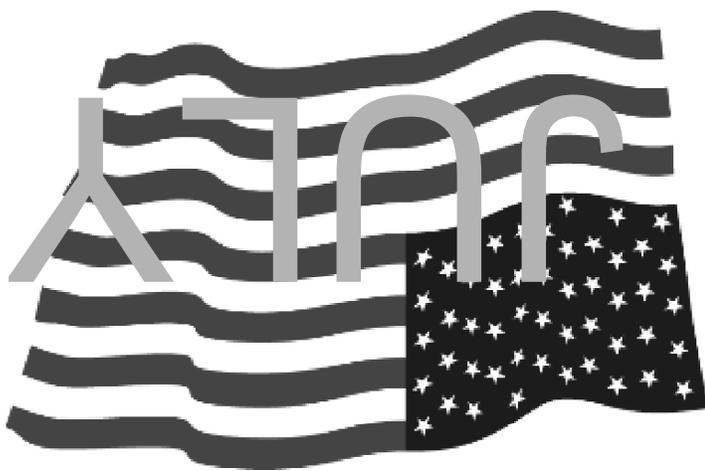
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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31 100 Years Old! 11 AM Worship Bishop Whitfield	29 7-7:45 Morning Meditation					30 100 Years Old! 6:30 PM Banquet School Cafeteria

If you would like to visit our sister church in Mountainair some Sunday, their service with Pastor Gary, starts at 9:00 AM.



Sent with a prayer to:



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The UMW has ordered some cookbooks from “**CHURCH SUPPERS; 722 Favorite Recipes From Our Church Communities**” When they arrive, they will be on sale for \$20 apiece. Several recipes donated by our EUMC members are included.

Following is one of the recipes included in the book:

Easy Chicken Pot Pie

*1 2/3 cups frozen mixed vegetables, thawed
1 cup diced cooked chicken
1 (10 3/4-ounce) can condensed cream chicken soup
1 cup Bisquick original baking mix
1/2 cup milk
1 egg*

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. In a large bowl, combine the vegetables, chicken, and soup and mix well. Pour the mixture into an ungreased 9-inch pie plate. Combine the remaining ingredients and stir with a fork until blended. Pour into the pie plate. Bake for 30 minutes, or until golden brown. Makes 6 servings.

Note. Beef or turkey can be substituted for the chicken. The recipe reheats well in the microwave.

*Submitted by Isla Emerton
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OUR MISSION

To honor God through our worship, ministry and discipleship based on God's Word; supporting one another with Christian Fellowship and reaching out to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.