



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



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Prayer Concerns

- Joe
- Ron Pitman & family
- Frances Tyler
- Irene Armstrong
- Ruth Brindle
- Donald Berry
- Erma Ann McGee
- Ruth-Mel's sister
- Mary Garcia
- Peter Sanchez
- Shirley Solomon
- Tyler Riley
- Pam's Sister
- Billy & Dustin Newsom
- Debbie Gallegos and Mildred Griffo
- The men and women of the armed forces
- National leaders and the leaders of the world

Sunday Worship 11:00 AM
Nursery Provided

From Pastor Gary**American Children**

“They are more numerous than the entire Hispanic and African American populations of the nation combined. They have more energy than a nuclear power plant and are as confounding as the federal budget. They have tastes as fluid as the Missouri River and dreams that will redefine the future. They are a marketer’s pot of gold at the end of a rainbow and the most lovable and frustrating beings in the life of every parent. We are talking about American Children” (*George Barna, Transforming Children Into Spiritual Champions*).

We think of children as the part of the package. We want to reach adults and help them grow in faith and maturity, so we have accepted the kids as a “throw in.” If a church wants young adults, they better have something for their children. George Barna goes on to say, “Yet somehow the wisdom and necessity of seeing children as the primary focus of ministry never occurred to me.” Think about it! Aren’t the adults the ones who call the shots. If the family is central to a healthy and strong Church, shouldn’t we invest our resources predominantly in the adults who lead those families?

Strategically, isn’t it more important for us to equip adults so that they can use their gifts and resources to advance the Kingdom? According to George, no. “In retrospect,

my view was so far off the mark that I didn't just miss the boat - I missed the ocean!"

Some churches use children and youth ministries as a way to grow the church. It's not that children and youth ministries are a priority. It because kids are seen as the "bait" to land the real treasure-adults. We need to see children as what they are - a real people group who needs Jesus. A group of people who need to be evangelized and disciplined. And we have it within our reach to do just that.



We say that children are a gift from God. We would say that children are desirable - unless they have dirty diapers, then we will pawn them off. Seriously, we would say that even Jesus liked children and had them sit on his lap. And God commands that we teach and train them, but how well do we really do?

If we agree that children are an important part of our church family. Then our job is to lead children to develop a habit of continual spiritual growth through prayer, Bible study, and service. A while back, Rev. Blackwell led this church into Logos. You remember, don't you? Well it is time we get back into a children's ministry on a full time basis. As valuable as Children's Church is, we need a weekday ministry once again.

Will You help? What will you sacrifice or what will you give up so our children can really know Jesus? Our children as well as those in our community need to be evangelized and disciplined. Will you help?

-Pastor Gary

Evangelism Campaign

Starting Sunday, July 16th, we will begin and continue for six weeks an Evangelism campaign:

"1 at 1 for 1". For six weeks, beginning on July 16th, you will pray for one person (who doesn't know Christ) at 1:00 p.m. for one minute. This is so simple everyone can be apart of it. All you need to do is pray for one person at one o' clock for one minute. Don't just pray for anyone. Pray for someone who doesn't know Christ to come to Christ. If you know of someone who needs this prayer let me know so those who don't know who to pray for can have someone to pray for. It is okay if someone is prayed for by more than one person. Remember it is 1 person at 1:00 p.m. for 1 minute.

It's time for Joys and Concerns. For awhile now, I have wanted to address this issue but not quite sure how. I don't want anyone to become offended. When we come to the Joys and Concerns in our worship service and you want to mention a name for prayer, remember a few things: Speak the name or names clearly and keep the description brief. This way there will be time for everyone to share a concern. Also, if the person you want to ask prayers for is in Church, make sure that person wants the concern shared. Some people are more private, so don't share something someone else doesn't want shared. In other words, be sure you have permission.

-Pastor Gary

Finance and Stewardship Committees

The Finance Committee met at a regular scheduled meeting on June 15, 2006 in the Education Building. The Financial Secretary reported income for April and May of \$7,5142.67 and \$4,259.59 respectively. The April income was much larger than expected due to a one-time gift of \$1,500.00. The Treasurer reported expenditures of \$4,711.04 and \$4,546.73 for April and May respectively.

The only item of intense discussion was how to treat monies designated and expended for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund since the fund is not in the budget. In previous years, the fund was a line item in the Outreach budget. The Treasurer and Chairman will suggest a resolution and present it at the next Administrative Council.

The audit of 2005 finances is being performed by Bill Simms and is over 50% complete.

On June 22, 2006 the Stewardship Committee met in the Education Building with Sanford Coon, with The New Mexico Conference Methodist Foundation, Inc., who has offered to help in developing a comprehensive Stewardship Program for our church. He provided a synopsis of the information he provided two years ago, which gives some facts about churches as a whole and suggested ideas for a year around Stewardship Program. As stated by Carolyn Moore last Sunday, stewardship is more than just giving money. It is discipleship and meeting the needs of our community, both spiritually and financially. The three commandments of a Stewardship Ministries are: **1. Keep it Positive; 2. Keep it Biblical; and 3. Stress the Mission - NOT the Need**, as stated by Eugene Grimm.

BIBLICAL ARCHAEOLOGY

On Tuesday, June 13th, the curator of the Museum of Archaeology and Biblical History, George Sparks, gave a great talk to our membership. He spoke about the work that Trinity University is doing in the Middle East to confirm biblical history with modern archaeological methods.

DON'T FORGET VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
STARTS AT NOON ON JULY 17TH

"UNDER CONSTRUCTION"



PreSchool -> 6th Grade 9:00 AM to NOON
JULY 17TH THROUGH JULY 21ST
HELP IS NEEDED

Please call Vickie Dile at 384-3143
or Susan Wilson at 384-1018 **if you can help**

IN CASE YOU HADN'T NOTICED...

Ethel Floyd

Ethel Floyd has been a wonderful moving force in our church and community for many years. She will be moving this month to be closer to her family. We are going to miss her tremendously! This past month she was honored at a church potluck after church on Sunday. Several members stood up and reminisced about her accomplishments over the years. Later, she was honored at a UMW Tea on a Tuesday afternoon. Ethel, good luck and God bless you in your new adventure!

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS FOR THIS HOLIDAY

Each year on Independence Day, Americans honor and celebrate the courageous action that our Nation's Founders took on July 4, 1776 -- the signing of the Declaration of Independence. With that brave and profound decision, the Founders demonstrated their love for liberty and proved that they were willing to fight and die for freedom. As we honor our Founders' bold vision on this observance of Independence Day, Americans possess a greater national unity and a deeper appreciation of the things that matter most in our lives -- our faith, our love for family and friends, and our freedom.

Our prayers this week begin with thanks to God for the freedom and liberty that He has bestowed upon America. As we celebrate 230 years of freedom, we are reminded that without Divine help, this nation would never have been born. Pray that we will continue to be a nation that God can bless, honoring and welcoming Him into our public and private lives.

“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance.”
Psalm 33:12, (NIV)

Mountainair UMC News



The large re-stucco job on the Mountainair United Methodist Church is finally complete! We now need to get busy and paint the blue trim around the windows and the bell tower. We are very grateful to the anonymous donor, who provided the funds to get the building in good physical shape, plus looking fresh and sharp. There are a few more "little" things we need to finish, then she'll be looking good, and ready for visitors.

Our members are starting to go on vacation and others are attending as they are visitors to Mountainair. Choir is not singing during the summer, and no bible study, or vacation bible school is planned.

Next Saturday, July 1st, following the annual Mountainair parade, the mural on the Firehouse building will be dedicated around 11:00AM. MUMC members, Wray and Shirley Simmons, creators of this historical work, will be honored.



Scaffolding and wire as work began last April



Loose material is removed and holes patched



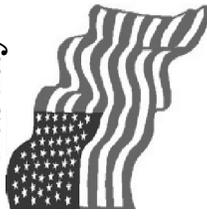
Good thing they weren't afraid of heights!!

Scraping and preparing to do the scratch coat

July 2006

Tear Off

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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THE NO-EXCUSE SUNDAY

In order to make it possible for everyone to attend church next week, we are planning a **special no-excuse Sunday**.

1. Cots will be placed in the vestibule for those who say, "Sunday is my only day to sleep in."
2. Eye drops will be available for those whose eyes are tired from watching TV too late Saturday night.
3. We will have steel helmets for those who believe the roof will cave-in if they show up for church services.
4. Blankets will be furnished for those who complain that the church is too cold. Fans will be on hand for those who say the church is too hot.
5. We will have hearing aids for the parishioners who say, "The pastor doesn't talk loud enough" There will be cotton for those who say, "The pastor talks too loud"
6. Score cards will be available for those who wish to count the hypocrites.
7. We guarantee that some relatives will be present for those who like to go visiting on Sunday.
8. There will be TV dinners available for those who claim they can't go to church and cook dinner too.
9. One section of the church will have some trees and grass for those who see God in nature, especially, on the golf course.
10. The sanctuary will be decorated with both Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies to create a familiar environment for those who have never seen the church without them.

See you in church.

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.