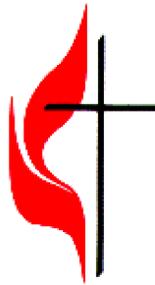




**NEWSLETTER**  
OF THE  
**Estancia United Methodist Church**  
*600 Williams, Estancia, New Mexico*



**JULY, 2008**



**Pastor: Rev. Charles Spooner**

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Chairperson: Missions	Marcia Fitzner
Chairperson: Evangelism	Nick Griffo
Care and Outreach Team Leader	Carolyn Moore
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Financial Secretary	Vickie Coburn
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President UMY	TBA
President UMM	Nick Griffo

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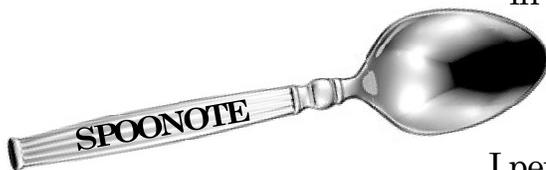
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<http://www.gbqm-umc.org/estancia>



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

**FROM PASTOR CHARLIE**

We are giving thanks with a thankful heart. You have treated us well and have been helpful. Move in day went great with all the kind help. We appreciated all the effort that went into preparing the house for us, it was in great shape. Thanks!



I personally have enjoyed the way you are a great church. You have a good balance of ages, active groups, and dedicated workers. I hope I can contribute and live up to your expectation as your pastor. Remember, I am one meeting many new people. Help me know your name and story.

We are looking forward to the 4th of July. Every community celebrates differently and we look forward to how Estancia celebrates and creates activities for its people and guests.

I invite all to come and enjoy the **Lord's Prayer** series of sermons. Its a common prayer with deep meaning. It's not too late to join!

*-C Spooner*

## *Vacation Bible School, 2008*

It's Vacation Bible School time again and as usual we need the support of our congregation. Your support in the form of your time, talent and financial contributions would be appreciated greatly! We are expecting an attendance of around 70 and a very busy schedule is anticipated.

Also, please remember that if you are over 18 and want to participate in the VBS program, you must undergo a simple background check as part of our Safe Churches Policy.



**Outdoor adventure, fun backyard games, crafts, snacks, and music are just outside your backdoor. The Backyard Bash begins soon so grab your friends and come on over!**

**WHERE: ESTANCIA UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH  
600 Williams Ave. In Estancia**

**WHEN: July 21 - 25  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**WHO: Kindergarten thru 6th**

**CONTACT: Leslie 384-3113**

## *Ad Council*

Well, time moves on and the summer is in full swing. Vacation Bible School will start soon and the church is a buzz with activity. I want to thank all of those folks who are working with Vacation Bible School. I know it is time consuming and most of us would like to be sitting in the shade reading a book or just doing nothing. This is a great opportunity to make our presence known in the community and to be instrumental in showing God's presence at this time and in this place. I always think of the time when someone said to me I could be the only *Bible* folks have seen (now that's a scary thought), and in many cases the folks working with these children will be the only example of kind, loving adults that they see in their lives. Those of you involved will be seen as a reflection of God and God's love as you involve yourself with the community.

As we move forward into the recent change of pastors I hope that you have found the time to meet Rev. Charlie Spooner and his wife June, and can start to know them and to see the gifts that they bring to us. Rev. Spooner will have a different way of doing ministry, but we will soon catch up and be able to work as a team ministry.

We are fortunate to be in a place where we have the freedom to worship, to speak and share our thoughts with others, but most of all just be who we are. The world itself seems to be in a "topsy turvey" mode and we are indeed fortunate to have stability in our homes, community and church.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who stepped forward and made dinners, brunch etc. possible as we changed pastors-giving us all the opportunity to say our good by's and hello's appropriately.

Annual Conference this year was different in that the two conferences (NW Texas and New Mexico) met together. Even though we share the same Bishop, we are very different in the way ministry is done and the many different ministries that go on in the various areas. It is always good to share and exchange ideas with others and learn other interesting ways of doing ministry.

One of the new things that happened was a new administrative structure was put into place. It is similar to the General Church structure and also similar to our own church structure (we were ahead of the game, ha ha). Because much of the committee work was not being accomplished, it is hoped that the process can be streamlined for greater efficiency. As usual there is always great preaching and wonderful worship services. Those of us from small churches always appreciate the choirs etc. As always budgets and financial business took much of our time. Financial implications will be shared with our own finance committee.

Here at EUMC, our Finance, Administrative Council and PPRC committees will soon be meeting to chart our new direction and make the financial arrangements that are necessary. Because Pastor Spooner is officially retired, finance arrangements will be different. We will work to put processes in place so that we can have a very productive year here at EUMC!

Marcia Fitzner, Chairman

## *In Case You Hadn't Noticed...*

Last Tuesday, June 24th, our congregation had a church workday. As a result, the church grounds and education building look much better.

### *Some of the accomplishments were:*

- Repair and caulk the siding on the west side of the education building
- Rebuild and reinforce the support stand under the northernmost air conditioner
- Pick up and clean out the entire west side of the education building
- Chain saw and prune the shrubbery along the south church boundary
- Repair electric line to parsonage shop
- Paint white primer on trim on front of parsonage
- Education building windows washed, curtains washed and reinstalled

Among those who helped were: Mel and Della Stephenson, Don Fitzner, Francis and Jan Winn, Elaine Marricle, Butch McGee, Bill Simms and Charlie Spooner. The ladies who fixed a wonderful lunch for the workers included Jan Winn, Della Stephenson, Barbara Simms and Elaine Marricle.

Also, another significant accomplishment was that last week Mel Stephenson, Charlie Spooner and Bill Simms went to heroic lengths to repair the leaking faucet in front of the parsonage. The heroic part was that it involved crawling under the full length of the parsonage to reach the affected plumbing. It turned out that Pastor Charlie was the only one who could fit in the small crawl space and so now can rightfully claim full credit for the accomplishment. Welcome to Estancia, Pastor Charlie!

**Let's take a few moments** for silence and appreciation for all we have in our lives, because those who came before us fought hard that we may live in an independent country.

Here is a prayer to include in your meditation on the 4th of July

May the glory of Independence Day  
Remain in mind in heart  
May we cherish our hard-won freedom  
That it never falls apart.

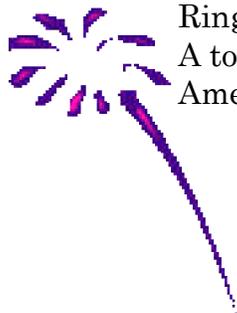
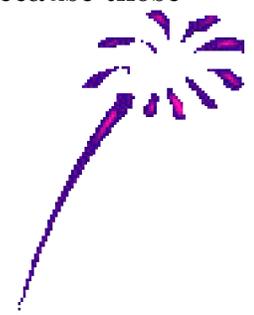
It is a precious land we hold  
In safekeeping for our children  
That they, as we, may enjoy  
Lives bountiful, worth living.

Because those who walked before us  
Believed in freedom's cause so much  
We can carry forth a torch  
Of honor and 'In God We Trust'.

May God's blessings ever  
Ring out over all our land  
A toast of praise we raise today  
Americans - join hand in hand!

That first Independence Day  
Now more than two centuries past  
Must live forever in our thoughts  
Never forgotten - never a lapse.

- Susan Kramer



**Mountainair UMC News**



Last Sunday the Mountainair United Methodist Church hosted the “*Community 5th Sunday Sing*,” The church was standing room only, and everyone had a really great time



Virginia and Mike Hines duet



Standing Room Only



Patty Mahoney giving introduction



Two local Pastors giving Charlie a blessing



MUMC singers



Spanish songs from one group

**NOTE: The trustees have asked that if you make a donation to our church's building fund, that you specify "New building fund" on your payment.**

# July 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 10:am Quilters	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
		<b>6:30 PM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>7 PM</b> Men's Bible Study				
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*Coming Soon...*

*VBS at EUMC - July 21 - 25!*



*Sent with a prayer to:*



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### **“SPOONERISM”**

A spoonerism is a play on words in which corresponding consonants, vowels, or morphemes are switched (see metathesis). It is named after the Reverend William Archibald Spooner (1844–1930), Warden of New College, Oxford, who was notoriously prone to this tendency.

Many of the quotations attributed to Spooner are apocryphal; The Oxford Dictionary of Quotations (3rd edition, 1979) lists only one substantiated spoonerism: “The weight of rages will press hard upon the employer.”

Quotations attributed to Spooner include:

- \* “The Lord is a shoving leopard” (“loving shepherd”)
- \* “It is kisstomary to cuss the bride” (“customary to kiss”)
- \* “Mardon me, padam, this pie is occupewed. Can I sew you to another sheet?” (Pardon me, madam, this pew is occupied. Can I show you to another seat?)
- \* To a student: “You have hissed all my mystery lectures, and were caught fighting a liar in the quad. Having tasted two worms, you will leave by the next town drain” (“missed ... history,” “lighting a fire,” “wasted two terms,” “down train”)
- \* To a lady at a college reception: “You’ll soon be had as a matter of course” (“mad as a Hatter, of course”)
- \* “We’ll have the hags flung out” (“flags hung”)
- \* “a half-warmed fish” (“half-formed wish”)
- \* “Is the bean dizzy?” (“dean busy”)
- \* “Go and shake a tower” (“take a shower”)
- \* “a well-boiled icicle” (“well-oiled bicycle”)