



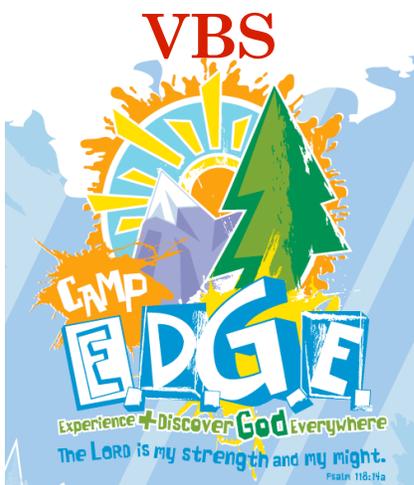
NEWSLETTER

OF THE

Estancia United Methodist Church

600 Williams, Estancia, New Mexico

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July 13 - 17

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

God's Faithful Servant

(Isaiah 42:1-9) by Mark Roth

Have you and a friend ever had a joint project of some sort? I don't mean something which you two have been told to do, but rather something which you have agreed on your own to do. How did you do your part? What mindset dominated your attitudes and motivations? I ask because I think we are quite inclined toward our own agenda, motives, plans and desires. That was not the way of God's Faithful Servant. In a relationship of equals, the Lord Jesus willingly chose to make Himself a servant!

"Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men" (Philippians 2:6,7).

"I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart" (Psalm 40:8).

"My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work" (John 4:34).

"I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me" (John 5:30.)

"For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me" (John 6:38).

"Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done" (Luke 22:42).

We are called upon to emulate this kind of living. We can chose to impede the working of this mentality in our lives, or we can chose to work with it. That is what Philippians 2:5 means to me. "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." God wants you and me to serve our equals with the same dedication and abandon that the Lord Jesus served His equal.

Who is my equal? The answer of the redeemed is "Everyone!" The heart inhabited by the Lowly Divine Servant does not see people in various strata and classes. The regenerated mind expands to enclose everyone in one single group: equals.

How do I serve my equal? First of all, I must serve him with the same zeal and temperament with which I serve the Lord. In one of our "sneak previews" of Judgment Day, the Almighty One proclaims with penetrating simplicity, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matthew 25:40). Do I mean God expects me to be that dedicated in my service to my equals?! Yep.

Furthermore, I must serve my equal with the same ardor and disposition with which I would serve myself. Can you imagine! What would my life and the life of others be like if I served them that way! Oh, it strikes you as unrealistic? Me too. However, I can conceive of no other meaning for Scriptures like these:

"If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well" (James 2:8).

"For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another" (Galatians 5:13).

"Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren" (1 John 3:16).

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL NEWS

The Administrative Council met on May 28, 2009 with five of the nine members present. I would encourage all members to please come to the meetings. Your input into the business of the church is important and valued. The main topics discussed were the distribution of budgets to committees, audits of the church finances, and new business dealing with how the utilities for the Glass Shop are paid. It was approved that the cost of the utilities would come from the church General Fund. Therefore, the Church Treasurer, Silva Levy, will take care of the bills.

-Mel Stephenson, Chairman

In Case You Hadn't Noticed...

During the past two months, the trustees started the huge job of painting our parsonage. The end result turned out to be very attractive with light tan walls and white trim. Numerous individuals helped out with the painting, including Phil Levy, John Shively, Charlie Spooner, Wanda Giovengo and Bill Simms.



Stained Glass Project

The stained glass project continues to improve not only in quality, but also in the speed of getting the windows completed and installed. This is due to the contributions of many people and the dedication of each one. In the past I have identified the individuals that are doing the actual work on the windows and other projects. This month I would like to recognize the people making other major contributions to the project, without whose help we would not be as far along as we are.

One of the individuals who helps a lot is Phil Levy. He cleans the existing windows and does the necessary modifications to permit installing the new windows. Phil also stains the trim after installation. Bill Simms continues to be instrumental in providing worktables and project boards as well as keeping the facility operational. Bill has also helped in the installation of all but one window. Don Fitzner has provided help in insuring we have lights in the shop and has helped in the installation of windows. Jon Shively has been a real workhorse as he has supplied all the trim and pine backing for the windows. Jon has also helped in the installation of windows. Ladd Hagmaier, Jan Cool's husband, has also helped with the installation of most of the windows. And, we can't overlook Mary Alice Drolte, who takes care of the Trustee finances for the glass project. And last, but by no means least, is the congregation. Your moral and financial support is greatly appreciated. I hope I have not missed anyone -- if I did, it was not intentional. THANKS TO ALL!!

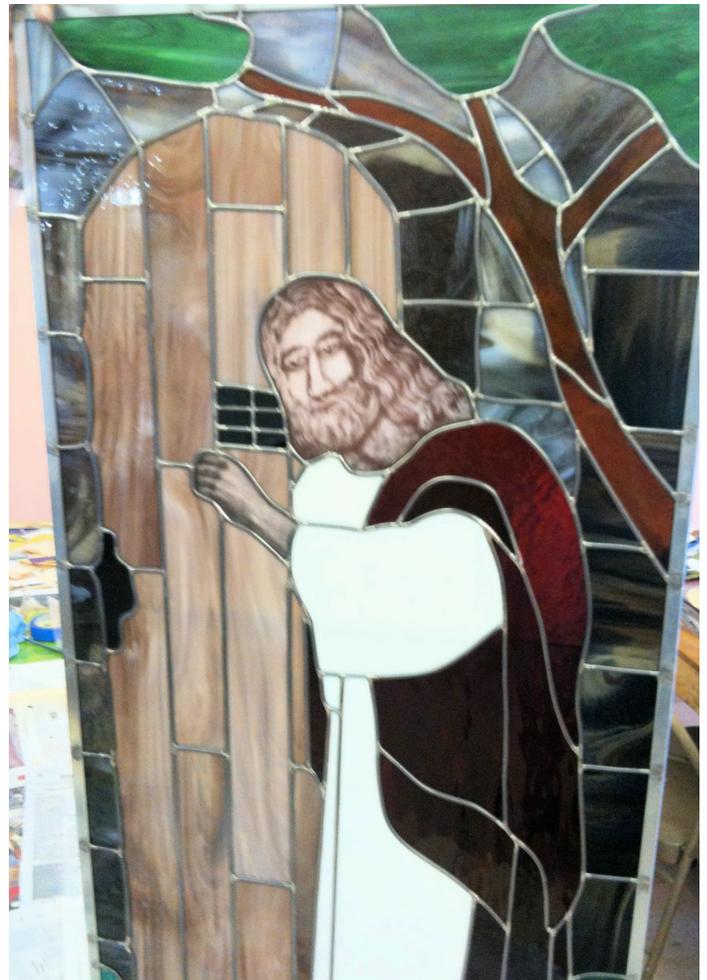
-Mel Stephenson

Most Recent Installation

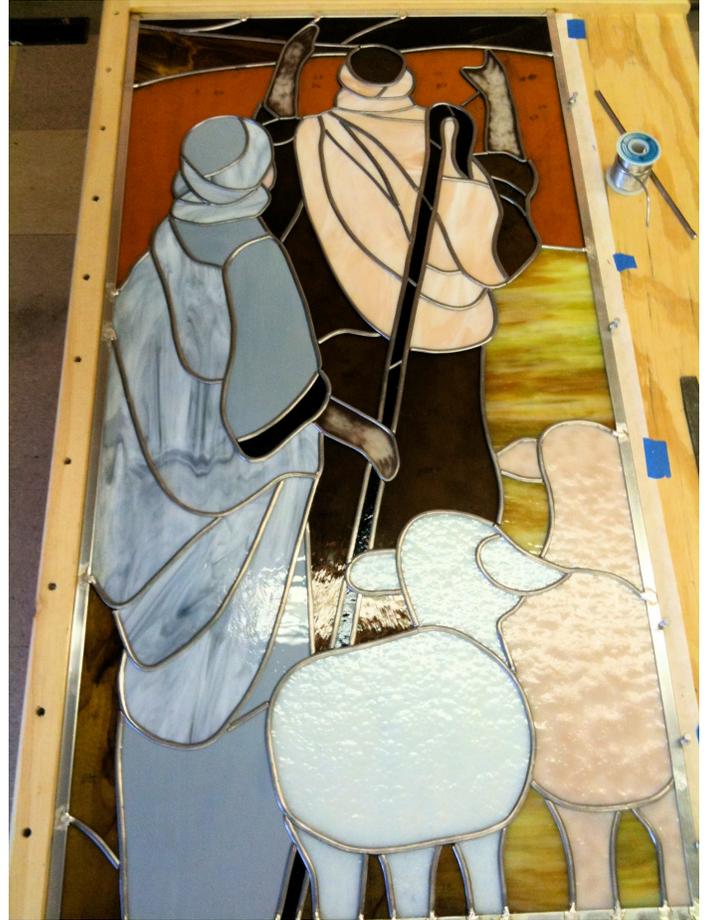


Thanksgiving

Ready to Install



Jesus Knocking at the Door

Ready to Install**Nativity****Ready to Install****Nativity****The Methodist Men's Missions**

The Methodist Men met on Saturday, June 20, 2009. An excellent breakfast was prepared by Butch McGee, Jon Shively and Phil Levy. Nick Griffo led an inspiring devotional after we sang *Lily of the Valley*. The treasurer reported that the Men's Mission has \$174.30. The current mission activities focus on clean up at Gaylyn's home and the pull cart for Gaylyn's bicycle.

No new Makeover Projects have begun. The Methodist Men agreed to use \$50 to purchase a relatively new bicycle for Gaylyn as a back-up to his other bike and to use with the pull cart the men are building for him to help him get started in a business of doing yard work. The bike price was reduced to \$40. The group discussed plans for constructing steps for a church member's home.

-Jon Shively

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 13 - 17

9:00 AM TO NOON



It's that time again! V.B.S. is scheduled for July 13th-17th, from (9:00 - 12:00). Our theme this year is Camp E.D.G.E. (Experiencing and Discovering God Everywhere). I am so happy everyone has been eager to help again this year. We made a slight change and replaced our craft section with a science section which Mel and Della Stephenson will head-up (hopefully not "blow-up"). The following is our current staff and activities:

Opening and Closing: Music - Julie Griffo
 Puppet Skit - Nathan Cowan, Julie Griffo, Leslie Fastnacht
 Prayer - Pastor Spooner

Bible Story: Leslie Fastnacht, John Creamer, Tristan Arrival

Group Leaders: K - 1st - Mariah and Nathan Cowan
 2nd, 3rd & 4th - Vicki Coburn
 5th & 6th - Butch McGee
 Science: Mel and Della Stephenson
 Snacks: Cheryl Chavez
 Recreation: Melanie Chavez

Daily Clean-up: Alma Wimsatt

Publications: Bill Simms

If you have not been asked and would like to help out, **PLEASE LET ME KNOW!** We can use all the help we can get and it really is awesome to watch our kiddos learn and grow in Christ. Come join us for a fun and spiritually rewarding experience.

For more information call Leslie Fastnacht @ 384-3113

July 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 AM Worship 9:15 Childrens Church 10:15 AM Adult SS 11 AM Worship -Mtair	6 9:am Glass Shop	7 9:am Glass Shop 6:30 pm Bible Study	1 10:am Quilters	2	3	4 July 4th Holiday
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INDEPENDENCE DAY

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

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'.

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

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

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

Susan Kramer