



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

JUNE~JULY 1999

JUNE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lay Assistant: Carolyn Moore
Ushers: Shellee Stewart & Mary Hemke
Greeters: Ethel Floyd & Angela Creamer
Acolytes: Ashlea Stewart & Belynn Sharp

JULY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lay Assistant: John Hughes
Acolytes: Amy Lamb & Audra Long
Ushers: Bill & Barb Simms
Greeters: John & Marla Lehman

YOUTH SCRIPTURE READERS

June 27: Laura Sanchez
July 4: Jessica Gorum
July 11: Justin Welch
July 18: Erinmarie Blackwell
July 25: Sydney Alfonso

SPECIAL SERVICES

June 20 Children-led service
June 27 Youth Worship Leader Recognition



MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

As of June 1, membership at E.U.M.C. is 140. This includes 10 from our confirmation class: **Aden Corliss, Alice Daniel, Rebekah Friis, Jessica Gorum, Dominic Griffo, Christopher Hughes, Audra Long, Katie Rogers, Laura Sanchez, and Josh Stewart.**

Our newest member is **Cindy Littlefield** by profession of faith.



Dave Blackwell, Pastor

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*Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
Nursery Provided
Church School 10:30 AM*

The following youth will be recognized as **January-June** worship assistants on Sunday, June 27th:

Erinmarie Blackwell	Andrew Moore
Mikalya Calhoon	Beth Moore
Jacque Creamer	Dustin Newsom
Alice Daniel	Jolynda Riley
Rebekah Friis	Katie Rogers
Annie Garner	Laura Sanchez
Jessica Gorum	Matthew Sanchez
Dominic Griffo	Belynn Sharp
Chris Hughes	Jett Sharp
Leah Jo Hughes	Tanner Solomon
Michael Hughes	Ashlea Stewart
Amy Lamb	Josh Stewart
Will Lamb	Rusty Stockton
Audra Long	Ashley Welch
Miranda Millar	Justin Welch
Shannon Millar	Brian Wilson

COMMUNITY GATHERING

The local Emmaus community will have a gathering, pot luck, and service on Friday, June 25th @ 6:30pm. It will be held at the Education building. Everyone of the church, friends, family, and community are invited to attend. This will be a monthly event. Child care will be provided with a free will offering to pay the child care providers. Contact Peg Blackwell @ 384-2710 if you have any questions or need more information.

ECUMENICAL LUNCHEON

All women in the community and valley are invited to: the 18th Annual **Ecumenical Luncheon** at the Estancia United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall on **Tuesday, June 22, at noon.**

Come and have a good time of fellowship, food, and fun with new friends and familiar faces.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

***** *Son Castle Faire* *****

Starts on **MONDAY, July 12** at the Methodist church. Times for the the **Faire** are **9:00 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday.**

Great learning, fun and snacks will be provided.

Call **Sharla Sharp** at 384-0391 for more information on times, program information and assistance needed. Let's help our kids have a week to remember as they learn about their relationship with Jesus. **ALL CHILDREN** of the community are invited to come to the ***Son Castle Faire!***

IT IS OFFICIAL...



Bishop Norris, at the 1999 Annual Conference in Glorieta, on May 22, read **David Blackwell's** name as being appointed only to Estancia United Methodist Church.

This means that our church has full obligation for the pastor's compensation package, an increase of approximately \$4,100 for the rest of this year, and around \$7,200 for the full term of the year 2,000.

As reported in the last newsletter, although the amount of money may seem overwhelming, it basically means that if 20 people covenant with **Christ** and this church body to give an extra \$30 per month, the extra finances will be covered. Of course, more people in covenant means less of a burden for everybody. The **Blackwells** will move their offering from Mountainair U.M.C. to Estancia, resulting in an extra \$100 per month for the church, \$700 for the year, or 19X of the extra budget addition this year.

But, there is more than a financial obligation. There is a spiritual obligation, a discipling obligation, a personal obligation to serve, help, be a part of, and make a priority of the great opportunity we have to allow God to strengthen our faith as we find our gifts and graces He gave us to be His ministers.

Of course, I have obligations, too, regarding worship, spiritual training, and visibility. (Please see the pink sheet in this newsletter)

This was not a quick change without thought and prayer. It came about too easily to have been human-induced. Challenges will be present and evident, but that is nothing new for this church. We are just up against a higher challenge because we rose to a higher level of faith, and God will be with us as we rely ever upon Him.

I believe the apostle Paul said this better than I:
Philippians 4:13: I can do all things through Him who gives me strength.

2 Timothy 1:7: For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love, and of self-discipline.

CARE AND OUTREACH

At the beginning of the year, Care and Outreach organized "**Secret Pals**" for our church's ten confirmands under the leadership of **Marla Lehman**. The Secret Pals and the picnic just before confirmation were **Marla's** idea and she coordinated the events. Many thanks, **Marla**. . . you touched a lot of lives. Several members of our loving and giving congregation provided new teen study Bibles for these new Christians as well.

Thanks, also, to all of you who helped with meals for **Sue and Charlie Hughes** after **Sue** returned from the hospital. **Charlie** especially enjoyed the wonderful desserts!

Care and Outreach is now helping the Estancia Senior Center collect little "goodies" and fabric for gifts for folks in nursing homes in Albuquerque. If you would like to help or have questions, call **Marcella Reynolds** or **Bonnie Hughes**.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

Between five to ten children have been in attendance at Sunday School this past winter/spring period. **Renee Richards** has volunteered to continue SS over the summer - thanks **Renee!** Several summertime activities are being planned for our youth - someone is going to **KISS a pig!**

LOGOS planning for the summer is under way. **Susan Wilson** and **Julianne Welch** will hold meetings with all coordinators to get planning activities up and running. Several books have been purchased to help with preparation. The big news is that **Bishop Norris awarded the Estancia Logos program \$3,000.00!** The **LOGOS** program is the theology and practice of Christian relationships in a disciplined, midweek, four-part, context.

Thank you to all who donated your "junque" to the Youth Rummage Sale. Over \$220 was raised! A special thanks to **Peggy Blackwell** and **Shellee Stewart** for helping during the morning of the sale, and to **John Creamer** for the breakfast burritos!

CAMP UPDATE: Five children will be attending camp this year. Two fundraisers, plus donations and a small budget surplus come to a grand total of \$889.10 for this worthwhile activity. \$150 for Vacation Bible School was raised by our youth at the Torrance County Clean-Up Day. The theme for this year's VBS is "**Using our Talents to Serve The King**". **Sharla Sharp** is looking for teachers - give her a call!

CONFIRMATION WAS FABULOUS!!

The confirmation of **Aden Corliss, Alice Daniel Rebekah**



Friis, Jessica Gorum, Dominic Griffo, Chris Hughes, Audra Long, Katie Rogers, Laura Sanchez, and Josh Stewart as new citizens of the kingdom, our new brothers and sisters, and

new church members on May 23 was spectacular.

I told our new brothers and sisters several times that they will be in a new relationship unlike any they have ever had before, to stay ready for attacks, to stay "prayed up", and to be ready to give Christ to others at a moments notice when others were honestly hurting. So, their work is just beginning, and ours with them is not done. Pray for all our youth.

Special thanks go to the many adults who devoted themselves as secret brothers and sisters, who bought Bibles, who coordinated events, brought snacks, drove back and forth from the school to the church and prayed continuously. And **Special Thanks** to **Amy Lamb** whose leadership, poise under pressure, and heartfelt message that Confirmation night shook all who were there to our spiritual roots. May all of our witnessing be so sincere, honest, loving, and hope-filled.

"Opening ceremonies, June 6, 1999..."

The first Sunday of the new one-point charge appointment was celebrated in a special way.

Guests in attendance were **Dr. Terry Anderson**, Albuquerque District Superintendent; Pastor Dave's Mom, **Ginny Blackwell** from Englewood, Colorado; and **Ted and Mary Jones** from Mountainair.

Dave and Ginny sang "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" and "He Touched Me." **Dave** also played (mostly right-handed) "Take My Life and Let It Be" on the piano.

But, the highlight was the tribute to **Ethel Floyd** given during **Dave's** message. He told us how **Ethel** exhibited Christian servanthood by traveling back and forth from Estancia to Mountainair to play the piano; how she served on various and sundry committees and programs (including Logos), and was cheerfully generous with her time and talents.

After the tribute, **Ethel** and **Dave** served communion.

Following the service, many of the 82 people in attendance went to the Education Building for snacks and coffee.



THANKS FROM SUE AND CHARLIE HUGHES

Many thanks to everyone for all the phone calls, food and prayers for Sue!

THE PRAYER CIRCLE ...

From Oswald Chambers...

Jesus says, as we read in **Matthew 6:6**, "...when you pray..."

We say, "But it is so difficult to get time." Of course it is. We have to make time, and that means effort, and effort makes us conscious of the need to reorganize our general ways. It will facilitate matters to remember, even if it humbles us, that we take time to eat our breakfast or our dinner, and so on. Most of the difficulty in forming a special habit is that we will not discipline ourselves.

You say you cannot get up early in the morning; well, a very good thing to do is to get up in order to prove that you can. This does not contradict at all the notion that we must not put earnestness in the place of God; it means that we have to understand that our bodily mechanism is made by God, and that when we are regenerated He does not give us other bodies. We have the same bodies, and therefore the way we use our wits in order to learn a secular thing is the way to learn a spiritual thing. Begin now.

From Pastor Dave:

For our souls:

- Prayer is food. With it, we live. Without it, we die.
- Prayer is rest. With it, we are energized. Without it, we are weary and worn out.
- Prayer is the work. With it, we attain what we need from God. Without it we rely on the welfare of others.
- Prayer is submission. With it, we rely on Him, regardless. Without it, we are on our own in a world too big for us.
- Prayer is the faith. With it we are in spiritual unity with God. Without it we are lost, isolated without courage, hope, promise and love.
- Let us pray to be fed, rested, ready to do His work in submission and faith. For then we will know He is true to His love for us and for His promise to us.

Church picnic was a success, "great fun"

The 3rd Annual Estancia United Methodist Church Picnic on June 13, at the fairgrounds, was great fun and a success. The **Zabalzas** played some great music during the church service at the fairgrounds, **Katie Rogers** read from the gospel of John and communion was served to about 100 people.

Brisket, beans, green chile, "tater" salad, rolls, and ice cream were served while folks visited. More music was played, children played lots of games, and the "big kids" played a lot of horse shoes. **Lowell and Gayle Clark's** horse team gave numerous hay rides throughout the afternoon.

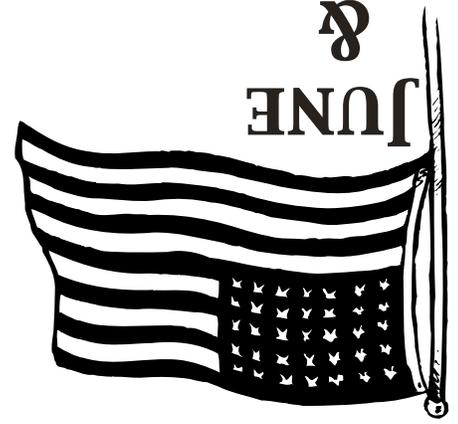


The picnic proved to be a profitable fund raiser as well, to go along with a healthy offering given at the church service. Many people gave food, bought tickets, and donated some more for the good of the church budget. Your joyful generosity is appreciated. (Wouldn't it be

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great to sponsor a free picnic some day because our tithes and offerings allow us to do so? That would be a great gift to the community!)

I, personally, would like to thank members of the finance committee who were so diligent about this time-consuming project. **Lacy Daniel**, chairperson, with **Marcella Reynolds** and **Carolyn Moore** made numerous phone calls, meetings, pick-ups, etc. so that the picnic could be what it was. We also want to thank **Gary Berkshire** for his fine cooking of the brisket and beans.

Pastor Dan

A VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE

As you got up this morning, I watched you and hoped you would talk to me, even if it was just a few words, asking my opinion or thanking me for something good that happened in your life yesterday - but I noticed you were too busy trying to find the right outfit to put on and wear to work. I waited again. When you ran around the house getting ready, I knew there would be a few minutes for you to stop and say hello, but you were too busy.

At one point you had to wait fifteen minutes with nothing to do except sit in a chair. Then I saw you spring to your feet. I thought you wanted to talk to me, but you ran to the phone and called a friend to get the latest gossip. I watched as you went to work and I waited patiently all day long. With all your activities I guess you were too busy to say anything to me.

I noticed that before lunch you looked around, maybe you felt embarrassed to talk to me, that is why you didn't bow your head. You glanced three or four tables over and you noticed some of your friends talking to me briefly before they ate, but you didn't. That's okay. There is still more time left, and I have hope that you will talk to me, yet you went home and it seems as if you had lots of things to do. After a few of them were done you turned on the TV. I don't know if you like TV or not, just about anything goes there, and you spent a lot of time each day in front of it, not thinking about anything - just enjoying the show. I waited patiently again as you watched the TV and ate your meal, but again you didn't talk to me.

Bedtime... guess you felt too tired. After you said goodnight to your family you plopped into bed and fell asleep in no time. That's okay because you may not realize that I am always there for you. I've got patience more than you will ever know. I even want to teach you how to be patient with others as well. I love you so much that I wait everyday for a nod, prayer or thought or a thankful part of your heart.

It is hard to have a one-sided conversation. Well, you are getting up again and once again I will wait with nothing but love for you, hoping that today you will give me some time.

Have a nice day!

**Your friend,
GOD**