



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

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



Rev. Johann Neethling, Pastor

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OUR MISSION: To honor God by leading people to become devoted followers and ministers of Jesus Christ.



JUNE, 2001

SUNDAY SERVANTS FOR JUNE

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lay Assist: Sam Wilson
Acolytes:
Ushers: Bill & Barbara Simms
Greeters: Nick & Julie Griffo

YOUTH SCRIPTURE READERS

June 3: Ashley Welsh
June 10: Catherine Gomez
June 17: Miranda Gomez
June 24:

KINGS KIDS

June 3:
June 10: Susan & Brian Wilson
June 17: Pastor Johann & Ann
June 24: Melanie Dunn & Paige Deborski

NURSERY

June 3:
June 10: Paige Deborski & Ashley Welsh
June 17:
June 24:

TIME OUT WITH "COACH" JOHANN

Greetings Estancia Saints,

The paramount theme of all Jesus' earthly ministry was the **Kingdom of God**. It was the subject of his first preached message and it was the topic of His final words to His disciples. It was the theme of His parables and it was the proclamation of His acts of healing and deliverance. The totality of Jesus' life and ministry was focused on inaugurating, establishing, and expanding the earthly rule and reign of God – that the Father's will, which was already being perfectly done in heaven, would come to be done in the same way here on earth. In Matthew 6:33 He instructs His followers to "...seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things (what they shall eat, what they shall drink, what they shall wear, etc.) shall be added unto you." The supreme business of the Head of the Church must of necessity be the supreme business of His followers.

We have come to Christ in an era and country that has placed near supreme value and attention on the rights, privileges, and comforts of the

individual. The highest good is portrayed as that which meets the individual's need for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Calls to self-sacrifice, laying down one's life, going without so that others might have, considering the needs of others before or above one's own are almost alien to the ears of those raised on a cultural diet of self-satisfaction, pleasure, and instant gratification of every desire.

We dare not accommodate or modify or water down our message in order to appear "cool" to our generation. The preaching of the cross in Paul's day was an offence to traditional Jews and foolishness to enlightened Greeks and the moment our message ceases to run counter to the prevailing culture, we had better check whether we are still delivering the pure, unadulterated "hi-octane" Gospel or have diluted it with contemporary philosophies and beliefs.

Not only is that true of the message we proclaim from the pulpit, but also of the witness we present individually and corporately. Each of us is called to embody and reflect in our private, individual life – in our homes, families, neighborhoods, places of employment – and in our corporate life – our regular participation in worship, shared giving of our time, energy, and resources in ministry and service – that we have one primary purpose and objective – to see God's Kingdom come and His will be done here on earth as it is being done in heaven.

As we together joyfully **seek first His Kingdom** and to make new disciples for the King, we will discover that He is absolutely faithful to His word to then "add to us" all the other things He knows we need.

Honored to be a partner in ministry ~~with you!~~

Upward and onward....

"Coach" Johann

NEWS FROM UMW

The long awaited cookbooks are finally here and ready for all of you to enjoy the many good things included in this fine collection. They are available for \$10 from any UMW member. **Alma Wimstatt** is our official



keeper of the books and records and can be reached at 384-2826. She will help you get as many cookbooks as you want.

Plans are underway for the Ecumenical Luncheon on June 26 at noon in the educational building, we hope that you will consider coming and enjoy the fellowship and food with your neighbors in the community. We usually plan a program and this time we will be talking about missions in general and I will share some of my adventures travelling in mission fields in various countries. I know a good time will be had by all. You are also invited to attend

any of our UMW meetings held every month in the education building at noon with a pot luck and program having to do with our purpose and usually a short business meeting. Please come some time and get to know us better.

Marcia Fitzner, Pres. UMW

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL REPORT

Again, I am reporting progress of church activities as reported at our May 6, 2001 Administrative Council Meeting.

A "Discipleship group" was discussed whereby church groups would meet to study and share fellowship together. A church picnic at the Mora Ranch near Escobosa is in the planning stages. Church services will be held prior to the picnic with games following. A pre-Christmas arts and crafts fiesta has been suggested.

Plans for a new pictorial church directory is in the making by the PPRC Committee. You'll be hearing more about this later. PPRC is also planning to hire an adult nursery worker.

One of the busiest committees is the Board of Trustees. They have designated the first and third Saturdays each month as workdays. They have already accomplished many badly needed renovation and repair jobs, i.e. parsonage bathroom, torn down the rickety carport, are in the process of redoing the steps and ramp to the church entrance, putting up a new sign, repairing the bell tower and mounting the bell and many more improvements.

It was suggested that the church rent out craft

tables during the “Old Timer’s Day” celebration. This event is being coordinated by the Reunion Group. It was also suggested that we have a workshop, detailing resources available for people in need of financial help.

The Care and Outreach chairman stated that the food pantry is being reorganized and replenished with fresh goods. She also reported that attendance registries are now in use.

The Worship Chairman reports that church services now begin with praise music. The LOGOS Program has finished until fall. New altar cloths are now in use, thanks to two faithful members. Easter was celebrated with special music and an inspirational drama.

The UMW is selling Ecumenical cookbooks to raise money for their mission projects. Plans are also in the making for their annual Ecumenical luncheon. The History Committee is looking ahead to our 100th birthday celebration. The first services were held in 1903; the date on the cornerstone is 12-5-1905, the church was dedicated in October 1906.

When do you want your celebration?

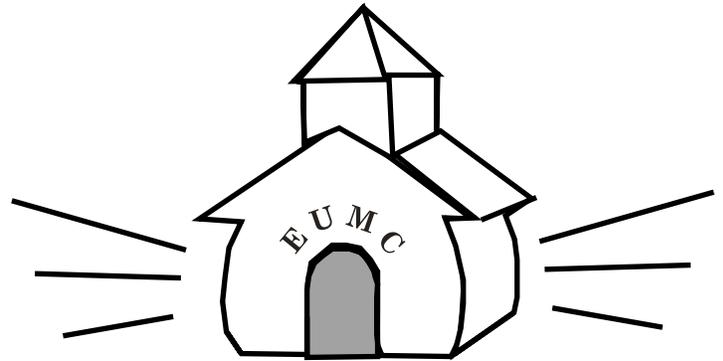


TIMES, THEY ARE A CHANGIN’, AUG 5TH

The pastor and lay leader took communion to the homebound and found it very fulfilling. Any church member is invited to participate in this service. A study committee was appointed to investigate possible building and renovation of our

church facilities as we are in need of more space. They are to report to the Ad. Council at a called meeting May 21st and action taken there will go to a called meeting on May 29th of the Charge Conference for congregation action. The Council voted to change our Sunday morning scheduling as follows: Sunday School 9:00 to 9:45 AM; opening exercises with singing and announcements 9:45 to 10:00 AM; Church services 10:00 to..... with fellowship and committee meetings following. This will go into effect the first Sunday in August.

We take on some rather difficult tasks at times. But “Commit to the Lord whatever you do and your plans will succeed.” Proverbs 16:3.
Ethel L. Floyd, Administrative Council Chairman



ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL UPDATE.....

Expansion Study Committee Reports To Administrative Council – May 21

After studying the needs and options for church expansion, **Mel Stephenson** reported to a called meeting of the administrative council on Monday evening, May 21. Several options along with costs were outlined and discussion followed. Initial agreement recommends tearing down the present educational building and building a new multi-purpose building with a basement between the church and the parsonage. It was also agreed our church needs some renovation inside and out as soon as possible. The next step is to meet with the Church District Building Committee with our plans and discuss financial needs and goals. After investigation and approval by this committee, a church conference will be called in Estancia to discuss and vote on plans. A church building committee would be selected at this time. Stay tuned.

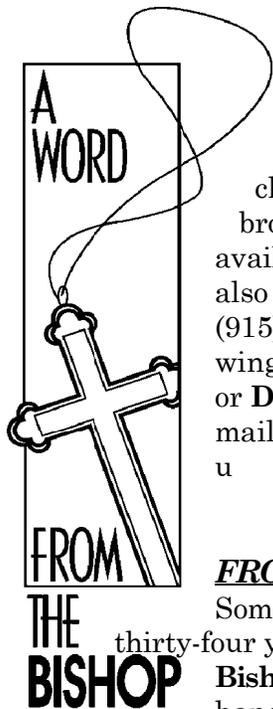
FROM THE CONFERENCE OFFICE

Bishop Max Whitfield especially encourages churches with youth who will be high school juniors or seniors this fall, to consider facilitating their participation June 11-13 at the United Methodist related McMurry University (Abilene TX) event: “C all Quest: Discovering and Living a Call from God”.

Through seminars led by **Bishop Dan Solomon**,

breakout sessions led by Christians from a variety of careers, and small groups for reflection, participants will have the opportunity to think about the direction their lives might take. They will also confer with career counselors through a personality and vocational inventory; learn about Servant Leadership; participate in lively worship services; sing, play, swim, eat and sleep; spend time in small groups with college students.

Cost is \$75 per person, includes all meals, lodging and material. **Bishop Whitfield**, of the NM/NWTX



Conferences urges all high school juniors and seniors who can do so to participate in the event, not just those who are considering careers in the church. Information

brochures/forms have been made available to local churches.... you may also access it from **Rev. Jim Wingert**: (915)793-4775) mailto: wingertj@mcmurryadm.mcm.edu or **Dr. Put Parris**: (915)-793-4632) mailto:parris@parrisp@mcmurryadm.mcm.edu

FROM BISHOP MAX

Some of My Thoughts.....It was thirty-four years ago that I knelt before **Bishop Paul V. Galloway** and felt his hands being placed upon my head and heard his words, "Take thou authority to proclaim the word of God." I have heard a few people say that nothing special happened that evening, at least when it happened to them. Some people have even said they weren't any different the next morning after those hands had been laid upon them. That was not my experience. I experience the presence of God affirming that I was a person set aside. I felt my calling from God had been affirmed. An experience of assurance swept over me that God was going to use me in ways I had never imagined. The church had confirmed my gifts and graces were sufficient to allow me to be a servant leader of Jesus Christ.

Maybe those are some of the reasons I get so excited about going to Annual Conference. Valerie and I have already begun to pack our suitcases to go to the New Mexico Annual Conference and I can hardly wait. Annual Conference is special for me. It is like a

giant family reunion. I stay up late, get up early, go home exhausted, and experience a spiritual revival.

These two sessions of Annual Conference will be different for me. I have a new family. I will strain to read name tags to prompt my dwindling memory. I will see many faces I have only seen briefly before. However, I will see in each face a special member of my family.

My role will also be different. I will not be permitted to take a break and visit with friends, when the speeches become longer than necessary or just plain boring. I will not be allowed to enter the debate or instruct the Presiding Officer on Conference Rules and Procedures. (That was always an enjoyable task from the other side of the table.) I will be able to share some of my heart, hopes, and dreams. I will have the privilege of introducing two of the finest preachers in Methodism. (**Bishop Dan Solomon** in New Mexico and **Dr. James Moore** in Northwest Texas) I will lay my hands upon those these Annual Conferences have determined God has called into Ordained Ministry.



I have one nagging question, "Will the Kingdom of God be clearer, more accessible, and emerging more quickly because I have again gathered with my family as the people of God?" If I only feel better and fail to lead these Conferences to become the faithful disciples Jesus Christ expects, then I am no more than a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.



These Annual Conferences sessions will be different because many Conference Members have been praying and seeking the experience of making a difference in the Kingdom of God. I can hardly wait.



Grace & Peace, Max

FATHER'S DAY PICNIC – JUNE 17

What a wonderful way for the church family to celebrate Father's Day this year – on a church picnic at the Mora ranch in beautiful Escobosa, New Mexico. We are deeply grateful to **Toby and Gail Mora** for the warm invitation to make their property available to us.

From Estancia, the ranch may be found by traveling west on Hwy. 55 to Hwy. 337. Turn north on 337 and travel past Chilili another 4 miles to Escobosa. The

Mora residence is the only two-story house in the village and is at the top of Filomeno Road on the west side of 337. From there direction markers will be provided to the picnic site. Carpooling and sharing transportation will make parking arrangements much easier for everyone.

Our church service that Sunday will be held at the picnic site from 9:00am till 9:30am, followed by refreshments, organized games, lunch and more fun activities or time to just relax for the afternoon.

Comfortable outdoor toilet facilities for men and women are available. There is no running water at the site, so bring your own, as well as any blankets, folding chairs and tables you may require.

The planning and organizing committee for the picnic includes, **Nick and Julie Griffo, Toby and Gail Mora, and Margaret Gomez.** One them will be contacting you soon about what food and other items to bring. We look forward to sharing that special day with you and any guests you wish to bring.

SUMMER CHURCH CAMPS

Please do check out the notice boards in the Educational Building where information has been posted on a number of different camps being held in our district during the summer months. There are camps for all age groups and a variety of interest groups.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE PREACHER TO VISIT ESTANCIA IN JULY

Bishop Dan E. Solomon, serving as the Bishop in Residence at McMurray University in Abilene, Texas and appointed to be the guest preacher at the 2001 session of the New Mexico Annual Conference, will be the honored and most welcome preacher at our church in Estancia on the first Sunday in July (July 1). **Bishop Solomon** will be a guest that weekend at the home of **Don and Marcia Fitzner**

GRADUATIONS

Our heartiest congratulations and best wishes for the next step of the journey to our High School graduates for 2001, **Kelly Darnell** and **Steven Coburn** from Estancia and **Chris Gomez** from Moriarty.

We applaud **Josh Hall**, son of our organist, **Morrow Hall**, who was recently accepted into Westpoint. What an honor!

Marieke Neethling (Johann & Anne's youngest daughter) just graduated with her Bachelor's degree in Experiential Education and Outdoors' Leadership from Warren-Wilson College in Asheville, North Carolina. **Marieke** received the Outdoor Leadership Graduating Senior Award for outstanding achievement in academics, service, professional practice and work as well as being listed in the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Those
Graduating
In Our
Church



GORUM GOOD-BYE

The Emmaus Women's Reunion Group would like to invite everyone to a potluck on Friday, June 1, 2001 at 6 00 p.m. This is a going away dinner for the **Gorums** who are moving to Reserve, New Mexico. We will miss you **Kathy, Jeff, Jessica, Jeffery,** and **Cassandra.** Come join us for some great fellowship. Bring your favorite dish to share, and join us as we wish the **Gorums** joy, peace and prosperity in their new home.

Thanks!  ~~Thanks to everyone~~ who has helped out on the Saturday work days. Things are getting done, and we appreciate those who have given up part of their Saturday to contribute to the maintenance of the church. We have more to do and some big projects left to accomplish. We look forward to seeing more of you on the next workday which will be Saturday, June 2 at 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Mark your calendars! Workdays will be the 1st and 3rd Saturday's of the month, as long as the weather holds and as long as we have work to do. We meet at 9:00 a.m. and break for lunch, which is provided, between 12:00 and 12:30. *Mark, (known lovingly by my fellow workers as S.D.)*

CAMPUS CONNECTION

It's that time of year where all churches recognize accomplishments of those who are graduating from High School. Before that list is lost, :-) please remember to send the names of your graduating high school students, their home address, city, zip and where they will be attending college (if known) to:

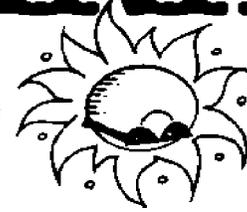
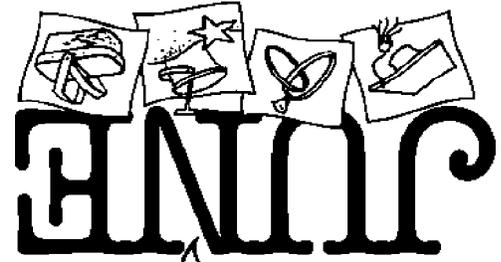
CAMPUS CONNECTION
PO BOX 4184
LAS CRUCES, NM 88003

OR EMAIL: mail to: wesley@nmsu.edu or FAX to 505-521-4517.

During the summer, we will be in contact with your graduates and we will also send their name to the United Methodist supported Campus Ministry where they will be attending college. This may be the best gift you can give your graduating seniors! Let's make this year the best response ever! Thanks!



May 28



Sent with a prayer to:

*Estaticia United Methodist Church
P. O. Box 378
Estaticia, NM 87016*

EUMC June 2001

"Each One Win One in 2001"

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 9:00 Worship/ 10:30 SS 11:15 Worshp C. 4:00 Choir	28 10:00 Bible Study: Christianity 101 6:30 Prayer 7:00 Women's Reunion Group	29 6:00 Prayer in sanctuary	30	31	1	2 9:00 Work Day 10:00 Praise Team 12:30 BBQ
3 9:00 Worship/HC 10:30 SS 11:15 Ad Council 3:00 Communion to Homebound 4:00 Choir	4 10:00 Bible Study: Christianity 101 6:30 Prayer 7:00 Women's Reunion Group 7:00 A.A.	5 6:00 Prayer in sanctuary 10:00 Care and Outreach	6	7	8	9 10:00 Praise Team
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17 FATHER'S DAY PICNIC 9:00 Service @ Picnic/ Escobosa	18 6:30 Prayer 7:00 Women's Reunion Group 7:00 A.A.	19 6:00 Prayer in sanctuary	20	21	22	23 10:00 Praise Team
24 9:00 Worship 10:30 SS 4:00 Choir	25 6:30 Prayer 7:00 Women's Reunion Group 7:00 A.A.	26 6:00 Prayer in sanctuary 12:00 Ecumenical Luncheon	27	28	29	30

Abbreviations:

A.A. – Alcoholics Anonymous
S.S. – Sunday School
Conf. – Confirmation Class

Barnabus Blessings are available in the church foyer to give or send to someone today.

If you have an email address and would like to share it with us, send it to:
siyabonga@aol.com

If you want to know more about any of our activities, or have some others that need to be listed, please contact the church office at 384-5215