



Estancia United Methodist Church,
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Church School 9:00 AM
Sunday Worship 10:00
AM



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



JUNE, 2002



SUNDAY SERVANTS FOR JUNE

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lay Assist: Roy Daniel

Acolytes: Rose Daniel

Ushers: Alice Daniel & Sayaka Honda

Greeters: Angela & Jacque Creamer

YOUTH SCRIPTURE READERS

June 2:

June 9:

June 16:

June 23:

June 30:

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KINGS KIDS

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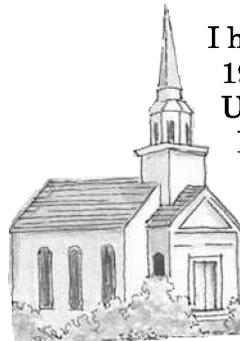
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REMINISCING

by

Carolyn Moore

I have been asked to write some of my thoughts
about the comings and goings of pastors.



I have been a United Methodist since
1952. I became an active member in a
United Methodist Church in 1956.

Kenneth and I had a permanent
home and a young son - church
became a very important part of
our lives. We lived across the
street from the parsonage so we
moved our pastors and our
neighbors in and out. There were
children who became friends with

my children so that was hard for the children to see
their friends go.

We moved to Estancia in 1973. The church was
where I met most of my new friends. It has been a
very important part of my life.

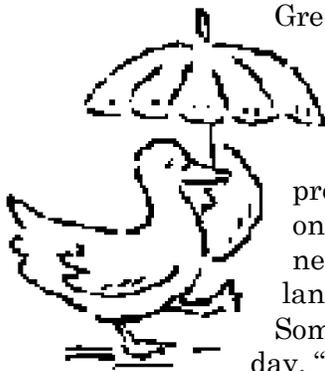
Estancia United Methodist Church is planning a
one hundredth year celebration. I discovered that
we have had forty-five pastors, and Linda Mizell

will be our forty-sixth pastor. Each pastor brings and leaves something different for us. There is a song that says, "I am the Church, You are the Church, We are the Church together." We, the congregation, support the church with our presence, prayers, talents and gifts. And with each and every pastor, we are able to show and spread God's Love.

As each pastor has come and gone in my years as a member, I can think back at the many good times and a few not so good times. It all depends on what is happening in your walk with God. Some of the pastors are special because he or she performed a marriage, a baptism, a confirmation and even a funeral. A pastor was there for you during illness or troubled times - it is normal to have special ones.

I do know each of my pastors have touched my life and helped me to grow in my walk with God. I thank ALL OF YOU!! -Carolyn

TIME OUT WITH "COACH" JOHANN



Greetings Estancia Saints
..... Well, I thought you had heard the last from me...and maybe you did too, but Bill Simms prevailed on me to write yet one more article for the June newsletter from up here in the land of "**webbed feet**". Someone said to me the other day, "It doesn't rain a lot in Seattle, but it does rain often"

and that is much of what we have experienced – periods of sunshine, then sudden clouds and rain, and sunshine again – all within a very short time span. It is hard to know for sure what to prepare for, so you prepare for whatever may come. That's not a bad lesson for us to learn for every life situation, because none of us knows for sure what lies around the next corner – remember the road that leads to Life is narrow and tough!

We just signed up for the next session of God's classroom where we are taking a course entitled "**A Certain God in an Uncertain World**". It is an

"on-the-job" training course where the theory and lessons learned are developed out of real life experience. "Lesson I" started this week and has been all about how to deal with the unexpected. It focuses on how to respond when what you anticipated and set your hopes on does not materialize. As many of you will remember, I shared with you that I had interviewed with the Chaplain of the VA Hospital regarding a yearlong Fellowship working with substance abuse patients. During the successful interview I specifically asked the Chaplain if the fact that I am a legal Permanent Resident and not yet a US citizen would stand in the way of my application and he assured me it would not. Two days before my scheduled meeting with him and the head Psychologist and Social Worker on the team this week he contacted me very apologetically to say that unfortunately my non-citizenship status **DOES** in fact present a major stumbling block and is likely to jeopardize my chances of being approved for the position. You might imagine the mixture of human emotions that emerged.

Why would God now take away what had appeared to be a gift of provision from His hand? I don't know, but the story of Abraham and Isaac suddenly came to remembrance as God asked Abraham to surrender the beloved son he and Sarah had longed for and prayed for all their life. Abraham responded with obedience and trust until God provided the ram in the bush. I am learning to wait patiently for mine.

God never asked of Abraham something he was unwilling to do Himself. Two thousand years later, on that same mount, God required the surrender of His own Son; only this time there was no last minute ram in the bush, as He became for us the sacrificial Lamb. He, who did not withhold His only Son for us, can be trusted to give us everything we need in Him. If your world suddenly seems uncertain, join me in staying focused on our Certain and for ever Good God.

Upward and onward....

"Coach" Johann & Anne

SPECIAL DATES

- * Trinity Sunday, June 2, 2002
- * Flag Day, June 14, 2002
- * Father's Day, June 16, 2002
- * Summer begins, June 22, 2002



From the PPRC...

I would like to say a BIG thank you to all who helped move Johann and Anne out and Paul and Linda in! It really was body building week! Call or stop by to help Linda unpack a box or two.
..... *Angela*

From Last Sunday's Worship Coordinator...

I would like to thank all the wonderful actors who performed in the Women's service last Sunday!*Marcia, Fitzner*

FATHER'S DAY JUNE 16

A FAMOUS FATHER

A great man died today. He wasn't a world leader or a famous doctor or a war hero or a sports figure. He was no business tycoon, and you'll never see his name in the financial pages. But he was one of the greatest men who ever lived. He was my father.

I guess you might say he was a person who was never interested in getting credit or receiving honors. He did corny things like pay his bills on time, go to church on Sunday and serve as an officer in the PTA. He helped his kids with their homework and drove his wife to do the grocery shopping on Thursday nights. He got a great kick out of hauling teenagers and their friends to and from football games.

Tonight is my first night without him. I don't know what to do with myself. I am sorry for the times I didn't show him the proper respect. But I am grateful for a lot of other things.

I am thankful that God let me have my father for 15 years. And I am happy that I was able to let him know how much I loved him. That wonderful man died with a smile on his face and fulfillment in his heart. He knew that he was a great success as a husband and as a father, a brother, a son and a friend. I wonder how many millionaires can say that.
-Author unknown



TAKE NOTE

Toby Mora would like to hear from you. His new address is:

**Mr. Toby Mora
WNMCF A-Red 106
P. O. Drawer 250
Grants, NM 87020**



NOTE: The next Administrative Council meeting has been moved to June 30!

ANOTHER NOTE: A date has been set for the UMW sponsored Ecumenical Luncheon! It will be held at the Methodist Church at noon on June 29.

STILL ANOTHER NOTE:

Bonnie Thomas will be taking over the management and supervision of the church food pantry! The food pantry provides a much needed service in our community, so please donate generously and give Bonnie your full support!





Sent with a prayer to:



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FROM BISHOP MAX

Some of My Thoughts

The Council of Bishops spent a significant amount of time looking at clergy sexual ethics and ways to ensure that all of our churches are safe sanctuaries. This issue seemed particularly important given the widespread media coverage of the Roman Catholic Church in recent weeks.

I am particularly grateful that I have not been required to spend an abundance of my time on this subject and have been free to focus on helping congregations and pastors become more effective in making disciples of Jesus Christ. I am grateful that a vast majority of clergy persons are committed to abiding by the highest standards of moral and ethical behavior.

The following is the statement released to the public to express where we are as the Council of Bishops.

Sexual Abuse in the Church

There is little doubt that sexual abuse by clergy or representative lay ministers in the church and society is troubling for our communities and congregations worldwide. Such violations of sacred trust, particularly child or sexual abuse, are devastating to those victimized and all persons affected. Further, these acts damage the integrity of

the church's witness.

As members of the Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church, we reaffirm our resolve to prevent and eradicate sexual abuse and misconduct in the church. We reaffirm our commitment to compassion, justice and healing for those harmed.

We are committed to addressing sexual misconduct promptly and forthrightly for the healing of all concerned, especially victims and congregations. Clergy and other persons within our communion who abuse and children or who are sexual predators will not be knowingly shielded or protected. They shall be held accountable as The Book of Discipline demands and Church order expects. Given these historic affirmations, we joined in the following actions in our semi-annual meeting:

- Prayed for victims, offenders, families and the whole church including ourselves
- Reviewed the church's response to this issue over the last twenty years
- Re-affirmed our policies and protocol for responding to allegations of misconduct
- Identified existing resources available for the church
- Committed ourselves anew to the highest