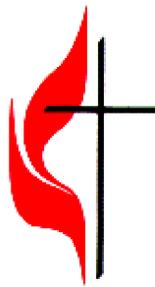




**NEWSLETTER**  
OF THE  
**Estancia United Methodist Church**  
*600 Williams, Estancia, New Mexico*



**JUNE**  
**2006**

**Pastor: Rev. Gary Eggart**

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**Your Church Staff**

Chairperson of Administrative Council	Marcia Fitzner
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Chairperson: Education Committee	Susan Wilson
Youth Representative	Brian Wilson
Chairperson: Missions	Marcia Fitzner
Chairperson: Prayer Evangelism	Nick Griffo
Chairperson: Care and Outreach	Kristie Brown
Chairperson: Pastor Parish Relations	Melanie Chavez
Chairperson: Finance Committee	Mel Stephenson
Chairperson: History	Ethel Floyd
Financial Secretary	Marcella Reynolds
Church Treasurer	Sylvia Levy
President UMW	Alma Wimsatt
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President UMM	Nick Griffo

Bishop: D. Max Whitfield  
 District Superintendent: Rev. Jim Hawk  
**Please visit us on the web:**  
<http://www.gbgbm-umc.org/estancia>

**Prayer Concerns**

- Joe
- Ron Pitman & family
- Frances Tyler
- Gerald Fitzner
- Ruth Brindle
- Donald Berry
- Erma Ann McGee
- Ruth-Mel's sister
- Mary Garcia
- Peter Sanchez
- Shirley Solomon
- Pam's Sister
- Billy & Dustin Newsom
- Debbie Gallegos and Mildred Griffo
- The men and women of the armed forces
- National leaders and the leaders of the world

**Sunday Worship 11:00 AM**  
**Nursery Provided**

**From Pastor Gary**

Summer is a busy time for most people. Actually I don't know anyone who does not have a busy summer, but I am sure there are people without a busy summer. Why is our world so busy? My mom was telling me how busy she is and I asked her how she did everything when she worked and had four kids at home? I only have two little kids at home and they are involved in baseball. We will be spending half of our evenings for June in Moriarty at ball games. When I look at my schedule I feel exhausted.

There doesn't seem like there is much time to play. I am sure you are all familiar with the phrase "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." But are you familiar with the rest of it, "all work and no God has left Jack with a lost soul." Casting Crowns, a contemporary Christian music band wrote the song "American Dream." It goes something like this:

"All work and no play may have made Jack a dull boy  
 But all work and no God has left Jack with a lost soul.  
 But he is moving on full steam;  
 He is chasing the American Dream  
 And he is gonna give his family the finer things"

Are you chasing the American dream? If not, what dream are you chasing? We all are chasing a dream and some of us are unaware of the dream. There are only two types of dreams, but if you eat too much pizza, you dream in color. The dream of the house on the beach and the dream of the house on the rock. The American Dream of giving the family the finer things is the dream of the beach house-the one on sand. Is the dream you are following and living the house on the sand or the house on the rock? Jesus talked about these two house. The wind and the rain came and the house on the sand washed away.

Summer is a busy time of the year. People have cookouts, go camping, go on vacations, and take advantage of the nice weather and long evenings. But in all you endeavor to do this summer remember our closing song we sing as we hold hands, "Let not the busy world claim all our loyalties." Don't let your summer activities take you away, keep you away, from worshiping God. Keep that relationship strong.

If you endeavor to keep up with the Joneses, make sure you follow the Joneses who build on the Rock and not the Joneses who build on the sand.

See you in church this summer.

*-Pastor Gary*

### **Stewardship Program is Coming!**

A Stewardship Program is being initiated and our congregation is needed to help make it a success. Two years ago Marcia Fitzner led a very successful campaign and as a result the church's finances are in excellent shape. I think Marcia will agree that it was a total church effort that brought about the success.

We are in need of volunteers to help get the program off to a good start. Even if you are not directly associated with the team, you can express your ideas on the mission of the church. Information we will be seeking from you over the next few months are:

- Identify what you love about our church;
- Identify who you love from our church that has made a difference in your life;
- Identify your greatest dream for our church;
- And based on the above what can you contribute to make the dreams come true.

We want this to be a year-around Stewardship Program and to include each member and attendee.

*-Mel Stephenson, Finance Chairman*

#### **BONNIE THOMAS HAS A NEW GRANDSON!**

Born to Christie and Tom Treen on May 29,  
2006, a 7 lb. 6 oz. boy! -- Joseph James Treen

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**MOTHER'S DAY**



Carolyn Hill                  Sharon Avery                  Lily Wyman                  Kitty Long                  Vivian                  Sylvia Levy  
Jan Wynn Della Stephenson                  Pastor Gary                  Alma Wimsatt                  Culvertson

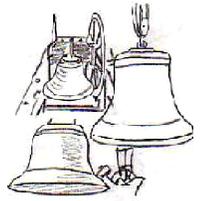


**KING'S KIDS**

## **IN CASE YOU HADN'T NOTICED...**

During the last month a lot of changes have taken place in and around your church... These are some of them:

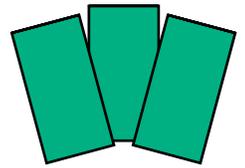
- Thanks to your History Committee and Mel Stephenson, the Carillon Chime System has been installed and is now chiming weekdays and Sunday.



- The church basement as well as our back steps have been re-carpeted; the entire basement as well as the downstairs tables repainted and a new, heavy outside basement door installed.

- The new Education Building kitchen is now 99% complete with new floor, cabinets, sink, water filter, under-cabinet lights and wall tile. Thanks to the Quilting Group for getting this started!

- The Gardening Committee has been hard at work outlining flower beds and planting shrubs and flowers around the church grounds. Let them know if you noticed.



- New locking file cabinets purchased for the storage of the church's historical records.

- The joint UMW - Wednesday Morning Quilters Yard Sale held on May 13th was a great success. Thanks to all who contributed and helped out before and after!



## **HISTORY COMMITTEE**

Have you heard the new chimes? The History Committee met in the home of Barbara and Bill Simms on May 9th to listen to the new chimes that were purchased by the History Committee. Thanks goes out to Bill for the hours of labor and funds he spent putting this computerized system together.

At this meeting we also viewed the engraved Nambe platter that was mailed to Richard White in appreciation for the filming and DVDs he donated for the Church Anniversary Celebration.

The church records have been filed in new locked files for safe keeping and future reference.

The above action completes my terms as your History Committee Chairman as I plan to move to be near family members. I have enjoyed my years as chairman of this committee and the cooperation of the committee members. They have been great to work with. I will miss the Estancia church and my church family and wish you the best in the years to come. Love to all.

*-Ethel L. Floyd Former History Committee. Chairman*

**GOOD MORNING!  
This is GOD  
I will be handling all of  
Your problems today.  
I will not need your help.  
So RELAX and have  
A great day!**

**Mountainair UMC News**

We won't have any Vacation Bible School in Mountainair, we have no UMW group, and nothing special happened at church on Mother's Day. Doubt if anything special will happen on Father's Day either.

Our outside stucco work is still on-going, but it does appear that they will finish someday...just which one, I'm not sure yet.

Otherwise....well I guess the Mountainair Artists Tour last weekend was a big success. We had lots of folks in town, and visiting all the places and enjoying the activities. MUMC had a booth in the Dr. Saul's Community Center both days, and we sold 15 more of the Centennial Cookbooks we put together 3 years ago. I guess that makes it worth having had the booth. But mostly, we got to meet and greet lots of new folks who were visiting Mountainair, and that's always nice. We even saw some folks from St. John's Methodist Church in Santa Fe, who we sort of knew from having seen them at Annual Conference.

School is out for the summer, and I'm sure all the families with kids are looking forward to that time to be together. For us "old folks", it really doesn't affect us, when school is on or out. But, it's nice to see the youngsters who don't always come to church during the school year, but do attend more in the summer. And those who are teachers, seem to be more relaxed and a bit happier then too. And that also means that the choir is off for the summer as well. We'll sing our last time on June 4th, which is Pentecost Sunday. We usually resume again after Labor Day in the fall.

Our delegate to Annual Conference this year will be Noelle Sharp. It will be her first time to attend an Annual conference, and I'm sure she'll have lots to share when she gets back. I'm certainly glad to see some "new" folks going to Annual Conference, and not just the same ones over and over. I think it really gives the attendee a much different and more enlightened perspective on how the church really operates at the upper levels.

We enjoyed having Marcia Fitzner last Memorial Day Sunday. as she was substituting for Gary. We always enjoy Marcia, and appreciate her sharing her experiences with us.

*-Mary Jones*



**DON'T FORGET VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**STARTS AT NOON ON JUNE 26TH**

**"UNDER CONSTRUCTION"**

**PreSchool -> 6th Grade**

**HELP IS NEEDED**

**Please call Vickie Dile at 384-3143**

**or Susan Wilson at 384-1018 if you can help**



**We are blessed that so many folks are willing to help keep our church and education building CLEAN! And now it's Sign-Up time again for the coming year! Look for the sign-up board in the education building this month - Hurry and get the "best month" for you!**

In Pastor Gary's absence last Sunday, Morrow Hall gave the following sermon:

***SERMON given on May 28, 2006, Estancia United Methodist Church, by J. Morrow Hall***

I was in Texas last week and saw a poster for a man who's running for governor there. His name is Kinky Friedman. I don't think he's taking the race too seriously, because his motto is "Hey, how hard can it be?" I may have had a similar thought when I offered to do this, and now I'm going to find out how hard standing up here can be.

When I was very young, even before I started school, I attended Sunday school and Bible school, and there began to learn about God. It wasn't until I was in the fifth grade, and had a very good teacher, Eulah Watson, that I became interested in science. I have continued to study both disciplines since that time.

We hear a lot about the conflict between religion and science, but I have never perceived a contradiction between the two. My premise today is that there is nothing that prevents a Christian from being a scientist as well, or that decrees a scientist somehow must be an atheist.

The Bible begins with the words, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." In the Genesis account, God creates, over a period of time, grasses and trees, the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, the animals of the earth, and, finally, human beings.

Science says essentially the same thing. In Genesis, this process takes six days. Science says it took somewhere between 11.2 billion and 20 billion years. But the order in which these things occurred is about the same.

Some monk back in the days before television, when there wasn't much to do, pored over the Bible with a mind to determining the age of the Earth. He took the seven days of Genesis and added the ages of Methuselah and all those other old-timers from Adam to Noah to Abraham and on to Jesus. He determined that God made the Earth some 4,000-odd years before Jesus was born. To those who find this troubling, I ask simply, how long is God's day?

Science has determined the age of the Earth to be 4.5 billion years - human years, that is - give or take a few hundred million. I don't find that a problem.

Psalms 19 says, "The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork." Just a few years ago, scientists picked what looked like a blank space in the best map of the stars that we had. They pointed the Hubble Space Telescope at this blank spot and extended it to full magnification. The resulting photograph is called the Hubble Deep Field. Visible in this view are many hundreds of galaxies, telling the glory of God as far as we can see and still beyond.

These are galaxies - each one like our own Milky Way, each containing billions of stars. Even these galaxies are beyond count. Science has shown us that the handiwork of God is vast beyond our ability to comprehend.

And yet, vast as this creation is, science agrees with the Bible that there was a beginning. Current scientific theory holds that, some 11.2 billion to 20 billion years ago, there was what it calls "the Big Bang." The entire universe, it says - all those billions upon billions of stars - began in what it calls a "singularity" - a "black hole," if you will - the size of a marble, or perhaps a mustard seed.

It's important to look at what science does not say. Science is the study of what is observable, or can be pieced together from whatever evidence remains. What science does not say about the Big Bang is where that marble-sized singularity came from, or how it happened to appear where and when it did those many years ago.

I have no doubt in my mind that all that exists is the creation of an almighty and everlasting God. Science

neither supports nor condemns such belief.

And then there's evolution. Back in about 1969, I remember reading about a hockey player who hit a puck and broke his stick. But because the grain of the wood was curved, only a little arc of the leading edge broke off. The hockey player decided to keep playing with that stick, and he soon discovered that it gave him better control of the puck. Since then, hockey sticks have been redesigned to take advantage of this discovery.

In the theory of evolution, this discovery would be called a positive mutation. Hockey sticks break all the time, but once in a great while the break is advantageous.

The theory of evolution suggests that this is how organisms have become more complex over great lengths of time. The mutations involved are not among hockey sticks, but in the arrangement of the four amino acids that are the building blocks of what we call life.

There are those who find this theory threatening to their belief that God created all that exists. I do not feel that threat.

Our understanding of evolution is very limited. It's like looking at a piano only through a small peephole in the back. We can see things moving around, and we can give them names and make conjectures about what they do. We make a theory. When we see something that doesn't fit the theory, we have to change it. But it only describes what happens - the mechanism - it doesn't begin to describe the person who is playing the keys, or the beautiful music that results. Science just doesn't go there. Science may not even realize that there is music.

Science must have observable information that can be duplicated by others. The only question it answers, and it makes slow progress in doing so, is "How?" Religion approaches from a different direction. It asks "Who?" and "Why?"

There are some things that we know to be true that science has not begun to explain. The most obvious is the will of every living creature to survive and to reproduce. This seems to be a force as powerful as gravity or energy, yet science takes no notice of it. It is the very breath of God that animates us. It pushes us from within; it makes us get up in the morning, eager to eat, to perceive, to learn, to laugh, to make things better for ourselves and others. It gives us the very curiosity that leads some of us to become scientists. It makes us aware that God has a purpose, and drives us to follow the right path.

And how do we know what is right? We're born knowing! Our ancestors ate of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, and we know! I think that knowledge, which we feel in the pits of our stomachs when we do something wrong, which gives us great joy when we do the right thing, is at least as astonishing as the complicated orbits of the planets. This awareness is deeply challenging. It represents our immediate and unbreakable connection to our Creator. It demands a response from us.

Yet science says nothing about these things. We who remember that we are the children of God have nothing to fear from science. Even if some day science answers all the questions it asks, it will have left the big questions unexplored. Who are we? Why are we here? Who made us? Why?

It is here, in this room and so many like it around the world, that these big questions are asked, and answered. We are children of God, who has a purpose for our lives. We are grateful children who feel the love of God and wish to return it. We need God.

Maybe some day science will figure that out.

Let us pray. Thank you, God, for giving us life, for giving us curiosity. Let us learn what we can of your glorious creation. Let us not forget you, and your breath which animates us. Thank you for giving us your son, Jesus, who leads us to fulfill your magnificent purpose. Amen.

# June 2006

Tear Off

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>4</b> 9 AM Worship - Mtair 10 AM Adlt Sunday Sch 11 AM Worship 11:15 Childrens Church	<b>5</b> 7-7:45 Morning Meditation  7:30pm AA	<b>6</b> Pastor Gary in Mountainair 7:00pm Mens Ministry	<b>7</b> 7-7:45 Morning Meditation 10:am Quilters 6:pm Disciple Bible Study	<b>1</b>  7:30pm AA	<b>2</b> 7-7:45 Morning Meditation	<b>3</b> 7-7:45 Morning Meditation
<b>11</b> 9 AM Worship - Mtair 10 AM Adlt Sunday Sch 11 AM Worship 11:15 Childrens Church 12:15 Church Potluck	<b>12</b> 7-7:45 Morning Meditation  7:30pm AA	<b>13</b> Pastor Gary in Mountainair 6:30 pm Biblical Archaeology - George Sparks	<b>14</b> 7-7:45 Morning Meditation 10:am Quilters 6:pm Disciple Bible Study	<b>15</b>  7:30pm AA	<b>16</b> 7-7:45 Morning Meditation	<b>17</b> 7-7:45 Morning Meditation  5:00 Clean-Up Potluck - Simms Place  7:00 Men's Breakfast
<b>18</b> <b>FATHERS DAY</b> 9 AM Worship - Mtair 10 AM Adlt Sunday Sch 11 AM Worship 11:15 Childrens Church	<b>19</b> 7-7:45 Morning Meditation  7:30pm AA	<b>20</b> Pastor Gary in Mountainair 7:00pm Mens Ministry	<b>21</b> 7-7:45 Morning Meditation 10:am Quilters 6:pm Disciple Bible Study	<b>22</b>  7:30pm AA	<b>23</b> 7-7:45 Morning Meditation	<b>24</b> 7-7:45 Morning Meditation
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**Don't Forget:**

- Church Potluck Sunday June 11, at 12:15pm
- Biblical Archaeology Tuesday June 13 at 6:30pm



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To honor God through our worship, ministry and discipleship based on God's Word; supporting one another with Christian Fellowship and reaching out to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.