



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



**JUNE, 2008**

**Pastor: Rev. Gary Eggart**

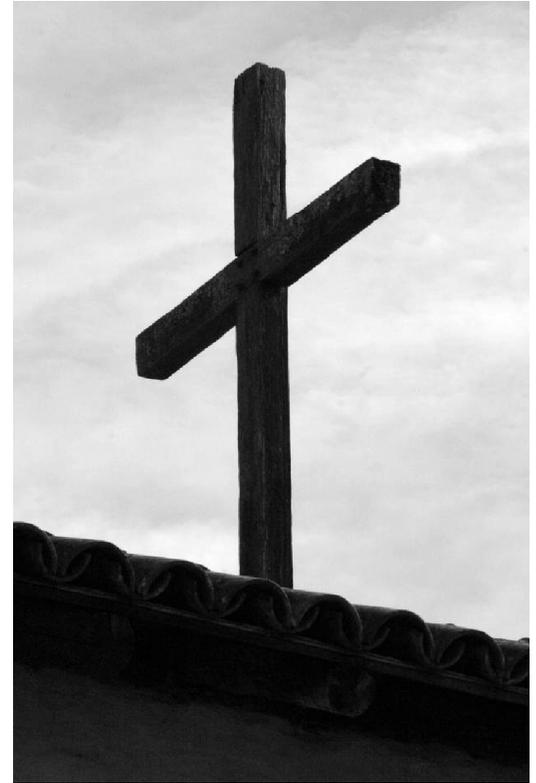
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<http://www.gbqm-umc.org/estancia>



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

**From Pastor Gary**

Today, I have been waiting for profound words to write as I say goodbye to you. Anyway, while we are waiting for them to come, just let me say "Goodbye." In two weeks I will say my final goodbyes to everyone. When I came, everyone accepted me and my family with open arms and as we get ready to leave, you have been a very loving church family that has been very supportive with the recent events of our lives. I want to thank you for the love and support everyone has shown over the last four years as well as the friendship.

I want to encourage you to welcome Charlie Spooner and his wife as you have welcomed me and my family. As you opened your hearts to me, and accepted me, open your hearts to him. Most of you do not know him or what he will be like, but trust that God has sent him here as God is sending me to pastor in TX. Any time there is a change in leadership, there can be some uncertainty of what the new leader will be like, but your faith is in God and He is sending Rev. Spooner to lead and pastor you. Once again, I want to thank you for your love and friendship while I have been here. It has been a joy to be here and get to know everyone and to be called your pastor. I will miss you.

*-Pastor Gary*

## ***Change, Change, Change***

We keep hearing about “*Change*” it seems to be the popular thing to talk about politically, socially and even in the religious arena.

As Annual Conference approaches next week, we will be hearing about *change* once again. A proposal is coming before the conference to make some changes to our current structure. They propose to combine some committees much as we have in our own church in order to streamline and enable better ministry.

*Change, Change, Change.* We will be making a big *change* as we greet another pastor into our midst. He will be different just as all of us are different. We will have to make adjustments as we work with a new personality.

I was reminded of our Sunday Scripture, Exodus 17: 8-16, that was read this past Sunday, which was also a daily devotional in our Upper Room. Moses was trying to hold up his hands in order for the Israelites to keep winning the battle against the Amalekites. As long as he could do this, things went well, but because he was only human, he could not sustain that position forever. Aaron and Hur were led to help hold up his hands in order to enable him. As we prepare for a “*change*” we need to be prepared to help steady our pastors hands in order that we may go successfully down our new path doing God’s work.

Together we can sustain and do well. Remember God will be by our side.

*-Marcia Fitzner*

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## ***Cleaning***

Thanks to all who helped with the church and education building cleaning last year! It takes just an hour of your time once a week for your chosen time. And what a difference it makes in the looks of our church, not to mention the money it saves.

Thanks also to those who have already signed up for the 2008-09 season. **There are a few spots left:** (1) the first two weeks of August. (2) the last two weeks of December, (3) the month of April and (4) the month of May.

If you have the time, please consider signing up. The sign-up sheet is in the Education Building.

Did we forget to mention that this also makes you feel good!

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## **Church of the Week: Estancia United Methodist Church, Estancia, New Mexico**

Each week the Methodist Church's General Board of Discipleship worship website features a photo of a different United Methodist church building. This Church Photo Gallery may be the largest collection of UM church photos on the web. To see the gallery point your web browser to <http://www.gbod.org/worship/> and click on Church of the Week.

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The Rev Gary L. Eggart, Pastor

Photo submitted by R. W. Simms

### **History of Estancia United Methodist Church, 1905-2005**

When the early settlers arrived in Estancia, one of their first missions was to build a church. That was the beginning of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Estancia, New Mexico. Little did they know it would still be an intricate part of the community 100 years later.

This little church with its beautiful architecture has stood as a symbol of Christian love and worship of God. It began with forty men and two women and continued to grow with its "ups" and "downs" and remains firm to this day. It has withstood a fire and flood, but with the work and support of its members, it is still a strong and beautiful church. It is our hope and prayer that it will be standing as a House of God when its members celebrate their 200th Anniversary. -- *Ethel Floyd*

### ***Please Welcome Rev. and Mrs. Spooner!***

Charles (Charlie) Spooner was raised in Rockford, Ill. and Albuquerque, N.M. He is a graduate of Manzano High School, McMurry University, Abilene, Texas and Brite Divinity at Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas.

Rev. Spooner has served the Conference full time since 1974, beginning his service at Mountainside UMC, Cedar Crest, N.M. He is coming to us from the Marfa, Texas charge.

Charles has been active in the Emmaus Walks since attending the 1st Walk in 1988. He has worked many walks, one as recently as February 2008. For four years he has helped lead Epiphany, the Emmaus Walk directed at Youth Offenders. He has been Dean of Camp Sunshine, the Conference's camp for the mentally challenged. Other interests are computers, outdoor activities, biking and wood working. Charles turns pens, makes music instruments and Advent wreaths.

June, his wife, was raised in El Paso and Albuquerque where she graduated from Del Norte High School. June has a degree in Home Economics from Texas Christian University. She is active in the National Garden Club, Inc. and has been the national Smokey Bear - Woodsy Owl Poster Chairman. Currently she is a Master Flower Show Judge and is qualifying to be a design instructor.

The Spooner's have one daughter, Cara. She and husband Patrick Fuller just had their first baby, Ethan Michael, born May 9th. Cara graduated in December from NMSU with a BS in business. Patrick graduated this May from NMSU with a BS in Computer Management.





**Ethel Floyd**  
**9/6/15 - 5/22/08**

Ethel Floyd, long time member of our church, passed away last week. We will always remember Ethel for her love of history and music. Thanks to Ethel, many children in the community have been able to personally experience the benefits and pleasure of having music in their lives. She used to say "My claim to fame will be to teach these kids to play the piano, it's a lost art!"

Ethel chaired the Torrance County History Book Committee and was the chairman of the church's history committee responsible for our church's 100th anniversary celebration and centennial history book.

Her memorial service was held at the Estancia United Methodist Church on Wednesday May 28th at 10:00 AM. She was interred at the Santa Fe National Cemetery next to her husband, Slim.

**NOTE: The trustees have asked that if you make a donation to our church's building fund, that you specify "New building fund" on your payment.**

### ***In Case You Hadn't Noticed***

On Thursday, May 22nd, trustees, Phil Levy, Francis Winn and Bill Simms along with expert help from Mel Stephenson, Pastor Gary and Jon Shively, installed a new evaporative air conditioner in the Education Building. Because of the revised plumbing and the necessary carpenter work, it turned out to be an all day job. Check it out for yourself and if you approve, let these folks know.



### **Mountainair UMC News**



The big news, of course, is the going and coming of pastors, and we're looking forward to all that....however, the publication date for June won't allow for the photos from the going away party on the 8th, nor whatever welcoming event may take place after Rev. Spooner arrives, so we'll look to those in July's edition. But, for now, here are some things from Mountainair:

**Calendar events...**our church will be hosting the Community 5th Sunday Sing on June 29th. It will also be a chance for us to recognize the fact that our church building is now 100 years old. It was the first building in Mountainair used for church services by the various congregations as their preacher would come into town for services. Before the Methodist purchased it, in 1915, it was also used during the week for schooling the children. Between 1908 and 1915, several other denominations that were using this building were able to build their own facilities on land given to them by members of their congregations. Among them are the Baptists and the Nazarenes. After the town built it's first actual school building, classes were no longer held there. But, at this 5th Sunday Sing we will have an opportunity for coming together and celebrating our connectedness and common history. We invite all those in the Estancia Methodist church to come join us for this celebration, beginning with a service at 6PM, and followed by refreshments in the parish hall.

More beautification of our church building has been taking place during the past few months. A group of wonderful artists, lead by Shirley and Wray Simmons, has been meeting on thursdays to do their creative work. They "noticed" that our parish hall walls were in need of some repair of cracks and repainting. They volunteered their time and talent and contributed many hours to the patching and painting of the entire room. Then they asked if they might display their art work for all of our enjoyment. Of course, we said yes. On the following page are some photos of our "new" room.

*Refurbished Parish Hall, Mountainair UMC*



# June 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9 AM Worship 9:15 Childrens Church 10:15 AM Adult SS 11 AM Worship - Mtair	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study 7 PM Men's Bible Study	<b>4</b> 10:am Quilters	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9 AM Worship Joint Service w/ Mountainair Goodbye to Pastor Gary	<b>9</b> 7:PM TRUSTEES	<b>10</b> 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study 7 PM Men's Bible Study	<b>11</b> 10:am Quilters	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9 AM Worship 9:15 Childrens Church 10:15 AM Adult SS 11 AM Worship - Mtair FATHER'S DAY	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study 7 PM Men's Bible Study	<b>18</b> 10:am Quilters	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7 AM Men's Breakfast
<b>22</b> 9 AM Worship 9:15 Childrens Church 10:15 AM Adult SS 11 AM Worship - Mtair	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study 7 PM Men's Bible Study	<b>25</b> 10:am Quilters	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
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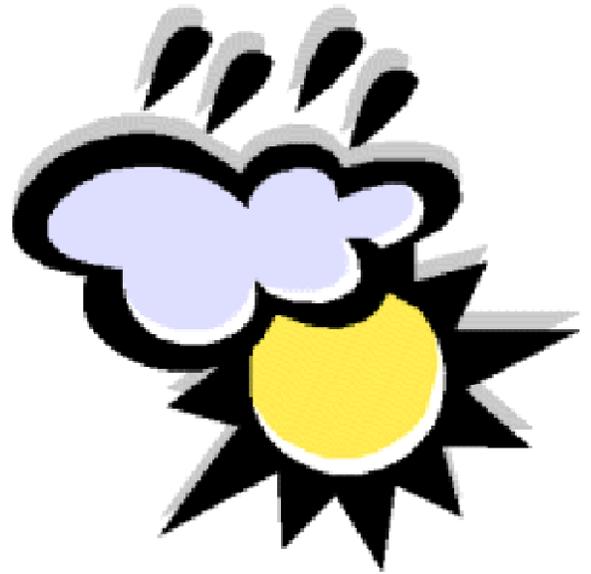
*Coming Soon...*

*VBS at EUMC - July 21 - 25!*

*June*



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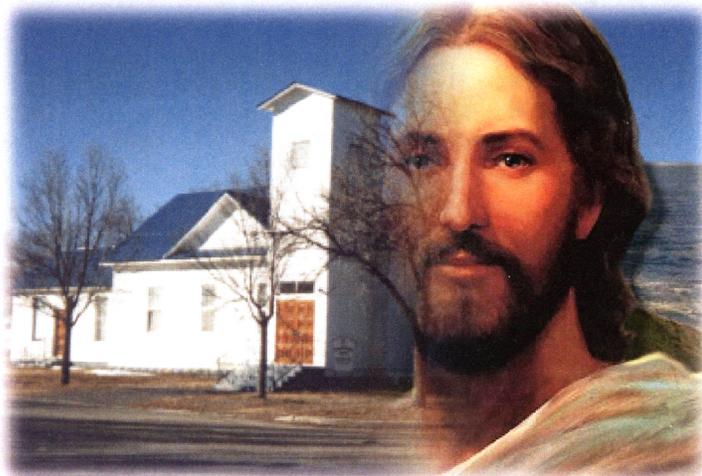
To the members of the Estancia United Methodist Church:

We feel very blessed to have all of our brothers and sisters in Christ with us and would like to extend our deep appreciation for all of your prayers, love, and support as we recover from our recent tragedy and begin the newest chapter of our history together as a church.

Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$1000 to help us rebuild our church. With God's help and people like you, we will be able to get this done.

***THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU***

***The Maxwell United Methodist Church Family***  
***Maxwell, New Mexico***



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