



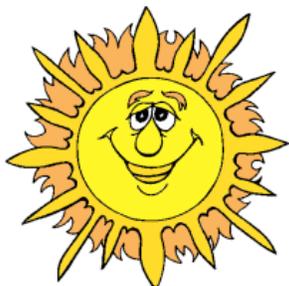
NEWSLETTER

OF THE

Estancia United Methodist Church

600 Williams, Estancia, New Mexico

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JUNE, 2009

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

Who is God... He is Knowable.

God, who created the universe in all of its magnitude and creative details, is able to be known, by us. He tells us about himself, but even goes beyond that. He welcomes us into a relationship, so that we personally can get to know him. Not only can we know about him, we can know him, intimately.

"Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom
or the strong man boast of his strength
or the rich man boast of his riches,
but let him who boasts boast about this:
that he understands and knows me,
that I am the Lord,
who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth,
for in these I delight," declares the Lord. (Jeremiah 9:23,24)

Who is God... He is Approachable

God invites us to talk to him and engage him in what concerns us. We don't have to get our act together first. Neither do we need to be polite, theologically

correct or holy. It is his nature to be loving and accepting when we go to him.

"The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth." (Psalms 145:18)
"Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
his understanding has no limit." (Psalms 147:5)

METHODIST MEN MAKEOVER MISSIONS

The Methodist Men met on May 16th for a breakfast meeting. Don Fitzner, Phil Levy and Nick Griffo served as chefs. Bill Simms led the devotional about what the Hubble Telescope means to Christians, Jon Shively led the singing and prayers. The breakfast was followed by a short meeting to plan tasks associated with the Church grounds and outside missions.

This month and last have been devoted to tasks on the church grounds. The men made major repairs to the sidewalks by replacing three slabs with new concrete and removing the uneven edges. Also the Men are currently involved in repairing and repainting the outside of the Parsonage. They have also been working on some new projects on the church grounds including a new Sunday School Children's garden and general clean up of the church grounds. The Men are constructing a new pull cart to put behind Gaylyn's bicycle so that he can haul his yard work tools around to work at the church and other odd jobs here in town. The Men also continue to support the Stained Glass Project by helping to install the replacement windows, providing wood shims for the installation, and cutting and routing the wood for the trim around the windows.

- Jon Shively

THE BUCKAROOS

According to Austin and Alta Fife, a buckaroo derives its name from the Spanish *vaquero* which is Spanish for cowboy. Of course the buck comes from the first "v" is pronounced like a "b". The singing group has grown and is planning to provide music for future church services. Our mission is to round up new and old Christians before the big round up in the sky. If you would like to add your voice or instrument to the chorus, please contact Jon Shively at 384-5387. The group rehearses on alternate Mondays at 6:30 p.m. - Jon Shively



And in the end it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years. -Abraham Lincoln

THE BEST NEWS EVER!!

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16.



King's Kids Last Sunday



Kayla, Our Newest Rodeo Star!

A Summer Prayer

Long warm days...
 The pace of life slows...
 A time for picnics and rest in the shade...

Lord,
 help me to rest awhile in the cooling shade of your presence.
 Slow down my restless heart and fill me with gentle compassion for all your people.
 Amen.

**Window Project News**

Spirit Window

The stained glass project continues to go well with many accomplishments, and it appears that each new completed window is better and more beautiful than the last. Maybe we are just becoming more experienced. But there is a lot of thought and prayer that goes into each window. Some may not realize just how much thought and effort goes into each window from a) the selection of the biblical scene that is being represented, b) the selection of glass color, textures, and grain, c) cutting and fitting the glass on the pattern, and then d) the finishing, which includes soldering, puttying and polishing. Each of these steps is important to achieving the desired end result. We can thank Della as the primary person directing all our efforts. I think a good example of this is the recently installed “Sprit Window”, Della’s name for the window positioned above the window with Jesus being baptized. At the shop we give each window a name, which helps identify the window each particular piece of glass is for and which one we are working on. It is very encouraging that we have had people like Jan Cool willing to take on a given set of windows. Another important person is Marcia Fitzner, who has organized the glass and other supplies making it easier for all of us to get the work done. Marcia also is eager to help on all the tasks of putting the windows together. Therefore, when you look at a window and see a beautiful scene, just as with many things, each small or large piece of glass was selected for its attributes of color and grain which is then shaped for its part in the total scene. When you see the window of Jesus knocking at the door, which is about half complete, see if you can pick out some of the meaning of certain aspects of the glass images within the total scene. Marcia printed a write-up off the internet that told the story behind these aspects.

Some of the recent accomplishments include the installation of four windows, with another almost ready for installation, trim installed on two windows, two tables modified by Bill Simms to make it easier to assemble windows while standing, and several other windows in process. I would also like to acknowledge Jordan, Butch’s granddaughter, who has redrawn the Jesus as a shepherd scene. After this scene is finished, Della will make it into a pattern for stained glass. In addition Gayle Clark and Butch McGee have been making small projects to sell which helps to fund the window project.

-Mel Stephenson

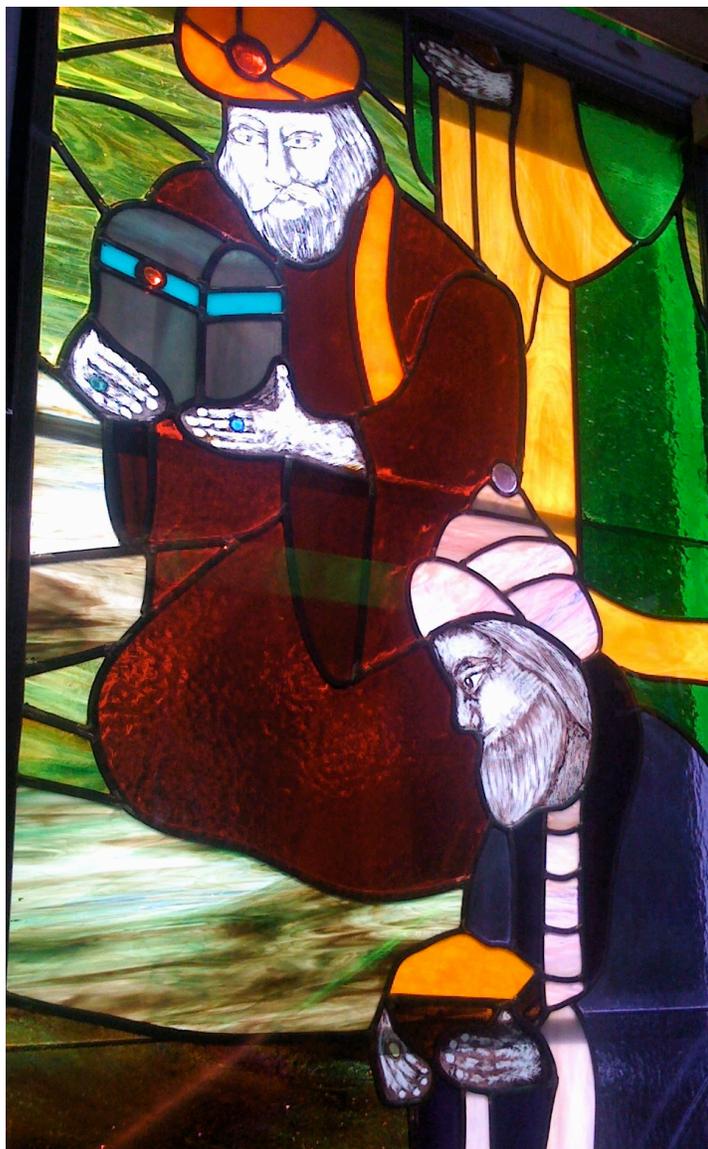
Newly Installed Windows



Spirit Window



More Newly Installed Windows



June Trustees Meeting moved to third Monday, June 15, 7:00 p.m.

Mountainair UMC News



The Mountainair United Methodist Church, at 301 S. Sunset Ave., is having a community sale of new and used items to benefit a new roof for our fellowship hall. Rent a table (\$10.00) [bring your table] or rent a space (\$5.00). Please contact Patty at 384-4157 or Wanda at 847-0804. Artists and Crafters welcome.

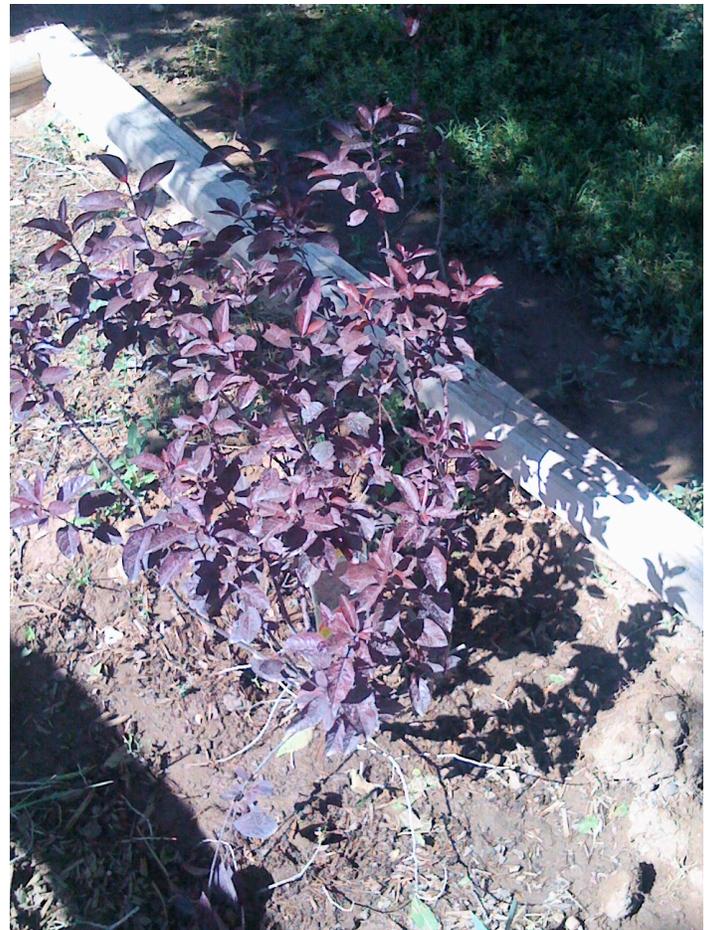
New Plantings around the Church

On Sunday May 3, Butch McGee, Melanie Chavez, Vickie Coburn, and Barbara Simms helped the Sunday School children plant a vegetable garden on the east side of the church. Radish, corn, kale, lettuce, gourd and cucumber seeds were planted. As you walk by the church, check out the garden and weed and water if necessary!THANKS!

Kid's Garden



New Ornamental Plum in Front of Church



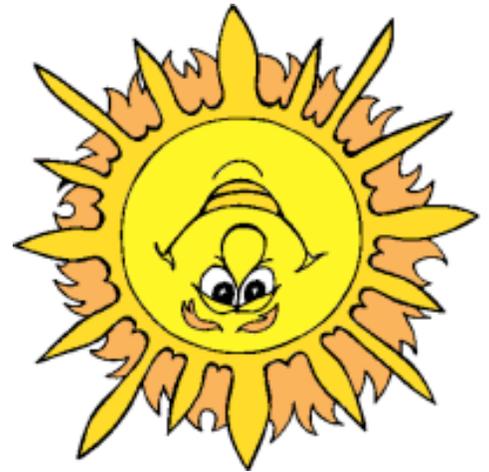
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Let There Be Rain (Submitted by Patty Mahoney)

O Lord, in Thy mercy grant us rain, and by that, we don't mean a shower. We want to go out and watch the lightning rip across the southwestern sky in hot blue forks as the fat clouds roll in on us. We want to hurry home to close the house, with the first fat drops the size of marbles, on a suddenly rising wind, chasing us and plunking on the car hood. We want to scramble all over the house, just as the first few sheets descend, frantically slamming down the windows.

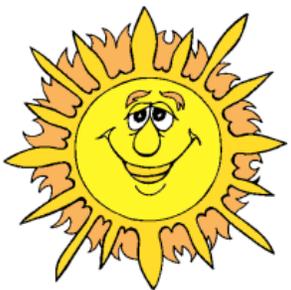
O Lord of hosts, we want to look out the windows and watch the regiments of close-packed raindrops march diagonally down. We want to hear that gurgle of the gutters under the eaves and then the sputter of the downspout.

God of Israel, Isaac and Jacob, let it come down so hard, let the drops dance so high that the streets and sidewalks seem covered with a six-inch fog of spatter-drops. Then let it just keep up for a while, and then begin to taper off, and then turn right around and get a lot worse, swishing, pounding, spattering, pouring, drenching, the thunder coming crackity-BAM – and the lightning flashing so fast and furious you can't tell which flash goes with which peal of thunder. So that all the women will get scared and climb on top of the beds and scream at you not to get too close to that window.

And then, O jealous God, repeat the whole act about three times, and in the middle of the second time we will climb the attic stairs and put the washpan under that tiny leak in the roof, which usually you can't even notice in an ordinary rain. And after a couple of hours kind of taper it down, O Lord, to a good steady rain – not a drizzle, but a businesslike one that keeps up until just past dawn and then spits a few drops occasionally during the morning from a gray sky.

This is indeed the Promised Land, O Lord, and if it gets a break it will flow with milk and honey. But we can't live much longer on promises. So in Thine own way and in Thine own time, make up Thy mind, O Lord, and we will bow before Thy judgement and praise Thine everlasting name. Amen.

William A. While
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