



# NEWSLETTER

OF THE

**Estancia United Methodist Church**

*600 Williams, Estancia, New Mexico*

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## JUNE, 2011

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

### **FATHER'S DAY**

Father's Day is a celebration of fathers inaugurated in the early twentieth century to complement Mother's Day in celebrating fatherhood and male parenting. It is also celebrated to honor and commemorate our forefathers [citation needed]. Father's Day is celebrated on a variety of dates worldwide and typically involves gift-giving, special dinners to fathers, and family-oriented activities.

Long before any modern observances, a young Babylonian named Elmesu wished his father good health and a long life on a clay tablet. The Catholic observance was originally on March 19, St. Joseph's Day.

It took many years to make the holiday official. In spite of support from the YWCA, the YMCA, and churches, Father's Day ran the risk of disappearing from the calendar. Where Mother's Day was met with enthusiasm, Father's Day was often met with laughter. The holiday was gathering attention slowly, but for the wrong reasons. It was the target of much satire, parody and derision, including jokes from the local newspaper *Spokesman-Review*. [3] Many people saw it as the first step in filling the calendar with mindless promotions.

Contrary to popular belief, the first observance of Father's Day actually took place in Fairmont, West Virginia on July 5, 1908. It was organized by Mrs. Grace Golden Clayton, who wanted to celebrate the lives of the 210 fathers who had been lost in the Monongah Mining disaster several months earlier in Monongah, West Virginia, on December 6, 1907. It's possible that Clayton was influenced by the first celebration of Mother's Day that same year, just a few miles away. Clayton chose the Sunday nearest to the birthday of her recently deceased father.

**Stained Glass Project**

We had a good productive month in May. Some of the major accomplishments were: 1) Completed the assembly process and installed the three “Tomb” windows; 2) Designed the “Ascension” window and started the design of the two adjacent windows. In order to install these windows and the upper six windows a scaffold must be erected.

A trim installation work-day will be scheduled in the near future. The plan to remove the two “Rose” windows in the bell tower has been changed to repairing the windows in place. The needed repair including replacing the broken panes and installing stained glass will be a major job.

*Mel Stephenson*



**Tomb Windows**

**23RD PSALM DEVOTIONAL**

**This version of the 23 Psalms says:  
 The Lord is my Shepherd (That's Relationship)  
 I shall not want (That's supply)  
 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures  
 (That's rest)  
 He leadeth me beside the still water  
 (That's refreshment)  
 He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness  
 (That's Guidance)  
 For His Name's Sake (That's purpose)  
 Yea, thought I walk through the valley of the  
 shadow of death(That's Testing)  
 I will fear no evil (That's Protection)**

**For Thou art with me (That's Faithfulness)  
 Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me  
 (That's Loving Presence)  
 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine  
 enemies(That's Hope)  
 Thou annointest my head with oil (That's Consecration)  
 My cup runneth over (That's Abundance)  
 Surley goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days  
 of my life (That's Blessing)  
 And I will dwell in the house of the Lord  
 (That's Security)  
 Forever (That's Eternity!)  
 Amen**

**AD COUNCIL**

The NM Annual Conference will be in session June 1 thru June 5, 2011. Rev. Spooner and I will be traveling to Glorieta on Wednesday. This is a yearly gathering of church leadership with leadership from the local churches.

This is a time to meet old friends and make new ones and a time to learn more about what is happening in our conference and beyond. We hear reports from all of our committees and places of ministry within our conference. And we learn what may be going on in other areas of our General Church. It is always wonderful to hear about the Lord's work being done all around us, and a chance to share what we as a church are doing.

This year we will be electing delegates to our General Conference. This is where all policies are voted on that will affect local churches. This is a very intense two weeks of meetings. Meetings and sessions go long into the night; worship services are outstanding; and speakers are those we only hear about or read their books. Previous conferences I have attended here have been very interesting but very tiring and mind draining. We need to pray for those that are elected so that they will be able to keep their spirits and minds alert.

As I go to Annual Conference, I will be listening for ideas and ways that we may further God's work in our community. It is always a time for sharing, and in my case bragging about our beautiful windows and the good work we do here.

Keep all of us, who are attending, in your prayers, so that we might listen for God's direction as we deal with our situation and doing God's work.

*-Marcia*

**METHODIST MEN BREAKFAST CLUB**

The Methodist Men met on May 21<sup>th</sup> for a breakfast meeting. Jon Shively and Nick Griffo served as chefs. Jon Shively led the singing and prayers. The business meeting agenda focused on three main topics: church facilities needs, the pending repairs at Gaylyn's house, and selection of a new president for the Men's Breakfast. The stained glass project has two new windows to install on the north wall of the church. Mel gave Jon a copy of the measurements for molding around the windows. A work day is planned in June to address the landscaping of the church grounds. Also an assessment will be made of the needs for the Nomads coming in September. The window glass was installed in a new window frame for Gaylyn's bedroom. Next month it should be installed. A representative of the Men's Group will meet with Gaylyn's bother and sister-in-law to go over his situation relative to repairs on his home. After three years as president of the Men's Group. Jon announced that he is resigning as of July 1<sup>st</sup> to reduce demands on his time and to devote more time and energy to other church activities. He will continue to participate in Men's Club activities. An election will be held at the June meeting.

**JOYOUS SINGERS**

The Joyous Singers have grown in number to 10 members! The singers opened all the church services during the month of May. On the May 29 the choir traveled to Mountainair to the Methodist Church and sang for the congregation. The choir will be dormant during June and will resume rehearsals the first week in July on Tuesday nights at 7pm. If anyone would like to add their voice to the choir contact Jon or Morrow.

**GUITAR CLASSES**

Guitar classes are suspended for the summer. See you in the fall!

-Jon

**Joyous Singers at Mountainair United Methodist Church**

Please note: There will be no newsletter in July. We will put out a July-August newsletter near the first of August.

Due to printer difficulties, this newsletter will be in black and white...But remember, you can always go to our website at [www.gbgm-umc.org/estancia](http://www.gbgm-umc.org/estancia) to see the newsletter in living color.

## **People Are Like Candles!** *By Paul Parkin*

Candles come in all shapes and sizes, short and fat, long and slim, plain and bright, scented and unscented, tea lights and even candles in the shape of well known architectural structures. With some their presence is sensed before you even see them, some flicker, whilst others burn bright, they can transform the darkness to light and add a peaceful quality to everyday life. They can be used to shed light ahead of us and to make the darkness disappear, candles and some people shine light even in the darkest of places and times.



Just as we may light a candle, we can also light up another persons life, just like people, each candle is unique, no Two candles or Two people will be the same way, both will burn only once in this world.

It does not matter for how long we burn, only the light we throw out should be measured, as with candles and people, longevity of life is beyond our control, what is important is the light we produce, the guiding influence we shine out should be measured by one thing only - the number of lives we can light up.

In the Crimean war a well known carer became known and associated with a candle lit lamp, though I would say that Florence Nightingale (1820 - 1910) Considered the founder of the nursing profession, and affectionately known as the lady of the lamp, lit up the world of her patients as much with her personality as with the candle she carried, her epic journeys of what must have been a dark place and time shows just what can be achieved when one makes a decision to walk straight through adversity and out the other side, with nothing more than a faith and a shining light we can do incredible things in life, for ourselves and for others.



So, as we can see the likening of passionate people, who care for others beyond what is accepted as a normal existence, can be portrayed by the humble candle, a plain and simple piece of wax and wick which turns night into day and darkness into light, such a change cannot be exaggerated nor can it be underestimated, the need for candles is as important today, even with all the technology. The need for people who can light up our darkness is even more essential in these difficult times in which we live.

Burn bright, burn true and burn until your last, someone somewhere is depending on your light.



# June 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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*Sent with a prayer to:*

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### **GOD OF OUR FATHERS**

These words were written in 1876 by a New England pastor in honor of the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The music was written 12 years later in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the adoption of the United States Constitution. Daniel Roberts, a 34-year old veteran of the Civil War, authored the words. Born in New York, Daniel attended college in Ohio and served as a private with the 84th Ohio Volunteers during the war. After the war ended, he was ordained as a deacon in the Prebyterian Episcopalian church, and shortly after ward as a priest. It is the only hymn for which he is remembered. The majestic melody is not the first as it was originally set to the tune of the Russian national anthem! Twelve year later, George Warren, a self-taught organist, composed the stately tune with its trumpet fanfares. Although originally a businessman, Warren's talent soon shoved him into music and he eventually became one of America's premier organists. He also wrote the music for "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah." When he died it was felt that no organist could play so well as he, so not a single note of music was played at his funeral.



**Daniel C. Roberts**