



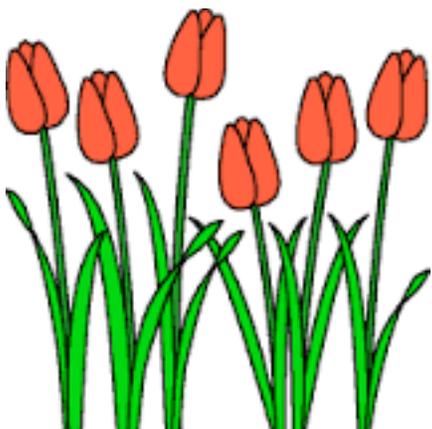
## **NEWSLETTER**

**OF THE**

**Estancia United Methodist  
Church**

**600 Williams, Estancia, New Mexico**

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## From the Desk of...

*Pastor Bonnie*

I don't know who originally wrote these; but a friend recently forwarded them to me... What do you think?

1. Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout the journey.

2. So why is a car's WINDSHIELD so large & the Rear View Mirror so small? Because our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE. So Look Ahead and Move on.

3. Friendship is like a BOOK. It takes a few minutes to burn, but it takes years to write.

4. All things in life are temporary. If going well, enjoy it; they will not last forever. If going wrong, don't worry; they can't last long either.

5. Old Friends are Gold! New Friends are Diamond! If you get a Diamond, don't forget the Gold; because to hold a Diamond, you always need a Base of Gold!

6. Often, when we lose hope and think this is the end, GOD smiles from above and says, "Relax, sweetheart, it's just a bend, not the end!"

7. When GOD solves your problems, you have faith in HIS abilities; when GOD doesn't solve your problems HE has faith in YOUR abilities.

8. A blind person asked St. Anthony, "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" He replied: "Yes, losing your vision!"

9. When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them; and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, someone has been praying for you.

10. WORRYING does not take away tomorrow's TROUBLES; it takes away today's PEACE.

*Blessings to you and yours!*

## Real life is messy.

The work of a pastor can be very interesting – filled with drama, intense emotion, and life-altering moral and ethical dilemmas. For example, I was recently asked by a friend (not a member of either the Estancia or Mountainair Churches!) to intervene in a difficult situation. Here are the basics:

A local hospital left voicemail at the family residence, reporting that a family member was in the emergency room.

The hospitalized individual was an estranged adult child, a habitual drug abuser who had been living on the street for years.

Fear, anger, and pure weariness of the situation prevented the family from responding to the call.

What to do? Call Pastor Bonnie. “Pastor Bonnie, what should we do? Can you handle this for us?”

## What Would YOU DO?

Jesus said to His disciples, *“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”* John 13:34-35 (NIV)

Relationships are always worth restoring. God has given us the ministry of restoring relationships. For this reason a significant amount of the New Testament is devoted to teaching us how to get along with one another.

*God has restored our relationship with Him through Christ, and has given us this ministry of restoring relationships.* — 2 Corinthians 5:18 (GWT)

*If you’ve gotten anything at all out of following Christ, if His love has made any difference in your life, if being in a community of the Spirit means anything to you, if you have a heart, if you care — then do me a favor: Agree with each other, love each other, be deep-spirited friends.* — Philippians 2:1-2 (MSG)

*Shame on you! Surely there is at least one wise person in your fellowship who can settle a dispute between fellow Christians.* — 1 Corinthians 6:5 (TEV)

*I’ll put it as urgently as I can: You must get along with each other.* — 1 Corinthians 1:10 (MSG)

*Jesus said, “God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God.”* — Matthew 5:9 (NLT)

*You are only hurting yourself with your anger.* — Job 18:4 (TEV)

*God has called us to settle our relationships with each other.* — 2 Corinthians 5:18 (MSG)



## What’s keeping you from mending an important relationship in YOUR life?

# How To Recognize Your Child's Unique Gifts

Excerpted from an article by Ramona Vincent

I have always been amazed by how early in life children begin to display the unique personalities that God has given them. As parents, you're probably aware that some infants sleep peacefully in their cribs while others constantly cry for attention. You've also observed that some toddlers happily play with their toys while others run you ragged in the midst of their explorations.

From the start, it's clear that no two children are alike. Each is an individual with a distinct personality and an exclusive blend of gifts and talents that make them uniquely qualified to carry out the special plans that God has for their lives. When you combine these innate traits with their unfolding life experiences, it's clear that God has created them with a purpose that only they can fulfill (Jeremiah 29:11).

Part of our jobs as parents is to help our children identify, nurture, and express their gifts in ways that bring them joy and bless their families, churches and communities.

*Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it. – Proverbs 22:6*

Here are a few important things we can do to help our children recognize and develop their God-given gifts:

- When a child expresses an interest in certain activities, we can provide opportunities to explore them!
- When a child shows an aptitude or gift in certain areas, we can help them develop it!
- When a child invites us to participate in activities they love, we can make spending time with them a priority!

As we watch our children develop, we can make a mental note of the things that they excel at — the things that they seem to have a natural aptitude for — and the ways in which they naturally express their gifts. We can watch how they interact with others and listen for confirmation from others about the things that we are observing.

The clues we uncover when they are young will help them discover how they fit into the body of Christ and how they can best use their spiritual gifts to serve the church as they grow!

But sometimes even well-meaning parents can fall into the trap of putting undue pressure on their children to live up to expectations that God never intended them to live up to! Here are a few parental behaviors we should avoid:

- Comparing our children to others – especially friends and siblings – no matter how well-intentioned those comparisons may be! It's so important that we treat each of our children as the unique individuals that they are. Comparisons only breed resentment, jealousy and rivalry.
- Trying to experience the things we missed out on in our childhoods by pressuring our kids to pursue things they have no aptitude for or interest in! Each of us has one life to live. We mustn't try to live our lives through our children but instead help them to live their life to the fullest!



- Pressuring our children to follow in our footsteps! We may dream of passing down the family business or seeing our child attend our alma mater – but isn't it more important for us to raise children who are pursuing the path that God has placed them on?

As our children mature and follow Christ, we can help them to discover their spiritual gifts and to use them to strengthen, encourage, and build up the local church.

*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.*

1 Peter 4:10

Raising children who recognize their unique gifts and enjoy sharing them with others is a blessing that everyone benefits from!

Two of the greatest qualities to have in life are:



**PATIENCE**  
and **WISDOM**

**Following are the Revised Common Lectionary readings for the month of May. If you read each week's recommendations consistently, over the course of three years, you will have read nearly the ENTIRE BIBLE! Try it!!**

May 1	May 5	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29
<input type="checkbox"/> Acts 16:9-15 <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 67 (UMH 791) <input type="checkbox"/> Revelation 22:10, 22-22:5 <input type="checkbox"/> John 14:23-29	<input type="checkbox"/> Acts 1:1-11 <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 47 (UMH 781) <input type="checkbox"/> Ephesians 1:15-23 <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 24:44-53	<input type="checkbox"/> Acts 16:16-34 <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 97 (UMH 816) <input type="checkbox"/> Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 <input type="checkbox"/> John 17:20-26	<input type="checkbox"/> Acts 2:1-21 <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (UMH 826) <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 8:14-17 <input type="checkbox"/> John 14:8-17 (25-27)	<input type="checkbox"/> Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 8 (UMH 743) <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 5:1-5 <input type="checkbox"/> John 16:12-15	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Kings 18:20-39 <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 96 <input type="checkbox"/> Galatians 1:1-12 <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 7:1-10
	Ascension Day	Mother's Day	Pentecost	Trinity Sunday	

## General Conference 2016

The United Methodist Church has a meeting of representatives from around the world once every four years – General Conference. **It's a BIG DEAL.** This is the meeting where Clergy and Laity come together to decide the future of the Church... like creating new official hymnals, deciding whether to make changes to the ordination process, endorsing official plans to address world-wide social issues like lack of clean water, disease, and poverty. Every General Conference results in the compilation of a new Book of Resolutions (there are hundreds submitted at each General Conference) and Book of Discipline (the official 'rule book' of the United Methodist Church.) Want to know what's happening at the 2016 General Conference? Type this into your browser for access to hours and hours of video presentations on topics of interest... [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLByvp1Kd0UoshlyjV5kbt1RA-wS\\_Z5X3h](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLByvp1Kd0UoshlyjV5kbt1RA-wS_Z5X3h)

The delegates representing YOU at this year's General Conference are **Rev. Eddie Rivera and Lay Member Sid Strebeck.** Please pray for General Conference, especially on April 27, which is the NM Conference's assigned prayer support date. There will be over 2,000 delegates in attendance, traveling from the far corners of the earth, to meet May 10-20 in Portland, OR. Pray for adequate funding and safe travel. Pray for families who continue the work of the myriad ministries in the absence of those attending the Conference. Pray for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and God's hedge of protection for all. Pray for wisdom in their deliberations. And most of all, pray for the future of the United Methodist Church! "God does nothing apart from believing prayer."  
*John Wesley John 1:1-5, 14.*

**Pastor Bonnie** met with Tom Albin, Dean of the Chapel for Upper Room, and Eduardo Rivera, Head of the NM Delegation to General Conference, in February. The Upper Room is encouraging prayer support for the 60 days surrounding General Conference: March 31 thru May 29. A prayer calendar is available at [www.60daysofprayer.org](http://www.60daysofprayer.org), and you can even sign up for daily on-line prayers! This site has a list of all the countries that will be represented at the Conference and a brief description of each country and it's particular prayer needs.

*Here's what the worldwide United Methodist Church says about the United States of America:*

**Geography:** 9,529,063 sq km The world's third largest nation in area and population. **Population:** 317,641,087  
**Annual Growth:** 0.97% **Capital:** Washington DC **Urbanites:** 82% **Human Development Index (HDI) Rank:** 13 of 182 (UN Human Development Reports 2009, HID is a composite index measuring average achievement in three basic dimensions of human development—a long and healthy life, knowledge, and a decent standard of living.) **Peoples:** 364 (16% unreached) **Languages:** 176 **Official language:** English. The growing Spanish-speaking Hispanic population is 11.2% of the population and numbers 34 million.

**Pray for the Unreached**  
**Adyghe of United States**



Country: United States  
 People: Adyghe  
 Population: 3,400  
 World Popl: 527,000  
 Main Language: Adyghe  
 Main Religion: Islam  
 Status: ■ Least-Reached  
 Christ-Followers: Few, less than 2%  
 Bible: New Testament  
 www.operationworld.org  
 www.joshuaproject.net

"Declare his glory among the nations" Psalm 96:3

**Unreached Peoples Prayer Card**

**Largest Religion: Christian**

Religion		% of Total Population	Annual Growth
<u>Christians</u>	246,553,012	77.62	0.5
<u>Evangelicals</u>	91,764,554	28.9	0.8

**Estancia & Mountainair UMC Prayer Ministry**

- **Joys and Thanksgiving:** A new Pastor will be coming in June! Elaine Darnell has completed her radiation.
- **Concerns:** The Doan's son Brandon (temporary assignment in Abu Dhabi.)
- **Health Issues:** Cancer/tumors – Macen Holderman (osteocarcinoma); Cecilia Chavez (pancreatic cancer); Sarah (cousin of Alex); Fabi (breast & bone cancer); Dana (recurrence of breast cancer); Lois' best friend Sarah (breast cancer); Jackie Henry (recurrence of lung cancer); Kenny Baker (metastatic pancreatic cancer); Addie Dile & Kathy Hess (breast cancer, surgery, radiation); Gennie Rosenbarrie (lung); Crystal Gagel; Trish Garner; Surgeries – Ruth Ivey's grandson Eric Childers (brain tumor); Peggy Steven's brother David (heart bypass surgery 4/26); Carolyn Hill (shoulder replacement April 21); Christa (needs a kidney); Others – Cora Howard (fell, fortunately nothing is broken!); Gaylyn; Bob Meekins (lung disease); Carolyn and the Moore family; the Mountainair Community (grocery store closed, drug store robbed).
- **Ongoing:** Parkinson's patients – Donna Shields (Addie's cousin); Terry Ann, Ron Doan, Al's friend Carol de George; Alzheimer's (& caregivers) – Lynn (friend of Patty); Billy Stephens (& Jean), Ron Gilsdorf (& Barbara); Others – John Karlsberger (seizures); Jock Finley; Leland (Addie's great-grandson); Alan (needs a kidney transplant); Kathy Arndt's sister-in-law and family (multiple critical health, psychiatric, parenting issues); Peggy's supervisor, Bea, heart problems/stress test; Anna's friend (raising 4 grandchildren) and her 8 year-old granddaughter Sabrina's health issues.



## Financial Corner

FINANCIAL CORNER	Estancia UMC
Balance as of 2/29/16	\$12,959.62
March Deposits	\$5,057.84
March Tithe to Annual Conference	\$567.96
Accounts Payable for March	<u>\$4,514.00</u>
Account Balance as of 3/31/16	\$12,935.50

Mountainair UMC	March 2016
<b>General Account</b>	
MyBank Beginning Balance	<b>\$6,129.48</b>
Receipts	1,533.00
Disbursements	812.18
MyBank Month-End Balance	<b>\$6,850.30</b>
<b>Tithe paid in March</b>	\$153.44
<b>Investment Account</b>	
Month-End Market Balance	<b>\$8,038.10</b>

## NM Conference Calendar: UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event	Location
May 10-20	General Conference	Portland, OR
May 21-22	Lay Servant School	FUMC-Belen
June 1	Early Bird Workshops	Roswell, NM
June 2 - 4	NM Annual Conference	Roswell, NM
July 13-16	SCJ Conference	Wichita, KS



Catching and cooking fish, Kings Kids Sunday April 10



Fish caught from "the other side of the boat" Sunday, April 10

## ***It's Time to Register for CAMP !!!***

<b>2016 CAMP</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>AGE</b>	<b>Early Bird Rate (Register by May 15th)</b>	<b>Regular Rate (After May 15th)</b>	<b>Adult Volunteer/ Counselor</b>	<b>How to register</b>
Springtime Adult Retreat	April 29 - May 1	Adult	\$140 to \$242 per person depending on lodging	After April 8th add \$15 per person	NA	Registration Form ONLY
King's Kids Camp	June 10-12	Entering grades 2-5	\$140	\$155	\$125	Registration Form or Online
Ritmo Camp	June 13-17	Entering grades 7-graduate	\$285	\$300	\$245	Registration Form or Online
Youth Backpacking Adventure	June 19-24	Ages 13-18	\$230	\$255	\$150	Registration Form or Online
Horse Camp	June 27 - July 1	Ages 13-18	\$325	\$340	\$245	Registration Form or Online
Jr. Horse Camp	June 27 - July 1	Ages 9-12	\$325	\$340	\$245	Registration Form or Online
Family Camp	July 4-8	All ages	\$185 to \$270 per person depending on lodging preference Children 0-4 are free.	Add \$15 per person	NA	Registration Form or Online
Music on the Mountain	July 10-15	Entering grades 7-graduate	\$385	\$400	\$290	Registration Form or Online
Promise Seekers Camp	July 11-15	Entering grades 4-6	\$280	\$295	\$245	Registration Form or Online
Family Horse Camp Weekend	July 22-24	All ages	\$150/person \$500 Family Max Children 0-4 are free	Add \$15 per person	NA	Registration Form ONLY
Camp Sunshine	August 1-5	For the mentally challenged ages 16+	\$260	NA	\$225	Registration Form ONLY
SWIFT Young Adult Summer Camp	August 4-7	Adults ages 18-35	\$80 to \$170 per person depending on lodging preference	Add \$15 per person	NA	Online ONLY

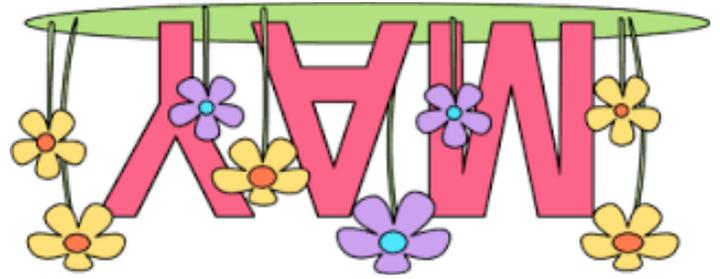
Registration Forms and links to Online Registration can be found at [SacramentoAssembly.org](http://SacramentoAssembly.org) or call Sacramento at 800.667.3414



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Altar Color – White	2	3	4 7am Pastor's Breakfast, ABQ	5	6	7
8 <b>Mother's Day</b>  Altar Color – White	9	10	11 ☐ 7am Pastor's Breakfast, ABQ ☐ 11:30 Faith @ Work in ABQ ☐ 1:30 Prayer @ Moore's (303 N Walker)	12	13	14
May 10-20, General Conference in Portland, OR – Pray for our Delegates						
15 <b>Pentecost Sunday</b>  Altar Color – Red	16	17 2-6pm <del>Mt Air</del> Promised Land / Road-runner Food Bank	18 7am Pastor's Breakfast, ABQ	19 11-2 AMA – Pastor Bonnie	20 Emmaus Gathering 6pm Potluck, 7pm Worship	21 <b>Men's Breakfast 8:AM</b>
General Conference in Portland, OR – Pray for the Future of the United Methodist Church						
22 Altar Color – White	23	24	25 7am Pastor's Breakfast, ABQ	26	27	28
29 Altar Color – Green	30  Memorial Day	31	June 1	June 2	June 3	June 4
				Annual Conference in Roswell – Pray for Delegates Wanda & Elaine & Your New Pastor		



*Sent with a prayer to:*



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From Max Lucado...

**THIS ISN'T HOME** (Contributed by Alma Wimsatt)

***I HAVE CHOSEN YOU OUT OF THE WORLD, SO YOU DON'T BELONG TO IT.***  
***John 15:19***

All of us know what it is like to be in a house that is not our own. Perhaps you've spent time in a dorm room or army barrack. Maybe you've slept in your share of hotels or bunked in a few hostels. They have beds. They have table. They may have food and they may be warm, but they are a far cry from being "your father's house."

Your father's house is where your father is....

We don't always feel welcome here on earth. We wonder if there is a place here for us. People can make us feel unwanted. Tragedy leaves us feeling like intruders, strangers, interlopers in a land not ours. We don't always feel welcome here.



We shouldn't. This isn't our home. To feel unwelcome is no tragedy. Indeed it is healthy. We are not home here. This language we speak, it's not ours. This body we wear, it isn't us. And the world we live in, this isn't home.