



Estancia United Methodist Church,  
600 Williams, Estancia, New Mexico

Sunday Worship 9:00 AM  
Nursery Provided  
Church School 10:30 AM



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**OUR MISSION: To honor God by leading people to become devoted followers and ministers of Jesus Christ.**



SUNDAY SERVANTS FOR MARCH

**MARCH, 2001**

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

- Lay Assist: Jason Fastnacht
- Acolytes: Paige Deborski &
- Ushers: Melanie Dunn & Danny Chavez
- Greeters: Alma Wimsatt

**YOUTH SCRIPTURE READERS**

- Mar. 4: Jessica Gorum
- Mar. 11: Miranda Gomez
- Mar. 18: Katherine Gomez
- Mar. 25: Alice Daniel

**KINGS KIDS**

- Mar. 18: Margaret Gomez

**SACRAMENTO DEBT RETIREMENT**

**SCOREBOARD as of February 23, 2001**

**Goal \$200,000**

**130 Persons/Churches \$83,831.00**

We need to go beyond the \$100,000 mark before Annual Conference. Please make this a Lenten Offering challenge for your church!

Send your Check today to:  
Dan Kinane  
7920 Mountain Rd N.E  
Albuquerque, NM 87110

Mark your Check "Debt Retirement"

**TIME OUT**

**WITH "COACH" JOHANN**

Greetings Estancia Saints,

What a winter this has been!! Hopefully now that warmer weather seems to have moved in for a while, more of us will be able to get out of our snowbound homes and along drier dirt roads. It will be cause for great joy to see numbers of you back in your regular places of worship on Sundays.

Making Disciples is the focus of our Bishop Max Whitfield and the Annual Conference for this year and we have coined the slogan for ourselves of "***E ach One Win One in 2001***". Making disciples is not an optional extra in the Christian life – it is crucial to having a living and vital relationship with Jesus Christ. The Great Commission in Matthew 28: 18-20 has sadly been the "Great Omission" in the lives of many church members. Jesus did not suggest that making disciples might be a good thing for those who felt so inclined to try – He gave a command: "Go and make disciples of all nations... teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you..."

Disciples are primarily made through one-on-one relationships and NOT through preaching from the pulpit – for discipleship involves more than just the impartation of ideas – it involves the formation of lives. You might compare it to trying to teach someone how to drive a car by reading a driver’s manual – yes that part is helpful for the theory, but the practice can only be gained behind the wheel with the help of someone who already knows how! Mark tells us in 3:14 that Jesus selected 12 men “...that they might **BE** with Him...” - and it was as a result of “hanging out” with Jesus, watching Him pray, watching Him deal with children, and feed the 5,000, and heal the sick and cleanse lepers and raise the dead – that they learned first hand how to do the same stuff. It is no different for us today. It is learned through “on-the-job training”.

So, an important lesson – ***to start making disciples, you need to be one yourself!*** You can only give away to someone else what you have first received. You can only take a person as far as you yourself have journeyed.

If you don’t know HOW to make a disciple – come hang out with us and we’ll show you what we have learned thus far in our walk with the Lord.

You can start by asking the Lord to deepen your relationship with  give you His love for those who don’t yet know  n, and His desire to see them brought into His Kingdom. Start asking Him to prepare you for the role of being a Disciple-Maker.

More next time



***Upward and onward....***

“Coach” Johann

### **LOGOS NEWS**

Logos is back underway and while it has been kind of stop and go start this winter/spring session (due to the much needed snow), we are getting back into our mid-week routine, and all seem to be blessed by the Lord’s presence in the middle of the week at EUMC. Julie will be working with the 3rd, 4th and mid-school groups these next couple of months on an Easter play called ***The Three Trees*** which the kids will be doing on Easter morning. It is an awesome

play and all will be blessed by it. The High School group is growing still, some weeks up to almost 20. We have had a small drop in our numbers this session, but very small at that. We’re still having about 70 each week. Please keep the Logos kids in your prayers regularly. These young ones are coming to know Christ in a very personal way and need to be



prayed up daily. Also do not stop praying for our staff. These folks have been doing an incredible job with Logos this year, stepping up, without hesitation in all areas of need and just going above and beyond for the Lord. Please consider coming on board to help. We can always use extra hands and your spirit to be part of this ministry. While it is the Lord who is doing the work through us, it takes us to say **Yes** for him to continue to accomplish his will and touch lives in so many ways. Currently, Recreation could use some extra help and there is a need for more help in Worship (primarily musically inclined folks). If you play the guitar, piano or any instrument and would like to come and assist us with music please just give **Julianne, Susan or Julie** a call. We would LOVE to have you.



We will keep you posted on the upcoming events that the Logos kids will be participating in.

*God’s blessings to all of you, Julianne and Susan*

### **ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL REPORT**

The next regular meeting of the Ad. Council will be March 4th, 2001. Besides the regular committee reports, the new 2001 - 2004 guidelines will be distributed to the various committee chairman. Take good care of these booklets and turn them back to the Ad. Council Chairman. at the end of your term as they are the guidelines for the chairman through 2004. A round table orientation meeting will be scheduled for the 19th of March. This date is subject to change if it isn’t convenient for most people.

### **SPRING REVIVAL**

Please start planning now to attend our SPRING REVIVAL! Evangelist Phil Bob will lead us starting with LOGOS Wednesday night, April 4th continuing through Sunday night April 8th.

## **AFTER CHURCH**

By *CHERI HENDERSON*

Followers of Jesus gather round a restaurant table,  
in fellowship they laugh and talk and eat.  
Their waitress, just a servant, doesn't seem quite capable, and her  
demeanor, well, it isn't up to speed.

What a wonderful blessing they had just received!  
They'd sought the Lord in praise and prayer and song.  
The sermon was anointed, and the pastor strongly preached  
that the time of Christ's Return would not now be long.

The Holy Spirit filled them and the Lord's presence drew them  
near as they cried, "More, Lord! Have Your way in me today."  
For the waitress, though, her morning was one of sickness and of  
fear; she is pregnant, not married and afraid.

She struggles as she tries to meet each customer's demand  
while her fear consumes her like a cancer.  
She longs for someone she can talk to; someone to understand;  
is there anyone who can help her find an answer?

"Can you take our order now?" "We need silverware."  
"Excuse me, this coffee cup's not clean."  
"Where are my fries?" "This burger is too rare!"  
"Hey, you forgot my iced tea!"

Filled to overflowing, they slosh right out the door;  
the name of Jesus never crossed their lips.  
A dying soul, so easily ignored,  
she fights off tears as she counts their paltry tips.

Fill us with passion for the lost, Lord!  
Let us see each one through Your eyes.  
Overwhelm us with longing that all people would be saved.  
Let salvation through Christ Jesus be our cry!

### **Welcome, Peggy**



**Peggy Simmons** became a member of our church on  
Sunday February 4th. Welcome!

Peggy works as an EMT in Albuquerque and has  
two daughters at home, Jamie and Crystal.

## **From the Bishop's Desk**

Lent is about a week away. I anticipate that my Lenten  
journey will be different this year than in the past. For  
one thing, I already feel a far heavier load about  
appointments than in previous years. I have known, in  
the past, I was a partner in the appointment making  
process, but I also knew the ultimate decision was not  
in my hands. That position has now shifted and the  
responsibility feels far heavier than I ever imagined.

Secondly, I knew many, many more of the clergy and  
local church situations better than I perceive myself as  
knowing in these two Annual Conferences. I dislike  
being dependent. Being dependent upon others, even  
those I love, trust and respect has never been easy for  
me. I enjoy being in control. It will take all of my  
spiritual energy to be dependent upon my District  
Superintendents during this awesome task of placing  
each clergy person in the appropriate appointment. I  
have come to know, love and respect these colleagues.  
Just the same, I do not look forward to being dependent  
upon their insights, evaluations and perceptions.

My Lenten journey will be different as well, because I  
will face some new temptations. I knew some of the  
most common ways the Tempter came to bargain for  
my soul each spring. I have done my share of wrestling  
and even winning some of those battles. I am already  
discovering a new set of temptations. Fortunately, I  
have been able to spot some of them. Those are not the  
ones that trouble me. The ones that scare me are the  
ones I haven't recognized. The ones that lurk at the  
door and appear to be such a natural part of my position,  
or those I am invited to accept by loving, caring  
members who tell me it is really "the right thing to do."

Lent has always been a season the church has set aside  
for self-examination. The older I get, the harder it is for  
me to be honest with myself. I don't enjoy admitting I  
have gone my own way rather than following my Lord.  
I also don't enjoy admitting I still have a long way to go  
before the Light of Christ can shine through me as a  
transparent medium of love and grace. Lent, therefore,  
becomes a season of the Christian year I would just as  
soon ignore.

I hope you will pray for me as I make my journey from  
Ash Wednesday to Easter. I also pray you will join me  
in doing some of your own soul searching as we attempt  
to become faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

Grace & Peace,  
Max



*Sent with a prayer to:*

*Estaticia United Methodist Church  
P. O. Box 378  
Estaticia, NM 87016*

# EUMC March 2001

*"Each One Win One in 2001"*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>25</b> 9:00 Worship 10:30 SS/Conf. 4:00 Choir	<b>26</b> 10:00 Bible Study: Christianity 101 7:00 Women's Reunion Group 7:00 A. A.	<b>27</b> 6:00 Prayer in sanctuary 12:00 UMW 5:30 Men's Bible Study @Cyle Sharp's Barn 384-0391	<b>28</b> Ash Wednesday 5:00 LOGOS / Ash Wednesday Service	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> World Day of Prayer 6:30 Sewing & Worship Crafts	<b>3</b> ( 1st Qtr
<b>4</b> 9:00 Worship 10:30 SS/Conf. 11:15 Ad Council 3:00 Communion to Homebound 4:00 Choir	<b>5</b> 10:00 Bible Study: Christianity 101 7:00 Women's Reunion Group 7:00 A. A.	<b>6</b> 6:00 Prayer in sanctuary 5:30 Men's Bible Study @Cyle Sharp's Barn 384-0391	<b>7</b> 5:00 LOGOS	<b>8</b> 7:00 Experiencing God Bible Study	<b>9</b> 6:30 Sewing & Worship Crafts O Full	<b>10</b>
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**Abbreviations:**  
A.A. – Alcoholics Anonymous  
S.S. – Sunday School  
Conf. – Confirmation Class

If you want to know more about any of our activities, or have some others that need to be listed, please contact the church office at 384-5215

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