



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



**MARCH, 2008**



March 9

**Pastor: Rev. Gary Eggart**

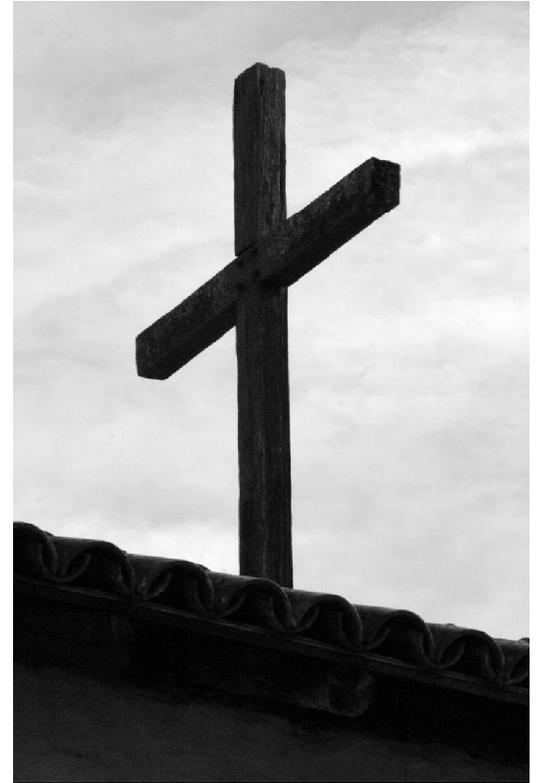
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<http://www.gb-gm-umc.org/estancia>



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

**From Pastor Gary**

What are you searching for? At the Eggart house we are always searching for something. A lot of time we search for shoes. Now those shoes have a home, but they must not like it because they are never there. Many times I am searching for a pen or pencil because little fingers have moved them. I laid my glasses down the other night and walked away to do something. I searched and searched, but where could they be for I had a hard time seeing them. It seems at our house life is in a constant state of searching. Is that true of your house?



Some are always looking for greener grasses. Some people live their whole life in a constant state of searching. You remember the old phrase, "I have to go find myself." People never stop searching for identity and purpose, ever looking to Jesus. God is the one in whom we find our purpose in life and identity. If we don't look to God...if we don't look to God we will never "find ourselves;" we will never find our purpose or identity. God's word promises that we will find Him if we search with all our hearts and if we will humble ourselves. We come to church seeking God and his word tells us, if we draw near to God, He will draw near to us.

So we end up being twice as close as before because he took a step toward us.

We come to worship God. We come to find the life-changing presence of God. We come to connect with God. Worship breathes life into us. "God uses worship to transform lives, heal wounded souls, renew hope, shape decisions, provoke change, inspire compassion, and bind people to one another" (Robert Schnase). Is that what worship is suppose to be like? Unconsciously we can derail what is suppose to happen if we do certain things like entering worship as an evaluator or movie critic measuring on some internal scale: rating the sermon, the time for the children, the prayers and the music. How was the sermon? Well it was too long. The children too noisy. Consciously we need to seek God.

Out of all the stresses in life, the business, and the demands, Jesus said there was only one thing we need to do. Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness. As we enter this Easter season we need to come to worship and humble ourselves seeking the face of God. When we come to worship, when we come to the house of God, we come for God and God alone.

We search for a lot of things, shoes, car keys and the sock that got away. But of all the things we search for, we need to search for God. And when we do, his word tells us we will find him.

*-Pastor Gary*

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### ***Carolyn Moore Remembers Our Past***

Rev. Lealand Graben served as minister in Estancia from 1971 to 1974. His circuit consisted of Estancia and Moriarty. He resided in Moriarty and he came a couple of mornings a week to visit the members of Estancia. The parsonage was rented out. Starting June 13, 1971, church services began at 9:30am. Trustees in 1971 were Wm. Thompson, Chairman, Jude Schmitz, R.T. Floyd, Jack Davis and Gene Kamerzell. The Council of Ministries chairman was Jack Davis and Larry Burnett served as chairman of Administrative Council. Rachel Palmer was Sunday School Superintendent.



In 1971 the church filed for incorporation with the State Corporation Commission. Budget for 1972 was \$6,857.40 and the membership totaled 80. Sunday School Promotion Sunday was held September 1973 and bibles were presented to those going from primary to junior classes. A lay witness mission was held which resulted in a more effective church. We had bible study on Sunday evening which was held in members homes.

Projects completed were; painted the education building and parsonage, refinished the floor in parsonage as well as other repairs. We also purchased a new washing machine, dryer and vacuum cleaner for the parsonage.

Floyd Lee Richardson was recommended for license to preach and was assigned to Dexter, NM. Bill Cotton and Kenneth Moore moved Pastor Richardson to Dexter. We stopped at a rest area north of Roswell and there we met Rev. Bryan Peterson who had been assigned to Estancia-Moriarty circuit in 1974.

## **EUMC SAFE SANCTUARIES**

As we, as a church, continue to learn about safeguarding our children, our elderly and our vulnerable, the Board of Trustees will continue to present articles and statistics that keep us aware of our surroundings as well as the tools we need to report abuse incidents we may encounter.

## **EMOTIONAL ABUSE AND NEGLECT**

### **What is Emotional Neglect?**

Emotional neglect is the failure of a parent or caregiver to provide the appropriate support, attention and affection necessary for a child to develop intellectually and emotionally.

### **What is Emotional Abuse?**

Emotional abuse is a pattern of verbal assault or coercive behaviors such as belittling, humiliating, and ridiculing, which effect a child's development intellectually and emotionally.

### **MYTHS**

- Words can't really hurt. Children know you don't always mean what you say
- Emotional abuse/neglect is not as serious as physical or sexual abuse
- Children forget harsh words said to them in anger
- There are very few cases of emotional abuse/neglect

### **FACTS**

- ➔ Words can and do hurt. Children depend on parents and caregivers for affirmation
- ➔ Emotional abuse/neglect has serious effects on children's emotional and intellectual development
- ➔ Many experts believe that emotional abuse/neglect has the highest rate of long-term effects on children
- ➔ Even though it is difficult to measure, emotional abuse/neglect is common and often present in cases of sexual and physical abuse

***Part of Our Safe Sanctuaries Policy***

***So, What's This Business About Background Checks??***

Including the use of background or records checks as a part of our church's recruiting/screening process for workers with children and youth is, without a doubt, the **most often objected to** part of the Safe Churches process. People who are simply volunteering to teach Sunday school or just "watch the kids" may see this as an invasion of their privacy and as an affront to their integrity. Comments can be expected, including, "I've been a member of this church for fifteen years, and if they don't trust me by now, they can just find someone else to keep the nursery!" Or, "What is this world coming to? All I wanted to do was help with Sunday school. **So, what's the "big deal?"**

Well, the **"big deal"** is, that in our small church, the records check is as much protection for the worker as it is for the children. A simple **false** accusation of any kind of abuse can be as devastating to a worker as to the Church. And the background check protects both you and the Church by telling the Church, the insurance company and the justice system, that we have done our job as far as screening our volunteers,

It's also important for you to know that all information will be kept, completely confidential, under lock and key, and that only those monitoring the checks (in our case, the pastor and the trustee chairman) will have access to the information. In most cases, the information requested from you, includes only your name, address and birth date.

**So Please**, if you help, or even are just willing to help, with **any** volunteer position in our church, fill out the background check permission slip below and give it to one of our trustees.

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Estancia United Methodist Church  
Safe Sanctuaries Policy  
Authorization and Request for Background Records Check

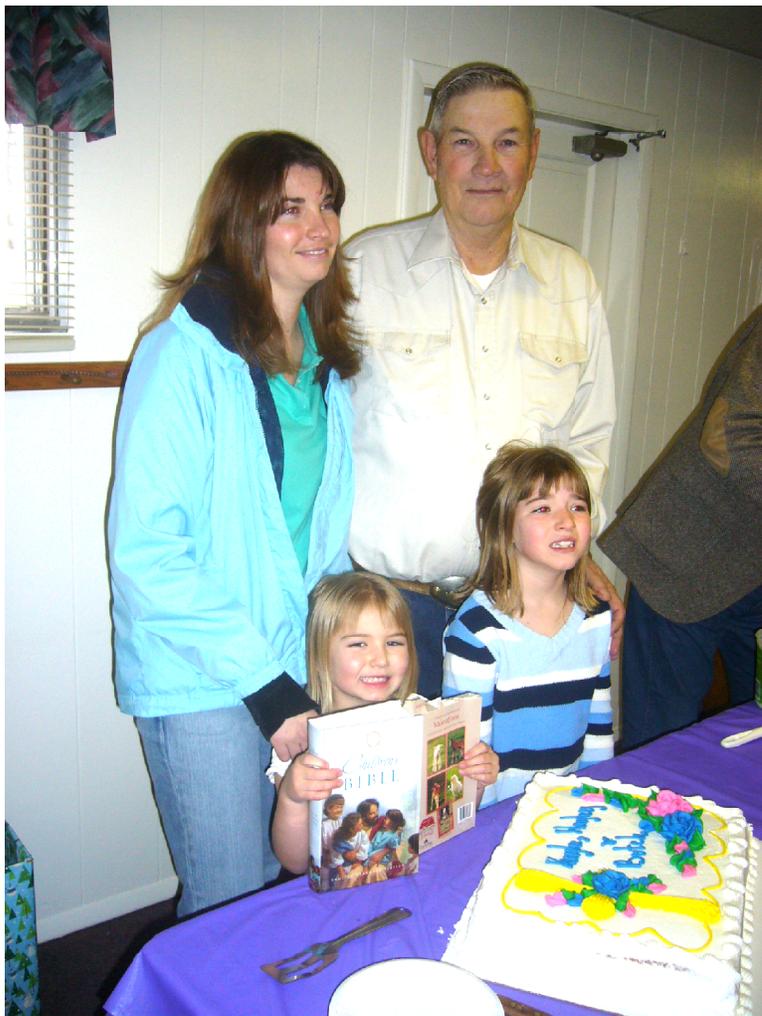
I, (Full Name) \_\_\_\_\_, hereby authorize Estancia United Methodist Church to request a background search, extent permitted by state and federal law. I do release the agency performing the search and Estancia United Methodist Church from all liability that may result from any such disclosure made in response to this request.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Current Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Butch McGee and granddaughters, Hayley and  
Kayla baptized in church Sunday, Feb 3rd



Margery Cook      Butch McGee  
Kayla Cook      Hayley Cook

Jordan  
Hayley  
Kayla

Hayley and Kayla were presented with engraved bibles from our church and a celebration with cake and dessert was held afterwards in the Ed. Building.

***God's Pharmacy !!! Amazing !***

A sliced Carrot looks like the human eye The pupil, iris and radiating lines look just like the human eye...and YES science now shows that carrots greatly enhance blood flow to and function of the eyes.

A Tomato has four chambers and is red. The heart is red and has four chambers. All of the research shows tomatoes are indeed pure heart and blood food.

## The Early Earth

ABEL	ENOCH	LEAF	SHEM
ADAM	EVENING	LIFE	SHUT
ARARAT	EYES	LIGHT	STARS
BEAST	FIELD	MEAT	STONE
BEGINNING	FLOOD	METHUSELAH	THORNS
CAIN	FRUIT	MONTH	TILL
CATTLE	FORTY	NATIONS	TOWER
CITY	GARDEN	NIMROD	TREE
COVENANT	GENERATIONS	NOAH	VINEYARD
CREATED	GIANTS	OPENED	VOID
CUSH	GOOD	PITCH	WATERS
DAYS	GRASS	RAIN	WICKEDNESS
DOVE	GROW	RAVEN	WOMAN
DUST	HEAVENS	SERPENT	WOOD
EARTH	HUSBAND	SERUG	YEARS
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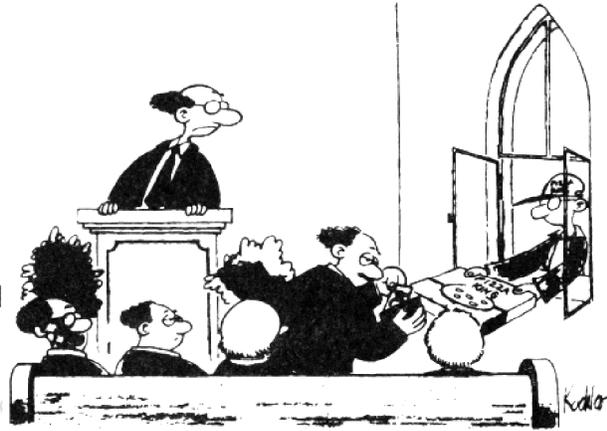
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Daylight Saving Time

March 9!

Spring forward, Fall back





Pastor Feldman wonders whether to shorten his sermons or ban cordless phones from the worship service.

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There is no problem  
So gross or perverse  
That someone in power  
Cannot make worse.

*-Gene Lehman*

*Luno, Boring, OR*

### **CONGREGATIONAL REQUESTS FOR LIBRARY ADDITIONS**

*Perfection and How I Attained It by Your Pastor*  
*Join the Crowd: How to Have a Dysfunctional Family*  
*Tithing from Credit Cards*  
*Road to Abundant Life - Jonah's Seaweed Diet*  
*Learn the Bible While You Sleep*  
*Self-Counseling and How to Perform Surgery at Home*  
*Walking by Faith: Climbing Stairs in Bifocals*

*Building Self-Esteem When You don't Deserve It*  
*Raising Great Kids on Five Minutes a Day*  
*Learn to Teach Sunday School without Preparation*  
*Winning Souls without Getting Involved with People*  
*How to Forgive without Anyone Knowing It*  
*Gossip in the Spirit*  
*Revival by Video in Your Own Home*

### **Rules for Life**

- Allow Your Own Inner Light to Guide You
- There comes a time when you must stand alone.
- You must feel confident enough within yourself to follow your own dreams.
- You must be willing to make sacrifices.
- You must be capable of changing and rearranging your priorities so that your final goal can be achieved.
- Sometimes, familiarity and comfort need to be challenged.
- There are times when you must take a few extra chances and create your own realities.
- Be strong enough to at least try to make your life better.
- Be confident enough that you won't settle for a compromise just to get by.
- Appreciate yourself by allowing yourself the opportunities to grow, develop, and find your true sense of purpose in this life.
- Don't stand in someone else's shadow when it's your sunlight that should lead the way.

**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.**

# March 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b> 9 AM Worship 9:15 Childrens Church 10:15 AM Adult SS 11 AM Worship - Mtair	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Pastor Gary in Mountainair 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study 7 PM Men's Bible Study	<b>5</b> 10:am Quilters	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>
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### **57 Cents**

A little girl stood near a small church from which she had been turned away because it was “too crowded.”

“I can’t go to Sunday School,” she sobbed to the pastor as he walked by.

Seeing her shabby, unkempt appearance, the pastor guessed the reason and, taking her by the hand, took her inside and found a place for her in the Sunday school class. The child was so happy that they found room for her, and she went to bed that night thinking of the children who have no place to worship Jesus.

Some two years later, this child lay dead in one of the poor tenement buildings. Her parents called for the kindhearted pastor who had befriended their daughter to handle the final arrangements.

As her poor little body was being moved, a worn and crumpled red purse was found which seemed to have been rummaged from some trash dump.

Inside was found 57 cents and a note, scribbled in childish handwriting, which read: “This is to help build the little church bigger so more children can go to Sunday School.”

For two years she had saved for this offering of love.

When the pastor tearfully read that note, he knew instantly what he would do. Carrying this note and the cracked, red pocketbook to the pulpit, he told the story of her unselfish love and devotion.

He challenged his deacons to get busy and raise enough money for the larger building.

But the story does not end there.

A newspaper learned of the story and published it. It was read by a wealthy realtor who offered them a parcel of land worth many thousands.

When told that the church could not pay so much, he offered to sell it to the little church for 57 cents.

Church members made large donations. Checks came from far and wide.

Within five years the little girl’s gift had increased to \$250,000.00--a huge sum for that time (near the turn of the century). Her unselfish love had paid large dividends.

When you are in the city of Philadelphia, look up Temple Baptist Church, with a seating capacity of 3,300. And be sure to visit Temple University, where thousands of students are educated.

Have a look, too, at the Good Samaritan Hospital and at a Sunday School building which houses hundreds of beautiful children, built so that no child in the area will ever need to be left outside during Sunday school time.

In one of the rooms of this building may be seen the picture of the sweet face of the little girl whose 57 cents, so sacrificially saved, made such remarkable history. Alongside of it is a portrait of her kind pastor, Dr. Russell H. Conwell, author of the book, “Acres of Diamonds.”

This is a true story, which goes to show WHAT GOD CAN DO WITH 57 CENTS.