



**NEWSLETTER**  
**OF THE**  
**Estancia United Methodist Church**  
*600 Williams, Estancia, New Mexico*  
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**MARCH, 2011**

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

**Kind Thoughts:**

If we never thought kind thoughts about others it would be very difficult for us to encourage them. Most of the time what is overflowing in our minds makes its way out of our mouths. We all have our problems and quirks, yet who benefits when we tear one another down? Everyone has the ability to encourage. If we commit ourselves to seeing and thinking good thoughts not only concerning others but also with ourselves; we will find it will be easy to lift up those who are down and weary, and encourage them to press on. We cannot dwell continually on the failures and mistakes of the past. Remember, we have been made the righteousness of God through Jesus Christ. All of us continue to grow spiritually and we are continually changing for the better. Turn your thoughts around and be an encourager and be encouraged. A good and kind word from God applied by faith will take the heavy heart and make it glad. If we help one another and encourage each other we will then experience the joy of the Lord which will be our strength.

An anxious heart weighs a man down, but a kind word cheers him up.

Proverbs 12:25

**Prayer:**

Help me today Lord to encourage and to lift up, not to tear down. Forgive me for the times I have been insensitive to others. Give me kind words to share that will cheer and lift and encourage and strengthen. Help me forget past mistakes and move forward pressing on towards the goal...Amen



## "Oh Fair New Mexico"

*Folk Lore Along the Salt Mission Trail*

February 12, 2011 - 6:30 PM

Estancia United Methodist Church

**Fine Food, Music, Cowboy Poetry**

**Adults: \$8.00**

**Child: \$5:00**

The "Fair New Mexico" dinner event, hosted and prepared by June and Pastor Spooner, was a huge success. Morrow Hall gave an excellent talk on the history of our area. Below are some pictures confirming that a great time was had by all!!





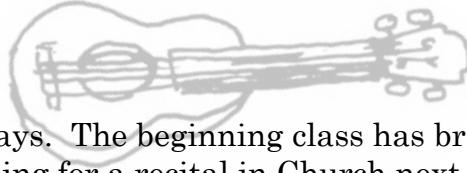
**The Juniper Hills Band Provided entertainment for the Fair New Mexico event.**

### **Methodist Men's Breakfast**

Ten men met for breakfast on February 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 am. The chief cook was Nick Griffio, with assistant cooks, Phil Levy and Ross Carder. Following breakfast the men sang two hymns from the Cokesbury hymnal, *Above Hills of Time* and *The Unclouded Day*. Prayers were offered for Jock, Phil, Harry's wife and daughter, and Jon's cousin's family.

Items discovered in the basement storage area, near the furnace, were identified as possible contributions to Bethel storehouse. If anyone wants them or thinks the items should be retained, please contact Jon Shively. Otherwise, the items will be given to Bethel on March 5th. The stained glass project has delayed installation of the trim until the climate warms up enough to use the saws outdoors. The item of a push broom for the church was referred to the board of trustees, who are meeting on Monday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>. The men replaced the vent on Gaylyn's bedroom heater because it was cracked and leaking fumes. The spare bedroom window needs replacement. Jon will collect the window dimensions and give them to Mel who will draw up a set of plans to construct a new window.

Phil and Don have volunteered to cook breakfast next month.



### **Guitar Classes**

The guitar classes continue to meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> wednesdays. The beginning class has branched into the folk song, *Puff the Magic Dragon*. The class is rehearsing for a recital in Church next month, playing, *Jesus Loves Me* and *Kumbaya* plus one new song. The intermediate class will continue to work on picking out tunes. Currently we are working on *You Are My Sunshine*.

### **Joyous Singers**

The Joyous Singers still meet every Tuesday at 7:00 pm. The group needs some additional female voices to balance the men's voices. If you would like be a Joyous Singer, please come out on Tuesday.

-Jon Shively

## Stained Glass Project

February was a very productive month and some of the major accomplishments were: 1) Completed the assembly process of the “**Jesus and the Children**” window and it will be installed in early March; 2) Nearly completed the assembly process of the “**World**” window and it will also be installed in early March; 3) Sylvia completed the small “**Flame**” window and it will be installed after the “**Accession**” windows are finished and installed while the scaffolding is up; 4) Della and Jan, with the help of Alma, completed our first fused glass project, a small bird, that will be part of the “**Jesus and the Children**” window; and 5) Della finished the pattern making process of the three “**Tomb**” windows and the assembly process has started on the right panel.



**Jesus and the Children**



**World Window**

### Remember St. Patrick's Day Dinner!!!

The Glass Shop is planning to sponsor and prepare a **St. Patrick's Day dinner on Thursday, March 17 at 6:00 PM** in the Education Building. The main dish will be old fashion corned beef and cabbage with all the fix-ins. Both hot and cold (green, of course) drinks will be provided along with desert. Donations for the Glass Shop will be appreciated. Please **RSVP your intention to attend by, or before, March 13**, as this will help us determine the amount of food to prepare (some extra will be made). You may call either Della at 384-4223 or Gayle at 384-1000. Please leave a message if no one answers.



**More Notoriety...** Gayle Clark's friend, Karen Kirsch, and her friend, Hazel, stopped by the glass shop last Saturday. Karen is a free-lance writer from Ohio, who loves New Mexico. She was intrigued by our church and stained glass windows and proceeded to interview members of our windows team for an article.



On Sunday, February 6th, Maggie Rodgers and her husband, associated with the Waco Children's Home, came to talk to our congregation about the success of the Children's Home programs.

**Pastor Spooner conversing  
with Maggie Rodgers**

#### **FROM OUR AD COUNCIL CHAIRMAN**

Spring will soon be here and the cold days of winter will be only a memory. We will wonder what happened to all those days and if we did anything worth mentioning.

I know that our church continues to do memorable things and, of course, the windows come to mind. But there are many other things that are being done in the name of God by members of this church. There is a lot of love and caring happening and often we are not aware of it.

A wonderful dinner was sponsored and prepared by the Spooners. Entertainment was provided by John and his band, and Joanie and her daughter served us. We all had a wonderful time!

March will give us another opportunity to get together and enjoy each other's company as the glass shop will serve corn beef and cabbage on St. Patrick's Day. Proceeds from donations will go to the glass shop.

We had a great visit with the folks from the Waco Methodist School for Children and learned what is going on with their school and its ministry. An offering was taken for their ministry during the service. Charlie did a good job of interviewing them during the church service and we learned a lot. Also thanks to Barbara and Bill Simms for putting them up for the night.

As we go forward into spring and witness new beginnings and a time of renewal, it is a good time to take inventory of our lives, both spiritual and physical, and ask for God's direction. The world is in great need of our prayers as the Middle East and others face stressful times. This is our opportunity to become a greater part of God's will and go forward knowing that this is our world, and we all need to pray for each other.

Butch McGee is busy making plans for the children to experience a June outing in the mountains. I am sure that all of us want to help make it a memorable time for the children, as well as the adults, in our church.

*-Blessings, Marcia Fitzner*

# March 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:am Glass Shop	2 10:30:am Quilters	3	4	5 9:am Glass Shop
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**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS!**

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**MARCH**

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### **Onward Christian Soldiers #575**

This hymn was written by pastor, Sabine Baring-Gould in 1869. At that time, the custom in town, during celebrations, was for the children to march from one town to another with banners. The pastor wanted the children to sing a hymn as they went. Since nothing was suitable, he wrote one himself—late the night before the march! Baring-Gould reportedly wrote "Onward, Christian Soldiers" in about 15 minutes, later apologizing, "It was written in great haste, and I am afraid that some of the lines are faulty". The hymn was originally entitled, "Hymn for Procession with Cross and Banners."

He wrote more than 60 books in the British Museum, but was most remembered as the author of "Onward Christian Soldiers."



Sabine Baring-Gould, 1869



***Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in your garage makes you a car!***