



*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.



MAY, 2001 ☸

SUNDAY SERVANTS FOR MAY

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

- Lay Assist:
- Acolytes:
- Ushers: Renee Richards &
- Greeters: Tracy & Mary Hemket

YOUTH SCRIPTURE READERS

- May 6: Matthew Sanchez
- May 13: Brian Wilson
- May 20: Miranda Gomez
- May 27: Kelly Darnell

KINGS KIDS

- May 6: Wendi Morton
- May 13: Crystal Simmons & Carisima Garcia

NURSERY

- May 6: Crystal Simmons & Ashley Welsh
- May 13: Paige Deborsky & Nick Gomez
- May 20: Shellee & Ashlea Stewart
- May 27: Jamie Simmons & Catherine Gomez

FLOWERS

- May 6: Barbara Simms
- May 13: Melanie Dunn
- May 20:
- May 27: Larry & Waynette Burnett

**TIME OUT
WITH "COACH" JOHANN**

Greetings Estancia Saints,

The celebration of our Lord's Resurrection was for Anne and me one of the most moving and meaningful we have ever experienced. What a joy it was to have the message of Christ's victory over sin and death passionately proclaimed by so many of our members in music, song, word and drama. The final gathering outside around the cross, having presented our "burnt offerings" to the Lord, brought the entire service to a most beautiful and powerful climax. May the reality of Christ's risen presence be your constant source of encouragement and joy.

Following His resurrection and prior to His ascension, Jesus told His disciples to "wait for the promise of the Father", the glorious outpouring of the Holy Spirit that empowered those ordinary men and women to accomplish extraordinary exploits for the sake of the Kingdom. God never intended any of the festivals of the Christian year to simply be wistful remembrances of a glorious past, but rather to provide us with fresh motivation and encouragement to seek our own personal and corporate empowering encounters with Him for today.

The first Sunday of next month, June 3, will be our celebration of Pentecost and it is my prayer that the Holy Spirit will make His presence and power known among us in a similar way to that described in Acts 2 and the chapters that follow. It was only following their "baptism with the Holy Spirit" that we began to see the life and ministry of Jesus more visibly expressed through the lives of the apostles. It can be no different for us. Winning new people to Jesus, seeing lives dramatically transformed, bodies and souls healed cannot be accomplished just by well-meaning folks. We need the power from on high. So may we use the next four weeks actively waiting upon the Lord, seeking His face, presenting our bodies as living sacrifices to Him, and asking Him to fill us anew with His Holy Spirit.



Much love and eager anticipation!

Upward and onward...

"Coach" Johann

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL REPORT

As I prepare my agenda for our next Ad Council meeting, my thoughts dwell on the accomplishments since the last meeting. Under the leadership of various committee chairman and dedicated members, much has been accomplished.

Many thanks go to Cyle for inviting Phil Bob Borman to bring the Firewind Spring Revival to us. This was an inspiring experience for all of us. We are so grateful to Mark, Chairman of Trustees, for his leadership and work improving the church grounds, the church and the parsonage. We must acknowledge the Worship Chairman, Julie. She is surveying the congregation on what they would like to add or subtract from our worship services. Angela, Chairman of PPRC and her committee are checking on the possibility of a new church directory since we have many new members. Alma, Chairman of Care and Outreach and her committee are always searching for ways to make our church members and friends welcome in our church and community. They visit newcomers to the community, greeting them with a bag of cookies and inviting them to come and worship with us.

Sharla and Shellee are still struggling, trying to have Sunday School. My personal opinion, if I may

have one, is that we will never be successful having Sunday School until we have it before church services. I have attended this church over fifty years and we have never been able to interest people to stay for Sunday School after church services.

Marcia, President of UMW, has a small group but a hard working group whose main purpose is missions. The UMW contributes money and services for local, national and international missions. They also promote ecumenical projects, bringing together women with common interests in missions. Julieanne and Susan along with all their helpers are to be congratulated on their very successful Logos Program. It is impossible to know just how much influence they have had on many young people's lives.

What would we do without a good Finance Chairman? Mel has brought new ideas and carried out a successful financial program whereby we have been able to accomplish the many programs of our church and meet our expenses. The Historian wishes to report that she now has over 1500 entries on her computer for our church registry. This covers the period from 1905 to present. Still, more to go, but I am working on it.

We couldn't do without Morrow, Nick, Carolyn, Bill and Barbara, Sylvia and many others who are so willing to share their time and talents with us. And Pastor Johann and Ann, we appreciate you so much. You are a joy and inspiration to all of us. This is my thank you to all of you. *Ethel Floyd, Chrm.*

UMW REPORT

I want to thank everyone who contributed so unselfishly to the UMCOR offering. Your generosity will help many people in need. You are truly doing the Lord's work. Your continued donations for the UMCOR kits are also appreciated. These kits will be taken to the Annual Meeting in Portales. A truck will then take them on to a warehouse in Los Angeles to be distributed wherever needed.

If for any reason you have not made your



contribution, you still have time since the meeting will be held the latter part of May.

United Methodist Women have sent our cookbook to the printers and we expect to have the completed book in time for Mother's Day. If you were one of the ones that contributed to the cookbook you will receive a free State Cookie Book just for helping us out. Thanks to all of you that helped! We are now counting on you to purchase a cook book when they become available. Remember that the money made will go for Mission projects, locally, nationally and inter-nationally. We are also collecting soup labels (Campbells) to send to our Mission Project (McCurty School) in Espanola. The list of what they need will be available at the church and you can contact me for other labels they could use. Agatha Garrison is our chair for this project and she also is willing to help you.

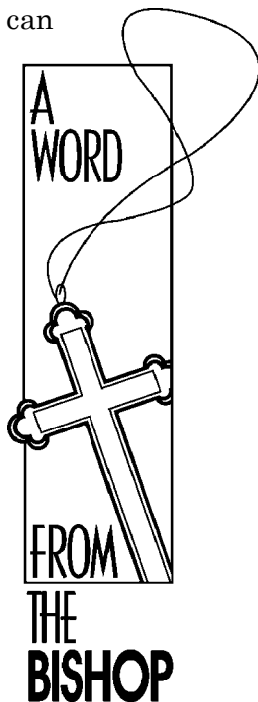
God's Blessing to all who have helped so very much and know that you will be repaid when and if you need it.

Marcia Fitzner
President UMW 384-2495

FROM BISHOP MAX
WHITFIELD

Some of My Thoughts

What a wonderful Holy Week I experienced this year! I wasn't confronted with the normal



demands of being the pastor of a local church, or trying to make appointments as a District Superintendent. I could just receive the gifts the church had to offer to me. My soul was fed and I regained some of the spiritual strength I needed for the days and weeks ahead.

Perhaps the most fulfilling was a word from scripture delivered by Dr. Charles Crutchfield on Saturday evening. He recalled the words from I Chronicles where the people of Israel were preparing for battle and the word from the Lord came. This is not your battle. This is the Lord's battle and He will give the victory.

I find it extremely easy to forget that the final victory belongs to God and not to me. I think of myself more highly than I ought to think. I begin to believe that leading an Annual Conference is my responsibility. The future of the Church is dependent upon what I do. I begin to leave God outside of my normal and long range planning. I could really get down on myself, but history is filled with people just like me. We tend to discount the work of God and expect more of ourselves than we ought to expect.

Now don't misunderstand what I am saying. I am not one of those that believe that all I need to do is sit back and wait for God to act. I don't need to plan and develop strategies because God already has a plan. I believe God gave me a brain and has taught me for years about how to accomplish great things for the Kingdom of God. I am to give my very best. I am to work as hard and as smart as I can. Then I need to

FIREWIND REVIVAL



relax and let God do the rest. The bottom line is, this is God's work. I am the junior partner. The victory belongs to God and is not dependent upon how brilliant and creative I can be.

That is why the resurrection has such power. Even when I become disheartened and discouraged, the victory belongs to God. God can do far more than I ever imagined. The impossible becomes possible by the power of God. Even the power of death has been conquered.

So, back to the appointment making process I go. I serve a risen Savior who is with me even when I can't find the way we ought to go. I serve a resurrected Lord who is far more concerned about the Kingdom of God coming into our midst than I could ever be. I serve the One True God to whom the victory belongs. Therefore, I rejoice as I return to my day to day routine.

Have a wonderful day as you live with our resurrected Lord.

Grace & Peace, Max

Anyone interested in a Home School Support Group, please contact Angela Snyder at 832-1864

Women of Virtue Conference

Those of you interested in attending the Women of Virtue Conference on June 2, 2001 in Albuquerque should contact Anne Neethling 384-2710 or Angela Creamer 384-4167. If enough women sign up, we'll be eligible for a discount on each ticket. The meeting is scheduled from 8:30 - 5:00 p.m., on June 2nd. This conference is for women of all ages. There will be three guest speakers, plus great praise music. We look to be blessed, so come join us. God's Blessing to all who have helped so very much and know that you will be repaid when and if you need it.

PASTOR'S TRIP TO UK

I do want to thank you all most sincerely for your prayer support and caring for my wife while I travelled recently to London to see my sister, Annette Terry, and my very dear friends, Dan & Dee Cippico in beautiful Winchester (about 60 miles from London). Since we all had a lot of catching up to do in a very short period of time, Dan and Dee invited my sister to come and spend the few days out at their place. I was glad for this arrangement as it gave Annette an opportunity to also make some new

friends in her new homeland.

Our time was spent taking short walks along country lanes and also getting to know a few of the historic sites of Winchester - including the Cathedral, the Great Hall, and Jane Austin's house. Dee is struggling with liver cancer and so had to watch her energy level each day. Please keep these friends of mine in your prayers.

On Friday we returned to London where I spent the night at Annette's home and got to meet the 94 year old lady for whom she serves as a live-in companion.

Saturday evening Annette and I travelled to Piccadilly Circus to meet her one son Keiran and his new wife, Natasha, and also Keiran's older sister, Sharon. We enjoyed a lovely meal at a Japanese restaurant followed by coffee and cake at a fancy Italian Coffee Shop in Soho. It was a good time to get re-acquainted with my nephew and niece after some 18 or more years.

At 10pm I took the tube back to Heathrow Airport to await my flight to Chicago at 8am Sunday morning. The flight back to Albuquerque via Denver was long and tiring, but the reward Sunday evening was to again see the face of my beloved wife.

DEBT RETIREMENT

From DON FORSMAN (mail to:Tulsadon@aol.com)
Dear Pastors and Leaders of the New Mexico Conference.....In a short time the Conference gather at Portales to reflect over the accomplishments of this year, make plans for the future and welcome our new Episcopal leader. Included in those reports will be a report on the Debt Retirement Fund which had no local church goals other than asking every church to present the Debt Fund and encourage the people of that particular church to contribute to the Fund.



Church Work Day Saturday April 21



Mel Stephenson Mark Lambert John Creamer



Carolyn Moore Don Fitzner



Sent with a prayer to:

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EUMC May 2001

"Each One Win One in 2001"

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:00 Worship 10:30 Congregational Meeting 11:30 Potluck	30 10:00 Bible Study: Christianity 101 6:30 Prayer 7:00 Women's Reunion Group 7:00 A.A. 7:00 Trustees	1 6:00 Prayer in sanctuary	2	3 7:00 Experiencing God Bible Study	4	5 9:00 Work Day 10:00 Praise Team 12:30 BBQ
6 9:00 Choir 9:00 Worship/HC 10:30 SS 11:15 Ad Council 3:00 Communion to Homebound 4:00 Choir	7 10:00 Bible Study: Christianity 101 6:30 Prayer 7:00 Women's Reunion Group 7:00 A.A. 7:00 Trustees	8 6:00 Prayer in sanctuary 10:00 Care and Outreach	9	10 7:00 Experiencing God Bible Study	11	12 10:00 Praise Team
13 9:00 Worship/ Mother's Day 10:30 SS 11:15 PPRC	MOTHER'S DAY	14 6:30 Prayer 7:00 Women's Reunion Group 7:00 A.A.	15 6:00 Prayer in sanctuary	16 Pastor attending daughter's graduation in NC	17 Pastor attending daughter's graduation in NC	18 Pastor attending daughter's graduation in NC 10:00 Praise Team Pastor attending daughter's graduation in NC
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Abbreviations:
 A.A. – Alcoholics Anonymous
 S.S. – Sunday School
 Conf. – Confirmation Class

Barnabus Blessings are available in the church foyer to give or send to someone today.

If you have an email address and would like to share it with us, send it to:
siyabonga@aol.com