



Sunday Worship 10:00
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Nursery Provided



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SUNDAY SERVANTS FOR MAY

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lay Assist: Tracy Hemke
Ushers: Roci Galyn & Renee Richards
Greeters: Sylvia Levy & Marilyn Seddon

YOUTH SCRIPTURE READERS

May 4: *Needed*
May 11: Rose Daniel
May 18: *Needed*
May 25: Stephen Chaplin

KING'S KIDS

May 11: Marilyn Seddon
May 18: Susan Wilson
May 25: Bonnie Thomas

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

May 4: Jenny Kay Wilhelm
May 11: Barbara Simms
May 18: *Needed*
May 25: Della Stephenson

FLOWERS

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May 11: Bonnie Thomas
May 18: *Needed*
May 25: Sylvia Levy

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O You may have noticed this mission
U statement on the front of our bulletin each week,
R but what does it mean? What does it mean
P to be "the church?" To be the Body of
A Christ is to be Christ in the world. **J**esus
S set for us a course of action that includes
T five dimensions that will lead to healthy
O growth. 1) Churches grow warmer through
fellowship. 2) Churches grow deeper
through discipleship. 3) Churches grow
stronger through worship. 4) Churches
grow broader through ministry. 5)
Churches grow larger through evangelism.
For a Church to be healthy it is important
that it have a balance of all five dimensions.
In Acts 2:42-47 these facets of growth are
described in the first church at Jerusalem.
The first Christians fellowshiped, edified
each other, worshiped, ministered, and
evangelized. And as a result "the Lord
added to their number daily those who were being
saved."

The "Becoming a Contagious Christian" study is a

way of addressing the dimensions of evangelism, discipleship, and ministry. One of the things that we have discovered in the first two weeks of this eight-week study is that most people have a very negative image of evangelism. The mission statement task force considered this when they created the mission statement and changed the fifth dimension to read, "reaching out to share the Good News of Jesus Christ."

That is what evangelism means. In fact the Greek word is *evangelion*, which means "the good news" or "gospel." So evangelism is simply the process of one beggar telling another where to find food. We are learning that everyone is an evangelist, and that God can use our personality in a unique way to reach those who have not yet heard that Jesus Christ is good news for him or her. We are not truly disciples of **Jesus Christ** until we go out to share the Good News with others. **Bill Hybels**, in the introductory video to the course, used the example of Luke 15 and the stories of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son as examples of how much God cares for the lost souls. I suggest you read that scripture for yourself and meditate on God's love for the lost. That means that every person we lock eyes with this next week (and for the rest of our lives) matters to God.

Nick Griffo is the chair of a committee called Prayer Evangelism. What is that you ask? In my years of experience in the church there were some things that always just seemed to be out of whack. Several years ago I read a book that help me put things into perspective. I knew immediately that **Terry Tykle** had put into words what I already sensed was true. Nothing happens without prayer. Our human efforts are doomed to fail if we are not walking in God's will. Evangelism begins with prayer. **Dr. Tykle** says we must first "Pray the Price" if we hope to succeed at "reaching out to share the Good News." God is at work in people's hearts and is seeking to bring the heart of a "user friendly" Christian in touch with the heart of a "seeker."

Nick and I have been leading the Wednesday night blessing folks in prayer for the lost. I began in January to pray through the phone book (all 384 #s). Last year, the Tuesday night prayer group was praying for those that God was preparing to bring to this congregation for our care and nurture into discipleship. When a visitor walks through our doors, I know that God has drawn them here. We have accepted into membership, since January, nine souls. These were each gifts from God – a direct answer to

our prayers. Just think what we can do when we open our eyes to the people that are in our lives everyday who are hungry for the Word of God – those that God has been calling but are too afraid to come in the doors of the church. We must also be willing to "reach out." The Great Commission (Matt. 28:19) says, "Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them disciples..." Let's continue to "pray the price," and also be willing to search out the lost and share with them the Good News. When you pray, God will give you discernment to sense when someone is ready to receive the Good News.

-Pastor Linda

UMW REPORT

The United Methodist Women have not wasted much time this year. We have been on the go: **Linda, Ethel, Alma and Marilyn** attended the District Wide Mission Study on Mexico, held at Asbury Methodist Church on March 22nd. **Rev. Richard and Pat Campbell** gave a very impressive review of their mission work in Mexico.

The annual District UMW meeting was held at St. Paul's, Albuquerque on April 26th. **Marcia, Alma, Linda, Marilyn and Ethel** attended this meeting. Marcia was in the choir for this event. **Barbara Campbell** from Ashville, NC was the featured speaker. She is the author of "*United Methodist Women: In the Middle of Tomorrow*".

At the present time, we are looking forward to our visit to **McCurdy School** at Espanola on June 6th and 7th. While we are there they plan to put us to work.

At our March meeting we were honored to have the District Officers meet with us, The present District President, **Dena Walters**, presented the program on membership. She was assisted by the rest of the officers.

It was also our pleasure to furnish and serve refreshments for the Confirmation Class following the Easter Services.

We have had regular Executive planning meetings where we plan for future activities. The unit is presently planning the annual Ecumenical luncheon which will be held June



24th.

-Ethel L. Floyd, Pres.

HISTORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Since our last report, contacts have been made via letters, e-mail and personal contacts for addresses of former members during the first fifty years of the church history. We are soliciting resumes from former members of their recollections during that period.

Approximately three-fourths of the general history is written and will soon be completed and ready for the Editing Committee.

Agatha continues to add pictures and articles in the scrapbook. If anyone has pictures they would like to include in the scrapbook, please give them to **Agatha**.

A list of members during the first fifty years (who



NURSERY NEWS

We need to make some changes in nursery care on Sunday mornings. Our nursery attendant has decided not to continue with us - she quit! But perhaps that is not such a bad thing. Historically, our church has used it's members as volunteers each Sunday. And, our budget could use some relief at this point, be it ever so small.

We, the PPRC, would **like to have your input** concerning what you would like and expect nursery-wise on Sundays (and any other time). For the time being, we need **VOLUNTEERS**. **IF**, we had 7 or 8 dependable people who would be willing to give one Sunday morning every 2 months, nursery care would not be a problem. **IF**, we end up with more children than one person could safely handle, surely someone would lend a hand on the spot.

NOW, we do have 2 volunteers already!! We will accept any decent person, parents, grandmothers, grandfathers, responsible young adults etc., who would like to help us on a regular basis. This is not a "have to" situation, this is a "get to" situation. What could be more important than to be sure our youngest members have good care during our Sunday morning service.

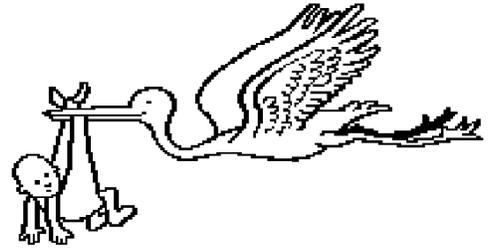
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REPLY to PPRC - Thoughts on nursery care at Estancia United Methodist Church

Send or return to PPRC committee member
**Carolyn Moore, Tracy Hemke, Dee Dee Young,
Elaine Darnell, Sam Wilson, Lacy Daniel, Jan
Winn and Barbara Simms**

Congratulations and Welcome to



Sydney Kathleen Chavez

Born April 9th to Sheryl and Robert Chavez

Proud grandparents are Elaine and Ray Darnell

Equally proud great-grandparents, Tish and Jim
McMicheal

Finance Committee

We want to keep the congregation informed about the financial condition of our church. We have spent the first quarter of this year reworking the budget that was presented to the Charge Conference last October. After reviewing each and every expenditure, we have come to the conclusion that we are still about \$250 a week short of where we need to be to maintain the very basic services and programs of the church. We need your help. If you are not tithing (10% of your income) at this time, we hope you will consider this as your basic gift to God and His work in the world. If you are tithing, perhaps God has blessed you with the ability to give over and above that amount. If you are giving all you can God understands and accepts your gift. The other thing that you can do to help the church to continue its vital ministry in the Estancia Valley is to pray for us to receive the needed funds to operate for another month. Do not underestimate the power of your prayers. *-Melanie Chavez, Chrm*



JANITORIAL NEWS

Well, the news ain't good. We are losing our very capable janitoress, Ms. Julieanne Welsh. But the good news is - here is another chance to save some \$\$ in our suffering budget!!

Yea!

Yes, as you might expect, it does involve VOLUNTEERS again! Twelve dedicated groups of people (i.e., a family, two or more good friends, two families combined, or any combination thereof, may participate in this chance to keep our lovely church, lovely (along with the Educ. Bldg.). Can it be done? Could we do it for a year?



How long does it take each week - rumor has it that one person could clean up things in 2 hours - think what fun 4 people could have one hour a week!

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Again, only responsible people need apply. thank you, PPRC.

From Your Pastor

In the wonderful book, *Waking to God's Dream*, **Dick Wills** pours out his heart as a pastor. He tells about how he prays for his church. First of all he asks God to let him and his church be a part of what God is blessing. He asks God to send to his church people that no one else wants. Then he prays for the ministry of the church and for the leaders of those ministries. He follows this with a prayer for the funds needed to operate the church for another week and for guidance to be good stewards of what the church has already received. He believes that God does not call us to a task that we can do under our own power, but that he calls us to do something bigger that we can do on our own. That means a radical trust in God's provision and grace to accomplish His work in the world. So rather than feeling that we are overwhelmed, let us get on our knees and ask for God's guidance to continue the work we have begun. There is a wonderful little praise song that is from Phil. 1:6: "He who began a good work in you... will be faith to complete it in you." God wants to continue to bless this church, but he needs your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service. Listen for what he needs you to do for the sake of His kingdom. Giving monetary support is one way to serve the Lord. From the beginning of the formation of the people of God, God called for the first fruits of the people's labors to be brought to the temple as a gift (or sacrifice) to demonstrate their trust in God's provision for future crops. It is no accident that Jesus' resurrection happened on the day of "first fruits." We simply cannot out give God. He will always give more back to us that we give to Him. So doesn't it make sense to be generous?

Pastor Linda



Potluck Dinner on the Grounds May 25 after Church Service

**Farewell, good-by, we hate to see you gooo o!
The Welsh family, Julieanne, Ashley and Justin, are moving to Rio Rancho in June. We hate to lose them, but it is a good move for the family. So, we are having a Farewell Potluck on Sunday, May 25, to wish them well! It is also "Hello" to summertime - don't miss it!!**



Baptized: Robert Lee Babb Jr. 11 Months, Karina Watkins, 5 yrs, children of Tracy and Robert Babb. Tracy joined the church by confession of faith. The Babbs have three other children who were baptized in the Episcopal Church, they are Garrett, 12; Kaleb, 9; and Joshua, 6.

Those joined by confirmation (below) are: Paige Doborski, daughter of Melanie and Danny Chavez, Kelsey Sours, and Lois Van Meter.

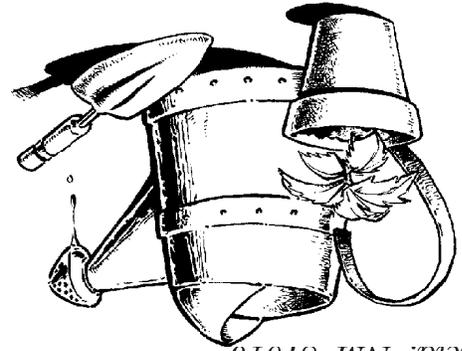


Tracy Babb, Robert Lee Babb, Jr., Karina Watkins, Kelsey Sours, Lois Van Meter, and Paige Deborski



Sent with a prayer to:

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Vacation Bible School will be June 9 - 13, Monday thru Friday, 9 am to 11 am, ages 3 yrs to 5th grade. The theme this year is <i>Lighthouse Kids Shining Gods Light</i>. Please talk to Pastor Linda or Angela Creamer 384-4167 if you can volunteer!				1 10:am: Pastor's Prayer meeting	2	3
4 10:am Worship Communion Sunday Native Am Special Offering 6:00 UMY	5 Pastor's day off	6 6:30pm Pre-conference meeting St Johns-Santa Fe 7:00pm Trustees	7 6:30-8:15pm Contagious Christian	8 10:am: Pastor's Prayer meeting	9 7:pm: Emmaus Gathering, Moriarty	10
11 10:am Worship MOTHERS DAY 6:00 UMY	12 Pastor's day off	13 7:00pm WeighDown Reunion Ed Bldg	14 6:30-8:15pm Contagious Christian	15 10:am: Pastor's Prayer meeting	16	17 7am: Men's Prayer Breakfast
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25 10:am Worship Graduate Sunday 11:30 Welch Farewell Potluck 6:00 UMY	26 Pastor's day off	27 NOON: UMW	28 6:30-8:15pm Contagious Christian Annual Conference Glorieta Conference Center	29	30 Graduation Party for Justin Danella	31