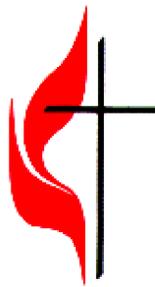




NEWSLETTER
OF THE
Estancia United Methodist Church
600 Williams, Estancia, New Mexico



MAY
2006

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Chairperson: Finance Committee	Mel Stephenson
Chairperson: History	Ethel Floyd
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Please visit us on the web:
<http://www.gbgbm-umc.org/estancia>

Prayer Concerns

- Peter Sanchez
- The Dile Family
- Markie Sturgess
- Donald Berry
- Agatha Garrison
- Craig Martin
- Gerald Fitzner
- Wayne Long
- Pam's Sister
- Billy & Dustin Newsom
- Debbie Gallegos and Mildred Griffo
- Ruth Brindle
- Mary Garcia
- Shirley Solomon
- The United Methodist Men's group and their ministries
- A friend or family member who does not have a relationship with Jesus
- This congregation and it's leaders & finances
- The men and women of the armed forces
- National and world leaders

Sunday Worship 11:00 AM
Nursery Provided

From Pastor Gary**What does Worship Mean?**

Barnhouse tells of an incident that occurred on a family trip to East Texas. "As we were leaving Beaumont, Texas, we saw a large sign along the highway calling upon people to Acknowledge God. 'Go and worship God in the church or your own choice,' we read. We pulled to a stop in front of a red light. Another car drew along side us. A child's voice read the sign and said, 'Daddy, what does worship mean?' The father replied, 'It means to go to church and listen to the preacher preach.' Could there be a worse definition? Although part of our worship time together is given to exhortation from God's Word, worship can never be limited to preaching alone. Webster's dictionary suggests that worship is, "to revere, pay homage, idolize, adore, esteem worthy."

No doubt, most of us assume we know what the word worship means, even among those who have never worshiped. There are many who have attempted to pin down this elusive word. Let me share a few of the better ones I have read:

- Christian worship is the glad response of Christians to the holy, redemptive love of God made known in Jesus Christ. (Horton Davies, scholar on the history of worship)
- Worship is...
 To quicken the conscience by the holiness of God,

To feed the mind with the truth of God,
To purge the imagination by the beauty of God,
To open the heart to the love of God,
To devote the will to the purpose of God.
(former Anglican archbishop William Temple)

However we define worship, God deserves it. The fact that God deserves our worship is a reason to worship; it is the reason, and the only acceptable one. We may come to church for different reasons, but to truly worship God, we must acknowledge that He deserves every hymn and chorus, dollar and dime, minute and hour that we can give. Our worship should happen in public and private; morning, noon, and night, in good circumstances and in bad.

*“Ascribe to the Lord the glory of His name; worship the Lord in holy splendor” Psalm 29:2
I encourage you to step up to the challenge of Worship. God deserves it.*

-Pastor Gary

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Thursday, April 27 at 7:00 PM to discuss the Quarterly Report and the audit for 2005. The Quarterly Report will be shared with the congregation on Sunday, April 30 and posted in the Church and Education Building. The report will show income, actual expenditures, budget per category, and remaining budget for each category for each month of the first quarter of 2006. Another objective of the Finance Committee is to initiate a Stewardship Program for this year to assure our 2006 Budget is achieved. Please see the report on page 4. Remembering our last year's slogan, “GIVE THANKS WITH A GREATFUL HEART.”

- Mel Stephenson, Chairperson

YARD SALE!!... Bargains of all Kinds

On Saturday, May 13th starting at 8:30am, the Wednesday Morning Quilters and the UMW are having a **huge yard sale!** The ladies have been working for several months preparing for the sale, and taking donations. AND its not too late to make your donations as well. Please bring them to the church by Saturday May 8th so they can be labeled,

**EUMC First Quarter Financial Report
by Month**

**Beginning (1-1-2006) Balance \$9,366.76
Available Emergency Fund \$7,500.00**

	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>
Income	5,183.06	4,671.40	4,440.30
Expenses			
Apportionments	711.00	711.00	711.00
	0	8,530.00	1,422.00
	0	490.00	0
Education	52.50	52.50	52.50
	27.04	142.96	14.00
Outreach	14.00	14.00	14.00
	42.01	157.99	17.00
Worship	17.00	17.00	17.00
	0	400.00	80.00
Laity Annual Conf.	80.00	80.00	80.00
	22.25	547.75	27.72
Office Supplies	47.50	47.50	47.50
Property Care/Utilities			
Telephone	125.00	125.00	125.00
	134.24	1365.76	118.49
Church Utilities	667.00	4891.12	505.83
	622.88	3870.26	309.86
Parsonage Utilities	508.00	508.00	508.00
	359.74	2365.18	283.82
Property Insurance	110.00	110.00	110.00
	283.82	1731.23	0
Fire Protection	156.00	156.00	156.00
	140.77	1731.23	1,731.23
Ministerial Support	2,907.00	2,907.00	2,907.00
	2797.63	31,363.62	2,799.82
Totals	5,395.00	55,855.87	5,323.26
	4,430.38	5,467.54	50,388.28
		28,535.83	25,787.87
		2,907.00	2,747.96
		5395.00	45,065.02

EUMC Work Day April 8th



Bruce Dile, Francis Winn and Barbara Simms sprucing up our church grounds



Ray Moore helps to distribute a giant pile of dirt

(Others helping were **Carolyn Moore, Gary Eggart, Bill Simms and Marshall Hall**)

Mountainair UMC News

The Artist Tour in Mountainair that takes place the weekend before Memorial Day...May 20 and 21. We will be selling our church cookbook and giving away free samples of some of the goodies in the cookbook with a purchase. Price is just \$10.00.

Patty is putting together with **Wray Simmons** and others, some music for the event, and I think **Ted** and another lady in town, **Nancy Townson** are doing some poetry reading. Don't have times or a place on that yet....so just invite everyone from Estancia to come to Mountainair for the festivities.
-Mary Jones

HISTORY COMMITTEE

Nearly a year ago our church celebrated it's 100th year of service to the Estancia community. From that celebration came the history book that took two years to compile as well as a commemorative DVDs and VHS tapes photographed and compiled by **Ethel's** grandson, **Richard White**.

History books are still available for sale at \$10, and there in only one DVD and one VHS tape remaining for sale at the price of \$20. Please see Ethel or any member of the History Committee if you are interested in purchasing any of the above.

RECITAL

As you may know, **Ethel Floyd** has taught piano in this area for many years. On Saturday, June 3rd at 2:00pm, her students will present what is probably **Ethel's** final recital. As a tribute to **Ethel's** many years of teaching, please consider attending this event.



We are blessed that so many folks are willing to help keep our church and education building CLEAN! And now it's Sign-Up time again for the coming year! Look for the sign-up board in the education building this month - Hurry and get the "best month" for you!

JUST IN CASE YOU HADN'T NOTICED...

Last week **Mel Stephenson, Bill Simms** and **Gary Eggart** repoured the basement floor concrete in preparation for refinishing the sanctuary basement.

This week **Mark Lambert, Raymond Moore, Gary Eggart** and **Bill Simms** moved the furniture out of the basement in preparation for laying carpet which should take place on May 9th.

Mark, Bill and Gary also replaced the damaged basement door with a heavy solid wood door.

Also please notice the newly outlined planting areas in front of our church that **Francis, Charley and Mel** completed last week.

The official **“Paint Day”** for the basement has been set for Wednesday, May 3rd. All of you who can handle a paint roller, paint brush, and masking tape, we need you starting at 9:00am. We need to have all the painting completed before the carpet laying date on May 9th. It has been rumored that **Gary** is fixing hamburgers, so if some of you less adept at painting could bring potato salad, etc. that would be great!!

**UMW ECUMENICAL TEA**

On Tuesday June 20th from 2:00 to 4:00pm the UMW will be hosting their annual Ecumenical Tea. All women of the church are invited. Weather permitting, the event will be held outdoors.

FROM YOUR CONFERENCE**Katrina is Not Over**

AS OF MARCH 31, New Mexico Conference congregations had contributed more than \$4,200 for the “Katrina is not over” Appeal #818-008 (Louisiana/Mississippi) The Foundation extends a special “thank you” to the 14 contributing congregations: Eunice, NM, UMC; First UMC - Silver City, NM; First UMC - Lovington, NM; Grace UMC -Alamogordo, NM; Hamlin Memorial UMC - Farwell, TX; Harwood UMC - Albuquerque, NM; Hillcrest UMC - Carlsbad, NM; Kingswood UMC - Clovis, NM; Las Vegas, NM, UMC; Mesa View UMC - Albuquerque, NM; Sacramento Mountain UMC, Sacramento, NM; St Andrew’s UMC - Albuquerque, NM; St. Luke’s UMC - Odessa, TX; St. Paul’s UMC - Las Cruces, NM.

MORE THAN A MOTHER

When God set the world in place,
when He hung the stars up in space,
when He made the land and the sea,
then He made you and me.

He sat back and saw all that was good,
He saw things to be as they should.
Just one more blessing He had in store;
He created a mother, but whatever for?

He knew a mother would have a special place
to shine His reflection on her child's face.
A mother will walk the extra mile
just to see her children smile.
She'll work her fingers to the bone
to make a house into a home.

A mother is there to teach and guide,
a mother will stay right by your side.
She'll be there through your pain and strife,
she'll stay constant in your life.

A mother will lend a helping hand
until you have the strength to stand.
She'll pick you up when you are down,
when you need a friend she'll stick around.

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A mother is one who listens well,
will keep her word; will never tell.

A mother never pokes or pries
but stands quietly by your side,
giving you the strength you need,
encouraging you to succeed.

A mother is one who can be strong
when you need someone to lean on.

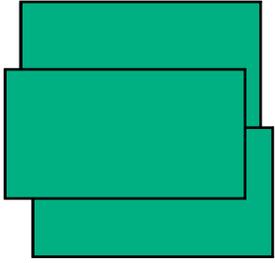
You're more than a mother to me;
a reflection of Him in your face I see,
a love that knows no boundaries.

I'm glad that you chose to be
all this and more to me.
You share a love that knows no end,
you're more than my mother,
you are my friend.

~By Kari Keshmiry~

REMEMBER: Mother's Day breakfast for everyone - Sunday Morning May 14th at 9:30am provided by the Men's group in lieu of the regular Saturday Men's breakfast.

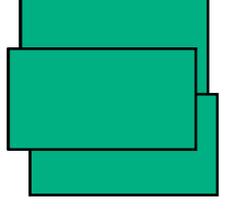
Don't forget Mother's Day - Sunday May 14th



May 2006

Tear Off

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7-7:45 Morning Meditation 7:30pm AA	2 Pastor Gary in Mountaintair 7:00pm Mens Ministry	3 7-7:45 Morning Meditation Paint Day 6:00 Disciple Bible Study	4 7:30pm AA	5 7-7:45 Morning Meditation	6 7-7:45 Morning Meditation
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Sent with a prayer to:

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A five year old boy was sitting down to eat when his mother asked him to pray for his meal. He replied, "Mom we don't have to. We prayed for this last night." His mother had prepared leftovers from the day before.

A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew the coffee each morning.

The wife said, "You should do it, because you get up first, and then we don't have to wait as long to get our coffee."

The husband said, " You are in charge ! of cooking around here and you should do it, because that is your job, and I can just wait for my coffee.

"Wife replies, "No, you should do it, and besides, it is in the Bible that the man should do the coffee."

Husband replies, "I can't believe that, show me."

So she fetched the Bible, and opened the New Testament and showed him at the top of several pages, that it indeed says....."HEBREWS"



OUR MISSION

To honor God through our worship, ministry and discipleship based on God's Word; supporting one another with Christian Fellowship and reaching out to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.