



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



MAY, 2007

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President UMM	Nick Griffo

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 District Superintendent: Rev. Jim Hawk

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

Prayer Concerns

- David Sharp-to accept Christ
- David-to accept Christ as Savior
- John and Jen to accept Christ
- Shane Brue--colon cancer stage 3
- Bruce Gralham--cancer
- Elenor Sanchez
- Missy Short-lung cancer
- Joe
- Irene Armstrong
- Ruth Brindle
- Donald Berry
- Ruth-Mel's sister
- Peter Sanchez
- Shirley Solomon
- Mary-stroke (Pam's Sister)
- Modesto Garcia-prostate cancer
- Larry Garcia--stroke

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

From Pastor Gary

Some people love work-they can watch it for hours. With all the highway construction going on, you are apt to see one person working with 2 or 3 others holding the shovel just watching the other work. We all like to watch something. What do you like watching? Some like to watch TV. Have you noticed people have their particular shows they are interested in? Some like CSI while others like Law and Order. Some like Grey's Anatomy and Desperate House Wives. Some like sports. Some people, like Amanda's aunt Cathy, love to watch the little kids play baseball, but wouldn't waste a minute on professional baseball. This year we (the church) have kids in at least 3 divisions. It is fun and exciting to watch these little guys play. It is exciting to watch your son get his first hit.

Some times at practice we'll have a scrimmage and I will fill in if there is an open spot. Last week I jumped in to cover 3rd base. The ball was hit towards the shortstop but I picked it up on the run (robbing the shortstop of the play) throwing the batter out at first. It felt great. Sometimes I wish I was little again so I could play. I would rather play than watch.

The same is true of this thing we call Church. Rev. Polis of Hillcrest UMC writes, "M any churches are happy just to maintain what they have, while others are always

looking over the horizon for the next great program, ministry or idea.” Some want to be in the game and other churches like to watch or “maintain.” Rev. Polis contends that church health and growth are not measured by attendance, but in how the church helps a person move through the process of spiritual maturity (discipleship). He has developed a process that his church uses: living-learning-serving-sharing. He says we all start at the same place: **living**. **Learning** comes through Sunday School and Bible study. **Serving** comes through ministry opportunities inside and outside the church, and **sharing** is through worship and our witness.

It doesn't matter what the process is or who developed it. It is all about being in the game. We all need to be plugged into **learning, and serving and sharing**. God doesn't call us to be spectators in church. God calls each one of us to be participants. And if you think you are too old to be in the game, remember, God doesn't have a retirement program where you have “*been there and done that*” long enough so you just get to watch. God wants you to play until he calls you home.

It was a thrill to watch Nathan get his first hit and run the bases. Until last Saturday he never got a hit and then he got two in one game and one was a double. As a dad, it was a great day to watch him play and hit. I wonder if it is the same for God.

With summer and the busyness of life around the corner, don't let it rob you from being in the game. Stay in the game so when God calls you home, you will hear him say, “Well done good and faithful servant.”

-Pastor Gary

Agatha Garrison - 89th Birthday

Friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Agatha Garrison on Tuesday May 1st to wish Agatha happy birthday.

She stayed busy opening gifts and cards and taking phone calls.**Happy Birthday, Agatha!**



Novie Keith

Agatha Garrison

Wednesday Quilting Group 4-4-07



Sylvia Levy

Barbara Kinney



Della Stephenson Carolyn Moore Terry Corbin Jan Winn

Wednesday Quilting Group, cont'd



Terry Corbin Sylvia Levy Della Stephenson Jan Winn Barbara Kinney

Needle Work



Alma Wimsatt



Terry Corbin

Work Day Saturday April 28th



Mel Stephenson

Francis Winn

Last Saturday, members of the church gathered to help fix up and spruce up the church grounds. A short section of fence was installed to hide trash cans; the water faucet on the east side of the Education Building, which had ceased to work, was fixed, and the outside wooden cross was adjusted to bring it into proportion. Members who helped out were Mel Stephenson, Francis Winn, Nick Griffo and Bill Simms. Della Stephenson, and Jan Winn wallpapered in the ladies room and added accessories. Lunch was provided by Barbara Simms.

Mountainair UMC News



Mountainair UMC hosted the 5th Sunday Sing on the evening of Sunday, April 29.

This event is sponsored by the Mountainair Christian Alliance. The church was full to overflowing! - and the attendees sang their hearts out. Talk about your joyful noise! Mary Jones and Patty Mahoney presented "To Mock Your Reign" and "The Lord Is My Shepherd," a setting of the 23rd Psalm. Refreshments followed the festivities.

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Administrative Council News

The Administrative Board of the Estancia UMC wants to thank all of you for being so faithful in your giving and participation when asked to take on tasks, etc. I feel that we are in good shape for the shape we're in (Ha Ha). Sincerely, we are doing well. The time, however, has come to go forth and do better. We are doing well financially because we are not spending much money on local church ministry. Yes, we are paying our shared ministries and that is a great step forward. We also took on the funding of a scholarship for a seminary student in the Congo -- so we are moving forward. The hope is, when the time comes, we can make a personal connection with this person and their family.

The board, and hopefully many of you, will participate in the study of the book given to delegates and clergy last annual conference, "Power Surge." This study would enable our little church to move forward with what we have available to us. It would mean that there could be more laity involvement and working in small task groups, just as we have begun to do, but with more understanding of what we are doing.

Jesus set the example by taking time with his disciples, teaching them to pray, opening up the scriptures to them and living among them the life he expected them to live. Jesus also challenged them, supported them in their endeavors, forgave them when they failed to understand. He gave them authority, sent them out two by two to preach, teach and heal.



This model replicated itself and the church grew. You may say, "well that was them" and it was them and now of course it's me and it's now a very different world and church. Where do we get the strength? Well, I have been told that the Holy Spirit is a handy fellow and that the Holy Spirit will help if we just ask.

So I encourage you to plan to participate so that we can learn and grow together, but most important, so we will all be on the same page as we move forward. We have great opportunity here to make our church a God loving, and spirit filled place to be.

Dates for this will be announced when the books arrive and we can identify dates, etc. Let us be strong as we move forward together with God at our side.

-Marcia Fitzner - Ad Council Chairman

Christianity offers:

Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: **And be ye kind** one to another **tenderhearted, forgiving** one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

(Ephesians 4:31-32)

Islam Offers:

But when the forbidden months are past, then **fight and slay** the Pagans wherever ye find them, and **seize** them, beleaguer them, and **lie in wait** for them in every stratagem (of war).

(Yusufali, Koran 9:005)

EUMC Quilting Group

The EUMC Quilting Group recently took on a project to make blankets, quilts and colorful wraps for local victims of fire and crime. Last Sunday, members of the group made a presentation of these covers to the Estancia Fire Department. Bruce Dile was present to accept these gifts on behalf of the fire department. Bruce said he will also share these with the police department.



Jan Winn Alma Wimsatt Sylvia Levy



Della Stephenson Bruce Dile

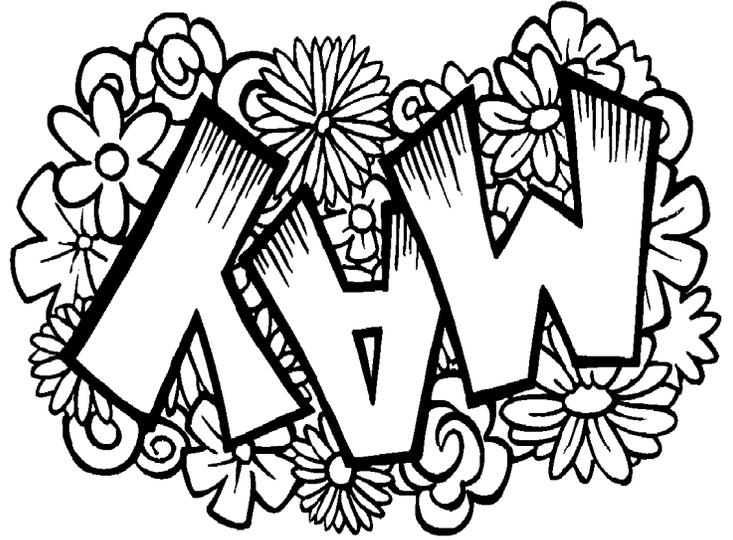
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Tear Off

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Sent with a prayer to:



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FUNDING & GIVING

Methodism's founder John Wesley said, "I look upon all the world as my parish." Wesley reminded us that we are called to step out of our little corner of the world to spread the good news, transform hopelessness into hope and help God's children wherever they may be.

"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." --*Matthew 25:35-36, NRSV*

While it would be wonderful if we could reach out personally to everyone who needs our help, we know that is impossible. So we gather regularly with our congregation and put money into the offering plate, and through a carefully crafted system of United Methodist mission and ministry our gifts stretch around the world.

Your contributions to your local church not only benefit your local congregation, but also have regional, national and international impact through our connectional giving system. Most of the money you give is used to support the ministries of your local church. A small portion funds regional ministries.

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.