



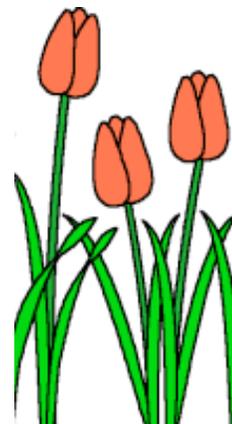
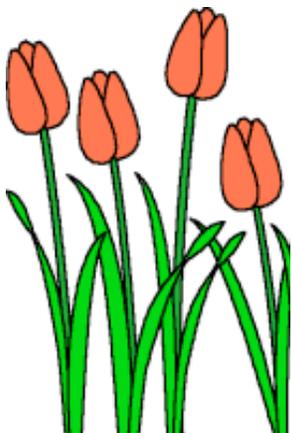
NEWSLETTER

OF THE

Estancia United Methodist Church

600 Williams, Estancia, New Mexico

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MAY, 2010

Mother's Day, May 9

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

A Genesis Bible Study - How to Forgive

Learning how to forgive is hard

The Bible teaches that God has totally forgiven us. He is willing to let the past be past. Believing this truth is the only way you will have the ability to forgive others and yourself. Learning to forgive is probably the most difficult lesson for a follower of Jesus to grasp.

Joseph and his brothers

The story of Joseph in Genesis 37-50 is a classic story about forgiveness. At age seventeen, Joseph's brothers sold him as a slave into Egypt. In Egypt Joseph was unfairly sent to prison for several years. But God protected Joseph and enabled him to interpret Pharaoh's dreams. Pharaoh was so impressed with Joseph that he made him Prime Minister of Egypt right on the spot.

Joseph learned how to forgive

After twenty-two years had passed, Joseph's brothers came to Egypt looking for grain. When the time was right, Joseph revealed himself to his brothers and forgave them. He held no grudges. He told them that what they intended for evil, God meant for good.

Joseph could have made his brothers acknowledge his power. He could have reminded them of his dreams and their disbelief. But Joseph did not want them to be afraid of him (Genesis 45:3). After Jacob died Joseph reassured his brothers of his kindness (Genesis 50:19-21). The commitment to forgive is a choice that we will have to renew tomorrow, next week, next month and next year.

PROJECT RADICAL HOSPITALITY

On April 20th, many people in our church family brought friends and neighbors to enjoy good food and fellowship. Thanks to the efforts of the Joyful Singers, our church provided a free meal to about seventy people at our first “Radical Hospitality” dinner. The tasty meal consisted of spaghetti, salad, Italian bread, and a variety of desserts and beverages. Lively music was provided by Jon Shively, Carl Allen, and Jimbo Merrill.



Butch McGee, Nick Griffo, and Lowell Clark were our fabulous cooks. Jessica Struck, Jolene Irvin, Alyssa Marcinko, and Hayley and Kayla Cook graciously served our guests under the direction of Joanie Shively and me. Phil and Sylvia Levy and Marcia and Don Fitzner helped with the set up and clean up. I greatly appreciate everyone’s hard work and dedication that made this Extended Hand project such a success.

It is my hope that our church will sponsor more Radical Hospitality events throughout the year. If you would like to organize the next Extended Hand project, please contact Pastor Charlie Spooner or the Administrative Council Chair, Marcia Fitzner.

-Julie Griffo



ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

As flowers and (weeds) begin to sprout our church is also doing the same as we venture into new opportunities. Last month we mentioned the school achievers lunch that Barbara and Leslie coordinated. This was something that we had not done before. Also the choir members under the leadership of Julie Griffo served a spaghetti dinner to folks from the church and others in the community. This new venture was called "Radical Hospitality". Let's do it again!



We continue to work on the stained glass project under the leadership of Della and Mel Stephenson. The quilting ladies continue to support our troops with care packages, etc. They also help other groups in the community with box lunches and other good deeds that only they know about.



The food pantry continues to supply food for those in need under the leadership of Butch McGee. In this time of distress, this is a much needed project. So to those of you who continue to keep the pantry supplied, Many, Many Thanks!!

Being a small church does not keep us from doing the Lord's work. So, we should continue to keep our eyes and ears open to opportunities that are before us and strive to do the Lord's work.

Mountainair UMC News



On April 23 and 24, the Mountainair UMC held another of their famous "Stuff" sales. Although attendance at times seemed slow, that gave us the opportunity to shop each other's donated "stuff" and find some really neat "stuff". Patty Mahoney, Jay and Bertha Warner, June and Charlie Spooner, and Wanda and Benny Giovengo worked their baby hearts out and we came out very well at the end. Marcia Fitzner and

Gayle Clark manned their stained glass table in between doing laps around the tables of "stuff". "And a good time was had by all".

-Patty Mahoney

Stained Glass Project

The videotaping of the stained glass project by Carey Moots discussed in last month's newsletter was condensed down to a 1-½ minute segment narrated by Carey's wife. Bill Simms downloaded the segment and made a number of disks that he shared with Church members. It is amazing how much information can be put in a short 1-½ minute segment.

Progress in April was somewhat reduced due to the difficulty in getting some specific stained glass and the 3/16-inch lead came used in the Lord's Supper windows. We now have plenty of the lead came but some special ordered stained glass was not as expected. It appears that we will have to make some substitutions. Another thing that adversely affected progress was some of our crew were unable to work due to bad weather and other commitments.

Gayle and Marcia took some special projects to Mountainair on April 23 and 24 to sell at the Mountainair Church's rummage sale. Sales were not great, but they all had a good time.

-Mel Stephenson



Upper south side windows under construction



THE METHODIST MEN'S MISSIONS

On April 17th, our breakfast was prepared by Harry Irvin and Jon Shively. Eight men attended the meeting.

Jon is working with members of the two Baptist Churches to set up a joint program of reaching out to the Estancia Community. The steering committee is taking the elements developed by the Methodist Men to formulate the joint program.

Mel Stephenson gave an excellent summary of the stained glass window project.

Harry Irvin is now officially the treasurer of the Methodist Men's Fellowship.

Phil Levy will serve as head chef next time when the group meets on May 15. See you there!!

MUSIC PROGRAMS IN THE CHURCH

The Joyful Singers had a planning session for the spaghetti dinner held in the education building on the April 20th. Choir members volunteered to help with the dinner and with the clean up.



The Joyful Singers have been working on special music for next month's Sunday service. The music involves instruments and vocalists performing the Stanley Brothers' Angel Band

The beginning guitar class continues to meet twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. There are 5 to 7 regular attendees including two promising young guitarists.



-Jon Shively

RECENT CPR TRAINING

The Board of Trustees hosted a CPR training for the EUMC congregation Saturday, April 17th. Thanks to the Moriarty Fire Department and to all those who participated. This training is part of the ongoing fulfillment of our Safe Sanctuaries Policy, which your Board of Trustees and our Conference takes very seriously.

GUESS WHAT ??? It is scheduling time again for the cleaning of our church and the education building. The Danny Chavez family have already signed up for May. A sign up sheet will be available on Sunday, May 2. Don't hesitate, the best months go fast. The month of December will be divided into weeks again as a convenience for a busy time. **THANKS TO ALL WHO CLEANED IN 2009 - 2010.**



May 2010



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Friday

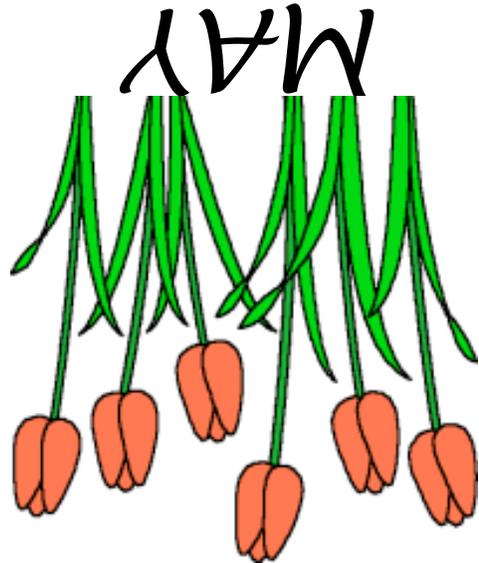
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The Protestant Dictionary

AMEN: The only part of any prayer that everyone knows.

AND IN CONCLUSION: A required statement midway through the sermon.

BULLETIN: Parish information, read only during the sermon.

HYMN: A song of praise, usually sung in a key three octaves higher than that of the congregation's range.

JUSTICE: When kids have kids of their own.

PEW: A medieval torture device still found in Protestant Churches.

USHERS: The only people in the church who don't know the seating capacity of a pew.

