



# NEWSLETTER

OF THE

**Estancia United Methodist Church**

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**Sunday Worship 9:00 AM**

### *From Pastor Bonnie...*

The Gospel of Luke 24:13-35 tells a story of two disciples who, three days after Jesus' crucifixion, thinking that all their hopes had been dashed, set out walking from Jerusalem to a dusty little town about seven miles from there...

Emmaus:

*"Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?" "What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning*

*with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread."*

**How ironic!** On the very day of the greatest event in history, **JESUS' RESURRECTION...** these two disciples had lost all their hope and were headed back to their sleepy little village, ready to take up their old routines and habits, perhaps more jaded than ever about the miserable condition of their lives. Jesus had walked right beside them for 7 miles; and yet they did not recognize Him until dinner that evening!

How often has Jesus walked with us... and we failed to notice Him? Even life-long Christians can sometimes feel alone. **Are you in need of a long walk, talk, and dinner with Jesus?** Is it time for your eyes to be re-opened to His presence with you? If so, I have good news! A spiritual retreat called **The Walk to Emmaus is being offered in Albuquerque this summer!** **The Women's Walk is scheduled for July 11-14, and the Men's Walk is July 18-21. I'd love to see 5 faithful men and 5 faithful women from the Estancia & Mountainair Churches attend these weekend retreats. The cost is \$125, all-inclusive – and scholarships are available. To quote my friend Kay Martinez at Asbury UMC, "The Walk to Emmaus is the best gift you can give yourself."**

**I'm inviting YOU to experience this life-changing encounter with Jesus!**

### **What happens on the Emmaus Weekend?**

The objective of the Walk to Emmaus is to inspire, challenge, and equip local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, communities and places of work. You will enjoy three days of singing, learning, laughing, worshiping, reflecting, praying and participating in small groups. Discussions center around fifteen talks given by laity and clergy. These talks present the theme of God's grace, how that grace comes alive in the Christian community and how it is expressed in the world. You'll also discover how grace is real in your life, how you live a life of grace, and how you bring that grace to others.

You'll participate daily in Holy Communion and come to understand more fully the body of Christ. You'll be bathed in God's grace through prayers and anonymous acts of service offered by the Emmaus community. And you'll experience Christian love in action that will equip you for new levels of grace-filled service and leadership.

### **Mission:**

**Empowering Leaders to be the hands and feet of Christ**

***"I continue to dream and pray about a revival of holiness in our day that moves forth in mission and creates authentic community in which each person can be unleashed through the empowerment of the Spirit to fulfill God's creational intentions."***

**-- John Wesley**

*-Pastor Bonnie*

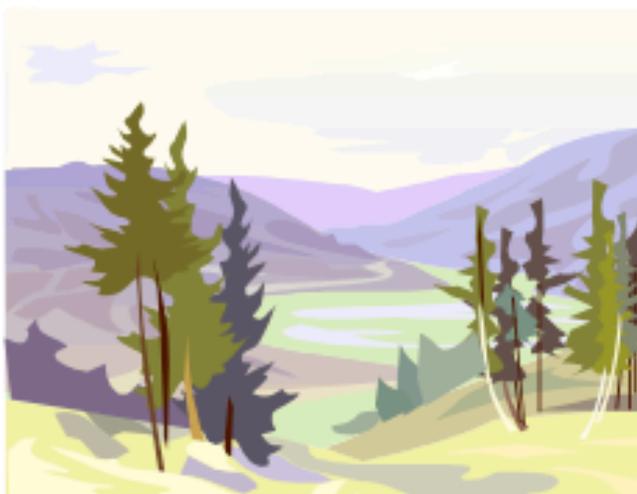
# EASTER SUNDAY



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Camp Opportunity	Early Bird Registration (Due 5/15)	Regular Price (*After 5/15)	Adult Volunteer Price
<b>Young Children's Camp</b> (entering grades 2-5) <b>June 7-9</b> (Fri - Sun)	<b>King's Kids</b> \$140.00	\$155.00	\$105.00
<b>Elementary Camp</b> (entering grades 4-6) <b>July 8-12</b> (Mon - Fri)	<b>Promise Seekers</b> \$250.00	\$265.00	\$210.00
<b>Youth Camp</b> (entering grades 7-Grad) <b>June 17-21</b> (Mon - Fri)	<b>Ritmo</b> \$265.00	\$280.00	\$210.00
<b>Music Camp</b> (entering grades 7-Grad) <b>July 7-12</b> (Mon - Fri)	\$360.00	\$375.00	\$259.00
<b>Youth Backpacking Adventure</b> (ages 13-18) <b>June 23-28</b> (Sun - Fri)	\$180.00	\$205.00 (*after 6/8)	\$100.00



Remember when YOU attended summer camp? Now it's your child's turn! The New Mexico Conference of the United Methodist Church owns and operates Sacramento Methodist Assembly (SMA), a year-round camping and retreat facility nestled in the Sacramento Mountains near Cloudcroft. SMA is dedicated to changing lives, introducing kids to Jesus, and bringing hope for the future. **Estancia UMC would love to help sponsor**

some campers this year and has set aside funds for that purpose. So, if your kids want to go camping – let Pastor Bonnie know by completing the form below and submitting it as soon as possible to take advantage of early bird registration discounts.

**Adult Volunteers** – it is mandatory that at least 1 adult volunteer accompany our campers at each camp they attend. If YOU can help chaperone our children, the church can also help to fund your trip.

**See you round the campfire !**

## Application for Estancia UMC Campership

Complete and submit to Pastor Bonnie **by May 12**

Camp to attend (Check the box)	Name of Camper (s) or Adult Volunteer(s)	\$ Amount I can Pay Personally	\$ Amount of Camp Scholarship Request	Camp Opportunity	Early Bird Registration (Due 5/15)	Regular Price (*After 5/15)	Adult Volunteer Price
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### ***In Case You Hadn't Noticed***

Thanks to your Board of Trustees, a big change has come over our Education Building during the last two weeks. Steel siding now covers the entire building, which should extend its life for many years. Trustee, Mel Stephenson, installed steel clad doors on the front and east side of the building. Future plans are to use the old doors in a project to make our bathrooms handicap accessible.



Huge plans are also brewing to create a church community garden in the parsonage back yard. Sign up sheets went around last Sunday for members of the congregation to bring seeds, fertilizer, hoes, rakes and hoses. Lila Carder has laid out the garden and Lee Widner has been rototilling to prepare the soil. **May 4th** and **May 18th** are the **planting days...** Come join us!

The Quilting Group is closing in on their goal to renew the flooring in the Education Building. They have been selling cookbooks and scarves to raise funds. The Board of Trustees has also agreed to help out. More to come....

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### ***Methodist Men***

The Methodist Men met at the Old Mill on Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7am. This was the fifth anniversary of the formation of the Men's group under the auspices of the General Commission on Methodist Men. The treasurer reported there is \$400 in the checking account. We had two guests present, Francis Winn from the Estancia Assembly of God and Don Gallahue from the Immanuel Baptist Church. Following a prayer the men sang a hymn, "*Precious Lord Take My Hand*". The next meeting will take place on May 11, one week earlier than normal. Following the meeting, a work party will meet at the church to do some painting, minor repairs and cleanup of the grounds. Our meeting was visited by one of the patrons of the Old Mill who was just passing through, driving a semi-truck. He appreciated our singing, gave us a bible verse to read, and left a new testament bible.

*-Jon Shively*

## ***Joyous Singers***

The Joyous Singers offered a special music presentation in church involving several musical instruments playing backup for the choir: Ray Darnell on the mandola, Bill Simms on the acoustic guitar, Morrow Hall on the piano, and Jon Shively on the mandolin. The singers added their voices for the song, “*Just Over in the Glory Land*”. The choir schedule is not complete for next month but the following dates for rehearsal are firm: May 5, May 12, and May 26. The choir will meet at 8:15 am to run through the opening song for that Sunday.

-Jon Shively

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## ***The important things in life***

A philosophy professor stood before his class with some items on the table in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with rocks, about 2 inches in diameter.

He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

So the professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles, of course, rolled into the open areas between the rocks.

He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else.

He then asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous “Yes.”

“Now,” said the professor, “I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The rocks are the important things – your family, your partner, your health, your children – things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full.

The pebbles are the other things that matter – like your job, your house, your car.

The sand is everything else. The small stuff.”

“If you put the sand into the jar first,” he continued “there is no room for the pebbles or the rocks. The same goes for your life.

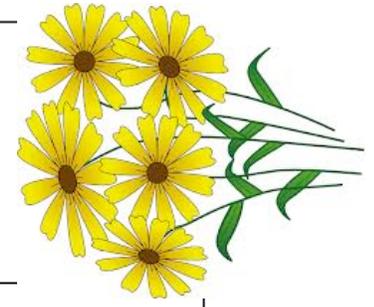
If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take your partner out dancing. There will always be time to go to work, clean the house, give a dinner party and fix the disposal.

Take care of the rocks first – the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand.”

*Author Unknown*

# May 2013

Sunday	Monday	Teusday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:30:am Quilters	2 3:30:pm Bible Guppies	3	4 Planting Day 3:00 pm Bible Study
5 9 AM Worship 11 AM -Mfair	6	7	8 10:30:am Quilters	9 3:30:pm Bible Guppies 6:30:pm TRUSTEES	10	11 9:00AM WORK DAY 3:00 pm Bible Study
12 9 AM Worship 11 AM -Mfair	13	14	15 10:30:am Quilters	16 3:30:pm Bible Guppies	17 Planting Day →	18 7:00AM Men's Breakfast 3:00 pm Bible Study
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## **Because He Lives** by *Bill & Gloria Gaither*

(Methodist Hymnal #364) 1974

**Bill and Gloria Gaither** have written hundreds of beautiful Gospel songs over the years. Many churches today still sing their songs. Both were former English teachers before they started singing and writing songs full time. Today, they travel all over the world performing concerts with their homecoming friends. Their music is truly inspirational and has touched many hearts over the years. Their songs will never die out.

One beautiful and inspiring song that they wrote is called *Because He Lives*. There is a story behind this song.

Bill and Gloria were expecting a child again. They were going through some difficulties in their lives during this time. A sadness came over Gloria as she realized that this is a horrible world to raise kids in and she worried about this baby's future. Soon after, God gave Bill and Gloria the words and melody to this song.



Bill Gaither