



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



May, 2014

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Sunday Worship 9:00 AM

From the Desk of...

Pastor Bonnie

Our Churches have been *BUSY* this Spring: It's been a JOY to work with our Confirmands over the past three months; and I was SO proud of each of them as they stood at the altar on Easter Sunday. Thanks to Parents, Mentors & Contributors who have touched these young lives in eternal ways! The monthly Roadrunner Food Bank distribution in Mountainair has settled into a comfortable routine, resulting in bounteous blessing to both our neighbors and our church – thanks to Dave & Maribeth Dixon, Promised Land Ministries, Volunteers & Neighbors! Estancia's production of 'The Other 12 Disciples' brought a sense of wonder and awe to our Holy Week celebration, thanks to Rev. Terry Ann Moore and the Cast of Characters! Mountainair's foray into the local Public High School (at the invitation of Principal Eliza Romero) has begun to build friendships and a future with hope for that community. Bible Guppies continue strong in Estancia, and music (choir chimes to be specific) is bubbling up as a new frontier for praising God. I've been particularly pleased with the work of our Administrative Councils this year – Melanie Chavez has encouraged teamwork, voice, and vote across an expanded and increasingly engaged Council (and I'm loving the new ideas that are springing up!) And the Mountainair Church, thanks to Patty Mahoney, is going to get Incorporated – by hook or by crook!

And we still have new ministry horizons to explore! I'd like our new Confirmands to be engaged in actively supporting Sunday worship, serving regularly as Scripture readers, ushers & greeters, by praying, and leading the Acts of Praise. I'd like to develop an active ministry with Bethel Community Storehouse in Moriarty, and to have a monthly mission focus for each church that encourages both financial and 'hands on' ministry in our communities. Is anyone interested in working on Vacation Bible School this summer or helping with a summer activity for Bible Guppies or the Youth? I'd like to begin a 'Ministry at the Movies' effort that helps us to see God's message in the movies we watch (at the theater and/or on DVD!) I'm looking forward to a July 4 All-Church Picnic and another opportunity to Worship in the Park later this summer.

What other opportunities do you envision? I'd like to hear your input!

Blessings,

Pastor Bonnie

Sabbath House

by Rev. Stephanie Harmon

The summer of 2012 was a scary time for me and my family. As I was at our Conference's Ordination Service June 7, a small fire begun by a lightning strike earlier that week that blew up into a major disaster as high winds kicked in. Smoke filled the skies for days in the immediate area, and for weeks overall. About ten days after the onset of the blaze, our daughter, Emily, had trouble breathing. She could not take deep breaths. So off to the emergency room we went. It took two more visits to the ER and an eventual admission to the hospital in Ruidoso to diagnose she had developed severe pneumonia in her right lung. The right lung was almost completely compromised, and she needed surgery that Ruidoso could not provide.

She was sent by ambulance to Albuquerque, and spent 8 days in Presbyterian Hospital. Many of you know the challenges involved with having a loved one in a hospital far away from home. Where do you stay while the one is hospitalized? Will that cost fit into the budget? With extra meals and fuel expense, pretty soon the fears of financial challenges add to the fears for your loved one.

Emily had to have either Ken or me with her 24/7 in order to hold a blow-by tube near her nose so she could get oxygen. She HATES to have anything on or near her face so a mask or canula did not work! Where could we stay so that we could sleep at any hour of the day or night without being interrupted? Where could we stay that we could afford for an extended time? God's answer: Sabbath House, a ministry run by the Rev. Bonnie Hardesty. She provided just what we needed physically and financially, as well as spiritual and emotional care to two very stressed and worried parents. Ken slept at night at Sabbath House, and I crashed during the day.

Yes, her ministry made our long stay out of town affordable, but the greatest gift was her loving care: her willing ear, loving heart and spiritual encouragement. One cannot find these at any motel. God's ministry through her sustained us, gave us life and hope.

THANK YOU for supporting this unique and much needed ministry! Bonnie, thank you for faithfully following the call God put on your life. Through you, God is touching many lives with grace, hope, and love. Thanks be to God!



Palm Sunday Service



Confirmand Dinner and Final Session, Palm Sunday



The **Other** 12 Disciples

Maundy Thursday Presentation

April 17, 2014

Directed by Rev. Terry Ann Moore

Welcome & Introduction- Pastor Bonnie Hardesty

Cast in order of Appearance

Woman with the Alabaster Jar	Julie Morales
Martha	Linda Warren
Syrophenician Woman and her Daughter	Melanie Chavez
Salome, Mother of the Sons of Thunder	Alexandra Chavez
Susanna	Angela Creamer
Mary, Sister of Martha	Bonnie Hardesty
Joanna	Julie Grillo
Mary Magdalene	Donna Neish
Mary, Mother of James and Joses	Cheryl Chavez
Adulterous Woman	Susan Samuels
Samaritan Woman	Carolyn Hill
Mary, Mother of Jesus	Vickie Coburn
	Elaine Darnell

Thanks to Rev. Charles Erwin Goodwin, author of the drama, *The Other 12 Disciples*, for sharing the life stories of these followers of Jesus; Thanks to Rev. Terry Ann Moore, for directing our steps; and the Cast members, for bringing the stories to life; AND thanks to the Members of the Estancia UMC Confirmation Class, serving as Ushers, Greeters, and Communion Stewards.





Julie



Melanie



Angela



Pastor Bonnie



Julie



Cheryl



Susan



Carolyn



Vickie



Elaine



Donna



Linda



Thanks, Rev. Terry Ann!

From Rev. Terry Ann

I would like to personally thank the ladies that participated in the performance of "The Other 12 Disciples." They did a **wonderful job** and it was a joy to be able to direct the play. I would also like to thank the members of the Worship Committee and the Trustees for everything that needed doing at the church. And, I would personally like to thank my family for helping me to be there when I needed to be. I appreciate everything that everyone did, and we look forward to more dramas like this one being performed in the church.

Easter Sunday Service



King's Kids

Helping Pastor with the Service



Confirmands



Confirmands Delivering Communion



Easter Egg Hunt



Time for Summer Camp - are YOU ready?

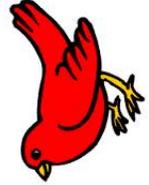
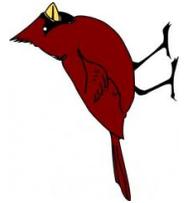
Early Bird Discounts are available until May 15. **Contact Pastor Bonnie (505-271-0486) for Registration and Scholarship Application forms.** Details are online at www.sacramentoassembly.org



the power of camp Camps	Dates	Early Bird Rates Before 5/15	Regular Rates After 5/15	Adult / Volunteer Rates
KINGS KID'S CAMP Entering grades 2—5	5/30-6/1	\$140	\$155	\$105
RITMO CAMP Entering grades 7—graduate	6/16-6/20	\$265	\$280	\$210
YOUTH BACKPACKING ADVENTURE Ages 13—18	6/22-6/27	\$180	\$205	\$100
SACRAMENTO FAMILY CAMP Families of all ages	6/29-7/4	Rates based on family size and lodging preference. See website or call Sacramento for more information.		
MUSIC ON THE MOUNTAIN (Music Camp) Entering grades 7—graduate	7/6-7/11	\$370	\$385	\$275
PROMISE SEEKERS CAMP Entering grades 4—6	7/7-7/11	\$255	\$270	\$215
CAMP SUNSHINE Developmentally Delayed ages 16—adult	8/4-8/8	\$255	\$255	\$220
WEMINUCHE BACKPACKING ADVENTURE For adults	9/14-9/20	\$375	\$400 (after 8/15)	NA
800.667.3414 info@sacramentoassembly.org		www.sacramentoassembly.org		

MAY 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 3:15 - 4:40 Bible Guppies	2	3
9 AM Worship 11 AM -Mtair	5	6	7 7 PM Ad Council	8 3:15 - 4:40 Bible Guppies	9	10
9 AM Worship 11 AM -Mtair MOTHER'S DAY	12	13	14	15 3:15 - 4:40 Bible Guppies	16	17 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast
9 AM Worship 11 AM -Mtair	19	20 3:00 - 6:00PM Foodbank MtAir	21	22	23	24
9 AM Worship 11 AM -Mtair	26	27	28	29	30	31





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Mark Your Calendars...

Bible Guppies continue 3:15-4:30pm Thursdays in Estancia Fellowship Hall **UNTIL our last after-school meeting this year, May 15 !**

Wednesday May 7, Estancia combined Ad Council, Worship, and Education Committees at 4pm –
We have LOTS to consider, decide, and calendar. Please BE THERE!

Sunday May 11 is Mother's Day – Celebrate the Mothers in our midst at Worship!

Friday May 16 – NWNM Emmaus Community Gathering at the Estancia Church. Potluck dinner @ 6pm, Worship @ 7pm.

Saturday May 17, Bishop's Meeting with Laity and Clergy at Central UMC, 201 University NE in Albuquerque. Bishop Bledsoe will meet with the laity (lay leaders, church leadership and others interested) from 10:00 AM until 12 Noon. Clergy will meet with Bishop Bledsoe from 1:30 until 3:30 PM.

Wednesday June 4 – Saturday June 7: Annual Conference in El Paso

Tuesday, May 20 – Roadrunner Foodbank @ Mountainair, 3-6pm

Pentecost Sunday June 8 – The Mountainside Jug Band leads worship at both churches. **Wear RED** and Invite your friends for a toe-tappin' Good Time!

Sunday June 15 is Father's Day - Celebrate the Fathers in our midst at Worship!

Sunday June 29 – 5th Sunday Hymn Sing & Potluck, 6pm hosted by Mountainair UMC

Sunday July 6 – Celebration of Independence, wear your red, white & blue!