



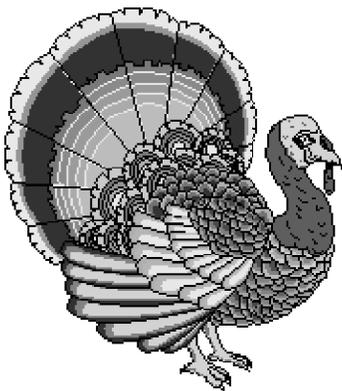
100th Anniversary - July 31, 2005

NEWSLETTER

OF THE

Estancia United Methodist Church

600 Williams, Estancia, New Mexico



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Prayer Concerns

- Creamer family and Jessica Stephens
- Jaxon Fastnacht - Carolyn Moore
- Ray Lynn Gonzalez - Patty (Martinez) and Lucas
- Bertie & Dorothy (Agatha) - Carolyn Hill
- Bishop Whitfield - Eve Adams (Roci's friend)
- Rev. Marsha Moore, Mountainair
- The NOMADS as they travel home or to new assignments
- Our congregation and all our members
- All who do not have a relationship with Jesus
- General Conference representatives and resolutions
- This congregation and its leaders & finances
- The men and women of the armed forces
- National leaders and the leaders of the world
- Teachers, administrators, and students
- Our town government and the youth center

Sunday Worship 10:00 AM
Nursery Provided

FROM PASTOR LINDA



This year, at annual conference, there was a special table in the Cokesbury display containing books personally recommended by our Bishop. One of these books by Jeff Patton, a pastor in Pennsylvania, caught my eye. The title of the book: *If It Could Happen Here: Turning the Small-Membership Church Around*. When we recently rearranged the office the book sort of fell into my hands. Coincidence? You be the judge. The book is about a rural church pastor and his adventure in helping two struggling churches in small towns grow into strong, healthy congregations. But he clearly says that it was not his leadership that was the real lever of change

The lever was seeking God's vision for the churches through prayer and discernment. If God is not at the center of all a congregation plans and dreams than nothing great can happen. At an annual conference in 1990 Bishop Felton May reminded the delegates "the church is not a club for the comfortable but a saving station for the world." The Great Commission has always part of what God wants to accomplish. So why is it that so many churches are failing?

It has become in vogue in recent years to talk about the nurture of disciples. Most congregations put that word somewhere in their mission statement. Patton explains in his book what East Canton UMC understands to be nurture. "Nurture" indicates a desire for each person to be all he or she can be for God by using their gifts and serving God in daily life. Nurturing believers means helping the already committed understand what it means to live connected to Jesus Christ. It means understanding the vision and mission of the church and doing all possible to reach that vision. Nurturing means preparing the already committed to be leaders in the congregation. It means teaching each believer that our primary purpose in life is to reflect the love of Jesus Christ in everything we do. It is about teaching each believer to host and to run small groups. It is about spiritual gifts and learning how to use the gifts God has given each

member. It is about becoming a lifelong learner and a disciple of Jesus Christ. Somehow I think that most of us would not understand nurture in this way. I think we most often think of nurture as something done to make us feel comfortable and cared for. It is about me, me, me. Look around this community. Do you not see the pain and the darkness? Our community is very similar to the community of East Canton. East Canton's vision statement is focused outward: "To nurture believers in Jesus Christ and to be light for those in darkness and safety for those in storms." Can you understand what this means? How would a congregation go about fulfilling this mission statement?

Have you ever asked yourself, "Why is EUMC here?" What is it that God wants to accomplish in this place through this congregation at this time? UMW presented a wonderful skit this past Sunday about a little girl and her gift of 57 cents. This little girl had a big vision that her gift could make a place for those in the darkness to be invited into the light of Christ by making a place for them in Sunday School. Because her dream was also God's dream her 57 cents was enough to purchase a plot of ground that would eventually become a mega church.

NOMADS On a Mission of Active Divine Service



Our church was blessed from October 6th through the 24th by the arrival of the NOMADS. Four couples worked tirelessly for three weeks giving our church much needed repairs and a paint job. We would like to thank Barb & Bob Britt, Jan & Ron Komatz, Dottie & Earl Hester, and Dorothy and Wayne Bondurant for their dedication, hard work, and commitment to the mission of the Church. We would also like to thank our members who gave the NOMADS valuable assistance to get the projects completed and the Town of Estancia who went the extra mile to get the NOMAD'S trailer hook-ups established at the park.



United Methodist Volunteers in Mission
Christian love in action!

NOMADS is a mission outreach ministry of the United Methodist Church through the Volunteers in Mission (VIM) program area of the General Board of Global Ministries.

The Nomads are primarily retirees who have recreational vehicles and enjoy traveling. They volunteer for three-week projects between October and April, from California to Florida. Each week, they work four days and have three days off for sightseeing.



Barb & Bob Britt

Dorothy & Wayne
Bondurant

Jan & Ron Komatz

Dottie & Earl Hester

What God Can Do With Fifty-Seven Cents

The Estancia United Methodist Women were responsible for the message in church last Sunday. They performed the skit "FIFTY SEVEN CENTS" which is a true story that took place near the turn of last century.



Narrator: Bonnie Thomas
 Dr. Conwell: Rev. Mizell
 Realtor: Alma Wimsatt
 Trustee: Roci Galyn

Director: Ethel Floyd

Cast:

Kings Kids: Roci Galyn
 Baglady: Agatha Garrison
 Poor little girl: Rose Daniel
 Parents: Marilyn Seddon and Renee Richards

This is the story:

A sobbing little girl stood near a small church from which she had been turned away because it was too crowded. "I can't go to Sunday School," she sobbed to the pastor as he walked by. Seeing her shabby, unkempt appearance, the pastor guessed the reason and, taking her by the hand took her inside and found a place for her in the Sunday School class. The child was so touched that she went to bed that night thinking of the children who have no place to worship Jesus.

Some two years later, this child lay dead in one of the poor tenement buildings and the parents called for the kind-hearted pastor, who had befriended their daughter, to handle the final arrangements. As her poor little body was being moved, a worn and crumpled purse was found which seemed to have been rummaged from some trash dump. Inside was found fifty-seven cents and a note scribbled in childish handwriting, which read, "This is to help build the little church bigger so more children can go to Sunday school." For two years she had saved for this offering of love. When the pastor tearfully read that note, he knew instantly what he would do! Carrying this note and the cracked, red pocketbook to the pulpit, he told the story of her unselfish love and devotion. He challenged his deacons to get busy and raise enough money for the larger building. But the story does not end there!

A newspaper learned of the story and published it. It was read by a realtor who offered them a parcel of land worth many thousands of dollars. When told that the church could not pay so much, he offered it for fifty-seven cents!!! Church members made large subscriptions. Checks came from far and wide. Within five years the little girl's gift had increased to \$250,000 a huge sum for that time (near the turn of the century).



Her unselfish love had paid large dividends. When you are in the city of Philadelphia, look up Temple Baptist Church with a seating capacity of 3,300 and Temple University where hundreds of students are trained. Have a look, too, at the Good Samaritan Hospital and at a Sunday School building which houses hundreds of Sunday scholars, so that no child in the area will ever need to be left outside during Sunday School time. In one of the rooms of this building may be seen the picture of the sweet face of
 Dr. Russell H. Ethel Floyd
 Director



sacrificially saved,
 trait of her pastor,
 Dr. Conwell (Linda)
 accepting purse with
 note and 57¢ from
 baglady

What a Fund-Raiser!



Auctioneer, Wayne Connell

Many thanks to the those who contributed items as well as the ones who put in hours of hard work to make the first EUMC auction in many years a great success!

Melanie Chavez made an announcement in church last Sunday that the church made over \$3500, making this one of the best fund-raisers ever.

Our UMW sold donuts, sweet rolls and coffee and the youth put up a bake sale table. They were all nearly sold out by the end of the auction.

Credit for much of the auction's success must go to our auctioneer, Wayne Connell, who graciously volunteered his talent and time. The church members put together a very nice basket of goodies for Wayne and his wife, Melody, to take home as a token of our appreciation.

Some of the favorite auctioned items were the side of beef contributed by the Wilsons, the pig contributed by the Lamberts, the hand made quilt contributed by Sylvia Levy, pottery contributed by Alma Wimsatt and the cooking class contributed by Ethel Floyd.

FROM OUR HISTORIAN

EXCERPTS FROM THE UPCOMING HISTORY BOOK:

In 1968, the Methodist Church united with the Evangelical United Brethren Church to become the United Methodist Church. The women's group was renamed United Methodist Women.

Rev. William J. Hughey was assigned to the Estancia Charge from 1968-1971. His salary was \$2400.00 annually plus benefits. The Board Chairman was Jack Dean. The Treasurer was Gene Kamerzell and the Lay Leader was Perry Daniel. The Sunday School superintendent was Waynette Burnett.

Rev. Hughey conducted six confirmation classes. Five young people attended Arrowhead and Sacramento Camps. Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts were given permission to meet in the church basement, and the MYF was revived. The Education Building was being used by the Rotary Club, and Thanksgiving dinner was enjoyed by the members on November 20, 1968. At Christmas, a cantata was performed by the choir and special music was also performed at Easter. The church was

experiencing money problems and at Christmastime, red Christmas stockings were sent to members as a finance project.

The budget for 1969 was \$2985.00; however, many improvements were made to the church property. A total of eight windows were repaired in the Sanctuary and Education Building, the basement door was replaced, twenty steel folding chairs were purchased, the parsonage living room sofa and one chair were reupholstered, the church chimes were repaired, a furnace was installed in the parsonage, fuel was switched from butane to natural gas, a new hot water heater and stove was purchased for the Education Building, new hymnals were purchased and, in addition, the church was able to give financial assistance to the Navajo Mission in Farmington.

-Ethel Floyd, Historian

FROM THE CREAMERS

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers! I feel very deeply in my heart that our prayers were answered! John and the children are bruised and sore but are healing. Our Father in heaven sent a strong angel to hold them tight. We love you all. - *Angela*

THE SEVEN FEASTS OF ISRAEL

On Mount Sinai, Moses was given Seven Feast Days by God (Lev. 23). Each one is an illustration of the Messiah and God's plan for salvation. These High Holy Feast days are in effect today as God does not change.

They are: Passover, Unleavened Bread, First Fruits, Pentecost, Trumpets, Atonement, Tabernacles.

September 27 on our calendar was Rosh Ha-Shanah...the Feast of Trumpets. (The Jewish calendar is based on cycles of the moon, ours on sun cycles. This Feast is New Years Day in Israel, year 5764, month of Tishri). Trumpets are often used to announce important events in the Bible..i.e, the fall of the walls of Jericho, etc. On Rosh Ha-Shanah the trumpet blasts by the High Priest from the parapets called the people from their fields and homes to the Temple to give thanks for the harvest and to pay their tithes... and worship of course.

The Rapture of the Church is associated with the Feast of Trumpets. "For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout and with the voice of the trump of God, and the dead in Christ shall rise first, then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air and so shall we ever be with the Lord." (1 Thess.4:16-17). **THE HARVEST!!!**

Also current is October 6. Jews celebrated Yom Kippur--the Day of Atonement. On this day the Jews were to make Temple sacrifices (animals to be slaughtered) to atone for their sins and the sins of their nation. This had to be done with total exactness as mistakes were punished by the banishment from the tribe of Jews. The High Priest entered the Holy of Holies on this day to make the blood sacrifice on behalf of all. This was the only day anyone was allowed in this holy place. We all know the story of the rope around the High Priest's ankle. In case he collapsed they surely wanted to drag him out.

It is abundantly clear that animal blood is no longer acceptable to God as atonement for our sins. He sent his son to bleed and die for all, for all time, for the forgiveness of sin, Gentile and Jew alike.

The Jewish Temple was destroyed in 70 AD so the Jewish nation can no longer observe this day of atonement. They must approach the Father the same as Christians...thru Jesus Christ the Messiah for all.

More information on the Seven Feast days as they occur.

-Alma Wimsatt

CHARGE/CHURCH CONFERENCE

November 30th, at 7 PM. All church members are invited to attend the Church Conference. This is a time when we celebrate the ministries that have happened over the last year and look forward to the following year. It is the main organizing conference of the church. The District Superintendent will preside over the meeting and accept all the reports of the committees. The new slate of officers will be presented and voted into office. The new officers will be the governing body for our church beginning in January of 2004. The Charge Conference is a historic part of our Methodist system and goes back to the early days of John and Charles Wesley in England.

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.

November 2003

Tear Off

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9 AM Choir Prac. 10 AM Worship, Communion ALL SAINTS DAY 6:30-8PM UMY	3 7 PM TRUSTEES MEET	4	5 6:30 PM Wed Night Blessing - Luke Study	6 7PM Mens Emmaus group	7	1
9 AM Choir Prac. 10 AM Worship, 11:30AM Ad Coun ALL REPTS DUE 6:30-8PM UMY	10	11	12 6:30 PM Wed Night Blessing - Luke Study	13 7PM Mens Emmaus group	14 7PM Emmaus Community Gathering - Bethel UMC	8
16 9 AM Choir Prac. 10 AM Worship, Gideon Speaker 11:30AM Worship C 6:30-8PM UMY	17	18 TBA: UMW Advent Program	19 10:AM Comm of Concern 6:30 PM Wed Night Blessing - Luke Study	20 7PM Mens Emmaus group	21	22
23 9 AM Choir Prac. 10 AM Worship, 11:30AM THANKS- GIVING-POULUCK No UMY Family Day	24	25	26 6:30 PM Wed Night Blessing - Luke Study	27 THANKSGIVING DAY	28	29
30 9 AM Choir Prac. 10 AM Worship, First Sunday of Advent 7:PM CHURCHCONF						



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