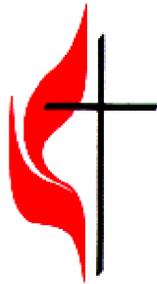


100 Years of Service 1905 - 2005

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



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Prayer Concerns

- Ethel
- Agatha
- Victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita
- The United Methodist Men's group and their ministries
- A friend or family member who does not have a relationship with Jesus
- 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 11:00 AM
Nursery Provided

From Pastor Gary**A Simple Bag of Groceries**

Dr. James Dobson shares this personal story in his little book, *Coming Home, Timeless Wisdom for Families*:

"A few years ago I slipped into a market to buy a few groceries for lunch. Standing in front of me at the checkout was an elderly woman who didn't seem to be altogether lucid. It quickly became obvious that she had selected more food than she could pay for as she fumbled in her purse frantically for a few more coins. The checker politely continued to add up the items.

'I just don't understand where my money is', said the old lady as she made another desperate foray into the depths of her purse.

With that, I whispered to the checker, 'Just go ahead and total her bill, then accept whatever money she has and put the rest on my bill.'

That's what she did, and I paid an extra eight dollars to make up the difference. The old woman never knew that I had helped her. She shuffled off with her cart, relieved that her groceries cost exactly the amount of money she was able to locate. Then I looked back at the checker and saw that she was crying. I asked her why.

‘Because’ she said, ‘I’ve been doing this work for twenty years, and I’ve never seen anyone do something like that before.’

It was no big deal, an insignificant eight dollars, but simple kindness is so unusual today that it shocks us when it occurs. I’ll tell you this: ‘that may have been the best eight dollars I ever spent!’”

As we approach the “Holidays” we need to lavishly show kindness to others. We have a lot to be thankful for and God has lavished his love on us. (1 John 3:1)

You and I may never know what God can do with our simple words and acts of kindness. But we will certainly never know unless we speak and act kindly to others.

Kindness is part of the “fruit” that proves the Spirit of God is working in us (Galatians 5:22-23). Be on the look out for chances to be kind. Get ready though, because they are all around you. And when the chance comes, be kind, and see God work through you.

-Pastor Gary

Our Newest Member



On Sunday, October 16th, Susan Husted joined the membership of the Estancia United Methodist Church. Susan (above) holding her niece, Mary Strand, is the sister-in-law of Tracy Strand.

HISTORY COMMITTEE REPORT

The History Committee met on October 14th for the first time following our 100th Anniversary Celebration. We were very pleased with the attendance at the celebration. The response from persons attending was very complimentary. We owe a special thanks to Dr. Terry Anderson, Bishop Whitfield and District Superintendent Rev. Jim Hawk for their participation at the event.

Continuing with the business of the History Committee, we discussed the funds we have on hand as a result of book sales and donations. The committee is looking into several proposed suggestions.

We also discussed the possibility of storing some of our history records with the Conference Archives. I have contacted the Conference Archivist via E-mail to determine the statistics of this procedure.

At the close of the meeting, our publicity chairman, Don Fitzner, showed a video from Farm and Ranch TV Program which featured a short history and picture of our church. This part of the video will be included in the DVDs and VHSs which have been ordered by individuals attending the church celebration. Our video is near completion and my grandson reports it will be almost two hours long. It has taken awhile to get this video together as Richard works full time and is adding an addition to his house so he has worked on this project during his spare time.

The History Committee plans to meet again on November 11th at 7:00 P.M., at the Floyd residence.

Ethel L. Floyd
Bill Simms

Roy Daniels
Agatha Garrison

Marcella Reynolds
Don Fitzner

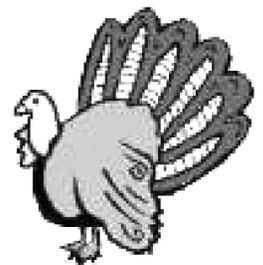
Carolyn Moore
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Sunday Fellowship

JUST IN CASE YOU HADN'T NOTICED...

In case you haven't been over to the Education Building lately, you are in for a pleasant surprise! The new kitchen is almost completed. The new floor is in place, the new cabinets are up and the new counter tops are almost done. **Mel Stephenson, Mark Lambert and Francis Winn** have worked nearly non-stop this last week to get the installation completed. **Phil Levy** has been working tirelessly finishing all the sanding and painting of the cabinets, doors and drawers. In addition to the new items mentioned above, we will be getting improved wiring, a new double stainless steel sink, new faucets, new food disposal as well as a reverse osmosis water filter for improved drinking water!! If you see any of these hard workers this week, please thank them for their dedication and commitment to improving our church facilities.



Mountainair United Methodist Church



It's not too early to start planning to attend the Christmas musical program presented by the Mountainair Community Chorus in December. More details to follow in the December newsletter.

Barbara Pittman's mother, **Claudine Dains** of Albuquerque NM, passed away at approximately 11:40 pm our time (9:40 p.m. MST), Sunday night. She would have been 88 on November 30 and was suffering with congestive heart failure and asthma. **Ron and Barbara Pittman** came to Mountainair UMC and served as lay speakers between the time that Marsha was no longer able to come, and when Gary was appointed. They lived in Moriarty and attended Bethel UMC. At one time, we had Barbara's mother, **Claudine Dains**, on our prayer list, and will again, now that she has passed away.

Ten Steps to Guarantee a Great Morning

ONE - Go to bed on time. You need at least eight hours of sleep no matter what you think especially if you are working out in any way, and you are working out, aren't you. See step six. I recommend nine hours. Do the arithmetic. Wake up at 7:00; lights out at 10:00.

But what about all the great TV you'll miss. First skip TV and watch movies. Second, tape the TV show, watch it later, and have the pleasure of fast forwarding through the ads.

TWO - Don't listen to or watch the news before bed. Just before you turn off the lights, read something inspirational. A paragraph will do.

THREE - Write no more than five "to dos" that will positively move you closer to being fulfilled and happy. This is a skill in its own right and deserves a full chapter.

FOUR - Get up at the same time every day. Yes, even on weekends and vacations. All the sleep research agrees with this one, unless you're an adolescent. Going to bed on time and getting up on time is the primary thing for defeating the panic rush mode.

FIVE - Do magic energy breathing before you get out of bed. It will smooth your transition from sleep to alert, calm, awake. Do it thusly: Inhale through the nose for a count of four. Hold for a count of 16. Exhale for a count of eight. Repeat 10 times. Don't effort. If you find it difficult, just let go and start the next breath.

SIX - Work out. Do your exercise now. You will feel great all day. Studies show that people who exercise in the morning tend to keep up an exercise program.

SEVEN - Eat breakfast. Your mother was right. Get a good dollop of protein, add some carbohydrates, and some vegetables.

EIGHT - If you leave the house in the morning or others leave you, smooch them and tell them you love them. This makes your day! Studies show spouses who are sent off this way earn more money.

Work out the wording you want to hear with your loved ones. Suzanne, my sweetie, used to say something like, "Do great today!" This sounds supportive, but for some reason it felt like pressure. I just want to hear, "I love you." Figure out what you want to hear.

NINE - Connect with the sacred. I like to meditate and do Tai Chi in nature. Do what connects you to something larger, more holy than yourself or the commute.

TEN - If you use a car, listen to a book on tape instead of the depressing, hyperactive, irritating news.

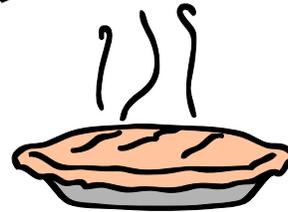
That's it. Do these things and you will be healthy, wealthy, and wise. I guarantee it.

Craft Sale



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BAKE SALE



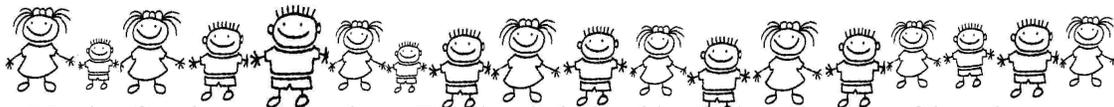
EUMC Quilting Group Joins With UMW to Host Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale

On Saturday, November 19th, the EUMC Quilting Group will be hosting a craft bazaar from 9:00am until 4:00pm. The proceeds from the sale of crafts will go toward the kitchen remodeling. In addition, the ladies of the UMW will be conducting a bake sale. If you would like to donate baked items for the sale, please contact Sylvia Levy at 384-4024. One-Stop shopping... pick up your Christmas gifts as well as your Thanksgiving desserts at the Education Building on Saturday, November 19th!



Piano Recital Saturday November 5th at 2:00pm

Please plan to attend this piano recital featuring Ethel Floyd's students on Saturday, Nov. 5. There will be 19 participants ranging from beginners to adults. Everyone is invited to this event which will be held in the EUMC sanctuary.



Eighteen New Mexico Conference Students Receive Scholarship Assistance from Church

As of July, 2005, eighteen college and university students from the New Mexico Conference had been awarded scholarship assistance from the United Methodist Church for the 2005-06 academic year, a recent Board of Higher Education and Ministry report indicates. They are among 2,543 United Methodist students who had received financial assistance from the church by that date.

Due to lack of available funds, however, other applicants were less fortunate.

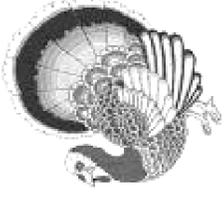


Firefighter Appreciation Dinner

On October 2nd, the EUMC Trustees hosted a dinner in honor of the members of the Estancia Fire Department. The Estancia Fire Department, along with the McIntosh unit, responded when our church caught fire late one night on June 4th, 2005. Damage was contained to the basement Sunday School rooms. Attending were: Fire Chief, Wayne Granger, and his wife, Barbara; John Granger, his wife, Jerry and son, Rael; Amanda Eggart, her husband, Gary and their boys Andrew and Nathan; Bruce Dile, his wife, Vickie, their children Kalef and Kirstie; Vences Sanchez, his wife, Margaret and their son, Patrick; and Jerome Garcia and his family.

Many thanks to all our fire fighters!

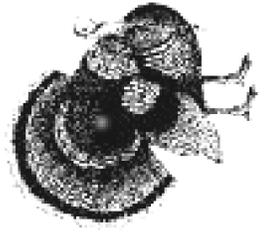




Tear Off

November 2005

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Sent with a prayer to:

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I Saw Jesus Today

He was wearing blue jeans and an old shirt.
He was up at the church building.
He was alone and working hard.
For just a minute he looked a little like one of our members...

But it was Jesus,
I could tell by his smile.

I saw Jesus last Sunday.
He was teaching a Bible Class.
He didn't talk real loud or use long words,
But you could tell he believed what he said.
For just a minute, he looked like my Sunday School teacher...

But it was Jesus,
I could tell by his loving voice.

I saw Jesus yesterday.
He was at the hospital visiting a friend who was sick.
They Prayed together quietly.
For just a minute he looked like Brother Jones...

But it was Jesus,
I could tell by the tears in his eyes.

I saw Jesus this morning.
He was in my kitchen making breakfast and fixing me a special lunch.
For just a minute he looked like my mom..

But it was Jesus,
I could feel the love from his heart.

I saw Jesus everywhere.
Taking food to the sick.
Welcoming others to his home.
Being friendly to a newcomer and for just a minute I think he's someone I know...

But it's always Jesus,
I can tell by the way he serves.

May someone see Jesus in you today.

- Author Unknown

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.