



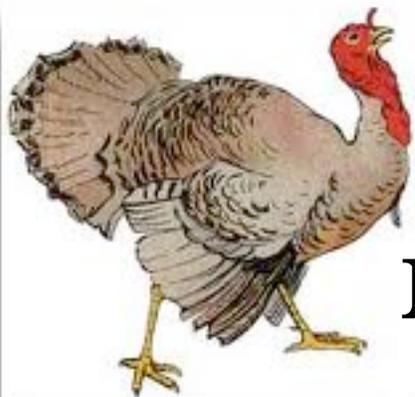
NEWSLETTER

OF THE

Estancia United Methodist Church

600 Williams, Estancia, New Mexico

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

November Thoughts (by P. R. Keiser)

The temperature almost dropped to freezing last night but, perhaps because they are sheltered from the wind, the begonias in the Secret Garden are still blooming. I always become wistful this time of year, knowing that the flowers – so recently just sprouting from the earth – will very soon shrivel and return to the soil. I wonder if the incredible beauty of fall is God’s attempt to compensate us for the bare limbs and gray skies that will be our landscape from late November till March.

Our Sunday liturgies resonate with the cycles of nature, so during November, as the growing season comes to an end, we will be hearing about endings in our scripture readings. Liturgical manuals even have chapters dedicated to November as a time to focus on last things. But as Christians, we cling to the central truth of our faith: just as the dying flowers carry their seeds to the ground, so death contains the seeds of new life. Every ending is a beginning. Christ the King Sunday (November 23rd), which we used to call the Sunday of the Fulfillment, is really the prologue to Advent, the beginning of our liturgical year and the time when we anticipate the coming Reign of God.

You’ve probably heard how Martin Luther, when asked what he would do if he knew that the world would end tomorrow, answered, “Plant a tree.” Because our faith is built around hope for life beyond death, we continue to make plans for the future, whether or not we will be around to see those plans come to fruition. So it is also appropriate that November is our stewardship emphasis month. Like a gardener musing over seed catalogues even as the snow falls, we make plans for the coming year, giving prayerful thought to how we will use the resources God has given us. This year especially, when economic turmoil fills people with doubts about the future, there is immense spiritual value in planning for another year

Stained Glass Project

We had a good productive month in October, even though our full crew was only available part time. Some of the major accomplishments were: 1) Started the assembly process on the last “diamond” window for the north side; 2) Continued the assembly process on the third Ascension window and it is approximately 90% complete; 3) Finished the two remaining “home plate” windows; 4) Continued the assembly process on a window in the church partition; 5) Completed two “Rose Window” petals; 6); Started the assembly process on one window in the vestibule.

-Mel Stephenson



Ascension Window



Torch Window



*Side Window
Under Construction*

Estancia United Methodist Church Presents:

A Fall Potluck Supper

Friday - November 4th
At 6:00 PM - Ed. Bldg.

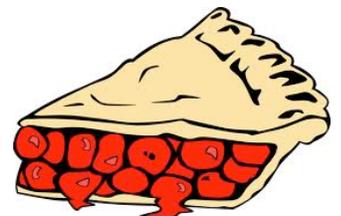
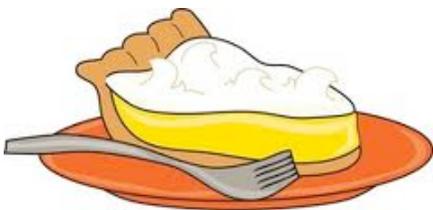


IT'S TIME TO GATHER TOGETHER TO ASK THE
LORD'S BLESSING -----AND, TO THANK HIM
FOR OUR MANY BLESSINGS.

HOPE YOU ARE ABLE TO JOIN US!

*Turkey with all the Trimmings -
Please come and bring a side dish or
dessert!*

(And a Friend)



Bible Guppies!

A new group, the Bible Guppies, meets after school on Thursday afternoons. These young people are led by Melanie Chavez, Julie Griffo, Cheryl Chavez and Leslie Fastnacht. The children chose their own name.

Goals for the year are: Discover the power and spirit of God; Learn how to use the Bible; and Learn unfamiliar Bible stories and how the stories pertain to life. The kids will also be practicing for a Christmas program - stay tuned! The picture below was taken at the second meeting on October 27, 2011.



THE METHODIST MEN

The Methodist Men met on Saturday October 15 at the Old Mill. The meeting opened with prayer followed by singing *Amazing Grace*. Our treasurer, Harry Irvin, reported that the men's group has \$475 in the treasury.

Following the devotional discussion the business focused on our mission to the progress of the stained glass window project. At the stained glass shop, workers are making good progress and expect to have the large, upper stained glass windows completed for the north side of the sanctuary soon.

The cleanup work at Gaylyn's backyard is proceeding. Twenty bags were shipped to the refuse center last week. Gaylyn continues to bag up the remainder of the stuff collected in his back yard.

THE JOYOUS SINGERS

The Joyous Singers meet each Tuesday at 7pm for rehearsal. The group performed four Sundays this month. The group needs some additional members, especially alto and tenor voices, and if you would like to join the group you would be welcome.

Alice Ayers Otten Remembers EUMC in Her Will

Alice Ayers Otten long time resident of Estancia and member of EUMC was born in Estancia in 1918 and lived here until the early 1940s. Although, she spent much of her time away, she remained extremely fond of our church. Each of her weddings, in 1943 and 1972, were performed here at EUMC. Alice attended our 100th anniversary celebration in 2005 and entertained many of us with her stories of the old days. Alice passed away on August 6, 2010 in Helena, Montana. We were just informed by her estate, that she had bequeathed the sum of \$25,000 to our Estancia United Methodist Church.

Her obituary in the *The Helena Independent Record* noted: Alice Ayers Schmidt Otten, a beloved friend, mentor, and teacher passed away on Aug. 6, 2010. On April 12, 1918, she was born in Estancia, N.M., to Fred and Mira Ayers. Alice was the baby sister to three brothers. The Ayers were a self-sufficient, homesteading family who provided an educational foundation, which Alice dedicated her life to sharing with everyone she encountered.



Alice Ayers Otten

Alice wrote the following for our history book, published in 2005: “Mother and Dad graduated from the University of Kansas in 1902, and dad received his LLB degree in 1903 and practiced law in Kansas City in 1904. They were married in 1905 in Horton, Kansas and they moved to Atoka Indian Territory. In 1906, they with Kansas neighbors, the Porters, Pete Moes and Emil Rosenbaugh, moved livestock, farm equipment, bags and baggage in box cars on the Santa Fe Railroad to Estancia, New Mexico, where dad practiced law until 1960. They homesteaded two miles south of Estancia and in 1913 the home was moved two miles north, just outside the town limits.

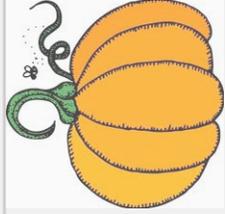
“Fred and Mira Ayers came to Estancia as Presbyterians, and because the congregation was very small and did not have a building of their own, they voted to join the Methodists. I still have the Presbyterian Church's treasurer's book (mother was the treasurer). The Ayers had purchased the communion set for the church and it was stored in its own excelsior and packing crate in our home until 1942 when the moth-eaten tray felt was replaced and the service was given to the Capitan Methodist Church.

“They walked or drove a wagon, a two-wheeled cart, or a two-seated buggy to work, to town, and to the Methodist Episcopal Church in early days.

“Edgar Harvey Ayers was born in 1908, Fred Ernest Ayers was born in 1911, Alan Nichols Ayers was born in 1913, and Alice Mira Ayers was born in 1918., thus enlarging the church's congregation. The children were baptized and joined the church when they were 11 or 12 years of age.

“The Ayers became good friends of the ministers and their families, and shared many meals together. I remember the church yard with prairie grass, one or two little trees, and the outside toilet. An early improvement included digging out the basement space under the church to make a kitchen and dining area for church dinners. Walls and floors were cement. Hanging light, a range, and a counter were added along with folding metal chairs and long tables. We had "poundings" or food showers for new ministers.

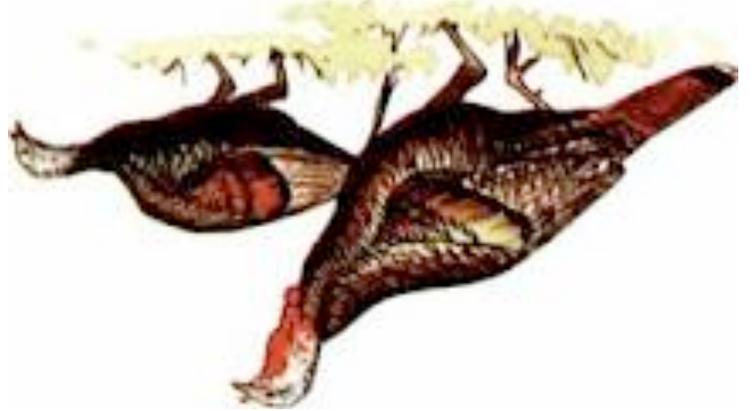
“A parsonage was built and then an Educational building was built. Both had indoor plumbing and kitchen facilities. Church windows were decorated, and the ceiling was lowered and later again raised. Dedicated ministers and lay Methodists have been a blessing to our church and community.”

November						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:am Glass Shop	2 10:30:am Quilters	3 3:00:pm Bible Guppies	4	5 9:am Glass Shop
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Sent with a prayer to:

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We Gather Together #131

"**We Gather Together**" is a Christian hymn of Dutch origin written in 1597 by Adrianus Valerius as "Wilt Heden Nu Treden" to celebrate the Dutch victory over Spanish forces in the Battle of Turnhout. It was originally set to a Dutch folk tune. In the United States, it is popularly associated with Thanksgiving Day and is often sung at family meals and at religious services on that day.

We gather together to ask our Lord's blessing...

At the time the hymn was written, the Dutch were engaged in a war of national liberation against the Catholic King Philip II of Spain. "Wilt heden nu treden," "We gather together" resonated because under the Spanish King, Dutch Protestants were forbidden to gather for worship. The hymn first appeared in print in a 1626 collection of Dutch patriotic songs, "Nederlandsch Gedencklanck."

