



**Dave Blackwell, Pastor**

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Sunday Worship 9:00 AM  
Nursery Provided  
Church School 10:30 AM

## Newsletter - November, 1997

### **Worship Assistants for November:**

Greeters: Tish McMichael  
Ushers: Cheryl & Kelly Darnell  
Acolytes: Dominic Griffo & Brian Wilson  
Lay Ass't: Bonnie Hughes

### **Youth Scripture Readers for Nov:**

2nd Justin Welsh  
9th Laura Sanchez  
16th Michael Hughes  
23rd Alice Daniel  
30th Katie Rogers

### **Pastor Dave's Schedule:**

Mon., Wed. in Estancia  
Tues. a.m. in Mountainair; p.m. in Estancia  
Thurs. a.m. in Albuquerque; p.m. in Mountainair  
Fridays, OFF  
Saturdays, in the valley and/or ABQ  
Sundays, in Mountainair once a month in p.m. - otherwise in Estancia

### **Meetings: November Calendar**

16th Admin. Council, 5:00 PM

### **ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL NEWS**

**Trustees:** The second church workday was held on Oct. 18. Thank you to all who participated and helped get our church and the grounds in shape for the coming season. Also please note the "switched" bathrooms in the Education Building. The ladies room now has a small heater installed for your comfort. Please switch the new heater to "off" when leaving the building.

**Education:** The second adult Sunday School class, called "That's What the Man Says" is being held in the Parsonage with Jeff Gorum leading this new group. Please come and join us each Sunday.

**Care and Outreach:** We need everyone's help in reporting the needs of the community as well as needs of our church

members in order that we may readily contact them and their families. We would also appreciate any donation of birthday cards, get-well cards, etc. which the committee could use in the outreach program. Postage is also on a volunteer basis.

**Finance Committee:** The budget for our church has been presented to the Council and passed for 1998. An increase of \$300 per month will be needed to meet the budget next year. It was decided to pay ALL apportionments for 1997 as the money was now available. *Good work members of Estancia United Methodist Church!* September income was \$3,749.53.

**Worship:** Have you noticed new faces taking part in the Sunday morning worship service - isn't that great! Advent season is not far away and we will be needing more folks to help out - thanks in advance!

**Pastor:** Many thanks to all who came to the Church Conference last Sunday afternoon and participated in an uplifting time for this body of Christ. Our District Superintendent, Dr. Terry Anderson was impressed with the good work in faith that all of us have been doing to take God's word to the world and to minister to the hurting, lost, and hungry.

On Sunday, November 9, we will be the recipients of a special service in music given by Ms. Judy Gibson of The Piano Source, the company from which we purchased our new piano. She will conduct her service on the piano and on her private keyboard. Mark this down on your calendar-- November 9--and come listen to a unique service.

Our children and youth are preparing for a Christmas pageant this year. Each week from now through Christmas, they will be excused after the sermon to go downstairs for practice time before they go to their Sunday School classes. If you have any questions, call Julieanne Welch or Julie Newsom.

And while your children are at Sunday School, parents, remember that there are two adult Bible Study classes available to you now. One meets in the Education Building, and the other meets in the parsonage. Set a good example for your kids and get some meaningful study and discussion for yourselves every Sunday morning after the worship service.

We are in real need for donated food for our food pantry. Thanksgiving and Christmas will be here before you know it, and these are times when we must meet the needs of those less fortunate than ourselves. Before you leave home each Sunday, grab some canned goods or boxed food, and bring them to the coffee area of the church. Thank you.



The Prayer Partners conference had a few in attendance from Estancia and Mountainair, and a few more from Mesa View UMC in Albuquerque. We had a good meeting and a wonderful lunch. Pastor Dave has made copies of the materials and will be contacting people to start a Prayer Partners ministry. If you are interested, call him at 384-2710 or 384-5215.



Sue Hughes attended her first Walk to Emmaus at Singing Hills, near Golden, from Oct. 16-19. She had a wonderful time and came back with an increased glow from knowing God's love. Pastor Dave and Peggy were blessed to be team members on that event and to see the power of God's unconditional love and acceptance over

72 people.

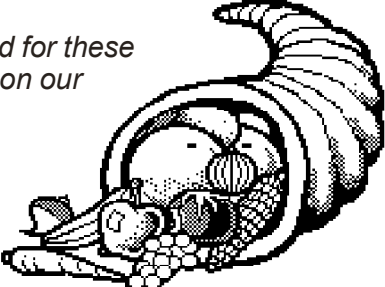
Pastor Dave thanks all of you for your prayers, support, cards, and letters to his mother and him following the death of his father. They are both touched by your love and generosity.

***The Power of an Invitation***

People go to places where they feel welcome and wanted — and this is just as true of church attenders as any other group of people. Surveys of the reasons why people chose a specific church show that a high percentage did so because their friends, relatives, or neighbors invited them.

How long has it been since you invited someone to church? Watch your community and neighborhood for newcomers. Get acquainted with them, and ask about their church affiliation. Be sure to invite them to your church.

*Thank God for these blessings on our church*



**T**reasured memories and thankful hearts  
**H**undreds of people gathered for worship each week  
**A**ll our needs provided by God  
**N**ew life in Jesus Christ available to all ,  
**K**nowledge and wisdom, creative ideas  
**S**ongs of praise, courage, and faith  
**G**ifts dedicated to God, given through his church  
**I**ntestments with the highest yield  
**V**ictories won, changed attitudes, and submissive spirits  
**I**nspiration from God's Word and fellow Christians  
**N**ights for rest and reflection, days for work and service  
**G**od's hand on our church