



*Estancia United Methodist Church,  
600 Williams, Estancia, New Mexico*

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



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**OUR MISSION: To honor God by leading  
people to become devoted followers and  
ministers of Jesus Christ.**



**SUNDAY SERVANTS FOR OCTOBER**

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

- Lay Assist:** Mike Calhoon
- Acolytes:** Mikayla Calhoon & Tracy Avery
- Ushers:** Melanie & Daniel Chavez
- Greeters:** Bill & Barbara Simms

**YOUTH SCRIPTURE READERS**

- Oct 7:**
- Oct 14:** Covenant Players
- Oct 21:** Alice Daniel
- Oct 28:**

**KINGS KIDS**

- Oct 7:** Melanie Chavez & Paige
- Oct 14:** Covenant Players
- Oct 21:** Alice & Roy Daniel
- Oct 28:** Johann Neethling

**NURSERY**

- Oct 7:** Jamie Simmons
- Oct 14:**
- Oct 21:**
- Oct 28:**

**FLOWERS:**

- Oct 7:**
- Oct 14:**
- Oct 21:**
- Oct 28:** Roy & Lacy Daniel

**TIME OUT**

**WITH "COACH" JOHANN**

**Greetings Estancia Saints,**

How our world has changed since I last sat down at the computer to type you a letter! In a matter of just a few hours on the morning of Tuesday, September 11, 2001 an entirely new world-view was thrust upon this nation and the world. We were forced to look evil squarely in the face as over 6,000 mothers and fathers and sisters and brothers and uncles and aunts and cousins and friends suddenly had their lives snatched from them. Our hearts ache and grieve for all those immediately affected by these senseless acts of demonic violence. Our emotions are in turmoil and our minds are bombarded with all kinds of conflicting thoughts about our own future and that of our children. What is going on here? Where is all this headed? Can our lives ever return to what we called "normal" just two weeks ago? Should they?

Attitudes of apathy, indifference, and complacency have disappeared as rapidly as cockroaches scurrying from the light. We have begun to acknowledge again and re-affirm publicly the vital importance of values and beliefs that have been central to this nation since its founding – God, family, prayer, country, duty, service, neighborliness – values and beliefs that had seemed to be in short supply just a fortnight ago. How sad that it often takes a great tragedy to wake us up to issues that should have been high on our priority lists. We are slow learners.

But thanks be to God that we who remain have

another opportunity to learn from this sad and horrible experience.

- To learn that life is short and no moment can ever be taken for granted.

- To live each moment of every day as though it were our last and so that we need never have any regrets

- To learn that each and every life is precious – a gift from God – and needs to be treated as such

- To learn that hate destroys, but love brings life and hope

- To learn that selfishness and greed divides and alienates us from one another, while sacrifice and service unites and ennobles us

- To learn first hand that justice and righteousness will always triumph over injustice and evil, and

- That the Light still shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it and never will.

Yes, the thief came “to steal, to kill and destroy” (John 10:10)... But the One we serve has triumphed over evil and death and is now the Giver of Abundant Life, and on Him we have confidently set our hope for this life and the next.

*Upward and onward...*

“Coach” Johann



### **FROM OUR BISHOP**

Some of My Thoughts

I have been very pleased by the response of many pastors and congregations following the tragic events of September 11. The doors of most congregations were opened and several congregations immediately announced special prayer services. There was a concerted effort to help the citizens of this country grieve the death of friends and strangers. Because of television, each of us became instant participants in this deplorable, terrorist attack. We also found ourselves challenged to bring hope in the midst of hopelessness.

Most of what I have heard and read about your responses produced a sense of pride in how faithful you are and have been. You have been the Church. You helped people receive the comfort that only God can give. You enabled people to acknowledge their anger, but you also reminded them not to strike out at those who were undeserving of that anger. You called for justice and not retaliation.

The President of the United States will address the

nation tonight and I fear it means that many of our military personnel will be placed in harm's way. I learned last evening that several persons stationed at military bases in New Mexico and Texas have already received orders deploying them in other parts of the world. Some of our chaplains are being deployed along with the troops.

This is a very difficult time for many of the people in our communities and our congregations. Son and daughters, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives, are being prepared to go into direct battle. I ask you to remember them in prayer. Pray that we may find diplomatic solutions that will enable us to deal with this difficult situation without the loss of additional lives.

Pray for those who are our enemies. This for me is one of the most difficult parts of following Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Yet, I know Jesus has shown us the way by both precept and example.

I would also encourage you to reach out to those who are outside of the Christian faith. It is hard enough for those of us who know the One who gives the peace that passes all understanding. It is much harder for those who do not know our Lord. Share with them your faith. Lift them up and offer to them words of hope.

Thank you for being the Church at one of our most difficult hours. You have reminded people they are to remain faithful followers of Jesus Christ in the midst of their suffering and have invited others to join you in this journey of discipleship. I have been very proud of you and thank God for you and your ministry in the midst of a terrible crisis. Keep up the good work.

Grace & Peace,

Max

### **ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL REPORT**

Last month, I submitted for the newsletter, basic parliamentary instructions for the presiding chairman of committees. This month I am submitting simple instructions for the secretary. I realize some are interested in Parliamentary Procedure while others could care less.

The annual charge conference is scheduled for October, where new chairmen will be elected to some chairmanships. It is hoped that these instructions will be of help to those new presiding chairman and those who write up the minutes of the committee's proceedings. There is a lot more to Parliamentary Procedure than I have suggested, but I have given you the basics.

MINUTES SHOULD INCLUDE: (First Paragraph)

- (a) Kind of meeting (regular, special, etc.)
- (b) Name of organization
- (c) Date and time of meeting and the place
- (d) The fact that the president and secretary were or were not present. (In their absence, the name of the substitute.
- (e) If the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. (or corrected)

BODY OF MINUTES:

- (a) All main motions (except those that were withdrawn)
  - (b) The disposition of the motion (whether carried or lost)
  - (c) All amendments
  - (d) Name of maker of the motion (but not the one who seconds the motion.)
- Hour of adjournment. (last paragraph)  
 Signature - Name and position. i.e. (John Doe, Sec.) -  
 (You do not use the words: Respectfully Submitted.

Minutes should be written in a bound book. The secretary should furnish the chairman with a copy of the minutes of the previous meeting prior to the following meeting in order for the chairman to know if there is any unfinished business to be taken up. Corrections should be made in the margins and a line drawn through the incorrect information. Nothing is erased from minutes.

*Ethel L. Floyd,*

*Chrm*

## LOGOS NEWS.

Logos started up again on September 19, 2001. We had about 75 children and adults for our first night. We have been blessed this year with several new adult faces who have volunteered to help with Logos. Many of these adults are members of other churches within our community. It has been an answer to our prayers to be able to include these churches in in the Logos program. Lets meet....

**Dana Clarke - Dana** is a counselor at Estancia Elementary School. She is also an active member of the Assembly of God church. Dana has volunteered to lead the first through fourth children in worship

skills this year. In addition Dana is a table parent during dinner time. **THANKS DANA!!**

**Steve Clarke - Dana's** other half has volunteered to be a table parent during dinner time this year. Steve works for C & R Land and Cattle Co. **THANKS STEVE!!**

**Kerry Alfonso** and her finance **John Mygatt** have volunteered to be table parents during dinner time this year. This is a new experience for both of them and Logos is certain they will make a positive impact on the lives they touch during dinner hour. **THANKS KERRY AND JOHN!!**

**Angela Simpson - Angela** has volunteered to be an assistant bible teacher. **Angela** works for the district court in Estancia and her daughter was involved in Logos last year. **THANKS ANGELA!!**

**Mary Wetterman - Mary** belongs to Valley Christian Church in Albuquerque. **Mary** will be helping with Re-Creation this year. She has two children who will also be attending Logos this year for the first time. **Mary** is also into BIRDS she will be bringing an array of live birds to Logos to share with the Logos kids. **THANKS MARY!!**

**Vicki Berlier - Vicki** is a Kindergarten teacher at Estancia Elementary School. She is a member of Immanuel Baptist Church. She is the mother of **John Berlier** who was a vital member of the H.S. group last year. We are so blessed to have **Vicki** volunteer to be a part of the program. **Vicki** wanted to volunteer because the program meant so much to **John**. **Vicki** will be assisting in Re-Creation. **THANKS VICKI and JOHN!!**

**Elaine Darnell - Elaine** belongs to us!! **Elaine** is a third grade teacher at Estancia ELeментарy school. **Elaine's** daughter **Kelly** was involved in Logos for the past two years. **Kelly** graduated last year. **Elaine** has volunteered to do the table decorating / setting for Logos this year. **THANKS ELAINE!!**

**Runnel Riley - Runnel** has volunteered to be the 7th grade Bible Study teacher. He currently serves on the Estancia City Council. **Runnel** is a member of Church of Christ. The 7th graders will truly learn a lot this year from Runnel. **THANKS RUNNEL!!**

**Cari Riley - Cari** will be assisting **Runnel** in the 7th grade Bible study. **Cari** is married to **Randol Riley (Runnel's** brother). **Cari** has two daughters who have come to Logos for the past two years. **THANKS CARI!!**

**Sheryl Allmon - Sheryl** is a third grade teacher at Estancia Elementary. She belongs to a church in Albuquerque. **Sheryl** wanted to get involved in Logos because her two children wanted to start coming to Logos this year. **Sheryl** has volunteered to be a fifth and sixth grade Bible teacher. **THANKS SHERYL!!**

**Sylvia Levy - Sylvia** belongs to us!! **Sylvia** was inspired

last year while taking a walk just before her mother passed away when she walked by the church and was touched by the music coming from the sanctuary. She came into the sanctuary and discovered the Logos children being lead in worship skills. **Sylvia** has volunteered this year to help clean-up the education building after dinner. **THANKS SYLVIA!!**

**Mike and Darlene Jenkins - Mike and Darlene** belong to the Catholic faith. They both work at Estancia Middle School. **Mike** is a Language Arts teacher and **Darlene** is the Middle School Librarian. Their daughter came to Logos last year. **Mike and Darlene** have volunteered to be table parents during dinner hour and in addition they are Bible Study teachers for one of the fifth and sixth grade groups. **THANKS MIKE AND DARLENE!!**

**Cindy Howell - Cindy** has volunteered to be the Greeter for Logos this year. **Cindy** is the daughter of **Rene Richards** who is a member of this church. **THANKS CINDY!!**

**Meredith and Marty Autry - Meredith and Marty** have volunteered to help with Re- Creation this year. They have three boys who have been a part of Logos for the past two years. **Meredith and Marty** both work in Albuquerque. **THANKS MEREDITH AND MARTY!!**

We are missing **Shellee Stewart** who has been a vital part of Logos for the past two years. She taught Bible Study classes and was a table parent. **Shellee** thanks so much for all you have done -- you have touched many lives. **THANKS SHELEE!!**

We are also missing **Wendi Morton** who was a Bible Study Teacher and helped with Re-Creation for the past two years. **Wendi** blessed the program with her enthusiasm. **THANKS WENDI!!**

In addition, we have many other people who have volunteered over the past three years. Make no mistake, these people are just as important as the new and past volunteers. We thank each of you for the time you have given and are giving to serve in Logos.

**THANKS TO ALL  
WHO HELP  
WITH LOGOS!!**

### **SCREENIT.COM : ONLINE HELP FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES**

ScreenIt.com is a husband-wife run website that seeks to give parents a way to access the content of popular entertainment their kids are exposed to. It is not intended as censorship. Rather, it is designed to allow Hollywood and Record Labels to continue to produce movies, videos and music while informing parents of the content in them. The site will provide you with detailed and accurate information on such content matters as alcohol and drugs, blood and gore, disrespectful and bad attitudes, guns and weapons, sex and nudity, and more. Simply type this address into your web browser <http://www.screenit.com>



### **FOODBANK UPDATE**

Our EUMC Food Bank is once again operational and we are looking to re-stock our shelves. The following food items are needed:

Canned meat	Peanut Butter
Canned vegetables	Pinto Beans
Cereal	Rice
Evaporated Milk	Salt
Flour	Soap
Lard/Shortening	Sugar
Laundry Detergent	Toiletries

Our hours of operation are: Mondays: 5pm -6pm;  
Wednesdays: 3pm - 4pm; and Fridays: 5pm - 6pm

## The Real World

### The Advance: beyond 75 cents a day

You've seen those TV commercials where you can feed and clothe a poor child in Chile or Somalia for 75 cents a day. Ever wonder why The United Methodist Church doesn't offer those kinds of programs?

**Long-term solutions versus band-aids.** Historically, United Methodists have viewed mission as a multi-pronged enterprise. Not only are we called to feed and clothe individual children; God calls us to transform the systems that keep whole communities in poverty. So, we not only have mission projects to feed a child, but we also sustain mission schools, clinics and agricultural projects to help whole communities better themselves. It's the old adage about giving a person a fish versus teaching them to fish.

**Mission as transformation of ourselves as well as the "objects" of mission.** Our founder, John Wesley, challenged Christians to "associate" with the poor, and to learn from -- as well as assist -- them. Giving cents-a-day to a child may tempt one to feel self-satisfied and superior. But our mission philosophy is that we are interconnected, and that all God's people have a right to the tree of life.

**Stewardship.** Adopt-a-child programs tend to be expensive, because it takes money to advertise, coordinate the process of selecting and matching donors with "your" child and hire people to translate "your" child's letters. (The programs can also hurt children when an "adopted" child receives gifts from a sponsor and other children don't.)

**The United Methodist "Advance for Christ and His Church"** is a United Methodist second-mile giving program through which you and your church can support ministries with children and adults worldwide. You can give to a specific Advance ministry with children or other project, and 100 percent of your gift is used for mission. Learn more about the Advance Ministry (and how to donate to Advance projects) visit the Web site: [gbgm-umc.org/advance](http://gbgm-umc.org/advance).

## New Mexico Pastor Killed in Accident

*Sept. 26, 2001, Deming, NM ~~~~~*

Dan Phillips, who was a local pastor serving as Associate Pastor at 1st United Methodist Church in Deming, was killed yesterday in a motorcycle accident. Services are pending. Dan is survived by his wife, Claire. Your expressions of concern may be sent to her in care of First UMC, 1020 S. Granite St., Deming, NM 88030; <mailto:rabbi@zianet.com>.

Please share this call for prayers of comfort and loving support for Claire Phillips and family, as well as for the congregation of First UMC, Deming.

Later email:

The Service for Dan Phillips will be held at First UMC, Deming, 1020 South Granite St., Deming 88030 (505-546-2791) on Saturday, Sept. 29, at 10 am. If your life was touched in some way by having known local Pastor Dan Phillips, you are asked to write a memory note about that, and FAX it to FUMC as soon as possible....they would like to present those "Memorial Notes" to Claire on Saturday. Fax # at the church is 505-546-0052, or <mailto:fumc@zianet.com>. (-Rev. David Okerberg, Pastor, FUMC Deming)

### WHERE WAS GOD?

I know you're mad at Me right now. That's alright. People have been mad at me before, and will be again. Being mad is part of being human. My son got mad, too. It's alright to be mad sometimes ..... at injustice, for example, or the lack of charity.

You probably think I am unjust and uncharitable when an airplane goes down like that. All those people lost. The children gone. It doesn't seem right; it can't be loving. You ask, 'Where was God?' Why did he allow that to happen? I allow it to happen because I allow you freedom. I could have left you on a string and made you dance all day without getting tired. I could have moved your mouth for you and made you sing all night without growing hoarse. I could have pulled a wire that would have let you soar skyward and never fall. I could have, but I didn't because I love you too much. I want you to be free to decide when to dance and sing. Free to determine when you will come to Me in faith and hope. Because you are free, some of you choose not to dance or sing. Some of you select hatred over love, revenge over forgiveness, bombs over a helping hand. As you choose, I watch. I do not disappear. I listen to both the songs and the bombs. AND I REMEMBER.

"Where was God?" you wonder... I was there. I whispered in the ear of a little girl, 'Don't be afraid, I am with you.' I held the hand of a business woman as tightly as she clutched mine. I cradled a pilot against my shoulder as if he were a baby again. "Amid the paralyzing fear, I was there, as I was there with my Son in the garden. Amid the unbearable pain, I was there, and I was with Him as He was whipped, Amid the terrible realization that life was ending too soon. I was there, with Him as He hung on the cross and asked, like you, "My God, why have you forsaken Me?" "I had not forsaken Him. I did not forsake them. I was there as they fell, and as they rose to eternal joy. I listened to their anger, answered their questions and showed them why they had been created. Not to end that way, but to live with Me forever. "In an instant, they came into existence. As you did. In an instant, they left this world. As you will. But beyond that last instant, I kept my promise...A little girl dances, a business woman sings, and a pilot keeps his wings forever."



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# EUMC October 2001

*"Each One Win One in 2001"*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 10am Pastor's Prayer  6:30pm Prayer	<b>3</b>  5:pm LOGOS	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9:00 SS 10:00 Worship/H.C. 11:30 Fin. Com.  3:00 Communion to Homebound	<b>8</b>  7:00 Women's Reunion Group  7:30 A.A.	<b>9</b> 10am Pastor's Prayer 3pm ESL 4pm Span B/S  6:30pm Prayer 7:pm Trustees	<b>10</b>  5:pm LOGOS	<b>11</b>  3pm ESL 4pm Span B/S	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  Pastor at CPE Training in Durango
<b>14</b> 9:00 SS 10:00 Worship COVENANT PLAYERS 11:15 PPRC	<b>15</b> 10am Care & Outreach  7:00 Women's Reunion Group  7:30 A.A.	<b>16</b> 10am Pastor's Prayer  3pm ESL 4pm Span B/S 6:30pm Prayer	<b>17</b>  5:pm LOGOS	<b>18</b>  3pm ESL 4pm Span B/S	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  7am Men's Prayer Breakfast
<b>21</b> 9:00 SS 10:00 Worship	<b>22</b>  7:00 Women's Reunion Group  7:30 A.A.	<b>23</b> 10am Pastor's Prayer 12 noon UMW  3pm ESL 4pm Span B/S 6:30pm Prayer	<b>24</b>  5:pm LOGOS	<b>25</b>  3pm ESL 4pm Span B/S	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 9:00 SS 10:00 Worship  7:00pm Church Conference in Moriarty	<b>29</b>  7:00 Women's Reunion Group  7:30 A.A.	<b>30</b> 10am Pastor's Prayer  3pm ESL 4pm Span B/S 6:30pm Prayer	<b>31</b>  HALLOWEEN! 5:pm LOGOS	<b>Abbreviations:</b> A.A. – Alcoholics Anonymous S.S. – Sunday School Conf. – Confirmation Class Sp B/S - Spanish Bible Study ESL - English Second Language		

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