



100th Anniversary - August 2005

# NEWSLETTER

OF THE

Estancia United Methodist Church

*600 Williams, Estancia, New Mexico*



**OCTOBER**  
**2003**



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**Please visit us on the web:**

<http://www.gb-gm-umc.org/estancia>

## Prayer Concerns

Rev. Marsha Moore  
Carolyn and her sister-in-law, Lucille Cox  
Linda McConkey's brother Steve  
Terry Ann Hanig  
Mary, Pam Lambert's sister  
Ruth Hall  
Mel's sister (surgery)  
Christie and Eric Kurtz and family  
Bobby Murray  
Sylvia Levy's brother & sister-in-law  
Tracy Hemke, Kasey Solomon, Francis Tyler  
Ruby and Craig Martin  
Agatha and Macel  
Berta Benson, Marcella's sister  
Those needing relationship with Jesus Christ  
Resources to build up and care for our church  
2004 officers  
Wednesday Night Blessings  
Emmaus reunion groups  
Children's Church and staff  
Our prayer ministry - fall charge conference  
Youth/children's programs  
Your pastor and family  
UM General Conference in 2004  
The church universal  
Youth Center, pool, library  
Schools  
Substance abuse and domestic violence  
Health care issues  
World peace and justice

**Sunday Worship 10:00 AM**  
**Nursery Provided**

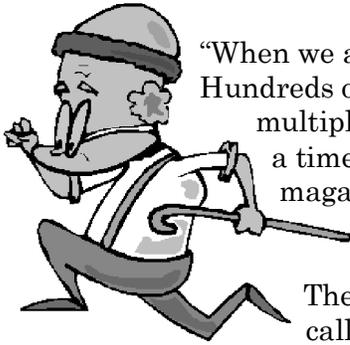
## FROM OUR PASTOR

Months ago I picked up a book at the UMW district meeting that I knew I would not have time to read until after I returned from school at Duke. The title interested me, Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal, and Delight In Our Busy Lives, by Wayne Muller. In reading the forward I was stunned. The author had struck the nail on the head. How can we be Christ-centered when we are so busy we never have time to slow down and tune into God's wisdom. God wishes to guide us into compassion and peace; but are we too busy?



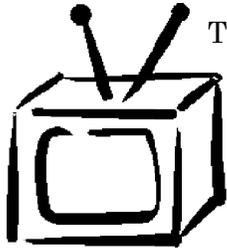
Muller got his point across in a way that smacked me in the face. He took the time to build a picture of God's creative genius. In the beginning God brought order out of chaos and created essential rhythms – a rhythm between work and rest. We all have the need for sleep to rest from the day's labors. There is a rhythm between night and day and the beautiful way one dissolves into the other. There is a rhythm between the active growth of spring and summer and the necessary dormancy of fall and winter. There is a rhythm of the tides. In our bodies the heart and lungs have a period or rest between each beat and breath.

Sadly, we have come to live in a world that has lost its appreciation for this rhythm of activity and rest. We have come to suppose that action and accomplishment are better than rest. Doing something, almost anything, is better than doing nothing. To meet the every growing expectation we do not rest and in the process we have lost our way. We bypass the nourishment that would give us strength, hope, and feed our souls. We miss the quiet that would give us wisdom. For want of rest our very lives are in danger.



“When we are in the world with eyes wide open the seductions are insatiable. Hundreds of channels of cable and satellite television; telephones with multiple lines and call-waiting, so we can talk to more than one person at a time; fax machines; mail, e-mail, and overnight mail; billboards; magazines; newspapers; radio. Every stimulus competes for our attention: Buy me. Do me. Watch me. Try me. Drink me. It is as if we have inadvertently stumbled into some horrific wonderland.”

The frantic over-activity causes suffering in others and us. The so-called “successful” life has become a violent venture – we have declared war on our own bodies, our spirit, and our relationships.



Today, everywhere we go we hear ourselves and others utter the universal refrain, “I am so busy.” Isn’t it true that the more our lives speed up the more we feel hurt, frightened, and isolated? Our whole experience of being alive begins to melt into one enormous obligation. Often we wear our exhaustion as a trophy and think of our ability to withstand stress as a mark of real character. (See Eph. 4:1-6) Our busyness has come to affect the way we build and sustain community and dictates the way we respond to suffering. In the midst of busyness, the way we

come to solve problems is frantically, desperately, reactively, and poorly.



The amazing thing is how Sabbath time can invite a healing of this violence. It is a time created by God to hear the still small voice within that guides us to healing and peace. Without rest we respond from a survival mode. When we operate from this mode everything in our lives seems threatening and everything seems more urgent than it really is. So we react with sloppy desperation. We have all heard about the effects of exhaustion on the quality of our work. A time of Sabbath is a radical challenge to the violence of overwork. It is a way to return to our center. “Remember the Sabbath” is not simply a life-style suggestion it is a spiritual percept. In Sabbath time we remember to celebrate what is beautiful and sacred; we light candles, sing songs, tell stories, eat, nap, or even make love. It is a sacred rest. We have come to associate shame and guilt with taking time to rest. Sabbath is not simply the absence of work; it is a time to listen to what is most deeply beautiful, nourishing and true. Sabbath gives us permission to stop. The rhythm is to rest so we can return to our work with greater ease and joy, and bring healing and delight to our endeavors. Wisdom says, “It was not Israel that kept the Sabbath but the Sabbath that kept Israel.” God calls us on a Sabbath journey where we can remember who we are and live as his light in the world. The world aches for the

generosity of a well-rested people.

*-Pastor Linda*

## **CHURCH EVENTS**

### **CCYM**

“Let God Lead You” is the theme for the fall Senior High (9th –12th grade) fall youth event at Sacramento Methodist Assembly. The Event will begin Friday evening November 14th and go through Sunday the 16th. The Student camping fee is \$85.00 and covers meals, lodging, and supplies. Please see Paul Mizell for registration forms. Registrations are due by October 30, 2003.

### **UMY**

The United Methodist Youth will have their first meeting on Sunday, October 5th, after the Potluck for the NOMADS. All youth Mid-high through High School are invited. You do not have to be a member of our church to attend. Bring a friend.

### **CHURCH CONFERENCE**

The annual Charge Conference is Sunday, Nov. 30th at 7 PM. All are invited to attend this annual planning meeting of the church council, committees, and budgets are major items to be considered.

### **HISTORY COMMITTEE REPORT**

With a family reunion and a piano recital very little has been done this summer on the church history project. However, we will be meeting again soon and reviewing what we have done and what we plan to do. Members of the committee have the rough draft of the general history.

I am presently working on the United Methodist Women's history. I have found that they have been quite active from their beginning and have kept very good records the last fifty years. I have the statistics put together but need to condense it for the rough draft. We would like for the United Methodist Men, the United Methodist Youth and the Logos to include their history. If the UMM and UMY would write your present history, I probably can locate some past history to add for your organization.

We are gradually getting resumes and pictures of former pastors. Carolyn is going to solicit memoirs of former and present members.

While going through records, I found it very interesting that the church has had one thing in common throughout their 100 years and that is a lack of funds. For many years, the women of the church raised funds that kept the church going. Now the UMW spends most of their money for Missions instead of refrigerators, carpets, stoves, etc.

It is our goal to have the history book completed by the end of 2004 so it will be available for the 100th celebration. Plans for the celebration are also in the making and preliminary plans have been completed.

*Ethel L. Floyd, Chrm History Committee*

### **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

The United Methodist Women meet regularly the fourth Tuesday of each month at noon for a potluck luncheon followed by a program and business meeting. We meet at the Educational Building and all women, whether a member of the church or not, are welcome.

Our main project is Missions, local, national and international. This year we are focusing on a classroom at McCurdy School at Espanola, New Mexico. We recently were honored to have the chaplain from McCurdy preach our morning service while our minister was on Educational Leave.

Our unit will be in charge of the **October 26th church service (UMW Sunday)** and we would appreciate it if several children would be present for the Kings Kids which is a part of the skit we will be doing. The skit is a true story of a little girl who witnessed for Christ in a special way. I think everyone will enjoy the service.

We are planning a "Cookie Walk" on December 13th. If you have never been on one of our cookie walks, you must come. Everyone is given one latex glove and a "take out" box. You check all the cookies and pick out whatever you want. They are weighted and you pay for the cookies by the pound. There are so few UMW members that we will probably need the help of other good Methodist cooks. This is a fun thing as well as for a good cause.

*-Ethel L. Floyd, Pres. Estancia United Methodist Women*



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## **AUCTION!**

Where??..... EUMC

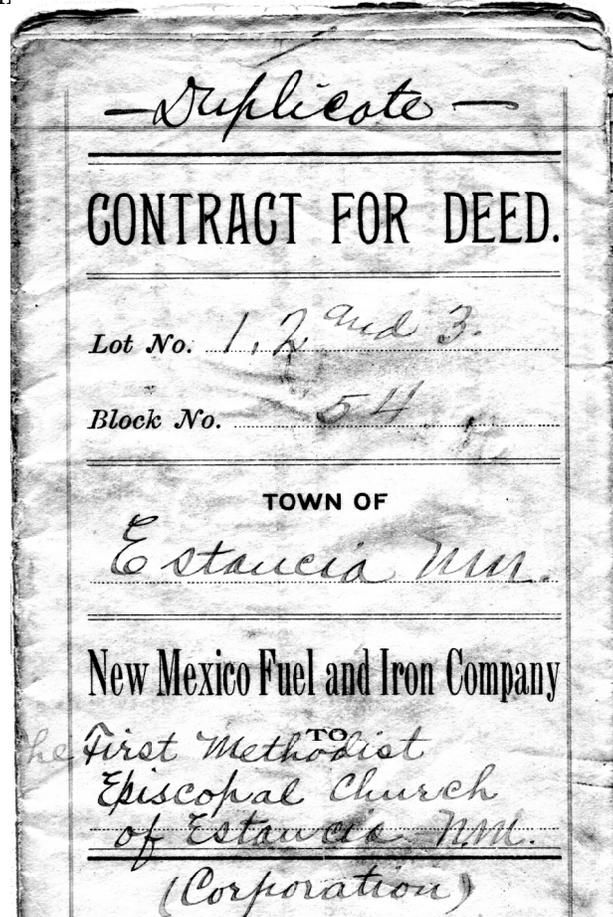
When??..... Sat. Oct. 25th 10 AM

Who?? ..... EUMC and You!



**YOUR HISTORY COMMITTEE AT WORK**

For the past year or so, Ethel, Carolyn, Agatha, Roy and others have been researching our church's past in preparation for our 100th anniversary in August, 2005. As you can see from Ethel's report in this issue, the historical documentation will be very thorough. Recently they found the old 1905 sale contract for the Estancia property on which our church is located. The property was purchased for \$1 from the New Mexico Fuel and Iron Company!



**CONTRACT OF SALE.**

**This Contract, Made and Entered Into** on this the *First* day of *April* A. D. 190*5*, by and between the New Mexico Fuel and Iron Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the Territory of New Mexico, with its principal place of business at Santa Fe, New Mexico, the first party, and *The First Methodist Episcopal Church* of *Estancia New Mexico (Corporation)*, the second party.

**Witnesseth:** That the first party, for and in consideration of the agreements of the second party herein contained, and the payments to be made as hereinafter specified, hereby agrees to and with the second party, to sell to the second party; and the second party, in consideration of the first party's agreement agrees with the first party to buy from and pay it the sum of *One (1<sup>00</sup>)* Dollars, at the times and in the partial payments below stated, with *—* per cent. interest per annum from the date hereof until paid, Lot *1, 2, 3* Number *54* in the Town of *Estancia* in the County of *Torrance*, in the Territory of New Mexico, as designated and described on the map of said town on file in the office of the Probate Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of the said county.

Payments shall be made at the office of the first party at *Santa Fe* in *One* installments, at the time and in the manner following:

### **A NEW AND IMPORTANT EUMC MINISTRY**

A new program to minister and take communion to the homebound is being undertaken by members of our congregation. **Agatha Garrison**, the first to take charge of this important ministry, has this to say:

As the 100th anniversary of our church approaches, let us take a stroll down memory lane and remember the *Saints* that are gone. I'm talking about those people who gave the time, work and support that was needed to build this beautiful church. They built a place to serve God, help the town, and serve the people that live in our community. A few years ago when repairs were needed many came to paint walls, drive nails, clean buildings etc. Now many of these members can no longer get to church due to health, transportation or other reasons. We, the members of this church, can show our love and thanks by taking communion to these people on Communion Sunday. Please pray about this ministry. If you feel called to help, please give me a call at 384-5026 or **Linda Mizell** at 384-5215.  
*-Agatha Garrison e-mail: agatha18@juno.com*

### **KEEPING IN TOUCH**

Here is Lois Van Meter's new address and phone number

PO Box 450  
 Arroyo Hondo, NM 87153  
 505 776-1423

She would appreciate calls, cards and letters.

### **THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY**

What lies Behind us and  
 what lies before us are  
 tiny matters compared  
 to what lies within us.  
*Oliver Wendell Holmes*

When all is said and  
 done, there's a lot more  
 said than done.  
*Anonymous*

We have committed the  
 Golden Rule to memory ....  
 let us now commit it to life.  
*Edwin Markham*

Those who stand for  
 nothing fall for  
 anything.  
*Alexander Hamilton*

Perspective: A simple  
 matter of looking at the  
 little things to see the big  
 picture

Those who make the  
 worst use of their time  
 are the first to complain  
 of its brevity.  
*Jean de La Bruyere*

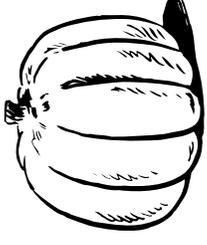
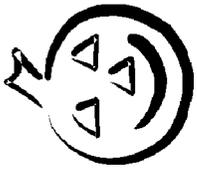
There's never enough  
 time to do all the  
 nothing you want.  
*Bill Watterson*

Don't forget to turn back  
 your clocks at 2:AM  
 Sunday October 26!!

Those who stand for nothing  
 fall for anything.  
*Alexander Hamilton*

### **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.



# October 2003

Tear Off

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>5 10 AM</b> Worship World Communion Sunday <b>7 PM</b> UMY <b>6:30 PM</b> Nomads Potluck	<b>6 Nomads</b> <b>6:45</b> Morning Meditation - Nick	<b>7 Nomads</b>	<b>1 8 AM</b> Clergy Academy	<b>2 6 PM</b> Roci - Emmaus	<b>3</b> Roci - Emmaus	<b>4</b> Roci - Emmaus <b>10 AM</b> PPRC meet w/ Dr. Hall
<b>12 10 AM</b> Worship <b>11:30 AM</b> Finance Committee	<b>13 Nomads</b> <b>6:45</b> Morning Meditation	<b>14 Nomads</b> <b>10 AM</b> Committee of Concern	<b>8 Nomads</b> <b>6:45</b> Drop-by Prayer <b>1 PM</b> Retirement Planning Seminar	<b>9 Nomads</b> <b>7 AM</b> Retirement Planning Seminar	<b>10</b> <b>6:45</b> Drop-by Prayer	<b>11</b>
<b>19 10 AM</b> Worship, Communion LAIY SUNDAY <b>11:30 AM</b> PPRC	<b>20 Nomads</b> <b>6:45</b> Morning Meditation	<b>21 Nomads</b>	<b>15 Nomads</b> <b>6:45</b> Morning Meditation <b>6:30 PM</b> Wed Night Blessing - last night John	<b>16 Nomads</b>	<b>17</b> <b>6:45</b> Morning Meditation <b>5 PM</b> Lay speakers School - Las Vegas	<b>18</b> Lay speakers School - Las Vegas <b>7 AM</b> Men's Prayer Breakfast
<b>26 10 AM</b> Worship, UMW SUNDAY The Red Purse <b>DAYLIGHT</b> <b>SAVINGS</b>	<b>27</b> <b>6:45</b> Morning Meditation	<b>28</b> <b>12 Noon</b> - UMW	<b>22 Nomads</b> <b>6:45</b> Morning Meditation	<b>23 Nomads</b>	<b>24</b> <b>6:45</b> Morning Meditation <b>8 AM</b> Alpha Training <b>10 AM</b> UMW Conf Meeting - Clovis	<b>25</b> <b>10 AM</b> UMW Conf Meeting - Clovis <b>AUCTION</b> <b>10:AM</b>
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**Important Dates:** Nov 30th - Charge Conference  
Oct 24th & 25th UMW Conference - Clovis  
Oct 6th - 23rd Nomads here to paint church!  
Monday's - Pastor's Sabbath Day



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