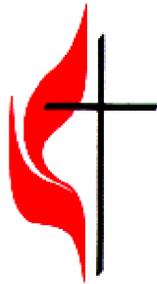


**100 Years of Service 1905 - 2005**

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



**OCTOBER**  
**2005**

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 District Superintendent: Rev. Jim Hawk  
**Please visit us on the web:**  
<http://www.gb-gm-umc.org/estancia>

**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**

They say that time flies, but where does it go. It's like daylight savings time. Who is saving it and will they give me some more. Some days I would like to go get some more time. Do you ever want more time in the day? A lot of people have very busy days. Just the other day I was wondering where the time went. I believe we try to pack so much into a day that we try to do more than we can realistically get done. Work can be very demanding these days. Homework and extra-curricular activities for kids doesn't leave much time for them to just be kids. I remember getting my first homework assignment. I was in the third grade, and now give kindergartner's homework. Granted it is one work sheet and doesn't take much time, but these days seem to be busier days. When the weekend comes we don't take time to relax and recuperate from the business of life. We pack our weekends full of stuff to do.

We try to do so much that we no alternative but to use the "P"- word *prioritize*. Everyone makes time to do the things they really want to do because they make it a "priority". What are your top priorities? Jesus was talking about this in the parable of the "Wedding Banquet." The invitations were sent out and the RSVPs came back with a disappointing answer. Someone had just purchased some real estate, another had go plow his field with his new team of oxen, and one had to see to his business. You can read about this in Matt. 22 and Luke 14. They all had stuff to do and wouldn't be

coming to the wedding. The king couldn't believe no one would be coming to his son's wedding.

Life is busy for everyone. I was unprepared for how consuming Little League was this summer. Life can be consuming between work, family, or school, not to mention having a hobby or just having some time to yourself.

But do we tell our King that we just don't have the time these days? As you make your schedules, and decide your priorities, let me encourage you not to let the business of life choke Jesus out of your life, nor choke church out of your weekend. Let's come and praise our God and King this Sunday.

*-Pastor Gary*

## ***Relief Agency Executive Offers Tips for Disaster Response***

*United Methodist News Service*

People of faith can respond in many ways to provide healing and support in the face of devastating hurricanes and other disasters, according to a United Methodist relief official.

The Rev. Tom Hazelwood, disaster response executive for the United Methodist Committee on Relief, shared five tips for responding to such disasters during an interview with the Rev. Larry Hollon, top executive of United Methodist Communications.

“The most important thing people can do is support UMCOR financially,” Mr. Hazelwood said. The relief agency provides a long-term response to needs resulting from such disasters, and the money raised will be used by UMCOR for years to come.

“Second of all, people can give appropriate material resources,” Hazelwood said. In most disasters, UMCOR asks for specific items, usually flood buckets and health kits, and the agency will make other needs known as they arise.

Giving material support doesn't mean cleaning out your closets or garage and sending those items, he said. “That's not appropriate giving.”

Third, people can pray -- pray for those affected by the storm and for those who respond to the disaster. “That's an important resource,” Mr. Hazelwood said.

Fourth, people can volunteer to help with the recovery. “We need more people to contact Volunteers In Mission” through their annual conference or other means, he said. People can create a team or join one that is already planning to work in the disaster area.

Finally, Ms. Hazelwood encourages people to seek support for relief at their place of work. “Encourage your business or wherever you work to support UMCOR and the work that we do.”

Mr. Hazelwood and other relief workers met with Mr. Hollon and the Rev. R. Randy Day, top executive of the denomination's General Board of Global Ministries, in early September. Visiting Louisiana and Mississippi, Hollon also spoke with the Rev. Mary Gaudreau, director of care ministries for United Methodist Disaster Response in the Oklahoma Annual Conference.

Ms. Gaudreau, deployed to Mississippi by UMCOR, emphasized the importance of realizing that God is working through the community of faith.

“My experience with disaster is ... we allow God to be God, and incredible things happen,” she said. “Wondrous things happen in terms of coincidences that aren't really coincidences. We see prayers that are answered.”

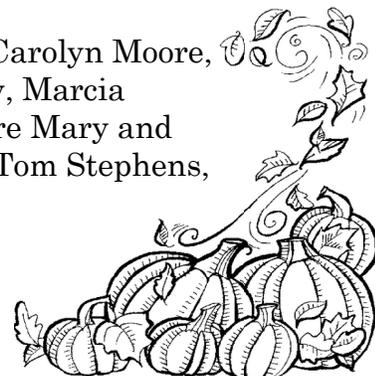
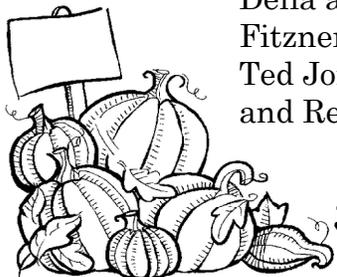
Information on supporting UMCOR through giving, assembling material resources or volunteering is available online at <http://gbgm-umc.org/umcor/info.stm>. Go to the drop-down menu at the bottom of the page and click on your area of interest.

## Charge Conference Mountainair UMC 9-27-2005



The charge conference for the Estancia/Mountainair Charge, Albuquerque District, was held September 27 at Mountainair United Methodist Church. Beginning at 6:00 pm with a potluck supper, members from the two churches enjoyed eating and visiting. Rev. Jim Hawk, our district superintendent, joined us and led the business end of the meeting after supper. He told us about the 70 or so families that had been pastoring congregations in Louisiana and now are serving churches mainly in Texas. Hurricane relief is on line at <http://www.methodistrelief.org> if you would like your contribution to go directly to help Methodist folks helping with relief efforts there.

Those attending this meeting from EUMC were Pastor Gary, Carolyn Moore, Della and Mel Stephenson, Jan and Francis Winn, Sylvia Levy, Marcia Fitzner and Barbara Simms. Attending from Mountainair were Mary and Ted Jones, Patty Mahoney, Bertha and Jay Warner, Lois and Tom Stephens, and Rebecca Lueras.



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2006**

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- Susan Samuels
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- Don Fitzner

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- Tracy Hemke
- Lilly Wyman
- Don Fitzner

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**Newsletter:** Barbara and Bill Simms

**Choir Director:** Morrow Hall

**McMurray Rep:** Carolyn Moore

**Gardening:**

- Leslie Fastnacht
- Barbara Simms
- Julie Griffo

**MANY THANKS** to all the people who volunteer their time and service to all the jobs that further the Lord's work and make our church run smoothly.

## **UNITED METHODIST CASH GIFTS FOR KATRINA EXCEED \$3.6 MILLION**

BY ELLIOTT WRIGHT  
United Methodist News Service

NEW YORK-Cash contributions to the United Methodist Committee on Relief for Hurricane Katrina relief and rehabilitation totaled \$3.6 million as of Sept. 19.

That amount includes gifts made by Internet and telephone donors, and two days of checks received by mail, according to Roland Fernandes, treasurer of the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries. UMCOR is part of the mission agency.

Mr. Fernandes said he has been asked to make comparisons between cash contributions to Katrina relief and donations following the tsunami that struck in South Asia at the end of last year.

He said he was hesitant to make any such comparisons because it is very soon after Katrina and because the situations are different. UMCOR received more than \$40 million over a six-month period for tsunami relief and rebuilding.

“Donating money was one of the few avenues open to people who wanted to respond to the tsunami disaster’ Mr. Fernandes explained.” Many responses are possible to the ravages of Katrina. In addition to cash contributions, church members in the U.S.A. are also providing great amounts of material goods, volunteering for post-hurricane cleanup, caring for displaced persons, and spending money to help people within their own communities and regions.

“We are enormously grateful to United Methodists for the many ways in which they are fulfilling their Christian responsibilities in the wake of the hurricane”

Donations to support the United Methodist response to the Hurricane Katrina tragedy can be made online at [www.methodistrelief.org](http://www.methodistrelief.org) and by phone at (800) 554-8583. Checks can be written to UMCOR, designated for “Hurricanes 2005 Global;’ Advance No. 982523, and left in church offering plates or mailed directly to UMCOR, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY 10087-9068.

*Mr. Wright is the communications officer for the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries.*



### **Biblical Archaeology**

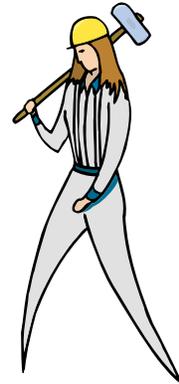
Biblical Archaeology with Don Shockey begins October 11th at EUMC for two evenings. Don has a BA in Archaeology and Anthropology. He was involved in the excavation in the Roman amphitheater in Durres, Albania, and the leader of the 1990 archaeology expedition on Mt. Ararat. He completed a survey of entire Qumran Plateau cave, Dead Sea Scrolls in Qumran, Israel as well as the Temple Mount in Jerusalem in 1996. Come join us Tuesday and Wednesday evening October 11th and 12th for two nights of Biblical Archeology. Tuesday the 11th will begin at 6:00 pm with a meal and 7:00pm on Wednesday the 12th. (Please RSVP to 384-2710 if you are coming to the meal at the education bldg.)

**JUST IN CASE YOU HADN'T NOTICED...****Your Trustees at Work**

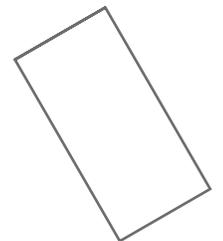
Unless you're a Trustee, you might not have noticed the changes that have taken place around our church the last several years.

**Here are only a few of the Board of Trustee's recent accomplishments:...**

- Starting with the new concrete stairs and wheelchair ramps on both the sanctuary and education building...
- Replacing the roof on the education building...
- Construction of the new nursery enclosure in the education building...
- Creating the pastor's office out of the old nursery...
- Planting the lawn in front of the education building...
- Rebuild basement Sunday school room after the fire...
- Building flower beds, planting flowers, pruning trees & hedges, and mowing lawns in preparation for our 100th anniversary celebration...
- Painting our Church Treasurer's computer room...

**Here are just a few of the items on our "to do" list...**

- Rebuild education building kitchen with new floors, cabinets and countertops...
- Rebuild church basement which involves:
  - Repairing concrete floors...
  - Repainting Sunday school rooms...
  - Recarpeting Sunday school rooms...
  - Replacing basement door...
- Repainting bell tower...
- Installing security lighting in back yard...



As always, your trustees are only a small part of the Church's labor force. You, our members, have always risen to the occasion when it comes time to lend a hand to make our church look better and work better. If you would like to help out the trustees in any of its projects, please contact any of your trustees. They are: Mark Lambert, Carolyn Moore, Marcella Reynolds, Francis Winn, Bill Simms and Bruce Dile.



## **THE 7UPS**

### **1. Wake Up.**

Decide to have a good day. "Today is the day the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" Psalms 118:24

### **2. Dress Up!!**

The best way to dress up is to put on a smile. A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks. "The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at outward appearance; but the Lord looks at the heart" I Samuel 16:7

### **3. Shut Up!!**

Say nice things and learn to listen. God gave us two ears and one mouth, so He must have meant for us to do twice as much listening as talking. "He who guards his lips guards his soul." Proverbs 13:3. "Gossip betrays confidence. Avoid men who talk too much" Proverbs 20:19 Listen to advice, accept instruction and in the end, you will be wise" Proverbs 19:20

### **4. Stand Up!!...**

For what you believe in. Stand for something or you will fall for anything. "Let us not be weary in doing good; for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good..." Galatians 6:9-10

### **5. Look Up!!...**

To the Lord. "I can do everything through Christ who strengthens me". Philippians 4:13

### **6. Reach Up!!...**

For something higher. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge Him, and He will direct your path". Proverbs 3:5-6

### **7. Lift Up!!...**

Your Prayers. "Do not worry about anything; instead PRAY ABOUT EVERYTHING" Philippians 4:6

## **A POSITIVE THOUGHT**

If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it. If He had a wallet, your photo would be in it. He sends you flowers every spring, and a sunrise every morning. Whenever you want to talk, He'll listen. He could live anywhere in the universe, and He chose your heart. What about the Christmas gift He sent you in Bethlehem; not to mention that Friday at Calvary. Face it, He's crazy about you. Send this to the people you're crazy about. I thought this was mighty special, just like you. Pass this on and brighten someone's day, and remember: God answers Knee-Mail.



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Tear Off

Sunday Monday

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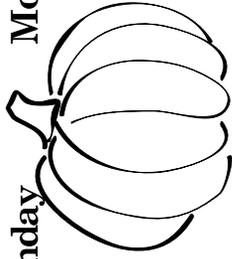
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*Sent with a prayer to:*

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### ***Do your part at church***

1. Go sit in the front row each week.
2. Volunteer to do the job most people shun.
3. After most people have left a church dinner, remain behind to help clean up and put things in order.
4. Tell the pastor to feel free to call on you when someone needs help in an emergency.
5. When a campaign is held to raise funds for a church project, be among the first to give time, talent and resources to show your support and enthusiasm.
6. Occasionally give something or do something anonymously. If it's spectacular enough, the church will go "bananas" trying to figure out who did it.

# **OCTOBER 30**

#### **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.