



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



OCTOBER, 2007

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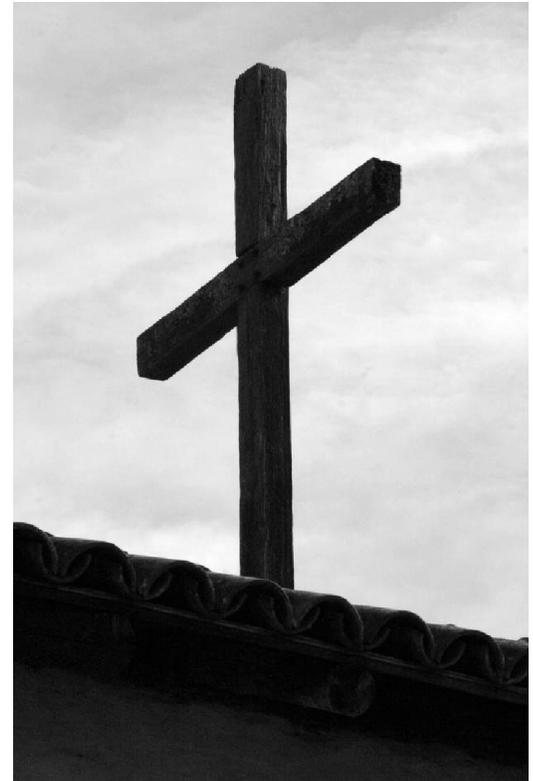
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Please visit us on the web:
<http://www.gb-gm-umc.org/estancia>



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

From Pastor Gary

“The greatest single cause of atheism in the world today is Christians who acknowledge Jesus with their lips and walk out the door and deny him by their life style. This is what an unbelieving world finds unbelievable.

“What if I stumble? What if I fall? What if I loose my step and make fools of us all? Will the love continue when my walk becomes a crawl? What if I stumble? What if I fall?”

We don't always think about our witness and how others are affected if we stumble or if we fall in our Christian walk. Does the world really care if a Buddhist doesn't live a Buddhist life? Does the world care if a Hindu doesn't live according to Hindu teachings? Does the world care if a Christian doesn't follow Christ's teachings. You bet it does. We are a city on a hill, the light to the world, and the salt of the earth. Jesus said that we are to let our light shine before men that they may see our good deeds and praise our Father in heaven (Matt. 5:16). We know we are to be the light of the world, but how are we to be the light? 1 Peter 2:12 says, “Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God...”

I believe the way our light shines is connected to how we live our lives. We can't claim to be a Christian and live any way we choose. To be a Christian means we follow Jesus and live by his teachings. Our friends, our neighbors, the people in a grocery store, and everyone in town is paying attention to how we live. Our words and our actions become our witness, and here you thought you had to go door to door to witness. If our words and actions don't coincide with the Christian lifestyle, then we aren't very good disciples for Jesus. We know compromise is calling and sometimes we do stumble; however, we know God is calling us to live lives that are different from the world. Our focus is to be modern-day disciples. This fall we will be examining the marks of a disciple, the characteristics of disciples. I encourage you to come learn more about being a disciple, and I encourage you to live such good lives that your light shines as bright as possible.

-Pastor Gary

UMCOR co-sponsors airlift to Republic of Georgia



Donated medical supplies are unloaded at the airport in Tbilisi, Georgia. The airlift was sponsored by the United Methodist Committee on Relief, Project Hope and the U.S. State Department and will help more than 90,000 patients in the Caucasus region. UMNS photos by Gia Chkhatarashvili, UMCOR.

By Linda Beher*

Sept. 18, 2007 | TBILISI, Georgia (UMNS)

An airlift sponsored by the United Methodist Committee on Relief and Project Hope, with millions of dollars in donated medical supplies, has arrived in Tbilisi, the capital city of the Republic of Georgia.

The Sept. 14 flight was the 912th conducted by Project Hope and the U.S. State Department since 1992. The shipment means a healthier life for more than 90,000 vulnerable patients in the Caucasus region. The former Soviet republic is a country of great economic need in the mountains separating Europe and Asia.

The C-17 cargo plane carried 20 representatives of several international nongovernmental organizations, including the Rev. R. Randy Day, chief executive of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries, UMCOR's parent organization, and Marc Maxi, executive director of field operations for the relief agency.

"UMCOR celebrates its collaborations over the years with Project Hope," Day said. "We share a common goal - that of promoting international peace and cooperation as we respond to human need."

Sandra Roelofs, the first lady of Georgia, was among officials on hand to welcome the plane. She said the flight represented "not only friendship but development."

Can You Make a Difference in the Life of Your Minister?

Celebrate Clergy (Pastor) Appreciation Month in October

October is Clergy Appreciation Month (CAM) and the perfect time to commit to praying for and encouraging our ministers on a regular basis. This year, several ministries, denominations, publishers, bookstores and church groups are participating in this significant event, including the National Day of Prayer Task Force (NDP). As Shirley Dobson, Chairman of the NDP Task Force, has stated, "Our pastors are on the front lines in the effort to defend our faith and our families. We must hold them before the Lord in prayer... I have a very tender heart for pastors, because they've been there for all of us when we have been in times of crisis—when we've been in times of suffering ... we owe these pastors a debt of gratitude that we'll never be able to pay."

God's word calls us to support clergy. In 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 we are told:

"And now, friends, we ask you to honor those leaders who work so hard for you, who have been given the responsibility of urging and guiding you along in your obedience. Overwhelm them with appreciation and love" (The Message).

Clergy Appreciation Month gives you the ability to take action and keep your pastor from becoming what H.B. London, Jr. has called an "endangered species."

According to a Focus on the Family survey, forty percent of pastors responding said they had considered leaving their pastorates in the past three months. Pastors reported that their foremost difficulty was keeping their family lives and ministry responsibilities in balance. According to Focus on the Family, 1,500 pastors in America leave their ministry every month.

Pastors need to take time away with their family but most pastors are barely making enough money to survive. Most cannot afford to take time away with their family.

For more info go to: <http://www.pastor-appreciation.net/pastor-appreciation.html>

Finance Committee

The information on Vacation Bible School costs and donations for this year that I provided in last month's Newsletter was incorrect based on new numbers I received recently. I am reluctant to share the new numbers until we have a chance to review them at our next Finance Committee. It still appears that the costs were much higher than anticipated and we will be addressing this as we prepare the budget for 2008.

-Mel Stephenson, Chairman

NOTE: The trustees have asked that if you make a donation to our church's building fund, that you specify "New building fund" on your payment.

Mountainair UMC News



We have just completed the new ramp and rail, and fresh blue trim paint around the windows, so, today I took a photo. We also want to list the names of those that donated their time and work, and in some cases materials to be able to construct and complete it.

The main man, whose idea it was, and who did the drawings and participated in all phases, with some help from others at times, was Wray Simmons. He laid out the forms, hauled in all the natural rock, did the cementing of all the rocks into place, and helped the Mountainair Concrete folks do the pouring of the ramp. He's also been doing the blue trim painting around all the new windows. His wife Shirley and Tom's wife, Lois, have also been pitching in on most days to help where they could. Several others gave him assistance at various points, including in no small part, Tom Stephens. Leroy Simmons donated the pipe and did the forging and welding of the decorative rails. Maxwell Simmons also donated money, and two others, Anna Hopping and Wayne Wester, gave assistance to Wray on several occasions. Ted and Mary Jones helped defray the cost of concrete and other materials purchased.

Also, completed in the last few weeks, before they returned to Florida for the winter, Tom and Lois Stephens completely remodeled the bathroom..... new carpet, paint, cabinets, tile tank top and hot water heater top, and otherwise, just completely fresh and new. What an improvement !!

-Mary Jones



Mountainair UMC News Cont'd



New Railing Detail



New Bathroom

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon at MUMC (August)



October 2007

Tear Off

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Pastor Gary in Mountainair 9 AM Womens Bible Study 7 PM Men's Bible Study	3 10:am Quilters	4	5	6
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THE METHODIST STORY

On April 23, 1968, The United Methodist Church was created when Bishop Reuben H. Mueller, representing The Evangelical United Brethren Church, and Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke of The Methodist Church joined hands at the constituting General Conference in Dallas, Texas. With the words, “Lord of the Church, we are united in Thee, in Thy Church and now in The United Methodist Church,” the new denomination was given birth by two churches that had distinguished histories and influential ministries in various parts of the world.

Theological traditions steeped in the Protestant Reformation and Wesleyanism, similar ecclesiastical structures, and relationships that dated back almost two hundred years facilitated the union. In the Evangelical United Brethren heritage, for example, Philip William Otterbein, the principal founder of the United Brethren in Christ, assisted in the ordination of Francis Asbury to the superintendency of American Methodist work. Jacob Albright, through whose religious experience and leadership the Evangelical Association was begun, was nurtured in a Methodist class meeting following his conversion.

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.