



NEWSLETTER

OF THE

Estancia United Methodist Church

600 Williams, Estancia, New Mexico

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Your Church Staff

Chairperson of Church Council	Mel Stephenson
Recording Secretary	Vickie Coburn
Organist	Morrow Hall
Lay Member of the Annual Conference	Marcia Fitzner
Chairperson: Board of Trustees	Bill Simms
Worship Team Leader	Melanie Chavez
Education Team Leader	Leslie Fastnacht
Chairperson: Missions	Marcia Fitzner
Care and Outreach Team Leader	
Chairperson: Pastor Parish Relations	Jim Wyman
Chairperson: Finance Committee	Marcia Fitzner
Financial Secretary	Vickie Coburn
Church Treasurer	Sylvia Levy
President UMM	Jon Shively
McMurry Rep	Charles Spooner
Sacramento Camp Rep	Cheryl Chavez

Bishop: D. Max Whitfield

District Superintendent: Rev. Thomas Nagle

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

CHURCH PICNIC

The Methodist Men sponsored the first annual picnic at Grace Park on September 20th. Grace Park is a Methodist owned, wooded, retreat property with camp sites, water, electricity, chemical toilets, a picnic pavilion with two gas grills and one charcoal grill, and a short guided hiking trail. The park is located off Oak Flat Road near Ponderosa. About 35 people attended the event. Mel Stephenson and Phil Levy served as BBQ chefs. Bill Simms and Nick Griffo handled logistic support for the activities. In addition families brought potluck side dishes and desserts. The old and young enjoyed the grounds and the weather was perfect.



-Jon Shively

Following, are some pictures from the event:



Kids Eat First!



Too Many Cooks



Don's friend Max and his wife



Kids had a great time

Mountainair UMC News

The Mountainair Community Chorus has begun rehearsals for the Christmas Cantata. However, if you wish to join us, you are still most welcome and will not suffer from a late start. We are meeting at the Mountainair Methodist Church at 6:30pm on Monday evenings. You do not need to read music and there is a music fee of \$10. We will present the cantata on Sunday afternoon at 4:00pm on December 13. If

you would like to sing but are apprehensive, come and "audition" us. Questions may be directed to Patty Mahoney (384-4157), Marcia Fitzner, Jon or Joanie Shively, or Elaine Ramsey.

IN CASE YOU HADN'T NOTICED

Maybe you hadn't noticed that the old wall heater at the back of the sanctuary has been removed. This past week Phil Levy took down the heater, plugged the gas pipe and repaired the wall to look like the original. Phil also took it upon himself (representing our church and the Men's Group) to donate the heater to a family in need. THANKS, PHIL!

From Our Finance Chair

Good news... The Charge Conference is over and the reports have been submitted. We all had a time of good fellowship and met the new District Superintendent, Tom Nagle. We still need to work on the new budget and will have that completed before the end of the year. Having the conference this early gets us somewhat off track, but we have no control over the date picked by the superintendent. If you are the head of a committee and anticipate a change in the budget, please let me know as soon as possible in order that it might be considered for the new budget.

The Bishop has asked us to consider our church as a mission field and to look around our community to see what we might do to expand our work in the community. We become so accustomed to situations in our community that we overlook some of the needs right in front of us.

As usual, I am very proud of our members. Everyone is doing more than their share which allows us to function very well. I hope that you never hesitate when you see something that needs to be done or hope that someone else will do it. This is our church and we have promised God that we will take care of it.

The trustees have been doing many things to improve and make the place where we gather to worship and praise God more comfortable. The United Methodist Men are helping folks and the quilters are always ready to help with different projects around the church. People who work on the glass windows go far beyond what is asked of them and we experience the beauty of their work every Sunday. Vacation Bible School once again was a great success thanks to the extra work that people were willing to put forth. The people that gather to sing are a great joy and I know that all of us enjoy listening and praising God together. I know that I have left out a lot of good work that is going on and I guess that is because I have become so used to knowing that all these things will get done because of the wonderful spirit in our church.

Soon we will be moving into the holiday season and we will all be very busy. My prayer is that we will not be too busy that we forget to care for each other and for our church.

-Marcia Fitzner

Window Project Continuing at Rapid Pace

September has been another productive month, even though the full crew has not worked the full month due to other commitments. In fact, only two of us worked on the windows for most of the month. We have installed one window and another window is ready to install. We are currently working on three windows, the miracle window, Jesus in the temple when He was a 12 year old boy, and Jesus with the fishermen, Peter and Andrew, at the seashore. I think we can complete and install these three windows in October. It appears we can complete at least two windows each month. This will be consistent with our estimate of completing the job in about two years as stated earlier. The scaffolding boards were returned and installed in September. This will allow us to complete the trim on the upper windows. We are planning a concerted effort to get the trim on all the installed windows in the near future.

In addition some of the group are making special projects for the upcoming seasonal events, such as, Halloween and the Balloon Festival plus special requests.

-Mel Stephenson



Della



Mel



Sylvia



Marcia



Gayle



Butch

LINCOLN AS HOLY HUMORIST

From the wit and wisdom of Abraham Lincoln:

"Laughter is the joyous universal evergreen of life."

"Were it not for my little jokes, I could not bear the burdens of this office... With the fearful strain that is on me night and day, if I did not laugh I should die."

"I believe it is the inalienable right of a man to be happy or miserable, and I, for one, choose the former."

"They say I tell a great many stories. I reckon I do, but I have learned from long experience that plain people are more easily influenced through the medium of a broad and humorous illustration than in any other way."

"In regard to this great book, the Bible, I have but to say it is the best gift God has given. But for it we could not know right from wrong. All things most desirable for man's welfare, here and hereafter, are to be found portrayed in it."

"Men are not flattered by being shown that there has been a difference of purpose between the Almighty and them."

Col. Alexander K. McClure, a personal friend of Lincoln, said that "Lincoln's laugh was striking." McClure later published a book of Abe Lincoln's Yarns and Stories. Here is one of Lincoln's favorite stories:

A minister and a lawyer were riding on a train together.

"Sir," the minister asked the lawyer, "Do you ever make mistakes while in court?"

"Very rarely," the lawyer said, proudly, "But on occasion, I must admit that I do."

"And what do you do when you make a mistake?" the minister asked.

"If they are large mistakes, I mend them," the lawyer said. "If they are small mistakes, I let them go. Tell me, Reverend, don't you ever make mistakes while preaching?"

"Of course," said the minister. "And I dispose of them in the same way that you do. Not long ago, I meant to tell the congregation that the devil was the father of liars, but I made a mistake and said the father of lawyers. The mistake was so small that I let it go."

CHARGE CONFERENCE MEETS

Last Wednesday, September 23rd, the Charge Conference for the Estancia and Mountainair charges met to confirm the leadership for the coming year. Below is the leadership for Estancia and Mountainair for the coming year.

EUMC ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

*CHMN- Marcia Fitzner
 *LMAC- Marcia Fitzner
 SEC- Vickie Coburn
 *FINSEC- Vickie Coburn
 *TREAS- Vickie Coburn
 *SPRC- Mel Stephenson
 *Designated Finance Team

*TRUSTEE- TBS
 Mem-Nurture- Jan Winn
 Worship- Sylvia Levy
 Education Butch McGee
 Outreach- Barbara Simms
 McMRep- C Spooner
 CampRep- C Spooner

Committees**SPRC**

10- Cheryl Chavez
 10- Jan Winn
 11- Nick Griffo
 11- Gayle Clark
 12- Mel Stephenson
 12- Alma Wimsatt
 LMAC- Marcia Fitzner

TRUSTEE-Directors

10- Bill Simms
 10- Mary Alice Drolte
 11- Harry Irvin
 11- Phil Levy
 12- Jason Fastnacht
 12- Della Stephenson
 Honorary- Jon Shivley

WORSHIP TEAM

CHMN- Sylvia Levy
 Comm.- Susan Samuels
 Music- Marrow Hall
 Specials- Jon Shively

LAY**LEADERSHIP**

09- Francis Winn
 10- Bill Simms
 10- Marcella Reynolds
 11- Mel Stephenson
 11- Lowell Clark
 12- Alma Wimsatt
 12- Julie Griffo

OUTREACH TEAM

Chmn- Barbara Simms
 FP- Butch McGee
 Soldiers- Alma Wimsatt

COUNTERS

Julie Griffo
 Mary Alice Drolte
 Rene Richards

MUMC ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

CHMN- Patty Mahoney
 SEC- Shirley Simmons
 LMAC- Wanda Giovengo
 FIN- Wray Simmons
 TREAS- KentPotter- VP Trustee
 SPRC- Kent Potter

TRUSTEE- Tom Stephens- Chmn
 At-Large- Wanda Giovengo
 Lois Stephens
 Mark Goulet
 Jay Warner- Trustee
 Bertha Warner

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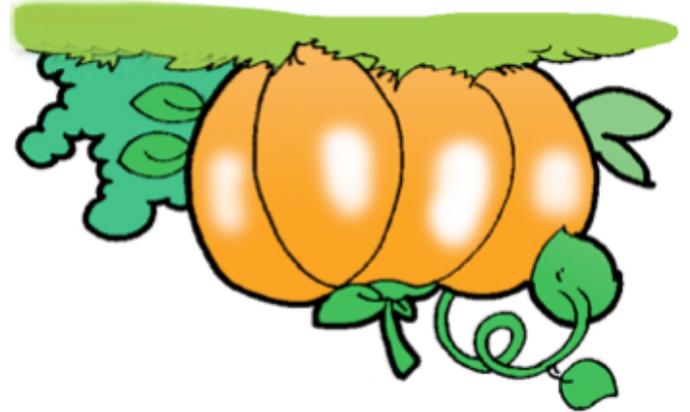
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Sent with a prayer to:

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To Unfold a Rosebud

A young, new preacher was walking with an older, more seasoned preacher in the garden one day and feeling a bit insecure about what God had for him to do, he was inquiring of the older preacher. The older preacher walked up to a rosebush and handed the young preacher a rosebud and told him to open it without tearing off any petals.

The young preacher looked in disbelief at the older preacher and was trying to figure out what a rosebud could possibly have to do with his wanting to know the WILL OF GOD for his life and for his ministry. Because of his high respect for the older preacher, he proceeded to TRY to unfold the rose, while keeping every petal intact...It wasn't long before he realized how impossible it was to do so.

Noticing the younger preacher's inability to unfold the rosebud while keeping it intact, the older preacher began to recite the following poem...

It is only a tiny rosebud,
A flower of God's design;
But I cannot unfold the petals
With these clumsy hands of mine.

The secret of unfolding flowers
Is not known to such as I.
God opens this flower so sweetly,
When in my hands they fade and die.

If I cannot unfold a rosebud,
This flower of God's design,
Then how can I think I have wisdom
To unfold this life of mine?

So I'll trust in Him for His leading
Each moment of every day.
I will look to him for His guidance
Each step of the pilgrim way.

The pathway that lies before me,
Only my Heavenly Father knows.
I'll trust Him to unfold the moments,
Just as He unfolds the rose.

(author unknown)