



NEWSLETTER

OF THE

Estancia United Methodist Church

600 Williams, Estancia, New Mexico

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Chairperson of Church Council	Marcia Fitzner
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Lay Member of the Annual Conference	Marcia Fitzner
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Worship Team Leader	Sylvia Levy
Education Team Leader	Butch McGee
Chairperson: Missions	Marcia Fitzner
Care and Outreach Team Leader	Barbara Simms
Chairperson: Pastor Parish Relations	Mel Stephenson
Chairperson: Finance Committee	Marcia Fitzner
Financial Secretary	Vickie Coburn
Church Treasurer	Vickie Coburn
President UMM	Jon Shively
McMurry Rep	Charles Spooner
Sacramento Camp Rep	Charles Spooner

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District Superintendent: Rev. Thomas Nagle

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

Where Is Happiness To Be Found? By Maria Parkinson

Happiness is something all of us seek and yet, many of us never find. We seem to think that one day "we will be happy when we get a new car or a big house or get married....." and the list goes on and on. Or, the other side of the coin is that we feel we should be happy every minute of the day and when we are not then something is very wrong!

The thing is, if we are continually searching for happiness in the outside world, we will be very disappointed. It may feel as if we are forever chasing it around the next corner with our butterfly net and it is always just one step away.

Happiness is a fleeting state of mind, just like the state of sadness or joy or anger. It is unrealistic and it would not be appropriate for us to be in a happy state 24 hours a day. If you think that sounds ridiculous, think about being at a funeral when everyone is mourning. Would it feel right to go about with a huge grin on your face?

Not only that but how boring would life be if we were all constantly happy? Contrast in our lives helps us grow and understand the value of all experiences. We need to be able to respond in all manner of



ways according to what we are dealing with at any given time. All emotions and states are part of the rich tapestry of life.

Happiness can be found in reaching out and being in relationship with all things and people. It is about appreciating the little moments in life because these become our happy memories.

Happiness is a dance with whatever is in front of you. It is a deep connection to everything around you. It does not come from expecting others to bring you joy but rather stems from how you can create joy for others.

If you want to experience happiness more often, see what you can do to put a smile on someone else's face each day and notice how much happier you feel when you have achieved that.

Stained Glass Project

There was significant progress in September and some of the more significant accomplishments included: 1) Installed the remaining nine windows in the south center section of the church; 2) Installed the Foot Washing window; 3) Completed the assembly of the “Donkey” window that will be installed above the “Jesus in the Temple” window; 4) Started the design of two windows for the north side of the church; 5) Started the assembly process on two windows for the north side of the church.

We are still planning a “window-trim installation” workday for the previously installed windows in the near future.

-Mel Stephenson



Della and Jan Completing Touchup on Hosanna Window



Final Inspection

From Our Ad Council Chairman

Spring has “sprung” and winter is coming. The leaves are changing colors. It is a time for renewal. As a church we have just had our Church Conference. This is an annual accounting of our progress to the New Mexico Conference. It is a time to report improvements to buildings, additional property that might be given, sales of property and change of ministerial staff, etc.

Our church is doing very well and that is because of you, who keep supporting us with your money and service. Whenever I have an opportunity to speak with the Bishop, I nearly pop my shirt buttons! We are among very few churches doing so well. I know we will continue to do what we feel God is wanting us to do. All we need to do is listen!

As our weather changes, new opportunities and new directions present themselves. We will go forth in faith and new understanding of our duties, while looking forward to new ways of working together.

Thanks to all of you for making our church look good!

-Marcia Fitzner

Glass Shop Workers Enjoy Train Ride in Northern New Mexico

Last weekend some of the glass crafters took a day off and rode the train from Chama to Antonito, Colorado. We saw beautiful fall colors and a good time was had by all.



Mountainair UMC News



The Mountainair United Methodist Church will hold a community stuff sale of new and gently used “stuff” on October 8 and 9, from 8am to 3pm, at 301 Sunset Avenue in Mountainair. Come, shop and visit. Info: Patty 847-4157, Wanda 847-0804 or Bertha 847-0000.

MUMC recently completed a long-needed refurbishing of the roof over their fellowship hall. It had a good test last week during a rainfall of over an inch and there were no leaks!



Before



After

Methodist Men

The Methodist Men met September 18, for breakfast, fellowship, and business. A special breakfast casserole was prepared by Mel Stephenson. After breakfast the men prayed and sang a hymn.

The men decided to send \$100 to the Waco Methodist Orphanage Home. Don Fitzner gave an explanation of the mission of the Home and agreed to forward the check to them. Mel Stephenson gave a brief review of progress on the stained glass windows for the church. It was decided that we have enough trim ready to have a work party finish the windows. Phil Levy has stained most of the trim. Jon Shively has the drawing for the trim on the main south windows and has started to cut the wood.

The kitchen cabinets with the electrical plugs have been installed, and the counter top is ready to be installed.

Phil Levy presented the design for the work table in the copy room. He expects to complete the table by next week.

Jon and Phil attended a men's breakfast at First Baptist Church where it was discussed how to work together in community outreach. Immanuel Baptist and First Baptist Churches have been invited to come to our men's breakfast on October 16 to organize our work teams for outreach to the community. We need your prayers that this meeting will be a success.



Guitar Class

The fall session of the guitar class begins October 6th. The beginning class will meet at 6:30pm and the intermediate class meets at 7:30pm. The classes will meet on the first and third Wednesdays. Because the church is hosting the cooking class for diabetics on the 6th, the guitar class will meet in the sanctuary. Tune up your guitars and plan to join in the fun.

Choir

Joyous Singers, aka. The Buckeroos will meet on October 13 at 6:30 pm to rehearse an anthem.



-Jon Shively

Leadership Nominations - Estancia 2011

Administrative Council

<p>*CHMN- <u>Marcia Fitner</u></p> <p>*LMAC- <u>Marcia Fitzner</u></p> <p>SEC- <u>Vickie Coburn</u></p> <p>*FINSEC- <u>Vickie Coburn</u></p> <p>*TREAS- <u>Vickie Coburn</u></p> <p>*Comptroller- <u>Bill Simms</u></p> <p>*SPRC- <u>Mel Stephenson</u></p> <p>MemNurture- <u>Jan Winn</u></p>	<p>*TRUSTEE- <u>TBS</u></p> <p>WORSHIP- <u>Sylvia Levy</u></p> <p>EDUCAT- <u>Butch Mcgee</u></p> <p>OUTREACH- <u>Barbara Simms</u></p> <p>McMRep- <u>C Spooner</u></p> <p>CampRep- <u>C Spooner</u></p> <p>Membership- <u>Marque Sturgis</u> <u>Marcella Reynolds</u></p>
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* Means Finance persons to meet as needed, apart from Administrative Council!

COMMITTEES

SPRC

11- Nick Griffo

11- Gayle Clark

12- Mel Stephenson

12- Alma Wimsatt

13- Sylvia Levy

13- Jim Wyman

LMAC- Marcia Fitzner

COUNTERS

Julie Griffo

Mary Alice Drolte

Rene Richards

TRUSTEE - Directors

11- Harry Irvin

11- Phil Levy

12- Jason Fastnacht

12- Della Stephenson

13- Bill Simms

13- Mary Alice Drolte

At-Large- Jon Shivley

WORSHIP TEAM

CHMN- Sylvia Levy

Comm.- Susan Samuels

Music- Marrow Hall

Specials- Jon Shively

OUTREACH TEAM

Chmn- Barbara Simms

FP- Butch McGee

Soldiers- Alma Wimsatt

LAY LEADERSHIP

11- Mel Stephenson

11- Lowell Clark

12- Alma Wimsatt

12- Julie Griffo

13- Bill Simms

13- Melanie Chavez

CONTENTMENT by *Bishop Max*

Contentment appears to be a value that most church members and congregations value above everything else. The Apostle Paul calls us to learn to be content with whatever comes our way in life. We are to be content when we have everything we want in life, **and** when we fail to have even the basic necessities of life.

I saw many of the United Methodist Christians in the Congo who have taken Paul's words to heart. They knew their relationship with Jesus Christ was more important than money, housing, food, education, or health. Knowing and serving Jesus was what really mattered. Everything else was of secondary value.

However, here in the United States it appears we have taken contentment as the primary value in the life of the Church. We tolerate injustice, gossip, spiritual mediocrity, congregations slowly dying, conditions of our communities and a lack of respect for other people. We are so content that we are the walking dead. We stand for nothing; we stand up for nothing; we become like the Church at Laodicea that is neither hot nor cold. We refuse to even invite people to attend worship with us for fear of making them uncomfortable or members of the church uncomfortable.

I see creating discontentment as one of my primary roles and responsibilities as a bishop of the Church. Individuals need to become discontent with their relationship with Jesus Christ and strive to become more like him in word and deed. Pastors need to become discontent with the way they are leading congregations. Congregations need to become discontent when they walk among people who do not know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and believe they are doing everything expected of them to see God's Kingdom come on this earth as it is in heaven. We need a great awakening of dissatisfaction with ourselves and what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

A few months ago I wrote about the necessity of treating every person with respect, especially those with whom we do not agree. These persons are still our brothers and sisters. We need to respect their ideas, thoughts, and opinions. I certainly may not agree with them, but Jesus calls me to love my enemies and treat everyone as I would desire and wish to be treated. I was not prepared for the response. I was accused of being political. I needed to focus on spiritual issues and avoid placing the Church in the middle of political debates. I confess that I utilized public instances and public figures to illustrate my point, but some of the responses justified such crude disrespectful behavior and words. Some responses appeared to reflect approval of inappropriate behavior if it was in the political arena. There needs to be a great awakening of dissatisfaction with behavior that does not reflect Jesus Christ.

We need a great awakening of dissatisfaction with the spreading of half-truths. Our next General Conference is less than two years away. It disturbs me to see the spreading of inaccuracies by varying groups to promote the adoption of legislation they believe needs to be approved. I strongly believe in our legislative process and a representative form of governance, but I strongly oppose individuals making inaccurate statements in an effort to advance their position.

We need a great awakening in most congregations to reach new people, younger people and more diverse people. We are too content with not making new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We prefer to remain as we are, rather than risk losing our lives in order to save the life of our neighbors. I remember a prayer given while I was in seminary that went something like this: Lord, comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable. It is a prayer I believe I need to pray each day. A prayer I need to live each day. Sometimes I am afflicted and I do need to be comforted. There are other times when I need to be afflicted that I will become like Jesus.

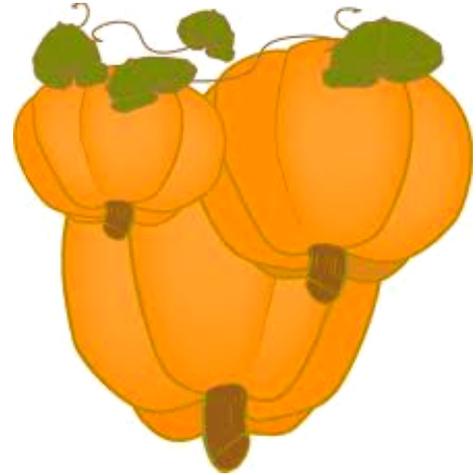
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It Is Well With My Soul (The Rest of the Story, er Song)

The year had been filled with tragedy when Horatio Spafford, a forty-three-year-old Chicago Businessman, penned this hymn. He and his wife were still grieving over the death of their son when the Great Chicago fire struck and caused them financial disaster. He realized that his family needed to get away, so that fall of 1873, he decided to take his wife and four daughters to England. His wife and daughters went ahead on the SS Ville du

Havre; he planned to follow in a few days. But on the Atlantic the Ville du Havre was struck by another ship and sank within twelve minutes. More than two hundred lives were lost, including the Spafford's four daughters. When the survivors were brought to shore at Cardiff, Wales, Mrs. Spafford cabled her husband with the words, "Saved alone." He booked



Ville du Havre

passage on the next ship to meet his grieving wife. It was while crossing the Atlantic near the spot where his daughters had died, that Spafford penned the words to the hymn: "When sorrows like sea-billows roll . . . / 'It is well with my soul.'" Hymn #377