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*Sunday Worship 9:00 AM*  
*Nursery Provided*  
*Church School 10:30 AM*



## **Newsletter - October, 1998**



### **OCTOBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:**

Lay Assistant: Julianne Welch  
Ushers: Kathy & Jeff Gorum  
Greeters: Nick & Julie Griffio  
Acolytes: Jessica Gorum & Ashley Welsh

### **OCTOBER YOUTH SCRIPTURE READERS:**

Oct. 4 Katie Rogers  
Oct. 11 Dominic Griffio  
Oct. 18 Christopher Hughes  
Oct. 25 Amy Lamb

### **OCTOBER NURSERY CARE:**

Oct. 4 Barbara Simms  
Oct. 11 Julianne Welch  
Brian Wilson (youth assistant)  
Oct. 18 Renee Richards  
Oct. 25 **Volunteer Needed!**

### **FROM THE PASTOR'S PASTURE:**

You may have noticed dual themes in church and in the newsletter during the last month: COMMITMENT AND STEWARDSHIP. Well, for some they may be themes, for others they may seem like news coverage of the Clinton-Lewinski affair--endless! To that I would answer, "Don't make time and money your mistresses, and I am not lying."

Actually, the real theme is "WILL." How much WILL we let God have back of what has already been His? How much WILL we put into our spiritual account to draw from later with regard to possessions and time? God WILL let us have all we need, but He needs to know if we WILL invest into the sacrificial account He gave us in Jesus Christ.

WILL you give thanks to Him for your blessings?  
WILL you invest those blessings for His glory?  
WILL you bless others as you have been blessed by

Him?

Giving, investing, and blessing in time, talent, and treasure are all matters of the WILL. Yours? Or His?

God's blessings be on YOU and all of yourself You give to Him in prayer, service, and material to this His church.

Dave

### **WELCOME TO OUR NEW FAMILIES:**

The Sharps: Cyle, Sharla, Jett, Belyne from Clovis.  
The Stewarts: Alan, Shellee, Ashlea, Josh from Albuquerque. We pray you are at home with us. Let us know if we can do anything for you.

### **WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:**

Alma Wimsatt, baptized on August 23.  
Bonnie Thomas, joined on September 27.  
We welcome you into our fold and we treasure the ministry you have already provided in God's glory for us.

### **CHILDREN AND YOUTH:**

Children's Sunday School is not only alive and well now, IT IS THRIVING!! Great fun for all ages in newly decorated rooms downstairs. If you haven't had your children involved, we invite you to do so.

The youth went on a nature walk on September 28 after church and had a great time. There are plans for more activities and plans are also being made regarding community service. This is the first time since Pastor Dave has been appointed here that a concerted youth program has been put together. Many thanks to Julianne Welch for her perseverance and especially to Jeff Gorum, Nick Griffio, and Sam Wilson for their dedication to this very special ministry.

**Logos-** Recently a new youth program called Logos was offered to our congregation by the Education Committee. The presentation was given by Debra Freeman from the Trinity Episcopal Church in Albuquerque. Logos is a mid-week program that bridges the gap from Sunday to Sunday for youth, ages Kindergarten through 12th grade, and is also an opportunity for the adults of the congregation to study and become better disciples for Christ. The program is basically about building disciples for Christ in a four-part weekly program that covers Bible Study, Activity & Play, Family Time and Worship Skills. It was decided to go forward with this program with the understanding that we would continue to become educated about Logos and share that education with the congregation, with the intent of beginning a Logos program in September of 1999. This program would replace our current Monday School program, but is not designed or meant to replace the Church's weekly Sunday School program.

**FOR YOUR OCTOBER CALENDAR:**

•••**Sunday, October 11:**The Zabalzas will be here to give us their special music. We are blessed to have them come and provide us with their rich, beautiful music.

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If you've heard them before, you'll want to come back. If you haven't heard them, make plans for a very special worship service. Also, **Harold Garrett** from the Gideon's will be here to present the Gideon Bible Program. Harold was here last year and gave a wonderful message. Bring your friends for a great Sunday morning!

**At 4 p.m. on the 11th** we will be having our **Charge Conference** with District Superintendent, **Dr. Terry Anderson** presiding. Come and hear the state of the church and our ministry. Your comments are always welcome. Then, stay for **fellowship** afterwards. If you could bring **finger foods or desserts** to share after the meeting, it would be highly appreciated.

•••**Sunday, October 18:**  
**Choir practice starts!!**  
Rehearsals start at 8:00 AM and go through 8:45 AM. Don't get discouraged if you get there a little late--just come sing! The choir has been a blessed part of our worship for many years and we are looking forward to many programs with their special music.



**The 18th is Laity Sunday** Giving us his witness for the very first time is **Nick Griffo** Laity Sundays have always been a treat for everyone, and this one will be just as special. You will be blessed by Nick's message and by the singing of **Michael Calhoon** Come to church one and all for this very special occasion.

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

The new officers for the U.M.W. are:

- President: Marcia Fitzner
- Vice Pres: Agatha Garrison
- Treasurer: Ethel Floyd
- Secretary: Renee Richards
- Nominations: Bonnie Thomas
- Support Team: Alma Wimsatt and Dee Dee Young

We at Estancia United Methodist Church thank you for your ministry and your mission work to the world. You are an inspiration to all of us.

**CARE AND OUTREACH**

One of the strongest areas this church is known for in the community and many parts of the valley is its care and outreach for people who are suffering, alone, etc. But, this committee needs your help. We can't get to people for visits or deliver cards, cookies, etc., if we don't know who is in need. Would you help be our eyes and ears? Care and Outreach Committee Members are:

- Bonnie Hughes, chr.
- Ruby Martin
- Bonnie Thomas
- Kathy Martinez
- Patty Acosta
- Marcella Reynolds
- Renee Richards
- Kathy Gorum

If you know of a need, let any one of these committee members know what it is and how they can help.

**"PLEDGES"**

Thomas Cook, treasurer of St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Orlando, FL, decided to use humor in a letter to parishioners to remind them to keep their pledges current.



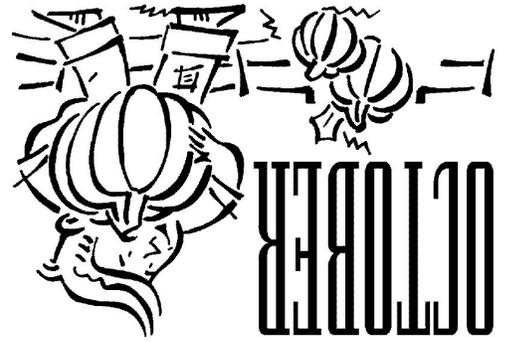
"So, that's what tithing was all about"

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**Daylight-Saving Time ends, October 25 !!**