



NEWSLETTER

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Sunday Worship 9:00 AM

Hello Church!

As the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes reminds us... there is a season for everything under heaven. Time marches on. Signs of seasonal change are all around us. We've had a BUSY summer! We've had some rain, temperatures are slowly backing down from scorching summer highs, school is back in session; and (the surest sign of all that autumn is upon us) the District Superintendent has scheduled Annual Charge Conferences. The Estancia/Mountainair Charge Conference is scheduled for Sunday, October 7 at 5:00 PM.

Charge Conference is a time of congregational fellowship, reflection, and commitment to the upcoming year's ministries. Following is a brief excerpt from the notice received from Albuquerque District Superintendent, Rev. Jeff Lust, regarding his agenda for our time together:

"These are the "have-to-do's" of the Charge/Church Conference:

- Approval of pastor's compensation
- Approval of Lay Speakers and/or Candidates for ministry
- Approval of recommendations of the Committee of Nominations and Lay Leadership
- Approval of Shared Ministries

The Charge/Church Conference is not the venue to sort out difficulties facing the congregation. It is not the place to "fix" problems that exist. It is not required (nor suggested) to approve an annual budget."

Your church leadership – Pastor/Parish Relations, Trustees, Finance, Lay Leadership, Administrative Council members, etc. – is quite busy compiling the required data, information, and forms. But in addition to the ‘Have-to-do’s,’ I’d like our time together to be a celebration of what God has done and is doing in our midst. Toward that end, I solicit your input. Would we like to include (because Rev. Lust was unable to attend Estancia’s Stained Glass Window dedication) a tour of Estancia’s windows in our time together? What else would you like to do to celebrate the past year’s accomplishments and herald the new year’s opportunities? I’d like to hear your ideas!

Please be in prayer for the leadership of our churches as we reflect on how God has used the church, the body of Christ, in Estancia and Mountainair over the past year; and listen for God’s voice calling us to new opportunities in the future.

Blessings,
Pastor Bonnie

Pastor Bonnie's Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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What a Day!

Last Saturday, August 25, we celebrated the culmination of four years of effort to fabricate and install 85 stained glass windows in our church. We stuffed about 160 members, well wishers and admirers into the sanctuary to give credit to those who dedicated part of their lives to this worthwhile project, and to those who donated generously to help make it happen.

Pastor Bonnie lifted everyone’s spirits with a bright and humorous welcome.

Marcia Fitzner shared her intimate knowledge of the miracles that happened over to course of the four years keeping the project viable and on track.

Mel Stephenson called the “core 7” workers to the front of the church and discussed their role in the project and gave credit to all the others who took part in the construction.

Pastor Charlie led the “Liturgy of Dedication” which dedicated these windows to the service and glory of God.

Patty Mahoney and **John Shively** led the combined Estancia and Mountainair Choirs in the opening song “*Seek Ye First*” and the closing song “*We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations*”

The brass plaque that was displayed in the sanctuary during the dedication has been placed in the rear of the sanctuary. The plaque contains the names of (1) those who made donations to the window project, (2) those who made a donation in memory, or in honor of a friend or loved one and (3) those individuals who actually participated in the project.

Afterwards, everyone enjoyed refreshments prepared by the ladies of the church, pictures, newspaper articles and mementos of the project.



Dedication Plaque



Combined Estancia and Mountainair Choirs



Mountainair UMC News



On Tuesday, August 7, the Mountainair UMC hosted our annual luncheon for the teachers and staff of the Mountainair School District. This is one of those fun challenges, as we have to set the sandwich and salad buffet up so that the folks can cruise in, fill their plates, eat, shout and laugh, and return to their respective tasks within an hour! Whew! This year we served well over 50 people, teachers, admins, district office personnel, maintenance guys, and volunteers. We schedule this on the last day before the kids return to school and it is a lot of fun for us as well as for them.

-Patty Mahoney



From Marcia

We have come to the end of another part of our journey together and we need to rest a while and be thinking of what the next phase of our journey together will be. So keep eyes and ears open to see how and where the Lord will lead us next.

Saying THANK YOU seems so inadequate to everyone who did their best for the celebration. As far as I am concerned, everything went as close to perfect as possible. No one hesitated when asked to do something, regardless of how important or unimportant it might have been. I do know that other groups don't always work that way. (The Holy Spirit was at work.) Vicky Coburn was my right hand (she did not know this) and she did a wonderful job! I truly thank her for that.

I have received phone calls this week telling me what a wonderful event it was and thanking us for inviting them to be a part of the celebration. My next step is getting in contact with the New Mexico Magazine to see when, and if, they can put us in one of their issues.

The time for Charge Conference will be upon us sooner than we think. Many of you will be asked to get reports ready, attend meetings, etc. We will be starting a new church year very soon. So many changes are going on in our Conference, with new Bishops, changes in the Conference office and our own new minister, however, I know that we will get through this in good fashion.

Remember to keep your eyes and ears open! God has wonderful plans for us, if we will but listen.

-Marcia Fitzner

Methodist Men

The Methodist Men did not have an official meeting this month but we met informally at the Cowboy Breakfast on the 18th.

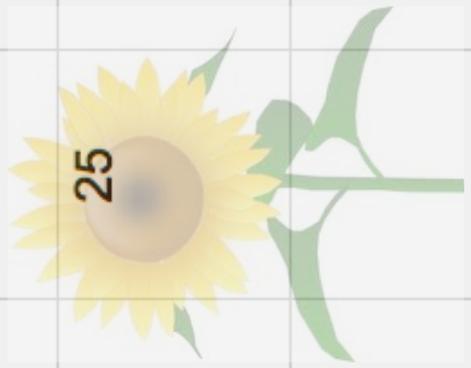
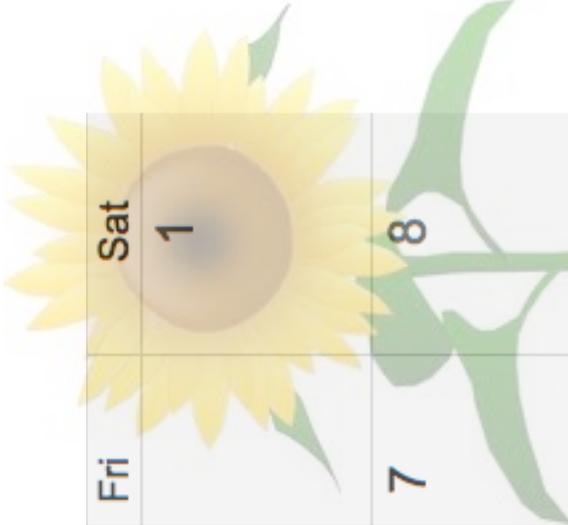
Joyous Singers

The Joyous Singers were very active this month in support of the church services. We sang jointly with the Mountainair choir for the dedication of the windows on the 25th. Next month we will continue to meet on Tuesdays at 4pm, but will be less active because of vacation plans.



-Jon Shively

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WE'VE A STORY TO TELL TO THE NATIONS (569)

Nichol, H. Ernest, 1862-1928

1862-1928

H. Ernest Nichol (b. Hull, Yorkshire, England, 1862; d. Skirlaugh, Yorkshire, England, 1926) had begun a study program in civil engineering when he decided to study music instead. In 1888 he received a bachelor's degree in music from Oxford University. Nichol wrote some 130 hymn tunes and texts, many under the pseudonym "Colin Sterne" (derived from his middle and last name); many were first sung at church school programs

Nichol, H. Ernest, was the author and composer of the hymn 'We've a story to tell to the nations.' He was a musician, who originally planned to be an engineer. He was born in Hull, Yorkshire, England in 1862. He graduated from Oxford University in 1888 and composed a number of tunes, mainly for Sunday School anniversaries. For those for which he wrote the words as well, he used the pseudonym Colin Sterne, an anagram using most of the letters of his second name and surname. He died in Skirlaugh, near Hull on 30 August in either 1926 or 1928.

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

1 We've a sto - ry to tell to the na - tions, that shall turn their
 2 We've a song to be sung to the na - tions, that shall lift their
 3 We've a mes - sage to give to the na - tions, that the Lord who
 4 We've a Sa - vior to show to the na - tions, who the path of

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