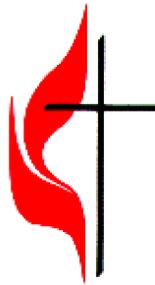




**NEWSLETTER**  
OF THE  
**Estancia United Methodist Church**  
*600 Williams, Estancia, New Mexico*



**September - October**  
**2006**



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**Your Church Staff**

Chairperson of Administrative Council	Marcia Fitzner
Recording Secretary	Carolyn Moore
Lay Leader	Francis Winn
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Lay Member of the Annual Conference	Nick Griffo
Alt. Lay Member of the Annual Conference	Marcia Fitzner
Chairperson: Board of Trustees	Mark Lambert
Chairperson: Worship Committee	Julie Griffo
Chairperson: Education Committee	Susan Wilson
Youth Representative	Brian Wilson
Chairperson: Missions	Marcia Fitzner
Chairperson: Prayer Evangelism	Nick Griffo
Chairperson: Care and Outreach	Kristie Brown
Chairperson: Pastor Parish Relations	Melanie Chavez
Chairperson: Finance Committee	Mel Stephenson
Chairperson: History	Ethel Floyd
Financial Secretary	Marcella Reynolds
Church Treasurer	Sylvia Levy
President UMW	Alma Wimsatt
President UMY	TBA
President UMM	Nick Griffo

Bishop: D. Max Whitfield  
 District Superintendent: Rev. Jim Hawk  
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<http://www.gbgbm-umc.org/estancia>

**Prayer Concerns**

- Shane Brue - Colon cancer stage 3
- Elenor Sanchez
- Agatha
- Missy Short - Lung Cancer
- Joe
- Frances Tyler
- Irene Armstrong
- Ruth Brindle
- Donald Berry
- Erma Ann McGee
- Ruth - Mel's sister
- Mary Garcia
- Peter Sanchez
- Shlrley Solomon
- Pam's Sister
- Billy & Dustin Newsom
- The men and women of the armed forces
- National leaders and leaders of the world

**Sunday Worship 11:00 AM**  
**Nursery Provided**

**From Pastor Gary**

Imagine your bank crediting your account each morning with \$86,400, and every evening taking back whatever you did not use. What would you do? Draw out every penny and invest it, of course! Well every morning God credits us with 86,400 seconds. Tonight He'll write off as lost what we did not invest. We can't accumulate any of it and we can't borrow against tomorrow; we can live only on today's deposits. Are you getting a good return on His gift to you? Make the most of this day for the clock is running! Before you know it, you'll make your last withdrawal on the "bank of time" and stand before God. To realize the value of year, ask a student who just failed a final exam and has to take the course all over again. To realize the value of a month, just ask a mother who recently gave birth to a premature baby. To realize the value of an hour, ask lovers who only have one hour left before they are separated. To realize



the value of a minute, ask a student just missed the bus. To realize the value of a second, ask a driver who has just avoided an accident. To realize the value of a millisecond, ask a silver medalist who had to settle for second place in the Olympics. In a lifetime the average American will spend:

- o Six months sitting at stoplights
- o Eight months opening junk mail
- o One year looking for misplaced objects
- o 2 years unsuccessfully returning phone calls
- o 4 years doing housework
- o 5 years waiting in line
- o 6 years eating
- o 13 solid years watching television

So, how are you spending your 86,400 seconds each day?

*-Pastor Gary*

### **“NEW THINGS”**

We love new things. We love to get a new car. We like to have new cloths. We love new toys. My boys can't wait to go to Toys 'R Us and buy a new toy with their allowance. They have a few dollars saved up and they can't wait till we go to Albuquerque to spend it. We love new things. As a matter of fact the Ad-council has been talking about new things. This last week we talked about having a new focus. The Committee on Lay Leadership (nominations) discussed this new focus and made some decisions for this coming year and we are going to be trying a “New Thing.” We are not going to have a bunch of standing committees for people to be on that do very little or nothing at all. We are going to move to team leaders who will pick their teams. These teams will come together for a specific event or ministry, do their work and then disband. For example, we will have a VBS team that will work, plan, and carry out VBS and when it is done will disband. Another example would be a team to plan worship for Advent and Easter and disband. We are going to change the way we organize to carry out ministry. So you can be ready for some change to take place. As we move into trying something new remember to be patient and may God bless our “New Thing”.

### **YOUTH SCENE**



A couple of weeks ago nine teenagers met for a hot dog and marshmallow roast. We had a lot of fun. This next Sunday, Oct. 8th, we are planning our next youth meeting and providing we can get the use of the gym at city hall we will be playing Broom Hockey as well as having a lesson and eating some food. Watch for further details.

### **NEW MEMBERS...WELCOME!**

Be sure to say Hi to our new members: Harry and Kathy Irvin who joined last week. It is great to have them become a part of our church family so let's make sure they feel welcome.

## *Warnick Award*



Estancia UMC was awarded the Warnick Church History award during the Annual Conference Session in Glorieta. **Nick Griffo** and **Marcia Fitzner** were proud to accept the award for our church.

The Warnick Award is given in three categories depending on the size of the local church. We were awarded the small church award because we are less than 500 members. The award is focused on histories of local churches. The award is given annually and honors the best local UMC history published in the sponsoring annual conferences (Texas, North Texas, Central Texas, Southwest Texas, Northwest Texas Rio Grande, New Mexico and Oklahoma Indian Missionary conferences.)

The purpose of the award is to encourage and celebrate the research writing and publishing of histories of local churches. The award is named for **Mrs. John Warnick**, long time curator of the Methodist Collection at Bridwell Library Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University.

So you can see there is always stiff competition. Thanks to our **History Committee** under the fine leadership and dedication of **Ethel Floyd**, we were given this award.

I think all of us who participated in this 100 year event will always remember the occasion fondly and also the folks who made it happen. It was a great pleasure for **Nick and I** to be able to stand before the Annual Conference and let everyone know that we are well and alive and going forward here in the Estancia UMC!

*-Marcia Fitzner*

## **Stewardship Committee - Growing Joyful Stewards in Your Congregation**

On August 24, 2006 the Stewardship Committee met in the Education Building to determine a path forward for our Stewardship Program. Some of the topics discussed were: Stewardship Plan, best season for our campaign, determine our mission, prepare narrative budget, sermons on stewardship, emphasize ministries, involvement of the church, encourage growth in giving, and report on the outcome of the campaign. The involvement of the church began the first Sunday in September with the question cards in the bulletin and will continue through October 1, 2006. The response has been very good and we have received some very good suggestions. The committee agreed it would be best to purchase a program and with the Ad. Council's approval, we have ordered a program from the Ecumenical Stewardship Center (available from Cokesbury) named "**Giving: Growing Joyful Stewards in Your Congregation.**"

On Thursday, September 28, 2006 five church members, **Marcia Fitzner, Vickie Coburn, Frances Winn and Mel Stephenson, and Pastor Gary** attended a day long workshop on stewardship at St. Johns Church in Albuquerque. The workshop was presented by **Dr. J. Clif Christopher** with Horizons Stewardship Co. and the New Mexico Annual Conference. **Dr. Christopher** provided some very helpful insights into how non-profits, including churches, actually obtain their funds and a historical perspective on giving. He concentrated primarily on churches since this was the purpose of the workshop.

*-Mel Stephenson, Stewardship Chairman*

### **WHAT? A NEW WAY OF DOING THINGS !!!!**

The Administrative Board has voted to adopt a new plan for doing ministries. All details have not been worked out, but I thought it necessary to let everyone know so that you would not be surprised as the way of doing some things may change.

The traditional committees that we have had forever are not working as well as they could - so what we propose is that the traditional format for committees will change and some of the process that committees had to go through would also change. We simply must find a way to do God's will in our church and community and that is why we propose this change.

We are still working on process, but just a brief view is that one or several of you may perceive a need in our church or community - a need that some of us could do more effectively. This new process would enable you to present your idea to pastor, myself or **Mel Stephenson** (at this time), and we could proceed with planning and implementation with you and others like you who truly have an interest. (Unless you want to tear down walls, spend a million dollars or fire the preacher, we can work something out.) So be thinking!

With this process you would only commit to a short-term project and not have to serve on a committee forever. There are some committees we do need because the "Discipline of the United Methodist Church" requires it. Beyond that, we can form ministry teams to do our other work. We will keep you properly informed as the process takes shape. I know with your cooperation and God's help we will be able to proceed with God's work in our church and community.

I count on you to keep this in your prayers as we move forward together doing the Lord's work in our church and community.

*-Marcia Fitzner, Chairman, Administrative Board*

**Mountainair UMC News**



As you may know, the Mountainair Church had a fall picnic at the lovely mountain home of Wray and Shirley Simmons, last Sunday afternoon. Those who were present were: Pastor Gary and Amanda Eggart and the two boys; Wray and Shirley Simmons; Ted and Mary Jones; Tom and Lois Stephens; and Patty Mahoney.

Following a delicious potluck lunch, an abbreviated devotional and hymn sing was held. At the conclusion of the service, Wray and Patty entertained the group with a couple of Flute and Piano duets. I'm including a few photos of Wray and Shirley's unique and wonderful home for everyone to enjoy.

Other than our Annual Charge Conference coming up Oct. 15, when we will join you folks in Estancia for a potluck following your service...the only other thing I can think of is that Patty has begun the rehearsals with the Mountainair Community Chorus for the Annual Christmas Cantata. Looks like quite of few folks are participating again this year. Performance will be on Sunday Dec. 17th. Time and place to be confirmed soon.

Guess that's about all for this month...except we are certainly thankful for the beautiful new stucco on the church, and the new roof over the fellowship hall, and for all new windows to be installed soon all around the building (except the stained glass ones.)

*-Mary Jones*



Ted Jones



Wray Simmons

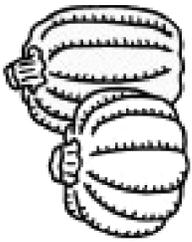
Gary Eggart



Simmons' Home



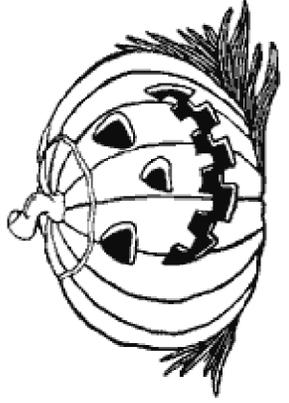
Shirley Simmons



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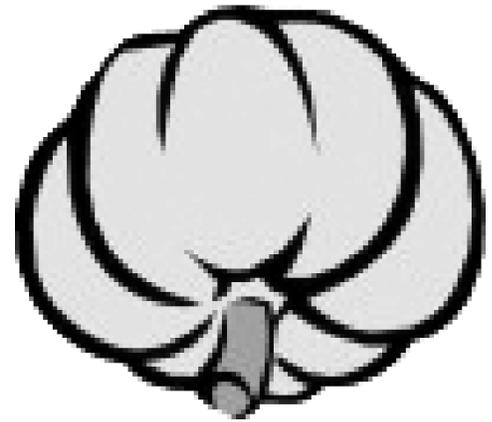
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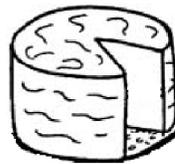


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## **Recipe Corner:**

Devils Food Cake (Mrs. R. J. Walker)

1 2/3 cups sugar  
1 cup butter  
1 cup buttermilk  
4 eggs  
2 cups flour (+3 tsp for high altitude)  
1/2 tsp soda  
a pinch of salt - real pinch  
2 squares melted chocolate



Bake at 350° (375° for high altitude) for about an hour (depending on your oven)

This cake was made for the funeral of Francis' older brother, Everett Henry Winn, Jr. in 1926 in Colorado City, Texas.

This is a delicious cake..... Jan Winn

### **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.**