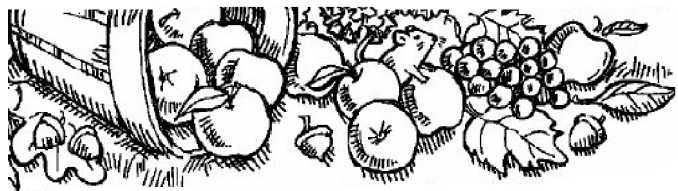




*Estancia United Methodist Church,
600 Williams, Estancia, New Mexico*



September 1999



SEPTEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lay Assistant: Tracy Hemke
Ushers: Julieanne Welch & Marilyn Seddon
Greeters: Renee Richards
Acolytes: Sydney Alfonso & Erinmarie Blackwell

YOUTH SCRIPTURE READERS

Sep. 19: Audra Long
Sep. 26: Chris Hughes

WHEN'S WORSHIP?

By a huge majority of the 33 who voted as to the preference for keeping the Sunday worship time the same or moving it to a later hour, it has been mandated to **keep the worship service at 9:00 a.m.** 63% (21/33) voted to keep the

time the same; 24% voted for a 9:30 start time. Three votes were cast for 10:00 and one for 10:45.

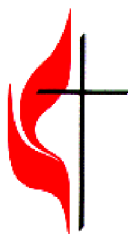
This means that Bible Study classes and business meetings will meet after worship. And the choir would convene either before 9 or on another day in the evening.

CURRENT STATS

As of this writing, **E.U.M.C.** has 140 members, which is up 23 from a year ago, and up 13 since the end of 1998. The average weekly attendance through September 5 is 75, which is up 10 from a year ago and up 8 from the end of 1998.

Dave Blackwell, Pastor

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

BLOOD DRIVE

On Sunday, September 26, in the Education Building after the worship service, there will be an opportunity to donate blood in honor of **Matthew Sanchez**.

Blood is a precious commodity, and there is a fear that supplies will run low at the end of the year (Y2K fear). Honoring

Matthew in this special way is to help us remember to keep him and the **Sanchez family** in our prayers. Come to church ready to give of that which God gave you, the blood of life. Then, stick around for snacks or lunch afterward. Thank you.



COMMITTEE BUDGETS

There are still some committees that have not turned in their budget requests to the Finance Committee. The FC will be meeting in a few days to discuss the entire budget and put a package together for the Administrative Council. If the FC does not have a committee's budget, it will have to decide on its own what that committee needs. Do not look for increases from the FC without the chairperson's input. A growing church needs the necessary information for its ministries. Chairperson's are asked to please get their particular church budgets into **Lacy Daniel, Carolyn Moore, or Marcella Reynolds** right away. Thank you.

DONATIONS

Donations toward expenses the **Sanchez family** will have while they are in Boston for **Matthew's** surgery can still be made at the NORWEST bank in **Matthew Sanchez's** name. Many thanks go to the organizers of this fund and those who were able to acquire airline tickets for the family.





WHAT'S GOING ON?

On **Monday and Wednesday mornings from 5:30 to 8:30**, a come-as-you-are prayer and meditation time is being provided for the community in the church building. Music, prayer, devotionals and communion will be offered.

This is not a set service, so if you have a reading or a

devotional, bring and share. **Pastor Dave** will be there to pray with you, give a reading/devotional, and serve communion. Come when you can before work and take time to gain spiritual strength for the day. **Pastor Dave** will provide some fruit and rolls for the first two weeks with the hope that others will contribute, too. This event is for the community. Bring friends and car-poolers. All are welcome. Come when you can, leave when you must. Start your week with time in Christ and call on Him to help you get through the rest of the week.

Starting September 15 and 16, Bible study will resume with a study on money and discipleship. **Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.** You will not have to buy a book. Class times average about 1 1/2 hours. This will be a six (maybe seven) week study designed to give us new insight as to how we are to use money to glorify God and give us peace of mind. Newcomers to Bible study are welcomed and encouraged to come to this low-key, low-stress class.

Learn
to Study
the Bible



On **Sundays, right after worship, starting September 19, Pastor Dave** will have a Bible Study **from 10:15-11:00**. The preference is to have people get together to talk and discuss agree, or disagree with the meaning of the sermon for you. This would be an opportunity to gain more from the message and witness

to the church about our own experiences. The second preference is to do a study about the attributes of the Holy Spirit. This is a class designed for adults. Teens are also welcome to join in and teach from their views. Grab some coffee, (or maybe some volunteers can bring some juice and a snack) meet back in the sanctuary, and let the kids go to their Sunday school while you gain more spiritual food for the week.

COME AND SEE-

The Education Building has a new look inside. The walls are freshly painted white, the new cinnamon colored carpet has been installed, and several new gray portable divider-partitions have been added for classrooms and **LOGOS**. A great deal of planning, work, and money went into this project by a few members of the church so that it would be nice for us and for the community. Many thanks to the Trustees and volunteers for a job well done.

Something to ponder, but not too much, because then

nothing gets done. **Men:** What do you think about a Saturday morning meeting once per month for fellowship, Bible Study, feasting, and fix-up in the church called "**TOOLS**", **Toward Ongoing Outward Love & Service**? Nothing personal, ladies, but I have been asked about this possibility several times. This would also be a good evangelizing tool in the community. Let Dave know what you think about this.



There are some "**rumblin's hereabouts**" about doin' a **Sunday night Gospel music service**. Let's get some musical-type-folks together for some singin' and chile. Say maybe **October 10, 6:00-ish?**

Finance Committee - Carolyn Moore: The remaining balance in each committee's budget was read. \$500 was paid on appropriations this month. Rent for the new post office box will be \$66 per year. The checkbook balance is \$6,241.42. Of that amount \$3,185.01 is for special offerings leaving a balance of \$3,056.41.

Worship Committee - Peggy Blackwell: The new praise songbook, **MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE** was introduced during worship services on August 15, 1999.



Care and Outreach - Bonnie Hughes: The committee continues to send cards of concern and sympathy to members as well as Estancia residents. Bread is delivered to newcomers in the community. A series of meals was organized for the Sanchez family during young **Matthew's** illness

PASTOR'S ON DUTY & OFFICE HOURS

SUNDAY On duty: 6 a.m.-4 p.m.

In office 12-4 p.m., unless in meetings.

(There will be occasional Sunday night 8VCS.) i:

MONDAY On duty 5 a.m.-5 p.m. In office 9a.m.-5 p.m.

Event: Prayer svcs., 5:30-8:30 a.m.

TUESDAY On duty 9 a.m.-9 p.m. - In office 3-9 p.m.

Event: Visitation; possibly in Albq.

WEDNESDAY On duty: 5 a.m.-10 p.m.

In office noon-4 p.m.

Events: Prayer svcs, 5:30-8:30 a.m. ;

Bible Study, 10-Noon !

Logos, 4-10 p.m.

THURSDAY On duty: 9 a.m.-9 u.m.

In office 2-5 p.m.

Events: Visitation; possibly traveling

FRIDAY Off duty till 9 a.m. Saturday.

SATURDAY On duty: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

In office 9 a.m.-noon.

Events: Prep. for Sunday, and/or visits.

Note: Travel will occasionally occur on Mon. and Sat. (I will try to make that known ahead of time.) Special events and emergencies = additional time. I will be available at the lunch hour, noon-on. Evening meals are from 5-6 p.m. Return calls made t 9 p.m., or next day.

LOGOS KICKOFF SEPT 15!!

Announcements: Would you please consider donating the following items to LOGOS by September 13? Jeans, buttons, and lace. See **Renea Calhoon** after church.



There is still time to register children and for adult helpers to get on board for the first-ever Logos program here. Contact **Susan Wilson**, 384-1018 or **Julianne Welch**, 384-2569.

FROM THE LOGOS STAFF

The LOGOS staff would like to share some information with you. How can we, a small church, afford to fund a program like LOGOS? Well, we've spent many hours worrying about this very issue. Folks who have been with the church for a long time and who have seen and experienced hard times when the funds just weren't there for extras, know how difficult times can be in a small church, and they have talked with us a lot about this matter. So we began this program with *prayer, prayer, prayer*, and then we were blessed when the Finance Committee was able to find \$1,200 to be used for LOGOS. Let us tell you about that budget. We had our **Mini LOGOS Sunday** in the early part of the year and spent \$105.37 for the breakfast. Then a little later in the spring we raised \$273 when we hosted a breakfast. I believe we all felt the blessings of the fellowship we experienced, as well as the blessing of adding to our budget, *rather than taking away from it*. In March, we sent 6 staff members to LOGOS training at the cost of \$815. We had \$41 in the budget for training so we began to *pray, pray, pray*, and then when the **District Superintendent** found out that our small church was committed to bringing children and youth and each other closer to Christ, he sent us \$400 to be used for training. Still, the question remained; how can we ever afford to fund this project? The LOGOS staff had no intention of putting a great strain on our small, but growing church. We understood the finances of the church and did not want to place greater pressure on our congregation and church finances, so we took it to prayer again. We *prayed, prayed, prayed*, and then one day **Lacy Daniel** contacted **Julianne** to tell her she had been reading the **United Methodist Reporter** and noticed there was grant money available called the **Bishop's Award**. She took the initiative to contact the appropriate people, received all the information and brought it to the LOGOS staff. We in turn prepared a grant proposal and sent it off, and we continued to pray. A few weeks later, **Dave** brought us the awesome

news that we had received the **Bishop's Award** in the amount of \$3,000, which would be plenty for us to get the program off the ground this first year. Then we prayed our thanks to the Lord for providing the way.

Something else you might not know is that the LOGOS Committee was contacted by some members of our congregation who wanted to donate money to Logos for the future purchase of hand bells or hand chimes for our church. We received funds in the amount of \$300 and we prayed our thanks once again. We indeed purchased hand chimes for the Church to be used by the children, and also to be used by the adults in the future. Almost half the cost of the chimes came from these gracious donors. The rest of the cost came out of our **LOGOS Bishop's Award** fund. The **Bishop's Award** has been broken down into each of the four parts of LOGOS, and we are confident that these funds will take the strain off the church budget for the duration of our first year with LOGOS.

We currently have 20 kids who have enrolled in LOGOS and of course we are very excited about fellowshiping and building relationships with them. Did you know there is a \$55.00 registration fee per child? For a family with more than one child, the fee does *decrease* with each additional child. The important thing to note here is that these registration fees fund the greater part of the program. The fee covers the meals for the child during the entire 20 week program, the curriculum that each child receives, and the **LOGOS System Associates** annual membership fee.

One more important factor you might want to know is that we are eligible to apply for the **Bishop's fund** for **3 consecutive years!** And if the Lord willing, we will once again receive this blessing. The LOGOS staff has come to realize that when we are called by God to serve in a specific way, He truly takes care of the details when we turn to Him first and allow him to be the true leader.

We feel confident that we are going to be able to serve the Lord in this program the way we have been called to do, and we hope that this article regarding the finances of LOGOS will help you to feel confident as well.

God bless you and many thanks for your support and prayers.

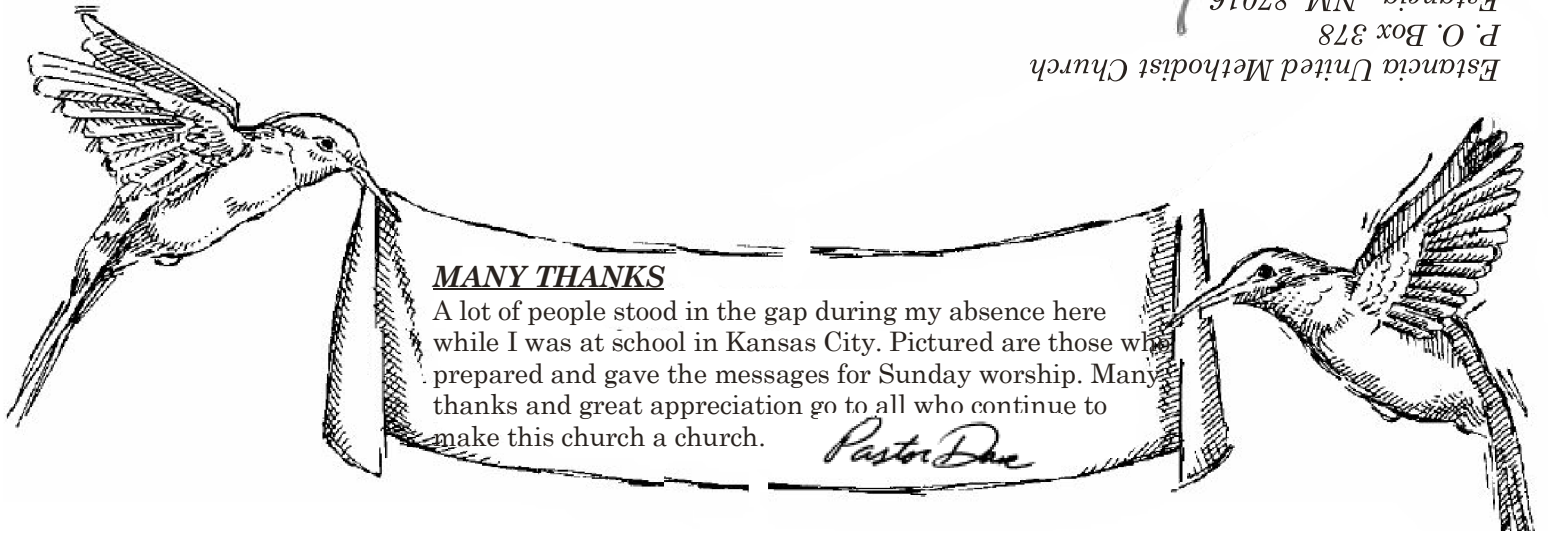
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Welcome Friends! We hope that you find our church hospitable, the worship meaningful and the fellowship enjoyable. Your presence is a blessing to us all.



Sent with a prayer to:

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MANY THANKS

A lot of people stood in the gap during my absence here while I was at school in Kansas City. Pictured are those who prepared and gave the messages for Sunday worship. Many thanks and great appreciation go to all who continue to make this church a church.

Pastor Dae



Nick Griffo



Jeff Gorum



Carolyn Moore



Cyle Sharp
(best photo available)



Pete Peterson John Hughes