



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

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



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**OUR MISSION: To honor God by leading people to become devoted followers and ministers of Jesus Christ.**

# SEPTEMBER, 2002



## SUNDAY SERVANTS FOR SEPTEMBER

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

- Lay Assist: Carolyn Moore
- Ushers: Mary & Tracy Hemke
- Acolytes: Beth Moore
- Greeters: Barbara & Bill Simms

### YOUTH SCRIPTURE READERS

- September 1: Andrew Moore
- September 8:
- September 15:
- September 22:
- September 29:

### KINGS KIDS

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**F** On Saturday, August 17, Bishop Whitfield called together the churches of this district for a time of sharing and challenge. We talked about the large number of people in our communities who do not attend a church. If we really believe that Jesus is the Savior of the **world** we have to be concerned for the eternal souls of these folks. It reminds me of an e-mail I sent to some of you this week called *The Secret*. The secret we know about Jesus was **not meant to be a secret**, but was meant to be shared. Jesus made that clear when he gave his final instructions to the disciples: *Matthew 28: 18-19 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And in the writings of the Physician Luke: Luke 24: 45-49a Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; Acts 1:8... you will receive power*

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### Pastor's Ponderings

*when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” And Finally from the words of John the Evangelist: John 20: 21-22 Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you. And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”*

These Scriptures make it plain that as disciples of Jesus we are not to keep our relationship with him a secret, but are to share it with all the world. Bishop Whitfield used the “The Parable of the Sower” (Matthew 13:1-17) to help us understand what we, as the “body of Christ,” are to be like. We are to be the good soil where the seeds planted can grow into fruitful, mature plants. We are to plant, water, weed, feed, and in every other way tenderly care for the tender seedlings. That means as a congregation we must be fertile soil. What does it mean to be a fertile congregation? What do unchurched people need to grow into mature Christians? That is the challenge we must deal with as we rise to the challenge that the Bishop has given to each church in this district to find, disciple, and grow five new families. This is more than a numbers game. We are challenge to do what Christ has called us to do. To rise up baby Christians and nurture them into maturity, so we can in turn send them into the world to rise up more baby Christians.

In the *Upper Room* for August 19, there was a wonderful story of a butterfly garden that was planted in the patio area of a local church. Each month members of the congregation would



come and care for this garden that was a banquet for the bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds, but it was also a place for members to gather after church for a time of quiet meditation.

One day a young girl, about 12 years old, stopped while the crew was weeding and said, “Are you the

people who keep the garden looking pretty? This is where my Mommy comes to pray.”

It was the first time the people who planned, planted, and cared for the garden had come to consider that the garden was a quiet spot of meditation for others in their community. Susan

Beamer who was a member of the butterfly garden club then wondered if the gardener at Gethsemane realized he was creating a place of prayer, and a place for Jesus to meet his Father. Do we have any idea what our “garden” means to the people of our community? The Parable of the Sower is a powerful story about what happens to seeds that are planted in various conditions. Many of the seeds wither and die, but those that are planted in the good soil grow and bear fruit a hundred, sixty, or thirty times what was sown. Which are we? Are we the rocky soil or do we produce a crop a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown? Whereever we are in God’s plan how can we improve the fertility of the soil we call Estancia United Methodist Church?

- Pastor Linda

## ***LOGOS***

LOGOS is underway again for another year. This year there are a few changes that will take place. First, as you may have already heard, we are blessed to have participation from 3 local Estancia churches as well as 2 more pastors. The three churches, First Baptist Church, Assembly of God and Emmanuel Baptist, will each be putting together a cook team to help minister in the Logos Program. If you know folks from these churches, or know their pastors, please take time to thank them for blessing the program this year with their gifts, service and talents. This year we will be providing a newsletter that will come out once or twice a month that will include pictures of the week's events at Logos and some brief notices about how it is going at Logos each week. Be sure to look for the newsletter to come out soon after we begin on September 23. We still need two more Worship Leaders for Logos. Worship Leaders teach the basics of worship, how important worship is in our spiritual lives, praise songs (which we have CD's for), skits, and other types of worship so that the children can learn and participate in worship services each week. We also need 4 or 5 more recreation helpers, as well as, 10 more Table Parents. Please contact **Susan** or **Julianne** if you feel called to participate in Logos this year in one of these capacities. Also please mark your calendars for September 16, 2002, which will kickoff our Logos



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### From Sharon Avery & Family:

**THANK YOU** for all the many prayers and calls during Sharon's mothers stay in the hospital. She is now residing in a wonderful nursing home. For those who would like to visit or send a card, below is Ms. Bender's address:

Ms. Janette Bender  
Manor Care Health Services  
5123 Juan Tabo NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87111

### Movie News From the Trustees

Movie production seemed to go well. It was quite the excitement for our little town of Estancia. The movie scene was shot at the church on Tuesday, August 14, 2002. It was pretty amazing to watch. They even made it rain - blue sky and all! The church received \$750.00 for the day, with a promise that they would paint the windows. If the windows do not get painted they will pay us an additional \$500.00.

Estancia made the Channel 4 News that night. **Julie Griffo, Angela Creamer** and yours truly was on the 6:00, 9:00 and 10:00 p.m. news. And no, Tom Cruise was not here...it will be something Estancia will be talking about for awhile!

*-Mark Lambert, Chmn*

### CHARGE/CHURCH CONFERENCE

Estancia UMC will have their Charge Conference on Thursday, October 10, at 7 PM. That means we have a lot of work to do in the mean time. PPRC and Nominating Committee will meet Sunday, September 8, after church. It is important that these committees get started on their reports as soon as possible.

How can we make our Charge Conference a time of celebration? It should not be just another boring meeting where we hand in a bunch of paper work, but a time to celebrate the ministry of Estancia UMC in the past, present, and future.



# TAKE NOTE

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH BEGINS SEPT 8

Sunday, September 8th, we will begin Children's Church for children 2 and up! This will be Sunday School during church services after the Kid's Sermon. Many fun things are planned like Gods Treasure Hunt and Noahs Animal Parade. Anyone with questions or who would like to volunteer to be a teacher, please speak to **Cheryl Chavez** 384-8060 or **Angela Creamer** 384-4167. Teachers will be rotating monthly.

## If You Are Not Praying for Your Child, Who Is?

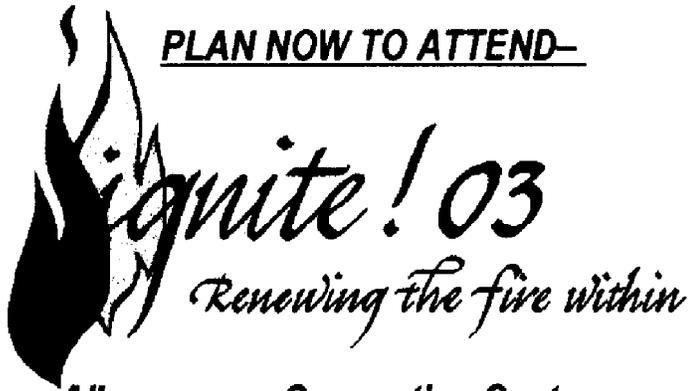
**Moms In Touch** is an international organization that calls mothers to meet to pray for their children and schools. The goal of **Moms in Touch** is to rise up mothers to intercede for every school around the world, and to see every school in the USA covered with prayer by the end of 2003. **Moms in Touch** is two or more moms who meet for one hour each week to pray for their children, the school, teachers, and staff. This organization is open to mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and friends who are willing to pray for a specific child and that child's school. It is not a lobbying group, but is a group that feels strongly that prayer can change our children, schools, and nation. Come learn more about **Moms in Touch** on **Sept. 15, at 9:15 am in the education building.** There will be an introductory video and information on how you can start your own prayer group for your child and his/her school.

### **Emmaus Events**

Women's Walk Sept. 12-15 Madonna Center, Abq.  
Men's Walk Sept. 17-20 Madonna Center, Abq.

### **United Methodist Youth Fellowship**

Several of our youth have expressed interest in starting a UMYF group on Sunday afternoons. The first organizational meeting will be on Sept. 22, at 6 pm. All youth and adults interested in being a part of the planning team are invited to attend.



**PLAN NOW TO ATTEND-**

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**Special earlybird price \$39/person before January 15, 2003 (thereafter, \$49).**

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## **The Prayer Group Invites You**

The Tuesday night prayer group on September 10, at 6:30 pm will be taking a prayer walk around the schools, and government buildings of Estancia. This can be a powerful way to invite God's presence into our schools and community. Sept. 11 will be a difficult day for many in this community and we can use our prayers to bring the presence of Christ into this first anniversary of a great tragedy for our nation. A tragedy that calls us back to God. Come join us in prayer.

## **Solar Fiesta!**

Would you like to learn more about how you can be a good steward of God's creation? Plan to attend the Solar Fiesta at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center in Albuquerque (off I-40 at 12th). It will be held on Sept. 28, 29. See brochures for details.

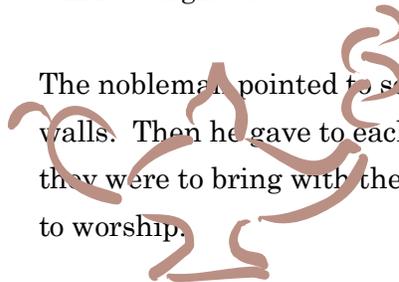


## **YOU ARE IMPORTANT**

In a certain mountain village in Europe several centuries ago, a nobleman wondered what legacy he should leave to his townspeople. At last he decided to build them a church.

No one saw the complete plans for the church until it was finished. When the people gathered, they marveled at its beauty and completeness. Then someone asked, "But where are the lamps? How will it be lighted?"

The nobleman pointed to some brackets in the walls. Then he gave to each family a lamp which they were to bring with them each time they came to worship.



"Each time you are here the area where you are seated will be lighted," the nobleman said. "Each time you are not here, that area will be dark. This is to remind you that whenever you fail to come to church, some part of God's house will be dark."

## FROM BISHOP MAX...

### Some of My Thoughts

The Church has a vital message to communicate as we approach special services of worship on Sunday, September 8 and Wednesday, September 11. We will remember the terrorist attack one year ago. We have a message that cities, counties, and patriotic groups do not have. It is message of peace, hope, and love in Jesus Christ.

Some families will be going through an extremely difficult time. They lost family members and friends in the war in Afghanistan. Others will be remembering those who died in New York, Pennsylvania, and Washington, D.C. Many others are still working through their anger and frustrations. It will be an important and difficult time, as we gather to hear a fresh word from our Lord.

Part of the good news is the assurance of God's presence. God has not deserted nor forsaken us during our grief. We are not alone.

Most of us live far from the bright lights of the television cameras and national attention. We did not lose loved ones in events related to the war on terrorism, but we have all suffered our own personal grief and lost.

Imagine some of those who might be present in a worship service on these dates--a mother whose child was killed in an automobile accident; a child, whose parents died after many years of faithful and productive service, feeling guilty because they are mourning after many wonderful years of life and having such fabulous memories; a couple who experienced a miscarriage a few days ago; a youth trying to discover what God is calling him to do; an adult fighting drug addiction. All of these people need to know they are not alone. God is with them.

The world changed on September 11, 2001. Terrorism can occur anywhere, even in our own community. Wealth, honor, and prestige will not protect us. We must have a solid rock on which to build our lives. That rock is Jesus. It is not military force, smart bombs, nor spy satellites. Those who rely on anything else will be sadly disappointed.

There may be several individuals attending worship for the first time for these special services of worship. What an opportunity to proclaim what no other group outside of the Church has to offer! I pray our witness will be clear and grounded in the love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Grace & Peace,

-Max

## ***JESUS WAS A TEACHER***

Jesus was a teacher. We call our Lord by many names - Messiah, Son of God, Savior, the Great Physician, and the servant of God and humans. But the one name of primary importance is Teacher.

Jesus came forth from a religious tradition that put the greatest importance upon instruction in the faith. The teacher - or rabbi, as he was called - occupied a revered place in Judaism. An instructor of the faith and particularly one who undertook the instruction of youth were very serious considerations. The best minds and the most able persons were recruited for the task of teaching.

Jesus was a teacher in the strictest Jewish sense. His vocation, however, was not so much teaching about how to get along in life, but teaching the way of life - what it is all about, what God expects of us, what love requires of us. It was not humankind in general that Jesus taught, but persons in particular - the individual as God's child. While Jesus' teaching was applicable for all, it was always directed to the individual. Jesus taught individuals about life under God's loving guidance and care. Jesus taught what we are to be, what we are to do, how we are to live and to love under the guidance of God.

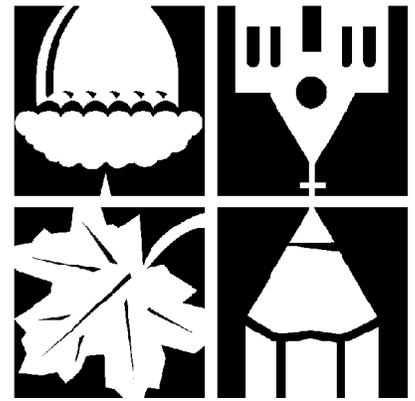
*-Paul Ward*

## **I go to church ...**

- Not because a sermon is preached, though it can be helpful;
- Not because good music is provided, though I obtain much benefit from the musical part of the service;
- Not because other people go, though following the crowd is all right when the crowd is going the right way;
- Not because I have the habit, though I consider the custom of church attendance valuable;
- Not because I am afraid God will punish me if I am absent, though neglect of church attendance brings moral and spiritual poverty;
- Not because at church I wear my best clothes, though, like most people, I enjoy being well-dressed;
- Not because there I am in the best society, though the company of Christian people is very attractive to me;
- Not because I agree with all the religious ideas and lifestyles of everyone who goes. I don't; it's impossible.
- I go because Jesus went even when he could not agree with the scribes and Pharisees, nor the congregation.
- I go because God is my Creator and friend, the source of all that is worthwhile in my life and in my world.

*-First United Methodist Church, Upland, California*

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# September 2002

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 10:00 Worship, HC Share our Labor Council Meeting	<b>2</b> Noon Rotary 7:30 pm A.A	<b>3</b> 10am Clergy Pray 6:30pm Prayer Group	<b>4</b> 10-3 Dist Set-up Paradise Hills	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 10:00 Worship, Children's Church Remember 9-11 11:15 Nominating Committee	<b>9</b> Noon Rotary 7:30 pm A.A	<b>10</b> 10am Clergy Pray 6:30pm Prayer Group 7pm Trustees	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9:15- Noon UMW study at St. John's- ABQ	<b>13</b> 7pm Emmaus Gathering in Moriarty	<b>14</b> 6:30am Men's Breakfast 2- 4pm Piano Recital
<b>15</b> 10:00 Worship, Children's Church Moms in Touch 11:15 PPRC	<b>16</b> Noon Rotary 6:00 pm Logos Training night	<b>17</b> 10am Clergy Pray 6:30pm Prayer Group	<b>18</b> 7am See you at the Pole	<b>19</b> 7pm Workshop on Domestic violence, Mt. Carmel	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  Committee of Concern - Pastor Linda
<b>22</b> 10:00 Worship  6pm UMYF Planning team	<b>23</b> Noon Rotary 5:00 pm Logos first night	<b>24</b> 10am Clergy Pray 12 Noon UMW 6:30pm Prayer Group	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> New Mexico Prayer Encounter	<b>28</b> New Mexico Prayer Encounter
<b>29</b> 10:00 Worship Prayer and Praise Fifth Sunday Probationers	<b>30</b> Noon Rotary 5:00 pm Logos Clergy Retreat SMA	Clergy retreat SMA 6:30pm Prayer Group	Clergy retreat SMA			