



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



**SEPTEMBER, 2007**

**Pastor: Rev. Gary Eggart**

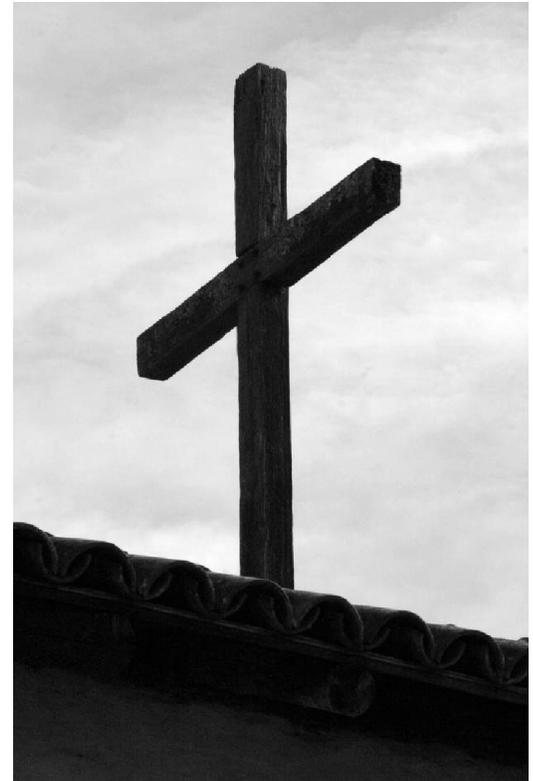
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<http://www.gbgn-umc.org/estancia>



**Sunday Worship 9:00 AM**  
**Adult Sunday School 10:15 AM**

**Attitude Determines My Day**

I woke up early today, excited over all I get to do before the clock strikes midnight;

I have responsibilities to fulfill today.

I am important;

My job is to choose what kind of day I am going to have.

Today I can complain because the weather is rainy, or I can be thankful that the grass is getting watered for free.

Today I can feel sad that I don't have more money, or I can be glad that my finances encourage me to plan my purchases wisely and guide me away from waste.

Today I can grumble about my health, or I can rejoice that I am alive.

Today I can lament over all that my parents didn't give me when I was growing up, or I can

feel grateful that they allowed me to be born.

Today I can cry because roses have thorns, or I can celebrate that thorns have roses.

Today I can mourn my lack of friends, or I can excitedly embark upon a quest to discover new relationships and rekindle old ones.

Today I can whine because I have to go to work, or I can shout for joy because I have a job to do.

Today I can complain because I have to go to school, or I can eagerly open my mind and fill it with rich new tidbits of knowledge.

Today I can murmur dejectedly because I have to do housework, or I can feel honored because the Lord has provided shelter for my mind, body and soul.

Today stretches ahead of me waiting to be shaped, And here I am, the sculptor who gets to do the shaping.

What today will be like is up to me; I get to choose what kind of day I will have.

(Author unknown)

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### **Administrative Council News**

The Estancia UMC is soon to have its Charge Conference. This is when many decisions are made for the good of our church. I ask that all of you be in prayer as the future of our church and ministry is laid out for another year.

Because of our church's generosity, many wonderful things have happened this past year. There have been some noticeable changes made by the board of trustees and I want to commend them for all the fine work being done throughout our church. Many of you continue to maintain the church by cleaning and keeping supplies available for all of us to use. The Quilting club has done a wonderful job in maintaining and making big changes in our kitchen as well as taking on other local projects. Julie keeps our singing skills up by encouraging us to learn new songs even when we may not want to. The many volunteers that made this year's VBS possible are too numerous to mention. Their hard work not only during the school, but the supplies and refreshments that were provided were first class. These things do not happen without the loving and caring hands of many. I commend all of you who were a part of this event. Bible studies continue to happen, Adult Sunday School and Children's Sunday School continue with faithful folks that volunteer their time.

Where would we be without our volunteers?? That love that is shown whether you help clean the church, bring refreshments or whatever, makes this church one that you want to belong to and participate in.

As we go into a new year we will be doing more Bible Studies with study material that has been recommended by the conference to make us a better church and strive to do God's will for this community. If the board approves it, I hope our theme for next year will be "GROWING TOGETHER WHILE BEING TOGETHER."

-Marcia Fitzner

### ***Finance Committee:***

It is that time of year to start preparing the Church's budget for next year, 2008. To obtain the most accurate information available, I need input from individuals in the congregation regarding the needs in several areas for 2008 and what ministries the Church is planning to pursue. The areas I need information on are: Shared Ministries; Ministry Support (this includes the total pastor's compensation package); and Team Ministries which includes Outreach, Worship, Education (including Vacation Bible School), and other teams as required. I would appreciate receiving the information, even in draft form, by September 19, 2007. This will allow me time to put the entire budget together by the scheduled Finance Committee meeting on September 26, 2007. The total budget will be presented to the Administrative Council on October 17, 2007 for approval to be presented to the Charge Conference on November 14, 2007.

The financial status for the year to date is fairly good only because we had a large balance on hand to start the year. Our expenses for the first quarter of this year were approximately \$1,500.00 more than our income. In the second quarter, expenses were approximately \$3,400.00 more than our income. The majority of the second quarter difference, \$2,500.00, was for the Congo Scholarship that was not budgeted. In addition, it appears that we will exceed our budget in two categories. The first is Church Business due to increase in Post Office Box rental and increases in postage stamps and other supplies. The overrun is not expected to be more than \$200.00. The second category is Team Ministries due to the greater than expected cost for Vacation Bible School, approximately \$2,100.00. Over half (\$1,180.00) of this amount was offset by dedicated donations. It is evident we need to better estimate the cost for VBS and the Finance Committee needs to insure that individuals responsible for activities are aware of their budget and how to go to the Administrative Council if budgets need to be adjusted. However, these requests need to be made before the expenses are incurred. Remember, the budget is only an estimate and is not cast in concrete! The Finance Committee uses the budget as a benchmark to determine our performance and the financial condition of the Church. The Quarterly Financial Reports posted in the Church and Education Building shows our financial status on a quarterly basis.

*-Mel Stephenson*

## **Mountainair UMC News**



Two weeks ago Patty Mahoney, one of the mainstays of the Mountainair church, underwent major surgery. Our prayers were answered as the surgery went well and she is recovering rapidly. In her absence, the Mountainair congregation welcomed variety in their worship experience during August. On the 19th, Bill Simms accompanied the worship music on guitar, playing several old time favorites. Marcia Fitzner and Mary Jones helped lead the singing. Then on the 26th, Wray Simmons accompanied the service after a lovely prelude by Liszt. Variety truly is the spice of life - and worship!



### **Ethel Floyd Visit**

On August 8th Ethel, her son, Gene and daughter in law, Lynn, passed through Estancia on their way to Roswell. Some of us were able to meet her at The Old Mill for lunch.

It was great to see you, Ethel! Hope to see you again soon.

**NOTE: The trustees have asked that if you make a donation to our church's building fund, that you specify "New building fund" on your payment.**

### **The Cure for Anxiety--Matthew 6:25-34**

*“For this reason I say to you, do not be anxious for your life, as to what you shall eat, or what you shall drink; nor for your body, as to what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single cubit to his life’s span? And why are you anxious about clothing? Observe how the lilies of the field grow; they do not toil nor do they spin, yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory did not clothe himself like one of these. But if God so arrays the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will He not much more do so for you, O men of little faith? Do not be anxious then, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘With what shall we clothe ourselves?’ For all these things the Gentiles eagerly seek; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not be anxious for tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”* -(Matthew 6:25-34)

We should not be anxious because there is more to life than things. He speaks of people being anxious over food, clothing, and length of life. And He reminds them that life is more than food, and the body than clothing. Additionally, by worrying none of us can add a single cubit to his life’s span. In other words, anxiety is futile because life is more than things. It is more than the material. It is more than the physical. It has an eternal dimension to it that is beyond us.

We should also not be anxious because we have a heavenly Father who will provide. Pointing to the birds of the air and the lilies of the field and observing that they are both fed and clothed by the heavenly Father, Jesus makes several important points. By pointing them out it is obvious that they do not spend any time worrying about things. I have never seen a bird flying around wringing his hands over where he was going to find a worm. The lilies are not taking extra-strength pain-reliever because of a tension headache. God takes care of them. And Jesus points out that we are worth much more than they and that if God so arrays the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will He not much more do so for you?

*-by J. David Hoke*

### **United Methodists get early taste of new hymnal supplement**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMNS) - United Methodists gathering at most U.S. annual conferences this May and June are among the first to sample a new church songbook packed with old and future favorites.

About 70,000 samplers for the church’s new hymnal supplement, *The Faith We Sing*, have been distributed across the church for use at annual and jurisdictional conferences, according to Bill Gnegy, unit director of the Music Resources Market Business Unit at the United Methodist Publishing House. Fifty-six of the church’s 66 annual conferences will be using the book, along with all five jurisdictional conferences. The jurisdictional gatherings will be held in July to elect new bishops and assign all bishops to service areas for another four years.

The full songbook, a supplement to the United Methodist Hymnal, is still in the works and will be published in December. It is a joint project of the Publishing House and the United Methodist Board of Discipleship, both in Nashville. 5/24/2000 News media contact: Tim Tanton · (615) 742-5470 · Nashville, Tenn.

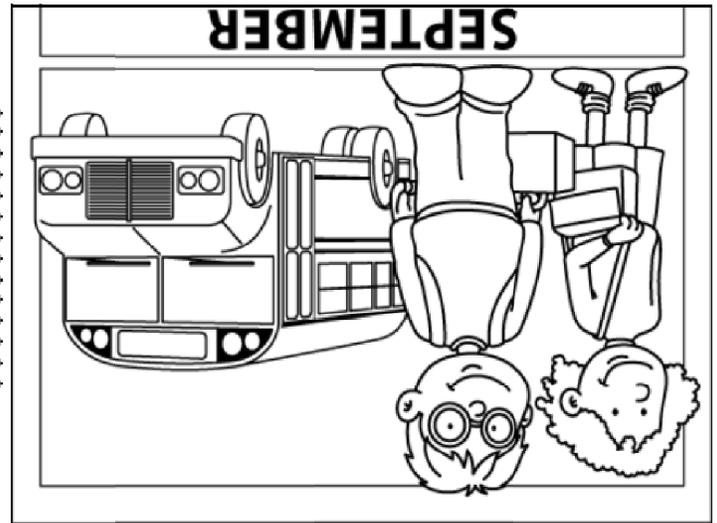
# September 2007

Tear Off

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b> 9 AM Worship 9:15 Childrens Church 10:15 AM Adult SS 11 AM Worship - Mtair	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Pastor Gary in Mountainair 9 AM Womens Bible Study 7 PM Men's Bible Study	<b>5</b> 10:am Quilters	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>
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*Sent with a prayer to:*



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### **WHILE WE SLEPT**

The earth moved - again.

As loved ones filled with unspeakable grief dug through the rubble on one side of the earth.

The earth moved again. The mountain shuddered again on ours.

The earth moved while the wind blows hard against closed shutters and boarded windows.  
Again.

The earth moves, the winds blow, and the bridge fell down! while soldiers clutch pictures of their children in unfamiliar places.

All Creation groans. We groan as we wait.

Have mercy on your people, Lord. Come quickly, Lord Jesus!

*by Safiyah Fosua*

### **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.**