



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



SEPTEMBER, 2008

Pastor: Rev. Charles Spooner

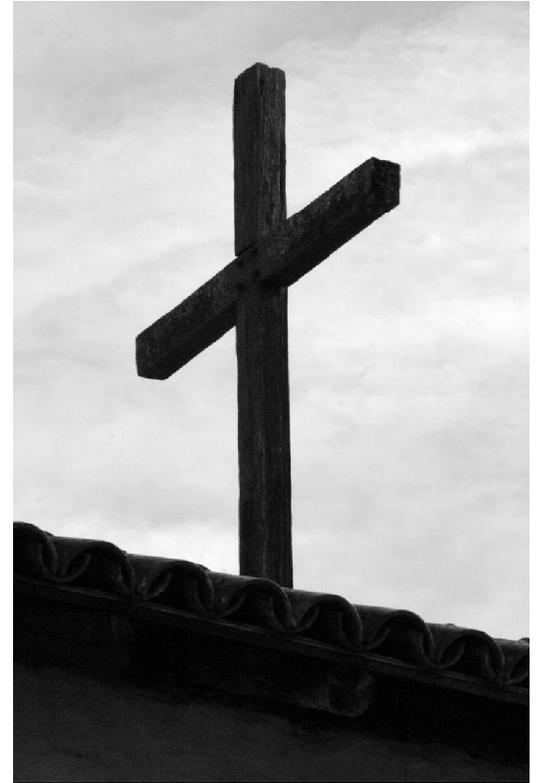
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<http://www.gbqm-umc.org/estancia>



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

From Pastor Charlie

Who would think an experienced preacher needs help. Some do -some don't. I am asking for help in many areas.

1. Help me learn your name if I haven't. It is hard in the rush of Sunday morning to record all the information I am exposed to.



2. Help your church by being regular in your attendance.

3. Help inactive, new friends, and Estancia new comers find a welcome home in our fellowship.

4. Help your preacher and leaders by giving feedback about what happens, could or doesn't happen.

5. Remember we are all different and how we perceive and experience can be different. Help celebrate the differences.

6. Help make September 14, the Day at the Park, be an extra special time. Invite and bring others, who might be accepting, to come to a nonchurch building setting. Mingle with everybody, especially those outside our regular activities at the church.



As far as kids are concerned, Butch is KING!

Finance Committee

At the Finance Committee meeting on August 9, 2008 several actions were taken on recommendations from the Administrative Council. The actions included a monthly breakdown of Pastor Spooner's Compensation package which were (1) Church to pay for internet (approximately \$30.00 per month), (2) increase the Team Ministries budget by \$600.00, (3) Pastor Spooner's housing exclusion and (4) reimburse Pastor Spooner for moving expenses. These items were presented to the Administrative Council on August 13, 2008 and approved.

The problem reported last month regarding the high water bill has been resolved. The problem was a meter reading error by the town of Estancia. The error has been corrected and the appropriate credits applied to the Church account. A big thanks is due Danny Chavez for his help in identifying the problem and getting the error corrected.

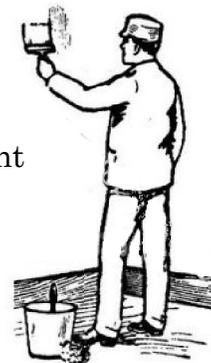
It has been suggested that we modify how we estimate some items in the Church budget. The suggested method is to take the actual cost for the current year and add an appropriate percentage for next years budget. This method should help obtain a more accurate budget and will be applied to hard to estimate items for the next budget cycle. Team Ministries and the sub activities will be prime candidates for this method as there are many unknowns that impact costs. We already use this method on some items, such as utilities.

-Mel Stephenson, Chairman

In Case You Hadn't Noticed...

UMM

The United Methodist Men ("Methodist Makeover Men") are off to a good start with their "Backyard Makeover" mission work. The first major job to be tackled was the residence of our own Galyn Solomon. Galyn, as you know, has done the mowing and watering around the church for years. The last few weeks, we have cleaned up his front yard, repaired the front and back doors and hauled away numerous pickup and trailer loads of trash.



The UMM would appreciate knowing of anyone who is in need of minor repair projects or home repair; especially those who are unable to do this type of work.

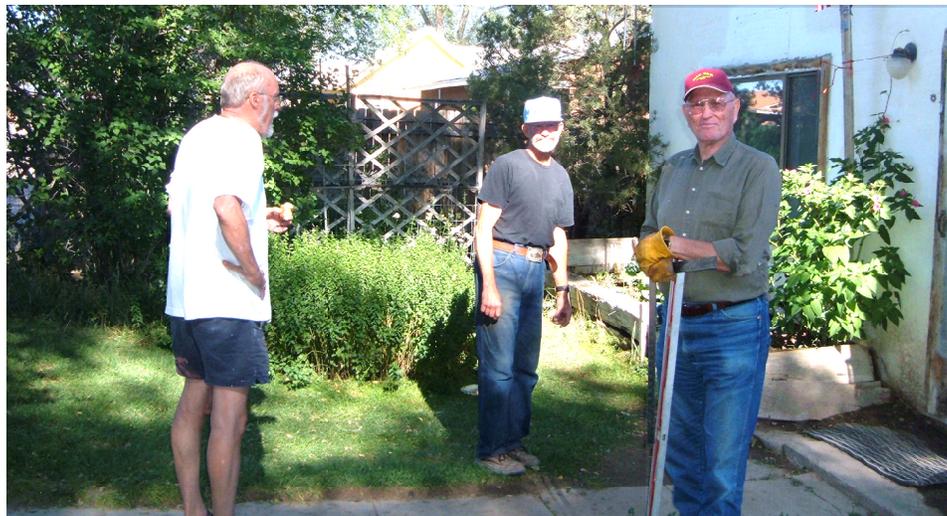
The UMM is also looking for more volunteer help. If you are willing and able to help with these sort of projects, please contact one of our UMM members..

MISSION STATEMENT FOR THE VOLUNTEERS OF THE UNITED METHODIST MEN

OUR MISSION IS TO:

1. Help people who reside in the Greater Estancia community to live safely and comfortably by making improvements in their living environments and by overcoming obstacles to meeting their own needs.
2. Give Christians in the Estancia Community an opportunity to put their faith into action as found in Matthew 25:34-40, John 3:17-18 and other Bible verses.
3. Use the men and women in the Estancia United Methodist Church to build closer relationships with people in the Estancia community and its businesses and churches through acts of Christian love.
4. Recruit members of the Estancia community, businesses and churches to support and participate in makeover projects.

Methodist Makeover Men



Pastor Charlie

Galyn

Mel

Day at The Park Worship Service

On Sunday September 14th at 10:00 AM, our worship service will be held at Arthur Park. Help make September 14, the Day at the Park, an extra special time. Invite and bring others, who might be accepting, to come to a nonchurch building setting. Mingle with everybody, especially those outside our regular activities at the church.

EUMC will be hosting this event along with Mountainair Methodist Church. The after church dinner will be a pot luck. Set-up details will be shared at a later time. Please plan to attend!!



Fatherly Advice

“Dad, when can I have a car?”

“When you shave and get a haircut.”

“Well, Dad, I’ve been reading the Bible a lot lately, and I understand that Jesus didn’t cut his hair or shave his beard.”

“Yes, and he also walked everywhere he went.”

The Thinner

Once there was a dishonest painter who used to water down his paint far too much. One day, as he was painting the steeple of a church building, thunderclouds gathered and rain washed all his thinned-down paint away. Then followed a booming voice out of heaven, saying, “Repaint, and thin no more.”

Mountainair UMC News

This year we hosted the Mountainair teachers and staff for lunch on Monday, Aug. 11th. As usual, everyone really enjoyed the opportunity to get together and visit, as well as eat....everyone's favorite thing to do!!

Pastor Charlie and June came over and met everyone. June fixed a delicious potato salad and dessert. The rest of us made various other salads, like broccoli, green, pasta, fruit, coleslaw, etc. and many different kinds of cookies and bars for dessert. Shirley Simmons, Ruth Ivey, Wanda Giovengo, and Patty Mahoney all worked to set up, make a ton of sandwiches, serve all the teachers and then clean up everything. Patty did the coordination this year, and everything went smooth as silk. After a dozen years of experience, I guess we've gotten the hang of it!!



Serving table with bouquets from Patty's garden



One of the teachers thanking Pastor Charlie



Everyone got to visit with each other after eating

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.

Partial Church Directory

Below and on the following page is a partial church directory. As you can see, it is not only incomplete but also out of date. With your help, we can update this directory, so please let us know about any corrections to your own information as well as others that you know. This directory is not just a "memberships" list, but a "friends of the church" list. Please contact Pastor Spooner, a member of the Trustees, or your friendly newsletter workers with your updated information. ... Thanks!

September 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
9 AM Worship 9:15 Childrens Church 10:15 AM Adult SS 11 AM Worship - Mtair		6:30 PM Women's Bible Study 7 PM Men's Bible Study	10:am Quilters			
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OUR CHURCH WINDOWS

The beautiful painted windows in our church which we enjoy every Sunday have been a part of our church experience for many years. However, those of you who help clean our church know that one of the chores in cleaning the sanctuary is picking up and vacuuming the peeled paint that is continually falling from the windows. The Trustees of the church have been discussing for the last year or so about what to do. Repainting has not been a good solution because it doesn't look as good as the original and the sun's ultraviolet rays continue to remove the paint as fast as we put it on. It was recently decided that perhaps now is the time to take the major step of constructing and installing real stained "glass" windows. It turns out that we have some expertise in the art right here in our church. Della and Mel Stephenson have worked with stained glass for years. Others in the community have also expressed interest in supporting and helping the project.

A positive sign occurred this week when Mel Stephenson noticed in the paper that a stained glass shop was going out of business in Albuquerque and all of their glass along with tables, tools and equipment are for sale at a nominal price. We will be picking up these materials this Saturday.

Although building stained glass windows is not a small nor an inexpensive undertaking, doing the work ourselves can make it possible. The job will, undoubtedly, take several years and we will need a great deal of support and encouragement from our church. We expect to fund the project through donations and memorials for loved ones.

We will be starting on one of the back windows in the next few weeks. Please consider asking how you can help.

