



NEWSLETTER

OF THE

Estancia United Methodist Church

600 Williams, Estancia, New Mexico

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**When You Need
A Place To
Lean...**



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

WHAT HAVE I DONE?

It's easy to see what you have done when you are busy cleaning the house or reading a book. Your accomplishments are shown by how clean the house is or how many pages you have read. But what about the things that are harder to measure...that are harder to see? What I am referring to is the things that we don't really have to do. I am talking about what we are doing to make a difference in our lives and in the lives of others?

What have you done? Are your days going by, day after day, and you only do what you have to do to get by? Are you getting up, rushing to work and home again so your routine does not allow you time to include anything extra where you can take time for yourself or take time to help a family member, neighbor or co-worker?

If your life is that busy, then it's time to re-think your life. Seriously, it's time to say, "what have I done." It's time to see what you need to do to make a difference. Anyone can live through life as an average person doing average things. Some go through life without thinking of anyone but themselves. Is that what you want? Do you want to live life without making a difference? If so, you are cheating not only yourself and others, but you are cheating God.

God put us on earth to serve Him and others. We all have gifts and talents to help others. If you don't know yours, there are easy ways to find out. If you know your gifts, talents and skill, then you need to

take action. Create a plan in writing and track your progress. Then as you work your plan, you can look back and have an answer to the question, "what have I done?"

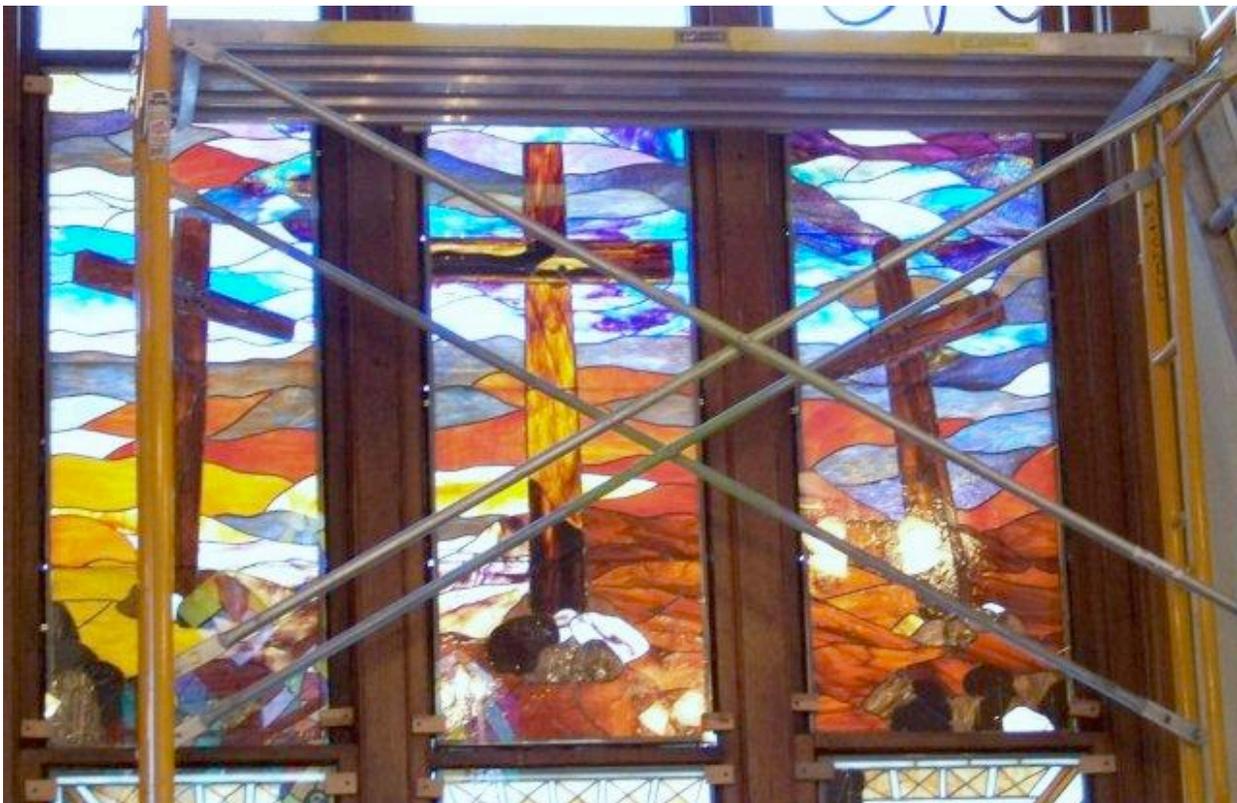
HINT: If you need assistance with finding out what your niche is in life, pray and ask God to give you the resources you need to find that out. Take action by reading articles, books and volunteering in various areas and God will give you His answer that fits your life. Start with prayer, read God's word and take action...any action is better than none. He will bless you more than you can imagine!

Stained Glass Project

There was significant window progress in August. Some of the accomplishments included: 1) Completing the two remaining Crucifixion Crosses and the Foot Washing windows; 2) Erecting the scaffolding in the church and installing four windows, the three Crucifixion Crosses and the Foot Washing windows; 3) Preparing the 1/2" X3/4" and 1/2"X1/2" back supports for the four windows installed and the remaining seven windows ready for installation and some for future windows; 4) Starting the assembly process on two other windows; 5) Marcia and Gayle took some small craft items to the Sunflower Festival in Mountainair to sell, where they received orders for two additional projects; 6) The available trim for the previously installed windows were stained by Phil Levy, which will save time after the trim is installed.

We are still planning a "window-trim installation" workday for the previously installed windows in the near future. We may be able to include this task at the same time as the installation of the seven windows that are now ready.

-Mel Stephenson



Installed Cross Windows



Marcia and Gayle at Sunflower Days booth



Foot Washing Window

Methodist Men

The Methodist men met on August 21st at 7:00 am in the Education Building. The men enjoyed a special breakfast prepared by Phil Levy. The devotion lead by Jon Shively was taken from E. Stanley Jones' book, *In Christ, "Is Christ Cosmic?"* The men also sang, "He Lives" and "Wonderful Words of Life". Following the time of devotions and prayer Harry Irvin gave the treasurer's report and reimbursed Jon Shively for the church picnic expenses.

The business meeting consisted of three topics: the installation of the newly constructed stained glass windows on the south side of the sanctuary including removing a couple of pews and erecting the scaffolding so the windows can be washed and installed, the installation of counter tops and cabinets in the Education Building and the draft plan for the joint community service program.

A work party is being planned to install the new stained glass windows in the near future. Mel and Bill are coordinating the work.

The Methodist Men will be installing some new counters for use in the education building for storage of Sunday School materials and to use as a counter space. Bill Simms and Jon Shively picked up the counters at Home Depot.

Jon Shively distributed a draft of a plan to combine service activities with First Baptist and Emanuel Baptist Churches in providing help to people in the Estancia area community. Jon met with Ron Schmidt from First Baptist to go over the plan and will participate in a joint meeting with their Men's Group in the near future.

Mel Stephenson has agreed to serve as head cook for the next Men's meeting on September 18. Nick Griffo will conduct the devotional time.

Guitar Classes in the Education Building

Beginning and Intermediate Guitar Classes will begin on September 15th and will meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday from then on except in December. The beginning class will start at 6:30 pm with the intermediate class meeting at 7:30 until 8:30. If you want to attend either class, let Jon Shively know at 384-5387 or by e-mail jshively@csun.edu. The classes are free and open to members and nonmembers of Estancia UMC. Invite a friend to join the class with you.

Estancia UMC Singers

The singers will meet on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the education building.

-Jon Shively

FROM MARCIA...

It was evening and the beautiful sunset had just shown off its colors. The sweet smell of rain was in the air when I heard a knock at our door. There stood a young oriental man and his bike, wanting to know if he could pitch his tent on our porch since it looked like rain. Don, of course, brought him in and offered him something to eat and drink while I was trying to think of where would be the best place to send him.

Meanwhile, Don asked if he would like to stay in the house. The young man very nicely declined, saying he would prefer to stay outside in someplace protected. Don fixed a place for him in the barn area where he would be out of the wind and rain, and have some privacy. After a short visit about where he was from and what he was doing here in the middle of New Mexico, he told us he is from South Korea. And that he is a student at the Korean University (a junior), and that he and his family are members of the Methodist Church of South Korea. He retreated to the barn in search of a good night's rest.



The morning came and, of course, Don was out there bright and early with coffee and an invitation for breakfast, but he said he would rather sleep some more. Later in the morning

he appeared and was ready to continue his ride. His goal was to get across the US by the end of August. He started in Los Angeles and his goal was to ride his bike across the US to NY where he would catch a plane back to South Korea. I asked what his mother thought of his adventure and he said he had not told her, but that he called her periodically to tell her he was studying. *Indeed*, he was since he was having to go the back roads in order to meet his goal. I am sure he met a lot of "interesting" people along his way.

We offered him breakfast, but he had his own breakfast bars, etc. I just happened to be making tortillas to take to the glass shop, and Don, of course, had to force one on him nice and warm with butter and homemade apple butter. He was a little hesitant at first, but I assured him it was only a different kind of bread. He ate it and seemed to enjoy it. (He was very polite.)

He lettered a thank you on a Korean monetary bill with his thank-you in English and Korean. He said his farewell, and biked down the road to NY. I have kept him in my prayers since then.

I remember reading in the bible, *I needed a home and You took me in and fed me*. I hope God was watching as we tried to follow His word.

-Don and Marcia Fitzner

PS: The Methodist Church is very strong in Korea thanks to missionaries and Christians working together to get God's work to the people there.



September 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Sent with a prayer to:

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Some of My Thoughts, From Bishop Max

Some of you have inquired about a special appeal for the people in Pakistan who are suffering such unbelievable hardships and death from the floods. UMCOR provides one of the most effective means to make sure your money is reaching its destination and providing the help needed for those most impacted by the floods. We received an email warning that some groups are writing congregations pleading for financial assistance. These may be very legitimate organizations. Others are corrupt individuals seeking to defraud for their own personal benefit. It is important to know you are making a gift to a legitimate organization and to remember that 100% of the money given through UMCOR goes to those suffering from the disaster.

UMCOR reports that 8 million Pakistanis need emergency assistance. More than 20 million people have been affected by the floods. The United Nations says the disaster's toll is comparable to the combined toll of the 2010 Haiti Earthquake, 2004 Indonesia tsunami, and 2005 Kashmir earthquake. Such devastation is beyond what most of us can comprehend.

Gifts can be made directly through www.gbgm-umc.org <<http://www.gbgm-umc.org>> and follow their links for contributions. You may also place a check in your local church offering plate and mark it for Pakistan Relief. Those gifts will be processed through your local church and the annual conference.

May God bless you as you bless others.

Grace & Peace, Max