



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

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

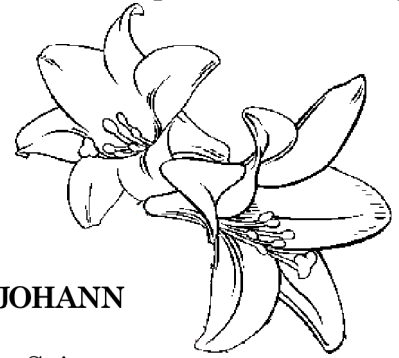
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“Firewind” REVIVAL
APRIL 4th - 8th
Led by Phil Bob Borman
Weekday Evenings at 7PM
Here at the Church
Saturday 7th at the Fairgrounds:
~~Potluck at 5:30pm, Outreach at 7pm~~

APRIL 2001



SUNDAY SERVANTS FOR APRIL

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

- Lay Assist:** Nick Griffo
Acolytes:
Ushers: Susan & Sam Wilson
Greeters: Carolyn Moore & Carolyn Hill

YOUTH SCRIPTURE READERS

- Apr. 1:** Brian Wilson
Apr. 8:
Apr. 15: Crystal Simmons
Apr. 22:
Apr. 29: Sydney Alfonzo

NURSERY

- Apr. 1:** Sharon Avery
Apr. 8: Sharla & Jett Sharp
Apr. 15: Ashley Welsh & Crystal Simmons
Apr. 22:
Apr. 29:

KINGS KIDS

- Apr. 1:** Ann Neethling
Apr. 8: Charla & Jett Sharp
Apr. 15: Marcia Fitzner
Apr. 22: Wendy Morton
Apr. 29: Wendy Morton

ALTER FLOWERS

- Apr. 1:** Kimber Sanchez
Apr. 8: Carolyn Moore
Apr. 15: Marcia Fitzner
Apr. 22: Sylvia Levy
Apr. 29:

TIME OUT WITH “COACH” JOHANN

Greetings Estancia Saints,

Welcome to spring and all the wonderful association with Resurrection and New Life that this season brings!

Some of you have offered to help **Anne** make palm crosses to be given to the congregation on Palm Sunday, April 8. Is it not ironic to be making a cross out of palm fronds? The palm speaks to us of the crowds that jubilantly welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem, shouting “Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!” The cross, of course reminds us of many of those same people, just a few days later, yelling in response to Pilate’s question of what he should do with the one they called the king of the Jews, “Crucify him! Crucify him!”

How easy it is to point a finger at the fickle crowd and wonder how they could make such a radical switch from acceptance to rejection in such a short space of time, until I realize that I am often guilty of the selfsame behavior. I can be on fire for Him one moment and the next deny by my attitudes and behavior that I even belong to Him. I imagine that I am not alone in that distressing experience.

I have found that it is a whole lot easier for me to lose my zeal and fervor for the Lord when I am out of fellowship with my Christian brothers and sisters. It is impossible to develop and maintain a healthy relationship with God if we are absenting ourselves from corporate worship and fellowship. I need you to help keep me accountable in my walk with Jesus – and you need me. That is one of the wonderful blessings of being the Church. As we spend regular time in each other's company, sharing our lives in the Lord with each other, we are a whole lot less likely to experience the fluctuations between hot and cold. Instead, we find ourselves motivating, challenging and building each other up in Him.

This month holds numerous high and holy moments for renewal and celebration – Holy Communion and Confirmation on April 1, Firewind Revival with Phil Bob Borman from April 4-8, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday, April 15. I encourage you to make this month a season of renewal and restoration in your walk with Jesus and His people.

More next time

Upward and onward...



“Coach” Johann

TIMELY TOPICS FROM OUR TRUSTY TRUSTEES

At the March 5 meeting of the Trustees, **Mark Lambert** was unanimously elected as Chairman of the Committee. We give thanks to God for his leadership and the energy, enthusiasm, and dedication with which our trustees have already tackled a number of tasks that have needed attention for some time.

Shelves have already been installed in a linen closet in the parsonage and the main bathroom floor has been redone, had new tile laid, and the toilet re-fitted. We had talked about a dedication service, but decided to pass on that idea ;-))

A new water heater has been purchased for the Education Building and will be installed within the week.

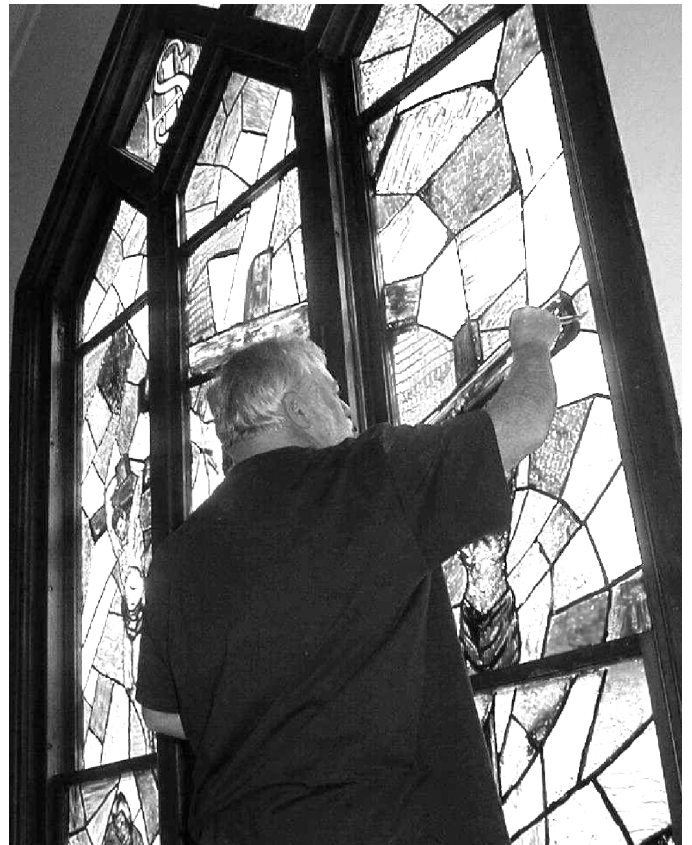
Ray and Elaine Darnell and **Barbara Simms** have once again taken on the task of doing the touch-up

painting artwork on the Sanctuary windows. We certainly appreciate their participation in maintaining the beauty of our Sanctuary.

Numerous tasks on our property remain to be attended to and our new Chairman has proposed two Saturday workdays a month until the major tasks have been completed. The workdays will be on the first and the third Saturdays of the month from 9am to 12.30pm followed by a barbeque. The Church facilities belong to all our members, and working together as a family to beautify and maintain our church property will provide an additional opportunity for fellowship and relationship strengthening.

An assignment sheet will be passed around in church on Sunday, April 1, listing the tasks to be performed on Saturday, April 7. The list will state the tasks, what tools will be needed, and the number of people required to accomplish the tasks. Tasks for adults as

Touching up Church Windows



For the past 15+ years, the **Darnell family** has worked faithfully to keep the “stained” glass windows in good repair. This is a recent photo of **Ray Darnell** on scaffolding, touching up the south window. Many thanks to the **Darnells** for their contribution throughout the years.

well as for children and youth will be provided. We thank all our members in advance for your commitment to share the responsibility of maintaining our church facilities.

Trustees: Mark Lambert (Chmn.), John Creamer, Mike Hughes, Mike Calhoon, Marcella Reynolds, Waynette Burnett, Ronnie Reynolds, Cyle Sharp.

FROM BISHOP MAX

Some of My Thoughts

This past week was a change of pace for me. Spring Break occurred in many school districts and some of my family came and visited with us for a few days. I especially enjoyed spoiling one of my granddaughters. Morgan brought her mother and daddy to visit with us. Morgan is now fifteen months old and I enjoyed her immensely.

It is important you understand this special relationship that exists between Morgan and me. I am the most important person in Morgan's life. She dreams about me. She tells stories about me. She has been begging her mother and daddy to bring her to see me for the past several months. Her parents don't quite understand this relationship.

I have given this a great deal of thought and consideration. It is essential for me to let my daughter and son-in-law "believe" that Morgan thinks they are the most important persons in her life. If I don't, then they won't bring Morgan to see me. They will be so jealous they won't allow Morgan to express her true feelings.

This special relationship with Morgan reminded me of my special relationship with Jesus Christ. You see it is very much the same. Jesus really loves me more than those drug addicts who live in that crummy apartment. Jesus really loves me more than all of those men and women who have been locked up in those State Correctional institutions. I could go ahead and list a number of other people, but you get the idea. Jesus and I have a very special relationship and because of that relationship, Jesus treats me with greater favor than those "other" people. I won't tell them. They might get upset.

The Scribes, Pharisee and religious leaders understood this special, chosen place God had given to them. On the other hand, those prophets that claimed God had chosen them to be a blessing to others just never could understand what it meant to have a special relationship with God.

I have heard a few people advocating that every

congregation ought to be reaching out and making disciples of people who are "different". Why can't they understand? Those of us who are already disciples are special. If those "other people" were as smart, loving, caring, and forgiving as we are, they would already be part of the church. So you can see, Jesus really doesn't want us to reach out and make disciples. If we did, Jesus would expect us to make major changes in our churches. (I have received enough letters from members of our churches telling me they know Jesus certainly doesn't want us to change, to convince me that change is bound to be bad.)

The only way I can figure out that my relationship with Morgan and Jesus are so special, and still include all those other people, would be for them to have enough love to go around for all of us. That couldn't be true, could it?

Could Morgan have enough love for her mother, father, uncles, and aunts and still have enough for me? Could Jesus really have enough love to go around for all of us? Could Jesus want that special relationship with everyone, even those "other" people? I must pray about that one.

Max

Confirmands 2001



Jett Sharp

Jacque Creamer

Ashley Stewart

Confirmation Sunday April 1st

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL REPORT

The Administrative Council meeting was held March 4th with nine members present. Your chairman urges all chairmen of the church to attend these meetings and come prepared with your written plans and progress reports for the secretary. The Ad. Council meeting is where all committee chairman share their hopes and concerns for the growth of the church both spiritually and administratively. Many good ideas generate from these meetings.

On March 19th, your chairman conducted an orientation meeting whereby each chairman was furnished a guideline for leading our congregation. These guidelines were published by Cokesbury Publishers. Each chairman was given an opportunity to express their opinion of the information contained in the guidelines. It was an informative meeting with information on "What is my Job" and a "How to" section. It is hoped that the chairman will share this information with their respective committees.

The work of the church is to honor and glorify God by creating settings where men, women and children can enter into a life changing relationship with God. This is what our committees strive to accomplish. Our next meeting is scheduled for May 6th and anyone who wishes to attend these meetings are most welcome.

Ethel L. Floyd, Chrm.

FROM YOUR TREASURER

I am pleased to let you know that we are progressing with the apportionments. We are about to have the first five paid in full. I hope that we can have the full amount of the apportionments paid by the first of November. If anyone would like to select one to pay, please let me know the specific apportionment when you pay it. I will get the list posted in the church. If you have a copy of our Charge Conference, you have the list. Thank you for your continued generosity. If you have any questions about any of the apportionments, please ask **Marcia Fitzner, Pastor Johann**, or myself.

Apportionments for Education

Africas University Fund - This is our share of supporting the new university in Africa. Now the young people can stay in their own country to get an education. Many come to the United States and stay

four to seven years to get their education. Many did not want to go back and teach or work in their country. By staying in their environment, they are better satisfied to work for their people.

Ministerial Education - This fund assists pastors to get their education. It mainly helps with tuition and books for seminary.

McMurry University - This is our share to help keep costs down for tuition and even helps with scholarships. This university is located in Abilene, TX

SMU Campus Ministry - Southern Methodist University is located in Dallas, TX. We help support the Campus ministry on campus.

Higher Education and Campus Ministry - We have eight campus ministry programs within the New Mexico Conference. This apportionment helps to pay for programs, directors salaries and building maintainance. If this apportionment is not paid, the programs really suffer. Each university program tries to raise money themselves to help with the overhead. Campus ministry provides a place to go for fellowship, study, worship and meals. It helps to provide a home away from home.

Black College Fund - With our apportionments, we help support these colleges throughout the United States.

Carolyn Moore, Treas



**March Visit with District Superintendent
After Church Service**



Rev. Joe Wood

Virginia Wood

Pastor Johann

UMW NEWS

The UMW has been busy this month gathering information for the cookbook. Thanks to **Ethel Floyd, Alma Wimsatt** and many others the material has been sent to the printers.

Mission Needs



We continue to meet on the 4th Tues. of the month and invite anyone interested in missions to join us for lunch on that day and become a part of the discussion and learning. The new budget has been accepted and we continue to pay our pledge and take part in local mission as much as we can. We have once again chosen to make available two scholarships for the Logos Program; we would not want a child to miss out on that wonderful program due to lack of funds. We will continue to help in whatever way possible.

Should you be interested in our program or in becoming a member, please call **Marcia Fitzner** at 384-2495

Mission in Motion

The Mission in Motion trailer will be back again this year at the NM Annual Conference in May 2001 at Portales. All churches, individuals and groups can begin now to assemble the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) kits (sewing kits, kitchen packs, layette kits, school kits, health kits, bedding packs and flood buckets). Pastors and lay delegates are to collect the kits and bring them to the Mission in Motion trailer which will then gather the kits and deliver them to the UMCOR Depot in Baldwin, Louisiana. Kit descriptions have been distributed and are still available in the church.

It is hoped that by bringing this to your attention at this early date, more churches will have sufficient time to respond to this 2000-2001 NM Conference Mission Project. As you assemble these kits, take time to pray for those in crisis situations who may be recipients of our gifts. Remember the people to whom we are reaching out are our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Marcia Fitzner

“Why are you anxious ...?” asked our Lord. Then he said, “Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these” (Matthew 6:28-29). His point was that just as God sees to it that the lilies of the field always come forth in their wholeness and beauty, so God can be counted on to provide for us. People of faith come to understand that marvelous reality.

In the words that follow, a poet reminds us of the reliability of God as seen in the familiar flowers that now are bursting forth in their glorious beauty:

God does not send strange flowers every year,
When the Spring wind blows o'er the pleasant places,
The same dear things lift up the same fair faces,
The violet is here.

—Adeline Whitney

FIREWIND REVIVAL COMING TO EUMC!!

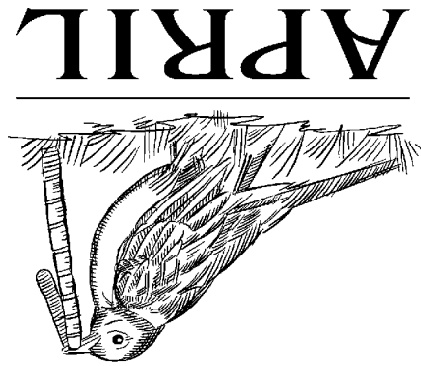
The Estancia United Methodist Church will be hosting a Spring Revival called FIREWIND which will begin on April 4, 2001. The community will be especially blessed by Evangelist Phil Bob Borman who is associated with Front Porch Ministries out of Capitan, New Mexico. Phil Bob is a gifted musician and artist who serves the Lord in a very unique way.

FIREWIND will likewise be bringing blessings from musician Russell Ballew who is a prolific songwriter with over 250 songs in his portfolio. Russell is a native of New Mexico and lives near Seneca with his wife Dee. He is a survivor of multiple addictions, and is a popular speaker at area schools and churches. Also bringing his gifts to the Estancia Valley will be R.W. Hampton, artist singer and songwriter, who lives with his wife and their boys in Northern New Mexico near the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. R.W. has stated that the trail of life has taken him from the mountain to the dark valley and back again many times and looking back he knows that it was his savior Jesus Christ who has led him all the way.

This group of people are bringing in the FIREWIND of the Lord to the Estancia Valley April 4, 2001 through April 8, 2001. The public is invited to join us at the Estancia United Methodist Church at 600 Williams in Estancia any evening. April 4 we will get the night started with our Logos Program where Phil Bob and the musicians will be ministering to our children; Thursday and Friday evenings, FIREWIND revival will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the church and on Saturday we will be hosting a community event at the Torrance County Fairgrounds in Estancia which will start with a potluck at 5:30. The actual service will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, but plan on coming hungry and being fed by the great food of the Estancia Valley churches and by the Holy Spirit.

The revival will conclude with Sunday worship service at 9:00 a.m. at Estancia United Methodist Church on April 8, 2001.

All are welcome and invited to any of the scheduled events.




Sent with a prayer to:

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EUMC APRIL 2001

“Each One Win One in 2001”

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 Worship Confirmation 10:30 SS 11:15 Finance 3:00 Communion to Homebound 4:00 Choir 5:00 Prayer Walk of School	2 10:00 Bible Study: Christianity 101 6:30 Prayer 7:00 Women's Reunion Group 7:00 AA 7:00 Trustees	3 6:00 Prayer in sanctuary	4 5:00 LOGOS 7:00 Revival	5 6:30 Prayer 7:00 Revival	6 6:30 Prayer 7:00 Revival	7 9:00 Work Day 10:00 Praise Team 12:30 BBQ 5:30 Potluck at Fairgrounds 6:30 Prayer 7:00 Revival
8 <u>PALM SUNDAY</u> 9:00 Worship 10:30 SS 11:15 PPRC 4:00 Choir	9 10:00 Bible Study: Christianity 101 6:30 Prayer 7:00 Women's Reunion Group 7:00 AA	10 6:00 Prayer in sanctuary	11 5:00 LOGOS	12 7:00 <u>MAUNDY THURSDAY</u> Holy Communion	13  12:00 <u>GOOD FRIDAY</u>	14 10:00 Praise Team
15 <u>EASTER</u> 6:00 Sunrise Service @ 1st Baptist 9:00 Worship 10:30 SS	16 6:30 Prayer 7:00 Women's Reunion Group 7:00 AA	17 6:00 Prayer in sanctuary	18 5:00 LOGOS	19 7:00 Experiencing God - Bible Study	20 6:30 Sewing & Worship Crafts	21 7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:00 Work day 10:00 Praise Team 12:30 BBQ
22 9:00 Worship 10:30 SS 4:00 Choir	23 10:00 Bible Study: Christianity 101 6:30 Prayer 7:00 Women's Reunion Group 7:00 AA	24 6:00 Prayer in sanctuary 12:00 UMW	25 5:00 LOGOS	26 7:00 Experiencing God - Bible Study	27 6:30 Sewing & Worship Crafts	28 10:00 Praise Team
29 9:00 Worship 10:30 Congregational Meeting 11:30 Potluck 4:00 Choir	30 10:00 Bible Study: Christianity 101 6:30 Prayer 7:00 Women's Reunion Group 7:00 AA	Abbreviations: A.A. – Alcoholics Anonymous S.S. – Sunday School Conf. – Confirmation Class Barnabus Blessings are available in the church foyer to give or send to someone today.		If you want to know more about any of our activities, or have some others that need to be listed, please contact the church office at 384-5215 If you have an email address and would like to share it with us, send it to: siyabonga@aol.com		