



NEWSLETTER

OF THE

Estancia United Methodist Church

600 Williams, Estancia, New Mexico

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Easter Sunday, April 8

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Sunday Worship 9:00 AM

THROUGH MY EYES Part II

I see good ministry happening here. I also see joy and desire with the people – better yet let’s turn this around. Desire to do the Lord’s work and Joy while they do it.

A great example came through seeing the work of the following:

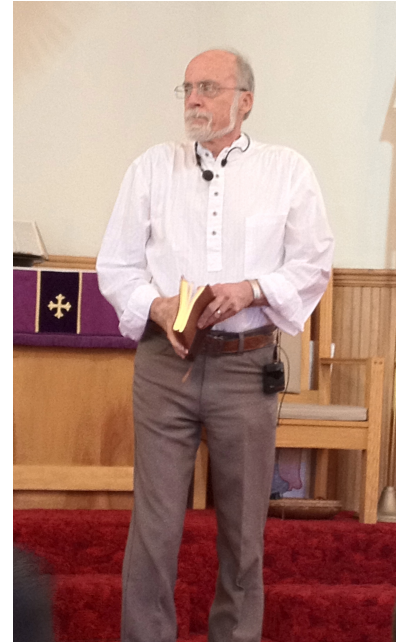
1. Mr. and Mrs. Nick Griffo who called on my first communion Sunday and asked if they could come and see us. I could not make it to church that day, and what a joy they are. They shared the message Pastor Charlie had preached and added one of their own. We felt so connected to the church.
2. Mrs. Barbara Simms as she made snacks for the “Guppies” one day.
3. Mr. Mel Stephenson, Mrs. Della Stephenson, Mrs. Jan Cool, Mrs. Sylvia Levy, Mrs. Gayle Clark, Mrs. Marcia Fitzner and others down at the glass shop but not for the reason you may suspect. Yes, the glasswork is beautiful – the stained glass project is amazing. The ministry I am talking about is how they conducted themselves when my Parkinson’s disease acted up and it took me an hour to walk to our van. They were so patient, kind and understanding. They hugged me as Christian brothers and sisters as I cried out of being frustrated and embarrassed. They were supportive of my mother, too. And, have been since then. It is hard to come home sick, but you all make it easier. If I could I’d name all of you wonderful people. God knows who you all are.
4. Mr. Jon Shively’s smile as he introduces a new song for the choir to sing each Sunday!

5. I enjoy kids of all ages. I think the ones we teach on Sunday and Thursday are great kids and they can teach us, too. Be aware, they are watching us!

I see the fingerprint that Pastor Charlie is going to leave here. I think all pastors observe people, somewhat, but I see in Pastor Charlie a student of humanity. He is a thinker. Listen to his sermons, take notes, and read them later. That is what I do. (You may see me being fidgety in my pew – either I am taking notes or doing the Parkinson’s cha-cha.) I go home and often discuss the sermon with my family and friends on the telephone or on-line.

The last thing I see, is a look of uncertainty as the change in pastors comes about. I’ve seen it often. I call this church the C.S.I. church. What does that stand for? It is the “Christ Sustains It” Church. It has been here a long time. I know many do not understand the appointive system, but I say trust God. If a pastor has changed one life for (through) Jesus, their ministry is a success. Please pray for and stay in touch with Pastor Charlie and June after they move. Then be in prayer for the new pastor. Whether they have 5 years or 25 years experience, they will still be nervous about coming here – so welcome her/him. Show them the following:

1. A welcoming spirit.
2. Willingness to learn and share with them.
3. Patience – it takes awhile for a pastor to settle in and get a good feel for everything & everyone.
4. Show them Christian love.



Remember no one person can fulfill everyone’s idea of what the position of pastor is – believe me according to many I failed in each church I served – But God doesn’t. So, thank you, Pastor Charlie, for your time here in ministry, for your visits, your phone calls, your gifts, leadership and sermons.

So far, that is what I’ve seen...

Vaya Con Dias,

-Rev. Terry Ann Moore, One who joined EUMC at age 12, who was launched into ministry here; now a member of North Texas Annual Conference, Dallas area, Texas

Stained Glass Project

The month of March was a fairly good and productive month. Some of the major accomplishments include: 1) Butch and Pastor Charlie installed the 16 Rose Window petals and eight exterior clear glass panes in the Rose Windows; 2) Completed another window for the partition and the last remaining window for the partition is approximately 40% complete; 3) Completed the assembly process of the remaining three sections for the east vestibule window; 4) Completed the repairs and priming of the east vestibule window frame; 5) Continued the assembly process on the Walk to Emmaus window, which is approximately 30% complete; 6) Phil Levy completed the light-box structure for the Thanksgiving Dinner window, where some finish and electrical work remains; 7) Bill, Don, and Ladd installed the electrical work needed in the bell tower to light the Rose Windows; 8) Received a plaque from “Its News” highlighting Sunday Journal write-up.

Next month will be devoted mainly to installing the trim on the installed windows, installing the remaining windows, and finishing The Walk to Emmaus and the last partition windows. We are waiting on scaffolding parts to install and finish the north center windows.

-Mel Stephenson

Working on the last windows!



Lighted Bell Tower Windows
(Come see them between 8 and 11 PM)

Bible Guppies Sunday, March 25



Performing "The Story of Esther"



Singing "The Bible"

Methodist Men

The Methodist Men met on March 17 at The Od Mill. We sang *Because He Lives*.

The men discussed the design of a shadow box to hold the special stained glass window build by Sylvia Levy and her sisters. The men also discussed the plans for work on the church building in advance of the NOMADS workers. A number of pieces of siding need to be replaced and some method to divert the water coming off the roof near the front door needs to be devised.

Joyous Singers

The Joyous singers will continue to meet on Tuesday's at 4pm. The choir is planning special music for Palm and Easter Sundays. A group is getting organized to use bell chimes to accompany singing. If you would like to ring your chimes, here is a perfect opportunity. See Jan Cool to join.

-Jon Shively



Joyous Singers
March 25

NEW GROUP FORMING/WOMEN'S REUNION GROUP

A women's reunion group is forming. A women's reunion group is ladies who gather to lift up and support one another and help each other stay or become close to Christ. It is based on Rev. John Wesley's class meeting format AND the order of reunion from an Emmaus Walk.

You do not have to be a member of our church to attend. Invite a friend on the second and fourth Monday of the month. We meet at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our upcoming dates are March 26th, April 9th and April 23rd.

What do we do?

1. We have fellowship time to get to know one another
2. We share, if we want to, about our lives. You do not have to participate if you do not wish to.
3. We laugh, cry and enjoy each other's stories and company.
4. We lift up prayer requests.
5. We agree to come again.



Men – we hope you'll want to do the same as well! All are welcome to our meetings! If you need a babysitter to watch your kids, let us know. Contact Julie Griffo or Terry Ann Moore for more info.

Easter Schedule:

- Palm Sunday Service - Sunday April 1, 9:AM
- Maundy Thursday Service at Mountainair - Thursday, April 5 at 6:30 PM
- Easter Sunday Service - Sunday April 8, 9:AM; Mountainair 11:00 AM
- Please bring fresh flowers to place on the outdoor and indoor crosses on Easter morning.

**What is Easter?...**

- It is the joyful celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ!
- It is an ancient Christian festival that is the PRINCIPAL EVENT of the church year.
- For all Christians, it is a celebration of NEW LIFW and REDEMPTION through Jesus Christ.

Why is Easter IMPORTANT?...

- For all Christians, it is a celebration of NEW LIFW and REDEMPTION through Jesus Christ.
- Easter is a time of REMEMBRANCE... Christians recall Christ's last activities on earth, His sufferings and Crucifixion and His victory over death
- Easter is a time of HOPE and RENEWAL... Christians also celebrate the victory of love over sin and a sharing of new life. If you love and serve God, you can overcome death as Christ did.



April						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9 AM Worship 9:15 Childrens Church 11 AM Worship -Mtair PALM SUNDAY	2 9:am Glass Shop	3 9:am Glass Shop	4 10:30:am Quilters	5 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Mountainai	6	7 9:am Glass Shop
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Holidays and Observances: 8: Easter Sunday						



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Christ Arose (322)

Robert Lowry (March 12, 1826 – November 25, 1899) was an American professor of literature, a Baptist minister and composer of gospel hymns.

Lowry studied theology at the University at Lewisburg (now Bucknell University) and on graduating, in 1854, became ordained as a Baptist minister. He had charge of churches in a number of places including New York; Brooklyn; West Chester, Pennsylvania; and New Jersey.

In 1869 he returned to Lewisburg as a faculty member (having previously served as a professor of literature) and later went on to become its chancellor.

From 1880 until 1886 he was president of the New Jersey Baptist Sunday School Union.

He is most remembered as a composer of gospel music and a hymn writer, and also worked as a music editor at the Biglow & Main Publishing Company. He was responsible for around 500 compositions, including "Nothing But the Blood," "Low in the Grave He Lay" (words and music), "Shall We Gather At The River?," and "How Can I Keep From Singing?" He also wrote the music and refrain for "Marching to Zion" (words by Isaac Watts)

