



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

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



**Rev. Linda Mizell, Pastor**

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**OUR MISSION: To honor God by leading  
people to become devoted followers and  
ministers of Jesus Christ.**



## **SUNDAY SERVANTS FOR AUGUST**

### **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**Lay Assist:** Tracy Hemke  
**Acolytes:** Eric Kurtz  
**Ushers:** Bonnie Thomas & Christie Kurtz  
**Greeters:** Pam & Mark Lambert

### **YOUTH SCRIPTURE READERS**

**August 4:** Andrew Moore  
**August 11:**  
**August 18:** Paige Deborski  
**August 25:**

### **KINGS KIDS**

**August 4:** Bonnie Thomas  
**August 11:**  
**August 18:** Melanie Chavez  
**August 25:** Julianne Welch

### **NURSERY**

**August 4:** Sharon Avery  
**August 11:**  
**August 18:**  
**August 25:**

# **AUGUST, 2002**

## **A Word From Our Pastor**

*Matt. 7:7 "Ask, and it will  
be given you; search, and  
you will find; knock, and the  
door will be opened for you.  
8 For everyone who asks  
receives, and everyone who  
searches finds, and for  
everyone who knocks, the  
door will be opened. ....  
12 "In everything do to  
others as you would have  
them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.  
13 "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is  
wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction,  
and there are many who take it. 14 For the gate is  
narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and  
there are few who find it. NRSV*

The narrow passageway which Jesus said leads to salvation is sometimes like the narrow plastic lifeline feeding oxygen to a patient in the hospital. In time of crisis when we most need God's intensive care, we must be careful not to become so uptight with worry and stress that we end up squeezing shut the narrow oxygen supply line to the Holy Spirit.

In the upper room on Easter evening Jesus greeted the disciples and then breathed into them the Holy Spirit (John 20:21-22). Before his death on the cross he promised to always be with his followers through the ministry of the Holy Spirit. It is a promise made to all

disciples of all ages.

But we can choke out that life line. Being human, we naturally tend to fluctuate between prayer and panic. It's one thing for us to clasp God's hand firmly as a genuine act of trust and submission to His will, but all too often we end up squeezing shut the narrow "oxygen supply" of his Spirit. It may not be easy to relax when there's a slim oxygen tube to depend upon. In order to find salvation's narrow passageway, we need to let go of our most natural, tight-fisted, worry-wart, self-sufficient survival instincts. Instead, in a spirit of trust, we allow the Holy Spirit's indispensable lifeline to freely dispense God's life saving breath. Peace, power, and joy, centered in Christ and not in ourselves, comes from the life line connected to the breath and comfort of the Holy Spirit. We find it hard to place our trust in something that seems so narrow and so out of our control. Thanks be to God: God's grace makes the most of whatever narrow opening we can muster in our fluctuations between prayer and panic.

### FROM OUR HISTORIAN

#### **Did you know .....**

Fifty nine ministers have served as pastors of this church from 1905 to present.

**Rev. C. O. Galbreath** served for the longest period of time, 1940-1949. During his tenure here, he torn down the old, two story Saiz house and with volunteer help, used the materials to build a new parsonage, poured cement for

sidewalks and the tennis court. The old parsonage became the Education Building. He was also responsible for putting up the fence and planting trees. The Sanctuary ceiling was enclosed in 1944 to save fuel but was reopened in 1990 to expose the beautiful architecture.

In 1935, a fire gutted the church building but they were able to repair and renovate the Sanctuary and basement with the insurance money.

In 1939, the Methodist Episcopal Church, The Methodist Episcopal Church, South and the Protestant Methodist united to form the Methodist

Church. Then in 1968, we united with the Evangelical United Brethren Church and became the United Methodist Church.

In 1946, the church purchased the Hammond organ which is still in use today. The beautiful windows were painted by a well-known Albuquerque artist in 1958 and later, our own local artist, **Jane Powers** painted the windows in the back of the church.. In 1977, the Education Building was enlarged and modernized. The church basement was carpeted, paneled and painted.

This is just a brief summary of early church history which will be included in detail in our history book. The history book will be ready for distribution at our 100th birthday celebration the last weekend in July 2005.

- *Ethel L. Floyd, Church Historian*

### SUNDAY SCHOOL!

A meeting concerning Sunday school will be held on **Sunday August 18th** after church. Everyone is

invited to attend that has ideas and input **or** have a desire to teach.

- *Cheryl Chavez*



**From Angela Creamer:** I will be starting

**Children's Church** during worship service for young children too old for the nursery. Ages may be from 4 to 8 yrs . I will have a better idea after the Sunday 18th meeting. Please be thinking about the children's church idea because **it will be happening!!!**

-*Thank you, Angela*

**OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** was a huge success! We learned that **through God, anything is possible**. I would like to thank all of the people that helped. **Julie Griffo, Angela Creamer, Renee Richards, Linda & Paul Mizell, Lois Van Meter, Kristi Kurtz, Leslie Fastnacht, Ashley Welch, Ethel Floyd, Barbara Simms, Alma**

**Wimsatt, Carolyn Moore, and Elaine Darnell.** We couldn't have done it without you!

-*With love,*

*Cheryl Chavez*



### FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE

#### **Ice Cream Social**

The Worship committee is planning an Ice Cream Social for late August!! The event will raise money to pay for our copyright license and to go toward apportionments. The actual date and time will be announced.

### **Praise Team**

A praise team is being organized. If you would like to be a part of the team, or know a praise song you

### FROM OUR TREASURER

Well, I guess it is about time to give you an update on the finances of the church. I haven't been nearly as timely as Carolyn at keeping everyone abreast of the financial happenings. She is definitely a tough act to follow. I will try to do a better job in that area.

The General Fund's balance has varied from a high of \$5,399.78 to a low of \$512.53. I have included a report from July which hopefully will help explain where the Church's money is being spent.

Please continue to pray about our apportionments. And keep in mind that the first 5 apportionments *have* to be paid. Please see the sign-up sheet in the back of the church. Thank you to those who have signed up for some already. One idea might be for several families to take on one --- meaning that a certain amount from each family could be allotted to a certain apportionment. Just indicate how much you might be willing to give toward that particular one then the burden might not seem so steep; especially for some of the larger ones.

Please continue to keep the church and our finances in your prayers.

-Pam

### **Estancia United Methodist Church Profit Loss Statement July 1 - 28**

<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
<b>Tithes &amp; Offerings</b>	<b>3094.69</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>3094.69</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
<b>Ministerial Support</b>	
<b>Pastors Group Ins</b>	<b>60.00</b>
<b>Pastor's Salary</b>	<b>1149.46</b>
<b>Total Ministerial Support</b>	<b>1209.96</b>
<b>Office Supplies</b>	<b>199.91</b>
<b>Outreach</b>	<b>326.54</b>
<b>Property Care &amp; Liabilities</b>	<b>347.87</b>
<b>Uncategorized Expenses</b>	<b>168.43</b>
<b>Worship</b>	
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>16.50</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>2269.21</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>825.48</b>
<b>Other Income</b>	
<b>Birthdays</b>	<b>139.00</b>
<b>Total Net Income</b>	<b>964.48</b>

### LETTER TO AGATHA

**From McCurdy School:**



Thank you for your support of our Campbell's Labels for Education program. We have been able to "purchase" many classroom supplies as well as vans with the labels you send. We process labels all year long so we appreciate your sending them at any time during

the year.

We are now participating in the General Mills' Box Tops for Education and Tyson's Project A+. These programs are similar to Campbell's only you save the entire panel with the symbol on it.

You make a difference in the quality of education McCurdy is able to offer our students. Please keep our Board of Trustees, our staff, students and their parents in your prayers.

If you have any questions, please call us at (505) 753.7221 ext. 268

Ella Martinez  
Campbell's Labels Coordinator

### **A DAY WITH THE BISHOP**

On August 17, our church along with all the churches in the Albuquerque District, are invited to spend a day with our Bishop. **Bishop Withfield** has a vision for our conference of church growth and making disciples. Our District Superintendent, **Dr. Larry Hall** writes, "Many of us have longed for this type of leadership so let's make wonderful things happen for our Lord." The Lay Leader and Pastor of each church are to work together to bring with them 4-6 other members. **Nick and Linda** will be inviting people from various age groups to be represented at this meeting on August 17, from 10 - 3, at St. Paul's UMC in Albuquerque. There will be a \$5 charge for each participant for a box lunch.

Here is the schedule: Gathering and Worship, 10 am; First Session, Reaching the Un-churched, 11 am; Lunch, 12 noon; Second Session, Growing Our

New Families to Christian Maturity, 12:45 pm; Third Session, Designing a 3 Year Plan for Reaching Out, 2 pm; Departure, 3 pm. With 65 active congregations and 8 persons from each church we should have a great day of growth in faith. This event will help us to prepare for "Ignite 03" coming in April. You will be receiving post cards regarding this event shortly.

### **Logos Pre-Season Training Camp**

On **Sunday, August 25**, at St. Paul's UMC, Albuquerque, there will be a session for equipping leaders for Logos. Lunch will be at 12:30 – 1:00; From 1 – 1:30 will be the Coach Pep Talk by **Patricia Janssen**; from 1:30 – 4:00 will be workshops for the various areas of Logos including: worship skills – choir, Worship leadership options, Family Time, Bible Hour, Recreation Play, Administration, Discipline, Questions? Ask Pat. Registration is \$10 per person and childcare will be provided. Reservations are required for lunch and childcare. See **Pastor Linda** for registration details.

### **Stewards of Creation Course**

Our District is looking for laymen and women to enroll in the Stewards of Creation course beginning in September, with the **Rev. Wallace Ford**. The deadline for applications is August 20. Call **Marjorie Williams** at 262-1646 for an application – or e-mail her at [margiew12@aol.com](mailto:margiew12@aol.com). Requirements are: 1) able to attend a weekend training course once a month from September through June 2003,

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**Toby Mora would like to hear from you.**

**His new address is:**

**Mr. Toby Mora #55617**

**WNMCF A-Red 106**

**P. O. Drawer 250**

**Grants, NM 87020**



2) assignments and a project during the course,  
3) commitment to being a trainer and advocate after the training.

Expenses will be paid. Issues to be covered include: water issues, alternate energy, regional environmental problems, etc

### **Marvin T. Judy Award**

During the North Texas Annual Conference Town and Country Awards, Ada Jo Phillips and **Rev. Terry Ann Hanig**, daughter, of **Carolyn Moore** of Estancia, were presented a plaque from **Bishop William Oden** and **Rev. Larry Davis** on behalf of the FUMC of Royse City as the winners of the Marvin T. Judy Award. The Marvin T. Judy Award was first presented in 1985. **Dr. Marvin T. Judy** was a well-known author and professor of Rural Ministries and Rural Sociology at Perkins School of Theology. He was a pioneer in his teaching and in his support of Town and Country Churches.

Congregations are nominated for this award by their District Superintendents and are chosen based on their presentation to the Town and Country Task Force.

### **Mountain Valley Emmaus Gathering**

**Just a reminder:** The Mountain Valley Emmaus gathering for August is scheduled for Friday, August 9 at 6:30 PM at Bethel UMC.

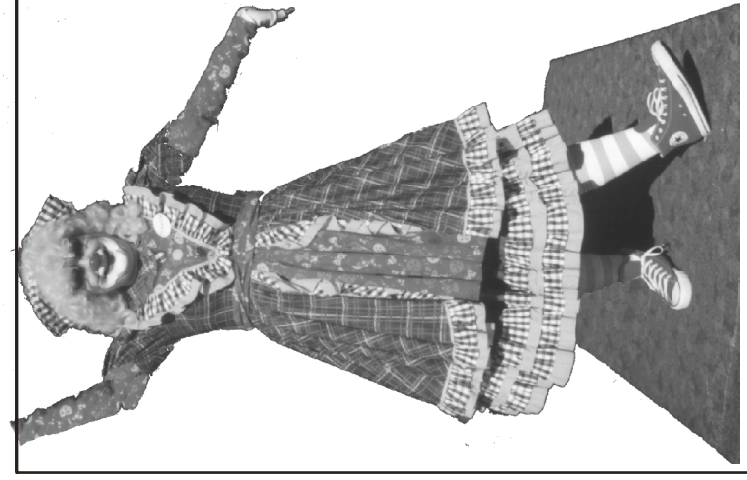
This gathering is our quarterly potluck dinner followed by praise and worship.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ...A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO CHERYL CHAVEZ!!



Watermelon Time for the 4 youngest members of VBS



Pickalily the Clown

Ashley - Clown in Training



Bible Study



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**Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday**

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| 4<br>10:00 Worship<br>11:15 Worship Com                                      | 5<br>Noon Rotary<br>7:30 pm A.A                                          | 6<br>10am Pastor's<br>Fellowship<br><br>6:30pm Prayer Group               | 7                                                             | 8                       | 9                                       | 10<br>9:00 Weight<br>Watchers                                                                                            |
| 11<br>10:00 Worship<br>11:15 PPRC Com                                        | 12 ←<br>10:am Care &<br>Outreach<br>Noon Rotary<br>7:30 pm A.A           | 13<br>10am Pastor's<br>Fellowship<br>6:30pm Prayer Group<br>7 pm Trustees | 14<br>PASTOR'S VACATION                                       | 15                      | 16 →                                    | 17<br>7:am Men's Breakfast<br>9:00 Weight Watchers<br>2pm - 7pm Wings Back<br>to School Party<br>10am-3pm Bishop/<br>ABQ |
| 18<br>10:00 Worship<br>11:15 Sunday School<br>Meeting                        | 19<br>Noon Rotary<br>7:30 pm A.A<br>19th - 23rd-SMA<br>Seasoned Citizens | 20<br>10am Pastor's<br>Fellowship<br>6:30pm Prayer Group                  | 21<br>21st - 22nd Alban<br>Institute for Pastors<br>- Lubbock | 22<br>Film company here | 23<br>Film company here                 | 24<br>Lubbock Roundup -<br>First UMC<br><br>9:am Weight<br>Watchers                                                      |
| 25<br>10:00 Worship<br>12:30 - 4pm LOGOS<br>Training Camp - St.<br>Pauls ABQ | 26<br>Noon Rotary<br>7:30 pm A.A                                         | 27<br>10am Pastor's<br>Fellowship<br>Noon UMW<br>6:30pm Prayer Group      | 28                                                            | 29                      | 30                                      | 31<br>9:00 Weight<br>Watchers                                                                                            |