



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



FEBRUARY, 2001



SUNDAY SERVANTS FOR FEBRUARY

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lay Assist: Mark Lambert
Acolytes: Belynn Sharp and Mikayla Calhoon
Ushers: Carolyn Moore & Bonnie Thomas
Greeters: Angela and Jacque Creamer

YOUTH SCRIPTURE READERS

Feb. 4: Andrew Moore
Feb. 11: Alice Daniel
Feb. 18: *Needed*
Feb. 25:

NURSERY

Feb. 4: Jamie Simmons & Belynn Sharp
Feb. 11: Ashlea Welsh & Crystal Simmons
Feb. 18: *Needed*
Feb. 25:

KINGS KIDS

Feb. 4: Barbara Simms
Feb. 11: Pastor Johann
Feb. 18: Renee Calhoon
Feb. 25: Julieanne Welsh

TIME OUT WITH "COACH" JOHANN

Greetings Estancia Saints,

"JOY FOR THE DAY!!" is the exciting proclamation that our younger children (and a certain organist of ours) love to declare every Sunday in our worship services. What a thrill to see the exuberance with which they want to make known what Christ has done for us. May that vibrant spirit of God's abundant life be your experience today and every day.

On the first Sunday of this New Year I delivered a message on us being "A People of Vision" and reminded us of the vows we all made when we were received into membership of the Church – to be **"loyal to the United Methodist Church and to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service"**. I also gave us some specific and concrete steps we each could take to make that commitment a reality in this year. One of our members asked me to put that in our next newsletter, so here it is: *That each of us would:*

1. Come to have a personal, saving relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord and be in a position to

tell our story with confidence and assurance to someone else.

2. Recognize our own need for spiritual growth and maturity and so participate weekly in both a worship and a learning experience with other believers.

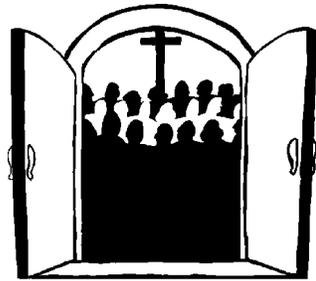
3. Participate in a small group (Sunday School Class, Bible Study, etc.) for belonging, nurture, and accountability.

4. Be involved in at least one area of service and outreach to others (LOGOS, Care & Outreach, Mission & Evangelism, are just some suggestions)

5. Pray regularly for our church, the pastor, lay leader, all the various groups and committees, the membership. [We have just started a 6am Tuesday morning Prayer Time in the sanctuary and your presence is encouraged. If you feel led to start another prayer group meeting at a different time – just let me know.]

6. Commit to being a tither – giving back to God the 10% that He said belongs to Him and also being a freewill giver (giving to God out of the 90% that He gave to you).

CHURCH ACTIVITIES are back in full swing following the Christmas/New Year vacation time. **LOGOS** gets underway again a week late because of snow delay. **Bible Studies** are starting up this week and **Confirmation Class** commences on February 4. A **congregational prayer time** at 6.00 am on Tuesday has been added and Anne and I will be commencing a 4-week study on **Healing Prayer** on Sunday, February 4 at 6pm. A **Quarterly Congregational Meeting** is to be held in the sanctuary immediately following worship on a fourth Sunday. This is a time for all members to participate and examine the life and witness of our church. It will be followed by a church potluck



Congregational MEETING

We have added a **Church Calendar** page for you to stick up on your refrigerator and give you a clearer picture of what is happening this month. Hopefully we have left you enough space to add in any corrections or additions as we move along.

Last month I challenged each of us to **bring one new person to Jesus Christ as a disciple** during this year. Be in prayer for this person. Ask the Father for openness and sensitivity on your part to the prompting of His Spirit, as He leads and directs you to this person and as you love them for His sake. We look forward to sharing with you this month in



Report on Missions by Marcia Fitzner

On Jan. 19-21, 2001 I attended a meeting in Dallas where people in leadership roles, within our Jurisdiction, received training in their particular area of work.



New Mexico Conference was represented by about 20 people that have leadership responsibility. Work shops were held, worship events were great and, of course, seeing old friends and making news ones was fun.

I attended the workshop that goes along with the new General Commission I was elected to in July. Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns deals with issues that come about as different religions, denominations etc., try to work together and at least endeavor to “agree to disagree”.

We also met as a conference and discussed issues dealing with what is going on within the conference and how churches such as ours can be resourced in order to make disciples. Cokesbury displayed the latest in books, tapes, and computer resources available.

This was a great opportunity to share with others having similar interests what is happening in our church. I was happy to share information on “LOGOS” and the fact that the churches in this valley are putting together a cookbook with a history of each church. It was great to share the fact that we are working together with other churches in a willing spirit. We, as other communities, are very fortunate to be able to do this.

Marcia Fitzner



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This is just between you and God

Hi, for those of us who have had anything to do with Kids, ever, at any time, our own or others'... have you ever felt that maybe you could have done better? That you could have done more to shape their lives? Have you, like I have, been upset about families that just did not "raise their kids right" according to what our lofty standards are? Look with me inside, into our own families, our own habits and into our own lives and answer these questions just by yourself, as I have had to do. This is just between you and God., this is not a test to be handed in. May God open our eyes and lead us to committed action as we truthfully answer...

Love in Jesus, Anne



Always **Someti**
mes Never

1. I read my Bible daily			
2. I have a daily prayer time set aside			
3. I talk everyday at least once about God			
4. My kids hear me talk about God			
5. I read the Bible to my kids			
6. I pray with my kids			
7. My kids know that I pray for them			
8. My kids know for sure that I am saved			
9. My kids know that Jesus is the most important person in my life			
10. I deal with my kids with Jesus at my side			

IT ISN'T OVER YET!

By Don L. Forsman

The Campaign for Sacramento Debt continues into the year 2001 and will go forward until we eradicate the debt that was incurred with the fire and rain which put the camp in such terrible condition this past Fall.

The Scoreboard as of January 14, 2001 was:
Goal.....\$250,000
96 persons/churches.....\$67,917 received

Send your check today to: Dan Kinane, 7920 Mountain Rd. NE, Albuquerque NM 87110
Mark it- "Debt Retirement"

As a pastor or Lay Leader, or President of UM Women or Men, see to it that your church has had an opportunity to take part in this Debt Reduction Campaign for our Camp at Sacramento, NM. This Campaign is not meant to take the place of the Capital Funds Campaign, but is putting the camp into the position to move forward without debt. Talk this Campaign up in your local churches, get Sunday School classes, youth groups, and individuals to help in this vital effort, as we hopefully bring it to a close by Conference time 2001.

Thanks to all those who have taken part thus far. I have tried to write them a note of thanks or send an email of thanks. However, we are not out of the woods yet in this Campaign! You're doing great, New



Administrative Council News

The following items were discussed at the January 7 meeting:

- An outside auditing firm will be contacted to audit the church books.
- A regular weekly prayer time at church was discussed.
- Motion passed to have quarterly congregational meeting/potlucks on the 4th Sunday of every third month beginning in January.
- Motion passed to obtain Qwest Voice Messaging service and purchase two new telephones for the church.
- Bonnie Hughes agreed to be our "official" church photographer.
- The church stewardship program received 25 pledges, totaling \$51,418. It is significantly more than last year's pledges, but \$10,000 short of the 2001 budget.
- Motion passed to continue to put aside \$400 a month for medical insurance.
- Motion passed to allow the church treasurer to move monies within certain budget categories as needed.
- Non-attending church members will be contacted and encouraged to come and worship with EUMC.



February



Sent with a prayer to:

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EUMC Calendar February 2001

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 10:30 Congregational Meeting 11:30 Potluck 5:00 Harmony in Jesus - 1st Baptist	29 10:00 Bible Study: Christianity 101 7:00 Women's Reunion Group 7:00 A. A.	30 6:00 Prayer in sanctuary 5:30 Men's Bible Study @Cyle Sharp's Barn 384-0391	31 5:00 LOGOS	1 7:00 Experiencing God Bible Study	2 6:00 Sewing & Worship Crafts	3
4 9:00 Worship 10:30 SS/Conf. 11:15 Finance 3:00 Communion to Homebound 4:00 Choir 6:00 Healing Prayer Study	5 10:00 Bible Study: Christianity 101 7:00 Women's Reunion Group 7:00 A.A. 7:00 Trustees	6 6:00 Prayer in sanctuary 5:30 Men's Bible Study @Cyle Sharp's Barn 384-0391	7 5:00 LOGOS	8 7:00 Experiencing God Bible Study	Full Moon 9 6:00 Sewing & Worship Crafts	10
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