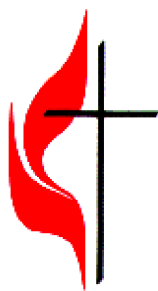




**NEWSLETTER**  
OF THE  
**Estancia United Methodist Church**  
*600 Williams, Estancia, New Mexico*



**February, 2007**

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**Prayer Concerns**

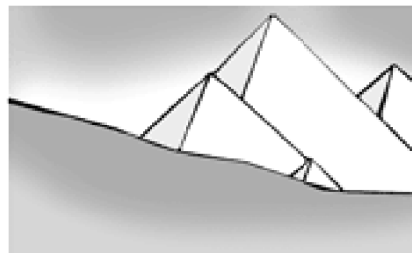
- David-to accept Christ as Savior
- John and Jen to accept Christ
- Shane Brue---colon cancer sage 3
- Tish McMichael
- Kelly Darnell
- James Soloman
- Roxanne Montoya - Danny's cousin
- Elenor Sanchez
- Missy Short - lung cancer
- Joe
- Irene Armstrong
- Ruth Brindle
- Donald Berry
- Ruth - Mel's sister
- Peter Sanchez
- Shirley Solomon
- Mary - stroke (Pam's Sister)

**Sunday Worship 11:00 AM**  
**Nursery Provided**

**From Pastor Gary**

A group of geography students studied the Seven Wonders of the World. At the end of that section, the students were asked to list what they thought were considered to be the present Seven Wonders of the World. Though there was some disagreement, the following got the most votes:

1. Egypt's Great Pyramids
2. Taj Mahal
3. Grand Canyon
4. Panama Canal
5. Empire State Building
6. St. Peter's Basilica
7. China's Great Wall



While gathering the votes, the teacher noted that one student, a quiet girl, hadn't turned in her paper yet. So she asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list. The quiet girl replied, "Yes, a little. I couldn't quite make up my mind because there were so many." The teacher said, "Well, tell us what you have, and maybe we can help." The girl hesitated, then read, "I think the Seven Wonders of the World are:

1. to touch
2. to taste

3. to see
4. to hear
- She hesitated a little, and then
5. to feel
6. to laugh
7. and to love

Then the room was so full of silence it was deafening! It is far too easy for us to look at the exploits of man and refer to them as “wonders” while we overlook all God has done for us, regarding them as merely “ordinary.” May you be reminded today of those things which are truly wondrous! Do all the good you can, for all the people you can, while you can.

*-Pastor Gary*

### **Humanism, secularism, and Christianity**

One of Satan’s subtle tools in his tool box is humanism: the belief that the material world is all that exists. There is no God, no spiritual dimension, no afterlife. Carl Sagan said it best in the introduction to his Cosmos series: “The universe is all that is or ever was or ever will be.”

Humanism has affected the way we interpret science and history. The result has been an undermining of biblical authority, even in the lives of Christians. This DVD series by Kim Ham addresses a very important issue of Biblical authority. Biblical authority is paramount to the Christian faith. Humanism, secularism, and Christianity. DVD series by Kim Ham. The last DVD address the issues of “Why Won’t They Listen” To reach our world, or our corner of it, we need to know why people won’t listen and how to break through. Come watch and discuss how to break through and reach those in our corner of the world.

Mark your calendars for Saturday February 10th from 9:00 to 3:00 p.m.

### **Brain Teaser**

Only 5% of Stanford graduates solved this riddle! (No pressure here.) Can you answer the following question?

1. The word has seven letters...
2. Preceded God...
3. Greater than God...
4. More evil than the devil...
5. All poor people have it...
6. Wealthy people need it...
7. If you eat it, you will die!

Try hard before looking at the answers on the next page.

## **Mountainair UMC News**



If the weather stays good, our final 3 windows should get installed this Saturday, hopefully. After they do, maybe I can take some photos and you can print them next month. That should finish up all the infrastructure improvements to the church. Ten years ago...the new blue steel roof. About 4 years ago, when Marsha was here, we had the Plexiglas coverings put over all the stained glass windows. Then last spring, the new stucco. Shortly after that, we got the flat roof over the parish hall completely re-surfaced, and now we are finishing up all the other windows in the parish hall, kitchen, bathroom, and study. That's quite an accomplishment, I guess, especially for such a small congregation. It was all done with special gifts; some Memorial funds, and some not.

The Mountainair Community Chorus presented their Christmas cantata on December 17. The cantata, by Joseph Martin, was entitled Celebration of Candles and focused on the coming of light into our dark world at the birth of Jesus. It was well received by a good turnout. Dee Tarr and Patty Mahoney participated in the presentation.

### **The Gift of Music**

"I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift from God. I would not forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and they smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am persuaded that after theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of heart ..... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God." - Martin Luther

### **Brain Teaser**

The Answer is: NOTHING!  
 NOTHING has 7 letters  
 NOTHING preceded God  
 NOTHING is greater than God  
 NOTHING is more evil than the devil  
 All poor people have NOTHING  
 Wealthy people need NOTHING  
 If you eat NOTHING, you will die



**Sunday School - Jan 28, 2007**

And Jesus said, "Follow me." The Bible lesson for this Sunday told about how Jesus sent the disciples forth, two by two, to tell the good news. Jesus said to be shod with sandals; and not put on two coats (no luggage!). The children paired up two by two as if they were going out in the community to do good works.



Alex

Lizzie



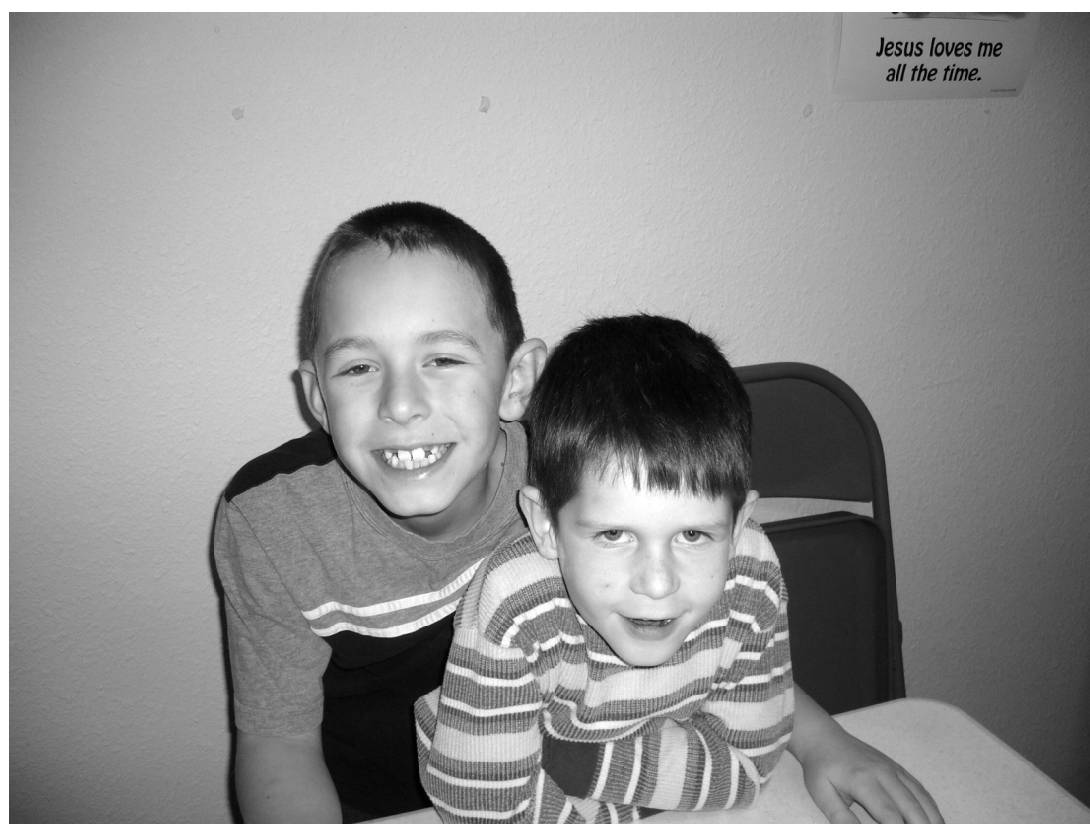
Lizzie

Kara



Kayla

Kara



Andrew

Nathan

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## **FROM ETHEL**

Greetings from Texas to my Estancia UMC family -----

Gene, Lyn and I left Estancia on Monday night, December 18th just as the storm was arriving. We ran into icy roads between Vaughn and Roswell, where we spent the night with Dick and Dixie (Slim's son). The following day we traveled on to Georgetown without any problems. The movers arrived on the 21st and I moved into my new home. I enjoy my new home but it has been difficult cutting down my "stuff" from a 9 room house to a three bedroom and combination dining room, kitchen and living room. The weather is so nice here. We did have icy roads a couple days last week and everything shutdown. However, no snow. We have had a couple days when it reached in the sixties and seventies. However, it has rained a lot since I arrived.

People are extremely friendly here and the country is beautiful. Lots of trees and small deer right here in town. We attended church on Christmas eve and last Sunday, Gene and I attended a Methodist Church. Since then, I have been showered with telephone calls from members and the pastor and his assistant. The assistant made an appointment to visit with me this coming Saturday morning. I also had visitors who brought me cookies and candy. I really like the church. They have three services on Sunday, 8:30, 9:30 and 10:30. I think I am really going to enjoy living here.

In case anyone is interested, my new address is: 314 Summer Road, Georgetown, TX 78628 and my phone # is (512) 868-5074.

I miss all of you but life goes on and I will always remember how much I enjoyed my life in Estancia and especially my church.

Love to all, Ethel Floyd

### **OUR MISSION**

**To honor God through our worship, ministry and discipleship based on God's Word; supporting one another with Christian Fellowship and reaching out to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.**