



NEWSLETTER

OF THE

Estancia United Methodist Church

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Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
Adult Sunday School 10:15 AM

We Need Modern Good Samaritans By Edgardo Berones

"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." - Colossians 3:17

Today's news is quite alarming. Many are still poor with no means of earning a decent living, health problems, inadequate education. What are we to do about it?

Modern age calls for modern measures. But sometimes I feel like looking at the past to find solutions to present problems. Sometimes reading the Bible can be quite helpful. I got to read it yesterday and came across the story about the Good Samaritan, which is about a Jewish man who was robbed and beaten so bad that he needed help.

Two men walked past him and didn't bother to help, however the third man, a Samaritan, did. Now in those days, Jews and Samaritans didn't get along very well, but the Samaritan's compassion for the Jew came over him. He helped the man and took care of him. Great story.

Today, modern *Good Samaritans* are needed badly. This is a calling for each and every one of us to stand up and be counted. Let us make a difference in other people's lives. Compassion is innate within us as human beings. We have a compassion that makes us do what is good. We help each other out of compassion. We share what we have like our material wealth, time and sympathy to help others that need it because it is inherent in us as human beings to feel sorry for others who suffer. Even in this modern age.

Stained Glass Project

It appears everyone had a good rest from the glass shop, and got back into the routine in January. Good progress was made in the assembly process of two large windows and one small window. Della finished the rough design of the three "Tomb" windows and is well on the way to making the patterns for the windows. Jon Shively is making a new trim piece to replace one that warped on one of the Naivety windows.

We had one little mishap when one of our glass grinders had an electrical short in the switch and it "bit" several people. We immediately took the grinder out of service and replaced it the next day with another one that Mel and Della brought from home. Thanks to Bill Simms, who took the faulty grinder home and fixed it. It is now back in service. With a little rearranging, we now have four glass grinders in operation and at times they are all in use.

NOTICE!!!



The **Glass Shop** is planning to sponsor and prepare a **St. Patrick's Day dinner** on **Thursday, March 17** at 6:00 PM in the Education Building. The main dish will be an old fashioned Corned Beef and Cabbage with all the fixin's. Both hot and cold drinks (green of course) will be provided along with desert. Donations to the Glass Shop will be appreciated.

-Mel Stephenson





“Oh Fair New Mexico”

Folk Lore Along the Salt Mission Trail

February 12, 2011 - 6:30 PM

Estancia United Methodist Church

Fine Food, Music, Cowboy Poetry

Adults: \$8.00

Child: \$5:00

The dinner on Saturday night, Feb. 12, is “Folklore Along the Salt Mission Trail”. It is being hosted by June and Charlie Spooner for the congregation and community. Please invite a neighbor or friend. Printed tickets will be available before the event. Donations will benefit Outreach Ministries at our church.

Entertainment will be provided by the Juniper Hills Band, which includes our own Jon Shively. This is a 4 piece band, with banjo, bass, guitar and mandolin. They will play western (cowboy) songs with a few gospels. There will also be cowboy poetry by Marrow Hall, don't miss it! So, find your “western wear” and join us !!

Methodist Men

The Methodist Men met on January 15. The breakfast was prepared by four cooks: Butch, Phil, Don, and Mel. Needless to say, too many cooks did spoil the breakfast! Especially noteworthy were the biscuits which required three cooks to perfect them. After singing Onward Christian Soldiers and This Is My Father's World and prayers, the group discussed several future activities. The treasure's report indicated that the Men have \$160 in the bank.

The group discussed the support needed for the stained glass windows project. The installation of the trim around the windows will require a separate work day when it warms up so that the saws can be used outside. Most of the trim is already stained. One piece of trim on the east window needs to be replaced. The group discussed what could be done to straighten up the furnace room. Phil volunteered to inventory and check out the paint storage area, Jon said he would recruit someone to help rearrange the materials in room. They would also look into the storage shed to see what needs to be done there. There was discussion of a sound activated light over the servant's entrance to light the steps. Jon had tried to find them at Lowe's. Harry said he would track them down and give us a price and location in the store. Jon announced that he had completed inventory of the choir music which is stored in the basement. An inventory of the choir music is inside each of the six boxes.

Guitar Classes

Both the beginning and intermediate guitar classes are ongoing the first and third Wednesdays of the month. The beginning guitar students are making very good progress and are able to play in three

keys and have mastered two minor chords. The beginning guitar class performed in church before Christmas, playing Silent Night. The intermediate class is focusing on strumming styles and playing simple melodies on the guitar by picking notes out.

Joyful Singers

The Joyful Singers will be meeting on every Tuesday from 7 to 8 pm. The group welcomes new participants and particularly needs more female singers. The singers performed on Sunday, the 23rd, by singing the Horse and Rider Song as an invitation to worship. Current repertoire includes Where the Soul Never Dies, Seek Ye First, and The Beautiful Life. Next month we will be working on musical material for Easter.

-Jon Shively



The Quilters

We call ourselves The Quilters, though some may be embroidering, crocheting or knitting. Lately, Elaine and Barbara have begun making jackets from sweat shirts. We meet at the Ed Building on Wednesdays at 10:00. We may have as few as 2 or as many as 12 show up to sew and visit, exchange ideas, fabrics, thread, patterns, etc. It's usually pot-luck for lunch. All are invited to bring a project and join in...it's ecumenical. Assistance with any project is always available and freely given.

-Alma Wimsatt



Administrative Council

The Administrative Board met last week to review last year's financial situation and found it to be in very good order. Most of that is because we do not have to pay a full time clergy. We should all thank Rev. Spooner for enabling us to do that, since his retired status allows us secure him without the expenses of a person in active ministry.

Everyone that uses funds from the budget has been very careful not to mis-spend any funds and, of course, all of you that donate your time, efforts and money for many of the activities in the church also make it possible for us to stay within our budget. Your faithfulness in giving your time, energy and offerings make all of this possible. We are so very blessed to have such a fine group of people within our walls and community.

The board looks forward to another good year of doing God's ministry, and keeping our hearts open to new opportunities.

In this newsletter, you will see information about the "Fair New Mexico" event that the Spooners will sponsor and I'm sure this will be a delightful experience for all of us. I do hope that you put this event on your calendar and are able to attend.

Also please note the St. Patricks Day event sponsored by the glass shop workers. This will be a fund raiser for the glass shop. Supplies of glass and all the fixings, as they say, can be very expensive. Many of us that work there are able to help donate, but for some, it is beyond our pocket book. Having a dinner will allow the shop to raise some funds as well as spend some time with all of you to let you know about our progress.

Our thanks, again, for those that continue to work with our children. This work is such a vital part of our ministry. Be sure to say "thanks" to them and ask if there is anything you might be able to contribute to help out.

My gratitude to all of you who serve in this church and make it very easy to be your council president. I am blessed, knowing that all of you are behind the preacher and Council to make this the fine church that it is!

Gods love and mine,
Marcia

News From The Waco Methodist Home For Children:

We will be having a visitor from the Waco Methodist Home for Children on Sunday, Feb.6 2011. She will be updating us on happenings at the Waco Home. Maggie Rodgers has an office in Lubbock, Texas where she works with foster children and foster parents. However, she is a part of the Waco staff and will be here to talk to us about the Waco home.

Don and I have been commissioners for the home for several years and we are very impressed with the ministry and the foster care program they have there. I hope that many of you will make an effort to be in church that Sunday to hear about the good it is doing for young girls and boys and infants. Many of these children come from very abusive situations.

-Marcia and Don

February 2011

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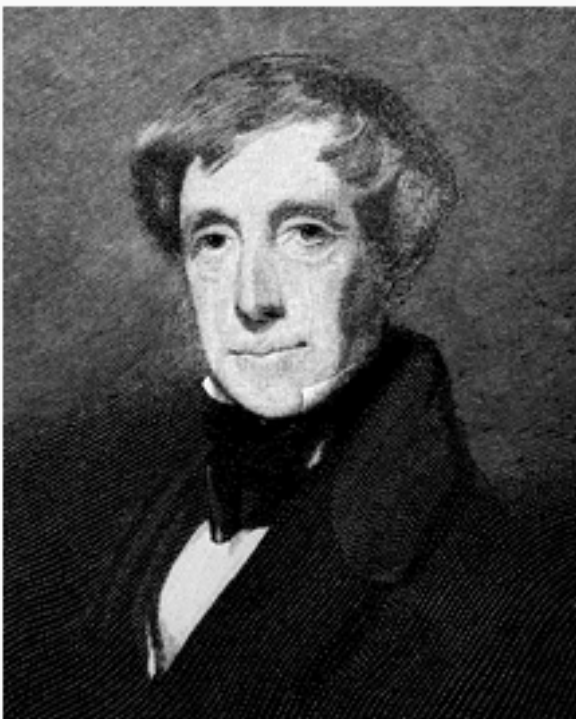
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Clement Clarke Moore



Born July 15, 1779
New York City

Died July 10, 1863 (aged 83)
Newport, Rhode Island

We Three Kings (UMH #254)

Strange but true. After the War of 1812, Anglicans in America decided they needed their own seminary. It was decided to locate the school somewhere in New York City. **Clement Clark Moore**, son of New York's Episcopalian Bishop, was an up-and-coming land developer. He had become well-known because of a poem he had written, "**Tw'as the night before Christmas**". Moore owned a large estate in the undeveloped regions of northern Manhattan, "a quiet, rural retreat on the banks of the picturesque Hudson". He offered a portion of his estate and the General Theological Seminary was established. Moore, a linguist and Biblical scholar, was one of General's first professors, teaching Biblical languages. Some years later, a reporter named John H. Hopkins, Jr., enrolled at the seminary. After graduating, in 1855 he was hired as the seminary's first instructor of music. He wrote "**We Three Kings**" as part of a Christman pageant in 1857. He wrote other hymns but most have fallen into obscurity. This was his crowning achievement, made possible in part by another poet, "**and to all a good night**".