



**100th Anniversary - July 31, 2005**

## **NEWSLETTER**

**OF THE**

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



**January**  
**2005**

**Pastor: Rev. Gary Eggart**

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President UMY	TBA
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Bishop: D. Max Whitfield  
 District Superintendent: Dr. Larry Hall  
**Please visit us on the web:**  
<http://www.gbgbm-umc.org/estancia>

**Prayer Concerns**

- The people and nations affected by the terrible South Asian tsunami disaster
- Philip Moore
- Mildred Griffo and family
- Jim and Carol Benton
- Jim and Deedee Young
- Safe travel for friends and relatives
- The After School Ministry
- The United Methodist Men's group and their ministries
- All who do not have a relationship with Jesus
- General Conference representatives and resolutions
- This congregation and its leaders & finances
- The men and women of the armed forces
- National leaders and the leaders of the world
- Teachers, administrators and students
- Our town government and the youth center

Members and friends to pray for this week:  
 Susan Samuels; Tony, Kimber, Laura, Matthew,  
 Jacob & Katherine Sanchez; Richard & Marilyn  
 Seddon; Jon and Joannie Shively; Margaret,  
 Crystal & Jamie Simmons; Kelsey Sours; Karla  
 Steinheart; Mel and Della Stephenson.

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

**FROM BISHOP MAX****Some of My Thoughts**

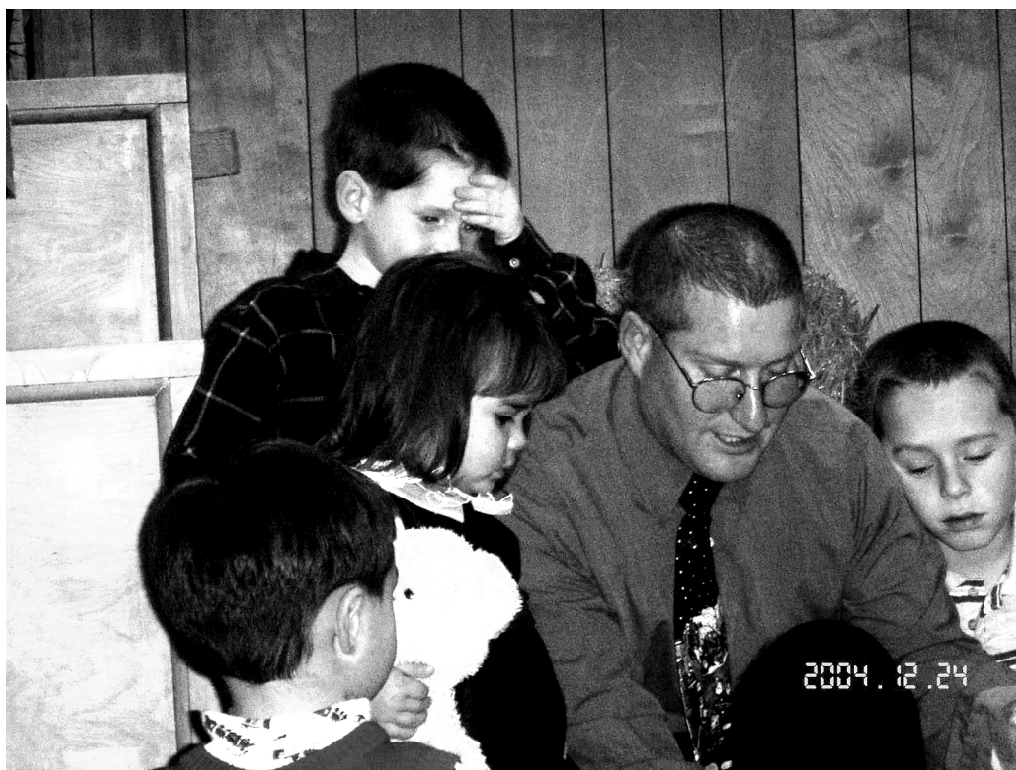
**A 9.0 magnitude earthquake** on December 26 caused tidal waves that have claimed over 80,000 lives in South Asia. The number of people who are homeless exceeds our imagination. Total communities collapsed in the blinking of an eye. More than ten (10) nations experienced destruction and death. The United Methodist Church began responding immediately through our ecumenical partners.

As I listened to the Today Show, I heard the familiar comment, "The best way the American people can help is to send money." The United Methodist Committee on Relief has one of the best records of making sure that every donated dollar benefits those in need. Our World Service apportionments pay the administrative cost of UMCOR, which allows 100% of special gifts to go directly to and for the cause.

I urge each congregation in the Northwest Texas and New Mexico Area to consider prayerfully taking a special offering to assist those so tragically impacted by this natural disaster. Personal and special offerings can be sent to the Conference Treasurer, 7920 Mountain Rd. NE, Albuquerque NM 87110, or directly to UMCOR, 475 Riverside Drive, Room 330, New York, NY 10015. All checks should note Advance #274305. Individuals can contribute online by going to the secure server at [www.UMC.org](http://www.UMC.org).

May the last few days of December and all of the coming New Year be filled with joy and peace.  
 Grace & Peace, Max

**Christmas Eve Service in Mountainair**



A joint Estancia UMC - Mountainair UMC Christmas Eve Service was held at the Mountainair church with Rev. Gary Eggart officiating. There were about 40 in attendance.

## **MOUNTAINAIR "MORNING STAR" CANTATA**



On December 12th, The Mountainair Community Chorus performed the Cantata "Morning Star" at the Mountainair Baptist Church. The Mountainair Community Chorus was formed almost three years ago and membership primarily consists of church members from throughout Mountainair. The cantata "Morning Star" is by Joseph and Pamela Martin. MUMC members include Mary Jones, singer, and Patty Mahoney, director.

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### ***A Joyous Recap of the Season***

EUMC and it's members were very busy this holiday (Holy) season. The After School Ministry continued on Thursdays from 3:00 to 5:00pm - what an enthusiastic group of children and adults! Saturday, Dec. 4, found the United Methodist Women doing the "Cookie Walk" - cookies, cookies everywhere and not a drop of milk! Actually, our best cookie customers were our own members on Sunday morning - maybe because of the free samples! On the third Sunday of Advent, Dec. 12, many of us returned at 4:00pm for a church Christmas party in the Education Building. Pastor Gary had worked hard to supply entertainment - we were the entertainment! He had a quiz show gizmo that lit up when punched for the right answer - women against the men - need we say who won! Right after the party, several folks hurried over to Mountainair for the Christmas Cantata held at the Baptist Church. Patty Mahoney and Mary Jones from the Methodist Church in Mountainair were a big part of this concert. Those who attended were blessed. At noon on Dec. 14 the annual UMW Christmas potluck lunch was held at Ethel Floyd's home - good fellowship and great food with friends. The fourth Sunday in Advent, Dec. 19, the Children's Choir sang led by Leslie Fastnacht - Oh, what a delight. The singing was a blessing. Also that Sunday we had a "Birthday Party for Jesus". There was a large decorated cake at the altar and a gingerbread manger made by Susan Wilson. Balloons were everywhere filled with helium - a joyous event and "the reason for the season"! On Christmas Eve folks from Estancia and the surrounding area traveled to Mountainair for a 7:00pm Christmas Eve Service led by Pastor Gary. This event will be shared each year by Estancia and Mountainair Methodist churches. What a wonderful tradition! And so, 2004 comes to a close - 2005 will be great - don't miss it!!!





**ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS  
AND COMMITTEES OF ESTANCIA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
2005**

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**Board of Trustees**

- (05) Ray Darnell
- Francis Winn
- (06) Mark Lambert (Chair)
- Carolyn Moore
- (07) Bill Simms
- Marcella Reynolds

**Finance Committee**

- Chair: Marcia Fitzner
- Financial Secretary: Marcella Reynolds
- Treasurer: Sylvia Levy
- Lay Member: Carolyn Moore
- Council Chair: Ethel Floyd
- PPRC Chair: Barbara Simms
- Trustees Chair: Mark Lambert
- Member at Large: Mary Hemke

**Pastor-Parish Relations**

- Lay Mem: Carolyn Moore
- Lay Leader: Tracy Hemke
- (05) Barbara Simms, Chair
- Jan Winn
- (06) Melanie Chavez
- Sam Wilson
- (07) Marcella Reynolds
- Nick Griffo

**Worship Committee**

- Julie Griffo: Chair
- Tracy Hemke
- Elaine Darnell
- Ethel Floyd
- Morrow Hall

**Education Committee**

- Susan Wilson: Chair
- Melanie Chavez
- Renee Richards
- Francis Winn
- Leslie Fastnacht
- Brian Wilson

**Care and Outreach**

- Alma Wimsatt: Chair
- Bonnie Thomas
- Renee Richards
- Amanda Eggart
- Kristie Brown
- Don Fitzner

**Committee on Lay Leadership**

- (05) Mel Stephenson
- Agatha Garrison
- (06) Alma Wimsatt
- Roy Daniel
- (07) Bill Simms
- Lowell Clark

**Food Pantry**

- Tracy Hemke: Chair
- Raymond Moore
- Marcella Reynolds
- Melanie Chavez

**History Committee**

- Ethel Floyd: Chair
- Marcella Reynolds
- Agatha Garrison
- Carolyn Moore
- Roy Daniel
- Bill Simms
- Don Fitzner

**Homebound Ministries**

- Agatha Garrison: Chair
- Nick Griffo
- Tracy Hemke
- Lilly Wyman
- Don Fitzner

**Organist:** Morrow Hall

**Newsletter:** Barbara and Bill Simms

**Choir Director:** Morrow Hall

**McMurray Rep:** Carolyn Moore

**Lay Mem. to the Ann. Conf:** Carolyn Moore

**Gardening:**

- Leslie Fastnacht
- Barbara Simms
- Julie Griffo

**MANY THANKS** to all the people who volunteer their time and service to all the jobs that further the Lord's work and make our church run smoothly.

**BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS**  
**12-19-04**



**Children's Choir Sings at the Birthday Party for Jesus - Sunday Dec 19**

### **Evangelism and Spiritual Gift Training**



**John Barrett (conference evangelist)** visited EUMC on December 10th & 11th to present a two-day program “**Evangelism and Spiritual Gift Training**” The presentation was designed to help our leaders discover their spiritual gifts and use them to be effective in serving God and reaching others for Christ.

**HISTORY COMMITTEE REPORT**

One of the chief values of history is entertainment. It is fascinating to learn about the people of the past. We enjoy listening, seeing and reading about what has happened in the past. When you read our upcoming history book, you will be captivated by the stories of former members and events they experienced while attending our church.

As the committee puts the pieces together for the history of our church, we cannot stress to strongly how important it is for the secretary of each committee to keep records (and they should be in a bound record book). At the end of his/her term as secretary, these minutes should be loaned to the historian so they can be permanently recorded by dates. If you choose not to follow the above suggestion, then please make an extra written copy of your report to the Administrative Council for the historian. This is the only way we can keep a complete record of the church programs and activities.

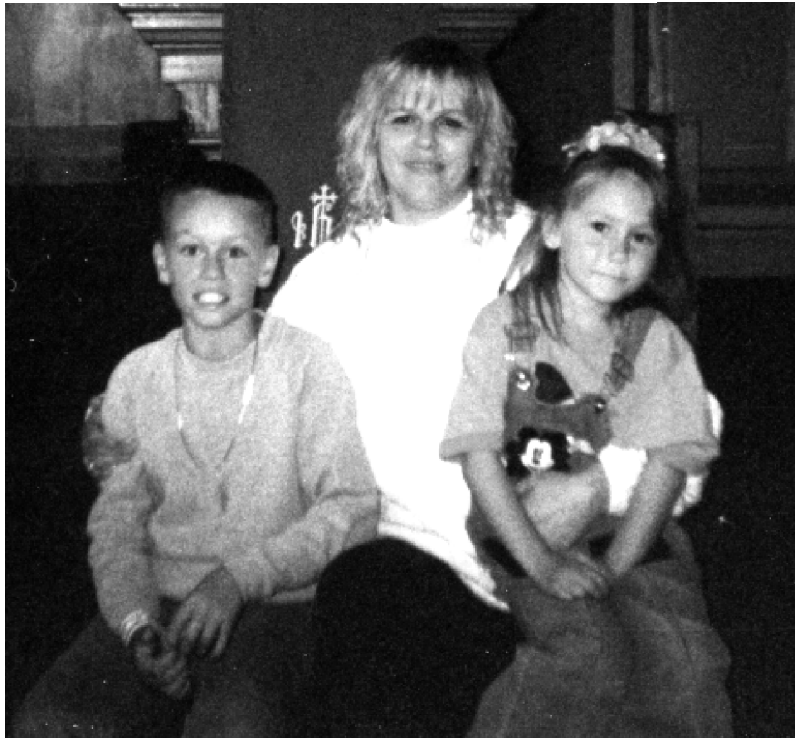
*-Ethel L. Floyd, Historian*

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S REPORT**

December 2004, was a busy month for our UMW. The first weekend we held a "Cookie-Walk". It was fairly well attended on Saturday, but very few of our own congregation attended so we held it over for the fellowship time after church services and with the two sessions, we did pretty well.

Then we had our Christmas Party on December 14th. We enjoyed lots of food and fellowship. We did not have a business meeting or program but are ready to start a new year with enthusiasm and determination to have a good 2005.

*-Ethel L. Floyd, President*

**NEWEST 2004 MEMBERS:**

Tracy Strand and her children, Blair and Mary joined our church last fall and Charles Burson (not shown) joined last Sunday (Dec. 19).



# January 2005

Tear Off

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b> 10 AM Choir Prac 11 AM Worship 5 PM Youth Group 6 PM Growth GpWinns	<b>3</b> 7-7:45 Morning Meditation 7:30pm AA	<b>4</b> Pastor Gary in Mountainair 7:00pm Mens Emmaus	<b>5</b> 7-7:45 Morning Meditation 6:00 Wed Night Blessing	<b>6</b> 7:30pm AA	<b>7</b> 7-7:45 Morning Meditation	<b>1</b> HAPPY NEW YEAR
<b>9</b> 10 AM Choir Prac 11 AM Worship Potluck after Church 5 PM Youth Group 6 PM Growth GpWinns	<b>10</b> 7-7:45 Morning Meditation 7:30pm AA	<b>11</b> Pastor Gary in Mountainair	<b>12</b> 7-7:45 Morning Meditation 6:00 Wed Night Blessing	<b>13</b> 3-5:00 After School Ministry 7:30pm AA	<b>14</b> 7-7:45 Morning Meditation 7:00 PM Emmaus Gathering-Bethel	<b>8</b> 7-7:45 Morning Meditation <b>15</b> 7:AM Men's Breakfast
<b>16</b> 10 AM Choir Prac 11 AM Worship 5 PM Youth Group 6 PM Growth GpWinns	<b>17</b> 7-7:45 Morning Meditation 7:30pm AA	<b>18</b> Pastor Gary in Mountainair	<b>19</b> 7-7:45 Morning Meditation 6:00 Wed Night Blessing	<b>20</b> 3-5:00 After School Ministry 7:30pm AA	<b>21</b> 7-7:45 Morning Meditation	<b>22</b> 7-7:45 Morning Meditation
<b>23</b> 10 AM Choir Prac 11 AM Worship 5 PM Youth Group 6 PM Growth GpWinns	<b>24</b> 7-7:45 Morning Meditation 7:30pm AA	<b>25</b> Pastor Gary in Mountainair	<b>26</b> 7-7:45 Morning Meditation 6:00 Wed Night Blessing	<b>27</b> 3-5:00 After School Ministry 7:30pm AA	<b>28</b> 7-7:45 Morning Meditation	<b>29</b> 7-7:45 Morning Meditation
<b>30</b> 10 AM Choir Prac 11 AM Worship 5 PM Youth Group 6 PM Growth GpWinns	<b>31</b> 7-7:45 Morning Meditation 7:30pm AA	Please see Marcella Reynolds to schedule meetings or activities in the Education Building, 384-2358.				



*Sent with a prayer to:*

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#### I AM A NEWCOMER

Won't you please...

- Smile at me as I walk in the door. You are my first impression of the church, during the first few moments I am in your building, and the first impression will probably stay with me a long time.
- Help me find my place in the service. I will not find your help an intrusion. In fact, I will remember your kindness.
- Speak to me during the coffee hour. I know you want to see your friends and settle that piece of committee business. But I may find it hard to believe that you truly care for each other unless I first see evidence that you care for "the stranger in you midst."
- Tell me good things about your church and your minister. I want to believe that I have come to a place where people love each other and where they believe that they are doing something exciting and important for the Lord.
- Notice me - even if I am not a "family". I don't want to feel invisible just because I am unmarried, a single parent, a teenager, or an older person.
- Talk to me again the second week when I come back, and the third, and the forth. I am still not a part of your church family.
- Invite me to become part of some church group or organization. I need more than worship every Sunday. I need to know that I am accepted and affirmed by a group of people within the church who know me by my first name and who care about me as an individual.

If you can find it in your heart to do these things for me, I will come back. the second Sunday, the third, and maybe forever. I will worship with you, join your choir, work at your fair, teach in your church school, contribute to your canvass, and become a highly involved member of your church and, in so doing, I will find my own life immeasurably enriched as a result of having become a member of your church.

*-The Rev. Christopher C Moore reprinted from the Anglican Digest*

#### **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.**