



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



January, 2007

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New Year Prayer
**Jesus, please fill us
 with peace and clear
 our minds to prepare
 for a new year. Help us
 enjoy our friends and
 families. Unite us with
 Your grace and love
 and help us remember
 our many blessings.
 Amen**

Sunday Worship 11:00 AM
Nursery Provided

From Pastor Gary**Dreams**

Dreaming is my favorite part of sleeping. I feel robbed when I can't remember my dreams. We all dream but we don't always remember them. I don't remember what I dreamed last night, but I can remember a few dreams when I was a teenager. Sometimes I have the same dream over again. I wonder what that means? The other night Amanda had a dream about us and I was eager to hear it. I am even good at day dreaming. Sometimes I wonder what people are dreaming of during the sermon, but that's another story.

Some of the people in the bible had dreams. Jacob had a dream-Jacobs Ladder. The king of Egypt, the king of Babylon (Nebuchadnezzar), Joseph had a dream, and a few others. I am jealous because I would like God to give me a dream like that. We know Paul was caught up to the third heaven. I would like that too. Sometimes when I am feeling weak and vulnerable I would like sit in God's lap and have him hold me, encourage me. More often I would like to walk the streets of gold with Jesus and talk. That hasn't happened yet, but I still hope for it. You could say it is a dream of mine to have a dream like that, What are your dreams? The definition of a dream is a series of thoughts or images passing through the mind in sleep. But it also means to consider something as possible.

Martin Luther King Jr. had a dream, and it became a famous speech. Did you know God has dreams? Well, I like to think He does because every parent has dreams for their children. I think he has dreams for his church. I believe He has dreams for the Estancia and Mountainair UM churches - what he would like them to become. He knows our potential abilities and what we can accomplish if we will only trust him and step out in faith.



Dreams will only remain a fantasy unless we make plans and set goals and take steps to see them become a reality. Dick Wills wrote a book "Waking to God's Dream." God has a vision for His Church. Dick writes, "It is not what you are now that is important, but what God wants you to be and what you can accomplish with faith." What does God want us to be? It is a good question and one we need to ask. We need to ask it repeatedly until we get an answer. Dick took a week and spent it seeking God's dream for his church and God gave him three things the church needed to focus on.

As I have thought about our church there are some things I believe we need to focus on: becoming visible to our community (this is more than having Church on Sunday), offering ministries that meet needs, and developing a vital small group ministry. Small groups need five ingredients: fellowship, study, accountability, worship and prayer, and mission or outreach. There is one more part, offering faith sharing workshops to build our confidence in sharing our story. Are these the things God wants us to do? Are these the things God has laid on your pastor's heart? We know that God wants us to make disciples, but without a plan it becomes a dream that fizzles out.

We are good at pursuing the American dream, but what about God's dreams? We need to pursue His dreams, His vision, His plans. We need to Wake to God's Dream! "It is not what you are now that is important, but what God wants you to be and what you can accomplish with faith." Are you willing to become what God wants you to be? Will you step out in faith and accomplish God's dream?

-Pastor Gary

Christmas Clothing Baskets

During Advent we collected \$1,328.00 for our Christmas Clothing Baskets. Toys were also purchased for a few families whose Christmas would be especially slim. In addition, we gave out several food baskets. **You** helped make Christmas special for these children because of your generosity. There was about \$150 left over. We ran out of time to spend it all, so it will stay in the Discretionary Fund to be used to help others this next year. Thanks again for being so generous and sharing your love with others.



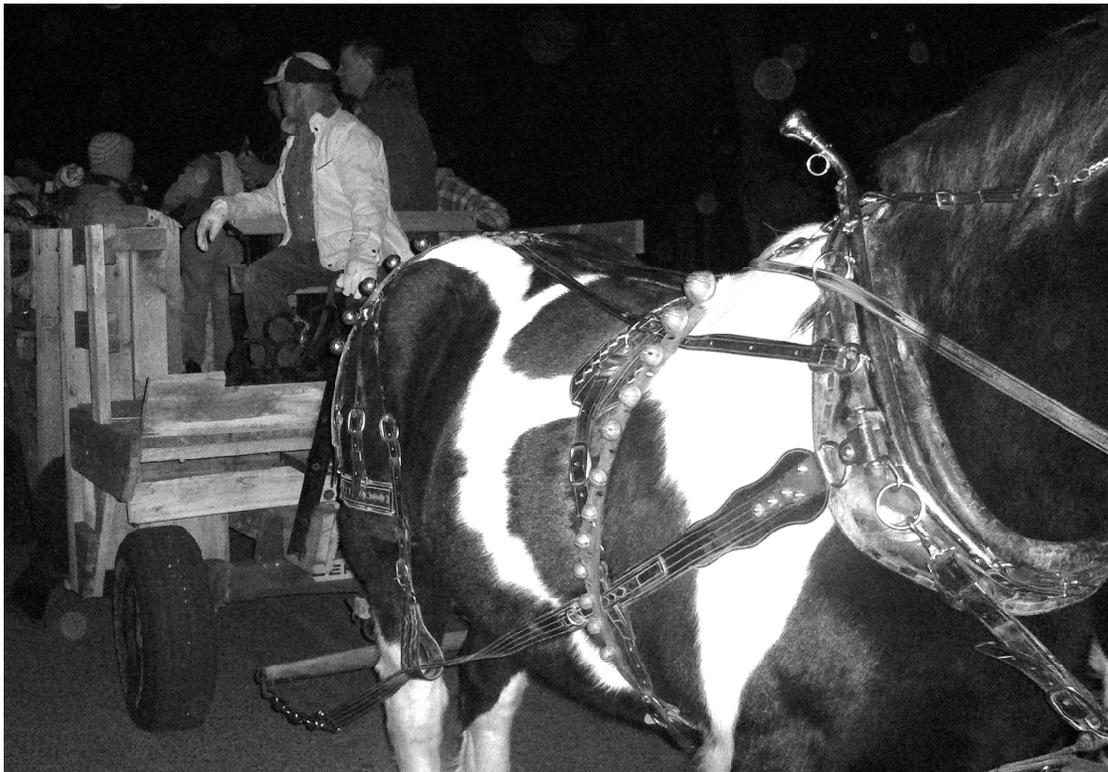
Ken Ham -- Humanism and Christianity

Mark your calendars for Saturday February 10th from 9:00 to 3:00 p.m. We will be watching a DVD series by Ken Ham. He is one of today's most popular Christian speakers. He talks about Secularism, Humanism, and Christianity. He says, "the western world is becoming less Christian every day as it loses the Bible-based world view that once permeated society.", And he continues, "to many the bible is a book of religion, morality and mere 'stories' that don't really relate to our scientifically advanced culture. The fact that the Bible is real history--touching on biology, geology, astronomy, anthropology, etc.--has been lost to most." Mr. Ham will challenge our thinking. I want to encourage all of you to attend, but especially our church leadership and those who hold positions in our church.



Open House at the Eggarts - December 18, 2006

Pastor Gary and Amanda Eggart opened their home for a time of Christmas cheer and fellowship on Monday evening, December 18. Good times, good food and much visiting was appreciated by various members of our church. But note, the picture shows the folks who were really having a good time on the floor! Andrew and Nathan know how to treat their guests. A good time was had by all.



Christmas Caroling around the Town

On December 21 at 6 PM we gathered in the Education Building. Lowell and Gayle Clark brought their two wagons and horses so that we could go caroling around the neighborhood in style. It was a very cold night (always is)! But the enthusiasm made up for any discomfort. Julie Griffo led the singers in song at several houses including the Jim Young's and Butch McGee's mothers house. Afterwards, and the shedding of coats, hats, gloves, etc., everyone enjoyed various hot soups, hot chocolate, coffee and sweet treats provided by our church members. Bill Simms and John Shively provided musical accompaniment - thank you.



December 24, 2005 - Christmas Eve Service at Estancia United Methodist Church

The Christmas Eve program was well attended. Leslie Fastnaught led the children in a musical program with singing and spoken parts by individual children. Leslie practiced with the children every Sunday and also did Christmas crafts with them. At the end of the program the children sang "Silent Night" accompanied by Bill Simms on guitar. Patty Mahoney from our sister church in Mountainair, (pictured above at the organ) provided music for parts of the program and our Christmas hymns. Thanks, Patty!

Happy
New Year!

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Vicky Dile - Children Min. Leader

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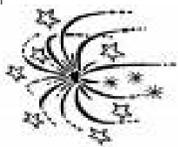
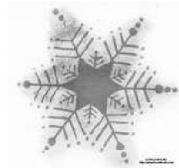
Carolyn Moore

Organist: Marrow Hall Newsletter: Bill Simms Mc Murray Rep. Carolyn Moore

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.

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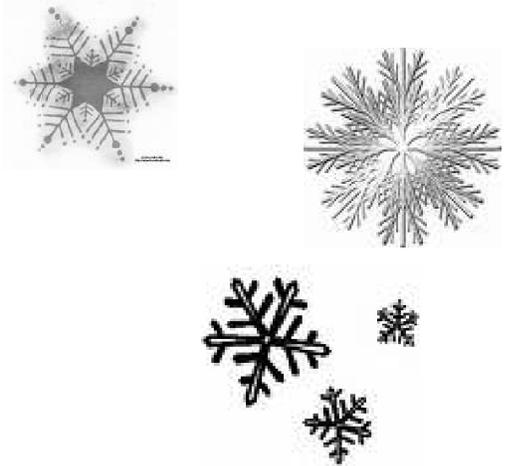
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Sent with a prayer to:



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FROM THE CONSTANTINES - Christmas 2006 (Pastor EUMC 1990 - 1992)

Dear Everyone,... Once again it is time to write our Christmas letter so we can keep in touch with good friends far and near. We so enjoy hearing from all of you at this time of year since so many times our lives get too busy to say "Hello" the rest of the year.

We have had a busy year full of adjustments and achievements. January we sent both Sarah and Benjamin back to college and Sharon finished orienting to her new job and finally got to go on nights after rediscovering why she doesn't like working days.

Bill continues working at the Chapel, ministering to airmen and their families in many ways including being a leader for a financial management class the Chapel co-sponsored. This fall he has been Acting Wing Chaplain which means he gets to do two jobs in place of one at the busiest time of the chapel year. This makes for many challenges and he is looking forward to retiring in a year or so.

In June Bill and Sharon went to Annual Conference in New Mexico and then took some time to drive around southern Colorado looking for that special place to retire. We found some great places but not the "right" one. In August, we went as a family on vacation to Hawaii for ten days, most on Maui, and a few on Oahu.

It was Sarah's "last fling" before going back to school for her last semester. We are proud to announce she graduated December 15th and after Christmas gets to start her own job hunt. Benjamin is in his junior year at Eastern Washington University and has finally started his classes for his major. He particularly liked drafting this last quarter.

Sharon has found working 24 hours a week puts a bigger hole in her life than she expected, but she loves working again with the moms and babies and loves getting her "baby fix" without having to keep them. She continues volunteering with PWOC as a Bible study leader and as the Bell Choir director enjoys making music for worship.

Have a blessed Christmas and come visit anytime.... **The Constantines**

"He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end." Luke 1:32-33

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.