



NEWSLETTER

OF THE

Estancia United Methodist Church

600 Williams, Estancia, New Mexico

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JULY, 2010

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

We Love Our Country

A thoughtful mind, when it sees a Nation's flag, sees not the flag only, but the Nation itself; and whatever may be its symbols, its insignia, he reads chiefly in the flag the Government, the principles, the truths, the history which belongs to the Nation which belongs to the Nation that sets it forth." -- Henry Ward Beecher

"God bless America, land that I love,
 Stand beside her, and guide her,
 Through the night, with the light from above,
 From the mountains, to the prairies
 To the oceans, white with foam
 God bless America, my home sweet home,
 God bless America! My Home Sweet Home!" --Irving Berlin, God Bless America

"We can't all be Washingtons, but we can all be patriots." -- Charles F. Browne

"Patriotism is easy to understand in America; it means looking out for yourself by looking out for your country."-- Calvin Coolidge

"True patriotism hates injustice in its own land more than anywhere else." -- Clarence Darrow

"Our country! In her intercourse with foreign nations, may she always be in the right; but our country, right or wrong!" -- Steven Decatur

"And I'm proud to be an American,
Where at least I know I'm free,
And I won't forget the men who died,
Who gave that right to me
And I'll proudly stand up next to him to defend her still today,
Cuz there aint no doubt I love this land,
God bless the USA" -- Lee Greenwood, Proud To Be An American

"I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country." -- Nathan Hale's last words before being hanged by British.

May you walk with the LORD always, and when you cannot take another step, may He carry you the rest of the way until you can walk along side Him again.

Stained Glass Project

There was significant progress in June due to the whole crew being able to work and the experience is starting to show in both quality and time to accomplish tasks. Some of the more significant achievements included: 1) Completing and installing the right window panel of the Lord's Supper; 2) The assembly process is in progress for the three window panels of the Crucifixion with completion varying from about 25% to 50%; and 3) The Foot Washing window is in the assembly process and is about 30% complete.

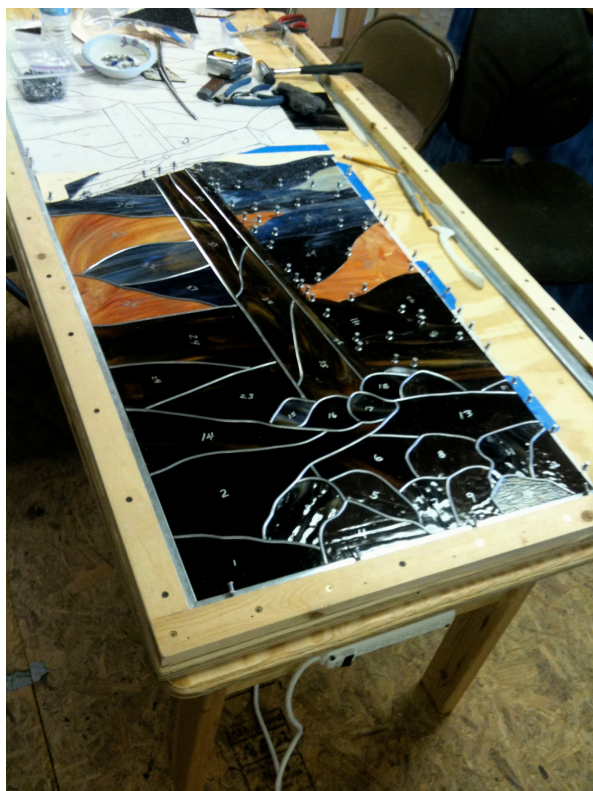
We are still planning to complete the three Crucifixion panels before we put up the scaffolding so that we can install the nine remaining windows on the center south side at one time. We also plan to have the window frames ready to install, which will result in less time for the scaffolding to be up in church. All the installation will be scheduled after Vacation Bible School in July.

We are also still planning in the near future a "window frames installation" work day for the windows already installed.

-Mel Stephenson



Crucifixion Windows Under Construction



Foot Washing Window

Ad Council

As always, I am happy to report that our giving and things we do for the church, cleaning etc., are continuing to keep us level. We continue to function as a church very well. The stained glass project is continuing. Many thanks to the volunteers and folks who are willing to contribute money for the purchase of glass. If you find that you have a little money to spare, the glass project can put it to good use for the purchase of glass. We are using every scrap of glass that we can, but sometimes there is a real need and additional glass must be purchased in order to complete a window. **So, please don't forget us.**

Many things are happening -- Vacation Bible School will be starting soon and everyone involved is working hard to make it a great experience for the children. This is a wonderful way to reach out to the community and share God's love.

A recent devotional in the Upper Room caught my attention. It talked about the fact that christians, like flowers, bloom at different times. Some serve visibly and eagerly in the church as teachers, heads of committees etc. Others, like half-opened flowers, reluctantly agree to help in small ways around the church. Then there are those whose growth is less obvious to us. Like unopened buds, they need the warmth of fellowship, the nourishment of God's work, and the refreshment of love in order to bloom. We can not hurry the spiritual growth of others, but we can provide the climate for growth in many ways as we share God's word and the love that he shows us.

I leave you with this thought, "How am I nurturing others in the Faith"?

-Marcia Fitzner

Someone has said that membership in every organization
is composed of **four kinds of Bones:**

Wish Bones, who spend their time wishing someone would do the work,

Jaw Bones, who do a lot of talking, but little work,

Knuckle bones, who knock everything anyone tries to do and

Back Bones, who get under the load and do the work.

It takes all kinds of bones to build a strong organization.

Which one are you?

Mountainair UMC News

The Mountainair UMC celebrated Pentecost with red clothes and red balloons. The color for Pentecost is red, signifying the passion of Christ as well as the flames which appeared above the heads of those on whom the Holy Spirit fell (Acts 2). As the balloons wafted about, we were reminded of the "breath of God", which is how some refer to the presence of the Holy Spirit. Also balloons are often present at birthday parties and the events of Acts 2 are considered to be the birth of the Christian church.



At our last Ad Council meeting, a request was received from Jacque Creamer for assistance in attending a two week seminar in Spain counting toward credit for her studies at NMSU. That assistance was granted and this is a picture she just sent us. Thanks, Jacque!



July 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 9 AM Worship 9:15 Childrens Church 10:15 AM Adult SS 11 AM Worship -Mtair	5 9:am Glass Shop	6 9:am Glass Shop	7	1	2	3 9:am Glass Shop
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Take a Walk on the Nile!

Estancia United Methodist Church
Vacation Bible School

July 12 - 16

9 AM - Noon

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