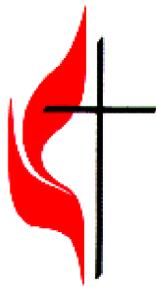




**NEWSLETTER**  
OF THE  
**Estancia United Methodist Church**  
*600 Williams, Estancia, New Mexico*



**JUNE, 2007**

**Pastor: Rev. Gary Eggart**

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**Your Church Staff**

Chairperson of Administrative Council	Marcia Fitzner
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President UMM	Nick Griffo

Bishop: D. Max Whitfield  
 District Superintendent: Rev. Jim Hawk

**Please visit us on the web:**  
<http://www.gbgn-umc.org/estancia>

**Prayer Concerns**

- David Sharp-to accept Christ
- David-to accept Christ as Savior
- John and Jen to accept Christ
- Shane Brue--colon cancer stage 3
- Bruce Gralham--cancer
- 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)
- Modesto Garcia-prostate cancer
- Larry Garcia--stroke

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

**From Pastor Gary**

How many days have you lived? I have lived roughly 15,285 days. My friend Brad, a Sargent Major in the Army for 20 years, died in Iraq this past month (May 9th)having lived about 15,035 days. We read in Psalms 139 :15-16 "My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be."

We don't always think about our time here and how much or little time we have. When I was talking to my mom about Brad, she said we only have so many days to live. I got mad. I was mad at God because Brad didn't have as many days as I thought he should have. Brad should have had at least 29,200 days. Why couldn't God have given Brad more days? I felt as though Brad's days were cut short. But God's word tells us that God ordains our days. The definition of the word *ordain* is "to invest officially or to establish." God establishes how many days we will live. God did not cut short his days. Brad lived all the days God gave him.

What we do with our 24 hour days is up to us. We all have the same amount of time - 24 hours in a day, but our number of days vary. God has ordained all my days and has written them down---all the days with mom and dad, all the days with my brother and sisters and my growing up days with friends. God established my marriage days. So far there have been 3,087 days of marriage. God established all my days of fatherhood with

my children. I hope I have at least 20,075 days of marriage (that is 55 years of marriage and I would live to be 90).

What is more important than how many days God establishes, is what I do with them. Am I spending my days serving my God? Will I treat my wife and kids with love and patience, with gentleness and kindness? Will I serve my God with diligence and faithfulness?

Today at the funeral and burial for Brad I saw how many people he touched. One colonel flew in from Germany. The men from his special forces team were there. Retired military men who served with him made it to the funeral. A two star general, a four star general, and the Secretary of State were there. (I had a normal everyday conversation with a four star general.) Two weeks ago at Ft. Lewis 700 people turned out for the Green Beret service. Brad touched many lives.

Even in death my friend Brad encouraged me and reminded me to use my time wisely for I do not know how many days God has given me. God has established how many days you will have. What are you doing with your days?

*-Pastor Gary*

### ***GCCUIC Consultation on the Global Nature of the Church***

(GCCUIC = General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns)

I recently returned from Simpsonwood Conference Center outside of Atlanta, Georgia. I was up to my ears in bishops, bishops, bishops from all over the world. Although it is wonderful to talk with them and get to know about them and their countries, we had some serious business to attend to. We addressed issues such as how to communicate with each other and exactly what legislation it would take to make us truly a global church. When you have folks that have no access to telephone, email or even just plain ordinary mail, it is difficult to come up with a system to share information with each other in an organized way. Here in the US, we forget there are still villages in Africa where a hand-made sign put on a fence is an important way of communicating.

I was there with the study group, Latin American and Caribbean Churches Consultation, to offer our take on what is being discussed and desired in this particular area. I reported to you before on their discontent on being autonomous. They feel that this does not necessarily put them on an even playing field. They feel they have much to offer us and we in turn have a great deal besides money to share with them. The Council of Bishops along with the Connectional Table have been investigating the possibility of the US. Church organizing its own Central Conference (Regional Conference). This puts us on a more even footing with other countries. Of course, this matter will all have to go before General Conference, and many discussions will take place before this happens.

This is only the beginning of the conversations and recommendations being considered at this event. We were able to secure 15 min. of General Conference time to make the report on the Latin American Churches but the rest is still up in the air. A big part of our problem is so many committees have to see, touch and feel all legislation. Implementing our ideas takes an enormous amount of time. By the time anything happens, we may not even remember why we wanted it! Consequently, there is good deal of frustration by other countries as we try to deal on a global level. I ask you to keep everyone in your prayers as this whole process unfolds. Perhaps this time, we will listen to the people in other countries and listen to God in order to accomplish his work. Who knows we may do God's will if we just try!!

*-Marcia Fitzner*

**HONORING OUR GRADUATES**

Brian Wilson  
Tye Martin  
Evan Cole  
J. J. Braman



Brian Wilson

Tye Martin

J. J. Braman and Evan Cole (not shown)



## ***2007-8 CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE - - Lookin' Good***

Another very successful year has gone by and many folks have helped to keep our sanctuary, education building and grounds looking good. There are still a couple of openings on the new sign-up sheet - PLEASE consider a month or even a week at Christmas.....

June.....Barbara and Bill Simms

July.....Fitzner and Chavez (split)

August.....Amanda and Gary Eggart

September.....Pam and Mark Lambert

October.....Della and Mel Stephenson

November.....Susan & Sam Wilson

December.....week thru Dec. 2 - Fitzners

week thru Dec. 16 -

week thru Dec. 23 -

week thru Dec. 30 -

January.....Charlotte and Claudio Baca

February.....Alma Wimsatt and Vickie Coburn

March.....Jan and Francis Winn

April.....Lily and Jim Wyman

May.....OPEN

If you are able to clean for just one week, Christmas is a Special time to help out - it will make you feel great!!

*SIGNS OF CHURCH*



# June 2007

Tear Off

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>3</b> 9 AM Worship 9:15 Childrens Church 10:15 AM Adult SS 11 AM Worship - Mtair	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Pastor Gary in Mountainair 9 AM Womens Bible Study 7 PM Men's Bible Study	<b>6</b> 10:am Quilters 6:30 PM Bible Study with Nick & Julie	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
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Please see Marcella Reynolds to schedule meetings or activities in the Education Building, 384-2358.



*Sent with a prayer to:*

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### **THE TATE FAMILY**

We wonder if anyone has ever told any of you about the **Tate Family**. The **Reverend John Tate**, a humble servant of Christ in the Christian Church of Anytown, U.S.A., speaks often of his large family. Many of his relatives can be found in every church. There is old man **Dick Tate** who wants to run everything. Uncle **Ro Tate** wants to change everything. Nearly every church has his sister **Agi Tate** among it's members as well as brother **Iri Tate**. Always, when you want to do something, brother **Hesi Tate** has a good bit to say. Naturally sister **Imi Tate** wants to do everything just like everybody else does. Mr. **Devas Tate** is really a tough customer to handle when he gets started. In nearly every church is one who wants to be big, Mr. **Poten Tate**.

But not all members are bad: you can depend on help from brother **Rehabili Tate** and his son **Facili Tate**. A delightful member of the family is **Miss Felici Tate**. We thank God for brother **Cogi Tate** and his twin **Medi Tate** who love the word of God, and the people of God. The Church is not the only area where one can find members of the **Tate family**, is it ???

(Copied from the Order of Service of the Clearwater Christian Church in Florida.)

#### **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.**