



100th Anniversary - July 31, 2005

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



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Prayer Concerns

- Melvin Harrison
- Marcella Reynolds
- Sam Wilson
- Kris and Shirley Landrith
- Mildred Griffo
- Kathy Volzuy
- All who do not have a relationship with Jesus
- General Conference representatives and resolutions
- This congregation, it's leaders & finances
- The men and women of the armed forces
- National and world leaders
- Teachers, administrators and students
- Our town government and youth center
- New library and swimming pool
- New project for the NOMADS

Sunday Worship 10:00 AM
Nursery Provided

FROM PASTOR LINDA



Most of you already know that there will be a pastor change after annual conference this year. I will be moving to Fort Stockton, Texas and **Gary Eggart** will be moving here from Jal. It is always hard to say goodbye, and to start a new ministry in a new place. The idea of a congregation and pastor going through grief during this process has not always been readily recognized, but in recent years church leaders have established that this is a real phenomenon. Please remember this as you welcome the new pastor and be especially aware that his family may be feeling sad over their move, not because they do not like you, but because they have had to say goodbye to friends. Pastors and their families need love and care as much as any other member of the family of God.

It will be difficult for **Paul** and I to leave this area and all the friends we have made here. We ask for your prayers as we move to a new church that will also be grieving for their pastor and his family as he moves to Clayton. This will be the first time I have actually moved at the "normal" time. So I have never experienced the musical chairs of move day (June 16th). I have always been lucky enough to move mid-year when there has been less pressure to be in and out in the period of one week. It will be a challenging experience.

It has been rewarding to see so many of you becoming involved in small groups. This is the way that the Methodist movement got its start nearly 300 years ago. Most of the churches that are growing today have credited much of their growth to a strong small group emphasis. I hope that growth groups will continue to increase. Remember to pray for the empty chair in your midst and invite new members in, until everyone in the church is a part of a small group. The small group is also an ideal place for evangelism to take place – invite an inactive member, neighbor, or friend to become a part of your group.

You will face many challenges in the months ahead, but remember that nothing is impossible with God. If you truly believe that **God** is able then it is time to step out in faith.



Bonnie Thomas and Christie Kurtz
 request your presence at the joyful union of
Jenny Kay Wilhelm and Christopher Lee
Storms

May 22, 2004, at 4:00 P.M.



Estancia United Methodist Church

Reception following



Dream Team Corner

One of the concerns of dream team and the Men's group are the members who have become inactive. For years I have struggled with how to approach those people who are inactive in the church. Most of the advice I have read or been told is that inactive members are gone and there's not much you can do to bring them back. I recently read a book that says that they can and do come back, but the way we have been handling the issue over the years is more of a turn-off than it is helpful. The key seems to be our motive. If we are results oriented and simply want them back to boost our numbers and giving (or because it is the right thing to do) then we are more likely to push them further away. But if we simple work on building a relationship with them and show genuine concern for their life, their joys and pains, they will at some point bring up their church membership as a topic of conversation. We must learn to truly listen, listen, love, love.

One of the biggest problems active members have in reaching out to these "lost sheep" is our own judgmental attitude and anger. Let's face it, it hurts when these folks stop being active in our church and we tend to take it personally. We must pray to change our own attitude before we contact any inactive member. If we have a chance meeting with someone who has been absent, do not ask him or her why he or she has not been in church. Do greet them and ask them how things have been and truly be interested in what they have to say. If possible, find a time to sit and listen to them in the near future, to find out what is happening in their life.

The research shows that people often become inactive because of issues in their lives that they are dealing with. There are more reasons for absence than most of us imagine. They may feel that no one cares. Loving people back into active membership in the church is a slow process. Often the first few visits will not get to the heart of the problem, because they will not open up to someone they suspect has ulterior motives. Sometimes what we learn is that there are personality issues with someone in the church. Is there something that we need to change about the way the church functions to make it a more welcoming environment? How do we serve as ambassadors of reconciliation?

There is no quick fix to drawing back inactive folks. But that is not our job alone. We are partners with God in this ministry. Prayer must always be the first step in working with inactive folks. God is already at work to draw them back to his family. Things happen in God's time. All too often we are too impatient and too shy. Don't be afraid to approach the inactive member and develop a relationship. It will take time, perhaps years, to make a difference. Are you willing to get involved?

Reopening the Back Door: Answers to Questions About Ministering to Inactive Members, Kenneth C. Hauck

WELCOME!



Amanda **Pastor Gary**
Nathan **Andrew**

On May 3 our newly appointed Pastor, **Gary Eggart**, along with his wife, **Amanda** and two sons, **Andrew** and **Nathan** visited Estancia United Methodist Church. They came to see our church, parsonage and grounds. Several members were on hand to welcome them and at noon everyone enjoyed a potluck lunch. **Pastor Gary** will preach his first Sunday at Estancia on June 20.

YOUTH CORNER (Featuring Alice Daniel)

Alice Daniel moved to Estancia with her parents, **Roy** and **Lacy**, and her baby sister **Rose** on Thanksgiving Day in 1993. Shortly after, they began attending Estancia United Methodist Church. **Alice** and **Rose** have grown up in this church family.

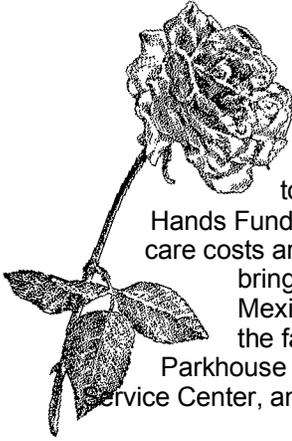
On May 29th, **Alice** is graduating from high school. She is very active in and outside of school. One of **Alice's** favorite activities is cheerleading; she loves the stunting and teamwork. This year **Alice** was co-captain of the squad.

Alice recently participated in the state Business Professional Association (BPA) competition in which she placed 1st in Desktop Publishing and 3rd in Financial Math and Analysis. She and three other Estancia BPA members traveled to the national competition in Cincinnati, Ohio with their sponsor. Although they did not place in any of the events, the experience was wonderful!

This year **Alice** is the Senior Class treasurer, a National Honor Society member, and a Student Council representative. She is also involved in a tutoring program in which high school students work with middle school students that need help. Last year **Alice** also enjoyed playing softball in the spring; however, this year she found that academic work and college scholarship applications required more of her time.

Another activity **Alice** loves is playing the piano. She started lessons with **Morrow Hall** when she was eight years old. Later, **Anne Neethling** worked with her briefly, and for the last several years **Ethel Floyd** has been **Alice's** piano mentor. Occasionally, when **Morrow** is not available to play the organ for church, **Ethel** fills in and **Alice** helps her out. This love of music has led **Alice** to also start guitar lessons this year.

Throughout high school, she has taken as many advanced courses as possible, even taking several courses online. This fall **Alice** will attend New Mexico Tech in Socorro on scholarship where she plans to major in Chemistry and minor in Psychology.



MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING

On May 9th we have the opportunity to honor special persons in our lives who have nurtured us and raised us. The annual Mother's Day offering is an opportunity to give money in the name of a special person and help those who have outlived their financial resources to live their lives in total security at Landsun Homes. "No resident has ever been asked to leave Landsun because of inability to pay..." **Danny York** of Landsun says proudly. In 2004 it is estimated that over \$500,000 in Caring Hands Funds will be needed to assist those at Landsun Homes who have outlived their financial resources. Health care costs are rising, the needs of residents are greater, and Medicare and Medicaid monies are shrinking. This brings an increased need for the Caring Hands Fund. Landsun Homes is owned and operated by the New Mexico Annual Conference. The continuing care retirement community was established in 1956. Today the facility is home to over 200 residents and provides six levels of care: Townhouse living in the Parkhouse Village, Independent and Assisted living in the Landsun Manor, Long-term care in the Landsun Health Service Center, and Landsun Home Care and Landsun Hospice.

Please consider giving generously in honor of that special someone.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance committee met and decided to have a "yard sale" on Old Timer's Day on Saturday, July 31. Proceeds will go toward the church budget, with the option of paying apportionments if possible. We are asking everyone to clean out their garage, attic and storeroom, etc. and after pricing these items place them on a table, tarp, u-haul, etc. and hope someone will purchase same. Items not sold must be carted away by the owners - very important! There will be a central location to pay for all items - you will not have to make change - very important! Auctions plans for this fall are in the air - watch out!

Following are the financial secretary's report on income and the treasurer's report on expenses. Please feel free to call me if you have questions. Our offering has been holding fairly steady, but we are not able to pay any amount on apportionments. Funds are being held in reserve to pay salary, VBS, moving expenses for the new pastor, insurance and other items coming up in the near future. Keep that in mind when you read the total income.

Our new pastor, **Gary Eggart**, will be working 3/4 time and we will share him with Mountainair UMC. As you know, we will not be paying pension, insurance and other items under "Ministerial Support" this year. These items are required for a full time pastor. Hopefully, we will do well this year and get our finances back in order. The good news, of course, is that we will be able to continue to go about the Lord's work. Again, I thank you for your faithfulness and the trust in the people you have chosen to lead the committees and board of this church.

Marcia Fitzner, Finance chairman
384-2495

Income / Expenses for April. 2004

Copyright Renewal	99.00
Education	
Vacation Bible School	55.90
Worship	
Altar Supplies.....	38.62
Property Care and Utilities	
Telephone	134.05
Church utilities	229.33
Parsonage Utilities	210.01
Fire Protection	140.77
Total	<u>714.16</u>
Ministerial Support	
Salary.....	2,223.34
Group Insurance	764.22
Pension	504.33
Pastors MRA	100.00
Annual Conference Exp.	<u>40.00</u>
Total Ministerial Support.....	<u>3,631.89</u>
Total Exp for Feb	<u>4,539.57</u>
Total Net income	<u>5,089.37</u>



The Hill children (Hill Family Trio) sing and bless our Sunday Service on May 2, 2004



Ethel Floyd and Callye Lynn Martin, daughter of Dwight and Abby Martin, play a duet during offering time on Sunday, May 2, 2004. Callye is one of Ethel's piano students.



AGATHA GARRISON

As many of you know our own Agatha Garrison is very well known in the field of African Violets. She has attended many African violet conventions and has contributed by advising and judging.

The 58th Annual Convention of the African Violet Society of America, held in Tucson, Arizona April 11 - 18, 2004, has honored Agatha by awarding her the AVSA Hudson Memorial Award for Affiliate Leadership. Agatha received the award at the Awards and Installation Banquet with about 400 members in attendance.



UMW Report

The latest project for the UMW was the sale and display of Easter Lilies for Easter morning services.

At our April meeting we will have a representative from the Estancia School System to present the program. As one of our goals, we selected Phase III of the Campaign for Children: Public School Education. Our Unit is endeavoring to see what we can do to help.

Each member of the Unit has purchased a Prayer Calendar. Our Prayer Calendars contain Bible readings for morning and evening readings as well as a list of present and former Methodist Missionaries. Months and dates of birthdays are listed in the calendar of active missionaries who share our birthdays and each member will be corresponding with their "Birthday Partner". Those who have already had their birthday have enjoyed correspondence from their "Birthday Partner".

Some of our members will be attending the District UMW meeting in Los Alamos on April 24th.

We are always searching for new members. Please join us Tuesday, April 27th. We begin with a potluck at noon (always a lot of good food) and follow up with a business meeting and a program. So please come and join us at noon and we promise to have you out by 2:30.
Ethel L. Floyd, Pres.

Wesley House at UNM

Dear Estancia UMC, I am **Tammy Scarlott-Burns**, an intern with the Wesley House at the UNM Campus (the United Methodist ministry for the UNM/TVI area). We are beginning a new series that is described below. I would love to have your church members know about this amazing opportunity! It is perfect for engaged couples, married couples and any couple contemplating marriage. If you could mention this in your weekly bulletin or newsletters I would greatly appreciate it. I have flyers and postcards available if you would like to use those to add to your church bulletin or newsletter. Thank you so much for taking the time to help with Gods ministry at our college campus.

Yours truly,
Tammy Scarlott-Burns - Wesley House Intern and Board Member

UNM WESLEY HOUSE PRESENTS!

Two Becoming One is the time-tested small group study created to help couples learn the biblical perspective on marriage and develop practical tools to build Christ-centered marriages. This newly revised and updated eight-week marriage enrichment course is derived from Christian Family Life founders, **Don and Sally Meredith's** groundbreaking, biblically-based work, *Two Becoming One*.

- Couples will learn: The six reasons marriages fail
- God's three purposes for marriage
- The two forces for change in a marriage
- How to end the insult-for-insult cycle

And much more! Groups starting soon! For more information please contact Tammy Scarlott-Burns at (505) 270-3417 or tscarlottburns@aol.com

Sacramento Camp

Three girls have signed up to attend Mid High Youth camp in Sacramento. They each need \$200.00 by May 14. Any donations would be appreciated! Please contact **Linda or Angela**.

Sunday School Teachers Needed!

We are losing Paul and Roci!

This would be a one month commitment. And you can choose the month.

We have a NEW fun and easy to prepare curriculum. The ages of the children are 5 years to 12 years. It's not an overwhelming number--sometimes only one or two. Please pray about this and talk with me if you have any questions.
-Angela Creamer

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Bill Simms
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Linda Mizell

Organist: Morrow Hall

Newsletter: Bill and Barbara Simms

Choir Director: Morrow Hall

McMurray Rep: Carolyn Moore

Lay Member of the Annual Conference:
Carolyn Moore

Gardening:

Leslie Fastnacht
Barbara Simms
Julie Griffo
Marilyn Seddon

May 2004

Tear Off

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 10 AM Worship Communion 11:15 Ad Council 5PM God Seekers	3 Pastor's Day Off 7AM Morning Meditation	4 5PM Trustees	5 7AM Morning Meditation 9:AM Womens Study 6:30PM Wednesday Night Blessing	6 7PM Mens Emmaus	7 7AM Morning Meditation	1
9 MOTHERS DAY 10 AM Worship 5PM God Seekers	10 Pastor's Day Off	11 10AM Pastor Office Hours 7PM Pre - Conference	12 7AM Morning Meditation 9:AM Womens Study 6:30PM Wednesday Night Blessing	13 7PM Mens Emmaus	14 7AM Morning Meditation 7PM Emmaus Gathering	15 7:AM Men's Breakfast
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30 PENTECOST 10 AM Worship 5PM God Seekers	31 <i>Memorial Day</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">a</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday - May 23 - After Church</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Graduation Brunch</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Honoring our high school graduates, Alice Daniel and Jenny Wilhelm</p> <p style="text-align: right;">C</p>				



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Sent with a prayer to:

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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.