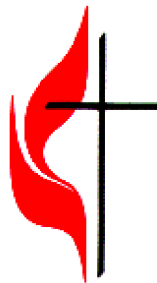




100th Anniversary - July 31, 2005

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



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2005

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Your Church Staff

Chairperson of Administrative Council	Ethel Floyd
Recording Secretary	Barbara Simms
Lay Leader	TBA
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Chairperson: Education Committee	Susan Wilson
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Chairperson: Missions	Marcia Fitzner
Chairperson: Prayer Evangelism	Nick Griffo
Chairperson: Care and Outreach	Alma Wimsatt
Chairperson: Pastor Parish Relations	Barbara Simms
Chairperson: Finance Committee	Marcia Fitzner
Chairperson: History	Ethel Floyd
Financial Secretary	Marcella Reynolds
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President UMY	TBA
President UMM	Nick Griffo

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 District Superintendent: Dr. Larry Hall
Please visit us on the web:
<http://www.gbgbm-umc.org/estancia>

Prayer Concerns

- The survivors of the Dec. 26 Tsunami in Southeast Asia
- The United Methodist Men's group and their ministries
- All who do not have a relationship with Jesus
- This congregation and its leaders and 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

Sunday Worship 11:00 AM
Nursery Provided

From Pastor Gary**I Believe in the Love of Mothers**

John Killinger's book *Lost in Wonder, Love, and Praise* includes this affirmation so fitting for Mother's Day:

I believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, who was born of the promise to a virgin named Mary.

I believe in the love Mary gave her Son, that caused her to follow him in his ministry and stand by his cross as he died.

- I believe in the love of all mothers, and its importance in the lives of the children they bear.
- It is stronger than steel, softer than down, and more resilient than a green sapling on the hillside.
- It closes wounds, melts disappointments, and enables the weakest child to stand tall and straight in the fields of adversity.

I believe that this love, even at its best, is only a shadow of the love of God, a dark reflection of all that we can expect of him, both in this life and the next.

And I believe that one of the most beautiful sights in the world is a mother who lets this greater love flow through her to her child, blessing the world with the tenderness of her touch and the tears of her joy.

Mothers, yours is a special love that our world needs so desperately. You have give yourselves so freely expecting so little in return. Please accept our heartfelt gratitude, not only on Mother's Day, but everyday!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Our annual UMW Ecumenical Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, June 28th, 2005. More details will be included in the June Newsletter.

At the present time, we are in the process of securing a reservation, the first part of July, for a visit to see "The Threads of Time", a framed tapestry in dried and varnished cholla cactus branches, which runs around the back of the nave and along all the church walls. Narrow panels, 13 inches high, line the choir loft. The 41 panels are thematic, telling stories of everyday village life and special events. This tapestry is located in Villanueva, 20 miles off NM 3, a long, winding rural highway that runs southwest off I-25.

This tapestry was made by the valley women and dedicated in 1976 for Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe Church. The women received an Arts Grant that paid for a consultant, who came from Chili to show the women how to design and create the tapestry.

When we receive confirmation of our reservation, we would like for anyone (men or women) who wishes to see "The Threads of Time" display to contact Alma Wimsatt or Sylvia Levy.

Ethel L. Floyd, Pres.

HISTORY REPORT

THE HISTORY BOOK HAS GONE TO PRESS!!!! This has been quite a project for the History Committee. Many telephone calls and letter writing were made in order to make this book a reality. It has been very rewarding and we are proud of the results. Each history book is composed of over 200 pages and contains statistics, general history, history of each church organization i.e., UMW, UMM, UMY etc., lists of former pastors, resumes of these pastors with colored pictures of the pastors and resumes of former members.

Every family will be given a copy of the history book at our celebration. Extra copies will be available at \$10.00 each. We've also made arrangements for two people to take pictures and a video will be made which we plan to have put on DVDs and will sell for \$20.00. Pre-payment for orders for the DVDs will be available during the celebration. The DVDs will be delivered as soon as possible.

We are planning to have a booth at the "Old Timer's Celebration" with information concerning location for the banquet that evening and details on the Sunday activities.

The banquet will be catered and will be a Mexican plate. There will be no charge, but we will give everyone an opportunity to make a donation, which will include your meal and history book (one per family). The Sunday "dinner on the grounds" is courtesy of the Estancia UMC. The committee will furnish the hamburgers, hot dogs and buns and the Estancia UMC will be asked to furnish vegetables, salads and deserts. Don Fitzner has been able to get the Mountain Jug Band to furnish music during our "dinner on the grounds" affair.

On Sunday afternoon, we will be honored with special music and an opportunity for former ministers to speak.

The History Committee



As many of you may already know, long-time member of our church, **Corinne McNatt** of Willard, passed away on Monday, March 28, 2005, following a brief illness.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will be **June 6 - June 10**, 2005. The theme for this year's VBS is Construction Zone - Building Character Like Jesus. This VBS welcomes children ages preschool through 5th grade.

Supplies **STILL** needed: Orange cones, hard hats, dump trucks, tool boxes, caution tape, and saw horses.



~~Please attend a meeting of volunteers on May 10th in the Education Building at 6:00 pm. INCLUDES SUPPER... Call Susan Wilson 384-1018~~

WANT-ADS UPDATE --- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT

On the Job Praises Crew - This crew will be responsible for selecting the VBS songs to be used, learn the songs, teach them to the VBS staff, and lead in the VBS praise time. **SORRY, POSITIONS FILLED!**

Hard Hat Area Game Crew - This crew will lead each group in fun and safe activities that reinforce the daily lesson themes. They will prepare the recreation areas for inside and outside games and be responsible for gathering needed equipment and supplies. **SORRY, NO MORE POSITIONS AVAILABLE!**

Crafts Under Construction Craft Crew - **SORRY, THESE SLOTS HAVE BEEN FILLED!**

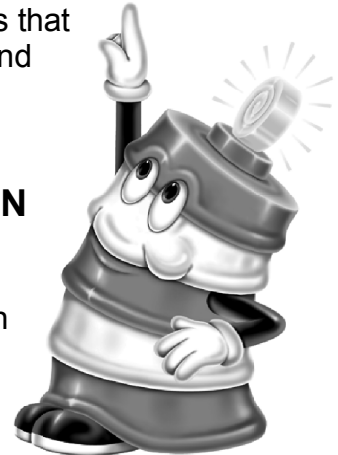
Brown Bag Bistro Snack Crew - This Snack Crew will decide on the snacks for each day, be responsible for purchasing the needed ingredients, and prepare the snacks. **THREE DAYS OF SNACKS STILL LEFT --- HURRY!**

Construction HQ Decorating Crew - This crew will be responsible for decorating the assembly area, the outside of the building, sanctuary, and for creating the overall theme atmosphere. **SORRY!**

Crew Chiefs - This crew will travel with the students from one area to another, reinforcing the daily lessons as they travel. **ALERT!! 3 CREW CHIEFS NEEDED - MATURE STUDENTS MAY APPLY!**

Construction Zone Drama Crew - This crew will be responsible to plan the skits, assign parts, conduct practices and oversee the performances. **SORRY!**

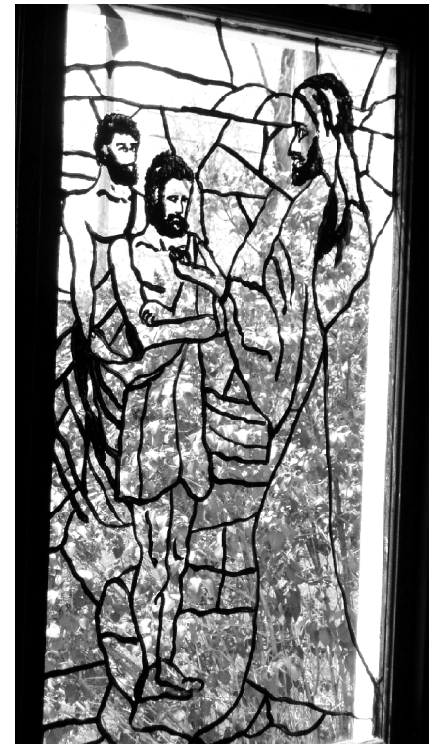
Interior Design Crew - This crew will plan the Bible stories each day and decide how they will be presented. The crew will decorate the story sites and prepare the Bible lessons. **HEY... THREE POSITIONS STILL OPEN!**



Please see Mrs. Susan Wilson for employment applications and to schedule an interview. Opportunities like these can change your life and the wages are unmatched, so get your applications in early!

JUST IN CASE YOU HADN'T NOTICED...

The board of trustees has done a good job seeing that the necessary maintenance and improvements have been done. As you have noticed, twelve windows in the sanctuary have been replaced, and **Ray Darnell** is in the process of repainting them, trying to have them completed for our 100th Anniversary Celebration (**Thanks, Ray!**). However, you may not have noticed that trustees had eight windows in the parsonage replaced. **Amanda and I** are very thankful. We appreciate the upkeep on the parsonage.



The most recent news is the roof on the Education building is finished! Last November we started putting on the metal roof. Good progress was made until your pastor decided to slide off the roof. **Andrew** told someone I was trying to fly. Progress was halted until recently, when **Sam Wilson** and his crew finished putting on the metal roof. Be sure to thank **Sam** for completing this project. **Sam** and his men did a wonderful job!. **Thank you, Sam!** **Sam** is also building a swing set for the children, which will be completed soon.

Summer is fast approaching and we all like to take vacations and do things in the summer. However, our programs should not suffer especially Children's Church. We need teachers for the summer. We know we will have the Children, so we need to have adults to teach. We have been averaging 13 children on Sunday mornings with 9 to 10 going to Children's Church. **Please think about when you would be able to help with Children's Church this summer.** Our children need you.

Mountainair UMC News



Mountainair United Methodist Church will be hosting a "5th Sunday Sing" at 6:00 PM on May 29th (Memorial Day Weekend). Refreshments and fellowship will follow the singing. Everyone is welcome!

The Story of Mother's Day

The earliest Mother's Day celebrations can be traced back to the spring celebrations of ancient Greece in honor of Rhea, the Mother of the Gods. During the 1600's, England celebrated a day called "Mothering Sunday". Celebrated on the 4th Sunday of Lent (the 40 day period leading up to Easter), "Mothering Sunday" honored the mothers of England.



During this time many of the England's poor worked as servants for the wealthy. As most jobs were located far from their homes, the servants would live at the houses of their employers. On Mothering Sunday the servants would have the day off and were encouraged to return home and spend the day with their mothers. A special cake, called the mothering cake, was often brought along to provide a festive touch.

As Christianity spread throughout Europe the celebration changed to honor the "Mother Church", the spiritual power that gave them life and protected them from harm. Over time the church festival blended with the Mothering Sunday celebration. People began honoring their mothers as well as the church.

In the United States Mother's Day was first suggested in 1872 by Julia Ward Howe (who wrote the words to the Battle hymn of the Republic) as a day dedicated to peace. Ms. Howe would hold organized Mother's Day meetings in Boston, Mass every year.

In 1907 Ana Jarvis, from Philadelphia, began a campaign to establish a national Mother's Day. Ms. Jarvis persuaded her mother's church in Grafton, West Virginia to celebrate Mother's Day on the second anniversary of her mother's death, the 2nd Sunday of May. By the next year Mother's Day was also celebrated in Philadelphia.

Ms. Jarvis and her supporters began to write to ministers, businessmen, and politicians in their quest to establish a national Mother's Day. It was successful as by 1911 Mother's Day was celebrated in almost every state. President Woodrow Wilson, in 1914, made the official announcement proclaiming Mother's Day as a national holiday that was to be held each year on the 2nd Sunday of May.

While many countries of the world celebrate their own Mother's Day at different times throughout the year, there are some countries such as Denmark, Finland, Italy, Turkey, Australia, and Belgium which also celebrate Mother's Day on the second Sunday of May.

The Food Pantry

PLEASE check out what is in the food pantry and donate accordingly. We especially need baby formula mixes, baby food, and kid's breakfast snacks. Place items in box at back of church. Specific items needed are:



Peanut Butter, Spaghetti Sauces and Pastas, Soups, Canned Meats (Spam, Tuna, Chicken, etc.), Canned Vegetables (Carrots, Peas, Green Beans, Corn, etc.), Instant Potatoes and Boxes of Rice, Canned or Dried Milk, Canned Fruits, Baby Food, Canned or Boxed, PediaLite, Formula Mixes, Breakfast Items and Nutritional Snacks for kids, Kool-Aid or other drink mixes.

FYI...

Kelsey Sours is one of the recipients of the Central New Mexico Electric Cooperative Education Foundation Scholarship Program. Each semester recipients will each receive \$250.

May 2005

Tear Off

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10 AM Choir Prac Adult Sunday Sch 11 AM Worship 5 PM Youth Group	2 7-7:45 Morning Meditation 7:30pm AA	3 Pastor Gary in Mountainair 7:00pm Mens Ministry	4 7-7:45 Morning Meditation 6:00 Disciple Bible Study	5 3-5:15 After School Ministry 7:30pm AA	6 7-7:45 Morning Meditation	7 7-7:45 Morning Meditation MOTHER'S DAY!
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29 10 AM Choir Prac Adult Sunday Sch 11 AM Worship 5 PM Youth Group	30 7-7:45 Morning Meditation 7:30pm AA	31 Pastor Gary in Mountainair 7:00pm Mens Ministry	<p>Please see Marcella Reynolds to <u>if you would like to visit our sister</u> schedule meetings or activities <u>church in Mountainair some Sunday. their service. with Pastor Gary. starts at 9:00 AM.</u></p>			



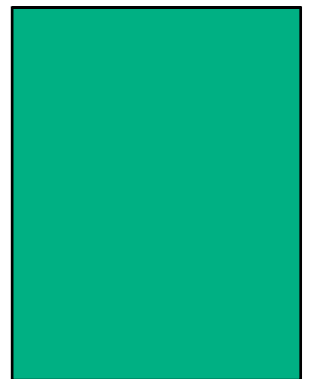
Sent with a prayer to:

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ATTENTION:
2004-2005 Clean-Up Crews!

Save June 4th

BIG PARTY!!



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.