



Estancia United Methodist Church,  
600 Williams, Estancia, New Mexico

Sunday Worship 9:00 AM  
Nursery Provided  
Church School 10:30 AM



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**OUR MISSION: To honor God by leading people to become devoted followers and ministers of Jesus Christ.**



# OCTOBER, 2000



## SUNDAY SERVANTS FOR OCTOBER

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lay Assist: Roy Daniel  
Acolytes: Georgie Gomez  
Ushers: Nick Griffo & Oscar Gomez  
Greeters: Mary & Tracy Hemke

### YOUTH SCRIPTURE READERS

Oct. 1: Jeff Bird  
Oct. 8: Miranda Gomez  
Oct. 15: Belynn Sharp  
Oct. 22: Catherine Gomez  
Oct. 29: Megan Bird

### NURSERY

Oct. 1: Maria Neethling  
Oct. 8: Nick Gomez  
Oct. 15: Margaret Gomez  
Oct. 22: Renee Calhoon  
Oct. 29: Jessica Gorum

## TIME OUT WITH COACH JOHANN

Greetings Estancia Saints,

We give thanks and praise to God for all of you and the genuine hunger and thirst for a closer walk with God and His people many of you have expressed to us. We are encouraged by the numbers of you who have



participated recently in the Sunday School classes, the weekly times of prayer in the sanctuary, the launch of a new year of **LOGOS** (50 youth showed up for our first night! Hallelujah!), the numbers of sign-ups for both the Experiencing God Bible Studies and Anne's, "Becoming a Godly Woman" class.

It has also been most encouraging to see the trustworthy **Trustees** tackling ten tasks (how's that for alliteration!) with a firm commitment to get them completed within a month. Hooray for a freshly energized team!

We also praise God for the launch of our **Estancia United Methodist Men's Ministry** among us as the first ten men committed to meet over breakfast on the third Saturday of every month for fellowship, mutual encouragement and support, and whatever ministry God will yet bring our way. **Don Fitzner** and **Nick Griffo** will be fixing breakfast on October 21st at 7am. Men of all ages are most welcome and encouraged to attend.

Our **GIVE TO LIVE** Stewardship Campaign is in full swing and we are being reminded afresh of how each of us has been the recipients of God's gracious and generous gifts of forgiveness, salvation, life, health, the Holy Spirit, the church, and so much more. And since the Father is a Giver, the more we become like Him, the more generous givers we become, of our time, our talents, and our resources. On Sunday, October 1, we will be celebrating in worship the giving spirit in this church in days gone by, in the present, and how we believe it will be in the years to come. A Celebration Luncheon in the Education Building will

follow our time of worship and communion.

On October 23, at 6pm, we will have our church's annual **Church/Charge Conference** under the leadership of our District Superintendent, **Rev. Joe Wood**. In addition to discussing and confirming such matters as the Pastor's Compensation Package, the Report of the Nominations Committee, our share of the Conference Apportionments, and any Candidates for the Ministry, this will be a time to reflect on the journey we have traveled since the last Charge Conference and where we believe the Holy Spirit is leading and directing us in the days that lie ahead. Your presence and participation is very important to us.

# Give Unto the Lord



God loves you...and I love you too!

## Upward and onward...

"Coach" Johann



### LOGOS, WHAT A DEAL!!!

LOGOS had its first night on Wednesday September 13, 2000 with 51 kids in attendance. From Bible Teachers to Table Parents to Cook Teams, all had a marvelous night indeed. Many new faces are on board from kids to adults this year and we just feel so very blessed for all who are participating in Logos this year. Many thanks for the prayers which are being answered

daily. We are blessed to have a church family that is so dedicated to each other and to the ministry of

# AWESOME!

our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

If you are interested or are feeling nudged to climb on board, there are a couple of specific areas we still have available. We are still in need of a Greeter who will greet the children as they arrive each Wednesday and keep track of how many are in attendance each week. We are also in need of some help in the Recreation (Play Time) area of Logos. Another issue we are praying about is that we need two more Bible Assistants (one

for Kindergarten and one for 5 & 6th graders). Please give Susan or Julieanne a call if you feel like taking part in this awesome mid-week miracle that is happening right in our church. If you could come to the church on a Wednesday night and observe, we would love to have you do just that, or if you could come on over and serve in any capacity, we are in need each week and would love to have you. We just want everyone to know that you are always welcome at LOGOS.



Next week's theme is Crazy Hats night and we are looking forward to spending the evening with your children, with you, and with our Lord.

God bless you,

Julieanne and Susan

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL REPORT

September 3, 2000

Several topics were discussed at our regular Administrative Council meeting on September 3rd.

**Pastor Johann** reported that many projects have begun. I'm sure he will mention these in his coach's letter.

## Mark Your Calendars for these Upcoming Events:

**October 1 - EUMC Celebration Dinner after church.**

**October 21 - EUMC Men's Ministry Breakfast 7:00am**

**October 23 - Charge conference at the church 6:00 pm**

**October back!!** **clocks**



PPRC Chairman, **Mike Calhoun**, reported the nursery furniture had been painted .



The Care and Outreach Chairman, **Alma Wimsatt**, reported that **Bonnie Hughes** and **Pastor Johann** are delivering a loaf of fresh bread to visitors of our church. A type of "Welcome Wagon" is being considered. The donated clothing was delivered to Bethel

Storehouse. Items collected by **Kathy Gorum** were delivered to a family in McIntosh by **Pastor Johann** and **Alma Wimsatt**.

Worship Chairman, **Julie Griffo**, reported that a church choir has been started and is meeting on Sunday evenings to practice. Anyone is welcome to join the choir. They would like any of the young people to join them on Sunday nights. Specials for church services and special events are being planned.

The Education Committee Chairman, **Sharla Sharp** reported that church members have committed to teach Sunday School for six months up to a year.

UMW President, **Marcia Fitzner**, reported that the Estancia UMW received a five-star reward by our Conference. **Alma Wimsatt** was awarded the UMW membership pin by the Estancia UMW.

**Miranda Gomez** reported for the Youth Group. She stated the highway cleanup project had been completed.

It was reported that the Logos Fall program would begin September 13, 2000.

**Mel Stephenson**, Finance Chairman, gave an extensive report on the Stewardship Program which was approved by the Administrative Council. He also stated that we had greatly exceeded our expectations on the use of the copy machine. A motion was made and carried that each committee chairman be notified that copy costs will come from their individual committee budget expenses.

After election of officers this Fall, an orientation meeting will be conducted so that all officers will be aware of their duties.

I was pleased that more chairmen turned in written reports to the secretary. Won't you all please present the secretary with your written report at our next meeting? It only takes a few minutes to write and is the proper way to do it.

*--Ethel L. Floyd, Chairman*

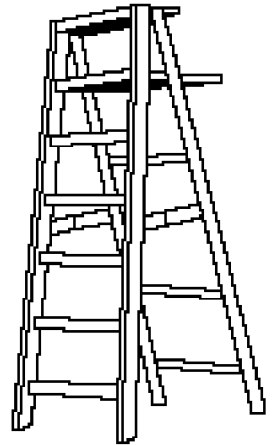
### **Report from the Board of Trustees**

The Board of Trustees met on on September 5th. Cyle Sharp, chairman of the "Vision Twenty-One" Committee reported that upon inspection, it was not feasible to use the

building across the street for a church office.

Since "Work Days" have not been a great success, it was suggested that 10 major goals be chosen and each Trustee be responsible for the successful completion of one or more of these goals by the next meeting (October 2). Following are the ten goals chosen and the responsible trustee.

1. Look into the repair of the west wall of basement (**Marcella Reynolds**)
2. Remove carpet from front entry and repair cement damage (**Cyle Sharp**)
3. Repair wood fascia and gutters on front of church (**Mark Lambert**)
4. Repair/replace soffit & fascia east side Fellowship Hall (**Mike Calhoun**)
5. Check plumbing in Fellowship Hall and make repairs (**Mark Lambert**)
6. Replace float on Fellowship Hall cooler (**Jeff Gorum**)
7. Winterize coolers Fellowship Hall & parsonage (**Jeff Gorum**)
8. Repair yard light SW corner of Church (**Cyle Sharp**)
9. Replace tile & baseboard in parsonage bath (**Cyle Sharp & Mark Lambert**)
10. Repair light fixture in church basement (**Marcella Reynolds**)



*--Marcella Reynolds*

### **FROM YOUR TREASURER.....**

I want to thank those who have gone the extra mile and given to a special apportionment. As of this month we have paid four of the five apportionments that we are required to pay. We owe \$1256 on the last required apportionment. Each apportionment needs it's own money in order to do it's work in the church and the world.

Campus Ministry is one of our most important apportionments. Why? The Campus Ministry tries to meet every United Methodist college student on each campus, and they ask each church to send their college students' names to the campus minister. This is the first time most students are on their own and they need a place to go to meet other students, have fellowship with other Christians and to keep in touch with God.

Most Campus Ministries have meals, bible study, a place to study and play games as well as just relax away from dorm life.

Las Cruces Campus Ministry will be on a mission during spring break. Two students have dedicated their lives to mission work. Because of their participation in a Campus Ministry, many young people will dedicate their lives to God and serve in many worthwhile vocations.



*Sent with a prayer to:*

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Our apportionment pays a salary for a director, helps with program funding and building maintenance. Each Campus Ministry also works to raise money for buses, trips, and other activities.

We need to pray for our Campus Ministries and support them with our gifts. Please pray about giving to any of the apportionments. Thank you!

*---Carolyn Moore, Treasurer*

## SMALL CHURCHES (Like Estancia UMC)

On Monday September 11th, **Pastor Johann** and **Marcia Fitzner** attended a workshop led by **Dr. Tex Sample**, United Methodist pastor, author and retired professor from St. Paul Seminary of Theology in Kansas City.

**Dr. Sample** shared information on how thirty small-membership churches have experienced growth. He shared insight on the effect “oral culture” has on future and past ministries. He emphasized the need for bringing the “electronic culture” into small membership churches and the potential benefits that can result.



The following day participants discussed what they had learned and took the opportunity to visualize what they could accomplish in their respective churches with this new information.

**Marcia** and **Pastor Johann** will be working with various groups in our church to determine how this new information can best be utilized.

This event was funded through the apportionments collected from all Methodist churches...another way that your money helps spread the good news.

*---Marcia Fitzner*

