



100th Anniversary - July 31, 2005

NEWSLETTER

OF THE

Estancia United Methodist Church
600 Williams, Estancia, New Mexico



October
2004

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<http://www.gbmg-umc.org/estancia>

Prayer Concerns

- Richard Danfield
- Kelly and her family
- Mike Cole
- Carolyn Moore and family
- Josh Morrow and family
- Agatha Garrison and family
- The Estancia Schools, their teachers, coaches and administrators
- New and returning students, elementary through college
- The Olympic athletes
- The After School Ministry
- The UMM's group and their ministries
- All who do not have a relationship with Jesus
- General Conference representatives and resolutions
- This congregation and its leaders & finances
- The men and women of the Armed Forces
- National leaders and the leaders of the world
- Our town government and the youth center
- New Project for the NOMADS

Members and friends to pray for this week:

Julieanne, Justin and Ashley Welch; Sam, Susan and Brian Wilson; Alma Wimsatt; Francis and Jan Winn; Jim and Lily Wyman; Jim and Dee Dee Young; our Pastor's family.

Sunday Worship 11:00 AM
Nursery Provided

FROM PASTOR GARY

To Follow Jesus or Not

The Christian life is not lived in the glorious moment of revival or the transforming times of crisis, but in the **day to day choices** of saying "no" to world and saying "yes" to God.

A pilot and his mechanic kept driving each other crazy. One day the pilot turned his plane into the shop with a complaint, "unfamiliar noise in engine." The next day the plane was back in service. The pilot checked the log book to see what the problem had been. The entry read, "Ran engine continuously for four hours. Noise now familiar."

It is amazing how quickly we adapt and become familiar with things such as noises and smells. When you are around something long enough, whether it be the smell of a feed yard, an oil refinery, or traffic, you adapt to your surroundings. The once offensive smell or noise is now familiar.

Unfortunately, the same principle applies to our values and morals. If we are around situations long enough where there are lower values, we become "familiar" with it all and consider it normal. If we allow magazines or television productions that have immorality presented, it will wear away at us until we simply become "familiar" with it all.

What do your day to day choices say? The practical steps (Rom. 12:9-21) of following Jesus is in saying "no" to the world and "yes" to God.

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.” Rom. 12:1-2

-Pastor Gary

After School Ministry



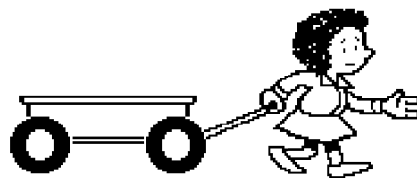
It has been exciting to see all the children in church. This last Sunday we had 18 children come forward for the Children’s Sermon. The number of children in church keeps growing and I believe there is a need in our church and our community for an *After School Ministry*.

As parents and as a church family we have a responsibility to teach our children about Jesus. Our children depend on us for many things: love, nurture, food, clothes, etc... They depend on us for everything and one thing they need more than anything is faith in Jesus. *Duet 6*: “**Love GOD, your God, with your whole heart: love him with all that’s in you, love him with all you’ve got! Write these commandments that I’ve given you today on your hearts. Get them inside of you and then get them inside your children.**” We need to get God’s word in our children. They need to know that they need a personal relationship with Jesus and ask Him into their heart. This is too important for the church to fail the children. In the *After School Ministry* they will also learn Christian values, grow spiritually, study, memorize and apply God’s word while having lots of fun.

The *After School Ministry* will be on **Thursday afternoons from 3:00-5:00 p.m. beginning October 14th.** There will be two elementary classes -- the younger children (K - 2nd) and the older children (3rd - 6th). We need two teachers for each class and we need someone to **work in the nursery**. A nursery will only be provided for the teachers and workers involved. We **will need snacks** and someone to organize the weekly snacks.

“**Let the children alone, don’t prevent them from coming to me. God’s kingdom is made up of people like these.**” *Matt. 19:14*. Luke 18 refers to the children as “the kingdom’s pride and joy.” They certainly are our pride and joy as well, but the *After School Ministry* needs you, so if you are willing to help out please call me at 384-2710.

-Pastor Gary

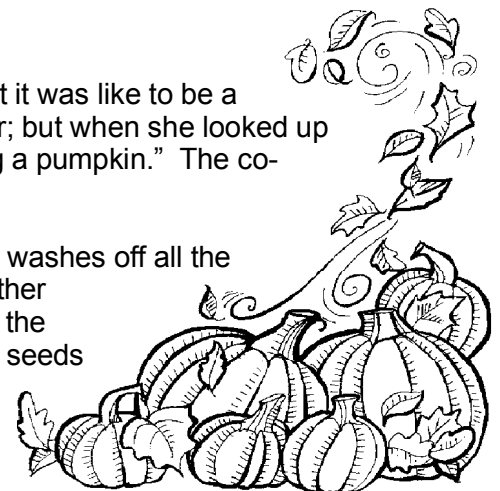


“The Pumpkin”

A lady had recently been baptized. One of her co-workers asked her what it was like to be a Christian. She was caught off guard and didn’t know how to answer; but when she looked up she saw a jack-o-lantern on the desk and answered: “It’s like being a pumpkin.” The co-worker asked her to explain.



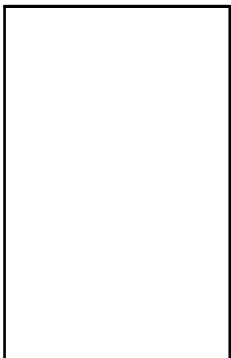
“Well, God picks you from the patch and brings you in and washes off all the dirt on the outside that you got from being around all the other pumpkins. Then he cuts off the top and takes out all the yucky stuff from inside. He removes all those seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. Then he carves you a new smiling face and puts his light inside you to shine for all to see.”



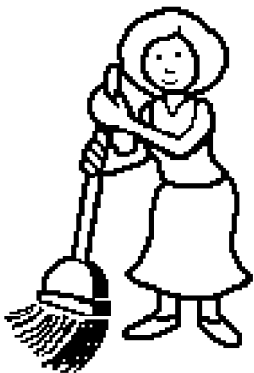
CALENDAR FOR CLEANING ESTANCIA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 2004 -2005

Below are the names of folks who have volunteered to help clean our church each month. It is a weekly job that gives a lot of satisfaction to those who come and help. As you can see, there are still two months that need volunteers, and TRACY wouldn't mind a little help in December. If two families signed up for one month, then it would be a SNAP. Please check and see if possibly YOU could help in JANUARY or APRIL. THE SIGN UP SHEET IS IN THE EDUCATION BUILDING. Thanks!!!

Monthly Schedule



<u>June '04</u>	Della & Mel Stephenson
July	Carolyn Moore
August	Marcia & Don Fitzner
Sept.	Barbara & Bill Simms
Oct.	Amanda & Gary Eggart
Nov.	Jan & Francis Winn
Dec.	Tracy Hemke
<u>Jan. '05</u>	_____
Feb.	Julie & Nick Griffo
March	Della & Mel Stephenson
April	_____
May	Barbara & Bill Simms



When all is said and done, there's a lot more said than done.
Anonymous

Questions about Money

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1. Do you believe your money and possessions belong to you or to God?
 2. When was a time that you felt overwhelmed with thankfulness because you were able to afford so much?
 3. What does your spending tell you about what motivates you? Are you indecisive or compulsive? Do you over-control or do you lack self-control? Do you ever buy out of envy or from a need to be accepted?
 4. How does your spending reflect the importance of health, family, faith, concern for others, and self?
 5. Do you limit your spending by any other standard than your income? Are self-denial and delayed gratification good words or bad words for you?
 6. If you currently have children at home, how does your spending teach them about self-control, setting priorities, thankfulness, honesty, openness, and values?
 7. When you make a purchase, do you think of the “whole” cost of the item? (For instance, when a car is purchased, the cost will include taxes, insurance, fuel, maintenance, and space.)
 8. How does your concern for the earth and future generations affect your spending? Do you primarily consider yourself to be a consumer or a caretaker?
 9. Does the responsibility for teaching spending habits lie primarily with the home, the school, or the Church? What is the role of each?
 10. Would you be comfortable allowing brothers and sisters in Christ help you distinguish between wants and needs? What kind of setting would be helpful?
- + 1** Are you comfortable enough with your own relationship to both God and money that you are willing to use your gifts and experience to help others deal with money questions from a Christian perspective?

Stewardship and Finance

EUMC FINANCIAL HEALTH

The finance committee continues to marvel at the steadfastness of this congregation! As a congregation, we continue our church's financial support and also continue to supply cleaning materials, office supplies etc. so that our church can continue in good fashion. We have folks that continue to pick up the expense of the nursery worker, yard man and probably other things. Other members continue to faithfully clean the church. I and the finance committee continue to be so ever thankful to all of you! It is because of this attitude and love of God that we can look forward to a wonderful and holy season coming up in our church with the celebration of Thanksgiving and Christmas. We have much to be thankful for in this church and I am very proud to be a part of it. The tithes and offerings this month were \$4,529.84. I know that this money was given for the work of God in this community and we will continue to use it as efficiently and as effectively as we can. Again, we thank you for your expression of God's love as you give of what God has given to you.

Because of circumstances we may not be able to have the auction this year. We are open to any other suggestions that you might have, or if you feel that you can take on this project, PLEASE contact me as soon as possible. There are other fund raising events that we could host and we are open to all suggestions. The yard sale proposed and implemented by the Winns was very successful. I know that if we put on our thinking caps we can come up with new and exciting projects that will promote fellowship and the opportunity to work together as well as benefit us financially. Again thank you for your steadfastness and willingness to share the love of God in your heart.

-Marcia Fitzner - Finance Committee Chairman

HISTORY COMMITTEE REPORT

To give you a sample of one section of the history book which will be published and circulated during our 100th Anniversary Celebration, I am enclosing a story which will be included in the section "Members of the Estancia United Methodist Church prior to 1980 (the first 75 years). This story was submitted by John Crowder Clark who I believe attended church here in the 30's or early 40's:

"I was five years old when my folks moved to Estancia to practice law. I attended the Methodist Church every Sunday for many years. I remember my parents would give me a dime to put in the collection. When I was around thirteen, some other boys and I borrowed a Fresno scoop and hitched Milton Berkshire's donkey to it and dug the basement for the church.

Several of the pastors acted as Boy Scout leaders. I remember them taking me and four or five other boys to "Fourth of July Springs" to camp out many times.

We had a pastor who loved goat milk. When I was around ten, he sold my dad a milk goat. I drank about a gallon of milk a day for many years. We used to feed them bean hulls which they really loved."

s/ John Crowder Clark

In October

8th Emmaus Community Gathering at Bethel UMC

9th Small Group Training at St. John's UMC

14th The After School Children's Ministry begins

16th Men's Breakfast 7:00 a.m.

20th Charge Conference 7:00 p.m. at Bethel UMC

The Meaning and Origin of All Saints Day

All Saints Day is a universal Christian Feast that honors and remembers all Christian saints, known and unknown. In the Western Church (esp. Roman Catholics, Lutherans, Anglicans) it is kept on November 1. The Orthodox Churches observe it on the first Sunday after Pentecost.

Ephrem Syrus (d. 373) mentions a Feast dedicated to the saints in his writings. St. Chrysostom of Constantinople (d. 407) was the first Christian we know of to assign the Feast to a particular day: the first Sunday after Pentecost. The Feast did not become established in the Western Church, however, until the Roman bishop Boniface IV consecrated the Pantheon at Rome to Christian usage as a church on May 13, 609 or 610. The Feast was observed annually on this date until the time of Bishop of Rome, Gregory III (d. 741) when its observance was shifted to Nov. 1, since on this date Gregory dedicated a chapel in the Basilica of St. Peter's to "All the Saints." It was Gregory IV (d. 844), who in 835 ordered the Feast of All Saints to be universally observed on Nov. 1

As mentioned above, All Saints Day is celebrated by Roman Catholics, the Orthodox, Anglicans, and Lutherans. However, because of their differing understandings of the identity and function of the saints, what these churches do on the Feast of All Saints differs widely. For Roman Catholics, the Orthodox, and to some extent, Anglicans, All Saints is a day to remember, thank God for, but also to venerate and pray to the saints in heaven for various helps. For Lutherans the day is observed by remembering and thanking God for all saints, both dead and living. It is a day to glorify Jesus Christ, who by his holy life and death has made the saints holy through Baptism and faith.

"Ten Things You Never Hear in Church" by Bishop William Oden.

1. Hey! It's my turn to sit in the front pew.
2. I was so enthralled with your sermon that I never noticed that you went 25 minutes overtime.
3. Personally, I find witnessing much more enjoyable than golf.
4. I've decided to give our church the \$300 a month that I used to send to TV preachers.
5. Pastor, I volunteer to be the permanent teacher for the Junior High Sunday School class.
6. Forget the denomination minimum salary, let's pay our pastor so he can live like we do.
7. I love it when we sing hymns I've never heard before.
8. Since we are all here, let's start the service early.
9. Pastor, we'd like to send you to this bible seminar in the Bahamas.
10. Nothing inspires me and strengthens my commitment like our annual stewardship campaign.

UMW REPORT

The United Methodist Women continue to be active and have enjoyed an increase of three in membership for our Unit this year. At our September meeting, Alma Wimsatt gave a program on "Conditions and Missions in Mexico". Some of our members are communicating with missionaries via e-mail and postal service.

At our September meeting, election of officers for 2005 was held. The following officers were elected: President: Ethel Floyd; Vice President: Sylvia Levy; Secretary: Alma Wimsatt; Treasurer: Marcella Reynolds. Christy Brown was elected as the third member on the Nominating Committee.

Anyone who is interested in the UMW Mission Project, whether local, national or inter-national is invited to join our group. We are an organization that is interested in helping people, particularly women and children. We meet the fourth Tuesday of every month in the Educational Building.

-Ethel L. Floyd, Pres.

IGNITING MINISTRY NEWS

Online Welcoming Training
Beginning October 11

We've put a fresh spin on welcoming training. Thousands of church leaders have already received tools and skills to help them live the [welcoming promise](http://www.ignitingministry.org/newsletters/images/101a.jpg) - "Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors." But millions of other United Methodists throughout the United States have yet to experience the lifestyle-changing message of this training - often because of time, budget and travel constraints.

Starting October 11, those barriers will be gone.

"Igniting Ministry 101" is a new online learning opportunity that begins next month. Designed to help local churches sharpen their welcoming skills, this basic course will deliver the key elements of Igniting Ministry training to your computer desk - whenever you have time to log on. By the end of this four-session online course, you will:

- * understand the motivation and research behind the unprecedented national advertising of the denomination.
- * explore the importance of developing a welcoming lifestyle - in your life and in your church.
- * create an action plan to help build welcoming into your congregation's culture as you invite your community into your church.

[This highly interactive course](http://www.ignitingministry.org/newsletters/images/101b.jpg) includes quizzes, discussion areas, audio clips, videos, and links to more information. Cost of this online course is only \$12 per person. Starts October 11.

See the enrollment information <http://www.training.umcom.org/> , and let us send you a reminder [mailto:IMtraining@umcom.org?subject=Igniting Ministry 101 Enrollment Reminder](mailto:IMtraining@umcom.org?subject=Igniting%20Ministry%20101%20Enrollment%20Reminder) when the course is ready.

Questions? Call Igniting Ministry Training at 877-281-6535, Ext. 3.

It 'Rained Today' . . . Make That a Hurricane!

Igniting Ministry Makes a Connection
Commercials on The Weather Channel Get Attention

"Because of Charley, Francis and Ivan, the United Methodist television commercials have had a special impact this September," said Rev. Edward Glaize, pastor of First United Methodist in Tallassee, Ala. "Our commercials were placed at the right time to connect with people's needs," the pastor said.

For the last several weeks, the promise of "Open hearts, Open minds and Open doors," has been seen across the nation on cable networks. But, a seldom used version of one of the Igniting Ministry commercials, chosen long before the hurricanes hit the southern coastline, has made a special connection. "Rain/footsteps" aired at heavy rotation on The Weather Channel, offering hope in a time of despair and loneliness. As Hurricane Ivan hit the Florida, Alabama and Louisiana coasts, the Igniting Ministry commercial offered hope in times of despair.


See all the TV commercials!
<http://mediawarehouse.ignitingministry.org/>

The Food Pantry

We are running low on supplies. 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 Potatos 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, Koolaid or other drink mixes.

Tear Off

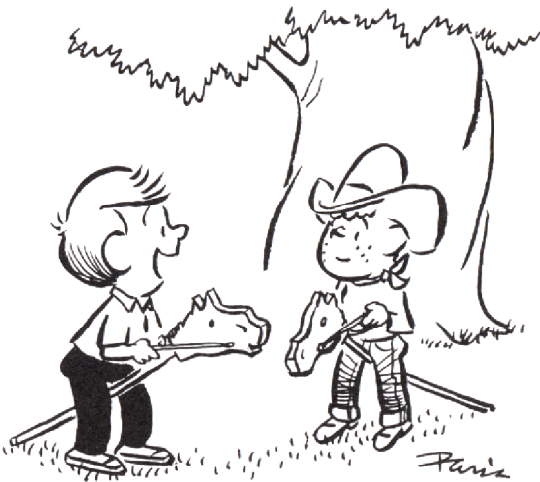
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RIDER PREACHER.

OCTOBER 30

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.