



Thank You to Grants UMYF

On their very first mission trip, the recently formed UMYF from Grants First UMC re-stripped our parking lot on May 5th-6th. Three years ago our Jr. High mission trip went to Grants to paint their Fellowship Hall inside and out. Judy Thomas, our church secretary for many years, led the Grants team.



New Praise and Worship Sunday School

Beginning June 4th and continuing every Sunday during the summer, the youth will be participating in a praise and worship Sunday School. We will be meeting from 10:00-10:45 a.m. in Rand Chapel for lots of singing and study. Everyone is invited to join us for this time of celebration and sharing.

JUNE 2006



June 4	Putt-Putt in Albuquerque 4:30 to 8:30 p.m.
June 7	First-Aid Training 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. at the church
June 12-16	Sr. High Conference Camp
June 17-23	Bell Choir Trip
June 25	Water Games 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the church
June 26-30	Jr. High Conference Camp



CONGRATULATIONS Class of 2006!

This year's St. John's UMC

Scholarship Recipients are:

Reese Myers, a graduate of St. Michael's High School. Reese plans to attend Texas A&M and study either business or engineering. Reese has been a part of St. John's since he was 2 years old and has participated in just about everything the church has offered.

Sean DeAguero, a graduate of Pojoaque Valley High School. Sean is headed to Wyoming Technical Institute in Laramie, Wyoming. He plans to study Professional Auto Mechanics and Fabrication. He hopes to someday build street rods. Sean has been an active participant at St. John's starting with his freshman year of high school when he went to church camp. Since then he has been a part of the youth group participating in workcamps, retreats and regular UMYF activities.

Mark Dennison, a graduate of St. Michael's High School. Mark's dream is to be involved with theatre productions with a big name theatre company in a great theatre community like London. He plans to study technical theatre and set design at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona. Mark joined the congregation of St. John's as a second grader and has watched the seniors on Senior Sunday, waiting anxiously for his turn.

Each recipient will receive a \$600 scholarship. The scholarship committee thanks all the congregation who supported the Scholarship Fund with donations to make these scholarships possible. It is still possible to make a donation, just write scholarship fund on the memo line of your check. Reading the goals and dreams of these fine young people leaves no doubt that we have made a wise and rewarding investment in the future of the church and our world!



HERITAGE SUNDAY

The Future of St. John's

Last fall St. John's celebrated its 125th anniversary. The celebration continues this spring as we note the completion of the first building on West San Francisco Street in 1881.

Today, however, we not only celebrate the past but face the future with hope and courage. On May 22 a new Stewardship/Planning Committee will begin laying the groundwork for the next decade or more.

What can we expect in St. John's future?

Our congregation has had to adjust to "future shock" before. Think about how our church was part of a small town in the 1930s. Then came World War II, the creation of the Los Alamos National Laboratory, and an emphasis on Santa Fe as a tourist city. Our church had to take account of these changes, which still have an impact on us. Back then, there were basically two brands of religion, both Christian: Roman Catholic and Protestant.

Today we are surrounded by Buddhists, Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs, and new age religions of many kinds. Roman Catholics and Protestants have both changed, too. How can our church make disciples for Jesus Christ in this interfaith context?

Santa Fe has also become a location for two quite different populations. One is Mexican, immigrant, and very young and working class. The other comprises retirees from all over the U.S., mostly Anglo, well educated and affluent, and much older. How is our church going to relate to these two disparate populations?

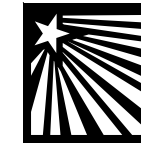
Add to these changes the impact of globalization, the threat of terrorism, the growth of megachurches, the different attitudes and perspectives of the younger generation, and ever more complex technology, and you have a challenge that will require a committed faith and an openness to the Spirit like never before.

Every member of the congregation needs to be in prayer for the Stewardship/Planning Committee and our church's well being. With the prophet Isaiah, let us try to discern the intent of the God who says, "I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"



50th Wedding Anniversary Ed & Twila Bearden

Friends are invited to share in the celebration on Saturday, June 24, 2006 from 2 - 4:00 p.m. in the Gathering Room



S.T. A. R. S.

(Seniors Taking Active Retirement Seriously)

will meet for their monthly meeting and Potluck Luncheon on **Monday, May 22 at 11:30 a.m.** in the **Gathering Room.**

STARS will view the award winning film, "Good Night, and Good Luck" after the luncheon. The film "Good Night, and Good Luck" takes place during the early days of broadcast journalism in the 1950's.

The movie chronicles the real-life conflict between news man Edward R. Murrow and Senator Joseph McCarthy and the House on Un-American Activities Committee.

Come and join STARS for lunch and a movie, and some thought provoking conversation!

Vacation Bible School Update!

Welcome to "Fiesta" where kids are fired up about Jesus! Get ready for an exciting celebration of Jesus' love filled with lively mariachi bands, spicy chile peppers and warm friends!

The following folks have enthusiastically agreed to join the Vacation Bible School Team and are looking forward to the collaboration of the BEST Vacation Bible School in Santa Fe. Once again we will join our friends from Santa Maria de la Paz Catholic Community and San Isidro Catholic Church for another fabulous week of VBS:

Hope Dumas
Bev Kelman
Bob Stafford
Maitte Girdner
Rose Marie Tauche
Art Tauche
Jimmie Schlender
Vikki Penrod
Eleanor Riser
Tessa Schultz
Sandy Szabat



If you would like to join this awesome team of dedicated folks, please give Janet Dennison a phone call at the church.