

# *the* LANTERN



First Presbyterian Church, Las Cruces, NM

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## Donna Evans is Coming

Jean O'Neill

Donna Evans, a Wycliffe Bible Translator in Southeast Asia, is one of the people/workers sponsored by our church. She is a former public health nurse who earned an MA in linguistics. She learned the national language and one of the minority languages of southeast Asia and works in two countries.

After completing the New Testament in 1999 in one of the minority languages, much of her work shifted to training nationals to do linguistic research and translation. She holds workshops three times a year to train local people how to do translation.



Donna will visit our church September 22-24 when there will be several opportunities to come to hear her presentations. You can meet her at the In-Betweeners on Friday night. She will be at the adult Sunday school in the library Sunday morning and also there after fellowship time following the Sunday worship service.

## Parable Quest Summer Sunday School

Judeth Ames

From June 4th until September 3rd, our multi-age Summer Sunday School has been ongoing in Branigan Hall for children age 3 through 5th grade. Our class has been studying the parables of Jesus together. We have enjoyed singing, painting and making crafts, working Bible-themed puzzles, and especially discovering the parable inside Ms. Carol's Adventure Box each week. We have learned about the Good Shepherd, the Forgiving Father, the Good Samaritan, and nine other parables. The stories that Jesus told to teach us about how very much God the Father loves us, and how He wants us to live our lives, have enriched the children's understanding of what it means to be a Christian in today's world.


Our curriculum has had a rainforest theme, so we have also learned about a part of God's creation very different from our own high dessert. Each week we've added a different rainforest animal to the murals on our walls. Now, by summer's end, the photo-

graph shows animals from our magnificent macaw to a python and a monkey. One child said, "if it's the rainforest, where's the rain?" So, now you see rain there, too!



The school year has begun; it's time to move on, but we have had a great summer together. We will be separating into an age 3 - Kindergarten class and an Elementary class, and we look forward to Salt & Light beginning soon.

**SEPTEMBER 2017**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27</b> 8:45 AM Faith & Fellowship Worship / Sanctuary 9:00 AM Adult Bible Class, Jones Library 9:00 AM Sunday School for age 4 - 5th grade in room 207, Branigan Hall 9:30 AM MS & HS Sunday School 10:30 AM FPC Worship 10:30 AM Korean Worship in Reeves Hall/Cinema Room 10:30 AM Spanish Worship in Jones Hall Chapel 11:45 AM Salt & Light Luncheon in Watkins Hall	<b>28</b> 7:00 PM Bell Rehearsal/Sanctuary	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9:00 AM Quilting group 5:00 PM Border Network mtg in the Library with Cesar & Lourdes Maldonado 5:30 PM FUZE in Watkins Fellowship and Reeves Hall 7:00 PM Choir practice	<b>31</b> 5:30 PM Faith & Fellowship practice in Sanc. 7:00 PM Young Adults group in Chapel	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 10:30 AM Emmaus group
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## S & L Luncheon Fiesta

Michelle Osborne



Thanks to God for blessing us so incredibly well with an awesome Salt & Light Children and Youth Program.. And...

Thanks to God for honoring us with such an amazing congregation of faithful families to support this vital ministry.

“You are the salt of the earth...you are the light of the world...” (Matthew 5 13-14).

We want to extend our heartfelt and humble appreciation to all who were able to attend our fabulous S & L Luncheon Fiesta, on Sunday August 27. We fed 162 and brought in \$1,636 for S & L this year. At this luncheon, we gave away, “Thanks for Chipping in to Help the Kids” cards, attached to chocolate cookies. This was just a crumble-of-a-way to show how grateful we are for those who participate, in any way. We thank you all for giving generously with your gifts and resources, and for faithfully praying for us, throughout the year. If you were unable to attend the luncheon, your “thank-you” is in the church office to pick-up.

We would also like to thank our many adult and youth Volunteers, who are led by Christ to give of their hearts, talents, time and energy, who make it possible for us to continue. We made up more thank-you-cards, saying, “Children’s Ministry workers are Lifesavers.” with a lifesaver candy attached, even though Jesus is our true life-saver.

It was a great luncheon because of the special people in the kitchen, who worked hard planning, shopping, cooking delicious enchiladas and pork-filled pinto beans, grilling quesadillas, preparing yummy side dishes, organizing, and cleaning up. Special thanks for making us see God’s love in everything you do: Jacque, Steve, Ed, Carl and Bea, Sandra and Ken, and Robbie, Cheri and Arnold (and everyone else who helped.)



Kudos go out to Nancy, Ken and Ms. Valencia for decorating the room and tables, to Judi for hand-making the stage wall decor, and again to Ms. Valencia and her balloon-filling team (Rosa, Amon, Anayise, Sarriah, Briana and more). Thanks to our many awesome youth for setting up and serving in sombreros. We really appreciate Rusty and our janitor, Chuy, for doing a wonderful job of painting Watkins Hall, setting up tables and chairs, and cleaning the tables. Thanks to Greg and Kelly, who do numerous things behind-the-scenes to help out our luncheons (and program). And for staying a little after, Nancy and Lyn.

Salt & Light Children and Youth Ministry is getting ready for the Fall semester of 2017. Our Wednesday program runs from September 13 to December 13, while Las Cruces Public School is in session, after-school through dinnertime. With the love and grace of God, and all of us working together, we will rotate through activities of Music and Worship, outdoor Recreation Games, Bible classes, and an after-school Snack and Playtime.

Our dedicated group of teaching teams are special leaders who believe in nurturing children and youth in their faith with Christian fun and laughter. This Fall, we are blessed to have Kelly and Greg continue, as our Youth Ministers, I will continue as S & L Coordinator, and Rev Norm will continue as our leader of leaders, and teacher of teachers. Our Kinder and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade littlest lambs will have Judith and Carol, our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade children will have Lynne, Lon and Elizabeth, and our 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade kiddos will have Heather and Susan, to lead them to know the love and word of Jesus.

God continues to answer our prayers by Ms. Jacque, our leading lady in the kitchen at S & L, continuing the majority of menu planning, weekly shopping, cooking at luncheons and picnics, and leading the first Kitchen Crew team every month. This year, we'll also continue to have Mr. Steve run the second Kitchen Crew, Mr. Ed run the third Crew, and Ms. Cheri run the fourth team. We definitely cannot pull off this awesome program without all of these strong and giving leaders, with their stellar and hard-working crew members. We are so thankful for all of our kitchen teams.

God also gave S & L an awesome opportunity to work with one of our youth. Ms. Valencia Owens who is our new S & L Assistant, working directly with me, when she is not leading children's activities at the program. We are all excited to have this respectful, positive, faithful, intelligent, youth leader, who has spent seven years involved in our church, assist us in our ministry. She is a joy to work with, and has already been taking direction from many adults at S & L for the past two years, as a volunteer.

We have so many to thank for their commitments, but are always looking for more help at the program. I am actively recruiting for positions as:

- Drivers and Back-up Drivers for elementary, to pick-up children at 2:25 pm on Wednesdays from September 13-December 13.
- Back-up Table Parents for dinners at 6:10-7:00pm on Wednesdays.
- Tablecloth Launderers, Bakers, and Monthly Birthdays Helpers.

Anyone who wants more information on ways to volunteer, please contact Michelle at [saltandlight@fpc.lc](mailto:saltandlight@fpc.lc) or 526-5559.

## New Themes at Salt and Light.

Michelle Osborne

As many of you know, at our S & L Ministry, we have a weekly “Dinner Theme” for fun and faith. Our decorations and stage wall, table placemats, centerpieces or table-signs, and welcome-poster all reflect this dinner theme. Even the after-dinner activity, craft or give-away for the kids is somewhat based on this theme. We attempt to change out the titles and create new themes, but always include God’s love and word, Jesus’ examples, Bible lessons of faith, and fun for kids and youth.

Last spring, I asked for input from kids and their families as to what their favorites are, and what they might enjoy in the future. We have tried to incorporate much of this input, to see how well the kids like it this semester.

The first month of fall, we will have Fiesta themes, so we will keep up our “Mexican-type” decorations (pinatas, banners, flags, garlands, pictures and hand-made paper flowers) from the S & L Fiesta Luncheon, through the third week of September. We will use, “Get Fired Up for Jesus. Red or Green?” as one new Fiesta theme, about joy and faith.

Then for the last Wednesday of the month, on September 27, we will try out a totally new, outta-this-world theme. “God’s Galaxy. (Seek Jesus in the Stars Theme) We will hang Stars and Signs that say, “Seek God,” “Mission Possible,” “God’s Love Shines Bright with Faith,” “Discover God’s Love,” “Focus on Jesus,” and “God’s Love Reaches to the Stars.” For our after-dinner activity, elementary and middle schoolers will make, “Porthole magnet kit” crafts. And all the kids will receive soft Rockets with Crosses, and Galaxy Maps, with constellations in the shapes of crosses.



Another brand new theme, will be on Wednesday October 18, based on our past VBS theme from June.

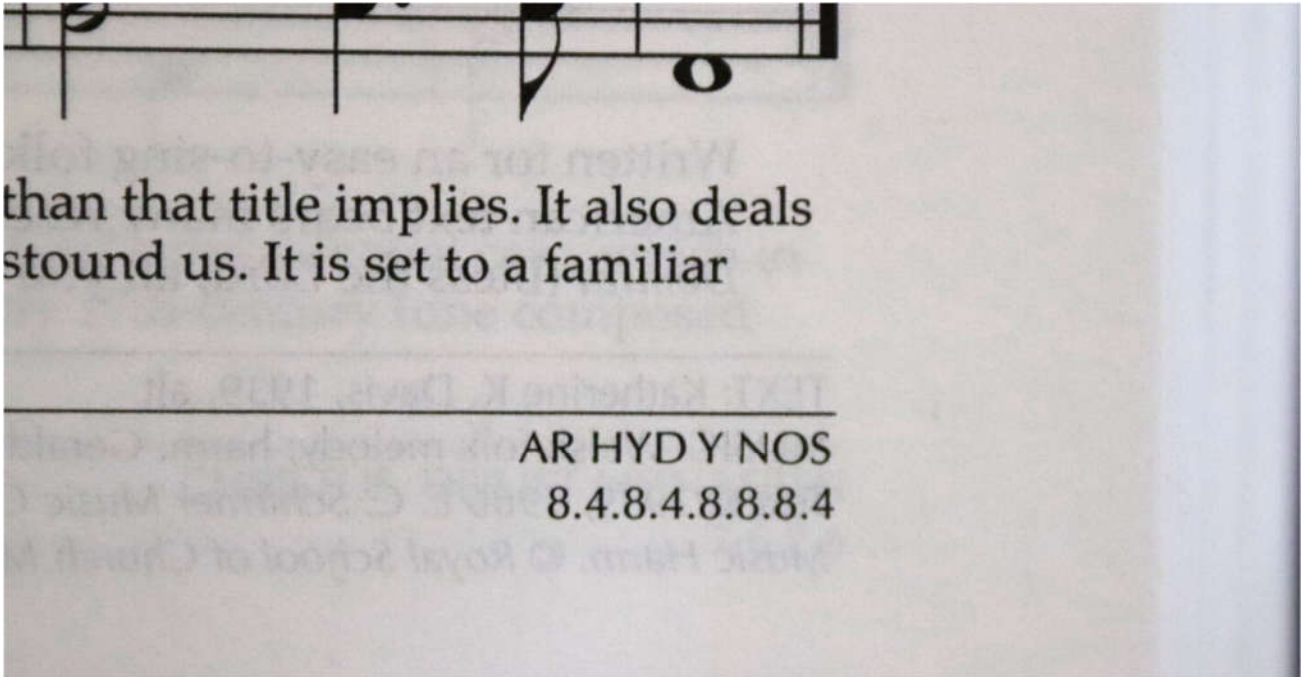
“We are Superheros in Christ.” (Courage/Superhero Theme). Ms. Heather will lend us the city building decorations that Ms. Judi made, and anything else we wish to use. We have new decoration picture sets that say, “Power,” “Strength,” “Believe,” “Pray,” “Obey,” and “Trust.” At dinner, we will wear capes, that say “Hero Central, Discover Your Strength in God.” And then we will give all the kids glow-in-the-dark faith bracelets, that say “Believe,” “Pray,” “Obey,” and “Trust.”

We will keep some favorite themes like “Backward Night.” (anything with breakfast for dinner and the excuse to wear PJs), “Boo-lievers Shine the Light of Jesus.” (Christian Halloween), and re-use some fun Fall, Thanksgiving, and Christmas themes, but change the titles. We hope the kids will love their time at the program this semester. But have faith that whatever we do in Christ, we will touch them and their families with a little more Jesus on Wednesdays, thanks to God.

## Meter

Stephen Taylor

The next time that you open your hymnal, you might take a look at the bottom of the page. In the bottom right-hand corner you will find the meter, usually a series of numbers, which indicates the number of syllables for the lines in each stanza. The me-



ter of a hymn provides a means of marrying the text to an appropriate tune, and any hymn can be sung to any tune with the same meter. This was an enormous help in the early hymn-singing congregations, where the members would know perhaps only three tunes and were generally illiterate.

A good example of hymn meter is the opening lines of John Newton's hymn *Amazing Grace*:

**A**mazing **g**race, how **s**weet the **s**ound  
that **s**aved a **w**retch like **m**e.

Analyzing this, a poet would see two lines, each with four syllable pairs in the first line and three in the second. Further, the poet would note that each of the pairs, called a *metrical foot*, are *iambic* (soft-hard, as the bold type shows above). Completing that verse:

**A**mazing **g**race, how **s**weet the **s**ound  
that **s**aved a **w**retch like **m**e.  
I **o**nce was **l**ost, but **n**ow am **f**ound,  
was **b**lind, but **n**ow I **s**ee.



A hymnist would describe this as 8.6.8.6. Most hymns in this 8.6.8.6 pattern are iambic, and the 8.6.8.6 pattern is so common (53 of the 853 hymns in our hymnal have this pattern) that it is called *Common Meter* (also denoted CM). There are, additionally, 29 hymns where this pattern is doubled, with eight lines of alternating 8 and 6 syllables (as in *Joy to the World* and *There Is a Place of Quiet Rest*; also denoted as CMD). Common Meter is the meter of many of Emily Dickinson's poems, and the song *The House of the Rising Sun*, while *America the Beautiful* is in Common Meter Doubled.

Closely related to Common Meter are *Short Meter* (6.6.8.6) and *Long Meter* (8.8.8.8). Hymns in Short Meter and in Long Meter also most often have an iambic feel, as in John Fawcett's *Blest Be the Tie that Binds* (Short Meter)

Blest **be** the **tie** that **binds**  
our **hearts** in **Christian love**.  
The **fellowship** of **kindred minds**  
is **like** to **that above**.

And in John M. Neale's *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (Long Meter, with a refrain)

O **come**, O **come**, Emmanuel,  
and **ransom captive Israel**,  
that **mourns** in **lonely exile here**  
until the **Son of God appear**.

Isaac Watts, the first great English-language hymnist, wrote exclusively in Short Meter, Common Meter, and Long Meter. Following Watts, the first wave of great hymnists, such as William Cowper, Philip Doddridge, John Newton, and Charles Wesley, while still favoring these three meters, began to expand their metrical repertoire.

After the SM, CM, and LM families, the next most common hymn meter in our hymnal is the 8.7.8.7 family. In contrast to the iambic feel of hymns in common meter, most hymns in an 8.7.8.7 pattern are *trochaic*, with strong-weak syllable pairs, as in Charles Wesley's *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

**Love divine**, all **loves** **excelling**,  
**Joy of heav'n**, to **earth** come **down**,

and in Frederick Faber's *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*:

**There's** a **wideness in** God's **mercy**  
**Like** the **wideness of** the **sea**;

The trochaic stress pattern is generally described as feeling "stronger" or more

march-like than the iambic pattern.

As hymns evolved, hymnists explored more complex metrical patterns, such as

- 7.6.7.6 D in James W. Alexander's *O Sacred Head Now Wounded*
- 11.12.12.10 in Reginald Heber's *Holy, Holy, Holy*
- 14.14.4.7.8 in Joachim Neander's *Praise Ye the Lord the Almighty*
- 7.6.7.6.7.7.6 in Fanny Crosby's *We Shall Reach the Summer Land* (not in our hymnal; written when she was 94 years old)
- 9.6.8.6.8.7.10 in Marty Haugen's *Let Us Build a House*

These could, in many cases, still be sung reasonably easily, with well-written or familiar tunes, accompanied by guitar, piano, or organ.

In the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century, as congregations became more literate and more musically adept, a number of hymns began to appear that had no regular meter, and this is denoted in our hymnal, not surprisingly, as *Irregular*. There are 157 hymns in our hymnal in Irregular Meter, from the contemplative *Seek Ye First* (Karen Lafferty) and *Jesus, Remember Me* (Taizé Community), to the Gospel *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* (Thomas A. Dorsey), to the evangelical *O Come Unto the Lord* (Young tāk Chūn), to the joyful *We Are Marching in the Light of God* (Xhosa *Siyahamba*) and *I Will Exalt My God, My King* (Casodioro Cárdenas).

In practice, hymns conform to one of a relatively small number of meters and stress patterns. Well-written hymns, even if they are in Irregular Meter, have a consistency to their rhythm and feel. It is this regularity that helps us to sing the hymns of our faith, and any hymn can be sung to a tune written for that meter. *Amazing Grace*, for example, can be sung to any Common Meter hymn tune, such as *Coronation* (for *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*), *Winchester Old* (for No. 117 *While Shepherd's Watched Their Flocks by Night*), and *Tallis' Ordinal* (for No. 477 *Thy Mercy and Thy Truth, O Lord*). It can, additionally, be sung to tunes from popular music, such as those for *House of the Rising Sun*, the *Pokémon* theme, and the theme to *Gilligan's Island*. So the next time that you sing one of your favorite hymns, think about the meter, and what other tunes that hymn could be set to.

## August In-Betweeners

The In-Betweeners met in Jones Hall this month because the regular room was being repainted. Almost 40 people attended the planned pot-luck. Lots of good food including an intriguing dessert called Watergate Salad, consisting of marshmallows, fruit, cool whip, and pistachio pudding mix.

This dish was contributed by the featured speaker, Leah Tookey, who spoke on the construction of Elephant Butte Dam, which took place between 1912 and 1916. She works for the Farm and Ranch museum and designed a display on the Elephant Butte Dam, based on a collection of old photographs which was found in the NMSU library.

Building the dam was a major undertaking. It involved building many other projects not usually associated with something as simple as a small structure to hold back some water. Two towns were constructed. A cement plant, a power plant, and a railway, along with other construction efforts helped to complete the project.



It was interesting to be told that the many unskilled laborers earned about \$1.25 per day. The general engineering staff earned around \$5 per day. There were many differences between that time and today, but the use, conservation, and allocation of water are problems which are as difficult to solve today as it was then.

## The Cover

The cover shows a finely crafted cross which was one of many which are sold at the Farmers Market every Wednesday and Saturday



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## **Vision Statement**

To be a place where Christian love is modeled

## **Mission Statement**

To be a place where Christian love is modeled through:

1. Understanding, celebrating, and sharing God's Word.
2. Following obediently where God is leading us
3. Leading, nurturing, and serving our community for Christ