

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, September 12

6:30 a.m. Women's Prayer Group-Kathi Lee's
 3:30-5:30 4th-6th Grade Bible Study
 5:45-6:15 Fellowship Meal-Fellowship Hall
 6:15-7:00 University Bells Rehearsal
 6:15-7:30 Kids Clubs Kickoff-2nd Floor
 6:15-7:30 Youth Activities-Basement
 6:15-7:30 "Operation Christmas Child"-123
 6:15-7:30 Reading Club-Room 105
 6:15-7:30 "Living Beyond Yourself"-Room 113
 6:15-7:30 "5 Practices of Fruitful

Congregations"-Room 125
 6:15-7:30 "Prayerwalking" Class-Prayer Room
 7:15-8:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal-Choir Rm

Thursday, September 13

6:30 p.m. Conner House Bible Study

Friday, September 14

11:30-1:00 Noon Bible Study-Rm 113

Saturday, September 15

6:00 p.m. BBQ Cookout for New Members & New Sunday School Class

Sunday, September 16

8:30 a.m. Worship Service-Sanctuary
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 9:30 a.m. New Sunday School Class-Parlor
 10:45 a.m. Worship Services

Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall
 3:00-4:30 "The Patriarchs" Bible Study-222
 4:00 p.m. Banner Ministry Team-Room 223
 4:30 p.m. Youth Council Meeting-Room 125

6:00-8:00 Youth Bible Study-Basement
 6:00 p.m. 3-D Meeting-Room 105

Monday, September 17

5:30 p.m. Palo Duro Village Bible Study
 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting-Rm 105
 6:30 p.m. Visitation
 6:30-8:00 Couples Bible Study-Room 222

Tuesday, September 18

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group-Room 123
 9:00 a.m. Skywest Ministry
 6:30 p.m. Knitting Ministry-Parlor

Wednesday, September 19

6:30 a.m. Women's Prayer Group-Kathi Lee's
 10:00 a.m. Nursing Home Ministry
 10:45 a.m. Retirement Village Ministry
 3:30-5:30 4th-6th Grade Bible Study
 5:45-6:15 Fellowship Meal-Fellowship Hall
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United Methodist Women

Saturday, September 15

Amarillo District Meeting-St. Paul UMC

Wednesday, September 19

6:15 Brillhart Circle Room 224



Concerns For This WEEK

Health Concerns: Doug Johnston's aunt, Vondel Stevens' dad, Rhonni Pletcher's mom, Devon Cunningham, Sonny Clark, Ruth Ann Brillhart's daughter-in-law Karen, April McRoberts Baker

In Christian Sympathy:

Jackie Blair and family on the death of her brother

Other concerns/needs: Amanda Braddock as she recovers from a wreck

Joys For This WEEK

The Cogswells who got a new dog, Daxton Stokes and his team who won their first two baseball games, Ruth Ann Brillhart who is happy to have Bess visiting, the Biffle family who are praising God that their grandbaby Emma Brown has completed her chemo, Diana Antochy who is very excited that her dad is home for good from his year long tour in Iraq, Larry and Amy Roberts are celebrating the engagement of their daughter Jennifer to Justin Howard, Rhonni Pletcher who is grateful for the two young men who pushed her car out of the flooded waters.

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Oressa Delaney, J. L. Pipes, Justin Richardson, Anne Hubley, Will Moore, Fakar, Brynn McPherson, Shelly Cathey, Kathi Tijerina, Beth Sanchez, Kelli Tillman-Marr, Richard and Noreen Bales, Cathy Adkins, Sam White, Danny Knoll, Adrian Marsh, Alan Rodner (Rachel Hedglin's dad), Jim Davis (Nancy Biffle's brother)

Glenda Abernethy, Andy Anderson (mother of Jane King), Randy Banks (Barbara Tucek's nephew), Rion Broome, Ricky Cook, Libby Ford, Oran Gipson, Milt Hudson, Janet Ingham, Hope Irlbeck, Kim Johnston, Brenda Lindsey, Melanie McKinney, Suzanne Rogers, Kathryn Snodgrass, Sybil Stringer, Linda Tinsley, Barbara Wagner (Bob Dillin's daughter), Jean Waugh, Louise Williams

Additional Intercessory Prayers

President Bush and our country's leaders, Westover Fellowship United Methodist Church, China Mission Team, Costa Rica Team, Backyard Missions, Pete & Vikki Klein, War-torn Countries, Carson Gerber in Iraq

Our Guests on September 9, 2007

Russ & Kristen Glaze, Grant, Ridgley, Collin, Ben, Kotter & Greason
 Armando & D. J. Guerrero & Jessica Garcia
 Bryan, Krista, Brynn & Brayden Gerlich
 Justin Reeves & Jessica Riley Tom Carpenter Rex Brandon
 Simon Rasmusser, Denmark Bess Sommer Estephan
 Elisabeth Markussin, Denmark Lynn McPherson Quintela
 Mary Lou Street, Fort Worth Allison White Katie Smith
 David & Catherine Berube Shelby Wilson Karolina
 Galen & Robin Chandler Matt Arambula Quintero
 Mr. & Mrs. Jim Silverthorn Christie Hendley Kayla Weaver
 Betty Cruz Jake Mitchell Todd Throghe
 Briana Wright Kelsi Arnold Anna
 Justin Smith Ty Houston Andrianova
 Kendra Smith Lisa Johnson Michea Finch

Serving God With My Time and Talent

Celebrate the Power of Discipleship:

YOU Make A Difference

September 2 - October 7

For the last two Sundays, we have been sharing the opportunities for ministry available in our church during our worship services. Many people volunteer their time and use their talents to "Build God's Kingdom...One Life At A Time" each week. Using the six key values of our church - Devotion, Community, Stewardship, Evangelism, Missions and Servanthood - we will highlight ministries that you might want to join this fall.

These six weeks will lead up to each person being given the opportunity to join a ministry during the worship services on Sunday, October 14. At that time you will receive a sheet entitled "Answering God's Call with Time and Talent". So that you know what ministries we have in our church, each newsletter will highlight ministries for you to pray about. Here is the list for today:

Music (Instrumental)

___ Hand Bell Choir
 ___ Instrumental Ensemble
 ___ Organ, Piano or Keyboard Accompanist
 ___ Contemporary Worship Team
 ___ Instrument: _____

Music (Vocal)

___ Adult Choir Member
 ___ Soloist/Vocal Ensemble
 ___ Song leader
 ___ Contemporary Worship Team

Artistry

___ Banners
 ___ Decorate Altar/Sanctuary
 ___ Set Design for Drama
 ___ Costuming
 ___ Graphic Design for Publicity
 ___ Power Point Presentations
 ___ Photography
 ___ Bulletin Boards
 ___ Calligraphy

Writing

___ Newsletter Articles
 ___ Publicity/Newspaper

Record of Attendance

September 9, 2007

8:30 a.m.	Worship Service	122
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	292
10:45 a.m.	Sanctuary Service	216
10:45 a.m.	Fellowship Hall Service	72
	Total in Worship	410



The News from FUMC, Canyon

Building God's Kingdom One Word At A Time

September 12, 2007

First United Methodist Church
 1818 4th Avenue
 Canyon, Texas 79015
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THE NEWS-The official newsletter of the First United Methodist Church, Canyon

First United Methodist Church Canyon, Texas 655-2851
 e-mail: fumc@firstchurchcanyon.com web-site: firstchurchcanyon.com

Wednesday Night Schedule Begins September 12

5:45 - 6:15 p.m. Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner
 Adults: \$3.50, Children (6 - 12) \$2.50, Children (under 6) \$1.00 Family Maximum \$12.00, Complimentary & College Students Free

September 12 - Homemade meal - Fundraiser for Parks Family
 September 19 - Homemade meal - Pathfinders Class Fundraiser
 September 26 - Homemade meal - Searchers Class Fundraiser

6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Children, Youth and Adult Activities

Children (Ages 3 - 4th Grade) - Kids Clubs
 Club 56 (5th & 6th Grade)
 Youth (Junior & Senior High) - "Healthy Relationships" Study
 Adults Classes:

University Bells - Margaret Skinner
 Prayerwalking - Debby Lundy
 5 Practices of Fruitful Congregations - John McClean
 Living Beyond Yourself (Beth Moore Study) - Nancy Hinders
 Special Emphasis Classes:

September 12 - Book Club - Michell Killingsworth
 (Will meet on the second Wednesday of each month)
 September 12 - Operation Christmas Child - Janice Cranmer

7:15 p.m. Adult Choir

Church Staff


Senior Pastor.....Rev. John McClean
 Associate Pastor.....Rev. Donna Johnston
 Worship Leader.....Michael Littau
 Diaconal Minister.....Francie Pittman
 Director Youth Ministries.....Scott Lee
 Director Children's Ministries.....Lee Ann Love
 Church Secretary.....Cindy Burrus
 Children's Administrative Assistant....Megan Walker
 Assistant Secretary.....Shirley Leach
 Financial Secretary.....Lisa Dietz
 Youth Administrative Assistant.....Lorelle Ridgley
 Financial Assistant.....Christi Ybarra
 Music Director.....George Biffle
 Organist.....Margaret Skinner
 Church Librarian.....Michell Killingsworth
 Custodian.....Bill Fetter
 IHHChild Development Director....Brenda Shepherd

Missing UMW Reading Program Books

Calling all UMW readers and anyone else who has forgotten to return any of the following books to the church library. (Most titles below are somewhat shorter than actual one on book.)

Dancing in Winter by Say Pa; New Religious America by Eck; Once Upon a Time in Africa by Healey; Stories in My Neighbor's Faith by Scott; Through the Eyes of the Victims by Awad; Fun? But We're Married! by Davitz; Thanks for the Mammogram by Walker; Whither Thou Goest? by Thornton; Actual Innocence by Scheck; Honor Lost by Khouri; I'd Rather Teach Peace by McCarthy; The Loyal Opposition by Sample; When Stars Begin to Fall by Williams; An Evening Walk by Curry; Evensong by Godwin; The Haunt of Grace by Loder; Leading Ladies by Porter.

Thanks for your help. UMW readers may sign up for the 2007-2008 Reading Program at their September Circle Meeting or call Jo Jackson (655-9820).

<p>First United Methodist Church Building God's Kingdom One Life At A Time Service Times 8:30 a.m. in Sanctuary 10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary 10:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Sunday Preaching Schedule Traditional Services in Sanctuary Rev. John McClean Contemporary Service in Fellowship Hall Mikey Littau</p> 
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Una Gran Cena!

“One Great Dinner!” Each year our own Wesley Community Center in Amarillo holds *Una Grana Cena* to raise financial support for the many ministries of Wesley, but more importantly, to raise awareness of the good work for the Kingdom which Wesley does as a ministry of the United Methodist Church.

When I was in El Paso, I sat on the board of trustees for Houchen Community Center there, and learned first-hand how lives are changed at our United Methodist community centers. Then when we moved to Canyon this summer, I volunteered to be placed on the board of the Wesley Community Center...because what is done there is important work, and I want to have a part in it.

You and I have an opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of many people through our support of the Wesley Community Center in Amarillo.

Una Gran Cena is an important way we can take part! *Una Gran Cena* is a gala dinner, full of celebration, color, and life. Methodists from all over our area will be present to celebrate the ministries of Wesley Community Center.

Thursday, September 27 is the date; 7:00 p.m. is the time for the meal; Amarillo Civic Center South Exhibit Hall is the place! Our own Krista Gerlich, Lady Buff’s Head Basketball Coach, will be the guest speaker, and there will be a reception for her beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Tickets have been purchased by the church and are available in the church office for free. We will be taking a church vehicle or vehicles to the event, leaving from the east parking lot at 6:00 p.m., which will give us time for the reception and then the dinner.

I hope you will join us for *Una Gran Cena!*

John



New Members

Christian and Christy Ridner joined our church recently. They are the parents of Katherine Aleasha and Christian Alexander. This family lives at 2612 10th Ave. and their phone number is 655-8722.

Please welcome this family to our church the next time you see them.

“Be Still My Soul” Women’s Retreat

You are invited to the first meeting to help us decide the theme, focus, etc. for this retreat. We will meet at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 23 in the Prayer Room. Meet Nancy Biffle and Francie Pittman there - and bring your ideas!

Did you know?

UMW September Service Project for Tyler Street Resource Center Non-Food Pantry

Bring the following items and place them in the barrels in the hallway:

Items Most Needed for Elderly, Disabled and Mentally Ill
 Toilet Tissue Laundry Soap
 Dish Soap Bar Soap
2nd Priority Needs:
 Toothpaste Deodorant
 Sanitary Pads
 Razors/Shaving Cream
 Shampoo Lotion
These items may be used:
 Towels Wash cloths
 Sheets Blankets
 Pillows and pillow cases

“UNA GRAN CENA 2007”
A fiesta dinner celebration & silent auction!
To benefit
Wesley Community Center
Thursday, September 27, 2007
7:00 p.m. at Amarillo Civic Center
Featured Speaker: Krista Gerlich
WTAMU Lady Buff’s Head Basketball Coach
The church is hoping to have at least two tables. We have purchased that many tickets, so please stop by the church office and pick up a free ticket if you can go.

Scholarship Funds Needed

“In His Hands” Child Development Ministry of First United Methodist Church has students whose parents are in financial need. If you or your Sunday School class would like to help pay these children’s tuition, please make your check to “In His Hands” and designate it scholarship. You may put your contribution in the black mailbox in front of the preschool office or give it to Lisa Dietz.

Wear Your Name Tag

If you do not have one, and are not a newcomer, there may be one for you on the table in Room 110. If you are a regular guest or have requested a new name tag, check the table. If you have misplaced your name tag, request one in Room 110 on the note pad.

We don’t want you to be identified as a newcomer. I don’t want to be the school principal.

Jerry Woods

Thank You Note

Thank you very much for awarding me with the FUMC Swatzell Scholarship. It means a lot to me, and I feel very blessed. This scholarship was a much needed one and it just goes to show that God helps those in need. FUMC has always been there for me and I appreciate it and the people of the church greatly. Thanks again.

God Bless,
 Brant Havens

Youth News

It is my extreme pleasure to now be on staff here at First United Methodist Church FULL TIME. The youth are fantastic, and the support of the church seems tremendous. Thank you for making my whole family feel so welcome; we are really excited about how God is revealing His Love in this community.

Here are a couple of things to mark on calendars:

This Sunday, September 16,
 Youth Council meeting at 4:30PM
 September 22, Biking for Christ –
 overnight bike retreat to the canyon

Also: The youth will be meeting every Sunday
 from 6:00 to 8:00ish,

and every Wednesday night we will meet to eat dinner with the rest of the church then study what it means to be in relationship with others.

This year is shaping up to be incredible – come and be a part of it.
 Scott

“Live BIG”

September’s B.I.G.

Theme: “God chooses us.”

Bible Verse: “And God said, “I will be with you.” Exodus 3:12a

September 16 David
 (God Looks at the Heart)
BRING A FRIEND TO MEET JESUS!

Volunteer Opportunities

Wednesday Night Kids CLUBS

Tiny Tots (3 & 4 yr. olds) 3 helpers

Sunday Morning

Kindergarten 2 teachers

3rd and 4th grade 1 teacher

Please be praying for the leadership of Kids Kingdom.

UPCOMING DATES

Sept. 12 KIDS CLUBS Kick-off
 Sept. 21 6:30 Family Dance Night
 Sept. 22 CLUB 56 Car wash and Bake sale
 Sept. 28 Club 56 Tailgate party

REMEMBER TO INVITE A FRIEND!

Reminder!!

Don’t Throw Away That Empty Ink Cartridge!

Memorials - July-August 2007

In Memory of Bonnie Barrett

China Mission Fund

Elmer Oberst

In Memory of Frank Ham

China Missions Fund

Elmer Oberst

In Memory of Carl Hollabaugh

China Missions

Elmer Oberst

In Memory of Barbara

Schneider’s sister

Building Renovations Fund

Virginia Bonifield

Sharing Fund

Don & Kathi Lee

In Memory of Barbara Bagley Shaffer

General Fund

Ruby Bonds

Sharon Bushong

Araleen Downing

Mattie & C. W. Hall

Mildred Cannon

Panhandle Plains Student Loan Center

In Memory of Lynda Wirt

Sharing Fund

Don & Kathi Lee

Building Fund

Clarence Thompson

Thank You Note

Thank you so much for the gift from the Ida Clay Hager Scholarship. What a delightful surprise. The money will certainly be useful at A&M. I appreciate your kindness. Thanks again.

In Him!

Haley Josserand



Acolyte Schedule

September 16

8:30

Shelby Nelson and Andrew Spring

10:45

Stephen Williams and Rodey Newton

A “LOVE” NOTE

Kid’s CLUBS

Every September we begin the Wednesday Night Activities that continue until May. This is such an exciting time to learn and share the Word of God. Infants to toddlers spend time in the nursery feeling the love of God’s family and knowing this is a safe and secure place to be. Three year olds to 4th Graders learn the stories of the Bible and how to apply them to their lives today. Club 56 (5th and 6th graders) share their time and talents to bring Jesus to others. The Youth have a Bible lesson to help them grow in their understanding of God and build their relationship with their Savior. Adults are offered a multitude of opportunities to grow in community, learn more and share with others.

My prayer is that EVERYONE will find a place to grow in Christ on Wednesday evenings.

Lee Ann