

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, February 27

6:30 a.m. Women's Prayer Group-Kathi Lee's
 3:30-5:30 3rd, 5th & 6th Grade Bible Studies
 5:45-6:15 Fellowship Meal-Fellowship Hall
 6:15-7:30 Kid's Clubs & Club 56-2nd Floor
 6:15-7:30 Youth Activities-Basement
 6:15-7:30 "Courageous Leadership"-Room 123
 6:15-7:30 "Managing Our Finances God's Way"-125

6:15-7:30 "Living Beyond Yourself"-Room 113
 7:15-8:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal-Choir Rm

Thursday, February 28

6:30-7:30 Youth Prayer Group-Basement

Friday, February 29

11:30 a.m. Noon Bible Study-Room 113
 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross-Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 2

8:30 a.m. Worship Service-Sanctuary
 9:00-9:30 Costa Rica Burrito Breakfast-Hall
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 9:30-10:15 University Bells Rehearsal-Choir Rm
 10:45 a.m. Worship Services
 Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall

3:00-4:30 "The Patriarchs" Study-Room 222
 4:00 p.m. Banner Ministry Team-Rm 223
 5:00-6:00 Youth Drama Group-Basement
 6:00-8:00 Youth Bible Study-Basement
 6:00 p.m. 3-D Meeting-Room 113

Monday, March 3

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Ministry Team Mtg-105
 5:30 p.m. Palo Duro Village Bible Study
 5:30 p.m. Staff/Parish Relations Committee Meeting-Room 113

6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting-Rm 105
 6:30 p.m. Visitation
 6:30 p.m. Couples Bible Study-Room 222

Tuesday, March 4

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group-Room 123
 4:00-5:00 Youth Small Groups-Basement
 6:30 p.m. Knitting Ministry-Parlor

Wednesday, March 5

6:30 a.m. Women's Prayer Group-Kathi Lee's
 10:00 a.m. Conner House Ministry
 11:00 a.m. Hudson House Ministry
 3:30-5:30 3rd, 5th & 6th Grade Bible Studies
 5:45-6:15 Fellowship Meal-Fellowship Hall
 6:15-7:30 Kid's Clubs & Club 56-2nd Floor
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UMW News

Sunday, March 2

5:00 p.m. Executive Board Meeting-Room 224

Daddy Daughter Dinner Dance is April 19.



Concerns For This WEEK

Health Concerns: Walter Cranmer, Jimmie Redden, Stanna Nelson, Dennis Buchanan's dad, Mark Sherrod, Darian Edwards, Lezlie Cooper's mother, Hayden White, Richard Bales, Marion McKnight, Margaret Skinner, Dwight and Teresa

Rowe, Luis Castellon, Peyton Ford, Jonathan Hartman, Janet Ingham, Melyssa Griffin, Becky Reat

In Christian Sympathy: Richard and Noreen Bales on the death of her brother

Other concerns/needs: Three children in custody battle, Glenda Abernethy as she goes to Rehab

Joys For This WEEK

Birthdays: Seth Nickell, Dillon Nickell

Other Joys: Our new acolytes, Casey Schurke in Dallas at Dance Competition

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Jarrett Johnston, Oressa Delaney, J. L. Pipes, Justin Richardson, Anne Hubley, Fakar, Brynn McPherson, Kelli Tillman-Marr, Richard and Noreen Bales, Sam White, Danny Knoll, Jim Davis (Nancy Biffle's brother), Libby Ford, Jean Waugh, Scott Hollabaugh, Stanna Nelson

Additional Intercessory Prayers

President Bush and our country's leaders, Costa Rica Team, Backyard Missions, War-torn Countries - Trey Burrus, Carson Gerber and Jason Holloway in Iraq

2008 Church Directories are available on the tables in the hallways. Pick up your copy TODAY!

Canyon Community has Hoops Madness!

Show your luck donate blood
Monday, March 10th 3:00-7:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church, 1818 4th Ave Room #125

Please call 331-8800 to schedule an appointment.

Every eligible donor who presents to donate will receive a T-shirt and be entered into a drawing to win a 42" flat screen T.V.

St. Ann's Catholic Church 17th Annual Czech Sausage Dinner

**Sunday, March 2, 2008
 11:00-3:00 p.m.**

**Parish Family Center 605 38th Street Canyon, TX 655-3302, Drive-thru and Take Out Available
 Adults \$7, Child \$4 (6-12 yrs),
 Children 5 and under eat free**

Record of Attendance

February 24, 2008

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| 8:30 a.m. | Worship Service | 107 |
| 9:30 a.m. | Sunday School | 287 |
| 10:45 a.m. | Sanctuary Service | 230 |
| 10:45 a.m. | Fellowship Hall Service | 74 |
| | Total in Worship | 411 |

Our Guests on February 24, 2008

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| Maci King | C. J. Beckford |
| Randy Jones | Jennifer Robertson |
| Ty Ferguson Family | Joseph Kelln |
| Clint Cross | |
| Ty Houston | |

Thank You from FUMC, Slidell, LA

Dear Rev. McClean,

I'm writing to let you know how special Lee Ann Love has been to our children at FUMC here in Slidell. Lee Ann visited our church during VBS after the storm.

We were holding VBS in one room, our gutted out sanctuary post-Katrina. We were thankful for that space at the time! We were delighted to praise God in VBS, it's one of our favorite events in the life of our children.

Lee Ann saw what we were going through and remembered us during our rebuilding. I appreciate your church reaching out to us and helping us rebuild. God has done amazing things!

In Christ,

Heidi Weber, FUMC, Slidell

Because of your generosity, we sent FUMC \$450 from the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.

Thank you Notes

We appreciated the rose on the altar announcing Kingston's birth. The quilt and book were special gifts and will both be very useful. Thank you for all the thoughts and prayers during the pregnancy. We are so blessed to have a healthy baby.

Thank you,

Coby and Kelli Marr

Dear Church Family,

We want to thank you for all the cards, thought, food and especially your prayers for us during this most difficult time. We do take comfort in knowing both Mike's dad and my dad are now in their heavenly home.

Mike, Kris, Andy, Angela and Luke Porter

Dear FUMC,

Thank you so much for the basket of food. Your kindness is very much appreciated.
 Fanny & Maria Castellon and family



The News from FUMC, Canyon

Building God's Kingdom One Word At A Time

February 27, 2008

First United Methodist Church
 1818 4th Avenue
 Canyon, Texas 79015
 Return Service Requested

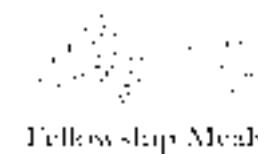
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First United Methodist Church Canyon, Texas 655-2851
 e-mail: fumc@firstchurchcanyon.com web-site: firstchurchcanyon.com

Wed Night Fellowship Meal February 27

Ticket Prices: \$3.50 Adults, \$2.50 for school age children, \$1.00 for children 6 or under. College students with cards are free.



Fellowship Meals

Menu:

Homemade Casseroles

Wednesday Night Meal cooked by Searchers Class as fundraiser for the Nelson family. All are welcome to attend.

Next Week

Wed Night Fellowship Meal

March 5

Lasagna

Journey Class Fundraiser for the Nelson family

"Stations of the Cross" Friday, February 29

"Passion of the Christ" movie

7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Nursery available for children

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
 Financial Assistant.....Christi Ybarra
 Youth Adm Assistant.....Rhonni Pletcher
 Music Director.....George Biffle
 Organist.....Margaret Skinner
 Church Librarian.....Michell Killingsworth
 Custodian.....Bill Fetter
 Kitchen Coordinator.....Robin Chandler
 IHH Child Development Director..Brenda Shepherd



FINANCIAL NOTES

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.

Next Sunday, March 2

Theme: Last Supper

Symbol: Grapes & Wheat

Burrito Breakfast

9:00 a.m.

Support our Costa Rica Team by donating to this year's mission trip!



The Last Supper

Sunday, March 9

Theme: Seder Meal

Symbol: Lamb



"Christ in the Passover" will be presented by Jews for Jesus in both Sanctuary worship services. Shlomi Abramov, a Messianic Jew, will explain the traditional Jewish significance of the elements of the Passover meal and also how they relate to Christ. Invite your friends!

Immediately following 10:45 services

Called All Church Conference

Check out John's article for more details about this meeting.

Job Opening for Financial Secretary

Beginning March 1

Church will be interviewing immediately. Come by office to pick up application & job description.

Sunday Preaching Schedule

Traditional Services in Sanctuary
 Rev. John McClean

Contemporary Service in Fellowship Hall
 Scott Lee





“The Only Consistent Thing...”

One of the popular phrases we hear right now is, “The only consistent thing in life is change.”

I recognize the truth in that saying...and, at the same time, I recognize how much it is in our nature to resist change. Change moves us away from what is comfortable; change often closes the door on some cherished part of life. But change can

open the door to the next stage of life, full of potential and full of blessings.

At First United Methodist Church, we are in the process of significant change. Some of the changes bring the sadness of loss, but others also bring the excitement of all which is yet to come.

The first joyful change came to us when, two weeks ago, our SPRC hired Robin Chandler to serve on our staff as Kitchen Coordinator. Robin has hit the ground running, and positive changes are already visible in our fellowship hall kitchen. “Radical Hospitality” is continuing to become a reality at First United Methodist Church!

The next two changes, which have brought us sadness, are the decisions by Lisa Dietz and Rev. Donna Johnston to move on to the next phases of their lives. It is our hope that they both will continue to use their many gifts within the ministries of our church, even though not continuing to hold staff positions here.

We will miss both of them around the staff table, in the office, and in the staff ministry of the church. But we will continue to hold them in our hearts and prayers, and we will continue to need and value their ministry in our midst, even though they will not hold paid staff positions.

We hope to hire a financial secretary for our church in the very near future. If you are interested in this part-time position, please call me at the church office.

Our SPRC has decided to seek a full-time appointed associate pastor for our church staff. We have prepared a profile which describes our needs, and our appointive cabinet and bishop have already met and have discussed our ministry as a church. They will bring to us a potential associate pastor, and our SPRC will represent our church in considering the appointment....even as the SPRC represented our church in my appointment as senior pastor here one year ago.

We will hold a called Church Conference on Sunday, March 9 at 12:00 noon in the Sanctuary to ratify a compensation package for a new associate pastor, to be appointed in June, 2008.

Every member of our church is welcome to attend this called church conference, and will have the privilege of voice and vote. This decision will increase our church budget, and so it will be important that each of us have the facts and the figures in hand when we vote.

I hope you will express to Lisa and Donna your love for them and your gratitude for their ministries. I hope that if you have not done so, you will express your personal welcome to Robin. And I hope you will be part of opening the door to the next step for all of us, as we hold this very important church conference.

John

Get Those Recipes To Vivian Thurman Today

The United Methodist Women are sponsoring a great **cookbook** and we need your help. **All the proceeds will go to the remodeling of our building.**

Not that Vivian is getting nervous, but she needs your recipes by **March 2.**

E-mail them to vtthurman3@suddenlink.net or bring by the church office.

**Did you know?
Regina Biffle Starts Her Ministry in
Costa Rica on March 3**

Everyone is encouraged to pray every day for Regina Biffle as she starts the ministry in Costa Rica. Here is a little bit from an email we received from Regina.

I’m trying to start up my little children’s ministry/school, and I need a little bit of help. I’ve got plenty of resources for buying most of what we need to get started, and even to feed the kids for a while, but that gets very expensive. I was hoping it would be all right to do a partnership thing with FUMC, and get monthly sponsors for the 10 kids I’ll be working with for the next 17/18 months.

We’ve got it set to feed them lunch every day (the doors will be open from 7-3). They’ll eat breakfast at home and their parents will send a small snack with them for the middle of the morning. Jhonny (the pastor here) thinks this is the best plan, but I’m praying for enough extra that I can have some sort of snacks on hand for those kids who’s parents don’t remember or can’t afford to pay for a snack every day.

The range we’re looking at is \$20-\$30 a day, to feed all ten children, depending on what kind of meat, etc is bought. The meat here is more or less the same price as in the states, and in some cases, a touch more expensive. After I did the math, this comes out to 45 dollars a month to feed one child at the expensive end. If I ask for \$50, I can have the money for that snack, and not have to worry about having too little for their food.

Perhaps the Sunday school classes could sponsor a child? Or an individual/family, if they feel so led. I want to send pictures of each of them, with a small biography, and a note. I’ll be including updates about them in my newsletters, maybe even featuring a specific child every month in a short note to the church or something along those lines.

The Adult Council decided to ask Sunday School classes to help with this ministry. If you would like to donate, please make your checks to the church and put “Tamarindo Ministry” in the memo line.

Parent's Night Out!

Friday, March 7th
6:00 - 10:00 P.M.



To register contact SHILEY at the FRONT OFFICE: 655-2851

Youth News

Imagine if you can, snow covered evergreen trees stair-stepping up a mountain toward the sky. Snow is lightly falling. Peaceful. Beautiful. Then the laughter from a friend draws you from the serene to the joy of the moment. Just about as close to perfect as you can get. I call it a “Mountain Top Experience”, no pun intended, and that is the type of experience that the youth had this past weekend in Sipapu. As I was driving home with most of the youth asleep in the van, it occurred to me that life is a lot like a snow skiing trip. It is hard, it’s strenuous, and it takes a great deal of perseverance because you know that you will fall down, but it is a beautiful time that is worth every difficulty, especially when surrounded by friends.

After a trip like we just had, although I am very tired, I am somewhat renewed. I have once again been reminded that there is immeasurable good in this world, and even with all of the adversities of this life, it is a wonderful experience, especially when surrounded by friends. Sometimes the problem with an experience on the mountaintop, is that you are reluctant to get back to the “real” world, but the most special part of the trip was the people we were with, and those people, along with many others are available every week at youth, or HDTV as we have named ourselves. On a small scale, we leave the worries and stressors of this life, and surround ourselves with God and friends.

For those of the youth who are involved, stay involved because your presence makes HDTV closer to perfect. And those of you who are not involved, including adults who want to help, come to Wednesday or Sunday night, and see what life looks when it is surrounded by friends and focused on God. See you soon!

Scott

UPCOMING DATES

- March 9 10:45 Sanctuary Service
Jews for Jesus
- March 12 6:00 Family Seder Meal
- March 16 Palm Sunday Processional
- March 30 Tiny Tots sing @ 10:45

REMEMBER TO INVITE A FRIEND!

Reminder!!

Don't Throw Away That Empty Ink Cartridge!

Live BIG”

March's B.I.G. Theme:
“The Tomb Is Empty”

Bible Verse:

*“It is true! The Lord has risen.”
Luke 24:34*

March 2 “Cleansing the Temple”
John 2:13-22

BRING A FRIEND TO MEET JESUS!

**Finance Committee Info About NWTX
Conference Capital Campaign**

In our meeting last Monday, we discussed the Northwest Texas Conference Build – Renew - Rejoice Campaign. This campaign will seek to raise \$3.2 million. The monies raised during this campaign will be used 75% for

Church extension and revitalization

And up to 25% for the

Conference Service Center

Our church has been challenged to provide \$22,000 per year for the next five years for this campaign for a total of \$110,000. We’ve accepted that challenge. In accepting this challenge, we must now decide how to fund the \$22,000 each year.

The Finance Committee has come up with a plan that hopefully will not break the bank. See what you think about this:

Last month our church had 235 giving families. This means that 235 of our families gave their tithes and gifts to our church.

Beginning in April, if 235 families give \$10.00 per month for the remaining 9 months in 2008, this will raise \$21,150 . . . just \$1,500 short of our goal of \$22,000. And, who knows, if more than 235 families give \$10.00 each month . . . we may exceed our goal.

In Luke 6:38 Jesus tells us “give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap.”

And we all know this from our own personal experiences. When we are the hands and feet of Jesus, we are blessed so much more than what we’ve given.

So, this is our plan:

We’ve chosen the 2nd Sunday of each month beginning in April as the Conference Build – Renew – Rejoice Sunday; with at least 235 families giving an additional \$10.00 per month for this purpose. We’ll have envelopes in the pew backs so the gift that you give for this purpose will be identified as such.

As you pray about this and decide if your family will be one of the 235+ families supporting this campaign remember II Corinthians 9:7 “Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

Pam Pandolfi

FUMC Finance Chair



Acolyte Schedule

March 2

8:30

Xavier Allen and Justin Johnson

10:45

Shawn and Stephen Williams

A “LOVE” NOTE

Ecumenical Vacation Bible School “SonWorld”

“Choose this Day whom you will serve”

Joshua 24:15

The Vacation Bible School Team has already been meeting and preparing for the upcoming week this summer. EVBS will be held June 23- 27. The Presbyterian Church, First Christian and Episcopal Church will join us. The theme will be SonWorld, Adventure Park. “A Thrilling Ride With Jesus!” If you are interested in planning, decorating or helping with EVBS call Jaymie Venhaus @ 655-3552.

Serving An Awesome God,
Lee Ann