

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, March 19

6:30 a.m. Women's Prayer Group-Kathi Lee
 3:30-5:30 NO 3rd,5th & 6th Grade Bible Study
 5:45-6:15 NO Fellowship Meal-Fellowship Hall
 6:00-8:00 Youth Activities-Basement
 6:15-7:30 NO Kid's Clubs & Club 56
 6:15-7:30 NO "Courageous Leadership" Class
 6:15-7:30 NO "Living Beyond Yourself" Class
 6:15-7:30 NO "Managing Our Finances" Class
 7:15-8:30 NO Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, March 20-MAUNDY THURSDAY
 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
 6:30-7:30 Youth Prayer Group-Basement
 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service-Sanctuary

Friday, March 21-GOOD FRIDAY

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
 11:30 a.m. NO Noon Bible Study-Room 113
 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross-Fellowship Hall

Saturday, March 22

4:00-6:00 "Ragman" Rehearsal

Sunday, March 23-EASTER SUNDAY

6:00 a.m. Youth "Channel 3" leave for Palo Duro Canyon
 7:15 a.m. Percussion & Brass Rehearsal
 8:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 8:30 a.m. Worship Service-Sanctuary
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 9:30-10:15 NO University Bells Rehearsal
 10:45 a.m. Worship Services
 Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall

3:00-4:30 NO "The Patriarchs" Study-Rm 222

4:00 p.m. Banner Ministry Team-Rm 223

5:00 p.m. NO Adult Council Meeting

5:00-6:00 NO Youth "Channel 3"-Basement

6:00-8:00 Youth Bible Study-Basement

Monday, March 24

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

5:00 p.m. NO Palo Duro Village Bible Study

6:30 p.m. NO Finance Committee Meeting

6:30 p.m. Visitation

6:30 p.m. Couples Bible Study-Room 222

Tuesday, March 25

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group-Room 123

6:30 p.m. Knitting Ministry-Parlor

7:00 p.m. Youth Worship Team-Basement

Wednesday, March 26

6:30 a.m. Women's Prayer Group-Kathi Lee

3:30-5:30 3rd,5th & 6th Grade Bible Study

5:45-6:15 Fellowship Meal-Fellowship Hall

6:15-7:30 Youth Activities-Basement

6:15-7:30 Kid's Clubs & Club 56

6:15-7:30 "Courageous Leadership" Class

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6:15-7:30 "Managing Our Finances" Class

7:15-8:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:30-8:15 Youth Prayer Group-Basement

Mark Your Calendars!

Daddy Daughter Dinner Dance
April 19



Concerns For This WEEK

Health Concerns: Walter Cranmer, Stanna Nelson, Geraldine Parks, Cathy Young, Kirk Watson, Glenda Abernethy, Lynne Carlile, Chance Love, Cecil Dale, Chloe Rogers, Joe Lombard, Mark Sherrod, Jayne Reynolds, Michael Barnhart, Bob Gerardy

In Christian Sympathy: The family of Jenny Ornelliass Shanna Remppe on the death of her great-grandma Debbie Redden and her family on the death of her husband Jim

Other concerns/needs: Friends in treatment for alcohol and drug abuses, people seeking employment, a young family dealing with putting their father/husband into hospice, those traveling over spring break, Carla and Audra Thurman who are participating in a mission trip this week

Joys For This WEEK

Birthdays: Floyd Hartman, J. C. Dyer, Maci Littau

Anniversaries: Danny & Wendy Cornelius

Other Joys: Kirk Watson and Lee Simpson who participated in Walk to Emmaus #202 last weekend, marriage of Angie Jaggard to Derek West last Saturday, engagement of Jessica Hartman and Aaron Tudyk, Canyon High Baseball Team won the West Texas March Classic Championship in Midland last weekend

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, Shelly Gross

Additional Intercessory Prayers

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

Thank Notes

Dear Church family,

Thank you so much for the 'card shower'. We appreciate the love and support you have given our family and our team over the years.

In Christ,

Joe and Babs Lombard

Dear FUMC Canyon,

Thank you for all of your help with the Canyon Community blood drive. We saw 11 people and drew 8 units. The next blood drive is scheduled for June 9th.

Thanks again,

R.C.

Our family wants to thank this church family for all the months of prayer, the phone calls, the cards, the words of comfort, and the meals shared with us during the illness and death of Greg's dad.

We also want to especially thank John and Donna for all the comfort they shared with our entire family.

We are thankful for Francie and Lee Ann for their friendship in our hours of need.

We continue to be surrounded in the love of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

With love,

Greg, Lori, Ralee and Tell Stockstill

Wild Wesley Hoedown

Saturday, April 5

7:00 p.m. at

Wesley Foundation

Dinner & Dance

Silent Auction and Door Prizes

\$50 per couple

655-3535

Buy your tickets from

Wesley Foundation students

or Board members

Our Guests on

March 16, 2008

Wesley, Cary, Macki, Brylee & Brenna Edwards

J. T. & Jamie Haynes

Jerry & Celeste Corman

Lynn & Bob McPherson

Casey & Lisa Weiss

Corey & Frances Weiss

Todd & Cristin Betzen

Robert Deotte

Kelly Kennedy

Anne Dyer

Timothy Gertson

Ruby Weiss

Ann Clark

Aaron Tudyk

Jason Kirk

Than Nguyen

Andre Echeverria

Diego Gavilanes

Sofia Mena

Johana Velazquez

Dmitry Panov

United Methodist

Women

Thursday, March 20

9:30 a.m. Irene Elder Circle-

Katie Chitwood's

Tuesday, March 25

6:30 p.m. Juanelva Rose Circle-Room 125

Wednesday, March 26

6:15-7:30 Brillhart Circle-Room 224

Friday-Sunday, March 28-30

UMW Quadrennium Meeting-Albuquerque, NM

Record of Attendance

March 16, 2008

8:30 a.m.	Worship Service	88
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	206
10:45 a.m.	Sanctuary Service	215
10:45 a.m.	Fellowship Hall Service	<u>51</u>
	Total in Worship	354



The News

from FUMC, Canyon

Building God's Kingdom One Word At A Time

March 19, 2008

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 Canyon, Texas 79015
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 First United Methodist Church, Canyon

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Maundy Thursday - March 20

7:00 p.m. Worship Service in Sanctuary

The word "maundy" means mandate or command. This refers to Jesus' commandment at the Last Supper to "love one another as I have loved you." Join us for worship and Holy Communion.

Good Friday - March 21

7:00 p.m. Worship Service

in Fellowship Hall

This is the day that Jesus was crucified on the cross. The word "good" may have originally been "God's" - therefore, the day would be "God's Friday." The color for Good Friday is black for mourning. We will celebrate Good Friday with the "Stations of the Cross" at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Spring Break/Easter Office Closings

The church office will be closed Thursday-Monday, March 20-24 for Spring Break/Easter Break. **We will NOT have a newsletter the week of March 24.**

We hope to see everyone on Easter Sunday, March 23 for a great day of celebration.

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.....
 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

Youth Drama Group

Presents "Ragman"

Our youth drama group, known as "Channel 3", will perform their first major drama titled "Ragman" three times on Easter Sunday. They will be part of the Easter Sunrise service at Palo Duro Canyon and then will come back to our church to present this message at both 10:45 services. "Ragman" is a 10-minute drama that is sure to enhance our Easter experience. Don't miss it!

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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.

Sunday Preaching Schedule

Traditional Services in Sanctuary
 Rev. John McClean

Contemporary Service in Fellowship Hall
 Mikey Littau



Easter Sunday, March 23

Children will bring "Church Banks" filled with money for Rockwell Road Baptist Church Bus Ministry. Adults may write checks to FUMC with "Rockwell Road Bus Ministry" in memo line.

8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Traditional Worship Services in Sanctuary
 Special Music will include brass and percussion accompaniment

10:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
 in Fellowship Hall

We will have flowers for everyone who comes to the Fellowship Hall service. Pick up your flower as you arrive and wait for instructions as we celebrate "new life" when we adorn the cross with flowers.

Easter Eggstravaganza!

Easter Sunday
 March 23rd

Sacks will be provided.

Eggs will be hidden on the
 Ruth Lowes Playground.

For children ages 2 years to
 4th grade.



Holy Business

Cont'd.

We had a terrific Palm Sunday weekend! It was a very full 'pastoral' weekend for me, and I enjoyed every minute of it.

On Saturday, I conducted the wedding of Angie Jaggard and Derek West in our sanctuary. The bride and groom are well-known and well-loved by our church...and the bride, groom, friends and families prepared well to have a worshipful wedding.

It was also my first time to work with our wedding coordinator, our reception coordinator, and others who give of themselves here within in this wedding ministry. They took a great deal of the load off of my shoulders, and I was proud to work with them.

I thought Palm Sunday worship was also a highlight. I always enjoy the Palm Sunday story, and the songs and palms and the children which all have become a cherished part of the day for me.

Added to that was the baptism of Hunter Eric Weiss, who is the great-grandson of Austin and Patsy Bowes of our congregation. It was my privilege, some years ago, to be his parents' and grandparents' pastor in Amarillo, and now I have pastored four generations of the family.

I have told you before that being allowed to re-enter into a relationship with a church family is a sacred privilege for me, as it is for me again, with this baptism into the family of God and within a church family I have known for some time.

And so, it was a wonderful beginning for Holy Week. I look forward to Maundy Thursday services at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, to Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall, and then to extraordinary Easter worship services next Sunday. Our music ministry as prepared well, the sanctuary will be beautiful, and it will be a morning to remember.

I hope to see you then!

John



Baptism - Hunter Eric Weiss

Proud parents, Casey and Lisa Weiss hold little Hunter Weiss after church on Sunday, March 16, 2008. He is the grandson of Ruby Weiss and Bob & Lynn McPherson and great grandson of Austin and Patsy Bowes.

Did you know?

6th Grade Confirmation Begins

March 26

Our sixth graders will begin their confirmation studies at their regular After School Bible study time on Wednesday, March 26. Rev. John McClean and Scott Lee will be leading this study which will focus on their relationship with Jesus and how they live out their faith through membership in the church.

This class will hold two retreats during the study - the first of which will be on Friday-Saturday, March 28 & 29. The weekend will start with "Pizza with the Parents" at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The sixth graders and their sponsors will go then to Ceta Glen where they will stay in the Cline Cabin overnight.

May 18 is Confirmation Sunday. During this time all the sixth graders who have participated in the Confirmation Study will be recognized.

Parents and sixth graders, watch for a letter in your mail this week.

Family Fun Dance

Friday, March 28th

WT Wesley

6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Free Will Donations to accepted to cover cost
(College Students FREE)

Bring your own Beverages and a Dessert,
Appetizer, or Snack to share

Child Care from 6:30 to 9:45 at FUMC
(Call Church Office to RSVP for Child Care)

Questions? Call Kirk Watson at 488-2375

Camp Sign Up Sunday March 30

*Wear your casual (even camping) clothes
Be ready to hear testimonies from campers & camp staff
Be ready to sign up for camp and volunteer for camp*

April 6 Kicks Off Two Events

What an exciting day April 6 will be in the life of our church! The two events that will mark that day are:

Capital Campaign Fund Begins

All Church Catered Meal following 10:45 services

AND

Downing Family Day

Card Shower for Scott Downing

We will be celebrating a rare event in the life of any church. 2008 marks the 100th year that a member of the Scott Downing immediate family has been a member of our church. Scott himself has been a part of this church for almost 89 years. On April 8, Scott will celebrate his 89th birthday so we are asking everyone to "shower" Scott with birthday cards that Sunday.

H.D.T.V.

(Heavenly Directed Teens with a Vision)

The News of the Youth:

Jesus did die, and the obituary I found is a reminder that He did spend time in death, and not a near death experience. He died, completely and totally dead. When He rose again, He was different, changed to a more magnificent version of Himself. And through the resurrection, we have the hope of eternal life. If all of this didn't happen, then our hope is lost, which is why we must remember, because in remembering, our hope is increased. When we embrace the mystery of it, we become partakers in new, unending life. May your Easter be a blessed one. May you enjoy your family, and may you experience the Risen Christ in your life. See you soon.

Scott

Acolyte Schedule

March 23

8:30

Jamee Bye and Santana Johnson

10:45

Payton and Jace Elliott

UPCOMING DATES

March 19 Spring Break NO Kids CLUBS

March 23 9:30 Easter Eggstravaganza

March 30 Tiny Tots sing @ 10:45

REMEMBER TO INVITE A FRIEND!

Reminder!!

Don't Throw Away That Empty Ink Cartridge!

Obituaries

Jerusalem

33AD

Jesus Christ, 33 of Nazareth, died Friday on Mount Calvary, also known as Golgotha, the place of the skull. Jesus was crucified by Roman soldiers, under order of Pontius Pilate. The cause of death was crucifixion, extreme exhaustion, and severe blood loss from torture.

Jesus, a descendant of Abraham, was a member of the House of David. He was the son of the late Joseph of Nazareth and Mary, his devoted mother. Jesus was born in a stable in Bethlehem, Judea. He is survived by his mother, Mary, faithful apostles, countless disciples, and many friends.

Jesus was self-educated and spent much of his adult life as a teacher. Occasionally, he also worked as a medical doctor and had a reputation for healing many patients. Until his untimely death, Jesus was teaching of God's love, healing the sick, reaching out to the lonely, feeding the hungry, and helping the poor.

Jesus was most noted for telling parables about his father's kingdom and performing miracles, such as feeding over 5000 people with only five loaves of bread and two fish, and healing a man who was born blind. On the day before his death, he celebrated his last supper with his disciples, by hosting the Passover meal. At this dinner, he reportedly foretold his death.

After his death, Jesus' body was quickly buried in a grave donated by Joseph of Arimathea, a friend of the family. By order of Pontius Pilate, a boulder was rolled in front of the tomb, where Roman soldiers sealed it up.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that everyone tries to live as Jesus did. However donations can be made to anyone in need.

Adapted from an unknown source

"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 23 "Easter Sunday"

Color sacks for the Easter egg hunt.

Story: "Benjamin's Box"

Hunt eggs

3 & 4 year olds 9:50 *Front play ground*

Kindergarten - 4th grade 9:50 *Ruth Lowes Park*

BRING A FRIEND TO MEET JESUS!



A "LOVE" NOTE

"Easter - New Life"

Easter is a time of celebration of new life. There are so many symbols of "new life." The flowers, the butterflies, and the eggs. Take time to share the meaning behind the symbols and bring new life to Easter. While the children are hunting for eggs remind them that the tomb was empty and they went to hunt for Him. When you enter the church and the sweet aroma of the Easter lilies surround you - remind them of the sweet aroma of prayers raising to Jesus. Butterflies will surround the service and this will be an opportunity to share the story of the tomb (chrysalis) and Jesus rising from the dead to give us new life.

Have a Blessed Easter,

Lee Ann