

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, May 14
 6:30 a.m. Women's Prayer Group-Kathi Lee
 10:00-11:00 Nursing Home Ministry
 10:45a.m. Palo Duro Retirement Village Ministry
 3:30-5:30 LAST 6th Grade Bible Study
 6:00-8:00 Youth HDTV-Basement
 6:00-7:00 UMW Excutive Board Mtg.- 224
 6:15-7:30 "Discerning the Voice of God-113
 7:00-8:00 Children's Council Mtg - 125
 7:15-8:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 7:30-8:15 Youth Prayer Group-Basement

Thursday, May 15
 10:30-1:30 Irene Elder Circle Lunch-Parlor
 4:30 p.m. "WOMS" Group-Room 125
 5:30-6:30 Sharing Fund Mtg. Room 105
 6:30-7:30 Youth Small Groups-Basement
 7:00-8:00 College Ministry Planning Mtg. 105

Friday, May 16
 11:30 a.m. NO Noon Bible Study-Room 113
 6:00-7:00 6th Grade Confirmation Parent Mtg. Room 128
 7:00 p.m. 6th Grade leave for Confirmation Retreat - Ceta Canyon

Friday-Saturday, May 16-17
 6th Grade Confirmation Retreat - Ceta Canyon

Saturday, May 18
 4:00 p.m. 6th Grade Confirmation Returns

Sunday, May 19
 8:30 a.m. Worship Service-Sanctuary
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 10:45 a.m. Worship Services
 Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall

2:00-4:00 Ceta Canyon Open House-Ceta Canyon
 4:00 p.m. Banner Ministry Team-Rm 223
 4:30-5:30 Youth Council Mtg-Basement
 5:00-6:00 Youth "Channel 3"-Basement
 6:00-8:00 Youth HDTV-Basement
 6:00 p.m. 3-D Meeting

Monday, May 19
 5:00 p.m. NO Palo Duro Village Bible Study
 6:30 p.m. Visitation
 6:30 p.m. Couples Bible Study-Room 222
 6:30-7:30 Trustee Meeting-Room 105

Tuesday, May 20
 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, May 21
 6:30 a.m. Women's Prayer Group-Kathi Lee
 6:00-8:00 Youth HDTV-Basement
 6:15-7:30 "Discerning the Voice of God-113
 6:15-7:30 Brillhart Circle - 224
 7:15-8:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 7:30-8:15 Youth Prayer Group-Basement

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Concerns For This WEEK

Health Concerns: Ray Eller, Matthew Finckbone, Stanna Nelson, Karleen Moore
In Christian Sympathy:
 Kay Hicks on the death of her grandmother
 Brett & Bryce McGregor on the death of their

mother Sharon Bushong

Other Concerns: Capital Funds Campaign, family finances

Joys For This WEEK

Birthdays: Kim Hopson

Other Joys: Families visiting, students graduating, Trey Burris returning from Iraq, young people reaching important goals in their lives

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Jarrett Johnston, Oressa Delaney, J. L. Pipes, Justin Richardson, Anne Huble, 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



New Members

We are pleased to welcome Kyle and Mary Ann Christian to our church family. The Christians have one son Braden who will be baptized in our church on May 25. Their home address is 2517 9th Avenue and their phone number is 655-0554.

Thank You Notes

Thank you for all your thoughts and prayers.
 The Otto Family

Thank you for the Wonderland ticket! I had a lot of fun!!!
 Kole Bryan

Great church idea! Thank you.
 Ray & Ronay Bach

Cookbooks Are Here!

The cost is \$20.00. If you would like to purchase a cookbook, please come by the church office on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday mornings. Vivian Thurman or Mary Rice will be in the office those mornings and can sell you a cookbook. Thanks to all who have already bought theirs!

We thank everyone for their purchasing a cookbook. Over half of the books have been sold. If you put a recipe in, please check and see if the ingredients are correct. **We have 2 corrections now to make. The Wacky Cake on page 182 the soda is omitted. Add in 2 tsp. of soda. The Cake that Won't last on page 183 states 3 beaten oil ... should be 3 beaten eggs.** We have sold enough books now to pay for the bill and the rest will go towards the remodeling fund.

THANK YOU!!!

Our Guests on May 11, 2008

Kim Bishop
 Becky Harp
 Jerry & Joyce Bush, Kirbyville
 Merle & Valinda Voigt, McGregor
 Jason Clifton
 Tricia Clifton
 Mr. & Mrs. Ernest King
 Heather Lippold
 Ron Hoyl
 Cody Richardson
 Lisa & Hunter Weiss
 Lynn McPherson
 Sandra Munger
 Debbie Ellerd, Lubbock
 Dale Lindsey, Lubbock
 Nancy Jativa
 Brad & Kathy Smith, Texline
 Jaime, Amie & Houston Carrasco, Wichita Falls
 Corey & Frances Weiss

Record of Attendance May 11, 2008

8:30 a.m.	Worship Service	115
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	246
10:45 a.m.	Sanctuary Service	244
10:45 a.m.	Fellowship Hall Service	59
	Total in Worship	418



Please go by and check for your lost items on the shelves located in the coat closet at the west end of the building.



The News from FUMC, Canyon

Building God's Kingdom One Word At A Time
 May 14, 2008

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 Canyon, Texas 79015
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May 18 Is Confirmation Sunday

Confirmation is one of the most meaningful experiences in the church, and this year we are privileged to have an unusually large group of sixth graders who are being confirmed this Sunday. The past eight weeks, 25 sixth graders have been exploring what it means to be a Christian, and where the Methodist tradition fits in the Christian faith. The majority of those young men and women are going to be confirmed.

Both 10:45 services will be involved in the Confirmation experience, beginning in the Fellowship Hall then moving to the Sanctuary. The confirmands will be baptized, if they have not been, and then confirmed in whichever service they typically participate in. It is sure to be a meaningful experience for everyone present.

Here is the list of the young men and women who have participated in the Confirmation process, most of whom will become members on Sunday: Xavier Allen, Lorin Barnes, Halee Barnhart, Kole Bryan, Rachel Clark, Chris Cornelius, Coleman Curry, Riley Dunbar, Payton Elliot, Delores Emeagi, Christian Gil, Blake Hartman, Logan Hinders, Santana Johnson, Braydon Johnston, Brittney Kinikin, Logan Leazenby, Rodey Newton, Dillon Nickell, James Ray, Evan Riley, McKayla Robinson, Braxton Sides, Andrew Spring, Quinton Stokes, and Sierra Ybarra.

Please come and support our newest members.

May 26
 Church Office
 Closed for
 Memorial Day

Called Church Conference Meeting scheduled for May 21 HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

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.....
 Children's Administrative Assistant...
 Assistant Secretary.....Shirley Leach
 Financial Secretary.....Nichole Dyer
 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

Irene Elder Meeting Thursday, May 15 at 10:30 a.m. in Parlor for Salad Luncheon

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.

Family and Friends of Geraldine Parks invite you to a Going Away Party Saturday, May 24 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. in FUMC Parlor

Sunday Preaching Schedule

Traditional Services in Sanctuary
 Rev. Donna Johnston
 Contemporary Service in Fellowship Hall
 Mikey Littau





“Dancing With The Stars”

As we said in the Sanctuary sermon on Sunday, “Pentecost was the day God turned the power on.”

It is part of the common human experience to feel powerless, and to feel that portions of our lives and of our world are out of control. Increasingly, we see the evidence plastered all over the media that any individual human being is increasingly powerless in the face of more and more realities of life.

As the number of voices which point out our powerlessness seems to multiply, so also do the reasons why we seem increasingly incapable of exercising control over even some basics of our lives: the price of gasoline, the deflation of our home values, our personal weight, our health or sickness.

It seems to me, however, that the most complete people in our midst...the ones who live serene and peaceful lives...are the ones who have been able to arrive at a deep level of understanding as to which parts of their lives they are able to control.

And then, they are able, somehow, to make peace with the reality of the boundaries of their power and control. By whatever means, however, they also successfully avoid the trap of grim resignation. They can look at life from the perspective of one who has forsaken the deep need to “overcome” life, and who has therefore been freed to become someone who has found whatever it takes within to “dance” with life.

We have all known people like that. They are a part of what has made us who we are. And, as we all walk the pilgrim’s pathway, we do so with many like that who impact us yet.

Let us take a moment this week to express our gratitude and our affection to those who show us serenity, to those who live before us, lives which “dance” even in the midst of difficulty.

I appreciate you, First United Methodist Church for how you “dance”.
John



In Touch With Pastoral Care

“The Hospice Approach To Living With Dying” Presented by BSA Hospice

Volunteer Training and Community Education Class
A class for anyone interested in becoming a hospice volunteer, learning more about hospice care and/or desiring personal growth and enrichment.

8 Class Sessions starting
Tuesday, May 27 thru Thursday, June 12
Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays
5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

BSA Hospice Den - 600 N. Tyler
Call Marilee Bulls at 212-8715 to register

Did you know?

Items needed for the Costa Rica Team

Costa Rica Mission team is gearing up for the summer mission trips. They are about 30 days from departure and are excited to be headed on a new adventure. Thank you to all who support this mission team. They couldn’t do it without you. As they have done in the past, they will be collecting items to take with them to donate to the church. Here’s what is needed:

Tamarindo, Costa Rica Kids Needs

*Small hygiene kits
comb/brush, toothpaste, toothbrush
hand sanitizer, etc.

Drop your travel size items in the suitcases at the locations around the church

*Spanish language Children's Books
(church or simple readers)

*Children's Clothing - all sizes

for more information contact:
Charlie Munger - 655-1635 or Judie Hartman - 655-0314

Finance Department Notes

Recently there have been questions on how to write one check and give to multiple funds. This can be done by simply denoting in the memo field how much is allocated for the specific funds. For example, if you write a check for 200.00 and you would like for 50.00 to go to the Costa Rica Mission, 50.00 to the Costa Rica Kids, 10.00 for the Build, Renew, Rejoice (conference campaign) and 90.00 for the Giving Hands for God’s House (local capital campaign) you might see this in the memo line of the check:

CR – VIM 50.00; CRK 50.00; BRR 10.00; GH 90.00

Here are some general abbreviations for the funds that are used routinely. If you have others not listed here simply write it out.

General Fund	GF
Costa Rica – Volunteers In Mission	CR-VIM
Costa Rica – Kids	CRK
Costa Rica – Regina	CRR
Backyard Adventures	BA
Build, Renew, Rejoice	BRR
Giving Hands for God’s House	GH
Faith Promise	FP

Peace With Justice Sunday

May 18, 2008

Make plans to give to this special offering at the worship services next Sunday.

H.D.T.V. News:

Heavenly Directed Teens with a Vision

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked,
"How many times shall I forgive
my brother who sins against me?"
Matthew 18:21

I love Peter; he is so human. He understands better than most about who Jesus is and what are God’s plans, but he still can’t get it all down. Jesus had been talking about forgiving others, and Peter wanted a clear-cut, exact amount of times that we should forgive. Give me a chart or a schematic drawing or some sort of algorithm. Tell me the exact minimum that I have to do. We all cringe a bit with the response that Jesus gives. He says that we are basically suppose to forgive more times than we can count. That doesn’t mean that we necessarily have to trust someone again who has let us down, but it does mean that we are suppose to forgive them. We have to let it go.

There are really two concepts here: (1) Jesus doesn't want us to give only the minimum amount, He wants us to give to the fullest of our potential, and (2) We must forgive, and the reason that we must forgive is because it is better for us. If we do not forgive, then we carry that weight on us. The person who caused us pain has to deal with what he/she did, but we have to carry the burden of knowing that we have not forgiven them. The reason we need to forgive is because we shouldn't carry another person's sins. Jesus intends for us to be free of all sin, both our own, and another person's. See you soon!
Scott

HDTV schedule:

Sunday and Wednesday Nights from 6:00 to 8:00

Sunday School from 9:30 to 10:30

There are also several small groups to get involved in.



Acolyte Schedule

May 18

8:30

Jace Elliott and Jamee Bye

10:45

Robbyn Kendrick and Kody King

Sunday School May 18

"Live BIG"

May's B.I.G. Theme:
"It's Time for a Change"

Bible Verse:

"See, everything has become new!"
2 Corinthians 5:17b

May 18 "Paul" Acts 9:1-19
BRING A FRIEND TO MEET JESUS!



ECUMENICAL
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
June 23 - 27

MUSIC! MUSIC! MUSIC!

The Youth Chorale, Youth Singers, and Celebration Ringers will be here from First United Methodist Church in Colorado Springs on Monday, June 2nd. They will present a concert in the Sanctuary at 7:00 PM that evening, and you are all invited to come and bring your friends. A free-will offering will be received during the concert. Please come and support this great group of youth.
You are sure to be blessed!

To all who have extra beds:
Our church is hosting the FUMC Youth Choirs from Colorado Springs on Monday, June 2nd. Their concert will begin at 7:00 PM. Volunteers are needed to provide overnight accommodations that night for 40 youth and 7 adults. Please contact Bonnie Burner or Rhonni Pletcher if you have a bed or two to spare.

A "LOVE" NOTE "FLIPT" Life By Jesus

Summer will be an exciting 10 weeks as we learn how Jesus changed the lives of people in the Bible. The kids will learn they can choose to live "their way" or they can get "Flipt by Jesus" and live His way - because it's the best way. During Team Time, kids are challenged to apply the flip from each lesson in their own lives. Now they can get Flipt by Jesus! A new element to each lesson is a Family Devotional to help parents learn and apply the lesson in their home.

PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER IF GOD IS CALLING YOU TO THIS MINISTRY. WE WILL NEED SHEPHERDS, TEACHERS, MUSIC LEADERS, SUBSTITUTES, AND ADMINISTRATORS

Lesson 1: Come Follow Me	Lesson 2: Walking On Water
Lesson 3: Tempted in the Desert	Lesson 4: Rejected at Nazareth
Lesson 5: Zacchaeus	Lesson 6: The Rich Young Ruler
Lesson 7: Forgiving Peter	Lesson 8: Clearing the Temple
Lesson 9: The Invitation (Salvation)	Lesson 10: The Pay Off

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO LEE ANN OR OFFICE

NAME: _____
Phone # _____

KID's KINGDOM (The Sunday school hour)

- ___ Lead music during Kids Kingdom.
 - ___ Shepherd – facilitating discussion of the lesson and sharing of joys and concerns.
 - ___ Teacher – Teaching the lesson during large group time.
 - ___ Coordinate Activity Time each week.
- Age you prefer. ___2yrs, ___ 3yrs, ___4yrs, ___Kindergarten
___1st, ___2nd, ___3rd, ___4th. ___ 5th& 6th

EVBS Registration forms and volunteer sheets in the church office.
Sign-up and get a FREE music CD while they last.

Please be in prayer for EVBS.

Pray for the children that will participate. Pray for the youth and the adults that will volunteer. Pray for inviting hearts and an opportunity to minister to children not attending a church. Pray for the leaders of EVBS.
Pray for God to reveal how He plans to use your gifts and talents for this event.