

Wednesday, April 8, 2009

6:30-7:30 AM Women's Prayer Group-Kathi Lee's
 9:45-10:45 AM Conner House Ministry
 11:00-12:00 PM Hudson House Ministry
 3:30-5:30 PM 3rd, 5th, 6th Afterschool Bible Study
 6:00-7:30 PM Milk and Honey Family Meal
 6:15-7:30 PM Bible Study by Manish-125/127
 6:00-7:00 PM University Bells Reh-001
 7:15-8:30 PM Chancel Choir Reh-001
 7:30-8:15 PM Youth Prayer Group-Bsmt

Thursday, April 9, 2009

9:00-12:00 PM WOMS-Bride's Room
 7:00-8:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service-Sanctuary
 8:00-9:00 PM Endowment Committee Mtg-Library

Friday, April 10, 2009

Good Friday Church Office and In His Hands Closed

12:05-12:55 PM Good Friday Service-Sanctuary
 6:00 PM Confirmation Retreat 4/10-4/11

Saturday, April 11, 2009

10:00-11:00 PM FH Worship Team SET-UP-128
 5:00 PM Confirmation Retreat Ends

Sunday, April 12, 2009

7:00-8:00 AM Sunrise Service-Ruth Lowe's Park
 8:30-9:30 AM FH Worship Team Reh-128
 8:30-9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship Service
 9:30-10:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45-12:00 PM FH Worship Service
 10:45-12:00 PM Sanctuary Worship Service
 3:00-4:30 PM Beth Moore Bible Study -222
 5:00-6:00 PM 7th/8th Girls Bible Study-111
 6:00-8:30 PM Youth HDTV-Bsmt

Monday, April 13, 2009

5:30-6:30 PM Staff Parish Mtg-Library
 6:30-8:00 PM Visitation-106E

Tuesday, April 14, 2009

6:30-7:30 AM Men's Prayer Group-123
 9:30-10:30 AM Hill Hare Circle Mtg-Hudson House
 6:30-7:30 PM Knitting Ministry-103
 6:30-8:00 PM Couples Bible Study-222
 6:30-8:00 PM Youth Worship Team-Bsmt

Wednesday, April 15, 2009

6:30-7:30 AM Women's Prayer Group-Kathi Lee's
 10:00-11:00 AM Nursing Home Ministry
 10:45-11:45 AM Palo Duro Retirement Ministry
 3:30-5:30 PM 3rd, 5th, 6th Afterschool Bible Study
 6:00-7:30 PM WNF Meal-FH
 6:00-7:00 PM University Bells Reh-001
 6:15-7:30 PM Kids Clubs, Club 56, Youth HDTV
 6:15-7:30 PM Brillhart Circle Mtg-125/127
 7:15-8:30 PM Chancel Choir Reh-001
 7:30-8:15 PM Youth Prayer Group-Bsmt

**Easter Challenge:
 Invite Someone to
 Church This Sunday**



Concerns For This WEEK

Health Concerns: Anne Hubley, William Hinton, Virginia Brown, Todd Thurman, Kay Hanna, Joe Abbott, Dalton Bye, Jim Silverthorn, Frances Sturdivan, Dennis Leazenby, Lynn Mason, Resa Joy, Harold Lenfesty, Robyn Decker

In Christian Sympathy: Dollie Bell on the death of her brother-in-law Jimmy Williams

Kay & Gary Holloway & family on the death of Kay's mother Betty Jackson

Archie & Peggy Davis on the death of Archie's brother-in-law Lawrence Ward

Pat McNif (Garrett Love's roommate) on the death of his mother

Other Concerns: Regina Biffle & children she teaches in Costa Rica, friends needing jobs and family issues

Record of Attendance

April 5, 2009

8:30 a.m.	Worship Service	164
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	343
10:45 a.m.	Sanctuary Service	310
10:45 a.m.	Fellowship Hall Service	65
	Total in Worship	539

Joys For This WEEK

Birthdays: Wyatt Hartman (6 mos old), the Neal boys, Shelby Nelson, Angie West, Jonah Hopson, Colton Bye

Anniversaries: Larry & Rita Wynn celebrating their 40th anniversary

Other Joys: Good reports on those family members who have been ill or had surgery, those feeling God's grace and blessings

Thank You Notes

Hopefully by the time that you are reading this I will be back at work. I want to thank each one of you that have ministered to me through your cards, bringing over food, your prayers for positive results from the surgery and complete healing for me. I feel like I have been on a wild roller coaster ride since January, but God has been right there with my family and I through it all. Thank you FUMC Canyon ~ you are blessed to be a blessing!

May God's face shine upon you,
 Shirley Leach

A big "THANK YOU" to the following people who participated in or helped with costuming for the Palm Sunday procession:

Andrew Spring, Carly Rice, Cayse Gindlesberger, Chandler Shaw, Christian Spring, Cristen Rice, Eddie Kahler, Rachel Clark, Scott Robinson, Shawna King, Timothy Stevens, Vondel Stevens and Xavier Allen. I appreciate your promptness and your willingness to serve and to be flexible! Also, thanks to you parents who transported any of the above disciples and made sure they were at the church on time.

Rhonni Pletcher

Honoring Our Military

The Pictorial Directory Committee is wanting to do a Military Page in our directory. Anyone who would like to put in a picture of someone serving in the military now, please bring a glossy print picture (it may not be returned) with the person's name, branch of service and where stationed on the back of the picture to the church office. In order for these pictures to be in the directory, please have your picture to the church office by April 15. For more information or if you have questions, you can contact Danna West.

Also, we plan to have a special worship service on Sunday, May 24 (Memorial Day Sunday) honoring our military. We are calling our service "Strength for Service" and are going to be asking for donations to purchase books for our service personnel by this same name.

We want to have an insert in the bulletin that will have a picture of the military person and a short bio about them...so, here is what we need from you to make both of these things happen:

1. 2 pictures - one glossy for the directory and another one we can scan into the computer for the insert
2. Biographical info about the person - name, age, branch of service, family info, length of service, etc.

Denise Donnell is wanting to use the pictures on the Military Board plus pictures of any other persons you may know of that we want to honor.



The News

Blessings 'A Plenty at 120

from FUMC, Canyon

April 8, 2009

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Holy Week Schedule
Wednesday, April 8
FREE "Milk and Honey" Family Meal
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
Experience Hebrew history through food

Thursday, April 9
Maundy Thursday Service
with Communion
7:00 p.m. in Sanctuary
Pastor Manish Shirley,
preaching

Friday, April 10
Good Friday Service
12:05 p.m. - 12:55 p.m.
Sanctuary
Pastor Manish Shirley,
preaching

Easter Sunday Schedule
Sunday, April 12

7:00 a.m.
Easter Sunrise Service in
Ruth Lowes Park




8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Worship Services in Sanctuary

9:30 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt for children

Robin Chandler and her Hospitality Team will be serving breakfast foods all morning in the Parlor following the Sunrise Service.

Church Staff	
Senior Pastor.....	Rev. John McClean
Associate Pastor.....	Rev. Manish Shirley
Diaconal Minister.....	Francie Pittman
Director Youth Ministries.....	Scott Lee
Director Children's Ministries.....	Lee Ann Love
Children's Administrative Assistant.....	Christa Neal
Receptionist.....	Shirley Leach
Computer Tech.....	Christi Ybarra
Music Director.....	George Biffle
Organist.....	Margaret Skinner
Worship Leader.....	Michael Littau
Church Librarian.....	Michell Killingsworth
Custodian.....	Bill Fetter
Kitchen Coordinator.....	Robin Chandler
IHH Child Development Director.....	Brenda Shepherd
IHH Administrative Assistant.....	Venus Lawson



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.

Sunday Preaching Schedule
Traditional Services in Sanctuary
Rev. John McClean

Contemporary Service in Fellowship Hall
Rev. Manish Shirley





BEYOND EASTER

Whata Palm Sunday we had! Thanks to the creativity of many people, we had a day which I will never forget. Much like that first day of palms and procession, ours was a grand spectacle indeed.

And this Holy Week is full of special events for us as a church family. You see them detailed throughout the newsletter...and you won't want to miss a thing!

Our 3-D Task Force met last night, and we want to begin to move beyond

Easter, to focus on our vision for our church. We will be seeking input from anyone who is interested, as we build toward our vision for the year 2010.

Each of the Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations will have a subcommittee, formed to create an overarching vision for that particular area for 2010. We are seeking everyone's input!

The five subcommittees will be:

1. Radical Hospitality-Leader, Jerry Woods.
Contact information: jwoodsfunc@att.net
2. Passionate Worship-Leader, Nancy Hinders
Contact information: drnh@midplains.coop
3. Intentional Faith Development-Leader, Bryan Smith
Contact information: bryanlaurasmith@yahoo.com
4. Risk Taking Mission and Service-Leader, Charlie Munger
Contact information: cmcmunger@suddenlink.net
5. Extravagant Generosity-Leader, Mark Pittman
Contact information: Pittman26@suddenlink.net

Do YOU have a vision of what could be accomplished next year in any of these five areas? If so, please pray about it and drop one of these an email.

I hope to see you at our Holy Week and Easter events!

John

World Malaria Day is April 25

Skip a lunch. Send a net. Save a life.

The people of The United Methodist Church are marking the lead up to April 25, World Malaria Day, with a renewed call to members and friends to support *Nothing But Nets*, a grassroots anti-malaria effort which allows anyone, for \$10, to send a lifesaving bed net to a family in Africa. Bed nets protect children and their families from the bites of malaria-infected mosquitoes.

"Malaria is a crisis that is threatening many of God's children across the globe," said Bishop Thomas Bickerton, referring to malaria's rank as Africa's leading killer of children under age five. "Insecticide-treated mosquito nets are the most scientifically proven way to stop its spread."

Bickerton, chairperson of The United Methodist Church's Global Health Initiative, joins with the people of The United Methodist Church in urging everyone to forego a lunch out, and to direct that \$10 savings toward the purchase of a bed net. "We're asking people to 'skip a lunch, send a net, save a life,'" said Bickerton.

The Scandal of the Cross

There is a striking verse in the New Testament in which the Apostle Paul refers to the cross of Jesus Christ as "foolishness to the Greek, and a stumbling block to the Jew."

One can readily understand why he would say that. After all to the Greek mind sophistication, philosophy and learning were exalted pursuits. How could one crucified possibly spell knowledge. To the Jewish mind there was a cry and longing to be free. They had been in their history attacked by numerous powers and often humiliated by occupying forces. Whether it was the Assyrians or the Babylonians or the Romans. Jerusalem had been repeatedly plundered and its people left homeless. What would the Hebrew have wanted more than someone who could take up their cause and repel the enemy. How could a Messiah who was crucified possibly be of any help. To the Greek foolishness; to the Jew a stumbling block.

What was it about the cross that so roundly defied everything that power relished? Crucifixion was humiliating. So humiliating was it that the Romans who specialized in the art of torture assured their own citizenry that a Roman could never be crucified. Not only was it humiliating, it was excruciating. In fact the very word 'excruciating' comes from Latin word 'ex-cru-ciatus,' out of the cross. Crucifixion was a defining word for pain. Does that not give us pause? Think of it. Humiliating and agony. That was the path Jesus chose with which to reach out for you and for me.

You see this thing we call sin but which we so tragically minimize breaks the grandeur for which we were created. It brings indignity to our essence and pain to our existence. It separates us from God. On Good Friday two thousand years ago Jesus took the ultimate indignity and the ultimate pain to bring us back to the dignity of a relationship with God and the healing of our souls.

Will you remember that this was done for you and will you receive His gift. You will then find out that it is sin that is foolishness and our greatest weakness is not an enemy from without but from within. It is our own weak wills that cause us to stumble. Jesus Christ frees us from the foolishness of sin and the weakness of ourselves. This is the very reason the apostle Paul went on to say that he preached Jesus Christ crucified, which was the power of God and the wisdom. Come to the cross and find out His power and His wisdom.

This coming week we'll offer several special events aimed at helping you to deepen your faith and to journey with Jesus to the cross. **We'll hold a Maundy Thursday service Thursday evening from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. where you are invited to join us as we remember and celebrate the Last Supper through scriptures, music and Holy Communion.**

On Good Friday we'll have the Good Friday Service from 12:05 p.m. to 12:55 pm. On this day we remember Christ's suffering and death on the cross. I want you to know how proud I am of the many ways you, as a church, seek to serve others and to serve Christ.

I look forward to seeing you in worship this weekend as we recall the trial and crucifixion of Jesus.

Manish Shirley

Opportunity to Hear Manish's Story

Wednesday, April 15

6:15 p.m.

Searchers Classroom #125/127

The Ruth Ann Brillhart UMW Circle has invited Pastor Manish Shirley to tell us the story of his life in India, how he became a Christian, how he came to America, and about his ministry. **Because so many people are interested in knowing Manish better, they are inviting everyone to come to hear him and ask him all those questions that you would like to know the answers to.**

H.D.T.V. News:

(Heavenly Directed Teens with a Vision)

"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." Luke 9:23

Bill Williams wrote, "In the beginning was the word: perfect, pure, and holy – and then we started messing with it." Read that again and let it sink in. There must be extreme caution when delving into the Holy Scriptures. It is very easy to either oversimplify the message or to add our own agenda to it. Either of those extremes is very dangerous because that is when we lose focus of the God who desires to be found through the words contained in the Bible. Unfortunately, it is impossible for us to keep the baggage of our life from interfering with the way we read Scripture. Impossible, not difficult or improbable, but it is impossible for us to not taint the Holy Word because we are not reading it in a vacuum. We have our church affiliation that affects it, our family history, our social standing and economic status, teachings that are centuries old, and countless other factors influence the way we encounter the word of the Lord. Fortunately, what is impossible for us is possible with God.

The key to unlocking the mysteries of life and salvation is to remember that it is a difficult path. We must deny ourselves, take up the cross, and follow the One who knows. To deny ourselves means that we turn our back on all those influences that try to bend God's word to fit our purposes. To take up the cross means that we turn our attention to the difficulty of seeking the Lord; life as a follower of Jesus is rewarding, but churches have oversold the idea of "Christian Bliss" and failed to remind us that if we are devoutly living the life of Christ, it leads to some suffering. And finally, follow Him: the Alpha and Omega, the Way, the Truth, the Life, the Firstborn of all creation, the Savior, the Christ, the Messiah, and countless other names that show the complexity of the God that can only be understood one step of faith at a time.

This Easter, look closely at the path that Jesus took. Examine the footsteps that led our Master to the cross. Feel the pain. Experience the sorrow. Then, relish in the mystery and wonder of the resurrection.

Scott

HDTV Schedule:	for both Jr. and Sr. High
Sunday School	9:30-10:30AM
	There is a snack breakfast then the Jr. High and Sr. High split for discussions
Sunday Nights	6:00-8:00PM
	We share a snack supper together, play a game together then discuss a movie clip
Wednesday Nights	after all-church supper, 6:15-7:30PM (6-8 if no supper)
	Worship is lead by the youth then there are small groups following a devotional

Acolyte Schedule

April 12

8:30 Garrett Simpson and Seth Rogers
10:45 Berkley DeLong and Jace Vancleave

UPCOMING DATES

April 8 Holy Week Journey
"Milk and Honey"
April 12 Easter "Egg Hunt"
April 19 Confirmation Sunday
12:30 Family Kite Flying

REMEMBER TO INVITE A FRIEND!

Reminder!! Don't Throw Away That Empty Ink Cartridge!

A "LOVE" NOTE "Rushing Wind"

One of my all time favorite songs is "Rushing Wind." The lyrics are, "...Rushing wind blow through me with your tender breeze. Search out the depths of my heart. Like a fire burn through me, here on my knees, consume every dark and hidden part. Holy Spirit, all consuming fire, fill me, oh fill me with the joy of my hearts desire."

The joy of my heart is the Lord. Saturday as I was standing outside, the wind reached speeds of seventy-five miles an hour. It felt like the wind could blow right through me (if I could remain standing). Sometimes the Holy Spirit has to blow at pretty high rates of speed to get my attention. Those are the times that I feel that I have been blown to my knees. And what a great place to be. As Easter blows in this year... stand in the "Rushing Wind" and feel the presence of the Holy Spirit!

Blessings to all!
Lee Ann

First Look

1 year old - 4 year old

Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever

Key Question: Who wants to be your best friend?

Bottom Line: Jesus wants to be my forever friend.

Memory Verse "I am always with you." Matthew 28:20

April 12 Lord's Supper, Death, and Resurrection.

Matthew 26:26-30; 28:1-7; Luke 23:44-49

252 Basics

Kindergarten - 6th Grade

3 Basic Truths "...and Jesus grew in

wisdom and stature and favor with God and man."

March: "252 Basics" **Virtue:** Conviction-standing for what is right, even when others don't.

Memory Verse: "Never tire of doing what is right."

2 Thessalonians 3:13

April 12 A New Day Luke 23:50-56; John 20:1-18

(Jesus' resurrection)

Bottom Line: We can stand for what is right because Jesus is alive.

Palm Sunday

Jesus and John the Beloved entered all three services accompanied by a donkey. The crowd of followers grew as Jesus left the Fellowship Hall service and continued His journey to the Sanctuary. We were intrigued to see disciples of the present day dressed in a variety of costumes to represent people from all walks of life.

