

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

7:30-8:30 AM Women's Prayer Group
 9:00-4:00 PM Summer Office Hours
 10:00-11:00 AM Nursing Home Ministry
 10:45-11:45 PM Palo Duro Village Ministry
 1:00-3:00 PM 8th/9th Grade Girls-LeeAnn Love's house
 5:45-6:45 PM Brenda Havens' Bible Study
 6:00-8:00 PM Youth HDTV-Bsmt
 6:00-7:30 PM All Church Swim Party-City Pool

Thursday, July 16, 2009

9:00-4:00 PM Summer Office Hours
 3:00-4:00 PM Skywest Ministry

Friday, July 17, 2009

9:00-12:00 PM Summer Office Hours
 6:30 PM Youth leave for Wellington - NWTX Lock In

Saturday, July 18, 2009

8:00 AM Youth return from Wellington
 6:00-7:00 PM FH Worship Team SET-UP-128

Sunday, July 19, 2009

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
 12:05 PM Going Away Reception for Scott Lee-Parlor
 4:30-5:30 PM Youth Council Basement-Basement
 6:00-7:30 PM 'Living the Questions' Bible Study-222
 6:00-8:00 PM Youth HDTV-Basement

Monday, July 20, 2009

6:30-8:00 PM Visitation-106E

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

6:30-7:30 AM Men's Prayer Group-123
 9:00-4:00 PM Summer Office Hours
 6:30-7:30 PM Knitting Ministry-103

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

7:30-8:30 AM Women's Prayer Group
 9:00-4:00 PM Summer Office Hours
 1:00-3:00 PM 8th/9th Grade Girls-LeeAnn Love's house
 6:00-8:00 PM Youth HDTV-Bsmt

Thursday, July 23, 2009

9:00-4:00 PM Summer Office Hours

Friday, July 24, 2009

9:00-12:00 PM Summer Office Hours
 5:00 PM KFSA Summer Celebration Tour

Saturday, July 25, 2009

6:00-7:00 PM FH Worship Team SET-UP-128

Sunday, July 26, 2009

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
 4:00-5:00 PM Leadership Development Team Mtg-Library
 5:00-6:00 PM Adult Council-113
 6:00-7:30 PM 'Living the Questions' Bible Study-222
 6:00-8:00 PM Youth HDTV-Basement



Concerns For This WEEK

Health Concerns: Sean Sims, Sheri Watson, Oressa Delaney, Glenda Abernethy, Sarah Banks, Patty Jo Mayo, Clinton Talley, Jan Rambo, Jerry Gray, Katy Timmens, Paul Timmens, Milt Hudson, Dick Elliott, Resa Joy, Michael Wilson, Ann Meyer, Shirley Plain, Robyn Decker, Jacob Hopson, Kathy Rogers, Darla Rice, Anne Hubley, John and Mindy Earl's son

Other Concerns: Families traveling this summer, Ceta Canyon campers, safe travel, adoption process goes smoothly, those doing mission work here and in other countries, those going through testing for cancer, those in prison

Joys For This WEEK

Birthdays: Lynette Jalufka, Bette Jalufka, Donna & Steve Woodard's great grandson, Bryson was 2 on July 6th,

Other Joys: Those going to camp this week at Ceta Canyon, grandchildren visiting, great VBS, families visiting from out of town, those who helped make our churches debut on Channel 10, for our 120th Birthday, a great success

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Randy Banks, Mary Williamson, David Thompson, Jarrett Johnston, Oressa Delaney, J. L. Pipes, Justin Richardson, Anne Hubley, Fakar, Brynn McPherson, Kelli Tillman-Marr, Richard and Noreen Bales, Danny Knoll, Jim Davis (Nancy Biffle's brother), Libby Ford, Scott Hollabaugh, Stanna Nelson, Shelly Gross

Additional Intercessory Prayers

President Obama and our country's leaders, Costa Rica Team, Backyard Missions, War-torn Countries, the economy, people who have lost their jobs, those in the military



All Church Worship Service and Picnic Sunday, August 9 Ceta Canyon Campground

Worship at 10:30 a.m. Picnic at 12:00 noon No Sunday School Classes

Record of Attendance

July 12, 2009

8:30 a.m.	Worship Service	118
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	240
10:45 a.m.	Sanctuary Service	162
10:45 a.m.	Fellowship Hall Service	41
	Total in Worship	321

..... Applications are being accepted for a preschool teacher at 'In His Hands'.

..... The position is Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.

..... Teacher certification is required.

..... Applications may be picked up at the 'In His Hands' preschool office.

Thank You Notes

Thank you for all you did for Spirit Wind, the NWTX Methodist youth choir. You were the first congregation to house and feed the choir without a performance, and we are grateful for your service. We look forward to hopefully singing for you next year!

Forever thanks,
 Eddie Kahler and Spirit Wind
 Many Gifts One Spirit

Thank you for the wonderful meal. It was nice to be able to focus on caring for Jerry and not have to worry about cooking. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

God Bless,
 Jerry & Gloria Gray


The flowers were beautiful! Thank you so much for your prayers and thoughtfulness during our time of loss.

God Bless You,
 The Jim Tudhope family
 (Karen McClean's brother)

Start Collecting Your Items For "Operation Christmas Child"



School Supplies are on sale NOW. Pick up extra to use as filler.



The News

Blessings 'A Plenty at 120 from FUMC, Canyon

July 15, 2009

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Don't Miss...



*All Church Swim Party
 Wednesday, July 15
 Conner Park*

5:30 p.m. Hot Dogs & bottled water provided by the church

*Families with last names
 A - M bring Chips
 N - Z bring Cookies*

6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Swimming at Conner Park Pool



Going Away Reception for Scott Lee Ashley and girls

Sunday, July 19 Following 10:45 services Parlor

A basket will be provided for cards and money to be given to Scott & family.

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
Church Secretary.....	Shirley Leach
Receptionist.....	Robin Chandler
Computer Tech.....	Christi Ybarra
Music Director.....	George Biffle
Organist.....	Margaret Skinner
Worship Leader.....	Michael Littau
Church Librarian.....	Michell Killingsworth
Custodian.....	Bill Fetter
Kitchen Coordinator.....	
IHH Child Development Director.....	Brenda Shepherd
IHH Administrative Assistant.....	Venus Lawson

NewsChannel 10 Comes To Canyon on Friday, July 24

Join us on the square in Canyon on Friday, July 24 as we help to celebrate not only the 100th anniversary of the courthouse, but also the 120th birthday of our church. NewsChannel 10 will be broadcasting the news from the square that evening and there will be many activities all evening for your enjoyment. We are one of the official sponsors of this event and we will be telling the story of our church in many different ways that evening. We need everyone who can be there to help. Bring your lawn chairs and join us. Look for our booth. It promises to be a fun evening.

<p>First United Methodist Church Building God's Kingdom One Life At A Time</p> <p>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</p> <p>Traditional Services in Sanctuary Rev. Manish Shirley</p> <p>Contemporary Service in Fellowship Hall Rev. Donna Johnston</p>
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FROM THE PASTOR

WITH SAD but GRATEFUL HEARTS...

We will soon be saying 'Farewell' to two much-loved staff people.

Francie Pittman has been on our staff here at the church since 1988. Her official title has been "Director of Discipleship", but she has worn so many 'hats' during that period of time, that to enumerate them here would be surely to leave out some of the many invaluable roles she has played during those 21 years!

Francie has seen an entire generation of young people grow up in this church, who have become vital and spiritual adults and who now have children of their own.

She has been intimately involved in nearly every aspect of the life of the church, and it is almost impossible to consider the church without her on staff.

But the good news is that she isn't going anywhere...not really. Soon, she will be free just to enjoy her favorite time of the week: going with Lee Ann to pick up our children on Wednesdays to bring them to the church for Wednesday after school activities.

We're not going to let her get away from us! We will just see her in a different capacity.

Scott Lee has been the director of youth ministries here for over two years. During that time, we have seen our youth group grow from a small devoted group of active youth to an attendance of 30-50 on Wednesday nights and Sunday nights.

Under Scott's leadership, the youth have gone on mission trips, hosted mystery dinners, vastly expanded their numbers at Ceta Canyon for camping experiences, hiked to the falls, taken confirmation retreats, served meals, learned a variety of physical games, studied together in Sunday School and confirmation classes, grown their roots of faith deep into the Scriptures under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and grown in their ability to walk as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Scott and I have been friends for over eleven years, since I became his pastor at Saint Paul in Amarillo. I knew he would be a key person in growing our youth ministry here. And I felt it in my bones that he would one day become a pastor.

He is leaving us to do just that. He leaves here to attend the "Seminary of the Southwest" in Austin, taking graduate theological studies in order to pursue ordination. Our prayers go with him, with Ashley, Savannah and Kara, as they prepare to make the move to the next phase of their lives.

SPRC and the church will be hosting a farewell for Scott Lee and his family on July 19th in the church parlor. A basket will be provided for cards and money to be given to Scott & family.

I covet your prayers for a very fine and dedicated SPRC, as they are now receiving resumes for both of these positions, and as they prepare to interview qualified candidates very soon.

And I covet your prayers for ME as I move, with our staff and with our church, through the grief of change and the passing of time, to find the right persons to continue the fine work these two have done.

John

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR
Round Up 2009
Saturday, August 15
FUMC, Lubbock**

Pick up your Round Up booklet and decide which classes you want to take. Notice there are activities for children (3rd grade and up), youth, and adults.

Picture Bulletin Board

The Records and History Committee encourages everyone to "vote" on who you think is pictured on their bulletin board in the hallway outside of the Sanctuary. Some of these people are easy to identify and some are just too hard for anyone but the people themselves.

Sorry, no prizes, but its still going to be fun.

Thank You

If you haven't been by the church office lately, drop by and see the new decor. Thank you to Robin Chandler for her donation and time in making our front office look so inviting and to Shirley Leach who has updated and spruced up her new office. These two are certainly showing "radical hospitality" to everyone who comes into our offices.

Estate Sale

#15 Canyon Rim, Canyon

Friday, July 24th 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 25th 8:00 a.m. to ?

Organized by the United Methodist Women

**2 twin beds and mattresses full size bed with mattress
chests sofas dining room set
freezer tools lots of miscellaneous**

Short-Term Volunteer Opportunity

The Worship Committee would like a volunteer to periodically polish the offering plates and the crosses in the Sanctuary and Prayer Room. If you would like to volunteer for this position, please contact the church office at 655-2851.



Dear Church Family & Friends,

Disappointment and Conflict a Part of Life

Though I have known this, I suppose that each of us will have times of conflict, and times of disappointment in our lives. No matter who you are or what you do, there will come times when people disagree with you, or when people even come to dislike you. Some of you will be fired from your job, rejected by a mate, or lose friends. If you are a "people pleaser" these times will be particularly painful. Yet, when you are

able to look over a lifetime of an individual or an organization (the Church), these are almost always pivotal experiences that have a profoundly positive impact in shaping the persons (or churches) we become. One can only appreciate those difficult times in hindsight, for when you are walking through them, they just seem painful. But, if you hold on to your faith, continue to trust in God, and invite the Holy Spirit to work through the disappointment and conflict, God uses these to sanctify you. I am reminded here of James 1:2-4, "My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing."

A Few Books I'm Reading This Summer

I am always reading several books at a time, but apart from the summer break, I seldom get to finish a book. Much of my reading is for sermons or Bible Studies, but during the summer I have the chance to read just to renew my mind, spirit and creativity. This summer I'm reading Thomas A' Kempis', The Imitation of Christ. A bit lighter reading will be a book entitled, The Disappearance of God. A few others are, "When God is Silent," "A dresser of Sycamore trees," and "Silence." I won't read all of these in the next couple of weeks, but I hope to get a good start on them and to finish at least a couple this summer. Why am I mentioning these to you? Perhaps as a way of saying, "here's what I'm mulling over this summer" or maybe as a way of inviting you to join me in reading this summer. Or perhaps I'm just trying to convince you (and myself!) that I'm doing something worthwhile.

**See You in Worship,
Manish**

H.D.T.V. NEWS:

(Heavenly Directed Teens with a Vision)

"I have much more to say to you." John 16:12

I can now understand what Jesus was feeling when He taught His disciples for the last time. There is a mixture of emotions for me as I wrap up what has been a wonderful experience here at First United Methodist. I am excited about what the Lord has ahead of me in seminary and the ministry that will follow, but I am also extremely sad to leave people that I have grown to cherish. There is so much more that I want to say and do with the church, particularly with the youth, but it is time to uproot and follow where the Master is leading. Let me conclude my last newsletter by saying two things: first, "Thank You!" This church has been very supportive and encouraging over the past two years, and secondly, "Keep it up!" Particularly to the youth, continue to grow in the love that God is showering on you, and share that love with the world. I will deeply miss you! May the Lord bless us as we follow in His ways.

Scott

P.S. The youth group will continue to function pretty much as normal. The church is working very hard to find a new youth director, and there are some fantastic volunteers that will keep things going in the meantime.

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 then discuss a movie clip

Wednesday Nights 6:00-8:00PM

Snack super followed by youth-led worship and small group discussions

Acolyte Schedule

July 19

8:30 Seth Rogers and Landry Nelson

10:45 Erin Doan and Michelle Finckbone

July 26

8:30 Justin Johnson and Michael Noonan

10:45 Isabella Wilson and Rose Ammons

UPCOMING DATES

August 8 CLUB 56 Overnight at Ceta Canyon

August 9 ALL Church Picnic

REMEMBER TO INVITE A FRIEND!

Reminder!!

Don't Throw Away That Empty Ink Cartridge!

A "LOVE" NOTE

"Opportunities to Serve"

Teaching 2 year old Sunday school was a great place for Lynn and I to get experience in Christian Education. I learned very quickly - the children were not impressed by what I knew about the Bible but what I knew about them. That still is true today! The children want to know that I care about them before they care about what I know!

If you have been hesitate to volunteer to help with Children's Ministry because you don't feel confident in your Bible knowledge - PLEASE consider this volunteer position as an opportunity for "On the job training." We always learn more when we are teaching. I would love to visit with YOU about volunteer opportunities.

*Serving An Awesome God,
Lee Ann*



Volunteers Needed

Kid's Kingdom (Sunday school) and Kid's CLUBS (Wednesday nights) have many opportunities for adults to get involved. Sunday mornings we need Storytellers, teachers and small group leaders. You can volunteer for short term (monthly) or for the semester. Please contact Lee Ann @ 655-2851

First Look

1 year old - 4 year old

Basic Truth: God loves me.

Key Question: Can you believe what God says?

Bottom Line: God does what He says He will do.

Memory Verse "Trust in the Lord with all your heart."

Proverbs 3:5

July 19 "Gideon's Army" (What God says doesn't always make sense) Judges 7:1-8

July 26 "Gideon at Battle" Judges 7:9-22

252 Basics

Kindergarten - 6th Grade

3 Basic Truths "...and Jesus grew in wisdom and stature and favor with God and man."

July: "252 Basics" Virtue: Forgiveness - Deciding that someone who has wronged you doesn't have to pay.

Memory Verse: "Forgive the things that you are holding against one another. Forgive, just as the Lord forgave you." Colossians 3:13

July 19 "Getting Even God's Way" Genesis 45:1-15

Bottom Line: When you want to get even, do the opposite.

July 26 "Go First" Matthew 5:1-2, 23-24

Bottom Line: Don't wait to start making things right with others.