

**Wednesday, May 13, 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  
 6:00-7:00 PM Costa Rica Team Meeting-113  
 6:00-8:00 PM Youth HDTV-Basement  
 6:15-7:30 PM Bible Study by Manish-125  
 7:15-8:30 PM Chancel Choir Reh-001

**Thursday, May 14, 2009**

9:00-12:00 PM WOMS-Bride's Room  
 7:00-9:00 PM Endowment Committee Meeting-Library

**Friday, May 15, 2009**

11:30-1:00 AM Noon Bible Study-113

**Saturday, May 16, 2009**

11:30-3:00 PM Single Together-Palo Duro Canyon  
 6:00-7:00 PM FH Worship Team SET-UP-128  
 6:00-8:00 PM New Member BBQ-Parsonage

**Sunday, May 17, 2009 Senior Sunday**

8:30-9:30 AM FH Worship Team Reh-128  
 8:30-9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship Service  
 9:00-10:00 AM Senior Breakfast-Parlor  
 9:30-10:30 AM Sunday School  
 10:45-12:00 PM FH Worship Service  
 10:45-12:00 PM Sanctuary Worship Service  
 4:30-5:30 PM Youth Council Mtg-Basement  
 5:00-6:00 PM 7th/8th Girls Bible Study-111  
 5:00-6:00 PM 3D Task Force Meeting-113  
 6:00-7:30 PM 'Living the Question' Bible Study-222

**Monday, May 18, 2009**

6:00-7:00 PM Finance Committee Mtg-Library  
 6:30-8:00 PM Visitation-106E

**Tuesday, May 19, 2009**

6:30-7:30 AM Men's Prayer Group-123  
 6:30-7:30 PM Knitting Ministry-103  
 6:30-8:00 PM Couple's Bible Study-222  
 6:30-8:00 PM Youth Worship Team-Bsmt

**Wednesday, May 21, 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 Village Ministry  
 5:45-6:45 PM Bible Study(Brenda Havens)-222  
 6:00-8:00 PM Youth HDTV  
 6:15-7:30 PM LAST Bible Study by Manish-125  
 6:15-7:30 PM Brillhart Circle  
 6:00-8:30 PM Youth HDTV-Bsmt  
 7:15-8:30 PM Chancel Choir Reh-001



**Concerns For This WEEK**

**Health Concerns:** Erinn Ingham, Billy McAann, Keri Beth Cleavinger, Katy Timmens, Regina Biffle, Suzanne Couch, Glenda Abernethy, Kingston Marr, Ben Wentz, Anne Hubley, Dennis Leazenby, Lynn Mason, Resa Joy, Harold Lenfestey, Toni Huddleston's great-uncle, Earl Keys' father

**In Christian Sympathy:**

Jeff & Karen Taylor on the death of their son Adam

**Other Concerns:** Those seeking jobs, those traveling, Ceta Canyon staffing needs, a continued child custody case

**Joys For This WEEK**

**Birthdays:** Kim Hopson  
**Other Joys:** Mother's Day celebrations, good reports on those family members who have been ill, in the hospital or had surgery, family & friends visiting, Don & Ferne Hefner's new great-grandson, those graduating from high school and college, Xavier Allen who won the Lift-Athon at the Jr. High last week

**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



**Blessings 'A Plenty At 120**

Don't miss the display in the hallway right outside the Sanctuary. The Records & History Committee has displayed the contents of the cornerstone that was placed in the "old" building which was being built in 1923. The building which was completed in 1925 held this cornerstone until it was moved to its present location right outside the east door. One of the original items in this cornerstone was placed back in the cornerstone when it was put into the new building. Which one?

**Record of Attendance**

**May 10, 2009**

8:30 a.m.	Worship Service	117
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	282
10:45 a.m.	Sanctuary Service	230
10:45 a.m.	Fellowship Hall Service	64
	Total in Worship	411

**Thank You Notes**

Dear Church Family,

We want to thank you for all your support, for your prayers, cards and calls during my brother's illness and his death.

Thank you for always being there when there is a need.

With Love,  
 Clois & Dorothy Rowland

Dear Friends in Canyon FUMC,

How I do thank you for your prayers for my recovery from the recent surgery. I felt the prayers which gave me the strength 'n courage needed. I have a strong faith & a positive attitude-and that with all the prayers from the NWTX Conference and the South Central Jurisdiction UMW how could I not feel them!

I am progressing daily 'n regaining my strength. Would prefer it to be faster-but the doctor thinks the progress is great and I do too.


Canyon FUMC, you are wonderful. I loved getting to be in your lovely church. You were a friendly 'n welcoming congregation. May God continue to bless the fantastic work being done in your church.

Blessings 'n love,  
 Kay Hanna

**First United Methodist Church Summer Fun Program!**

Infants thru 5th Grade  
**Tuesday & Thursdays 10:00 - 3:30**  
 (Early and Late Care also available)  
**June 9th - July 16th**  
 (Excluding the week of June 22nd due to Vacation Bible School)

**Enroll Now**  
**'In His Hands' Office**  
**655-5437**



# The News

## Blessings 'A Plenty at 120 from FUMC, Canyon May 13, 2009

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 e-mail: fumc@firstchurchcanyon.com web-site: firstchurchcanyon.com

**W.O.M.S Leads Congregation in Ministry with CareNet Pregnancy Center**

In honor of our Mothers and Fathers, our **Women On a Mission to Serve** group will be distributing baby bottles to benefit CareNet Pregnancy Centers this Sunday. You may pick up your bottle as you leave the church, fill it up with change and return it to the church by Father's Day, June 21.

CareNet serves as a Christian Ministry to our community promoting pre-marital abstinence by equipping parents and teens to live lives of purpose, ministering to women in unplanned pregnancies and providing life support to women and families through education and resources.

If you would like more information about our local Canyon CareNet Pregnancy Center, please contact Stacy Willis at 655-4673.

**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.....	Robin Chandler
IHH Child Development Director.....	Brenda Shepherd
IHH Administrative Assistant.....	Venus Lawson




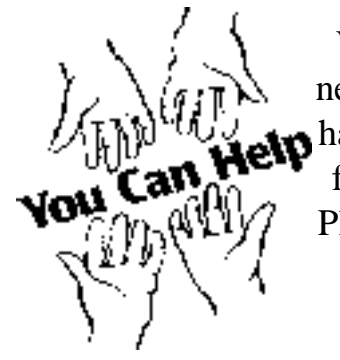
**Senior Sunday is May 17**

This Sunday we will honor our high school graduating seniors with a Senior Breakfast and presentation at the 10:45 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary. This year our graduating seniors are Nathan Ammons, Abby Bishop, Dalton Bye, Katy Cowan, Katie Grimes, Shelby Hicks, Augusta Lewis, Taylor Mayberry, Rachel McLaughlin, Carly Rice, Virginia Ruhl, Becky Seth, Taylor Sturgess, Taylor Tucek, and Kimble West.

**The church office will be closed Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day. We will not have a newsletter that week.**

<p>First United Methodist Church              Building God's Kingdom One Life At A Time</p> <p><b>Service Times</b>              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>
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<p><b>Sunday Preaching Schedule</b></p> <p>Traditional Services in Sanctuary  <b>Rev. John McClean</b></p> <p>Contemporary Service in Fellowship Hall  <b>Rev. Manish Shirley</b></p> 
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**New Member/Prospective Member Chuckwagon**

*McClellan Home*

*1203 Hillcrest Drive Canyon, TX  
 Saturday, May 16, 2009 6:00 p.m.*

*Please dress casual and come ready to have a great time!*

*RSVP to the church office, 655-2851  
 by Wednesday, May 13, 2009*

*please let us know in your RSVP if nursery is needed*

*\*How many will come from your family (spouse/children are invited)*

*\*\*Whether you will bring a family-sized salad, vegetable or dessert*

**EVERYTHING ELSE WILL BE PROVIDED**

*Hosted by New Start, Life Search & Life's Beginnings SS Classes*

*College Students-Just come with an appetite!!*

**Baskets of Hope**

Volunteers are desperately needed. Only 2 slots in May have been filled and one slot for the rest of each month. Please contact Pam Pandolfi to sign up at 655-7903 or email her at pppandolfi@wtamu.edu

## Hire-A-Scout

Troop 31 has scouts ages 11-17 that are willing to do odd jobs to raise funds for scouting activities and camps.

All jobs are done based on **free-will donations**.

Types of jobs include shoveling snow, raking, mowing, pet care, moving things, cleaning yards, and washing stuff.

All scouts come with at least one adult to assist.

Call Deborah Teltow 672-2347 for more information



# FROM THE PASTOR

## THE COUNTDOWN OF MAY...

Last week, we talked about the 'Milestones of May.' We reflected on the graduations, the confirmations, the transitions of life. It seems that many of them come at this particular time of the year.

This week, let us visit about the 'Countdown of May.' It seems that stress is everywhere at this time of the year! And we are all waiting for something to come to pass...the end of the school year, the promotion to a new grade or school, a June wedding, etc.

Conversely, the future can be seen not as a friend, but as an enemy. People also dread the passage of time and fear the coming of the future.

Believe me, inasmuch as I live with a school teacher, I understand the stress which students and teachers are under at this time of the year...and their eagerness to breathe the free air of summertime.

But I don't think it is only the teachers and the students who have 'spring fever'. And I don't think it just happens in the springtime. I wonder why it is that so many of us, in one way or another, have become impatient for the future to arrive.

Intermediate schoolers look with longing to become junior high students; junior highers think it will be cool to be in high school; high schoolers want to get free and go to college or into the work force and be on their own; singles sometimes long to be married, parents long for their own children's college bills to be behind them...and on and on it goes.

But life typically doesn't operate in the linear fashion which we have come to expect. And with that expectation sometimes comes an unrest and dissatisfaction with our present condition or situation, a yearning for a 'next' or a fearing for a 'next' which may not be 'next' at all.

I think there is danger in spending today yearning...or fearing...for tomorrow. The danger is that 'today' will not be truly experienced and enjoyed for all it has to offer.

And so, as we countdown to summer, let us remember to cherish...and LIVE...each day of May in the meantime.

John

## Business Administrator Position Open

First United Methodist Church is seeking a full-time staff person to oversee the business operations and financial accounting for the church. This is highly responsible accounting work. It involves maintaining all the general accounting records and documents in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices.

Please contact the church office for an application form.

## Did you know?

### United Methodist Women Reading Circle

Put Wednesday morning, June 3, 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM for our first Reading Program Summer Circle meeting — IN THE CHURCH PARLOR. Coffee, juice and a snack will be there waiting for you. Be ready to share a good UMW book with the group. And there will be 6 new books at this meeting, and you may fight over them.

PLEASE bring your completed Reading Program form if you have it finished for this past UMW year. Yes, the required due date has been changed by the conference officers to June 1, 2009, for the first deadline. And July 1 for the second deadline. They decided that most units did not meet in the summer and June 1 would be a good date following their May meeting.

I am the Amarillo District Secretary of Program Resources and responsible for sending all Amarillo District unit reports to the Conference S. of P. R. Canyon unit will use June 27 as the absolute last day I will accept any reports, and I will get them to Mary Logan by July 1.

Jo Jackson

## Ceta Canyon News

- Open House at Ceta Canyon on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 4 p.m.

Register for summer camp, tour the camp and see some of our renovated facilities, ride the zip line at the Challenge Course, try some fishing at Sumner Pond, hike the canyon, visit the gift shop and have some FREE snacks. Please rsvp and let us know if you will be attending 806-488-2268

- Job Openings - We are finalizing our summer seasonal staff for dining hall, maintenance, lifeguards, challenge course, health officer, and crew leaders. Contact Mark Andrews at [andrews@cetacanyon.org](mailto:andrews@cetacanyon.org) if you would like to apply for a position.

- Job Opening for Food Service Director. Send resume to [mike@cetacanyon.org](mailto:mike@cetacanyon.org)



## Field Trip To King's Manor Methodist Home on Friday, May 15

One of the best ministries of the United Methodist Church is located right here in the Texas Panhandle. The city of Hereford is home to King's Manor Methodist Home. This facility makes the last years of their residents lives very comfortable and enjoyable. Our own Becky Williams (sister of Kathi Lee) is on the staff at King's Manor and will take us on a tour of this facility.

The church van will leave the church at 11:15 a.m., go eat together and then go to King's Manor for a tour. The Friday Noon Bible Study group would like to invite everyone to join us on this excursion.

## H.D.T.V. News:

(Heavenly Directed Teens with a Vision)

*"She (Eve) took some fruit and ate it. She also gave some to her husband (Adam), who was with her, and he ate it."* Genesis 3:6

Every woman knows that the way to a man's heart is through his stomach. Likewise, men understand that women often have a difficult time with food cravings. This is nothing new. One of the very first acts that humans did was get into trouble with food. One thing that MUST be said is that Adam was with Eve when she took the fruit. So many times we get the idea that Adam was off taking a nap under a tree when Eve was tempted, but the truth is that Adam was with her, and the fact that the story is intentional to say that Adam is Eve's husband strongly suggests that they were in it together; Adam was not innocent in this endeavor.

As a Christian, however, the primary point of the story is quite different. The removal of mankind from the presence of the Lord is the bottom line. But through Jesus, people are once again able to be in the presence of the Almighty. We can again live our lives in the perfect presence of our Creator, just as it was intended in the beginning. And it is interesting that Jesus would bring us back through food. "Take, eat; this is My body." (Matthew 26:26). Just like the manna in the dessert, bread from heaven. "Drink from this (cup of wine), all of you." (Matthew 26:27). Jesus takes us back to the garden, replacing the fruit of rebellion with the juice of reconciliation. All of the stories come together in our Savior, joining creation back with the Creator, those in need of redemption back with the Redeemer, and those needing to be saved back with the Savior. And this food is meant to be shared.

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	6:00-8:00PM
	Snack supper followed by youth-led worship then we break into small groups

## "Kingdom of the SON" Vacation Bible School June 22-26

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

UPCOMING DATES	
June 7	Promotion Sunday
	5th Grade Recognition
June 22-26	Vacation Bible School
REMEMBER TO INVITE A FRIEND!	
<i>Reminder!! Don't Throw Away That Empty Ink Cartridge!</i>	

**Acolyte Schedule**  
May 17  
8:30 Shelby and Landry Nelson  
10:45 Kendra Scarbough and Robbyn Kendrick



## A "LOVE" NOTE "Graduation"

Graduation is an exciting event in our lives. These days we have children graduate from preschool, kindergarten, High school, college, and grad school. This week I get to attend the IHH Preschool Graduation then following that, on Saturday, I will attend my daughter, Ginny's graduation at Stephen F. Austin University.

It is a major milestone in our lives to see our children and others recognized for their achievements. Lynn and I joke "Two off the payroll and one to go!"

The interesting thing is that everyone's question to the graduate is: "What are your plans for the future?"

That is a great question, only with a slight change. "What are God's plans for you for the future?" I truly believe each of us should get up daily and pose that question to ourselves. We should daily seek God's direction in our lives.

"Let the morning bring me word of Your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in You. Show me the way I should go, for to You I lift up my soul." Psalm 143:8

### First Look

**1 year old - 4 year old**

Basic Truth: God made me.

Key Question: Who will take care of me?

Bottom Line: God will take care of me.

Memory Verse "My God will meet all your needs." Philippians 4:19  
May 17 Elijah and the Widow I Kings 17:7-16

### 252 Basics

### Kindergarten - 6th Grade

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

May: "252 Basics" Virtue: Obedience- trusting those who lead you by doing what you are ask to do.

Memory Verse: "Obey your leaders. Put yourselves under their authority. They keep watch over you. They know they are accountable to God for everything they do." Hebrews 13:17

May 17 House Rules (Children, Obey Your Parents) Eph.6:1-3

Bottom Line: How I obey my parents shows what I think about God.