

Wednesday, May 20, 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
6:00-8:00 PM Youth HDTV-Bsmt
7:15-8:30 PM Chancel Choir Reh-001

Thursday, May 21, 2009

9:00-12:00 PM WOMS-Bride's Room
9:30-10:30 AM Irene Elder Circle Mtg-Parlor
3:00-4:00 PM Skywest Ministry

Friday, May 22, 2009

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

Saturday, May 23, 2009

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

Sunday, May 24, 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
4:30-5:30 PM Youth Council Mtg-Basement
5:00-6:00 PM 7th/8th Girls Bible Study-111
6:00-7:30 PM 'Living the Question' Bible Study-222
6:00-8:00 PM Youth HDTV-Basement

Monday, May 25, 2009 OFFICE Closed-Memorial Day

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

Tuesday, May 26, 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

Wednesday, May 27, 2009

6:30-7:30 AM Women's Prayer Group-Kathi Lee's
6:00-7:15 PM Spiritual Friends (Women's Group)-Parlor
6:00-8:00 PM Youth HDTV-Bsmt
7:15-8:30 PM Chancel Choir Reh-001

You are invited

The City of Canyon cordially invites you to attend a reception in honor of Canyon Police Chief Bobby Griffin and thank him for 24 years of Dedicated Service to the community

Friday, May 29, 2009

4:30-5:30 p.m.

Cole Community Center

300 16th Street Canyon, TX 79015.

Cards may be sent to: City of Canyon

Attn: City Clerk 301 16th Street

Canyon, TX 79015

ALSO

Retirement Party Honoring John Lemons

Thursday, May 21, 2009

4:30-6:30 p.m.

Bushland High School Commons

Come & Go

No gifts please. Your presence is all that is requested.



Concerns For This WEEK

Health Concerns: Daniel Edwards, Mike Wentz, George Bulman, Richard Bales, Keri

Beth Cleavinger, Larry Roberts' nephew, Lou Ann Barnhart, Katy Timmens, Glenda Abernethy, Kingston Marr, Dennis Leazenby, Lynn Mason, Resa Joy, Harold Lenfestey, Linda Brown

In Christian Sympathy:

Jeb & Monique Brotherton on the death of Jeb's aunt Jan

The family & friends of Clint Apple

Other Concerns: Those seeking jobs, those traveling, Ceta Canyon staffing needs, a continued child custody case, those seeking help with their marriages

Joys For This WEEK

Birthdays: Kim Hopson

Anniversaries: Amy & Larry Roberts

Other Joys: Those receiving new promotions and jobs, our graduating seniors (high school and college), Audra Thurman who was elected Lions Club Queen, new grandchild for Pam & Jerry Pandolfi, those being released from the hospital, new homes and repairs

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

Volunteer Training for Care Net Pregnancy Center

Our next Volunteer Training will be held June 5, 6 and will finish up on the 12th and 13th. This is a 20-hour training and all sessions must be attended. For more information please call the Center at 354-2288 to enroll. Cost is \$25.

Record of Attendance

May 17, 2009

8:30 a.m. Worship Service 101
9:30 a.m. Sunday School 285
10:45 a.m. Sanctuary Service 199
10:45 a.m. Fellowship Hall Service 52
Total in Worship 352

New Members



Casey, Lisa and Hunter Weiss joined the church May 10th. They come to First United Methodist Church, Canyon by transfer of membership. Their address is 8601 Dallington Amarillo, TX 79119. Please join the staff here at FUMC Canyon in welcoming the Weiss family to our church.

Not pictured-Ruby Weiss. Ruby joined the church by transfer of membership on May 10th. She owns Comac Fixtures. Her address is 7713 Pilgrim Amarillo, TX. Welcome to FUMC Canyon Ruby.

Thank You

Dear FUMC Canyon,

Thank you for your generosity in support of the 7th Annual Wesley Community Center Benefit Golf Tournament on April 25, 2009 at Comanche Trails Golf Course.

It was a huge success and it would not have been possible without your help. This year we had 27 teams (108 people) play in the tournament. Through contributions of four corporate sponsors, seventy four tee box and twenty four scorecard sponsors, along with funds raised during the tournament, we were able to raise \$13,782.42 to support the programs at the Wesley.

We appreciate you and your commitment to building strong communities in Amarillo. Together, we can build a brighter future.

Sincerely,

Daniel Martinez

Wesley Community Center

2009 Golf Chairperson



The News

Blessings 'A Plenty at 120 from FUMC, Canyon May 20, 2009

First United Methodist Church
1818 4th Avenue
Canyon, Texas 79015

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

THE NEWS-The official newsletter of the
First United Methodist Church, Canyon

First United Methodist Church Canyon, Texas 655-2851
e-mail: fumc@firstchurchcanyon.com web-site: firstchurchcanyon.com

Church Office Closed Monday, May 25

for Memorial Day Holiday We will not have a newsletter that week.

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.

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

Memorial Day Sunday, May 24

We will recognize those who have served our country in the Armed Services at all three worship services this Sunday.

We will have another celebration on Sunday, July 5 which we are calling "Strength for Service" Sunday. On that Sunday we will give you the opportunity to contribute to "Strength for Service" - a daily devotional book written specifically for those in service.

Be sure to wear your red, white and blue on May 24 and be in worship!

Baskets of Hope

The Baskets of Hope Ministry is so very grateful for the wonderful response to our plea for volunteers.

We now have baskets pledged for the 1st, 3rd and 4th weeks of each month. *Every week in May, June and July is completely pledged.*

We only lack the 2nd week in August - December and the fifth Sunday in August and November.

Praise to Him who provides all our needs!!

Thanks to all of you!!!

May 31 is Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost is a major festival in the Christian church. It is celebrated on the Sunday which falls on the 50th day after the Easter festival.

Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit in the form of flames to the followers of Jesus, as recorded in the New Testament. Jesus had told them to wait until the Spirit came to them. Ten days after His ascension, 50 days after the resurrection, the Spirit came. (Ascension Day marks the last appearance of Jesus to the disciples after His resurrection at Easter.)

The name Pentecost comes from a Greek word which means 'fiftieth'. The festival is often called Pentecost because when the disciples received the Holy Spirit and began to go out and preach about Jesus it was the Jewish festival of Pentecost.

Pentecost is recognized as the birth of the Christian Church. The Apostle Peter preached a sermon which resulted in 3,000 people becoming believers.

Our church Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall will have special decorations which will focus on the Season of Pentecost and will be prepared by one of our International students, Shanal DeSilva.

Everyone is encouraged to wear RED on Sunday, May 31 because RED is the color of Pentecost.

Adult Council Meeting Sunday, May 31 5:00 p.m. in Pathfinders Room #113 Summer Schedule will be discussed

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





FROM THE PASTOR

Our 3-D Visioning Team met this past Sunday night, and made plans for our June 7 meeting. We will meet for a covered dish barbecue and continue our process for developing our vision under the umbrella of the Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations.

If YOU would like to be a part of any of the teams we are putting in place to refine vision statements for any of these five areas, please email the following people below and offer your prayers, your mindpower and your creativity:

1. Radical Hospitality-Leader, Jerry Woods
Contact information: jwoodsfumc@gmail.com
(a new email address from what I gave you last week...)
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.

John

United Methodist Women Reading Circle

Put Wednesday, 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.

Baby Bottles for Pregnancy Center

In honor of our Mothers and Fathers, our **W**omen **O**n a **M**ission to **S**erve group are distributing baby bottles to benefit CareNet Pregnancy Centers. 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.

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

Summer Newsletter Schedule

You will remember that we print newsletters every other week in the summer. Here is the schedule of the weeks that you can expect to receive a newsletter from the church. Week of:

June 1
June 15
June 29
July 13
July 27
August 10
August 24
August 31



Summer Office Hours begin June 1st



Beginning June 1st the office will be open Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Be watching for holiday closings for the 4th of July.

Congratulations to our Seniors as they begin another chapter in their lives.



H.D.T.V. News: (Heavenly Directed Teens with a Vision)

"You've got to know when to hold 'em, know when to fold 'em, know when to walk away, know when to run." Kenny Rogers

Gambling is generally a bad idea, and there is seldom a lesson of faith that can be derived from the principles that are found at a poker table; however, if we are going to look for truth, we will sometimes find it in very unusual places. The truth that the poker table, as described by Kenny Rogers, reminds us about is that there is a time for everything: a time to hold your cards, fold them, and a time to take a break from the game. The Bible, in Ecclesiastes, says something similar, "There is a time for every purpose under heaven." The trick is to know the right time. There are times that life deals you a cruddy hand, and the best thing to do is minimize the loss and wait for better opportunity. At other times in life, the game seems rigged, and the best thing to do is get up and leave that game in search of something more honest. Sometimes, life seems pretty fair, so staying involved and cautiously riding it out is good, even if you don't come out on top. Then there are those rare times in life when everything seems right, when you survey your surroundings and realize that now is the time to go "All In". This concept can, forgive the pun, "play out" in most areas of our life: work, church, family, friendships, etc. There are times to invest everything that you have, and there are times to cut the loss and leave. Jesus instructed the disciples to leave the towns that didn't receive them, and He, Himself, did little in His hometown because of the way that He was treated there. Likewise, He instructs us to be willing to lay down our life for Him, going "All In," just as He went "All In" with the sacrifice that He made so that we may have an everlasting relationship with God. The Lord calls us to go "All In" when it comes to our faith.

"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things that I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."
The Serenity Prayer
Scott

P.S. Congratulations to all the seniors! Thank you for sharing your accomplishment with the church this past Sunday. Also, thanks to all of the juniors and their parents who helped celebrate the occasion.

"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.*

Acolyte Schedule May 24

8:30 Danielle Rice and Garrett Simpson
10:45 Braden Teltow and Michelle Finckbone

UPCOMING DATES

June 7 Promotion Sunday
June 22-26 5th Grade Recognition
Vacation Bible School

REMEMBER TO INVITE A FRIEND!

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



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 and small group discussions

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 24 Rahab and the Spies Joshua 2:1-22; 6:1-25

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 24 Sleepless in the Temple (The Lord Calls Samuel)

I Samuel 3:1-19

Bottom Line: Obeying your leaders can help you know God.

A "LOVE" NOTE "Vacation"

This week Lynn and I are on vacation in Oceanside, CA. visiting Garrett, my youngest son and David, my oldest brother. When I was in 4th grade my family drove to California in a Chevrolet, Impala. We put pillows on the floorboards and Barry and Bill slept there. I remember playing all kinds of car games. Count the cows on your side of the road, find license plates for all 50 states, tell stories with each person adding a line, and we always sang songs. On all our trips my Dad lead us in "On Top of Old Smokey" and "Rye Whiskey" as well as many others. We never past up a historical marker, so I know all the history on I-10. We stopped at the Roy Rogers museum, the Grand Canyon, the Golden Gate Bridge and I got to ride on a trolley car. I still have the Sweatshirt mom bought me - it was a lot colder than East Texas. That was a long time ago and I have made several more trips to California. But that particular trip was one that I will remember for a lifetime. Just our family sharing life together in a small space. My parents were probably crazy to pile four kids in a small car and drive thousands of miles. But it did bring us closer together. I want to encourage all families to take trips, large or small and visit with one another. Life is a collection of MEMORIES you CREATE!

*Serving An Awesome God,
Lee Ann*