

Wednesday, May 6, 2009

6:30-7:30 AM Women's Prayer Group-Kathi Lee's
 6:00-7:00 PM University Bells Reh-001
 6:00-8:00 PM Youth HDTV
 6:00-7:00 PM UMW Executive Board Mtg-224
 6:15-7:30 PM Bible Study by Manish-125
 7:15-8:30 PM Chancel Choir Reh-001

Thursday, May 7, 2009 National Day of Prayer

9:00-12:00 PM WOMS-Bride's Room

Friday, May 8, 2009

11:30-1:00 AM Noon Bible Study-113
 6:00-8:00 PM Adult Choir BBQ-Parsonage

Saturday, May 9, 2009

9:30-3:00 PM Single Together- Claude, Garage Sale
 6:00-7:00 PM FH Worship Team SET-UP-128

Sunday, May 10, 2009 Mother's Day

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
 5:00-6:00 PM 7th/8th Girls Bible Study-111
 6:00-8:30 PM Youth HDTV-Bsmt

Monday, May 11, 2009

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

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

6:30-7:30 AM Men's Prayer Group-123
 9:30-10:30 AM Hill Hare Circle-Hudson House
 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 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
 6:00-8:00 PM Youth HDTV
 6:15-7:30 PM Bible Study by Manish-125
 7:15-8:30 PM Chancel Choir Reh-001

**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!!



**Concerns For This
 WEEK**

Health Concerns: Anne Hubley, Dennis Leazenby,

Lynn Mason, Resa Joy, Harold Lenfestey, Matt Finckbone, Kurt Landis' dad, Melissa Telkamp, Toni Huddleston's great-uncle, Earl Keys' father, Lynnette Jalufka, Tricia Cupell, Linda Brown, Jenny Morgan

In Christian Sympathy:

Wanda Bertram and family on the death of her husband

Other Concerns: Those seeking jobs

Joys For This WEEK

Good reports on those family members who have been ill, in the hospital or had surgery, family & friends visiting, Relay for Life, Marilyn Dees being cancer-free for 17 years, Children's Sunday, Wonderland Park

**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, Wartorn Countries, the economy, people who have lost their jobs, those in the military

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, food and hugs. We really appreciate your support during this time. We feel so blessed to be a part of this church.

Gary & Kay Holloway

W.O.M.S.

Women On a Mission to Serve
 Thursdays 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 FUMC Canyon Room 111

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Record of Attendance

May 3, 2009

8:30 a.m.	Worship Service	121
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	335
10:45 a.m.	Sanctuary Service	318
10:45 a.m.	Fellowship Hall Service	70
	Total in Worship	509

Mother's Day Luncheon

*Sponsored by Canyon Chamber of
 Commerce*

Sunday, May 10

Cole Community Center

11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

\$15 adults

\$10 children 10 & under

Purchase tickets at Chamber office.

*Proceeds to fund scholarships to
 CHS & RHS.*

\$500 Gift Basket Drawing

New Members



Alan & Tricia Cupell joined the church on May 3rd. They come to FUMC Canyon by transfer of membership. Alan is employed by AT&T and Tricia is employed by Baptist Community Services. Their address is 20720 Mallard Cove Canyon, TX 79015. Please give them a warm Canyon welcome to FUMC Canyon.

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 6, 2009**

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 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



New Receptionist

We are pleased to announce that the Staff Parish Relations Committee has hired Robin Chandler as our new receptionist. Shirley Leach has moved to the center office and will serve as the Church Secretary. Robin will continue to serve as Hospitality Coordinator until the Staff Parish Committee hires a replacement. Come by the main office and welcome Robin in her new position.

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

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 ppandolfi@wtamu.edu



**National Day of
 Prayer**

**Thursday, May 7
 12:00 noon - 1:00
 p.m.**

**FBC Ministry Center
 1620 4th Avenue**

Theme:

Prayer...America's Hope!

Light Lunch Provided

*"May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord,
 even as we put our hope in you." Psalm 33:22*



**Hospitality Team and United
 Methodist Women To Honor Mothers
 on Sunday, May 10**

**Special Refreshments
 Served by Hospitality "Men"
 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon
 Church Parlor**



There will be a bouquet filled with red roses and one filled with white roses in the Sanctuary this Sunday honoring our mothers.

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
 10:45 Service in Sanctuary
 Rev. John McClean
 8:30 Service in Sanctuary and
 10:45 Service in Fellowship Hall
 Rev. Manish Shirley





THE MILESTONES OF MAY

Karen and I missed being with you two Sundays ago. We flew to Detroit, for the college graduation of our eldest daughter, Sara, in Ypsilanti, Michigan. We had a great trip...even though it was a short trip...flying up Friday and back on Monday. We are so very proud of all three of our girls, and rejoiced in this important event in Sara's life.

There are other staff members and congregation members who have 'graduation celebrations' this month as well...for themselves, their children and their grandchildren. I see excitement in their eyes and I hear parents' financial RELIEF in their voices!

Our Confirmation Class has just recently completed their journey to church membership, and soon the school year will end, and children and youth will be promoted to the next grade in school and in our youth ministries.

And wasn't Children's Sunday spectacular! Many thanks to everyone who worked so very hard to make it such a great and worshipful moment!

On Graduation Sunday last year, I told you that I had decided that, for me, graduation means:

You start at the bottom end of a bigger school where the work is longer and the learning is harder, the dangers are greater, life is more complicated, and the rewards are fewer and farther between...But if handled correctly, LIFE CAN BE MORE FULFILLING THAN EVER BEFORE.

I believe this is a truism applicable to many of the milestones in our lives...events which change our experience forever: marriage; the birth of our children; becoming grandparents; beginning of a new job; change of location...the list goes on.

But on the other side, the experiences of loss...divorce, job loss, death of loved ones, can also throw us into a whole new life circumstance with potentially devastating consequences.

But faith tells us that even these traumatic moments can be navigated with the assurance of the unseen Presence of God. And one important function of the church is to be the visible, tangible, huggable Presence of an unseen God.

I have seen you do this so well for each other, and for us.

And as we pass by the milestones of May, we are reminded that, even though the only constant in life is change, we love and serve a changeless...and steadfast...God.

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?

Dear Family and Friends,

I have exciting news; God has called me back to Africa for missions. As you know, returning has been a prayer of mine since the day I returned home. I have made plans to travel with Volunteers In Missions, we will be going to Mulungwishi, Democratic Republic of Congo again. The goal of the team is to do medical and construction work. The team will be there for three weeks, and then I am going to be spending an additional month working in a girl's orphanage, and taking a trip to see the work that God is doing in Zambia.

I ask that you pray for me while I am on this six-week journey, in August, with God, and His people. Please pray for the team to have safe travel. I also ask that you pray for a peace of heart and mind for all my family members while I am away. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation, please send checks to First United Methodist Church, 1818 4th Ave, Canyon TX, 79015, and make checks payable to FUMC and in the memo line write in Africa.

Serving Him,
Ginny Love

Dear Friends,

I wish you could meet my brother-in-law. I affectionately call him Big D. He married Dendy's sister about a year after I married Dendy.

He's the nicest guy you could ever meet - a great conversationalist, smart, generous to a fault, lover of all four-legged creatures, the father of two beautiful daughters, and a successful business man. You would never know he has Multiple Sclerosis, but he's been fighting it for over ten years. He never complains, never mentions it. But he's aware of it every day. Over time his MS has taken a heavy toll on him and his family - a financial, emotional, and physical toll. And it strikes more young adults every day. Because I love this guy, I've decided to get involved in the fight against MS. In July I'll be riding my bike from Midland to Big Spring to Post to raise money for MS research. Our team has set a goal to raise \$25,000. The good news is this team is a leading fundraiser every year. The bad news is, I'm a rookie and I've got to hold up my end of the deal.

So I'm asking you to help out. Your gift, however large or small, will go a long way toward stopping this terrible disease which strikes thousands of young adults each year with no apparent cause, disrupting their careers, dreams, lives, and families.

It's easy to give. Just click on this link to support my ride and fight MS:

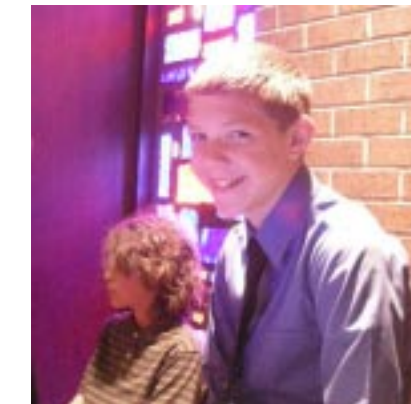
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Clark Williams, 806-831-4945 or 325-665-5118

Stamp Out Hunger!!!

When Panhandle Area Letter Carriers conduct their 17th annual *Stamp Out Hunger!* Food Drive on Saturday, May 9, you can help by simply placing a sturdy bag of non-perishable food items, such as soup, pasta, cereal, canned vegetables, rice, boxed dinners, hygiene items, next to your mailbox before your regular mail delivery. If you live in an apartment complex, you may leave the food items at the apartment buildings mail box center. Your letter carrier will do the rest. They will pick up the donations and deliver them to the local Food Bank.

Remember...HELP STAMP OUT HUNGER! On Saturday, May 9th. Together we can make a difference for those in need of food.



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

He calls the sheep by name and leads them out, and they follow Him because they know His voice. John 10:3-4

A rabbi once said, "We don't need God; we have the Torah." The Torah is the first five books of our Bible; it is the Law that was given to Moses from God. This rabbi is saying that Jews have the rules given by the Lord, so they don't feel like they need Him. Not all rabbis believe this, but many do, and it is obvious from Scripture that many of the Jews during the time of Jesus agreed with this line of thinking. There is little doubt that one of the primary missions of Jesus was to confront this idea that you don't need to have a relationship with God as long as you follow the rules. The Gospel of John, chapter 10, is one of those instances where Jesus combats the system of rules and encourages us toward the eternal relationship. Jesus says, "I am the good shepherd because I lay down My life down for the sheep." Most of us want to stop there. To read much more into this chapter of the Bible you put yourself at risk of questioning many of the things that you thought you knew. "The shepherd calls the sheep by name." He's calling you. "He leads them out." Out! Not into a safe hiding place, behind stained glass and solid doors. Out, into the hurting and dangerous world. "The sheep follow because they know His voice." Not the rules, the voice. The kind of relationship that is much more than a casual acquaintance. The depth of relationship that when the phone rings, you know who it is when the word "Hello" is spoken, there is no need to wait for an introduction, you know what the call is about before anything else is said, and you are eager to say "Yes" no matter what the request is. The Jewish leaders that Jesus was speaking to did not know the voice of God, they only knew the rules that had been spoken to someone else centuries before.

A note needs to be said about rules and laws. Jesus said, "I have not come to abolish the Law." The Law is not bad, but Jesus is calling us to understand the point behind the Law and to follow the Voice that spoke the Law in the first place instead of blindly following a list of rules. As Christians, we struggle with this balance, but think of it like the speed limit while driving a car. There are very few who NEVER drive faster than the posted speed limit, and the rest of us get annoyed with someone who does. You see, we understand the reason behind the speed limits, to keep people safe. Seldom do we stray to far from the posted limit, but we also feel free to push it a little for a very good reason. Why are things so different in matters of faith? Jesus wants us to stay close to the Law, but to follow His voice means that there is some give to what we think demands strict observance. Just like the speed limit, strict observance to the letter of the Law is extremely annoying, almost as disturbing as the idiots who drive way too fast. Listen for the voice of the Good Shepherd and follow.

Scott

HDTV meets on Wednesday and Sunday nights from 6-8.

Both nights has food, but Wednesdays adds worship and a deeper discussion of Scripture, while Sunday nights uses games and movies to convey the message.

Don't forget about Sunday School from 9:30-10:30. See you soon!

Acolyte Schedule
May 10
8:30 Michael Noonan and Kody King
10:45 Peyton Ruiz and Hannah Stokes



A "LOVE" NOTE
Children's Sunday

Thanks to everyone that help
with Children's Sunday.
We were blessed by the
service.

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 10 Elijah fed by the Ravens I Kings 17:1-6
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 10 Perfect Storms (The story of Jonah) Jonah 1-3
Bottom Line: It's always better to do what God says the first time.

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!*