

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, February 10, 2010

6:30-7:30 AM Women's Prayer Group
 3:30-5:30 PM 3rd, 5th & 6th Grade Bible Study
 5:30-6:15 PM 4th-6th grade Homework Help-221
 5:45-6:15 PM WNF Meal
 6:15-7:30 PM WNF Bible Study-Nancy Hinders-113
 6:15-7:30 PM Kids Clubs, Club 56
 6:15-7:30 PM Bible Study by Manish-125/127
 6:30-7:15 PM University Handbell Rehearsal-001
 7:15-8:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal-001

Thursday, February 11, 2010

9:00-12:00 PM WOMS-111
 7:00-8:00 PM Endowment Committee Meeting-113

Friday, February 12, 2010

11:30-1:00 PM Noon Bible Study-113
 12:30 PM Youth leave for Ski Trip
 5:00 PM Women's Retreat Begins-Ceta Canyon

Saturday, February 13, 2010

11:30-2:30 PM Single Together Valentine's Party-222
 6:00-7:00 PM FH Worship Team Set

Sunday, February 14, 2010 Happy Valentine's Day

8:30-9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship Service
 9:30-10:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45-12:00 PM Sanctuary Worship Service
 10:45-12:00 PM Fellowship Hall Worship Service
 3:30-5:30 PM Women's Bible Study-222
 5:00-6:00 PM 9th Grade Girls Bible Study-111
 6:00-8:00 PM NO FUMY-The Uprising-Basement
 6:00-8:00 PM LTQ Discussion Group-221
 11:00 PM Youth returns from Ski Trip

Monday, February 15, 2010

6:00-7:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting-Library
 6:30-8:00 PM Visitation

Tuesday, February 16, 2010

6:30-7:30 AM Men's Prayer Group-123
 5:45-6:45 PM Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner-Fellowship Hall
 6:30-7:30 PM Knitting Ministry-103
 6:30-8:00 PM Couples Bible Study-222

Wednesday, February 17, 2010

6:30-7:30 AM Women's Prayer Group
 7:00-8:00 AM Ash Wednesday Service
 3:30-5:30 PM 3rd, 5th & 6th Grade Bible Study
 5:30-6:15 PM 4th-6th grade Homework Help-221
 5:45-6:15 PM WNF Meal
 6:15-7:30 PM WNF Bible Study-Nancy Hinders-113
 6:15-7:30 PM NO Kids Clubs, Club 56
 6:15-7:30 PM NO Bible Study by Manish-125/127
 6:15-7:30 PM Brillhart Circle-224
 6:30 PM Club 234 Singing at Ash Wednesday Service
 6:30-7:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service-Sanctuary
 6:30-7:15 PM University Handbell Rehearsal-001
 7:15-8:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal-001

Make sure if you are needing something in the newsletter, please contact Christi by Friday at noon either by phone 655-2851 or email cybarra@firstchurchcanyon.com



Concerns For This Week

HealthConcerns: Nancy Parker, John Pitts, Nathan Halfmann, Epifania Vega
In Christian Sympathy: the family of Ramona Hawkins as they grieve the loss of their loved one, the family of Paul Ervin as they grieve the loss of their loved one

Other Concerns: continued prayers for decisions affecting a baby boy's future, continued prayer and concerns for peace in Juarez Mexico, urgent prayers for Tamarindo and district, those facing cancer in their lives, those healing from surgery, those dealing with illness and grieving the loss of loved ones, those going through divorce, those seeking employment, prayer for students and faculty at Canyon High School as they grieve the loss of a beloved Counselor

Joys for the Week:

Birthdays: James Hartman, Danny & Chris Cornelius, Elyse Kahler, Evan Rice, Zach Robinson

Other Joys: Those recovering at home after surgery, great Scout Sunday, for a wonderful Daddy Daughter Dance Saturday night, a wonderful performance by WT's opera and orchestra, praises to the 169 of the Canyon JHS Band who participated in Solo & Ensemble Contest - 165 received a first division medal.

ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS

Rhonni Pletcher, George Bulman, Randy Banks, Mary Williamson, Anne Hubley, Brynn McPherson, Danny Knoll, Regina Biffle, Lea & Ty Thurman, Dylan Brown, Chester Smith, Lauren Pennington, MacKenzie Cunningham, Franczeska Torres, Richard Barr, Libby Ford, Shelly Gross, Resa Joy, Milt Hudson, Dick Elliott, Elmer Oberst, Harold Lenfestey, Will Lubaroff, Jack Jennings, Guy & Margaret Thompson, Brian Mott, Malari Irlbeck, Glenda Abernethy, Catlin Whitlow, Ahlene Findley, Sue Thomas, Lou Ann Barnhart, Jimmy Pearson, Tom Rayome, Kirby Culp, Catherine Schoonover, Keri Beth Cleavinger, Kathy Tijerina, Freddie Lair, baby Hannah Mordecai, Torben Kjaerulss, Sandy Martin, Mike Baker, Katy Timmens, Ruth Fisher

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

Record of Attendance February 7, 2010

8:30 a.m. Worship Service 139
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 296
 10:45 a.m. Sanctuary Service 195
 10:45 a.m. FH Worship Service 69
Total in Worship 403

THANK YOU!
 THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thank you, dear church family, for your cards and expressions of sympathy for the loss of my brother, Jim Davis.

It has been a long difficult five years and your prayers and love have sustained us.

With love and gratitude,
 Nancy, George & Regina Biffle

St. Ann's Catholic Church 19th Annual Czech Sausage Dinner

Czech Sausage, Sauerkraut, Bread, Parsley Potatoes, Cobbler & all the trimmings!
Sunday, March 7
 11:00-2:00 p.m.
Adult \$8 Child \$4
 Children under 5 eat free
 Drive Thru Take Out Available

**Don't forget
 Sunday February
 14th is
 Build Renew
 Rejoice Offering.
 Remember your
 \$10 pledge!**

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February 10, 2010



Ash Wednesday Service
 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary
 Wednesday, February 17th
 Club 234 Singing
 Meal at 5:45-6:15
NO Kids Clubs & NO Youth

Church Staff

Senior Pastor.....Rev. John McClean
 Associate Pastor.....Rev. Manish Shirley
 Director of Discipleship.....Dede Looney
 Director Youth MinistriesTyler Looney
 Director Children's Ministries.....
 Business Administrator.....Ross Hood
 Children's Administrative Assistant.....Christa Neal
 Church Secretary.....Shirley Leach
 Receptionist.....Robin Chandler
 Financial Secretary.....Christi Ybarra
 Music Director.....George Biffle
 Organist.....Margaret Skinner
 Interim Worship Leader.....Rochelle Wentz
 Church Librarian.....
 Custodian.....Bill Fetter
 Kitchen Coordinator.....Charlotte Wilson
 IHH Child Development Director.....Brenda Shepherd
 IHH Administrative Assistant.....Venus Lawson

STARTS TONIGHT
February 10th
Wednesday Night Class
Seven Deadly Sins

Teacher: Pastor Manish
 Room 125/127
 February 10-March 31



Club 56 Invites You To

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
 Tuesday, February 16
 5:45 - 7:00 p.m.
 Fellowship Hall
 Donations go to United Methodist Committee on Relief for Haiti



Wednesday Night Fellowship and Activities

Wednesday Night Fellowship
February 10th - Brisket Sandwiches and all the trimmings sponsored by Costa Rica proceeds will go towards the Costa Rica Mission Trip
Meal - 5:45-6:15 p.m.
 Kids Clubs - 6:15-7:30 p.m. and Youth - 5:40-7:30 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
RETHINK CHURCH

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
 8:30 Pastor Manish Shirley
 10:45 Mike Bellah
Contemporary Service in Fellowship Hall
 Pastor Manish Shirley

FROM THE PASTOR LENT...

Next week begins the season of Lent. We join thousands of other churches and millions of other Christians all over the world in observing the liturgical season of Lent.

The English word "Lent" means "spring." It is a time of spiritual retreat for the Christian family. In communion with Christ's exile and temptations in the desert, the Church is invited to forty days of purification, of stripping down to the bare essentials, of discipline, mediation, and prayer, before the festival of Easter.

These forty days are both an occasion for penance and also a celebration of the joy in the Father's forgiveness.

The duration of Lent is modeled after the fasting and temptation of Christ, the forty days spent by Moses and Elijah in the wilderness, and the forty days' grace given in the preaching of Jonah to Nineveh. "Forty days" in the Biblical terminology meant more specifically, "a good amount of time", rather than necessarily forty literal days.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, this year falling on February 17. Traditionally, the ashes used during Ash Wednesday come from burning the palm fronds of last year's Palm Sunday celebration.

Ashes are the biblical symbol for mourning and penance. In Bible times, the custom for mourning was to fast, wear sackcloth, sit in dust and ashes, and put dust and ashes on one's head.

Ashes also symbolize death and remind us of our mortality.

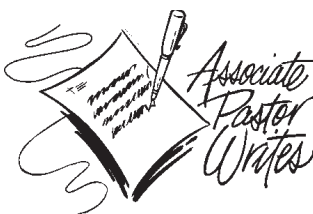
We will hold TWO Ash Wednesday services in the Sanctuary of our church on Wednesday, February 17...the first is a come-and-go imposition of ashes from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. Participants will enter a semi-darkened and quiet Sanctuary, to receive the ashes placed on their foreheads, and be offered a time to spend at the altar rail in prayer.

We added the morning service last year on Ash Wednesday, as people asked for a morning time when they could receive ashes and wear them through the day in order to witness to their discipleship and their faith. What a GREAT idea!

Then, at 6:30 p.m., we will hold a second worship service which will include singing, reading of Scripture, and also the imposition of ashes. We have timed this service so that, hopefully, you can move from our Wednesday night fellowship meal right into the Sanctuary for the service.

I hope you will join us for this meaningful way to begin the season of Lent!

John



Dear Church Family and Friends,

The gift of the Holy Spirit enables those who welcome it to make precarious choices with some confidence. This day, each day, demanding and beguiling choices confront us. Should I make this investment or not? Trust this person and distrust that one over there? Give priority to this assignment or seek something else? Visit someone who might need me or spend myself for some other cause? Live by joy and hope or let despair take over?

Not to decide, we know, is to decide. Even whether to make a choice demands choice. A one liner of our time offers a bizarre advise: "My advice is, when you come to a fork in the road, take it." But which one? Since the book of the future is closed, I seek to minimize the number of bad options and to choose with some confidence among promising alternatives. Those of us who are more serious learn to gain perspective on the choices we must make from the experience and knowledge we possess.

The voice of the Spirit prompts us to discern the foolishness of looking only for ourselves and thus overlooking both the common good and our own human limits. Abraham Lincoln taught about limits: "The purposes of the Almighty are perfect, and must prevail, though we erring mortals may fail to accurately perceive them in advance." The Lord does not impart secrets of the future. Still and wisely we say with all the others who have responded to it, in His will is our peace.

O God in Your will is our peace. Deliver us from the false choices that come from self interest, and lack of faith in You, and give us a vision and strength to do Your will. Ephesians 1:9-23

Grace and Peace,
Manish



NO PARKING Notice

Please do not park on the west side of the church in the EXIT for the Bank of America DRIVE-UP lanes. Due to the many times that the park lights have been backed into and damaged (without anyone taking responsibility for the damage). We ask that the area not be used for parking.

NEW! REAL life College Age Sunday School Class.
Teacher: Dede Looney
Where: Basement B17
Invite Anyone that you know!

New Short-Term Sunday School Class

The Faith, Character, and Practices of a Methodist

Teacher: Manish Shirley
February 7-February 21
Where: Library
When: 9:30am-10:00am

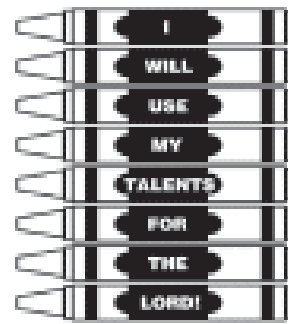
'In His Hands' Scholarships Needed

'In His Hands' scholarships fund has almost become depleted. We have 4 students who need help with tuition to finish the year. If you could, please make a donation to this fund it would be most appreciated! Please make checks payable to 'In His Hands' and in the memo section of the check designate 'IHH scholarship fund'. You may drop your donation by the 'In His Hands' office at anytime, through the mail slot in the door.



Scholarships Needed

Thanks so much for your help,
Brenda Shepherd



SAVE THE DATE

Costa Rica Fundraiser Meal & Talent Show
Sunday, February 28 at 12:00 Noon
Food, Fellowship & Showcase Your Talent
To participate in talent contact:
Nancy Biffle - bifflefamily@sbcglobal.net



The Uprising
 Schedule for Jr. & Sr. High
 Sunday School-PROIMOS
 9:30-10:30AM

There is a snack breakfast then the Jr. High and Sr. High split up for Sunday School Classes.

Sunday Nights
6:00-8:00PM

We share a snack supper together, play a game together then discuss a movie clip

Wednesday Nights
5:40-7:30PM

Gathering time and announcements-followed with Praise Time-then split to Jr. High activities and devotions and Sr. High devotion and lessons

Acolyte Schedule February 14

8:30 Michael Noonan & Jace Vancleave
 10:45 Isabella Wilson & Rose Ammons



Acolytes

UPCOMING DATES

Feb. 16 - 5:45-6:45 Shrove Tuesday Club 56 Pancake Supper
 Feb. 17 - 6:30 Ash Wednesday Club 234 Sings
 Feb. 21 - 4:00-6:30 4th Grade Acolyte Training
 Feb. 21 - 6:00 6th Grade Acolyte Pizza
 Feb. 21 - 10:45 Services Small Fries Sing

REMEMBER TO INVITE A FRIEND!

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

Canyon CareNet Volunteer Training is scheduled for:

February 12th 6:00 to 9:00
 February 13th 9:00 to 3:00

We are in need of Volunteers so maybe this will be of interest for someone. Thank you so very much and have a blessed day! For more information contact Stacy Willis at 655-4673

Greetings!

I trust that everyone is staying warm in this cold weather. It is hard to believe how much snow we have had (Dede and I are definitely not use to it). I do love the snow and I am greatly looking forward to our ski trip this weekend. Please keep us in your prayers as we will head out for Sipapu Friday afternoon. If you have extra ski clothes that you would allow us to borrow for the weekend it would be greatly appreciated. You never know when a youth might need something. Again, please keep us in your prayers!

Tyler L.

I wanted to add that I have been very impressed by our youth lately...they have incredible hearts! I trust that my church family has noticed this as well.

'In His Hands' St. Jude's Trik-a-Thon

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and 'In His Hands' Child Development Center of the First United Methodist Church will join hands to conduct a Trik-A-Thon. The event will promote bicycle safety while raising money for childhood cancer research. The event will be held on February 16th & 17th in the Fellowship Hall.

If you would like to have a hand in this important life saving research, please send your contributions to 'In His Hands' Child Development Center preschool office. Checks should be made payable to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Thank You for your support.

Thank you,
Brenda



Kids News

February is known as the love month.
 Don't forget to love the Lord your God
 and to love others all year long.
 Happy Valentines!

First Look 1 year old - 4 year old

Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Key Question: Is anything too hard for Jesus?

Bottom Line: Jesus can do anything.

Memory Verse "With God all things are possible."

Matthew 19:26

Feb. 14 - "Nothing is too hard for Jesus."

Feeding 5000 - Mark 6:30-44

252 Basics Kindergarten - 6th Grade

3 Basic Truths "...and Jesus grew in

wisdom and stature and favor with God and man."

February:"252 Basics" Honor-letting someone know you see how valuable they really are.

Memory Verse: "Love each other deeply. Honor others more than yourselves." Romans 12:10

Feb. 14 "The Brotherhood" (David & Jonathan) I Samuel 18:1-4

Bottom Line: Honor others more than yourself.