

## Calendar of Events

### 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 NO 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

### Thursday, February 18, 2010

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

### Friday, February 19, 2010

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

### Saturday, February 20, 2010

10:00-12:00 PM UMW General Meeting-125/127  
 6:00-7:00 PM FH Worship Team Set

### Sunday, February 21, 2010

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  
 12:00 PM Fellowship Hall Pot Luck Lunch-125/127  
 3:30-5:30 PM Women's Bible Study-222  
 4:00-5:30 PM Acolyte Training-Sanctuary  
 4:00-6:00 PM Church Nursery Procedure Meeting-113  
 5:00-6:00 PM 9th Grade Girls Bible Study-111  
 5:30-6:30 PM Acolyte Training Pizza Party-223/225  
 6:00-8:00 PM FUMY-The Uprising-Basement

### Monday, February 22, 2010

6:00-8:00 PM SLATE Meeting-Basement  
 6:00-7:00 PM Trustee Committee Meeting-Library  
 6:30-8:00 PM Visitation  
 7:00-8:00 PM CALLED Church Conference-Sanctuary

### Tuesday, February 23, 2010

6:30-7:30 AM Men's Prayer Group-123  
 6:30-7:30 PM Knitting Ministry-103  
 6:30-7:30 PM Juanelva Rose Circle Meeting-125/127  
 6:30-8:00 PM Couples Bible Study-222

### Wednesday, February 24, 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  
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 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

**Health Concerns:** Nancy Parker, Jack Clark, Ben Wentz, Marshal Young, Roy Cook, Edward Stephenson, Kathy Tijerina, Lynn Mason, Betty Hill, Catherine Schoonover, Kathy Roger's mother Dede

**In Christian Sympathy:** The family of Kristine Combs as they grieve the loss of her mother Julia Garza. The family of Joel Richardson as they grieve the loss of their wife and mother. Janet O'Rand and Bill Blair as they grieve the loss of their mother Lois Jean Ferguson Blair

**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 dealing with illness, continued prayer for the people of Haiti, prayers for our 2010 Olympic Games in Canada.

### Joys for the Week:

**Birthdays:** Rob Munger, Bill Fetter  
**Anniversaries:** Tim and Charlotte Wilson  
**Other Joys:** Good CT Scan this week that showed No Cancer! The Women's retreat went great! Our youth had an awesome ski trip! In His Hands had a fun time at their St. Jude's Trik-a-Thon, Delicious Shrove Tuesday pancake supper hosted by Club 56.

### 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, MacKenzie Cunningham, Franczeska Torres, Richard Barr, LibbyFord, 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, 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 14, 2010	
8:30 a.m. Worship Service	92
9:30 a.m. Sunday School	293
10:45 a.m. Sanctuary Service	237
10:45 a.m. FH Worship Service	55
<b>Total in Worship</b>	<b>384</b>



## The News from FUMC, Canyon

February 17, 2010

THE NEWS-  
The official newsletter of the  
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## Ash Wednesday Service

7:00 a.m. Imposition of Ashes  
 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary  
 Wednesday, February 17th  
 Club 234 Singing  
 Meal at 5:45-6:15

**NO Kids Clubs &  
NO Youth Activities**

### Church Staff

Senior Pastor.....Rev. John McClean  
 Associate Pastor.....Rev. Manish Shirley  
 Director of Discipleship.....Dede Looney  
 Director Youth Ministries.....Tyler Looney  
 Interim Director Children's Ministries.....Kay Holloway  
 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

## CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE

Monday, February 22 at 7:00 p.m.  
Sanctuary

## Wednesday Night Fellowship and Activities

February 17th

Ash Wednesday Night Fellowship  
 Enchiladas, Chips & Salsa,  
 and various desserts  
 proceeds go towards Relay for Life  
 Meal - 5:45-6:15 p.m.

## UMW General Meeting Saturday, February 20th

10:00-12:00

Room 125/127

Study on Sudan led by Rita Wynn. Everyone is encouraged to come and bring a friend

## 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  
 Rev. John McClean  
 Contemporary Service in Fellowship Hall  
 Pastor Manish Shirley

As the Days Lengthen...

I think we ALL are ready for a dose of spring! To me, the snow has been beautiful, and I have enjoyed the 'winter wonderland' of Canyon and Amarillo

But I am in the distinct minority, I fear!

Many years ago, I sat in a movie theatre watching some movie in which it began to snow. For some unexplained reason, I began to tear up and to choke up. I wondered why snow in the movie would have some emotional effect on me somehow.

It occurred to me that one reason might be that the snow reminded me of my childhood years, during which I dearly loved the wintertime and the snow. I could stay out all day and never tire of it.

But also, the snow reminds me of something else: the grace of God.

As the snow covers the ground, draping the trees, houses, cars and lawns with a blanket of white, it also 'hides' the junk cars and the trash bins and scars on the landscape. As the snow covers the unseemly side of the world around us, the grace of God covers our sins.

Before the snow goes away completely, I hope you will take time to reflect on the 'mantle of white' that has given a different kind of beauty to our world. And take time to be grateful that our unseemly sides are given a new covering, bright white glowing in the sight of God.

That is worth becoming emotional about.

John

Dear Church Family and Friends,

This coming Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, we begin the season of Lent. As you may know, the season of Lent became a familiar feature of life in the Western church during the first 3 centuries of the Christian movement. Marking off a 7 week period of intense preparation for the celebration of Jesus' resurrection at Easter, the early church set aside the 40 days of Lent as a time of fasting, prayer and instruction for baptismal candidates preparing to make public their commitment to live as disciples of Jesus. Breaking their fasts for the weekend worship gathering (this is why the "40 days" of Lent actually spread over a 7 week period), leading to personal and collective confessions of sin.

In doing so, they were keeping faith with much older Biblical traditions of fasting and prayer associated with similar periods of intentional spiritual reflection. Perhaps you will remember the way the number "40" signals earlier Biblical memories regarding times of testing or repentance. The 40 year sojourn of God's liberated Hebrew slaves freshly delivered from Egypt, the warning of the prophet Jonah that Ninevah had only 40 days until God would punish and destroy that great and wicked city, and the 40 days of wilderness temptations experienced by Jesus at the very beginning of His public ministry all served as scriptural reminders that helped establish the legitimacy of these later Lenten observances.

In our case we are simply affirming that it is appropriate for Christians to reflect on the nature of our identity and vocation as disciples of Jesus by entering into the season of Lent and be attentive to any new issue or commitment God may choose to bring to our attention. Because we consider Jesus to be our Master, we understand that He has much to teach us regarding the ways we may embrace His own path of sacrificial and redemptive service in the world.

While many persons around us often speak of Lent as a time to "give something up" (i.e., chocolate, meat, TV, etc), I really hope to encourage you to take something on in a new way by seeking the grace and guidance of God. For this reason I want to invite you to pray daily for a specific person or situation, adopt a new daily or weekly practice of spiritual discipline for the remaining days of Lent, or offer your time in some means of redemptive service or care for others in the name of Jesus.

But in doing so, please do not overlook the fact that we rest all our efforts on the salvation and holiness already made fully available to us in the death and resurrection power of Jesus Christ. It is only what Jesus has done that makes it possible for us to take these fresh new steps in our spiritual journey. As John Newton, the author of "Amazing Grace," once put it:

*I am not what I ought to be. I am not what I wish to be,  
I am not even what I hope to be. But by the cross of Christ, I am not what I was.*  
Grace & Peace,  
Manish

**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**

**CAMP SIGN UP SUNDAY!**

March 7 will be Camp Signup Sunday. Our youth will take leadership in this service, and we will focus on the ministry which camping experiences have in the lives of our young people.

My goal is simple: that EVERY child and youth from our church attend a camping event at Ceta Canyon this summer.

Tyler Looney and I talked, and we believe that we can set the goal of having 70 youth attend camp this summer. And that doesn't count the many children, grades 3-6, who will be eligible to attend camp.

How can YOU help? Make plans to attend Camp Signup Sunday on March 7, and give thought and prayer to whether you can sponsor a child or youth by underwriting a portion of their camping fees this summer.

We will give more details on how each of us can sponsor a camper shortly!

**Thank You Notes**

Dear Church Family,

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers during my mother's illness and more recently at the time of her death. It is a great feeling to know that people here are thinking about me and my family, and taking care of my family in Texas while I traveled to Illinois. The cards and food were also much appreciated. I will apologize for not getting personal cards sent to everyone who supplied us with food. My husband had his hands full with our 4 children and all their activities and neglected to get the names of those who provided food for our family.

Christa Neal and family

Thank you so much for all the prayers, cards, meals and support that we have received following the death of my mom and Mark's heart procedure. We are both doing well. Mark is beginning to resume his regular exercise-Jumping to Conclusions - with no side effects. (Yes, that is a Mark Pittman joke.) Again, thanks to all of you.

Mark & Francie Pittman

**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

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• Greetings!  
• Wow! I could not have asked for a better ski trip with our youth. We had such a  
• wonderful time and everyone returned safely. Thank you for all of your prayers  
• and support! Keep an eye for photos coming soon.  
.....  
Tyler L.



**FUMC Women's Retreat**

I just wanted to share with you what a wonderful time we had at the retreat this past weekend. Regina Biffle led us into the presence of God through singing while Nancy Biffle brought us the Word. Friday night we were pampered by "The Spa Girl", as we called her. It was a great time of fun, bonding, and growth. Thank you to all that had a part in making this weekend happen and most of all thank you for your prayers.

Dede Looney

**Please stop by the church kitchen and check the LOST & FOUND cart!**  
**We have many dishes with names on them.**  
**Everything not picked up by March 1, 2010 will be donated.**

**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. 21 -Jesus can do the impossible.**

**Walking on water-Mark 6:45-51**

**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. 21 "The Rebellion" (David & Absalom)

2 Samuel 15:1-16a, 16:15, 17:22, 18:6-7, 15, 31-33

**Bottom Line: Honor those who are over you.**

**Honor others more than yourself.**

**Kids News**

Loving and honoring go hand in hand. We can practice these virtues by being respectful to others. We need to show respect to parents, teachers, leaders, friends--to everyone.

Loving & Serving,  
Kay & Christa

**UPCOMING DATES**

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 - NO Small Fries Singing

Feb. 28 - 10:45 Acolyte Recognition

**REMEMBER TO INVITE A FRIEND!**

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

**Acolyte Schedule**

**February 14**

8:30 Danielle Rice & Justin Johnson

10:45 Amy Clark & Hannah Stokes