

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, January 6, 2010

6:30-7:30 AM Women's Prayer Group
 5:40-7:30 PM FUMY-The Uprising-Basement
 6:00-7:00 PM Kids Clubs Leaders Meeting-223
 6:15-7:30 PM WNF Bible Study-Nancy Hinders-113
 6:30-7:15 PM University Bell Rehearsal-Choir Room
 7:15-8:30 PM NO Chancel Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

Thursday, January 7, 2010

9:00-12:00 PM WOMS-111

Saturday, January 9, 2010

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

Sunday, January 10, 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
 6:00-8:00 PM FUMY-The Uprising-Basement
 6:00-8:00 PM LTQ Discussion Group-221

Monday, January 11, 2010

5:30-6:30 PM SPRC Committee Meeting-Library
 6:30-8:00 PM Visitation

Tuesday, January 12, 2010

6:30-7:30 AM Men's Prayer Group-123
 6:30-7:30 PM Knitting Ministry-103
 6:30-8:00 PM Couples Bible Study-222

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

6:30-7:30 AM Women's Prayer Group
 3:30-5:30 PM 4th, 5th & 6th Grade Bible Study
 5:30-6:15 PM 4th-6th grade Homework Help-221
 5:40-7:30 PM FUMY-The Uprising-Basement
 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
 6:30-7:15 PM University Handbell Rehearsal-001
 7:15-8:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal-001



Concerns For This Week

Health Concerns:
 Catherine Schoonover,
 Dalton Bye, Dylan Brown, Patsy Waterbury,
 Linda Stenhouse, Michael Brewton, Nell
 Andrews, Nancy Parker

In Christian Sympathy: The Biffle family on the passing of their daughter-in-laws mother Carolyn Cooke, Joyce Stubblefield on the passing of her brother, The Crown family on the passing of Tim's dad Ron Crown, Buell & Sandy Martin on the passing of their son-in-law

Other Concerns: blessing to our SPRC Committee who are searching for the right people to fill the staff positions, 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, prayer for Jim Paul Syphokham while visiting family in Laos, for those dealing with illness and the loss of loved ones

Joys for the Week:

Anniversary: Ray & Ronay Bach celebrated their 10 year anniversary on January 1st.

Other Joys: Having family home for the Christmas holiday, for a beautiful white Christmas in the Panhandle, for the love of family, yielding to God's sovereignty and be thankful in all things and especially for the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Rhonni Pletcher, George Bulman, Randy Banks, Mary Williamson, David Thompson, Anne Hubley, Brynn McPherson, Danny Knoll, Jim Davis (Nancy Biffle's brother), 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 Thompson, Brian Mott, Malarie Irlbeck, Charois Graves, Glenda Abernathy, 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.

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

January 3, 2010

8:30 a.m.	Worship Service	108
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	257
10:45 a.m.	Sanctuary Service	199
10:45 a.m.	FH Worship Service	41
Total in Worship		348

Thank You Notes

Thank You,

I want to express my appreciation to the honor and glory of God, for the gift that was left on my desk prior to Christmas Eve.

Love,
 Jerry Woods

Thank you for the beautiful poinsettia.

Hazel Flowers

Thanks is just not good enough to say for all the help I had on the Angel Tree Ministry. Because of you 222 children had a Merry Christmas. So to all of you who typed up the angel tags, bought for an angel, shopped for those that were left, moved and put the gifts in order, delivered, and helped those who came to pick up, you should all have stars in your crowns. When this bunch of people does something, they pitch in and do it right. I wish many blessing to each of you.

Vivian Thurman

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful reception you had for us & all the sweet cards & gifts. These last (almost) 4 years have been such a blessing & we look forward to many other great memories with you all.

Thank you,
 Mikey, Cari & Maci Littau

Pictorial Directories are HERE!

Danna West has labeled each directory for those persons that are in the directory. You can stop by the hallway outside the church office and pick yours up TODAY.

If you were not in the directory, please contact Danna West on how to get a directory at 488-2399 or email her at dndwest@gmail.com



The News

Blessings 'A Plenty at 120
 from FUMC, Canyon
 January 6, 2010

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 Canyon, Texas 79015

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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



Spiritual Gift Test

Reminder not to forget to do your spiritual gift test.

For more information contact
 Dede Looney at 655-2851 or
 dlooney212@firstchurchcanyon.com

Job Opening At The Church

Librarian Position

FUMC of Canyon is taking applications for a part-time Librarian.

Please come by the church office to pick up an application.

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.....Lee Ann Love
 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



New Women's Retreat!

January 22-24
 \$95

Register online at www.CetaCanyon.org

This is a new retreat designed for women who struggle with seeing themselves in God's eyes. It's for those who are out of rhythm to the happenings around them; who cannot find the harmony in their heart; who lose sight of the orchestra of music in front of them by focusing on the idea that the tooting of their own horn is out of tune. It's time to let go and relax. The Lifesong retreat will take these issues and struggles and help you find the melody in your heart that God wants you to find in yourself.

Call Dede Looney for more information at (806)655-2851.

**Don't Forget your pledge of \$10 for the Conference Capital Campaign
 Build, Renew, Rejoice
 Sunday January 10th**

Newsletter DEADLINE

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

Wednesday Night Fellowship and Activities

Wednesday Night Fellowship Starts back up Wednesday January 13th
 Meal - 5:45-6:15 p.m.

Baked Potatoes and all the fixin's sponsored by Pathfinder's II money to go towards our local church renovation fund
 Kids Clubs - 6:15-7:30 PM.

Various Bible Studies for Adults are being offered.

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
Tyler Looney



FROM THE PASTOR

THE UNCHARTERED COURSE

As we begin our new year, 2010, I am mindful that the future hits us at times with such speed and force that our natural inclination can be to shrink back into our safe zones and not to try to even approximate the forward speed of the world around us.

For example, I am stuck in the cell phone age; I have not developed the desire nor mental energy to move to a Blackberry. I have never 'tweeted' nor have I ever gone to My Space or Facebook. But, believe me, the members of our youth group (and many of our adults too) know all about these things, and our ways of communicating need to take into account new media of sharing life together.

In my own defense, I do online banking and take advantage of other computer age advantages, and have done so for years...but in the area of interpersonal communication, technology has moved forward without me.

What does that say about ME...and what does it say about the church?

I think it says we need to continue to try to move ahead with the times. We need to keep within our minds the possibility that those coming after us will find newer and better ways to communicate, and newer and better ways to serve God and the world.

All that being said, human nature will always be human nature. God's grace will always be God's grace. The Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations will continue to meet human needs. Radical hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, risk-taking mission and service and extravagant generosity must always characterize our church.

But the vehicles by which all these get communicated will continue to change and develop.

Welcome to 2010! Welcome to our future! I invite you to join hands with me, understand my trepidation, and walk with me into our future together!

John



My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest – Exodus 33:14

Moses was perhaps the greatest Prophet and man who ever lived besides our Lord Jesus. He walked and talked with God in very intimate ways and knew God as a man knows his friend. All throughout the exodus and the wilderness wanderings, God spoke directly to Moses and Moses spent time in God's very presence. It was Moses that God revealed his name to, and it was Moses to whom God gave his Law. Through Moses, God led the people of Israel and provided for them. The relationship between Moses and God was one of intimacy and reciprocity.

Moses knew the necessity, the value, the delight of God's company, and he refused to move or to lead without God's presence. Moses says to the Lord, "If your presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here (Exod 33:15)." And God agrees and says, "My presence will go with you." The Hebrew actually says, "My face will go with you."

As you and I journey into a new year, does the face of God indeed go with us? Or are we travelling without the face of God? A face is an incredible thing. It can speak louder than a voice, more lovingly than a touch. God desires a face to face relationship with his people so we can see in his face what he wills for us, what pleases him and what brings him regret and sorrow.

In Jesus Christ we can see the face of God, revealed by the Holy Spirit. We are to live every day in such a way that we can sense his face and know his presence. Do not begin this year alone when you could be face to face with God himself.

Grace & Peace,
Manish

How Can We Help?

Kathy Tijerina, a lifelong member of the Canyon Community and a 4-year survivor of breast cancer has just been diagnosed with colon cancer. Due to her pre-existing medical history of cancer, she does not have medical insurance to help with the treatment needed to save her life. Kathy has 2 children Madison age 10 and Phillip age 15. Husband, Mike Tijerina, is a local business owner of an Allstate Insurance Agency.

A fund has been established at Happy State Bank in Canyon to help with the medical expenses of chemotherapy, radiation and surgery that Kathy will require to fight this devastating disease. Donations and prayers would be greatly appreciated by the family as they struggle through this difficult time. In addition, a meal schedule will be organized to help the family during the treatments and surgery. If interested, please call the contact listed below.

The Tijerina family would like to say "Thank You" to everyone who is supporting them through this and they vow to everyone to hold their heads up and fight this with a great attitude and the Lord's guidance.

For additional information call Leanna Tijerina at 236-8023.

New Members



Wesley & Cary Edwards joined the church by transfer of membership. Pictured with Wesley and Cary are Macki age 11, Brylee and Brenna age 4. Their address is 8251 Joy Lane Canyon, TX. Cary is a radiation therapist and Wesley is a Registered Nurse at BSA. Welcome to FUMC Canyon!



Don & Dee Cox joined the church by transfer of membership from Andrews, TX. Both Dee and Don are retired. Their address is PO Box 1263 Canyon. Welcome to FUMC Canyon!

Lay Leader/Worship Leader Opportunity

If you are interested in being a lay leader for the 10:45 Sanctuary service for 2010, please call Bill Rogers at 584-6952 or email him at bkrogers624@clearwire.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 January 10

8:30 Michael Noonan and Seth Rogers
10:45 Jared Miller and Mason Curry

UPCOMING DATES

Jan. 6 6:30 Kid's CLUB Leaders meeting
Jan. 13 6:15 Kid's CLUB Kick-off
Jan. 24 4:00-6:30 Acolyte Training
Jan. 31 Acolyte Recognition (10:45 Service)
Jan. 31 2:00-4:00 Club 56 Polar Bear Swim

REMEMBER TO INVITE A FRIEND!

Reminder!!

Don't Throw Away That Empty Ink Cartridge!

"New Year!"

Praying each family will make their New Year's resolution to spend more time with their family. Family is one of the greatest gifts that God gave us.

Happy New Year,
Lee Ann

Missing a coat or a Bible, you name it, it's there!

Please make sure to check the lost and found located on the west end of the building on the first floor.



Wow! Two weeks seems like forever ago! So much has happened in this time...between Christmas, a car wreck and a crazy lock-in! I wanted to report to you the success of F.U.M.Y.'s New Year lock in. We had over fifty youth show up and around ten of them were visitors (or at least kids I had not met). The youth were so respectful (prayers are being answered) and were able to have fun at the same time. We also had the wonderful opportunity of praising God into the new year...literally! We sang songs together and worshiped our Creator acknowledging our desire to truly make Him the better part of our lives in 2010. I am so amazed at how God is working in our young people's lives and I can not wait to see what He is going to do in 2010! I am equally impressed with the willingness of all the adults whom are willing to be vessels for God to reach these youth. These adults are such blessings...thank you for your help! To my Church family...thank you for your continued support and prayers!

Tyler L.

This is Love FUMC Women's Retreat

Join us February 12th and 13th aboard the cruise ship *Trueworth* for a very special journey meant just for you. Refresh your soul in three special ports of call:

- 1 The stunning city of Primari Amorous, where we will explore the eternal truth that God is Love.
- 2 The Breathtaking seaside estate of King Agapao, where we will dine with the Lord of Love and find that our identities rest in Him.
- 3 The awe-inspiring Mount Ammi, where we will encounter what God's love means for the world and be motivated to share in God's plan.

Also, indulge in a consultation with a personal beauty assistant for a little special pampering!

For more information contact Dede Looney at 655-2851 or dlooney212@firstchurchcanyon.com

First Look

1 year old - 4 year old

Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Key Question: Who loves God?

Bottom Line: I love God.

Memory Verse: "Love God with all your heart." Matthew 22:37

Jan. 10 "Jesus taught us to love God"

The Two Greatest Commandments > Matthew 22:34-40

252 Basics

Kindergarten - 6th Grade

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

January: "252 Basics" Discipline: Doing what you need to do now so you can grow stronger.

Memory Verse: "Training the body has some value. But being godly has value in every way. It promises help for the life you are now living and the life to come." 1 Timothy 4:8

Jan. 10 "Take It In" (Jesus tempted in the wilderness)

Matthew 4:1-11

Bottom Line: If you want to know God better, remember His words