

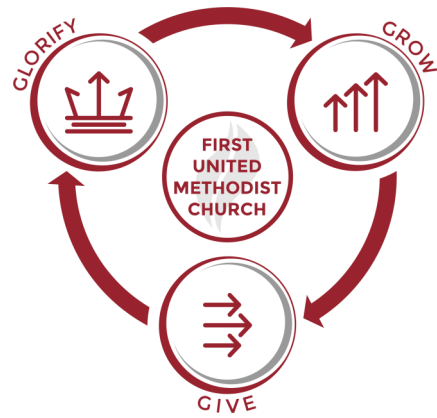
By the Numbers

Attendance and Finances

For February, we averaged 196 in the 8:30 Traditional, 111 in the 10:50 Traditional, and 139 in the 10:50 Modern. Overall, we averaged 446 worshipers per Sunday compared to 455 in 2018.

Our finances as of February 28, 2019:

Income - \$171,574 Expenses - \$168,596.



Joys and Concerns

HEALTH CONCERNS Tom Woodard, Roger Yoakum, Ferne Hefner's daughter Johnnie, Elmer Oberst, Jerry Woods, Kelli Marr, Emberlyn Gerber, LaRue Barnard, Tina Stewart, Lynette Jalufka, Delissa DeLong, Brooke Barnes, Joe Lombard, Walter King, Virginia Mussman, Janet Ingham

IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY: the family of Bob Byrd, the family of Thom Hicks, family of the lineman that lost his life during recent repairs due to the high winds

JOY & CONCERNS: Kristin & Carson Gerber welcomed a baby girl, Emberlyn, Audra & Cole Nuckols welcomed a baby girl Charleigh, great post-op visit for Judah Asbill, Susan Hester on the road to recovery, Pancho Ybarra's PET scan and spinal fluid are clear, Addison Tinsley & team mate placing 1st at the State Robotics Competition

ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS: Dylan Brown, Shelly Gross, Dick Elliott, Lou Ann Barnhart, Betty Hill, Carolyn Mason, Beth Sanchez, Judy Gilliam, Kimberly Conrad, Kathy Noel, Keith & Dorinda McCormack, Terry Gamblin, Betty Ketchersid, Merrell Winstead, Martin Mordecai, Waylon Malone, T.K. Baker, Erin Green, Priscilla Delatte, Christie Wilhite, Brandi Sustaire, Bobby Altman, Kason Gabbard, Alisann Smookler, Addi Martinez, Lynn Guy, Thelma Fulton, Kelli Marr, Becca Hill, Clois Rowland, Carol Turner, Karen Dillehay, Rachel Stockstill, Rachel Musgrave, Hunsley Strickland, Earl Blair, Arline Rugger, Maxine Sherrod, Terri Gill, Annette Lippold, Pancho Ybarra

ADDITIONAL INTERCESSORY PRAYERS: President Trump and our country's leaders, Costa Rica Team, Backyard Missions, War-torn Countries, the economy, our policeman and firemen, those in the military, unchurched men, women and children and the Wesley Foundation. *Please email fumcprayer@gmail.com or call 806-655-2851 with all prayer requests, joys, concerns or updates. If you have requested someone be added to the Ongoing Prayer Concerns, please update us on that person occasionally; especially if that person needs to be removed from the list.*

CHURCH STAFF

SENIOR PASTOR.....	Rev. Rick Enns
ASSOCIATE PASTOR/YOUTH MINISTER.....	Charlie Keys
PASTORAL CARE.....	Angela Asbill
SOCIAL MEDIA.....	Roman Asbill
YOUTH ASSISTANT.....	Kayla Irlbeck
YOUTH INTERN	Stephen Williams
YOUTH INTERN.....	Carolyn Castro
YOUTH INTERN.....	Ramon Mendoza
CHILDREN'S MINISTER.....	Kim Hopson
CHILDREN'S INTERN	Danielle Rice
CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR.....	Scott Dillard
FINANCE MANAGER.....	Christi Ybarra
MUSIC DIRECTOR.....	Melanie Brooks
ORGANIST.....	Cameron McMinn
ACCOMPANIST.....	B.J. Brooks
MODERN WORSHIP MINISTER.....	Jason Lester
KITCHEN COORDINATOR.....	Charlotte Wilson
SENIOR PASTOR ASSISTANT	Sarah Tirey
IHH CHILD DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR.....	Brenda Shepherd



1818 4th Ave
Canyon, TX 79015

Return Service Requested

Non-Profit Org.
US Postage
PAID
Canyon, TX
Permit No. 130

Traditional Worship 8:30 & 10:50 a.m. Modern Worship 10:50 Sunday School Hour 9:40

April 2019

THE NEWS *from* FUMC CANYON

The Official Newsletter of First United Methodist Church, Canyon, Texas

phone: 806 655-2851 • web: www.firstchurchcanyon.com • prayer request email: fumcprayer@gmail.com

A Note From the Pastor

Walking with Jesus

During this season of Lent we have been walking with Jesus through the gospel of Luke. It's not always easy to walk where Jesus walked. Sometimes he takes us places that are difficult. It challenges our trust and faith. During those times, it is important to meditate on the promises of God to remind us of his presence with us. Promises like, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want... Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me." Or from our gospel in Luke we see the words of Jesus as he speaks about how God takes care of his creation and of us, "Do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows."

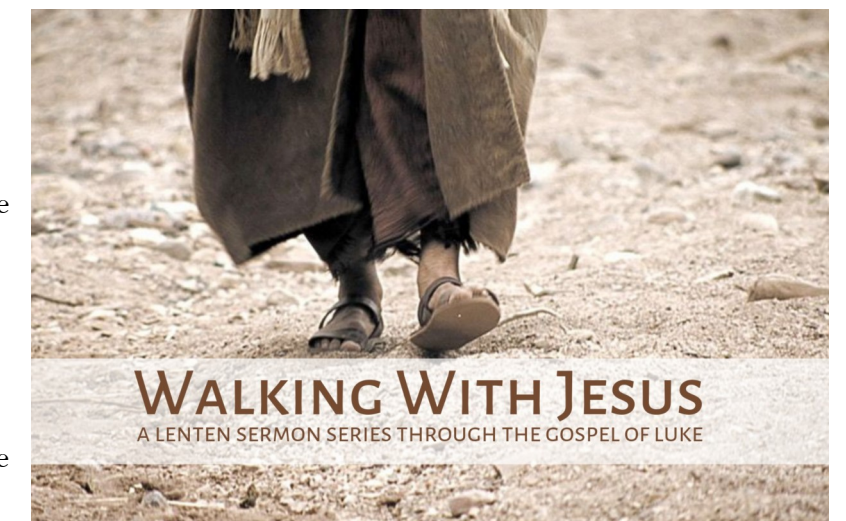
As we continue to walk out our faith, I pray that you make a special effort to be in church each Sunday in Lent. Starting next Sunday, March 31, we will look at Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem his final week on earth before the cross. On this "Palm Sunday" we will walk the road of rejoicing with the Messiah. Then on Sunday, April 7 we will share communion together as we join Jesus in his last Passover meal with the disciples. On Sunday, April 14, the Sunday before Easter, we will walk the road to Golgotha as Jesus is led to the cross. We will witness his passion and love for us.

Then on Easter Sunday, we will all rejoice as we walk out of the grave into the light of resurrection. Easter is always such a powerful day! That morning we will have our normal worship hours, 8:30 & 10:50 traditional in the Sanctuary and 10:50 modern in the Fellowship Hall. We will not have Sunday school that morning, but invite you to linger in the Parlor or Fellowship Hall for snacks and time together with friends and family.

It is a joy to be your pastor and to worship with you each week. May you feel God's presence and be reminded of God's love for you today and every day!

In Christ,

Rick Enns
revrick@firstchurchcanyon.com



Thank You Notes

Thank you for your continued hospitality and blessing the teachers at Canyon Intermediate.
CIS Staff

Thank you for the note and visits—I am improving each day and lots of exercises required!
Sincerely,
Jo Jackson

Dear Canyon FUMC.,
Thank you for allowing us to sell HoeDown tickets at your services. We are so grateful for your support and partnership.
Thank you for being so generous to us. We love and appreciate you.
Sincerely,
The Wesley Staff

Upcoming Events

LOST & FOUND

Please stop by the Lost & Found cart in Fellowship Hall kitchen and see if any of these items might belong to you.

ONCE A MONTH BAKING

We spend a day together in the kitchen with fun, fellowship, and filling the freezer with baked goodies to use for our Sunday mornings hospitality. If you would like to join us on one of our Once A Month Baking days, please e-mail kitchen coordinator Charlotte Wilson at usdkwilson@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Our next baking day is April 13th.

COME JOIN US FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP MEALS!

5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

\$3 per individual

\$10 per family

Everyone is welcome!

March 27th

Mexican Pile-on and Sopapilla Cheesecake

April 3rd

Jalapeno Popper Chicken Casserole

Mixed salad

Raspberry Pretzel Cake

April 10th - LAST MEAL THIS SEASON

Copycat In-N-Out Burgers, Curly Fries Ice Cream

YOUTH MINISTRY MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

Our students will be traveling to Service Over Self in Memphis, TN June 1-9. We currently have an envelope fundraiser in the parlor and fellowship hall to raise funds for the trip. Simply take an envelope marked with the amount you would like to donate, place the funds in the envelope and return the envelope or drop it off at the church office. For questions contact Charlie Keys or Kayla Irlbeck.

INTERESTED IN JOINING? BAPTISM?

We are having an informational meeting on Sunday, April 14, from 6:00-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner and snacks will be provided. Then we will have a membership Sunday on April 28th where all will join together.

SERVE TEAM

The FUMC Serve Team is a new opportunity to help ensure that guests feel welcome and that the church is prepared on special Sundays and events. If you are interested in joining the Serve Team, email Charlie Keys at ckkeys@firstchurchcanyon.com

EMPTY BOWLS FUNDRAISER

Empty Bowls was started by a high school teacher in Michigan in 1990 as a high school student project to help feed the needy and has grown into an international phenomenon. There are hundreds of Empty Bowls projects around the world, raising millions of dollars to feed the hungry and combat food insecurity.

For every \$10-15 donation, the donor gets to keep a bowl of his or her choice and enjoy a simple meal of soup, dessert, and tea, served at a hosting facility (usually a church refectory). A silent auction of donated items also takes place as another means of raising money. Participants can drop in/eat anytime. 100% of proceeds go to a local organization combatting hunger and/or poverty. We hope to sell 500 bowls (many of which will be made from clay dug here in Randall and Potter County) and raise \$5,000.

Tuesday, April 23 a lunch from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm, and a dinner from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm - \$10-\$15 donation accepted at the door.

PHI MU ALPHA RECITAL

Recital will be held at the FUMC Canyon Sanctuary on Monday, April 29 at 7:30 p.m. with a sneak preview in worship on Sunday, April 28. Each of you are invited to come and listen.

Ministry Spotlight—Merge Retreat

written by Kim Hopson

To MERGE is to blend or cause to blend gradually into something else so as to become indistinguishable from original. Merging is what we attempt to do each year when we venture out with our 6th graders and our Z team members to Colorado. Our goal is to merge the 6th graders in children's ministry with youth ministry making a seamless body in youth ready to serve Jesus Christ. The reason behind the goal is to build relationships between the 6th graders and members of the youth eliminating the awkwardness of moving to youth without an experienced friend. Merging personalities is a challenge and this year is no different.



I don't ever attempt this alone. This year my leadership team included Charlie, Kayla Irlbeck, Carolyn Castro, Suzy Buck, Ramon Mendoza, Bethany Person, myself, and Z Team members Lane Miller and Katy Noel. Together we lead these kids through lessons on GRACE, God the Father, God the Holy Spirit, and Lecto Divina. Through worship and study, through getting away from daily norms, God allows us to share experiences and draw closer to HIM and to each other.

As I said, merging personalities is a challenging task. Once the kids learned that life goes on without a video game controller or a phone in their hands, they began to experience life together. They learned they can talk and play and get to know each other even though they approach life very differently. There were hard moments, I'm not gonna lie, but leading kids through brand new experiences is AMAZING.

This year we had the privilege of receiving a guided tour through the Creede Mining Museum by a man who has spent most of his life working in mines. They learned the importance of trusting those you walk through life with. I believe it is safe to say these kids do not have a future in mining. HA! Watching kids play in big snow for the first time is exhilarating and exhausting all at the same time. Being cold has no meaning til they are experiencing

being wet and cold and emotions go wild. When the kids grasp what it means to be properly prepared, activities go more smoothly and it trickles over into our lessons and study times. Watching light bulb moments are the best, whether it is joy of a new experience (snowshoeing a frozen river, sledding, seeing a mountain) or finding a truth you know without a shadow of a doubt comes from God

(happens through lecto divina, a way to study and meditate scripture). God works and is molding the futures of these young lives.

This year held many more challenges than previous years. I don't have enough words or paper to give the details of the extraordinary circumstances and bonding we experienced. I will tell you we left South Fork, Colorado more than a MERGED group. We left a strong family with a faithful

FATHER. Don't for one second think this is a serious only weekend. We have stories for days and laughed so hard we cried. Living life together is God's design for HIS children.



Team Meetings & Announcements

SPRC Meeting:

Monday, April 8 at 6p.m.—Church Library

Finance Committee:

Monday, April 15 at 6 p.m.—Room #113

Trustee Committee:

Monday, April 22 at 6 p.m.—Room #113

Church Office Closed:

Friday, April 19 and Monday, April 22. Have a very Happy Easter season.

Good Friday Service

Friday, April 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Easter Service

8:30 Traditional, 10:50 Traditional
10:50 Modern

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

We invite you to linger around with family and friends in the Fellowship Hall or Parlor for Sunday morning snacks.

Easter Lily Sales

The Ruth Ann Brillhart Circle is selling Easter Lilies on Sunday April 7 & 14. The lilies are \$15.00 and all proceeds go to missions. The United Methodist Women work hard to raise funds for those women and children that are struggling locally, nationally and worldwide. For more information contact a United Methodist Women member or come by the church office.