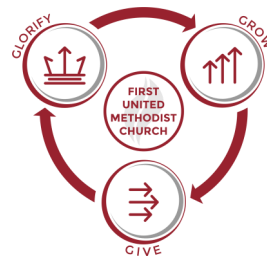


# By the Numbers

- 2017—201 First Time Guests
- 2017—107 Second Time Guests
- Our average worship attendance for March 2018 was 430. In March 2017 our average attendance was 368. On Palm Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, we had 549 worshippers in attendance which is the largest non-Easter or Christmas crowd we have had in the last 10 years.
- YTD, we are averaging 196 in the 8:30 Traditional, 116 in the 10:50 Traditional, and 125 in the 10:50 Modern. Overall, we are averaging 446 worshippers per Sunday compared to 402 a year ago.
- Our finances as of February 2018:  
Income – \$161,832, Expenses – \$161,979.
- YTD, we have had 56 first time guests in 2018.



Dear Friends in Christ,

You may or may not have heard that Joe and I have agreed to work on a mission trip in Uganda next month. Trust me when I say this is stretching our faith! Neither of us had a vision of visiting much less working for Christ in Africa.

I would like to share a little about the purpose and calling of our trip. We have been invited to lead a two day spiritual retreat in a women's prison, where we will be able to share Jesus and will be able to share in communion and baptism with these ladies. Please pray for the details of the talks, worship and for the ladies' hearts to be softened to hear Him. There has been an influx of women in the prison from prostitution stings...sometimes the only way a woman can figure out how to make money to feed her children.

In Uganda when a mother goes to prison it is such a bad mark on the family that oftentimes the relatives do not care for her children (due to the view of women in this country, it is likely that she had already been discarded by the father of her children). A mission team from Amarillo discovered this about 8 years ago and were instrumental in establishing a boarding school for these abandoned children. The Board of this mission, Partners in Hope, is comprised of local people! There are over 100 children living in the Boarding school. We will spend a couple of days with the children and will be able to take the children to visit their mother in prison, something they only get to do three times a year.

The remaining days of the mission trip will be spent on family tracing. If the children are being cared for by family we will deliver a message from their mother, if the children have been abandoned, we will attempt to get them enrolled in the Boarding school (the school makes room for however many children need them...stretching their resources dramatically).

We covet your prayers for all aspects of this trip. We have our shots, malaria prevention drugs and are working on our talks. We will, of course, pay for our own ministry expenses; our team is hoping to raise sufficient money to provide a playground for the school. All kids need a place to play and the school must have a playground to finish the accreditation process. If you feel lead to make a tax deductible donation to this project, checks should be made out to Partners in Hope and sent to us at 5411 Pondaseta Rd. Canyon, Texas. We will need to raise \$7000 to complete this, some very generous donors have put us halfway to that goal!!

We cherish your friendship!  
Jane and Joe King

# Joys and Concerns

**HEALTH CONCERNS:** Hunsley Strickland, Ed Smith, Darla Nickell, Bette Jalufka, Kingston Marr, Melissa White, Niki Dillard's father, Clois Rowland, Randall High Student Katherine

**IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:** the Hawkins family on the death of Dean Hawkins, the Rogers family (Bill & Kathy) on the death of Kathy's sister Janet Avant, the family of Benjamin Thomas, Steve Lewis & family on the loss of his mother Yvonne, the family of Viola Smart, the family of Sarah Tucker

**JOY & CONCERNS:** Pray for Rain—Rain—Rain—RAIN, firefighters and first responders, wild fires around the panhandle, Kristina Kinnaman and family on moving, funding of the Veterinary Education Program at WTAMU, Lisa Kelch-mission trip, Jonathan & Cheyanne Hartman on the birth of their baby boy Edison Lee, Cole & Courtney Thurman on the birth of their baby boy—Rhone Kerrick, Seth Rogers, travel mercies for the DeGroot family and pray for a good report for 1 year followup

**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 Sustaie, Bobby Altman, Kingston Marr, Kason Gabbard, Alisann Smookler, Addi Martinez, Virginia Tovar, Lynn Guy, Kelli Marr, Becca Hill, Clois Rowland, Carol Turner, Rachel Stockstill, Rachel Musgrave, Kenneth Schlabs, Jack Gaby, Hunsley Strickland

**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](mailto: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.* Please email [fumcprayer@gmail.com](mailto: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
PASTORAL CARE.....	Angela Asbill
LAY MINISTER.....	Roman Asbill
YOUTH AND DISCIPLESHIP MINISTER.....	Charlie Keys
YOUTH ASSISTANT.....	Kayla Irlbeck
YOUTH INTERN.....	Stephen Williams
YOUTH INTERN.....	Carolyn Castro
CHILDREN'S MINISTER.....	Kim Hopson
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



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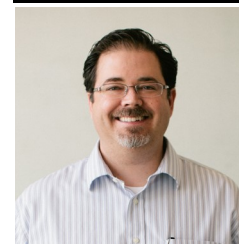
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# THE NEWS *from* FUMC CANYON

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## A Note From the Pastor



I recently went to a conference in Dallas on *Worship, Leadership and Church*. It was led by Kennon Callahan. I was first introduced to Dr. Callahan over 20 years ago when I was certified as a church business administrator at Chandler School of Theology in Atlanta, Georgia. Now in his eighties, he is still a vibrant leader and thinker in the church. In fact, I think he's written over 20 books over his career. The one that has had the most influence on me is *Twelve Keys to Effective Church Growth*.

As Dr. Callahan was speaking on leadership he said something that especially struck me. "Feel free to live your life at a pace you are comfortable with. Your pace is your peace." I wonder how many of us live a life at a pace that we are comfortable with?

Often we feel out of control when it comes to our schedules and our lives. Demands from work, home, family, friends, etc. pull at us in a thousand different directions. Are we trying to do too much? If it doesn't bring us peace, then maybe we should reevaluate our lives. Now of course our schedules are not always under our control, but we can control many things that creep into our lives. We have a hard time setting appropriate boundaries and taking time to slow down and rest.

Our upcoming sermon series is going to be addressing some of these issues – *Adjusting the Volume: Hearing God When Life Gets Loud!* We will be looking at several of the spiritual disciplines that help us in our daily walk of life – scripture, prayer, meditation, wise counsel, Sabbath and slowing down. I think it's appropriate that we will be ending the series talking about Sabbath and slowing down. It has always fascinated me that my tendency when I get stressed or out-of-sync, is to ignore the spiritual disciplines and go it on my own strength. My prayer is that I live out of the grace that God has given me.

How about you? Do you feel that your pace of life is out of whack? Feel free to live your life at a pace that you are comfortable with. I look forward to seeing you on Sunday.

In Christ,

Rick Enns  
Sr. Pastor  
[revrick@firstchurchcanyon.com](mailto:revrick@firstchurchcanyon.com)



## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

- Wednesday, March 28 - NO WNF Meal, NO ACTIVITES
- Maundy Thursday, March 29, 6:00-8:00 pm - Come & Go Communion - Sanctuary.
- Good Friday Worship Service, Friday, March 30, 6:00 pm - Sanctuary.
- Church Office and church will be closed Friday, March 30 and Monday, April 2.

## EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 8:30 & 10:50 Traditional Worship - Sanctuary.
- 10:50 Modern Worship - Fellowship Hall.
- No Sunday School.
- We will not have a brunch this year. However, coffee and snacks will be available in the parlor between services.

# Upcoming Events



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP MEALS

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

\$3 per individual, \$10 per family  
Everyone is welcome!

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### March 28th

*Holy Week - no fellowship meal*

### April 4th

Chicken Fettuccine Alfredo, Tuscan Salad  
Garlic Bread, Monkey Bars

### April 11th

Sloppy Joes, French Fries, Orange  
Creamsicle Cake

### April 18th

Chicken Fajitas, Chips & Salsa, Sopapilla  
Cheesecake

### April 25 (last WNFM for this season)

Mississippi Roast Sliders, BBQ Chips,  
Pickle Spears, Strawberry Shortcake

## 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.

Upcoming baking days: Saturday, April 7th and Thursday, May 3rd



*The Amazing  
Chemistry Show  
Coming  
Wednesday,  
April 25, at 6:00 pm.  
Invite your friends and  
bring the whole family.*

## Welcome New Members



On November 19, 2017, Brent and Aida Jones joined our church by transfer of membership from Amarillo Primitive Baptist Church and Our Lady of Loreto Catholic Church. Brent and Aida both work at Pantex. Welcome to FUMC Brent and Aida.



On November 12, 2017, David and Suzanne Wheeler joined our church by transfer of membership from Faith United Methodist Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma. David is a lawyer and Suzanne is a wealth advisor with Mariner Wealth. Welcome to FUMC David and Suzanne.

# Ministry Spotlight—Youth & Children Interns written by Nola Hopkins

“Our official job title is whatever Charlie asks us to do,” according to FUMC interns Carolyn Castro and Stephen Williams.

The two work with the junior high/senior high youth program under director Charlie Keys and assistant director Kayla Irlbeck. A big part of that work is building relationships with the 35-40 students on Wednesday and Sunday nights.

The interns help set up and prepare for Wednesday night worship meetings that Keys leads, but before the meetings start, they interact with the youth by talking with them during dinner in Fellowship Hall. Worship starts in the basement at 6:15. After Keys’ sermon, the interns “hang out, play games, listen, and pray.”

The teens meet in age groups on Sunday nights from 6-7:30. Williams leads the junior high boys’ group, and Castro leads the high school girls.

Irlbeck, who has Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in youth ministry oversees the Sunday night small groups.

Williams said the emphasis on Sunday nights is to build relationships in a “fun and safe environment so they can be themselves.”

Castro said the girls’ talk about their weeks and stresses with high school and family. It’s a safe place to share what they need to share.”

Once a month the Sunday groups combine for community time to do a group activity, usually something mission-oriented. They recently cleaned and organized baby clothes at the CareNet Pregnancy Center in Amarillo.

Several up-coming events will keep the interns and directors busy.

They will take students to the Wesley Foundation at WTAMU for “Off-Campus, On-Campus” April 11. Canyon FUMC students will combine with Happy and Kingswood (Amarillo) FUMC youth to worship and to listen to a WT student give a sermon.

The SOS Mission trip to Memphis, TN, to roof houses will be June 2-10. Students raised \$1,400 with their envelope wall in February and will hold a burrito sale in April to help with expenses.

“It’s an eye-opening experience,” Williams said. “They get to experience that they can do a lot more than they think they can.” For many, it will be their first time to use power tools.

“They gain a lot of humility and insight in what it is like to serve and be served on a mission field,” Williams added.

Although it will be Castro’s first SOS trip, it is not her first mission trip. She spent three months in New Zealand in discipleship school with YWAM (Youth with a Mission) learning about injustices in the world such as human trafficking, poverty, and child soldiers. She then spent two and a half weeks in Cambodia and the same time in Thailand focused on those issues.”

“It gives me a different mindset of how the world is different outside of here and helps me to share that with the kids,” she said.

The interns will attend Camp NOVA at Ceta Canyon with the youth July 23-27. Some 400 youth are expected at the camp that

Keys will lead. Williams estimated that 20 FUMC will go.

Castro, a graduate of Post High School and of WT, “found my faith through the Wesley Foundation.” She majored in public administration

at WT and is on mission staff at the Wesley Foundation.

As an intern, Castro wants to create “a safe place for students to be able to talk and to lead them closer to Christ.”

Williams graduated from Canyon High School and is a senior majoring in criminal justice at WT. He hopes to be hired by the Amarillo Police Department after he graduates.

He sees his job as an intern is to “interact with the students and be a positive role model.”



*Pictured left to right: Kayla Irlbeck, Carolyn Castro, Danielle Rice, Stephen Williams*

Both said that balancing their lives with school, work, and youth group activities is their biggest challenge.

“There’s no challenge with the kids,” Williams said. “They are good kids; they are a fun group to be with.”

What is their greatest joy in working with teenagers? “I enjoy getting to know each of these kids and to be able to pour into them and laugh with them,” Castro said.

Humor is also important to Williams. “I like to use humor and make people have fun – having fun with all the youth kids,” he said. “I love it here.”

“We are blessed to have such an incredible relationship with the Wesley,” Keys said. “They (the interns) are fully invested in helping the students grow in godliness. It’s not just an internship for them. It’s seven days a week, 24 hours a day for them.”

Danielle Rice serves as an intern under children’s minister Kim Hopson. “She keeps me on my toes,” Rice said of Hopson. Her duties include helping Hopson clean after Sunday’s lessons and help prepare the next Sunday’s and Wednesday’s lessons. She also plans the Children’s Time for Sunday services.

Rice also helps with special events such as the children’s walk on Palm Sunday, the play area at the back-to-school tailgate party, and the children’s Christmas program.

Instead of holding Vacation Bible School this summer, the Children’s Ministry will host a free family-friendly night of hands-on science April 25 from 6-7 p.m. and then “The Amazing Chemistry Show” from 7-8 p.m. Rice will help Hopson prepare for the event that is open to the community.

Before becoming an intern, Rice worked in the nursery. She also volunteered in the Sunday School class that she now teaches. Her mother, Darla Rice, assists her.

“On Wednesday nights the roles are reversed, and I’m the boss for the night,” Rice said.

“I just developed a passion for teaching kids about Jesus,” Rice said. She chose working with the younger children because “I have always loved little kids. I have three little sisters. Watching them (children) grow and develop their relationship with the Lord is amazing.”

Rice is a nursing major at WT. She would like to work in hospice care.

“Danielle is my right-hand woman who is following her heart and doing what she loves with the great gifts God has given her,” Hopson said.

## Team Meetings & Announcements

### UMW Book Review:

Thursday, April 5, 9:30 am,  
Church Library

### SPRC Meeting:

Monday, April 9,  
6:00 pm, Church Library

### Finance Committee:

Monday, April 16, 6:00 pm,  
Rm #113

### Trustees Meeting:

Monday, April 23, 6:00 pm,  
Rm #113

### Choir Practice:

Wednesday nights @ 7:30

### Church Office Closed:

Good Friday, March 30  
Monday, April 2

## Thank You Notes

### FUMC & Bereavement Team,

Thank you so very much to everyone who helped with the luncheon at the church for our family on the day of Dean’s service. It was a wonderful meal and we truly appreciate all of the work that went into proving it. With love, The Hawkins family

On behalf of my family I would like to thank you the church (the collective body of believers) for opening your hearts to my family and friends in our time of loss. I am privileged to be a part of this church.  
Ken Smart