

By the Numbers

Attendance and Finances

For the year, we are averaged 193 in the 8:30 Traditional, 112 in the 10:50 Traditional, and 126 in the 10:50 Modern. Overall, we are averaged 432 worshipers per Sunday compared to 403 in 2017. Our finances as of December 31, 2018: Income - \$1,039,991, Expenses - \$1,017,991.

Thank You Notes

Thank you congregation

The United Methodist Women want to thank all of you for your continued support of our mission projects. We were able to distribute \$12,700 by Dec. 31, 2018 to our local, national and international missions. It is overwhelming to know how we, the church, can help so many people. With 2019 being the national United Methodist Women's 150th anniversary, we will be celebrating the lives and history of women in the Methodist church. We will continue to support our projects for years to come.

The Leadership Team of the United Methodist Women

Our family would like to say a big THANK YOU to the Backyard Missions and special thanks to Shawn and Calvin Burns, Dave Thurman and Joe Young for the beautiful ramp they added to my mom's house right before Christmas! It is truly a work of art and it took a lot of work to design, build and install. We are truly grateful.

Scott and Vickie Robinson
Lucille Robinson

Dear FUMC Canyon Family,
We are overwhelmed by your generosity. Because of your willingness to step forward and be the hands and feet of Jesus, the 2018 Angel Tree Ministry of FUMC Canyon served 180 children from 70 families in Canyon. THANK YOU to all who were involved and volunteered in so many different ways. With humble hearts,
The UMW Francie Pittman Circle

Thank you for the recent donation of \$2,500 for the WT Wesley Foundation. You continually bless us and we are thankful to have you as partners in ministry. The Wesley Staff

Thank you for the soups and many things you do for the staff at Canyon Intermediate. We are blessed to have your church family praying for and blessing us. Canyon Intermediate Staff

Joys and Concerns

HEALTH CONCERNS Dain (brother of Shannon McNew), Sean Curry, McGuire family, Kathy Rogers mother, Bryn Rader, Isaac Medellin, Bright—student of Jamee Bye, Everet Kennemer, Lester North (father of Rosemary Smith), Cortni Hudspeth and new baby, Elmer Oberst, Ben Allen

IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY: Dana Friel and family on the passing of her father

JOY & CONCERNS: safe travel for Dan Bonds, Garrett Simpson awarded firefighter of the year in Canyon, troops in Afghanistan and Iraq

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, 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 INTERNStephen 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



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

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THE NEWS *from* FUMC CANYON

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A Note From the Pastor

Reflecting back on 2018, it's amazing to see where God has taken us as a church. And as we look forward to the year, I want to remind us all again of our mission and calling – the reason we exist as a body of Christ. It's important that we constantly remind ourselves of the mission and calling that God has placed on us. Otherwise, we find ourselves traveling down paths that should not be trod. Without a laser focus on our mission and calling, then we will not fulfil the plans of God.

Our mission. Our mission is taken from the words of Jesus himself in Matthew 28. It's after the resurrection and Jesus is directing his disciples before he is taken up into heaven. Jesus, along with the 11 disciples are on a mountain in the Galilean hills and these are His last recorded words. Jesus starts by saying, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me" (28:18). ALL AUTHORITY. As the body of Christ, we take our authority from Jesus. We are called to do what he tells us to do. Jesus then spells out our mission. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." There are our marching orders.

We have taken the core of Jesus' words and made them our mission. It's not just FUMC Canyon's mission, but also the mission of the United Methodist Church as a whole. Here it is:

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

If you haven't memorized this mission statement, then I encourage you to do so. How can we fulfill our mission if our members don't know what it is?

Our calling. Our calling is the expressed way in which

we are called to fulfill our mission. It is a simple statement that urges us to continually take next steps in order to grow as disciples that make disciples. Here it is:

Glorify God in worship,

Grow in likeness of Jesus,

Give our lives in love of Jesus.

You'll notice the 3 "G's" of the statement – glorify, grow, give. These are intentional statements of our calling in God. We believe that to be a disciple requires these 3 primary elements.

Glorify: We are called to gather together in worship to glorify God. You can't be a part of the body of Christ if you don't gather with God's people to worship God. I pray it is your habit to be in worship each week.

Grow: We are called to grow in likeness of Jesus. There are many ways to do this, but our primary focus is that each member is a part of one of our Grow Groups. From the beginning of the Methodist Church in the 1800's we have seen that discipleship happens best in small groups of people gathering together for accountability, study and community. Are you are part of one of our groups? If not, this should be your next step in your calling. Growing also involves the spiritual disciplines of Bible study, prayer, fasting, mediation, etc.

Give: Our giving involves all of our life. It's more than giving money or time. (But it absolutely involves giving our money and time!) It is living into the mission of making disciples. It is the reminder that our lives are lived for a purpose. Our salvation in Jesus calls us to share that gift with the world, in order to transform the world. As we give our money, our time, our witness, our life, then we get to participate in transformation. - continued on page 3

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.

Upcoming baking days:
February 8th
March 7th

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!

January 30th

Stuffed Cabbage Casserole, Dinner Rolls & Butter, Peanut Butter Cake

February 6th

French Onion Chicken Casserole, Mixed Salad, Cherry Pie Bars

February 13th

Chicken Fried Rice, Veggie Sticks & Ranch, Hello Dolly Bars

February 20th

Chicken & Waffles, Mocha Poke Cake

February 27th

Trio of Sliders (Cuban, Monte Cristo, Pepperoni), Shirley Temple Cherry Bundt Cake

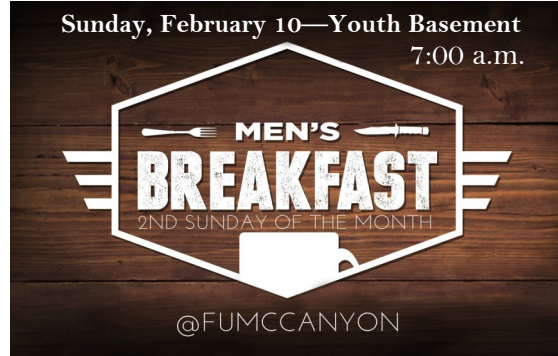


DADDY DAUGHTER CANDYLAND DANCE
FEB 9, 2019
DINNER 6:00-6:45PM DANCING UNTIL 9:00PM
\$30/Dad - Advance \$35/Dad - At the Door

Daddy Daughter Dinner Dance
Candyland Theme
Fellowship Hall—tickets available on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings or in the church office.

MERGE Retreat

Our annual confirmation MERGE retreat is right around the corner. Charlie, interns, Z-team members and I will be travelling to the snowy mountains of Colorado February 15-18 to unwind, unplug, have fun, fellowship, and worship all so relationships with Christ can be nurtured and discoveries can be made. Please begin praying for safe travels and that God pulls at the hearts of our young ones and that they feel HIM and desire to know HIM at a deeper understanding. *Confirmation is offered to 6th graders. Confirmation is a journey of self-discovery, Methodist history lessons, why we believe what we believe, and why is it all important to ME (YOU, US). If you would like more information, please meet with me. This is not a closed group, we would love for you to join us and learn.



Sunday, February 10—Youth Basement 7:00 a.m.
MEN'S BREAKFAST
2ND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
@FUMCCANYON



World Vision 30 HOUR FAMINE

The youth at FUMC Canyon will be participating in a 30 hour feminine this weekend beginning Friday evening and going through Saturday evening. Please be praying for the youth. If you like to support them you may log on to the this website and donate to this cause https://www.30hourfamine.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.team&teamID=21014&fbclid=IwAR3QrH6Wd_uW8GkStyGw07OVTG1CM6rfoyx_8sjaWvBK1wwt1Bp5h7-D-S8. Donate today and support the youth in their journey to changing lives.

iPads Needed for the Church

Do you have a gently used iPad you are not using any longer or one that you seldomly use? The church is looking for a couple of gently used iPads to use with the church software for taking attendance. If you have one you would like to donate to the church please drop off at the church office.

Pastor's Article Continued

It's fairly simple to fulfil this calling. I say it this way, "I want you in worship, I want you in a group, and I want you serving in some capacity." That's step 1. Beyond that, God calls each of us in different ways to make "next steps" in discipleship. What is your next step? I would encourage you to also memorize our calling statement.

It's no secret that God has been active in the life of our church this past year. I constantly hear stories of God's work in our lives that blow me away. Since I'm a numbers guy, let me give you some stats. And I remind you that these numbers are not because of you or me, but because of God's faithfulness and his blessing on us. Why has God blessed us? I don't know. But as I reflect on so many of you who are actively living out God's mission and calling in our lives, it has to be because He sees your good works and your faithful prayers.

We averaged 432 worshipers in 2018 versus 403 in 2017. This represents a 7.2% increase. That is amazing growth. Our 2 Traditional Services averaged a total of 305 in worship (4.8% increase) and our Modern Service averaged 126 (13.5% increase). Our top 5 attended services for the past 10 years all occurred in 2018 and for 7 Sundays in 2018 we had at least 500 in worship.

We also were blessed to have many new guests in 2018 come to worship. We had a total of 190 first time guests in 2018. We love first time guests and do everything we can to help them feel at home. AND we had 110 second time guests. Those are the numbers that really excite me. People will check out a church for various reasons, but for them to come back a second time is an exciting win for any church.

Financially we ended the year in the black as well. In fact, this was the best year financially that we have had since I've been here. We paid 100% of our Shared Ministries (Apportionments) for the year in addition to all of the money we raised for missions outside of budget. Further, our pledged giving for 2019 is up from last year by over \$35,000. Thank you for your generous giving!

Also in 2018 we had 30 people join on profession of faith and baptized 22 people. These are the numbers that most excite me. People that have come to Christ for the first time and joined the church.

As I reflect back on 2018, I am more excited about what God has in store for us in 2019. Will you join me in praying for the church and asking God to expand our ministry for the Kingdom? I look forward to seeing you on Sunday.

In Christ,

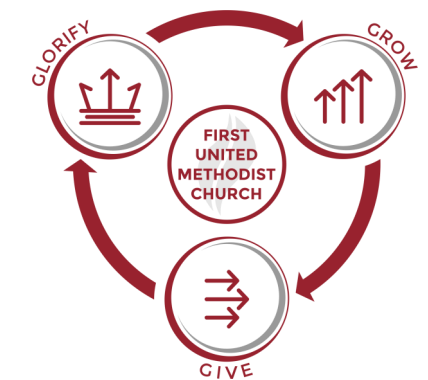


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RISE UP
O Women of God
SERMON SERIES



Team Meetings & Announcements

Administrative Board Meeting:

Monday, February 4 at 6:00 p.m. in room #121/123 (Crusader's Room)

SPRC Meeting:

Monday, February 11 at 6p.m.—Church Library

Church and Church Office CLOSED

Monday, February 18

Finance Committee:

Monday, February 18 at 6 p.m.—Room #113

Trustee Committee:

Monday, February 25 at 6 p.m.—Room #113

Happenings around FUMC Canyon

Canyon Intermediate Eagle Select Honor Choir, directed by Mel Brooks, came to sing Christmas songs for the children at 'In His Hands' Preschool. A big thank you to Mel for bringing your choir to our school!

