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Special Edition: Looking Back ~ Looking Forward

We are excited to share this "Special Edition" of our newsletter with you. The goal is to communicate where we have been the past year and where we are going in the year to come. Inside you will find statistics on where the church ended the year 2016. You will also find the budget approved by both the Finance Committee and the Administrative Board.

2016 was a great year of ministry growth. It's hard to believe I am finishing up my sixth year in ministry at FUMC Canyon. I am constantly amazed at the gifted people and resources that God has blessed us with here at FUMC Canyon. It is such a blessing to be in ministry with all of you.

I look forward to what 2017 has to bring. I am especially excited about starting our new traditional service that we are planning to launch August 27th. You will be hearing much more about that in the weeks ahead. I am also excited about our emphasis on prayer and seeing the prayers of all of us rise up on the altar as we see the marbles being collected in the jars! How many marbles have you moved this week? Also, I believe we have a renewed sense of calling and a renewed sense of our reliance on prayer. Thank you for your faithfulness and commitment to FUMC Canyon. It is a joy to serve as your pastor!

In Christ,

Sr. Pastor

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Year -End Review for 2016

At the end of each year we submit to the Conference statistics on our church. Here are some of the highlights from 2016.

- Total membership at the beginning of the year was 877 and we ended the year with 872.
- We baptized 7 children (age 0-12) and 12 children/adults (age 13 or older).
- We received 19 new members by Profession of Faith.
- Our average attendance in worship on Sunday mornings was 370.
- Number of children involved in all formation groups was 109.
- Number of youth involved in all formation groups was 305.
- Number of adults involved in all formation groups was 239.
- Average weekly attendance in Sunday school was 232.
- Number of participants in Vacation Bible School was 113.
- Total amount given directly to United Methodist causes was \$21,935.
- Total amount given to non-United Methodist benevolent and charitable causes was \$7,890.

Income	Actual	Budget
Pledged Giving	710,964.20	745,862.00
Unpledged Giving	226,304.82	212,000.00
Loose Cash	17,477.47	17,110.00
Misc. Income	6,083.89	15,000
Total	<u>\$960,830.38</u>	<u>\$989,972.00</u>

Ministry Expenses

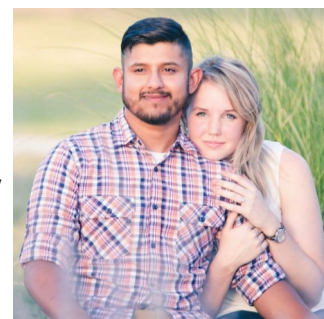
Clergy Compensation/Expenses	114,735.93	118,705.88
Staff Compensation/Expenses	448,498.74	440,138.00
Shared Ministries	92,731.29	132,418.00
Ministry Budgets	63,154.24	59,750.00
Operating Budgets	241,610.16	238,961.00
Total	<u>\$960,730.36</u>	<u>\$989,972.88</u>

Total Income/Expense \$100.02



Staff Updates for 2017

We are excited that Lupe Acevado, who has been our Youth Intern, is now our Assistant Youth Minister. Lupe and his wife Kelsie play vital roles in our youth ministry. Lupe is a 2016 graduate of West Texas A&M and is currently in the Wesley Academy at the Wesley Foundation. The Academy helps train people in ministry. Lupe's primary responsibilities will be in overseeing our Sunday Night Fellowship (SNF) events for youth.



Roman Asbill has moved to part-time as the Minister of Discipleship and Spiritual Formation. His administrative roles have been moved to volunteers and other staff. His primary role will be in training and developing current and future leaders in our church for grow groups and ministries of service. Further, he will be preaching in the preaching rotation for Sunday mornings.

Roman made this move for a couple of reasons. First, he has always been drawn to the idea of being "bi-vocational." He will be working a secular job, and is excited about the possibilities of reaching more people for Christ there. Second, Roman is looking long term for options of making more money to help support his family in the future as his children get close to the age of going to college. Even though Roman has moved to part-time, he sees all of his work as ministry, and specifically, his role here at FUMC is primary.

The impact our church is having on the lives of people is amazing. Your generosity and faithfulness makes it possible. We've decided to tell the "story" of the 2017 church budget a little differently this year. A line-item budget is only a set of figures, a necessary accounting tool. It can tell the "what" of our expenses and income, but it cannot tell the whole story of our calling to **Glorify** God in worship, **Grow** in likeness of Jesus, and **Give** our lives in love of Jesus.

FUMC Budget for 2017 - \$999,484

Glorify - \$398,365

We glorify God in worship through our ministers' sermons and the music of our choir, accompanist, organist, vocal and instrumental soloists and ensembles, worship leader, and our praise band. On an average Sunday, we will have a combined 375 people (compared to 363 in 2015) in attendance between our two services with over a third of our Sundays exceeding 400 in attendance. In the youth basement, The Uprising, our ministry to youth in grades 6 through 12 holds weekly worship services that typically have 45 youth, 6 adult volunteers, and 3 leaders praising God in worship. We also open the church for a number of special services throughout the year such as prayer services, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Christmas Eve where we had over 500 in attendance across two services. As we look to 2017, we are excited to add a traditional worship service on Sunday morning after the Sunday School hour. This service will be held at the same time as our modern service providing worshippers the option of a traditional or modern service at that time.

Grow - \$360,746

We offer numerous opportunities to grow in likeness to Jesus. This spiritual growth doesn't happen in a vacuum. It happens when we interact with others. For adults, we have 13 Sunday morning Grow Groups including a group for adults with special needs, 7 Grow Groups that meet at various times throughout the week, 4 United Methodist Women (UMW) circles, and Men's and Women's Prayer Groups. Altogether, that is 23 different opportunities for adults to study, fellowship, pray and serve together.

Our youth meet Sunday mornings with separate Junior High and Senior High Arise groups. On Sunday evenings, they meet for SNF – Sunday Night Fellowship. For high school youth seeking to go deeper in their relationship with Jesus, there is the Handmaidens small group for young ladies and the Guys Group for young men.

For children from infants through pre-school, we focus on providing quality childcare in a loving Christian environment on Sunday mornings and during Grow Groups when needed. For Kindergarten through 6th grade, we offer Sunday morning and Wednesday night groups that teach the stories of the Bible and how to live Kingdom lives. For 3rd through 6th graders, we have specific age level studies that build upon each other, including a study for our 3rd graders after receiving their Bibles, a New Testament study and Acolyte training for 4th graders, an Armor of God and worship study for 5th graders, and Confirmation for 6th graders.

Other opportunities for fellowship and building relationships include Wednesday Night Meals, Sunday morning coffee and refreshments, Easter Sunday Brunch, the Tailgate Party, and Sunday evening Advent events.

Give - \$245,373

The largest way we give as a church is through Shared Ministries of the United Methodist Church. These shared ministries cover a wide range of administrative and mission related items. Some of these funds go to support our District Office, Conference Office, and the administration of the global United Methodist Church. Others go to United Methodist supported local, national, and global missions. Local missions you might be familiar with include Ceta Canyon Camp and Retreat Center, Wesley Foundation, and the Wesley Community Center in Amarillo.

The In His Hands (IHH) Day Care and Pre-School is a ministry of the church that provides over 150 children per year with high quality, affordable day care and pre-school. While IHH charges tuition to cover salaries and teaching materials, the church provides dedicated classrooms, custodial staff and supplies, and administrative assistance as well as utilities.

Serving our local community, we take a lead role in planning the "I Heart Canyon" event that last year provided over 700 backpacks as well as school physicals, haircuts, dental exams, and vision exams for students prior to the start of the school year. Our church provided 250+ backpacks as well as numerous volunteer hours. In addition, we adopted Canyon Intermediate School providing lunch for the staff twice per year and then throughout the year, church members pray for individual staff members and show their support for them through a monthly card, treat, or gift. Twice a year the church staff prepares and serves Tuesday Free Lunch at the WT Wesley Foundation to 200 to 250 WT students. Handmaids and the Guys Group visit local homeless organizations to lead worship services and to fellowship with individuals.

Going outside of our local community, our youth take an annual mission trip. This year they will be returning to Memphis to work with SOS roofing homes in economically challenged neighborhoods and a team of adults will be returning to serve in Costa Rica this summer.

Outside of the church budget is the Sharing Fund which provides assistance to both members and non-members needing a hand up. Money for the Sharing Fund comes from periodic special offerings and extra gifts throughout the year. In addition, there are a number of local and global missions supported directly by UMW, Sunday School classes and individuals with both their gifts and their time.

Our church is a busy place not only on Sunday but through the week also. In addition to IHH using the church 5 days per week, throughout the year, our church building is used by community groups for numerous banquets and meetings. Every Monday, a bridge club, a Boy Scout troop, and a Cub Scout pack meet at the church. Once per month we open our church for WIC – a special nutritional supplemental program for women, infants, and children, to meet with individuals applying for assistance and/or receiving nutrition counseling.

Summary

The narrative above attempts to show the scope of our ministry here at First United Methodist Church (FUMC). For our ministry isn't just numbers, it is how we fulfill our mission to *make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world*. If you would like a copy of the 2017 FUMC budget numbers, please stop by the church office.