

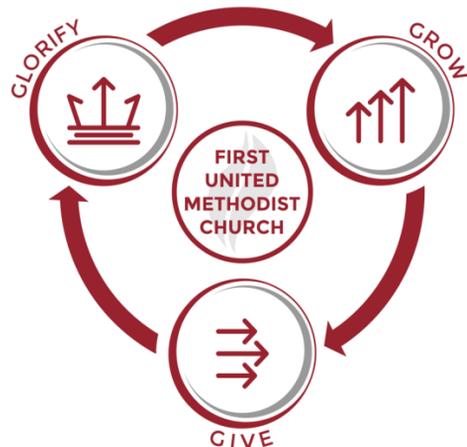
# By the Numbers

## Attendance and Finances

For April, we averaged 233 in the 8:30 Traditional, 130 in the 10:50 Traditional, and 155 in the 10:50 Modern. Overall, we averaged 518 worshipers per Sunday compared to 483 in 2018.

Our finances as of April 30, 2019:

**Income - \$355,532 Expenses - \$340,743**



## Thank You Notes

The 'In His Hands' staff thanks Preston and Sarah Tirey and the FUMC staff for the handcrafted Texas cutouts. That was such a special way to show your appreciation to our staff. We are so blessed to work with such wonderful people.

The United Methodist Women want to thank everyone for supporting our Bake Sale for Missions. We were able to raise \$850 for Missions. Thank you, Thank you.

Many thank yous from Canyon Intermediate for taking such good care of us during the school year. FUMC Canyon is awesome. You make us feel so special and appreciated.

Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$800 made to the Amarillo Wesley Community Center. These funds are such a blessing & critical to our operations. Thank you all for your continued support love and prayers.

God Bless!  
Liz Alaniz

Thank you so much for your prayers & thoughts during Clois' illness. God surely did hear them and answered them. I know for sure Clois is in heaven and is healed waiting there for us so we can all be united again someday.

Thank you to the ladies who prepared the food for my family after the service. And for the time to be together.

Thank you for all the cards, calls, visits and food. It was greatly appreciated.

I am blessed and grateful to belong to this loving, caring and praying church.

Dorothy Rowland & family

## Joys and Concerns

**HEALTH CONCERNS** Pancho Ybarra, Brad Nickell, Earl Blair, Vanda Paris, Ella Bye, Andrew—grandson of Sandra Keith, Donna Kuhlman, Baby Lukas Lough, Dani Tanksley's grandmother, Tina Bye—broken ankle

**JOYS & OTHER CONCERNS** Youth SOS Mission Trip, struggling person—alcoholism, for all those struggling with mental issues, Scott Cooper and all his summer endeavors, Angela King—Lupus and RA, Memorial Day, Home Friends—joy and peace in their current circumstances, CHS Choir traveling to Austria/Germany, Russell & Heather McCown—pregnancy complications, Collin Bailey—last Sunday and his move to Dallas to start new job, Sharron Alvi—6 weeks post op, Lynnette Jalufka—praise on a published story in 2019 Texas High Plains Writers Anthology, Emberlyn Gerber's test results—carrier only, graduated Seniors & their future, Ben & Chaney Allen new marriage and their move to Asbury,

**IN CHRISTIAN** for the Sattler family on the passing of Jessica Sattler's father, for the Enns family on the passing of Rick's grandmother,

**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, Carol Turner, Karen Dillehay, Rachel Stockstill, Rachel Musgrave, Hunsley Strickland, Earl Blair, Vanda Paris, Arline Rugger, Maxine Sherrod, Terri Gill, Annette Lippold, Pancho Ybarra, Ethel Schroeder

**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.....Charlie Keys  
PASTORAL CARE.....Angela Asbill  
SOCIAL MEDIA.....Roman Asbill  
YOUTH MINISTER.....Kayla Irlbeck  
ASSITANT YOUTH MINISTER.....Ramon Mendoza  
YOUTH INTERN.....Suzanne Buck  
YOUTH INTERN.....Carolyn Castro  
CHILDREN'S MINISTER.....Kim Hopson  
CHILDREN'S INTERN.....Danielle Rice  
CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR.....Scott Dillard  
FINANCE MANAGER.....Christi Ybarra  
MUSIC DIRECTOR.....Melanie Brooks  
ORGANIST.....Cameron McMinin  
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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June 2019

# THE NEWS *from* FUMC CANYON

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## A Note From the Pastor

### Annual Conference

I'll be spending most of this week at Annual Conference in Lubbock. We start on Thursday of this week (June 6-8). I'm one of those Methodist junkies who loves Annual Conference. I love getting to see colleagues that I don't get to see very often. Pastors often complain about Annual Conference, but I'm grateful for the connection we have and the gathering to worship, fellowship and do the business of the church. Our lay delegates to Annual Conference are Laurie Gilliland, Galen & Robin Chandler and Tim Gilliland is an alternate filling in for Darla Nickel, who won't be able to attend.

It's going to be a busy week though as I leave on Tuesday morning for Lubbock. I'll be spending most of the day Tuesday in a meeting with the Bishop, as leaders of the largest churches in our Conference meet to discuss issues of the church as a whole. We gather with the bishop 3-4 times a year to do this.

Then on Wednesday and Thursday the Board of Ordained Ministry (BOOM) meets. I am currently the Vice-Chair of the BOOM and the Vocational Discernment Coordinator for the Conference. The purpose of the BOOM is to evaluate and prepare people who are called to ordained ministry. The process for ordination is a long, daunting process, but it is our hope as members of the BOOM that we can help those candidates in their journey of faith and calling.

Then during lunch on Thursday, the New Start Action Team of the conference meets to discuss its goals and vision. The purpose of the New Start Action Team is to start 15 new faith communities in the next 5 years. They are looking to FUMC Canyon and other churches like ours to help spearhead this initiative. It's an ambitious goal, but I truly believe it is the call of churches to start new churches.

While in Lubbock I'll also attend the Asbury Seminary Alumni dinner and the regional meeting of the WCA (Wesley Covenant Association).

One of the most important things we will do at Annual

Conference this year is elect delegates for the 2020 General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference. I hope you will join me in praying for this process and for the delegates that we elect. General Conference is the body that sets the policies for the whole of the United Methodist Church. Jurisdictional Conference elects bishops for our Annual Conferences.

Will you pray for us this week? I would covet your prayers as we seek to be faithful disciples in the NorthWest Texas Annual Conference of the UMC. And I look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

In Christ,

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



# Upcoming Events

## 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](mailto:ckkeys@firstchurchcanyon.com)

## UMW Father's Day Roses

The UMW will be selling roses this Sunday, June 2 and June 9. The roses are \$5 each and the proceeds go to help with missions locally and internationally. The deadline to purchase a rose is this SUNDAY, June 9.

## Father's Day Ties

Like last year we will again be selling ties—this year they are all different colors. They are \$2 each and we ask all men and boys to wear them on Father's Day. The ties may also be purchased in the church office during the week.

## Men's Fellowship Breakfast

### Sunday, June 9 at 7 a.m.

All men and boys are invited to a breakfast in the Youth Basement on Sunday, June 9 at 7am. The breakfast is to provide an opportunity for the men of all ages to eat, fellowship, and hear a short devotional/message.

## Canyon Intermediate School Update

FUMC Canyon has completed another school year of blessing the staff and students of Canyon Intermediate School. For those of you who do not know, our church has "adopted" Canyon Intermediate School (CIS). What does that look like? Each staff member at the school has been personally adopted by a member of our congregation. The person who adopts a staff member commits to pray for their adopted person weekly. They also take up a token of appreciation once a month to the school to bless their staff member. Tokens of appreciation range from a cold soft drink or tea, favorite snack, homemade cookies, casserole for their freezer, encouraging card, etc... There is no right or wrong way to do it. Mrs. Fruge, the secretary at CIS, said it is amazing to witness what these small tokens of appreciation can do to lift a staff member's spirit. She said that the Holy Spirit is at work in this ministry. It never fails when a treat is delivered to the school; it always seems to be for the staff member that needs it most that day. How encouraging to be uplifted on a discouraging day!

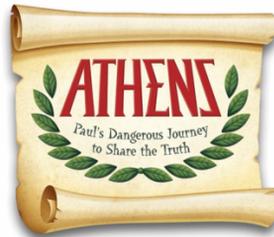
We also bless CIS by providing backpacks complete with school supplies throughout the year for the students that register without the resources to purchase supplies. We fed the staff of CIS on May 8<sup>th</sup> for teacher appreciation day. I wish you all could have been there to hear what they say about YOU! Each month you blow them away with your sweet thoughts, goodies, prayers, and gifts. They feel the presence of God working and moving in their school. They are so grateful to each and every one of you, and I am too!

If you have not ever been a part of this ministry, I encourage you to prayerfully consider joining us in the fall. We need about 65 volunteers to make this ministry a reality. All it takes is weekly prayer and a

small monetary commitment each month. Each staff member fills out a questionnaire, so you know exactly what they like and do not like.

For those of you who participated this year, thank you again for impacting our community and CIS. Although we will not take goodies up each month during the summer, I encourage you to continue to lift your staff member up in prayers! Please let me know if you have any questions. You can call the church office or email me.

Blessings,  
Sarah Tirey



Join us for a few days in Athens, Greece as we go back in time to hear about how God used Paul on his journeys to spread TRUTH and LOVE.

This experience is for kids **3 yrs old** thru incoming **5<sup>th</sup> graders**. June 11-13, 9:00 – 11:15 am

To all, your time and talents would be a great gift the kids who will join us for this journey. Your time needed would be a couple hours on Monday, June 10 & 8:30-11:30 am on Tuesday-Thursday (June 11-13).

**Kids entering the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and older are welcome to be junior leaders and their help is greatly appreciated.**

There will be nursery care for my leaders and volunteers. We are still needing volunteers—Sign up to help! Registration for volunteers and children can be found online at [vbspro.events/p/fumccanyon2019](https://vbspro.events/p/fumccanyon2019) or hard copies outside my office, Room #110

# Ministry Spotlight—Van Ministry

written by Rick Enns



## VAN MINISTRY

One of the joys of being in ministry at FUMC Canyon is our ministry with the students at WT and the Wesley Foundation Campus Ministry. Mikey Littau, the director at the WT Wesley is a great friend and partner in ministry. There are thousands of students who have been impacted by the ministry of the Wesley at WT. Earlier today I met with 4 former students who are now in seminary because of the ministry of the Wesley and FUMC Canyon. Listening to their journey of faith and how God has brought them to where they are now is amazing.

One of the things that is vital for the discipleship of college age Christians is that they are connected to a local church. Studies have shown that students who are involved in Campus Ministry, but NOT the local church, most likely will fall away from their faith after college. However, if a student is connected to a local church, they are likely to continue their faith after college. I've seen this play out over the years. I've seen so many young adults who were completely committed to a campus ministry and on their leadership team, yet were not plugged into a local church. After college they tend to fall away from their faith. One of the critical reasons why the local church is so important is that they are connected to people of all ages, not just their own age group. So when you see a college student in our church, make a point to say "hello" and get to know their name.

In fact, I would encourage you to find one college student and make it a point to great them whenever you see them each Sunday. Making them feel like a part of our church is so important. Get to know them and pray for them.

When Mikey and I started talking about church attendance several years ago, he was as committed as I was to get students involved in the local church. I appreciate his vision and passion, not just for the Wesley, but for the Kingdom of God. He made subtle shifts in the Wesley Ministry to encourage students to get plugged into the

church – many of them come to FUMC Canyon. They are a true blessing to our community. They bring passion and fresh vision to our church and ministries.

A challenge that many students face in coming to church is that they do not have a car. (I remember one student who used to ride their skateboard to church). Several of our students who come to our church are international students too and they always have to rely on friends and other students to transport them anywhere outside of campus. In talking to many of the students, I've learned that part of the reason they were inconsistent in attendance was because of their lack of transportation.

We want it to be easy to come to church, so earlier this year we started a "van ministry" giving students rides to church in the church van on Sunday morning. I'm not sure why we didn't think of this earlier. We have several of our members who drive for us each Sunday. They have answered the call to serve these students in a tangible way for Christ. We have between 5 and 15 students each Sunday who meet at the Wesley Foundation on Sunday morning at 10:35 and one of our drivers comes by and picks them up and then drops them off after church.

We didn't know if we would continue this ministry during the summer, but so far we have had students every Sunday catch a ride on the church van. This has become such a vital ministry of our church.

The way the ministry works is that our volunteer for the Sunday, gets the key to the church van on Sunday morning and meets the students at the Wesley Foundation around 10:35. Then after church is over, they drive them back to the Wesley and drop them off. Typically, the drivers rotate each month in their driving responsibilities. We would love to find 2 or 3 more people who would be willing to drive the church van for this vital ministry. It is a fun way to serve our community and to get to know better several of our college students. Won't you help? If you are interested, please contact me ([revrick@firstchurchcanyon.com](mailto:revrick@firstchurchcanyon.com)).

# Team Meetings & Announcements

## SPRC Meeting:

No Meeting in JUNE.

## Finance Committee:

Monday, June 17 at 6 p.m.—Room #113

## Trustee Committee:

Monday, June 24 at 6 p.m. Room #113



Mark your calendars—

2019 FESTIVAL IS AUGUST 7<sup>th</sup> FROM 6PM TO 9PM  
You can register online now to serve as a volunteer <https://my.simplegive.com/App/Form/191df141-9a85-40b4-a1f7-b4762dbe7881>

What is I Heart Canyon? I HEART CANYON is a festival put on by the Canyon area churches to benefit the families and students in the CISD community. The purpose is to give these families and students a hand up to start the school year and to reach them with the love and message of Jesus.

# 'In His Hands' - Community Helper Day



Coach Lombard with our kids on community helper day. Several people from the community spoke to the preschool about their jobs and what they do. Coach Lombard and some of the basketball girls came to participate.

