

## By the Numbers

### FUMC 2020 Finances through April:

Income - \$375,408.12 Expenses - \$371,856.95

### Ways to continue to give during this time

Although we are unable to be in the church building, we are still to be the church. One of the ways is to keep tithing and making to the church if you are able to do so. Your giving is needed to help in the day to day operations of the church and the staff here at FUMC Canyon. Two ways to make that happen

1. write a check and place it in an envelope with a stamp on in and drop it in the mail box.
2. go to [firstchurchcanyon.com](http://firstchurchcanyon.com) and click on the give tab and follow the directions from that point. Here is the link to help you get there. <http://firstchurchcanyon.com/give>

Please remember to watch the Sunday morning worship online. Stay connected and continue being the hands and feet of Jesus. Check on your friends and family often. You can log onto [firstchurchcanyon.com](http://firstchurchcanyon.com) and click on the link to watch the worship service. The worship services are uploaded each Sunday morning. We are continuing to be prayer for each one you.

If you are receiving the newsletter by email you can click on the link and view the worship service—<http://firstchurchcanyon.com/>.



If you are without internet or a smartphone and have been unable to participate in our Sunday worship services, please let us know. We would be happy to deliver to you a DVD of the service and/or a paper transcript. To request a DVD/transcript please call the church office at 655-2851 and leave a message requesting a delivery.

## Joys and Concerns

**HEALTH CONCERNS** Lynette Jalufka, Bette Jalufka,

**JOYS & OTHER CONCERNS** daughter in law of Tim & Charlotte Wilson passed her physical therapy test, pray for the Amarillo Campus, pray for our church

**IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** the family of Joe Lombard on the passing of his mother, Dorothy

**ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS:** Dylan Brown, Shelly Gross, Lou Ann Barnhart, Betty Hill, Carolyn Mason, Beth Sanchez, Judy Gilliam, Kimberly Conrad, Kathy Noel, Keith & Dorinda McCormack, Terry Gamblin, Betty Ketchersid, Martin Mordecai, Waylon Malone, Erin Green, Priscilla Delatte, Christie Wilhite, Brandi Sustaire, Bobby Altman, Kason Gabbard, Alisann Smookler, Addi Martinez, Lynn Guy, Thelma Fulton, Kelli Marr, Carol Turner, Rachel Stockstill, Rachel Musgrave, Hunsley Strickland, Earl Blair, Vanda Paris, Maxine Sherrod, Terri Gill, Annette Lippold, Jan Winstead, Ethel Schroeder, Michael Brewton, Brenda Havens, Jan Winstead, Monica Avery

**ADDITIONAL INTERCESSORY PRAYERS:** President Trump and our country's leaders, Backyard Missions, War-torn Countries, New Life Children's Home, the economy, our policemen and firemen, those in the military, unchurched men, women and children and the Wesley Foundation.  
Please email [fumcpray@gmail.com](mailto:fumcpray@gmail.com) or call 806-655-2851 with all prayer requests, joys, concerns or updates.

### CHURCH STAFF

SENIOR PASTOR.....Rev. Rick Enns  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR.....Charlie Keys  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR.....Toni Bailey  
YOUTH MINISTER.....Kayla Irlbeck  
ASSISTANT YOUTH MINISTER.....Ramon Mendoza  
YOUTH INTERN.....Suzanne Buck  
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.....Judy Smith  
COMMUNICATION & MEDIA.....Ben Nabours  
IHH CHILD CARE DIRECTOR.....Brenda Shepherd



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

June 2020

# THE NEWS *from* FUMC CANYON

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

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## A Note from the Pastor

### Celebrate!

In the midst of this Covid-19 pandemic, there are some great things that are happening. Are you looking for the God moments? I hope you are. If you are watching the news all day long, then you probably won't be able to see much good going on.

So what are you celebrating? There are so many things that I am celebrating.

- Walks at night with my family.
- Morning times reading and studying on the back porch. (I successfully installed mosquito netting around our back porch earlier this month!)
- Watching my son work on learning how to play a guitar – and then write a song on the guitar after 1 week!
- Seeing my daughter every day and watching her create with words and with paint.
- The time with my wife working on projects together at home.

Now don't get me wrong, there are struggles. But that's the case always with life. And I have been just as busy before the pandemic as during, but I've shifted a lot of my focus, and begun to celebrate more of what I've been blessed with!

I continue to remind you to work on your spiritual disciplines during this time – prayer, Bible reading, study, meditation, etc. It's a great time to do it!

I also want to invite you to worship on Sunday mornings online as we begin a new sermon series on Sunday, May 31 – "What's in a Name?" It is going to be especially helpful for us as we walk through this season together! You won't want to miss it!

Until then, know that I pray for you often!

Blessings,

Rick Enns

Lead Pastor

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**P.S. God is good...all the time! All the time...God is good!**



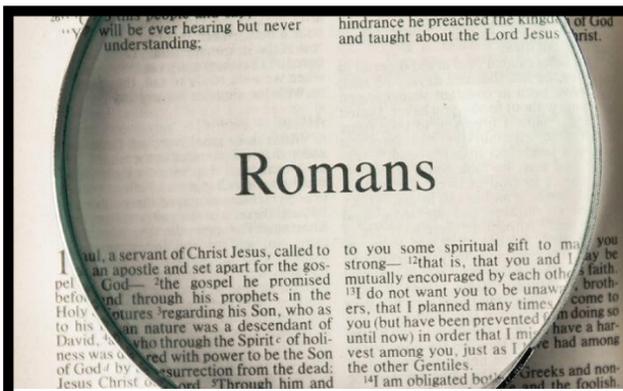
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| 5/31 | Hello my name is <u>Change</u>   | Isaiah 43:19        |
| 6/7  | Hello my name is <u>Loss</u>     | Job 1:13-20; 2:9-10 |
| 6/14 | Hello my name is <u>Grief</u>    | Psalms 147:1-6      |
| 6/21 | Hello my name is <u>Hope</u>     | Romans 15:13        |
| 6/28 | Hello my name is <u>Conflict</u> | Acts 15:36-40       |
| 7/5  | Hello my name is _____?          | Acts 9:1-21         |
| 7/12 | Hello my name is _____?          | Acts 16:13-20       |

Janice Cranmer is needing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child and egg cartons for High Plains Food Bank. If you have any you would like to donate please bring them to the church during the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to noon on Friday—enter through the NORTH doors and leave them in the foyer we will get them to her.

## Pastor Rick's Spring/Summer Reading List

Looking for something to read? Here is what is my recent list of books I've read or about to read this summer. What are you reading?

- Digital Minimalism: Choosing a Focused Life in a Noisy World. Cal Newport
- Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory. Tod Bolsinger
- Range: Why Generalists Triumph in a Specialized World. David Epstein
- American Saint: Francis Asbury & the Methodists. John Wigger
- 12 Rules for Life: An Antidote to Chaos. Jordan B. Peterson
- Talking to Strangers. Malcolm Gladwell
- The Circle Maker: Praying Circles Around Your Biggest Dreams and Greatest Fears. Mark Batterson
- God Dreams. Will Mancini
- Biased: Uncovering the Hidden Prejudice That Shapes What We See, Think, and Do. Jennifer L. Eberhardt
- Paul's Letter to the Romans: A Socio-Rhetorical Commentary. Ben Witherington III
- Killers of the Flower Moon: the Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI. David Grann



Romans Bible Study  
With Pastor Rick (and guests)  
Wednesdays @ 6:30pm  
Facebook Live

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CONGRATULATIONS  
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## Message from Associate Pastor

written by Toni Bailey

### God Speaks to Us

#### Psalm 81

*Rejoice out loud to God, our strength! Shout for joy to Jacob's God!*

*<sup>2</sup>Take up a song and strike the drum! Sweet lyre along with harp!*

*<sup>3</sup>Blow the horn on the new moon, at the full moon, for our day of celebration!*

*<sup>4</sup>Because this is the law for Israel; this is a rule of Jacob's God.*

*<sup>5</sup>He made it a decree for Joseph when he went out against the land of Egypt, when I heard a language I did not yet know:*

*<sup>6</sup>"I lifted the burden off your shoulders; your hands are free of the brick basket!"*

*<sup>7</sup>In distress you cried out, so I rescued you. I answered you in the secret of thunder. I tested you at the waters of Meribah. Selah*

*<sup>8</sup>Listen, my people, I'm warning you! If only you would listen to me, Israel.*

*<sup>9</sup>There must be no foreign god among you. You must not bow down to any strange deity.*

*<sup>10</sup>I am the Lord your God, who brought you up from Egypt's land. Open your mouth wide—I will fill it up!*

*<sup>11</sup>But my people wouldn't listen to my voice. Israel simply wasn't agreeable toward me.*

*<sup>12</sup>So I sent them off to follow their willful hearts; they followed their own advice.*

*<sup>13</sup>How I wish my people would listen to me! How I wish Israel would walk in my ways!*

*<sup>14</sup>Then I would subdue their enemies in a second; I would turn my hand against their foes.*

*<sup>15</sup>Those who hate the Lord would grovel before me, and their doom would last forever!*

*<sup>16</sup>But I would feed you with the finest wheat. I would satisfy you with honey from the rock."*

"In your distress you called and I rescued you."

- Psalm 81:7

This psalm highlights God's speaking and our hearing. It is another example of how Asaph draws from Israel's history, particularly their deliverance from Egypt and their testing in the wilderness, to recall how God spoke or revealed himself to his people. These are good reminders for us today. God spoke to them through divine acts of redemption and rescue. God declares, "In your distress you called and I rescued you" (v. 7).

This psalm teaches us three ways God speaks to us. **First, God speaks to us through his actions.** God acts to save and to redeem us. **The second way God speaks to us is through testing and trials.** Israel was led from the joyous victory of the

Red Sea to the difficult testing at the "waters of Meribah" (v. 7). We need to recognize his voice during our own difficult times. **The third way God speaks to us is through the revelation of his Word.**

This psalm recalls one of the Ten Commandments that came down from Mount Sinai: "You shall have no foreign god

among you" (v. 9);. This is one of many examples where God's law from the Old Testament is brought into the Psalms as an act of worship. This helps to enliven God's Word for us and to bind it to our hearts. God speaks to us through his Word and the revelation of his plan for us. The psalm ends with a strong exhortation for us to listen and pay close attention to all the ways God speaks to us.

Are you listening to God's voice today? Have you taken time to thank him for the many ways he has rescued you? If you are going through various trials, ask God to help you to hear his voice in the midst of it. Finally, spend time in his Word every day; for faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God!

Peace & Joy,  
Pastor Toni

