

## By the Numbers

For January we averaged:  
 211 in the 8:30 Traditional  
 122 in the 10:50 Traditional  
 170 in the 10:50 Modern  
 Overall, we averaged 503 worshipers. This was the highest attended January in the last 11 years.

Our 2020 year end finances:  
 Income \$1,064,440.46  
 Expenses \$1,042,734.75  
 Net Income **\$21,705.71**

## Thank You Notes

Church Family—

Sierra and I can never thank you all enough—words can never thank each and everyone of you who had a hand in making his celebration of life much easier.

Thank you so much for the love you have given to Sierra and I during the loss of Pancho. We have been so blessed and extremely speechless with everyone that has jumped in and helped in every possible way. We cannot thank each and every one of you enough for all you have done and continue to do for our family. Each day holds a new day and new journey—some harder than others. Thank you all for your patience and understanding!

Bereavement Team—WOW—you all out did yourselves with the meal that was provided for our family and friends. Thank you to everyone involved with making the celebration of Pancho's life so good. He is greatly missed each day and we were blessed to have him in our lives for the season we did.

Blessings,  
 Christi & Sierra Ybarra and extended family

Dear Canyon FUMC,

Thank you for your generous donation to the WT Wesley Foundation. We are so grateful for y'all! Thank you for being our partners in ministry and joining us as we raise up the next generation of Christian leaders.

Thanks again!  
 The WT Wesley Staff

FUMC Canyon,

Just a note to thank you for remembering my birthday. What a surprise to see the gift card in the mail.

Peace,  
 Felicia Hopkins

## Joys and Concerns

**HEALTH CONCERNS** Kelli Marr, Brenda Havens, Carroll Marriott, Dale Stahlecker, Hattie & Hollis, Georgie Cornelsen, June Friemel, Jim—Gina DeGroot's brother, Gus Taylor, Baby Marshall, Sandra Piel, Melissa White, Charlie Sill, Josh—Fanny Castellon's son, Robyn Rohan, Missy Hobbs, Caleb Poole—Kelli Poole's son IHH worker.

**JOYS & OTHER CONCERNS** Tank & Dani expecting a baby boy, Carolyn Castro fully funded—flying out 27th of February

**IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** the family of Pancho Ybarra, the family of Arline Rugger, the family of Jerry Woods, the family of Doris Phillips, the family of Jayton Moroney (Camp Nova camper), the family of Monte Winders

**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 Sustaie, 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 [fumcprayer@gmail.com](mailto:fumcprayer@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 SPECIALIST. Ben Nabours  
 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

March 2020

# THE NEWS *from* FUMC CANYON

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

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## Pastor's —Rev. Rick Enns

### Sabbatical

*"Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!" Psalm 27:14*

Psalm 27 is my favorite psalm and has been for 30 years. I return to it over and over again – especially in difficult days. The psalm ends with the above verse – “wait for the Lord.” I don't know about you, but waiting is tough. Waiting takes courage.

I began to realize back in 2017, that as we grow as a church, I would need to be intentional in changing how I lead if we were going to be able to sustain growth. We have spent a lot of time as a staff talking about how all of us have to change our leadership style to continue to have healthy growth. But with growth, there are growing pains.

Early last year I began to feel myself getting burned out. I had to take a hard look at my life and see what was going on. I began to prune many of the extra things I was doing in ministry. I began to write in my journal what my priorities were in life and in ministry, because I couldn't fit it all in. Working with a coach and with key staff, helped me to see what things I must do and what things I needed to let go of. It's easy to prune things you don't like to do. It's harder when you have to let go of things that you love. But to be an effective leader, there are certain things I can no longer do and effectively lead this church.

I also reworked my calendar and the way I work. I have read extensively on time management, work flow, habits, and the psychology of personalities. I have made several small changes, but these changes have made a big impact in my leadership ability.

With all of this work I still couldn't shake the sense of burnout that loomed in the background. Two things began to emerge that I didn't realize had taken its toll on me.

- **Grief.** In the past 8 ½ years serving as your pastor, I have performed at least 103 funerals (plus 13 the prior three years). Doing a funeral is an absolute privilege for me, but it takes its toll on my spirit. I am still grieving several losses from the past 3 years. In addition, with a church of this size, the

Pastoral Care load is quite heavy. I'm also grieving the breakup of the United Methodist Church. Before this last year, I didn't realize how heavy a burden I was still carrying, and didn't make space for grieving and renewal. I am learning I need to make space and time in my life to grieve, so I can stay healthy.

- **Renewal.** Working with a spiritual coach this year, I realized that I didn't take time outside of work to recreate my spirit. And what's worse, I didn't even know what renewed me. I'm sure many of you can relate. Outside of work and family, I had no hobbies or activities that helped sustain me. I'm now creating a list of activities that I know will help renew and recreate my spirit.

So, with the knowledge and growth that I've gone through, and with wise counsel from others, I asked the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) and the Administrative Board to grant me a short sabbatical leave later this year from April 20-July 20. The purpose of this sabbatical is to help me “wait for the Lord” seeking spiritual renewal and study. Both the SPRC and the Administrative Board approved this sabbatical unanimously. The United Methodist [Book of Discipline](#) encourages a sabbatical leave, for up to a year, for ministers who have been in ministry for six consecutive years.



2020 Lenten  
 Sermon Series

Starting in March

# Upcoming Events

## 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 t [usdkwilson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:usdkwilson@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

Our upcoming baking days:  
Saturday March 28th  
Friday May 1st

## Join us for Wednesday Night Fellowship Meals!

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

Everyone is welcome!

\$3 per individual and \$10 per family

### March 4th

Oven-baked Chili Cheese Dogs, Veggie Sticks & Ranch Dip and Strawberry Shortcake

### March 11th

Chicken & Rice Casserole, Cranberry Almond Spinach Salad and Carrot Sheet Cake

### March 18 Spring Break - No Meal

### March 25th

Beef Broccoli, Rice and Butterfinger Poke Cake

## PANCAKE SUPPER - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 6:00PM

Club 56 and Confirmands will be cooking and serving a pancake supper from 6-7 pm on Tuesday, February 25 in Fellowship Hall. Supper includes pancakes, toppings, sausage, bacon! Donations will be accepted and will be used for Club 56 and Confirmation events.

## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE - FEBRUARY 26, 6:30PM

No Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal or Activities.

- Imposition of Ashes - 7:30-9:00am in the Sanctuary
- 6:30pm - Ash Wednesday Service and Imposition of Ashes

## 2020 DADDY DAUGHTER DINNER DANCE, SATURDAY FEB. 29

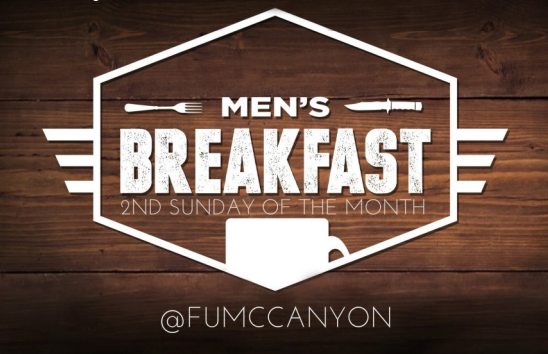
Dinner is served at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall with dancing until 9:00pm. Dad's are \$30 and Daughters are free. Tickets are available in the hallway outside the Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, and will also be available in the front office.

## WILD WESLEY HOEDOWN - MARCH 7, 7:00PM

Dinner and a Dance with live music by Young Country. Hosted in the WT Virgil Henson Activity Center Ballroom. Tickets are \$30 each or a table of 8 for \$200.

For tickets contact Traci Logan at 806-655-3535 or email [traci@wtwesley.com](mailto:traci@wtwesley.com).

Sunday, March 8th —Youth Basement at 7



## IN HIS HANDS—TRIK-A-THON RAISES \$13,000

The 'In His Hands' preschool Trike-a-Thon raised \$13,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. In fifteen years of sponsoring this event, 'In His Hands' preschool has raised over \$75,000. Thank you to all who helped with this fantastic achievement!

The event was designed to promote bicycle safety and raise money for childhood cancer research. The Trike-a-Thon was held on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

We also want to thank Officer Blanco for teaching our children about bike and trike safety.



# Team Meetings & Announcements

## SPRC Committee

Monday, March 9 Church Library at 6 p.m.

## Finance Committee:

Monday, March 16 Room 113 at 6 p.m.

## Trustees Committee

Monday, March 23 Room 113 at 6 p.m.

## Church and Church office closed

The church will be closed during the week of Spring Break—March 16 through March 20. We will reopen the church office on Monday, March 23.

# Pastor Rick's Sabbatical FAQ

written by Rev. Rick Enns

## **1. What is a sabbatical and the goal of your sabbatical?**

A sabbatical is a time of spiritual renewal, growth, study and rest away from the daily activities of the ministry. My goal for the sabbatical is rest and renewal of the body, soul, and mind for an extended season in order to spend more quality time with my family and with Jesus as I seek to prepare for the growth of the church during a season of change in the United Methodist Church.

## **2. What will your sabbatical look like?**

I plan on spending half the time resting and renewing while I pursue hobbies that recreate me. I will be studying the book of Romans and spending extended times of silence and solitude, meditating and praying. The other half of the sabbatical will be for 3 trips that I plan to take. The first is a spiritual guided retreat at Asbury Seminary in Wilmore, KY. The second is a family vacation to Florida. The third is a trip with Cat and I alone.

## **3. Who will be in charge while you are away?**

Charlie Keys will step into the role as Lead Pastor while I am away. The Finance Committee also approved extra compensation for those three months for him. Toni Bailey will be our Associate Pastor during this time supporting him and the rest of the church. They will also share the primary preaching responsibilities while I am on sabbatical. The staff will continue to lead their areas and our leadership committees know their responsibilities and are empowered to lead in their respective areas.

## **4. What about preaching, funerals, baptisms and communion?**

Both Charlie Keys and Toni Bailey, our Associate Pastor, are capable to do funerals, baptisms and communion. They will also be the primary preachers for those three months, with Kayla Irlbeck (Youth Minister) filling in for them while they might be on vacation or sick. Pastor Rick will be unavailable to do any of these during the sabbatical.

## **5. What about any emergencies that should come up during that time?**

The Staff Parish Relations Committee, Doug Cowan (chair of our Administrative Board), and I have worked through what emergencies would constitute me coming back from my sabbatical early. We have also discussed what I will not come back for as well and these will be handled by Charlie and Toni. I appreciate the SPRC and the Administrative Board's guidance and hard work in making sure we have a great plan in place to

ensure that both the church and I are supported and cared for during the sabbatical.

## **6. Will you be at FUMC on Sundays during the sabbatical?**

No, I will not be in worship on Sunday mornings at FUMC. I will be attending different churches in the area during those three months. However, my family will continue to worship at FUMC Canyon during that time like usual.

## **7. Are you planning on coming back to our church after the sabbatical?**

YES! I love being the pastor here and hope to be here for many more years! This sabbatical is designed to help me in the long term as I learn how to be a more effective and healthier leader.

## **8. There is a great possibility the church will split in May at General Conference. We are also in the process of starting a new campus. Is this wise for you to be gone during that time?**

Timing is one of the more difficult decisions I have had to make in scheduling my sabbatical. In talking with SPRC, the Administrative Board, Executive Staff at the church and my coaches, we all feel this is the best time as we prepare for up and coming events and decisions in late summer and early fall.

Yes, the United Methodist Church will split in May. However, there is nothing that our church will be voting on. However, in August the Northwest Texas Annual Conference will most likely vote to leave the United Methodist Church and join with a new Traditional Denomination that will emerge. I want to make sure I am back by that time to be able to vote at Annual Conference.

Charlie, Toni and I have already planned the communication for what is taking place at General Conference. On Sunday, May 24, after General Conference is over, they will be sharing with the congregation the details of the outcome of the General Conference. Again, our church won't be voting on anything during that time.

Also, the times that I am on sabbatical are some of the slowest times in the life of the church and allow me extra time to spend with my family during the summer months.

In regards to the new campus, our launch date (as of now) is set for January of 2021. Launching a new campus is hard work, but we have a great team in place and have set timelines and goals for the coming months. I believe that the sabbatical will help prepare me to hit the ground running as we launch a new campus and launch a new denomination.

# New Staff at FUMC Canyon



## **New FUMC Staff Member— Communication and Media Specialist— Ben Nabours**

Born in Amarillo and raised in Fritch. Ben has 3 sibling—2 brothers and 1 sister. Ben began working February 1, 2020. He loves creating media and helping make leader's visions come to life! Ben's favorite Bible verse

is Matthew 10:16—"I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves."

Ben's favorite food is sushi—especially salmon. He likes brownies and cheesecake as well.

Ben enjoys working puzzles and learning skills with his hands, playing games and doing card magic—he has been doing that since he was 11.

Welcome Ben Nabours to FUMC Canyon Staff.