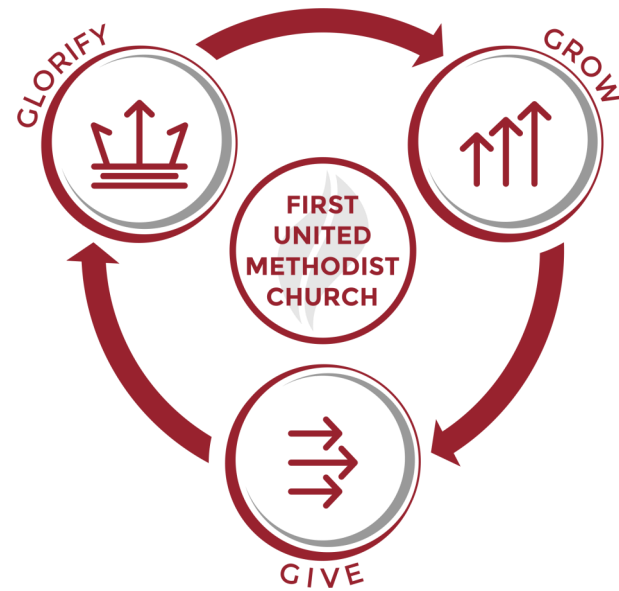


By the Numbers

- Our average worship attendance for the first four Sundays in April was 505. In April 2017 our average attendance was 468.
- YTD, we are averaging 206 in the 8:30 Traditional, 127 in the 10:50 Traditional, and 127 in the 10:50 Modern. Overall, we are averaging 460 worshipers per Sunday compared to 430 a year ago.
- Our finances as of March 2018:
Income - \$237,518, Expenses - \$249,264
- YTD, we have had 60 first time guests in 2018.



Joys and Concerns

HEALTH CONCERNS: Sierra Ybarra, Pancho Ybarra, Jentry Noyes, Kelli Marr, Clois Rowland, Sharron Alvi, Kent Johnson, Judy McMinn, Lynn Guy, Meg Mordecai, Earl Blair, Terri Gill, Jentry Noyes

IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY: the Abbott family on the death of Clifford, the Shaw family on the death of Weldon 'Bud' Shaw

JOY & CONCERNS: Pray for Rain—Rain—Rain—RAIN, firefighters and first responders, wild fires around the panhandle, Patrice Kelch new teaching position, Carolyn Castro mission trip fully funded, new birth of grandson Jones Walker—Joe & Babs Lombard, Ben & Kayla Irlbeck— baby boy born April 20 John Louis Irlbeck, Suzanne Buck financial support to Uganda, Kacey & Alex Davis—baby boy born on April 20 Kaleb James Davis.

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, Kingston Marr, Kason Gabbard, Alisann Smookler, Addi Martinez, Virginia Tovar, Lynn Guy, Kelli Marr, Becca Hill, Clois Rowland, Carol Turner, Rachel Stockstill, Rachel Musgrave, Kenneth Schlabs, Jack Gaby, Hunsley Strickland, Earl Blair, Terri Gill

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. 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.*

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PASTORAL CARE.....	Angela Asbill
LAY MINISTER.....	Roman Asbill
YOUTH AND DISCIPLESHIP MINISTER.....	Charlie Keys
YOUTH ASSISTANT.....	Kayla Irlbeck
YOUTH INTERN.....	Stephen Williams
YOUTH INTERN.....	Carolyn Castro
CHILDREN'S MINISTER.....	Kim Hopson
CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR.....	Scott Dillard
FINANCE MANAGER.....	Christi Ybarra
MUSIC DIRECTOR.....	Melanie Brooks
ORGANIST.....	Cameron McMinn
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MODERN WORSHIP MINISTER.....	Jason Lester
KITCHEN COORDINATOR.....	Charlotte Wilson
SENIOR PASTOR ASSISTANT.....	Sarah Tirey
IHH CHILD DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR.....	Brenda Shepherd

Thank You Notes

I would like thank everyone for the prayers and cards during my recent recovery from surgery. God is good, all the time. Judy McMinn

The Ybarra family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, texts, phone calls, etc during our recent medical crisis with Sierra and Pancho. It is so wonderful to be a part of this church family!

Thank you for the goodies and the support!
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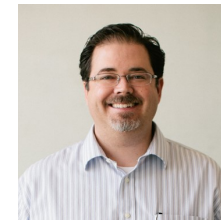
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A Note From the Pastor



I love old Methodist books. And whenever I go into a used bookstore I'm always looking to buy them. I have a pocket Methodist hymnal from 1849 (a gift from Judy McMinn), a "Prayer and Praise Hymnal" of the Methodist church from the 1880's, several old Book of Disciplines (1912, 1939, 1948), History of Methodism written in 1839 and "The Cokesbury Party Book" from the 1930's (Cokesbury is the Methodist publishing house). I have others but those are some of my favorites.

Yesterday I was in the "Burrowing Owl" bookstore, and as soon as I walked in Dallas Belle, who owns the store, shouted "I have a book for you! It's a Methodist book of poetry." Well of course I knew I had to get it. In fact, the actual title is *Michigan Methodist Poets*, compiled by William C.S. Fellowe in 1927. Who knew there were that many Methodist poets in Michigan that you could compile a whole book of poetry!

Indeed it is a wonderful book of poems, but I leave you with this one today. May it be your prayer as it is mine.

A PRAYER FOR POWER

*Oh, God, give me Power –
Power when I raise my head, in the morning, from my bed;
When I tread my lonely way, through the duties of the day;
In the business trails of life, in the hour of moral strife;
When the day draws to its close, in the hour of my repose,
May this feeble life of mine be surcharged with Power Divine.*

*Oh, God, give me Power –
When my soul by wrong is tried, by the tempter at my side;
When my friends prove false, untrue; and I know not what to do;
When the path is dark, unknown, and no light to me is shown;
When I stagger, stumble, fall, and in agony I call,*

Heavenly Father, hear my cry, give me power else I die.

*Oh, God, give me Power –
When surrounded by the world, and its follies at me hurled;
When they seek my soul to win, to the curse and lust of sin;
When they lure, deceive, and lie, when they try my soul to buy;
When they rob me of my name, and my character defame.
Oh, Lord of Heaven, Thy mercy send, and let Thy power my life defend.*

*Oh, God, give me Power –
When my heart is growing cold, and I wander from Thy fold;
When with ease I stay away, from the place where oft they pray;
If I go to visit friend when my knee to Thee should bend,
Or I seek the open air, rather than the place of prayer;
Power of God, just come to me, lead my erring feet to Thee.*

*Oh, God, give me Power –
When I stand upon life's brink, and my feet begin to sink,
Lower, lower into death, and as fainter grows the breath;
When I say to friends, goodbye, when the hour has come to die;
When I pass from earthly portal, clothed anew with the immortal,
Lord of life, Thy Power display, take me, make me Thine always.*



Upcoming Events



Grow Groups & Fellowship Meal
Beginning January 10th at 5:30

Tonight is our last Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal for this Season. We will start up again August 29th.

Join us tonight from 5:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Meals are \$3 per individual or \$10 per family.

ONCE A MONTH BAKING

Tonight's menu: Mississippi Roast Sliders, BBQ Chips, Pickle Spears, Strawberry Shortcake

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.

Scarf Sunday—Sunday, May 13

Upcoming baking day: Thursday May 3rd

Purple Scarves are being sold in the church office or on Sundays. They are \$2 each and we will honor the women in the church on Mother's Day—we ask that you wear your scarf on Sunday, May 13. We will take a picture at all 3 worship services that morning.

Team Meetings & Announcements

Administrative Board Meeting Sunday, April 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

UMW Book Review:

Thursday, May 3, 9:30 am,

Church Library

SPRC Meeting:

Monday, May 14,

6:00 pm, Church Library

Finance Committee:

Monday, May 21, 6:00 pm,

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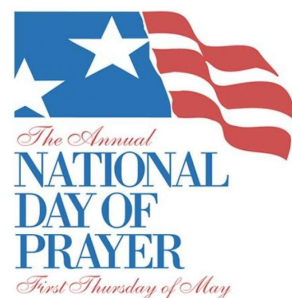
Trustee Committee will not meet in May due to Memorial Day Holiday.

Choir Practice: Wednesday nights @ 7:30

Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 28.



The Amazing Chemistry Show Tonight!
Wednesday, April 25 at 6:00 pm.
Invite your friends and bring the whole family.



National Day of Prayer Service Thursday, May 3

This National Day of Prayer Event will be hosted by Canyon area churches on the Square in Downtown Canyon from 7:00-8:00pm on Thursday, May 3.

Please join us as we lift our nation and community up in prayer. Feel free to share the event and invite family and friends.

UMW Rose Sale

The United Methodist Women will be selling Mother's and Father's Day roses Sunday, April 29 and Sunday, May 6. You may purchase your roses at the table outside of the Sanctuary or at the table in Fellowship Hall. Bouquets of roses will be placed on the altar on Mother's and Father's Day in honor or in memory of our parents or someone who has filled that significant role in our lives. All proceeds from the sales will benefit mission work locally and throughout the world.

Children's Sunday, May 13

Preschool will be singing at the 10:50 Traditional worship service. All three service worship services children will be confirmed and/or baptized. Come and enjoy this truly wonderful event.

Senior Sunday Celebration Service - Sunday May 20

Graduates, please notify Charlie by Sunday May 6th which service you and your family plan to attend (8:30 traditional, 10:50 traditional, or 10:50 modern), RSVP a number of guests for the celebration brunch, and provide a senior photo. You can contact the youth department fumcyouth@firstchurchcanyon.com or call 655-2851.

Ministry Spotlight—New Room Fellowship

written by Nola Hopkins



Monday Nights

7:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

Fellowship Hall

New Room Fellowship is a worship service to "reach out to those who have graduated from college or are young marrieds," according to youth and discipleship minister Charlie Keys. "It's really focused on another opportunity to reach out to millennials in our community and also be a place for those who are serving in ministry in another church or on campus. It's a place where they can receive and worship, and they can get poured into."

Senior pastor Rick Enns chose New Room Fellowship for the



service's name because it has Wesley roots. When John Wesley started his first Bible study class in Bristow, England, he called it "New Room."

Enns' vision for the service is for it "to reach 20-somethings who might not have a connection to a local church. It's an opportunity for them to learn and grow in a relationship with God in an environment where they can ask questions."

The new service started in January in Fellowship Hall. It runs from 7-8:30 Monday evenings with attendees sitting at round tables instead of rows of chairs or pews. Keyes said services are a "hybrid of a church service and a Wesley class or band."

"New Room Fellowship is much more grass roots and dialogue-focused, so there is lots of Q & A, lots of discussion, lots of sharing and openness," Keyes said.

At the close of each service, Enns or Keyes asks people at each table: "How have you seen God this week? Where are you struggling? How can we pray for you?" Then those at each table close with prayer.



"The Holy Spirit leads the conversation and Charlie and Rick facilitate," Anthony Tanksley, 23, said. "It's something you want to go to rather than just being another Bible study." Tanksley is a juvenile supervision officer at the Youth Center of the High Plains in Amarillo.

Ramon Mendoza, 23, works as a custodian at the church while attending West Texas A&M as a graduate student. The benefit of attending the Monday night service for Mendoza is "It's an opportunity for me to learn more about the Bible. We've brought in ideas of how to read scriptures and different translations. Everyone is involved. I love hearing different perspectives from other people. It's an awesome way to build community and fellowship with people who are graduates from the university or are working in every-day life."

Jon Jon Davis, 25, serves as media director at St. Stephens United Methodist Church in Amarillo. He enjoys a chance to connect with people his age.

"It's a little bit of a break," Davis said. "It's not me doing a lot of stuff for it. I can be a member. I can connect with people my own age." He enjoys the table discussions most. He said people feel as if they are investing in each other and "not just showing up for an hour and going back to their normal stuff."

Current attendance is 10 to 15. The service has Facebook and Instagram accounts at [newroomcanyon](https://www.facebook.com/newroomcanyon).

Welcome New Members



Johnnie Wood joined our church by transfer of membership from Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Abilene, Texas. Johnnie is retired from work with oil refinery and the railroad.



Joe Young joined our church by transfer of membership from Hillside Church in Amarillo, Texas. Joe is retired and attends the Crusader's Sunday School class.



The Mitchell Family joined our church by profession of faith. Michael works for Pantex, and Courtney is a nurse at BSA. Deagan is a 3rd grader, and Adaleigh is 3 years old. The Mitchells are in the Alpha Sunday School Class.