

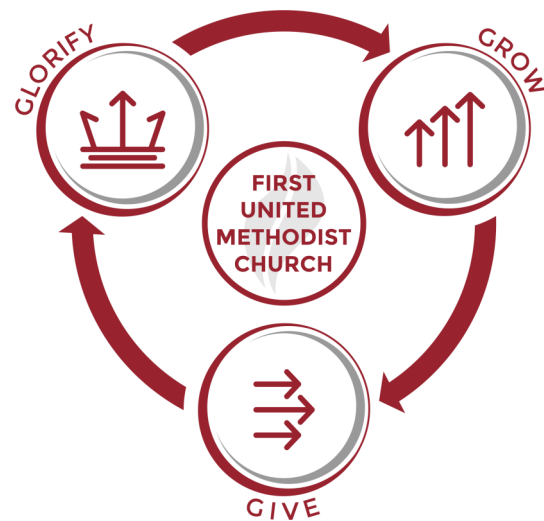
By the Numbers

Attendance and Finances

For February, we averaged 196 in the 8:30 Traditional, 111 in the 10:50 Traditional, and 139 in the 10:50 Modern. Overall, we averaged 446 worshipers per Sunday compared to 455 in 2018.

Our finances as of February 28, 2019:

Income - \$171,574 Expenses - \$168,596.



Thank You Notes

FUMC,

Thank you so much for your thoughts & prayers during my Aunt's hospital stay & sudden passing. Our family definitely felt your prayers & have continued to feel God's loving arms around us. We are so thankful for our church family.

We are assured that Madeline is rejoicing in heaven & is completely healed & we know we will be united again one day.

In His Love,
Christie & John Spring

FUMC Pastoral Care Team,

Thank you so much for the bread, card & prayers. We did loose my mom a couple of days after you came & prayed with us.

In Christ Love,
Madeline Rosson family

Pastor Rick & Canyon FUMC,

Thank you guys for being gold sponsors at the hoedown this year! FUMC has always been such a strong sponsor for the Wesley and we love our partnership! God bless you all!

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Joys and Concerns

HEALTH CONCERNS Darin Barnes, Steve Golla's father, Ron Bye, Melissa Clark's mother—Linda Giles, Emberlyn Gerber, Matt Campbell, Rudy Sattler's grandfather, Buell & Sandy Martin, Arline Rugger, Ozell Arnett, Dennis Hartman, Reese—1yr old upcoming surgery, Ronnie Gordon, Bishop Ikker, Kelli Marr, Barbara Tucek,

JOYS & OTHER CONCERNS CHS girls Soccer team, Josiah Asbill—pole vaulting, Kayla Zerby mom and mother in law, the Beallatty family as Bryson's father passed away, Steve Woodard's brother—PET scan showed no signs of cancer, Bill May's upcoming 90 birthday, new grandbaby to Ed & Rosemary Smith—Christopher Gary York, Jr., Stan Barnard—testing in Austin, cousin to Tim & Ashley Langen, Sri Lanka, promotion to Dr. Brooks at WTAMU, Kelsee Dudley qualified for State in 800m.,

IN CHRISTIAN for the Reyher family—Ron Reyher Rick's uncle passed away, students at Asbury—loss of a fellow student, McDaniel family—Robert McDaniel passed away,

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, Clois Rowland, 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 McMinn
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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THE NEWS *from* FUMC CANYON

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A Note From the Pastor

A Prayer for the Day

Twice this week the name of Henri Nouwen has come up, so I thought I'd share a prayer of his. If you haven't discovered Nouwen, then I encourage you to seek out his writings. They are absolutely brilliant, and he is easy to read. This is from the book, *A Cry for Mercy*.

O Lord, who else or what else can I desire but you? You are my Lord, Lord of my heart, mind, and soul. You know me through and through. In and through you everything that is finds its origin and goal. You embrace all that exists and care for it with divine love and compassion. Why, then, do I keep expecting happiness and satisfaction outside of you? Why do I keep relating to you as one of my many relationships, instead of my only relationship, in which all other ones are grounded? Why do I keep looking for popularity, respect from others, success, acclaim, and sensual pleasures? Why, Lord, is it so hard for me to make you the only one? Why do I keep hesitating to surrender myself totally to you?

Help me, O Lord, to let my old self die, to let die the thousand big and small ways in which I am still building up my false self and trying to cling to my false desires. Let me be reborn in you and see through you the world in the right way, so that all my actions, words, and thoughts can become a hymn of praise to you.

I need your loving grace to travel on this hard road that leads to the death of my old self and to a new life in and for you. I know and trust that this is the road to freedom. Lord, dispel my mistrust and help me become a

trusting friend. Amen.

May you trust in Jesus this day and every day. I look forward to seeing you Sunday.

In Christ,

Rick Enns

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Upcoming Events

LOST & FOUND

Please stop by the Lost & Found cart in Fellowship Hall kitchen and see if any of these items might belong to you.

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 at usdkwilson@sbcglobal.net for more information. Our next baking day is May 3rd.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all the Sunday School classes, small groups and church staff that helped out with Wednesday Night Fellowship meals this past season! I appreciate every one of you!

Thank you to all who signed up and brought food for our Easter Sunday Hospitality! And a big thank you to all who helped host, serve and clean-up in our hospitality rooms, and just make everything run smoothly; Lucas, Ragen, Sabbi, Youth interns, Rhonda Behrens and Kristine Keys!

Retirement Celebration to Honor Paul Bauernfiend

Invitation to Retirement Celebration for Paul Bauernfiend
The Amarillo District would like to invite you to a goodbye retirement celebration for Paul Bauernfiend. It will be a come and go event at
Faith Southwest UMC
4415 Wesley Rd
Amarillo, TX 79121
Sat, May 11th, 2-4 pm.
Everyone is invited.

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 ckeys@firstchurchcanyon.com

Mother's Day Scarves

Like last year we will again be selling purple scarves. They re \$2 each and we ask all women and girls to wear them on Mother's Day. The scarves may also be purchased in the church office during the week.

UMW Mother's Day Roses

The UMW will selling roses this Sunday, May 5. 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, MAY 5.

Community Night of Prayer & Worship—Sunday, May 5

One Church....One Voice....coming together in unity to worship. Join us and our sponsoring churches (Summit Church, Freedom Fellowship, First United Methodist, and Hillside Church) as we come together to worship and pray at the WTAMU Legacy Hall, May 5th from 6pm - 8pm.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast Sunday, May 19 at 7 a.m.

All men and boys are invited to a breakfast in the Youth Basement on Sunday, May 12th at 7am. The breakfast is to provide an opportunity for the men of all ages to eat, fellowship, and hear a short devotional/message.

Senior Sunday Service—May 19th

We will be recognizing our graduating seniors in all three services on Sunday, May 19th. Anyone who wishes to participate must RSVP by Sunday, May 5th. For questions or to RSVP contact Kayla Irlbeck at fumcyouth@firstchurchcanyon.com or call 655-2851.

Ministry Spotlight—Youth Staff

written by Ramon Mendoza

Meet the Youth Staff A.K.A "The Cool Kids"

Have you ever wondered, "Who are the awesome leaders that make everything happen in our youth ministry?" Look no further. Here is an introduction into each of our Youth Staff.



First, meet one of our youth interns, Seth Rodriguez. Seth is currently a Sophomore majoring in Psychology at WTAMU. He is currently involved in RHA, Student Government, and a leader at The Wesley Foundation. He looks forward to pursuing an opportunity in Human Resources. When asked how he heard about an opportunity to be a part of our Youth Staff he replied, "I heard about the internship when Charlie came to the Wesley's Tuesday night worship service Tupos and presented the open position. I originally didn't give it much thought but then I felt pulled to apply." Seth has been faithful to that call and it has been a joy to have him on staff. Seth enjoys being a part of this team because he is able to build relationships not only within the staff but with our youth. He is fun, playful, and connects well with our youth.



Another one of the Youth Interns is Suzanne Buck. She is currently enrolled as a Sophomore majoring in Pre-Nursing at WTAMU. Suzanne is an RA on campus and is a leader at The Wesley Foundation on the Events Team. After college, she hopes to pursue a career in Pediatrics ICU and, later, to pursue Medical Missions Work. Suzanne has been coming to FUMC for about two years now, and since the beginning she has felt that this church is her home. Suzanne prays that through this internship she could see how God will grow her heart for the youth, and that she sees how this will build a strong foundation for her calling and passion for youth in the future.

Serving in her second year as a Youth Intern is Carolyn Castro. Carolyn has been and continues to be an asset to our Youth Ministry. One of the things she loves most about being on staff is being able to help our students grow in relationship with the Lord and see how they have grown as leaders in Christ. One of Carolyn's favorite memories of being on staff is when Kayla, Stephen, Charlie, and her were in Charlie's office talking about TUMS and how this medicine is similar to chalk. Kayla had offered Charlie some TUMS and Charlie's response was, "I'M NOT EATING CHALK!" Everybody in the room cried out in laughter. Carolyn loves being on Youth Staff and we thank her for everything that she has done since joining.



Recently promoted from Youth Intern to Associate Youth Pastor, is Ramon Mendoza. He is a recent WTAMU Graduate and has accepted a calling into Youth Ministry. He first started participating in the youth last summer when he went on their SOS mission trip. He says it took a bit but the students broke him from his silence and got him to start singing to Disney music. When presented an opportunity to apply for an internship he felt called to apply. It was through interning that he decided to accept his calling into Youth Ministry. It has been a pleasure to have him on staff. Through his promotion, Ramon prays that being in this position allows him to grow, learn, and gain experience at FUMC and one day go on and become a full time Youth Pastor.

Finally, Kayla Irlbeck was recently promoted from Associate Youth Minister to Youth Minister as Charlie Keys (former Youth Minister) has transitioned to Associate Pastor. She started volunteering as a Sunday School Teacher and was given an opportunity to be a part of staff in September of 2017. Since accepting the position, she says it excites her so much that she is able to do what God has called her and gifted her to do. Kayla's favorite memory so far was the 30 Hour Famine event in February because she was able to "sense the heart of the students as we fasted from food, served our community, and raised money and awareness for world hunger." Fun fact about Kayla is that she can bark like a squirrel. Kayla has a passion for youth and we believe that she is going to do an amazing job as she continues to pursue her calling in ministry.



Team Meetings & Announcements

SPRC Meeting:

Monday, May 13 at 6p.m.—Church Library

Finance Committee:

Monday, May 20 at 6 p.m.—Room #113

Trustee Committee:

Canceled for May 2019 next meeting date is June 24 at 6 p.m. Room #113

Church Office Closed:

Closed—Monday, May 27 to observe Memorial Day

New Members—Welcome to FUMC Canyon



On March 24, 2019, Jordan and Kalley Furnish joined our church. Jordan works for Cargill and Kalley is a special education teacher in Amarillo. Their precious son Autry was just baptized on his first birthday April 21, 2019. Welcome to FUMC Jordan, Kalley, and Autry! We are thrilled you have joined our church family.