

By the Numbers

Attendance and Finances

For September, we averaged 191 in the 8:30 Traditional, 107 in the 10:50 Traditional, and 172 in the 10:50 Modern. Overall, we averaged 470 worshipers for the highest September attendance in the last 10 years.

Our finances as of August 31, 2019:
Income - \$674,002, Expenses - \$681,841.

Thank You Notes

Thank You

The WT Wesley Foundation would like to thank FUMC Canyon for all the support provided at our 19th Annual Chili Cook-off and Cake Auction. You are such a blessing to the Wesley, and we are overwhelmed by your generosity and support of this ministry and college students. Whether you provided a cake, chili, or monetary donations, we could not have had a successful event without y'all! This year we raised \$6,700! Thank you for being our partners in ministry and reaching WT students with the Gospel of Christ. Again, thank you for all the support.

God Bless You,
The Wesley Staff and Students

Thank you so much for all the donations for the Ybarra family medical expenses. We are truly blessed to live in such a great community. We would like to thank all those that made the benefit dance possible and those in attendance—what a fun night.

Thank you to those of you that donated in any way. We can never put into words how grateful we are. Pancho has just finished the third round of chemo in the six treatments for this go round—he will have two more by the end of the year and then one at the beginning of the year.

Blessings to you all,
The Ybarra family



Shoebboxes will be out for pickup this Sunday, November 3. Please take one and fill it and get it back to the church on or before the due date of Sunday, November 24.

Joys and Concerns

HEALTH CONCERNS Kelli Marr, JaNelle Dillehay, Brenda Havens, Pancho Ybarra, Addie Martinez—a child that Pam Pandolfi has brought to us to be praying for, Brooke Barnes, T.J. Campbell, Carrington Thomas, Kross Dudley, Kelli Marr, Nicole Mustoe, Makayla C.—Nana, Darin Barnes' father—Orin, friend with breast cancer, Bette Jalufka, Ed Smith, cousin Cristen—has leukemia, Darla Nickell, Amelia—granddaughter of Timmy & Dan Posey, Beth's friend in Montgomery whose 3 year old son was put in hospice, Linda Tinsley, Walter King

JOYS & OTHER CONCERNS new baby Adeline Rae Campbell—parents T.J. and Matt Campbell, Adam Lewis job search, Dani & Tank Tanksley are expecting another child

IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY Randal family on the death of their dad, Misty Miller's grandmother, the family of Kathy Sheppard on the death of her sister Vicky Sexton

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, Karen Dillehay, Rachel Stockstill, Rachel Musgrave, Hunsley Strickland, Earl Blair, Vanda Paris, Arline Rugger, Maxine Sherrod, Terri Gill, Annette Lippold, Jan Winstead, Pancho Ybarra, Ethel Schroeder, Michael Brewton, Brenda Havens, Jan Winstead, Monica Avery, Joe Sheppard

ADDITIONAL INTERCESSORY PRAYERS: President Trump and our country's leaders, Backyard Missions, War-torn Countries, New Life Children's Home, 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.

CHURCH STAFF

SENIOR PASTOR.....Rev. Rick Enns
ASSOCIATE PASTOR.....Charlie Keys
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PASTORAL CARE.....Angela Asbill
YOUTH MINISTER.....Kayla Irlbeck
ASSISTANT YOUTH MINISTER.....Ramon Mendoza
YOUTH INTERN.....Suzanne Buck
YOUTH INTERN.....Seth Rodriguez
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.....Christi Ybarra
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A Note from the Pastor—Rev. Rick Enns

Sent!

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Luke 10:2). With these words, Jesus sent out 70 to go from town to town where Jesus planned to visit. Did you catch that? They were sent, **where Jesus planned to visit**. They were sent to "prepare the way of the Lord."

We are a people who have been sent. It's built into our calling as followers of Jesus. It's also built into our DNA as Methodist Christians. As a Methodist Pastor, I commit to being sent wherever the bishop calls me to go. We are a people called to labor in the fields ripe for harvest.

It can be a scary thing when Jesus calls us. But it is also an incredible blessing. We have been blessed to be a blessing to others. I believe Jesus is calling us to be sent out into a new mission field where the harvest is truly plentiful. This is the reason why we are in the process of starting a new satellite campus in South Amarillo. This calling from Jesus is scary, but I am sure that this is His calling, and He will be with us as we journey with Him. I can't think of a greater blessing from Jesus than to be sent. Can you?

If you haven't been here the past couple of Sundays, let me give you a recap about the exciting things that God is doing in our midst. God has blessed us with the opportunity to be a multi-site church in the next 12-18 months as we add a satellite campus in south Amarillo. This dream started several years ago as our leadership has been looking at ways that larger Methodist churches can give birth to new faith communities.

Why now? Good question. It all began several months ago with a conversation with Toni Bailey, the pastor at Kingswood UMC in Amarillo. Toni was appointed to Kingswood a year-and-a-half ago, and she realized quickly that the church was in dire straits. Like many of our Methodist churches, it was on the verge of death. But the leaders at Kingswood didn't want to give up without a fight. In fact, they made the courageous decision to give their remaining assets away to bless other ministries instead of dying without a vision. They lived out Jesus' words when He said, *"I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels – a plentiful harvest of new lives"* (John 12:24).

One of those gifts and legacies will go to us. They are giving us approximately \$300,000 for seed money to start a satellite campus in south Amarillo. Toni Bailey will also join our staff to be the campus pastor for our satellite in Amarillo. What is also amazing is that a building for the new satellite campus that will be given to us as well! Those details are still being worked out and we'll announce that as soon as we can.

This is an incredible blessing from God and a next step in our dream as a church to start new worshipping communities. A great location and facility, seed money for the first 2+ years and a gifted pastor to be a part of our team in starting this new location! Isn't that amazing!

Toni is well suited for this new task in front of us. She has great gifts in teaching and shepherding. Let me brag on her a minute. In her 19-year service as a minister in our conference she has served at 5 different churches. She won the Denman award for evangelism when she tripled the attendance of White Deer UMC from an average worship attendance in the 20's to well over 100. She is gifted at starting new things and bringing life to new ministries. We will be blessed to have her on our team.

Please join me in praying for this next chapter in our lives together. For indeed the harvest is plentiful and the laborers are few. I also want to invite you to our next listening session for this satellite campus which will be Wednesday, Oct. 30, at 6:30 pm in the Crusaders Sunday school classroom. Toni will be there for you to meet as well.

May you feel the presence of Jesus and the Holy Spirit as you are sent out into the world to be disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

In Christ.

Rick Enns
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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 at usdkwilson@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Our upcoming baking days are **Friday, November 22nd** and **Thursday, December 19th**.

LOST & FOUND

Our Lost & Found shelves in the Fellowship Hall kitchen are getting full again. Please stop by to see if any of these items belongs to you. Any items left by December 16th, without a name on, will be donated.

COME JOIN US FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP MEALS!

5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall \$3 per individual—\$10 per family Everyone is welcome!

October 30th

BBQ Beef Sandwiches, Coleslaw, Potato Chips, Oreo Dirt Cups with Worms

November 6th

Spaghetti Bolognese, Cranberry Almond Spinach Salad, Garlic Bread and Danish Apple Marzipan Cake

November 13th

Frito Pie, Veggie Sticks & Ranch Brownies

November 20th Last WNF Meal of the season—start back up on January 15, 2020

Taquito Casserole, Fran's Mexican Salad Pecan Pie Cookies

INFORMATION MEETING FOR SATELLITE CAMPUS

OCTOBER 30TH, 6:30PM

All are invited as we meet in the Crusaders Sunday School classroom to answer questions about FUMC's opportunity to start a satellite campus in South Amarillo.

CHURCH CONFERENCE - THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

6:00 PM

Our annual Church Conference is set for Thursday, November 7th, at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will celebrate the ministry of our church, review membership, elect leaders, and set the pastor's salary for 2019. In addition, we will be voting to receive the financial gift from Kingswood UMC to start a satellite campus and receive the appointment of Toni Bailey as one of our Associate Ministers effective January 1, 2020.

College Goodie Boxes

Do you have a college student? Would you like for your college student to receive a goodie box from the church during finals week? Please call or email Christi Ybarra with your student's current address and we will get a goodie box to them. Christi Ybarra 806-655-2851 ext 224 or cybarra@firstchurchcanyon.com. We need the addresses in **no later than November 24th**.

Upcoming Sermon Series...



Ministry Spotlight—Angel Tree Ministry written by Jessica Tudyk



In 2001, Belen Guevara, the school counselor at Rex Reeves Elementary School in Canyon, noticed something interesting about one of her kindergarten students. The little girl's grandmother had just gotten custody of her and they did not have a vehicle. Despite the cold weather, the grandmother would bundle the young girl up in blankets to carry her to school in the cold. Mrs. G (as she was known to her students) had been praying about the situation. At the time, Lee Ann Love worked part time at the school as an interventionist and part time at FUMC Canyon as the children's ministry director. Mrs. G and Lee Ann met in the hallway. Lee Ann was coming to see if there was anything the church could help with and Mrs. G had plans to ask if the church could help the family in any way. It was divine intervention.

There was also a single father who worked at the college. His kindergarten age daughter, preschool age son, and he lived in a trailer park just down from the church. He would walk the two children to school and then walk to work. There was also a single mom struggling to make ends meet who lived in a dilapidated trailer house with her three young children. Lee Ann got together with Vicki Robinson and Francie Pittman and the Angel Tree Ministry was born. That first year the Angel Tree Ministry served six children from three families. The Angel Tree Ministry provided children with necessities like warm clothes, coats, and shoes. It also made sure the children had Christmas gifts. In addition, families served were prayed for and referrals to organizations that could help meet other needs were provided. The grandmother mentioned earlier was referred to another organization that ultimately found and gave her a van. One family was heating water on the stove to bathe their children because the gas had been turned off. Their gas bill was paid through the Angel Tree Ministry. 40 children were served in the second year and the ministry continued to grow. Many children and

families have been blessed by the Angel Tree Ministry.

Lee Ann's last year with the ministry was 2009 before her family moved away. The church was struggling to serve the number of children and families so the United Methodist Women (UMW) partnered to help with the Angel Tree Ministry. Vivian Thurman coordinated from 2010-2011, Vivian and Rita Wynn co-coordinated in 2012, Rita was the coordinator from 2013-2014, and Jessica (Hartman) Tudyk took over in 2015.

There have been many changes throughout the history of the Angel Tree Ministry. Rex Reeves and Oscar Hinger elementary schools are now Reeves-Hinger; there is now an intermediate school and a junior high; and the student population at Crestview has shifted over time. The one thing that has not changed is that there are still families in the community who are struggling and there are still children in need. The Angel Tree Ministry serves about 70 families a year with a total of 200 children and still does not serve all the students and families that are in need.

The school counselors at Reeves-Hinger, Crestview, and Canyon Intermediate use the district's (in need) list to help determine which students qualify for the Angel Tree. The purpose of the ministry is to provide each child a set of clothes (shirt and pant), a jacket or sweater or coat (maybe gloves and a warm hat), underwear and socks, shoes (if able), and one toy/item. Many parents express extreme gratitude for what the ministry does for them.

The Angel Tree Ministry enables our church family to serve as the hands and feet of Jesus by providing Christmas gifts, clothes, and shoes to children in our community.

This year the Angels will be on the trees ready for 'adoption' on November 17th. There will be a place to note which angel you 'adopt' and an instruction sheet. Gifts should be returned to the church before or on Sunday December 8th. Set up for present pick up will be December 15th from 1-3pm in the Fellowship Hall and present pick up and wrapping will be from 3:30-5:30pm.

It takes every member of the church to make this ministry a success. If you have any questions about the Angel Tree Ministry or want to get involved please contact Jessica at 806.654.3787 or

FUMCCanyonAngelTree@gmail.com.

Team Meetings & Announcements

UMW Book Review:

Thursday, November 7 Church Library at 9:30 a.m.

Church Conference

Thursday, November 7 Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m.

SPRC Committee

Monday, November 11 Church Library at 6 p.m.

Finance Committee:

Monday, November 18 Room 113 at 6 p.m.

Trustee Committee:

Monday, November 25 Room 113 at 6 p.m.

Church and Church office closed

Wednesday, November 27 through November 29—Thanksgiving Break.

Special Announcement from United Methodist Women

- Dressing sales: PREORDERS will be October 27th and November 3rd—must prepay. Pick up dressing on Sunday, November 17th. Order forms available in church office. 9x13—\$14 and 8x8—\$10
- Bake sale and Frozen casseroles/dishes will be on sale Sunday, November 24th.

UMW will not be having the UMW Thanksgiving Lunch and Bazaar this year. Instead, we will be raising funds for missions through the preorder pecan sales, preorder dressing sales and a bake sale on Sunday, November 24. We are so grateful to all Sunday School classes and individuals who have volunteered to help make this huge event possible over the years.