

By the Numbers

Attendance and Finances

For August we averaged 182 in the 8:30 Traditional, 110 in the 10:50 Traditional, and 141 in the 10:50 Modern. Overall, we averaged 433 worshipers per Sunday compared to 407 in 2018. This is the highest August average attendance in the last 10 years.

Our finances as of July 30, 2019:
Income - \$594,325, Expenses - \$586,018.

Thank You Notes

Thank you to all of church family that have sent cards, brought food, sent texts, called and everything else in between. We appreciate everyone of you. Keep praying for continued improvement and for upcoming chemo treatments.
Many Thanks,
The Ybarra family

Thank you for the yummy snacks that were provided. It was so delicious. Y'all are the best.
Thank you
Canyon Intermediate Staff



Beginning October 2 we will have Christmas Cantata rehearsals from 7:30-8 each Wednesday. All are welcome to sing with us. The Cantata, "Prince of Peace" will be performed at both traditional services on December 1.



Ybarra at cybarra@firstchurchcanyon.com or 806-655-2851



Joys and Concerns

HEALTH CONCERNS Terrie Hartman, Brenda Havens, Ferne Hefner, Pancho Ybarra, Vanda Paris, Ferne Hefner, Jan Winstead, Monica Avery, Joe Sheppard, Ina Cleavinger, Karan Carlton, Sean Lowry's grandmother, John Hamm, Danielle Burns, Walter King, Amelia (granddaughter of Dan & Timmye Posey), Linda Tinsley, Orin Barnes, friend of Beth in Montgomery 3 year old son in hospice

JOYS & OTHER CONCERNS Katie Irlbeck & Riley McCollum upcoming marriage, Francie Pittman's successful surgery, Midland & Odessa area for families affected by the shooting, new grandson Merik Reign King, thankful for the much needed rain, engagement of Ragen Colley, Judah Asbill one year after surgery and doing well, Jo Lowry in China
IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY the family of Roger Yoakum on his passing, Jan Winstead and family on the passing of Merrell Winstead, the family of Father Robert Busche on his passing, Haley English and family on the passing of her father, Kathy Sheppard and family on the death of her sister Vicky Sexton

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, Martin Mordecai, Waylon Malone, T.K. Baker, Erin Green, Priscilla Delatte, Christie Wilhite, Brandi Sustaire, Bobby Altman, Kason Gabbard, Alisann Smookler, Addi Martinez, Lynn Guy, Thelma Fulton, Kelli Marr, Becca Hill, 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 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
LAY MINISTER.....	Roman Asbill
PASTORAL CARE.....	Angela Asbill
YOUTH MINISTER.....	Kayla Irlbeck
ASSITANT 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.....	Christi Ybarra
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

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THE NEWS from FUMC CANYON

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A Note from the Pastor—Rev. Rick Enns

Survey Says!

Remember the game show Family Feud? The host (Richard Dawson when I was a kid) would list survey answers on the board and families would try to guess the top answers. Well we aren't doing a family feud, but we did do a church survey and I wanted to give you the results.

But before I give the results, let me remind you of what the survey asked. This survey consisted of two questions.

- 1. What do you think is our primary need and vision for the property behind the church building?
- 2. What are your dreams for the future of FUMC Canyon?

The reason that we are asking these two questions is because we established a Study Committee to specifically explore options for the use of our current land. Our current land includes the entire city block that the church currently sets on, as well as the parking lot across the street to the east of the church.

The responsibilities of a Study Committee, according to our United Methodist Book of Discipline (Par. 2544) include:
(1) analyzing the needs of the church and community;
(2) projecting the potential membership with average attendance;
(3) writing up the church's program of ministry (¶¶ 201-204); and
(4) developing an accessibility plan including chancel areas.

The Study Committee (composed of Floyd Hartman, Rich Hopson, Jennifer Valenzuela, Suzanne Wheeler, Jon Behrens and myself) has heard that the primary need and vision for the vacant lots behind the church is additional parking. In fact, the church has been buying the property behind the alley over the past several decades in order to potentially have more parking. If the church elects parking, the Committee will investigate creating a more accessible and secure entrance adjacent to that parking.

This is where the survey comes in. The members of the committee wanted to hear from you! We were excited that 92 of you completed the survey. That's about 10% of our membership, which is a great percentage to answer a survey.

Below is a summary of the different answers given. We have combined like ideas together.

- 1. **What do you think is our primary need and vision for the property behind the church building?**
 - The majority of people agreed that parking is a need for the

- church.
- Several people were interested in the possibilities of expanding our facility by building onto that land. Ideas were: In His Hands Preschool building, sanctuary for the modern service, youth building, community outreach center, children's Sunday school classes, classrooms, Fellowship Hall, and Sr. Citizen's Center.
- Playground areas for our IHH Preschool and children's events. Ideas were to expand the playground and purchase specialized equipment for children with special needs and adding basketball goals.
- Meditation garden, green space or park area
- Labyrinth
- Secure entry into the building with an awning over it

- 2. **What are your dreams for the future of FUMC Canyon? (Similar answers have been combined)**
 - Continued growth – youth, worship, etc.
 - Expanded ministries in all areas including women's ministry, pastoral care, youth, children, music, mentoring, etc.
 - Continued to preach biblical truth
 - Growing, involved, responding church
 - Continued opportunities to bring people to Christ, grow and reach community
 - Stay on top of building needs
 - Members excited about being members
 - Blessing to the members and community
 - Continued leadership to shape future of Methodist church
 - Keep our current pastor
 - Create more opportunities to bond with college and high school students and offer classes for young adults
 - Additional campus
 - Increased numbers of dedicated young adults and youth
 - Separating from the United Methodist church
 - More diversity
 - Better accessibility
 - More fellowship of members outside of church

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 next baking day is October 26th.

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!

September 25th
Lasagna, Mixed Green Salad
Southern Peach Cobbler with Frozen Vanilla Yogurt
October 2nd
Burritos, Cilantro Lime Corn Salad
Chips & Salsas and Mocha Poke Cake
October 9th
Chicken Parmesan Casserole with Spaghetti, Creamy Pea Salad and Italian Chocolate Cake
October 16th
Creamy Tortellini & Italian Sausage
Tuscan Salad, Garlic Bread and Pistachio Cupcakes
October 23rd
Quesadillas, Fiesta Salad, Chips & Salsas and Snickerdoodle Cookies



Date Night Dance Fundraiser
Saturday, September 28 at 7:00 p.m.
FUMC will be holding a "Date Night Dance" fundraiser for the Ybarra family on Saturday, September 28th from 7 to 9:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Admission is by donation. This fundraiser is to help out with medical expenses. Pancho Ybarra is battling Diffuse Large B Cell Lymphoma.
Child-care will be provided for birth to 7 years of age by signing up in advanced—sign ups sheets are located by the Sanctuary and in the Fellowship Hall. Children 8 to 12 years of age will be hanging out in the basement area—no sign up necessary for those ages 8 to 12 years of age.



Open House Amarillo District Superintendent
Felicia Hopkins at 3800 Linda Drive
Saturday, October 5, 2019
11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.



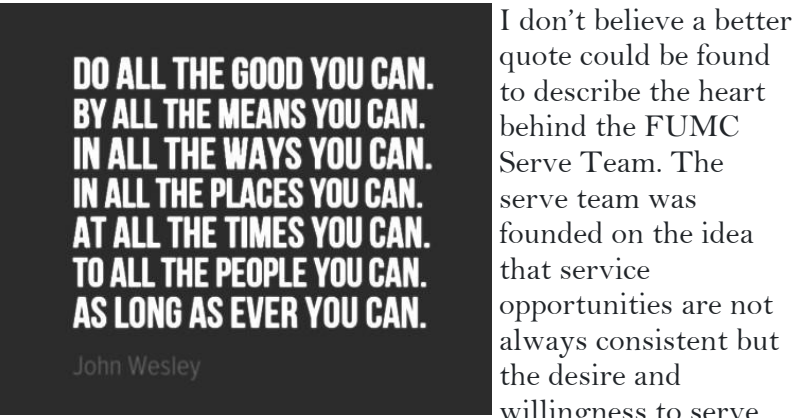
Youth Invite Night
Wednesday, October 16 6:15-7:30 p.m.
in the basement. We will have a "coffee shop" night in the basement with lots of activities including: coffee, karaoke, board games/card games, and a Smash Bros Tournament.



The Wesley Foundation's 19th Annual Chili Cook-off and Cake Auction will be October 20th, 2019 in FUMC Canyon's Fellowship Hall, immediately following the 10:50 service. If you have any questions or would like to sign up to bring chili or a dessert, please call Traci Logan at 806-655-3535.

Ministry Spotlight—Serve Team

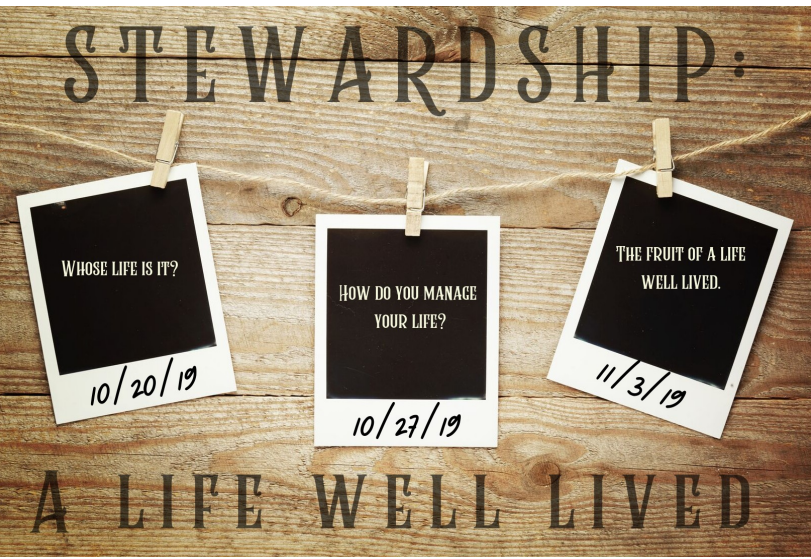
written by Charlie Keys



I don't believe a better quote could be found to describe the heart behind the FUMC Serve Team. The serve team was founded on the idea that service opportunities are not always consistent but the desire and willingness to serve can be. Therefore, we set out to create a team of willing servants who could potentially be available as service opportunities presented themselves. Our hope is that it would provide opportunities to serve for those whose schedules don't allow them to commit to long term service projects. What ended up happening is the team ended up being a blessing to those involved as much as they are a blessing to the church. One team member, Tolu says, "*The serve team is very important to me. It is an opportunity to serve God in my capacity, the timing is flexible and everyone on the team is very nice and supportive. I bless God for the serve team.*"

Currently the FUMC serve team consists of 15 members. Since the serve team launched in November, they have had the opportunity to serve in a variety of ways. The serve team has assisted with setting up and tearing down the FUMC tailgate party, served as additional ushers on high attendance Sundays, and aided the custodial team reset the fellowship hall for Sunday morning worship after a late Saturday night event. The communication for the serve team is very simple. The entire serve team is a part of a GroupMe group. Once I am notified of a service opportunity, I simply post it in the GroupMe. Then serve team members are able to commit to helping with the project if their schedules allow. The serve team serves a crucial role in our church. They help ensure that help will always be available when needed.
If you are interested in finding out more about the FUMC Serve Team or would like to join you can contact me by email ckeys@firstchurchcanyon.com or you are welcome to contact me at the church office 655-2851.

Be Blessed,
Charlie Keys
Associate Pastor FUMC Canyon



Team Meetings & Announcements

UMW Book Review:

Canceled for the month of October.

Administrative Board Meeting

Thursday, October 10 Room 121/123 at 6:30 p.m.

SPRC Committee

Monday, October 14 Church Library at 6 p.m.

Finance Committee:

Monday, October 21 Room 113 at 6 p.m.

Trustee Committee:

Monday, October 28 Room 113 at 6 p.m.

Church and Church office closed

Monday, October 14

A Note from the Pastor Continued - Survey Says!

- More Sr. Citizen respite programs
- Welcoming community

So, there you have it! Some fantastic ideas and visions for our future as a church. It's so exciting to see how many of you are passionate about our outreach into the community to reach the lost. Thanks to those of you who answered the survey.

The Study Committee will be taking these results along with other research that it has done so far and writing up a report that will be given to the leadership of the church, hopefully in the next couple of months. Please pray for us as we go through this process.

If the church votes to adopt the report, then the next step would be to create a Building Study Committee to look at

moving forward in any additional building, fundraising, etc.

I am excited about the future of our church. It is such a blessing to be a part of a healthy vibrant church that is seeking to "make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

I look forward to seeing you Sunday!

In Christ,

Rick Enns
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