

# *First United Methodist News*

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*Bishop Charles N. Crutchfield*

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*Rev. Mike Morey*

*Rev. David P. Orr, Senior Minister*

*Rev. Janice Sudbrink*

*Rev. Stephen Dickinson*

*Rev. Claire Hoffman*

*Rev. William Cheyne*

*Rev. Herschel McClurkin*

*August 27, 2009*

## **ACROSS DAVID'S DESK**

First United Methodist Church is here to follow the Great Shepherd, to seek the lost sheep, and nurture the flock, all to the glory of God. To that end, the Neighborhood Block Party and Back to School Bash are scheduled for this Sunday, Sunday, August 30th. The Block Party is 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. and the Back to School Bash is 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. There will be tons of food and games and joy. There will be hundreds of neighborhood guests being greeted and received by hundreds of First Church members. If you want to get a snapshot of the Kingdom of God, be here on Sunday for Sunday School and worship and then come back for the festivities in the afternoon! This effort has been a Spirit of God driven effort. Members of the church have followed the Spirit's guidance and been at the point of this neighborhood mission outreach. Members are providing the food, games, band and supplies for the events so there is no cost to anyone to participate. I look forward to sharing this grace-filled day with every one of you!

Moving into the fall schedule, I encourage you to consider participating in one of our excellent Bible Studies. Both short-term and longer-term studies are offered. Now, find the study that meets your need and get involved. The study of Scripture and the benefits of a smaller group are fantastic.

Get into music! Children's Choirs, Chancel Choir, handbell choirs and Praise Team are all places you can be engaged in music that honors God and be a contributing member of the Body of Christ.

In this era of strained finances, I thank you for your loyalty to First Church. Good stewards do not give just when money is abundant, or just give God a piece of the "extra" money in the account. Good stewards give to say thank you to God for life and life's blessings. Good stewards give when it looks like sacrifice to others. Good stewards give for the joy of giving to our God who is the author of the joy of giving. First Church finances are, certainly, tight right now as we end the summer. As you continue to honor God with the first fruits of all that you have, this great congregation will meet the challenge of the day. Thank you for what you have given. Thank you, in advance, for what you will continue to share. "Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of your Master."

See you Sunday,  
David Orr

## **-SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2009, AT FIRST CHURCH-**

Rev. David Orr will preach at the 8:30 Chapel and 11:00 Sanctuary service. His sermon is entitled, "Give Me a Break from Worry" and his scripture text is Matthew 6:25-34. Rev. Stephen Dickinson will preach at the 11:00 Connexion service. Rev. Janice Sudbrink will be Liturgist. Lay readers are: 8:30, John Cooley, 11:00, Bill Pitts.

Amanda Turner will be the soloist at the 8:30 service. The Chancel Choir's anthems will be "To Everything There Is a Season" by Ed Harris and "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" arranged by Fred Bock.

## IN THE HOSPITAL

As of Monday, August 24, 2009, the following members were known to be in the hospital:

### Sparks:

Harold Owens  
Clifford Davis

### St. Edward:

Nancy Gately

## BY YOUR GIFTS . . .

Rec'd this week.....\$35,115  
Rec'd to date.....\$952,466  
Budgeted to date.....\$1,119,193

**Please pray for the following who are serving in our U. S. Military:** Ellen Driggers, Darson Emery, Luke Boussein, Shaun Sorensen, Richard Johnson, Terry Blanton.

## Foundation Information

You may specify that your bank accounts are "in trust for the church". You retain total control over the account during your life. However, the property passes to the church at your death, without probate.

## Methodist Men's Clubs

**Thursday, Noon Lunch/Bible Study, September 3,** Rev. Aaron Barling will teach John 12:1-26, Family Life Center.

**Friday Morning Breakfast/Bible Study, Sept. 4, 2009,** 6:30 a.m., Family Life Center.

## Altar Flower Openings

We have the following openings for altar flowers: **September 6 and 27, October 11, 18, & 25.** If you would like to put flowers on the altar in memory or in honor of a loved one, call 782-5068.



## The Altar Flowers

for Sunday, August 30, 2009 are placed in honor of David and Judy Staggs' 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary from their children, Jenna, Jody, Jamie, and Aaron.



Jeff and Elysa Turner and their children, Ainsley, Connell and McKenzze, united with our church family on Sunday, August 23, 2009 at the 11:00 a.m. Connexion service. We welcome the Turner family to First Church.

## Destination Station Bible Verse for August

### 2 Corinthians 5:17

Anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person. The past is forgotten and everything is new again.



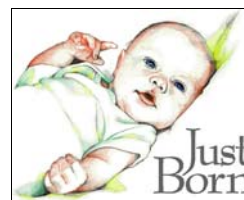
Cathy Correll and family on the death of her father, James Carter of Palestine, Illinois.



## Arthritis Exercise Program

to begin classes Wednesday, September 23, 1:30 p.m., in Room M105 and ending on October 29.

Spaces are limited so call Rosemary Alcon at West Central Center on Aging, 478-8819, to sign up today.



## We rejoice with the following families:

Betsy and Gabe Porta on the birth of a son,

Caleb Robert Porta. Maternal grandparents are Mike and Susan Schulte. Great grandfather is Bernard Brockman.

Bonnie Culp and the late Thomas Culp on the birth of a son, Thomas Alexander Culp. Paternal grandparents are Bill and Tracy Culp.

Ross and Jennifer Powell on the birth of a son, Fletcher Thomas Powell. Paternal grandparents are Ron and Cheryl Powell.



Let's have breakfast together this Sunday, August 30, 8:30-9:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center. Breakfast is free and

all donations will be given to the "Backpack for Kids" program. See you Sunday.

## Job Opportunity at First Church

Our Kindergarten Sunday School class is in need of an energetic and dependable teacher. The ideal candidate must be available each week for Sunday School and the 11:00 o'clock services.

If you love to work with young children and are interested in this job opportunity, please contact Alison Underwood, 782-0378 or Sally Ware, 782-5068.

## Need a ride to Sunday School and Church?

Our church van picks up at Methodist Village, Butterfield Place, Willow Brook, and Gorman Towers. We pick up between 8:30 and 9:30 and return you home after the 11:00 a.m. services. We also pick up for Pacesetters. If you would like a ride, please call , 782-5068.



*You are cordially invited to attend the  
reception following the marriage of*

*Miss Claire Melissa Hoffman  
and  
Mr. John Taylor Caldwell, Jr.*

*Saturday, the twenty-ninth of August  
Two thousand and nine  
at  
Three o'clock in the afternoon  
in the  
Family Life Center Great Room*



**First United Methodist  
Church**

**Neighborhood**

**Back to School Block  
Party**

**for**

**Darby and Tilles Families and  
our neighborhood!**

**Sunday, August 30, 2009  
4-6pm at N. 16<sup>th</sup> & "C" Streets**

**Water and Dry Inflatables, Face  
Painting,  
Hamburgers & Hot Dogs, Music  
and 20 units of Angel Food to be  
given away  
Fun for all ages!**

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### **2009 Fall Bible Studies at FUMC**

It's time to get into the word! FUMC has nine different Bible studies that will begin this fall! There is something for everyone. Come check them out in the Narthex or at the info table in the Family Life Center.

**Congratulations** to Breck Burriss who won the drawing for an I-Pod shuffle + \$15 iTunes gift card or a \$100 gift card to either Toys R Us or Academy Sports in the FUMC Summer Reading Program 2009. Thanks to all the children who participated. They read 200 books this summer! Way to Go! We are proud of all of you.

If you have not yet received some of your prizes, please notify Marcie Salamone so that she can award them to you after Sunday school. If you have any questions, please call her at 434-6145.

See you next summer!

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### **First Place 4 Health**

is a 12 week curriculum led by Rev. Janice that is centered around achieving balance in 4 essential areas of our lives: emotional (prayer), spiritual (Scripture reading and Bible study), mental (daily food record), and physical (eating well and exercising). Class time will include weigh in's (confidential), health, nutrition and exercise information, Bible study discussion, and prayer requests and prayer time.

Classes are for ages 16 and older, men and women, and will meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 p.m. beginning September 23. Childcare available upon request. A commitment to the 12 week program is highly encouraged. Cost is \$20 for Bible study book. For more info, call Janice. Sign-up now on Sundays in the Narthex or through the church office.

### **Come and join DISCIPLE III for an unforgettable faith building season!**

The Disciple III Class is a marvelously caring, interactive and dedicated group. We invite all persons who have completed Disciple I. You need not have completed Disciple II to move on to Disciple III. The best news is that Rev. Claire Hoffman is going to be our teacher. It cannot get any better than that. We meet on Tuesday night at 6:00 p.m. in Room M103 starting September 8, 2009. See you there with open arms.

Members of Disciple II Class

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**BSA troop 2** at First Church spent the week of June 21-27 at Camp Orr. The week was full of activities for the scouts and 33 merit badges were completed. Eighteen more merit badges will be completed here at regular troop meetings.

There were more than 30 troops in camp that week from all over the southwest and Troop 2 scouts were one of only four troops that earned the Troop Spirit award. Another award earned was for the most unique dutch oven dessert.

We are very proud of our scouts for their achievements this summer. A court of honor to recognize them will be held this fall.

David Matlock  
Scouting Coordinator

**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
ATTENDANCE  
August 23, 2009**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Infants	3
Toddlers	
2 yr. olds	4
3 yr. olds	3
4 yr. olds	4
Kindergarten	7
Grade 1	
Grade 2	9
Grade 3and	
Grade 4	16
Grade 5	
Grade 6	13
<b>CHILDREN'S DIV.</b>	<b>59</b>

Grade 7, 8, 9,  
Grade 10,11, & 12

**YOUTH DIV.** **7**

College	
Aldersgate(Room M105) w/Chapel	
Believers (Room M302)	3
Builders (RoomM209)	30
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	80
Cornerstones*(Room M311) w/Chapel	
Disciples Room M312)	12
Discussion*(Room M301)	54
Encouragers (Room M303) w/Chapel	
Friends (Room M103) w/Chapel	
Gleaners (Room M201)	32
Good News (Room M202)	6
Le Menage (Room M306)	4
Roundtable*(Room M213)	26
Seekers*(Room M107)	11
Uplifters*(Room M205)	31
<b>ADULT TOTALS</b>	<b>289</b>
General Officers	4
*Made their quota	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>359</b>

**Worship:**

8:30	81
11:00 FLC	170
11:00 Sanctuary	267
Communion	49

**TOTALS 567**

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**OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK**

**Sunday, August 30**

8:30 - Breakfast, Family Life Ctr.,  
8:30 - Worship, Roebuck Chapel  
9:45 - Confirmation Class, M313  
9:45 - Sunday School  
11:00 - Worship, Family Life Center  
11:00 - Worship, Sanctuary  
2:00 - Shoal Creek Mtg., Conf. Rm.  
4-6 - Block Party, 16<sup>th</sup> & "C" Sts.  
6:00 - Down Home Singin', Roebuck  
Chapel w/reception in Narthex  
6:30 - Youth Back to School Bash

**Monday, August 31**

11:30 - Intro to Old Test., FLC102  
5:30 - Nominations, Conf. Rm.  
6:00 - Beth Moore, Fireside Rm.  
6:00 - Cub Scouts, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
6:30 - Boy Scouts, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

**Tuesday, September 1**

9:00 - Staff Meets, Conf. Rm.  
1:30 - Archives Room Open, M204

**Wednesday, September 2**

9:00 - Beth Moore, Fireside Rm.  
5:30 - Communion, Roebuck Chapel  
6:00 - Praise Team, Gym  
7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, September 3**

6am - Men's Fraternity Bible Study, Gym  
12:00 - UMM Lunch/Bible Study, FLC

**Friday, September 4**

6:30 - UMM Breakfast/Bible Study, FLC  
10:00 - Pacesetters, Fireside Rm.

**Our 10:00 a.m. Uplifters Class and our 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary service are broadcast over KFPW 1230AM.**

**Vision:**

A complete church – always under construction.

**Mission:**

Fort Smith First United Methodist Church is here to follow the Shepherd, to seek the lost, to feed the sheep, all to the glory of God.

**Rev. Stephen Dickinson  
Emergency  
on call Minister for  
August 28-30  
Phone: 459-5060**