

First United Methodist News

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Rev. Janice Sudbrink
Rev. Stephen Dickinson
Rev. Claire Caldwell
Rev. William Cheyne
Rev. Herschel McClurkin*

January 7, 2010

ACROSS DAVID'S DESK



First Church welcomes our District Superintendent, Reverend Mike Morey, as our preacher for the morning on January 10th. He will preach in Roebuck Chapel at 8:30 and in the Sanctuary at 11:00.

Mike and his wife, Charlotte, have twin sons, Scott and Steve, and daughter-in-law, Vicky.

Mike's educational background includes Little Rock Hall High School, 1972; University of Central Arkansas, Conway, 1975; and, Iliff School of Theology, Denver, CO, 1982. He is credentialed as a Bethel Bible Study instructor; a Disciple and Christian Believer Instructor; an Alpha Study leader; and, has completed our Conference's Connected in Christ training.

Reverend Morey has served pastorates at Junction City; Camden Westside; Pine Bluff First, Associate; Danville; Little Rock Pulaski Heights, Associate; Paragould First; Searcy First; and most recently, Hot Springs Village Christ of the Hills UMC. He was appointed Superintendent of the West District at the 2009 session of the Arkansas Annual Conference.

Among his several involvements in the ministry beyond the local church, Mike served on the Hendrix Board of Trustees, has been elected to the General and/or Jurisdictional Conference delegations in 2000, 2004, and 2008. Since 2004, he has been a member of the South-Central Jurisdiction Mission Council and he chairs the Arkansas Conference Russia Initiative Committee.

Reverend Morey was named the 1999 winner of the Harry Denman Evangelism Award and he pastored Paragould First when it was named the 2000 Conference Church of the Year and Searcy First when named the North District Church of the Year in 2006.

We want to receive Mike with the very best First Church welcome, ever. This will be a time for us to be led in meaningful worship by one of the best pastors and preachers in Arkansas United Methodism. Invite a friend to be part of worship with you at First Church!

See you, Sunday,
David Orr

-SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2010, AT FIRST CHURCH-

Rev. Mike Morey will preach at the 8:30 Roebuck Chapel and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary service. His sermon is entitled, "Mysteries of God" and his scripture text is Luke 3:15-17, 21-22. Rev. Stephen Dickinson will preach at the 11:00 a.m. Connexion service. Rev. David Orr, Rev. Janice Sudbrink and Rev. Claire Caldwell will be Liturgists. Acolytes will be Wren Lanier and Catherine Ivey. Lay Readers are: 8:30, Brian Gaines, 11:00, Marcie Salamone.

Linda Dickson will be the soloist at 8:30 and 11:00. The Chancel Choir's anthems will be "I Offer My Heart" by Aaron David Miller and "The Presentation" by Daniel Pinkham with Blakeley Knox as soloist.



As of Monday, January 4, 2010, the following members were known to be in the hospital.

St. Edward:
Carol Poague
Beth Watson
Ellen Selby

**BY YOUR GIFTS . . .
as of December 28, 2009**

Rec'd this week.....\$17,058
Rec'd to date.....\$1,401,223
Budgeted to date.....\$1,711,707

Please pray for the following who are serving in our U. S. Military:
Richard Johnson, Doug Wilderman.

Foundation Information

Preparing an estate plan is good Christian stewardship – saying thanks to God, expressing your love and concern for family, and showing charity toward others.

Methodist Men's Clubs

Thursday Noon Lunch/Bible Study, January 14, 2010 - Rev. Robert Cloninger will teach Acts 6.

Friday Morning Breakfast/Bible Study, 6:30 a.m., January 15, 2010 - Ben Reid will teach Luke 24.

**Destination Station Bible Verse for January
Mark 10:14**

Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to these children that the kingdom of God belongs.



The Altar Flowers

for Sunday, January 10, 2010, are placed in honor of Bob Miller's 80th Birthday. Given by the Hardin Family Children.

Altar Flower Openings

We have the following openings for altar flowers: **January 24, and 31** . If you would like to put flowers on the altar call 782-5068.

**Young Adult Kickoff
January 14 - 6:00 p.m.**

Dinner and fellowship at the home of Benji Pryor, 1505 South 37th Street, Fort Smith.

We will start our new Bible study *Interrupted* (What happens when Jesus interrupts the average life? *Interrupted* encourages believers to ask if their lives bring integrity to the gospel.)

Chick Flicks is changing for 2010!

Starting January 2010, we will no longer meet monthly. We will have quarterly flicks with dinner, popcorn, desserts, and a great movie, followed by trivia, prayer and fellowship.

Please make it a priority to look for our upcoming event dates in the newsletter. We look forward to seeing you!

The Women's Ministry

Job Opportunity at FUMC

Our church nursery is looking for a kindergarten teacher and a teacher for our three year olds on Sunday mornings. If you enjoy ministering to children and would like to know more about this opportunity, contact Alison Underwood, 782-0378 or Sally Ware, 782-5068.



Dr. James and Dr. Kathryn Trusell and their family on the death of their son, Brandon James Trusell and daughter, Keely Ann Trusell.

Rev. Bill Cheyne and family on the death of his sister, Dorothy Cheyne Wilkins.

The family and friends of Mary Minta Thompson.

Zuma Dooly and family on the death of her sister-in-law, Reba Kate Dooly Green.

The family and friends of Elma Dell Lyon.



Carson David Cregger, son of Aaron and Jamie Cregger, was baptized in our 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary service on December 27, 2009. Maternal grandparents are Dr. David and Judy Staggs.

We rejoice with:

Shane and Ellen Selby on the birth of a daughter, Caroline Elizabeth Selby.

And

Bryan and Kimberly Richards on the birth of a son, Owen William Richards. Paternal grandparents are Brenda and Bob Mendenhall.

Welcome, New Members!

We welcome Gaye McClure and her children, Spencer and Sydney to our church family. They joined by transfer on December 27. Gaye is the director of our Chancel Choir.

We welcome Brad and Heather Kohler and their children, Evan and Ella to our church family. The Kohler's joined by transfer on December 13.



First Place 4 Health is

a 12 week curriculum led by Janice Sudbrink 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 healthy and exercising). This Class time will include weigh in's (confidential), health, weight loss and/or maintaining weight nutrition and exercise information, bible study discussion, and prayer requests and prayer time.

Classes will meet Wednesday evenings at 6:15 p.m. beginning **January 13, 2010**. Childcare will be available upon request. A commitment to the 12 week program is highly encouraged. Cost for materials: \$20 for Bible Study book. For more information contact Janice. Registration begins now through the church office or email Janice at jsudbrink@fsfumc.org

United Methodist Women Sub-groups to Meet in January

January 10:

“Ordinary Women” will meet at 5:00 p.m. in the Narthex Conference Room

January 12:

“Elizabeth” will meet with Opal Wasson and Gladys Walz at 1:30 p.m. in Room M105

“Ruth” will meet with Mary Booth at 10:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center, Room 101

“Mary” will meet with Ann Gaines, 7404 Red Pine at 7:00 p.m.

“Rebekah” will meet with Helen Lanier, 2935 S. Gary at 10:00 a.m.

“Hannah” will meet at 10:00 a.m. at Willowbrook

“Deborah” will meet with Ann Byars, 5916 Park Avenue at 10:00 a.m.

**“I WAS COLD
and
YOU WARMED ME”**



In this extreme cold you can be Christ’s warmth to many in need, especially the poor and homeless.

Right now you can donate long underwear (sizes L, XL, XXL), cans of sterno, and tarps/blankets large enough for two.

Bring you donated items, or donations for the items, to church on Sunday.

Christian Character Award

Each week in Rotation Sunday School, a child from each class, who demonstrate good Christian character during the Sunday School hour receives this award. The following students have earned this award over the last few months by listening, participating and being kind to others. They receive a certificate, 50 points and newsletter recognition.

The recent recipients are:

1st and 2nd Grades

Matthew Weidman	Will Thames	Brittlyn Burris
Alex Dart	Ella Kohler	Anna Spicer
Sydney Sengel	Gavin Vickery	Carly Brixey
Hailey Thames	Thomas Cooley	Jaeli Miller
Faith Rossi	Hayden Blythe	Breck Burris
Sam Hardin		

3rd and 4th Grades

Caitlin Paris	Erik Batt	Gabby Wright
Grant Goers	Evan Griffith	Alishia Schwinn
Victoria Crowell	Rylee Norton	Isabella Udouj
Dakota Gibson	Evan Kohler	Ainsley Turner
Gregory Hatchmeyer		

5th and 6th Grades

Kate Truitt	Adam Carter	Joey Winters
Alexandra Salamone		Christian Parker
Elizabeth Hinshaw		Kelsey Vickery
Robert David Weidman		

Memorials

In Memory of Tom Cooley - Larry & Jan Nelson

In Memory of Mary Copeland - Fran & Sam Bateman; Brad & Mary Ellen Jesson; Phyllis Davidson; Gleaners Class

In Memory of Virginia Paul - Fran & Sam Bateman; Dr. R.C. & Dorothy Goodman; Al & Ila Sass; Gleaners Class; Dr. J.P. & Becky Chancey

In Memory of Sally Wooley - Louise Brown

In Memory of Auda Faye McConnell - Jim & Jo Blochberger; Betty Burt; Gordon Jorden; Morgan Bryant; Glidewell Construction; Henry & Linda Udouj; Gerry & Carol LaRoche, Brenda LaRoche; Dr. Charles & Nancy Gibson; James & Carolyn Waddington; Opal Bell; Jane Dills Morgan; Pat & Charlotte McGowan; Mr. & Mrs. Douglas O. Smith, Jr.; Carl D. Corley; Janice & Bob Powell; Dr. Charles H. Paris Family; Phil & Amy Weaver; Larry & Sandra Clark; Kelly & Marilyn Newton; John & Harriet Beasley; Rick & Jan Beauchamp; Charles & Sherron Shuffield; Dr. & Mrs. David McClanahan; Gladys Whittenberg; Dr. Eldon & Betty Pence; Sallie Thompson; Terry & Lynn Weidman; Bob & Lady Jane Cohen; Dr. Prentiss Ware Family; Gleaners Class

Honorariums

In Honor of The Steve Creekmore Family; The Dick Appleton Family; The Greg Smith Family; The George Warmack Family - Rick & Jan Beauchamp

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE
January 3, 2010**

Class	Attendance
Infants	4
Toddlers	
2 yr. olds	
3 yr. olds	
4 yr. olds	5
Kindergarten	3
Grade 1	
Grade 2	
Grade 3and	
Grade 4	
Grade 5 and	
Grade 6	29
CHILDREN'S DIV.	41
Grade 7, 8, 9,	
Grade 10,11, & 12	
YOUTH DIV.	14
College	
Aldersgate(Room M105)	16
Believers (Room M302)	7
Builders (RoomM209)	15
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	36
Cornerstones*(Room M311)	15
Disciples*Room M312)	15
Discussion*(Room M301)	41
Encouragers (Room M303)	11
Friends (Room M103)	--
Gleaners (Room M201)	24
Good News (Room M202)	3
Le Menage (Room M306)	5
Roundtable (Room M213)	18
Seekers (Room M107)	--
Uplifters*(Room M205)	26
ADULT TOTALS	232
General Officers	4
*Made their quota	
TOTALS	291
Ethnos Youth	23
Worship:	
8:30	72
11:00 FLC	150
11:00 Sanctuary	206
Communion	35
TOTALS	463

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, January 10

8:30 - Holy Grounds Café Open
 8:30 - Worship, Roebuck Chapel
 8:30-12:30 - Angel Food Sign-up, FLC
 9:45 - Sunday School
 11:00 - Worship, Family Life Center
 11:00 - Worship, Sanctuary
 2:00 - Shoal Creek Mtg., Conf. Rm.
 5:00 - Jr. High Youth, Loft
 6-8 - Praise Team, Gym
 6:30 - Sr. High Youth, Loft

Wednesday, January 13

9:15 - Beth Moore, Fireside
 5:30 - Communion, Roebuck Chapel
 6:00 - Praise Team, Gym
 6:00 - Sign Language, FLC101
 6:15 - First Place 4 Health, M105
 7:00 - Core Bible Study, Narthex
 7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Monday, January 11

11:30 - Intro to New Test. FLC102
 4:30 - Higher Education, Conf. Rm.
 6:00 - Beth Moore, Fireside Rm.
 6:30 - Boy Scouts, 3rd Floor

Thursday, January 14

10:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Narthex
 12:00 - UMM Lunch/Bible Study, FLC
 1:30 - Chronic Disease Mgt., M103

Tuesday, January 12

9:00 - Staff Meets, Conference Rm.
 1:30 - Archives Open, M204
 5:30 - Stephen Ministry, M103
 6:00 - Disciple III, M200
 6:00 - Camp Ozark Mtg., Fireside
 6:00 - Ballroom Dancing, Loft

Friday, January 15

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 1230 AM.

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. David Orr
 Emergency
 on call Minister for
 January 8-10
 Phone: 459-5060**