

# *First United Methodist News*

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*Rev. Janice Sudbrink*

*Rev. Stephen Dickinson*

*Rev. Claire Hoffman*

*Rev. William Cheyne*

*Rev. Herschel McClurkin*

*January 8, 2009*

## **ACROSS DAVID'S DESK**

A young man was pedaling around a college campus on a bicycle. He was wearing a T-shirt with the phrase: "I'm going to be a doctor." There was also a sign on the back of his bicycle announcing: "I'm going to be a Mercedes." There was a young man who understood his potential!

In these days of 2009's infancy, are you developing the potential that is within you? It is not being selfish or self-centered to develop the potential God has placed in you. It is maturity and faithfulness to be deliberate about developing your own life to reach the God given potential within you.

In these days of 2009's infancy, are you developing the potential that is within this church? As members of First UMC, each of us has a place to participate in the ministry of the church. Every Member in Ministry is much more than a fad. It is a commitment to the Biblical teaching of the Priesthood of all Believers. Ministry groups are training through the next few weeks. Be present for your training opportunities and be part of the greatest year for Christ our church has ever known.

In these days of 2009's infancy, are you developing the potential that is the Kingdom of God? God has a dream for First Church, and that dream connects First Church to sister churches all over town and all around the globe. We can commit to doing no harm to other churches by refusing to enter into criticisms or judgment against them. We can pray for our sister congregations. We can celebrate the progress of sister churches. We can believe that prayers are answered; prayers like, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

On another note, you will want to know that First Church has finished 2008 with all bills paid, all salaries met, and all District and Conference Apportionments met. Thank you, one and all! Keeping our base support healthy is vital, and you are being faithful. God is blessing this church to bless others.

I'm believing in the God-Given potential of First Church. There is nothing that God asks us to do that we cannot do. So in 2009, join me in the holiest of covenants: to walk with God where God leads; to serve God in the strength God provides; and, to love God with everything we have.

See you Sunday,  
David Orr

## **-SUNDAY, January 11, 2009, AT FIRST CHURCH-**

Rev. Claire Hoffman will preach at the 8:30 Chapel and 11:00 Sanctuary service. Her sermon is entitled, "In the Beginning" and her scripture text is Mark 1:4-11. Rev. Stephen Dickinson will preach at the 11:00 a.m. Connexion service. Rev. David Orr and Rev. Janice Sudbrink will be Liturgists. Acolytes will be Lindsay Vickery and Alexandra Salamone. Lay Readers are 8:30, Gary Campbell, 11:00, Janie Weber.

Bethany Matlock will play the violin at the 8:30 service. The Chancel Choir's anthems will be "We Have Seen His Star in the East" by John Carter and "Morning Star" arranged by John Kemp with Brynn Trahan, Soloist.



As of Monday, January 5, 2009 the following members were listed in the hospitals:

**Sparks:** Katie Keating  
**St. Edward:** Tony Beattie

**BY YOUR GIFTS . . . as of 12/28/08**  
Rec'd this week.....\$26,956  
Rec'd to date.....\$1,562,701  
Budgeted to date.....\$1,733,628

**Please pray for the following who are serving in our U. S. Military:** Ben Hurst, Patrick Hayes, Walt Scales, Jeff Nester, Cody Kennon, Brad Bost, Brandon Hattabaugh, Clint Wilson, Michael Parker, Ellen Driggers, Christopher Herrmann, Dwalyn Clayborn, V. J. Devine, Darson Emery, Jacob Bolin, Luke Boussein.

**Our Prayers and Sympathy are for:**

Betsy Farris and family on the death of her father, Herb Freeman of Orlando.  
Anna Brown and family on the death of her cousin, Frank Ford of Sallisaw.  
Jackie Haynie and family on the death of her sister-in-law, Mollie Porter of Gladewater, Texas.  
Lawson Hembree IV and family on the death of his mother, Janelle Hembree.  
The family and friends of Thomas Culp.

**Foundation Information**

Remember, if you have no will or trust, state laws will determine who will inherit your property at your death. State laws do not include your Church or any other charity as a beneficiary.

**Methodist Men's Clubs**  
**Thursday, Noon Lunch, January 15, 2009,** Rev. Janice Sudbrink will teach Luke 5.  
**Friday Morning Breakfast, January 16, 2009.**

**Open Dates for Altar Flowers**  
**February 1, 8, & 22.**

Call the church office if you would like to put flowers on the altar, 782-5068.

**January's Destination Station**  
**Bible Verse**  
Genesis 12:2-3

God said to Abraham, "I will bless you so that you will be a blessing and through you I will bless all the nations."

**Frazer Memorial UMC Trip**

We will be taking a team to the Every Member in Ministry (EMIM) Conference at Frazer Memorial UMC in Montgomery, Alabama, March 6-8, 2009. The cost of the trip is \$385.00 per person, which includes lodging, conference fees, and travel by bus to and from Montgomery.

For more information or to register, contact Todd Vick at 782-5068 or [tvick@fsfumc.org](mailto:tvick@fsfumc.org) There are only 50 spots available so act soon!

**Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program**

(for people 55 and older)

Come join this FREE eight week program. It involves a series of gentle movements and activities designed to increase mobility and range-of-motion, which helps keep joints flexible and manage pain.

**When:** Wednesdays 1:30-2:20 p.m. Classes to start **January 21** and end March 11.

**Where:** First UMC, Room 105, Aldersgate SS class room.

**How:** Call 478-8635 to register for classes or for more information. (Class enrollment is limited to 20)

**The Encouragers Sunday**  
**School Class has moved**  
**to**  
**Room M303**

**Job Opening**

We have an opening for a Receptionist in the church office. If interested, please contact Jerry Hartfield, 782-5068 or [jhartfield@fsfumc.org](mailto:jhartfield@fsfumc.org)

**United Methodist Women**  
**Sub-groups to meet . . .**

**January 11:**  
"Ordinary Women" meet at 5:00 p.m. in the Narthex Conference Room.

**January 13:**  
"Naomi" will meet with Jan Allen at Butterfield Place, 8420 Phoenix Ave., at 10:00 a.m.

"Elizabeth" will meet at 1:30 p.m. in Room M105.

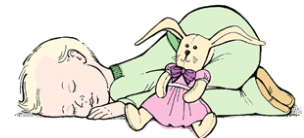
"Hannah" will meet at 10:00 a.m. at Willowbrook.

"Ruth" will meet at 10:00 a.m. with Mary Booth and Nancy Baker in the Family Life Center room 101.

"Rebekah" will meet with Ida Howell, 7007 South "T" St. at 10:00 a.m.

"Mary" will meet with Louise Finney, 7706 Williamsburg at 7:00 p.m.

"Deborah" will meet with Wendy Dooly, 2800 S. Waldron at 10:00 a.m.



**Infant Baptisms**

Lily Ann Boussein, daughter of Erin and Jacob Boussein, was baptized on December 24, 2008 in our 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service.

Ruth Anne Aguilar, daughter of Noé and Heather Aguilar, was baptized on December 24, 2008 in our 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service.

**Mark your calendars** for a Blood Drive, January 25, and make plans to donate! A friendly competition will take place between FUMC and First Baptist.

## What's Your Name????

We have several commitment cards without names on them. If you have not received a 2008 service commitment report with a list of the ministries you signed up for in 2008, but you turned in a commitment card, please contact Todd Vick, 782-5068 or [tvick@fsfumc.org](mailto:tvick@fsfumc.org) to claim your card and get your commitments registered.

Thanks, Todd Vick, Minister of Lay Involvement.

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## Thank You !

to all the Ladybells, Chancel Ringers, Children's Choirs and Chancel Choir members who helped make Advent so special! Your loyal commitment is admired and appreciated.

Ladybells begin rehearsals again on January 14th at 10 a.m.

Children's Choirs begin rehearsal again on January 14th at 4 p.m. Gathering time starts at 3:30 p.m. in the gym.

Choir I sing 4-4:30, play 4:30-5

Choir II & III 4—5:30 p.m.

Chancel Ringers begin rehearsal again on January 14th at 6 p.m.

We are forming two new musical groups!

1. A FUN adult daytime handbell group — if you are interested in joining, call Evelyn Pendleton, 484-5075.
  2. A FUN adult daytime choir — if you are interested in joining, call Pat Little, 452-1459.
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## Mini-Clinic



There will be a Mini-Clinic this Sunday starting at 8:45 a.m. in the Narthex Conference room. Private weigh-ins and record keeping will be available this Sunday and the rest of the year to help you begin a weight maintenance program for the new year.

Blood pressure and glucose checks will be done. No eating prior to testing your glucose. Muffins, fruit and coffee will be available at the Holy Grounds Café after your testing.

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## Thank you from the Clearinghouse

On behalf of the Community Services Clearinghouse I would just like to take a minute to thank you for your generous contribution to the Clearinghouse of \$2,081.00 from the FUMC Golf Tournament.

Brad Curd, Assistant Director

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## Next Step Day Room Needs:

Disposable razors, feminine products, underwear, large coats, brown jersey gloves, and lots of coffee and creamer.



## The Rio Bravo Mission Trip

is just around the corner. We are in need of the following volunteers to complete the teams: Dentist, Dental Hygienist, Dental Assistant, Optometrist or Ophthalmologist, four or five construction workers (no experience required), cooks, and a Physician and/or Nurse Practitioner. If you know of someone that would like to participate or if God is calling you to this mission, call Janice as soon as possible. There will be a team meeting with information provided about the mission on **January 14 at 6:15 p.m.** in the Narthex. Please make plans to attend.

The Rio Bravo Mission Trip team is once again wanting to take Fast Food Restaurant toys (still in the package) to the children who come to the medical clinics. Also Knitters and Crocheters are wanting to take the homemade dishcloths again. Our departure date is the end of March. Items can be dropped off in Janice's office or the church office.

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## Angel Food Ministry Notes

Just a reminder that orders for the January Angel Food units must be to us by noon on Sunday. Those that come in the mail on Monday cannot be accepted.

We look forward to another great year with Angel Food. If you signed up to work in this ministry for 2009, please make plans to attend the **meeting on Thursday, January 22, at 6:30 in the Fireside Room**. We will talk about some new changes to the Angel Food Program for this coming year, and will have a time of fellowship to get to know the new "Angels" and let them know what this program is all about. If you are a seasoned Angel, please try to attend also, as we do have some new things to discuss.

Thanks to each of you who helped us with donations in the past year. Our list of donation recipients has grown and we hope to be able to help more people in the coming year.

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## Memorials

**In Memory of Mildred Lively** - Mr. & Mrs. Ron Blackwelder; Paul & Emma Jo Giuffre; Verneil Hixson; Stormy & Pat Jenkins; Mary E. Johnson; Kohler & Green; Mary Lively; Mrs. J. Carlton McCracken; Caroline & Fred Mock; Jack Newhart; Northwestern Mutual-Charles R. Pruet; Robert Plunkett; Carol Scroggins

**In Memory of J. Fred Patton** - Dr. & Mrs. James B. Saviers

**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
ATTENDANCE  
January 4, 2009**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Infants	3
Toddlers	
2 yr. olds	4
3 yr. olds	
4 yr. olds	9
Kindergarten	3
Grade 1	
Grade 2	18
Grade 3and	
Grade 4	12
Grade 5	
Grade 6	7
<b>CHILDREN'S DIV.</b>	<b>56</b>
Grade 7, 8, 9, Grade 10,11, & 12	
<b>YOUTH DIV.</b>	<b>14</b>
Aldersgate(Room M105)	24
Believers (Room M302)	4
Builders (RoomM209)	27
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	42
Cornerstones*(Room M311)	20
Disciples*(Room M312)	15
Discussion*(Room M301)	51
Encouragers*(Room M303)	17
Friends (Room M103)	15
Gleaners (Room M201)	29
Good News (Room M202)	3
Le Menage (Room M306)	4
Roundtable*(Room M213)	23
Seekers*(Room M107)	11
Uplifters*(Room M205)	35
<b>ADULT TOTALS</b>	<b>320</b>
General Officers	4
*Made their quota	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>394</b>
<b>Worship:</b>	
8:30	78
11:00 Family Life	190
11:00 Sanctuary	247
Wed. Communion	25
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>540</b>
<b>Christmas Eve Communion</b>	<b>1,033</b>

**OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK**

**Sunday, January 11**

8:30 - Holy Grounds Café Open.  
 8:30 - Worship, Roebuck Chapel  
 8:30-10:00 - Mini Clinic, Narthex  
 8:30-12:30 - Angel Food Signup, FLC  
 9:30-10:45 - Library Open, M211  
 9:45 - Sunday School  
 11:00 - Worship, Family Life Center  
 11:00 - Worship, Sanctuary  
 5:00 - Cancer Support Meets, M200  
 6:30 - Combined Youth, Loft & Gym

**Monday, January 12**

11:30 - Intro to Old Test. FLC102  
 5:30 - Lay Reader Trng., FLC101  
 6:00 - Disciple II, M103  
 6:00 - Beth Moore, Fireside  
 6:30 - Disciple I, Conf. Rm.  
 6:30 - Boy Scouts, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
 6:30 - Jesus/Gospels, M200

**Tuesday, January 13**

1:30 - Archives Room Open, M204  
 5:30 - Stephen Min., FLC101 & 102  
 6:00 - Camp Ozark, Fireside Rm.  
 6:30 - Ballroom Dancing, Loft

**Wednesday, January 14**

6:00 a.m. - Men's Fraternity, Gym  
 9:15 - Beth Moore, Fireside Rm.  
 10:00 - Ladybells, Bayliss Hall  
 3:30 - Children's Choirs, Bayliss Hall  
 5:30 - Communion, Roebuck Chapel  
 6:15 - Mission Team Mtg., Narthex  
 6:00 - Joy of Signing, Conf. Rm.  
 6:00 - Disciple IV, M200  
 6:00 - Chancel Ringers, Bayliss Hall  
 6:00 - Praise Team, Gym  
 7:00 - Knitwits, Narthex  
 7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, January 15**

10:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Narthex  
 12:00 - UMM Lunch/Bible Study, FLC

**Friday, January 16**

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 services 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  
 January 9-11  
 Phone: 459-5060**

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