

# *First United Methodist News*

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*District Superintendent:*

*Rev. Mike Morey*

*Rev. David P. Orr, Senior Minister*

*Rev. Janice Sudbrink*

*Rev. Stephen Dickinson*

*Rev. Claire Caldwell*

*Rev. William Cheyne*

*Rev. Herschel McClurkin*

*January 14, 2010*

## **ACROSS DAVID'S DESK**

We were deeply blessed by the words and presence of our District Superintendent, Reverend Mike Morey, in our worship last Sunday. We are well served by and genuinely grateful to Mike and Charlotte Morey for all they bring to First Church and the West District.

It is good to say to you that First Church met our financial responsibilities in 2009. District and Conference Apportionments were paid 100%. Salaries and all bills were met. We have entered 2010 with no debt. I commend you for your faithfulness and generosity. We love because God first loved us. We give because God first gave to us. All praise is to the Lord.

The Bridge is First Church's ministry to the campus of UAFS. Now in our third year of service, The Bridge has some phenomenally good things happening. With funding provided by the FUMC Foundation The Bridge is now housed at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church on Kinkead Ave., one block west of the UAFS campus. The Cumberland congregation has been remarkably helpful, interested and accommodating with the FUMC request to lease space from them. We now have a space for students to meet, hang out, study, fellowship, worship and bring their life-needs into an arena of grace and hope. The Bridge now has Sunday evening worship @ 6:00, a fellowship meal following, and a Bible study on Wednesday evenings. A new board has been established to oversee, support, vision and serve the ministry of The Bridge. Todd Vick is our staff person leading this ministry. Cassandra Arnhart is a student intern working with Todd. Every member of FUMC is called upon to pray for The Bridge to be everything God wants it to be. Every one of us has reason to celebrate and to rally our best to see to it that The Bridge is there for years to come serving the UAFS campus.

The emphasis of this season of Epiphany is to "Go, Tell It On The Mountain"! So, First Church has a commercial you will see airing on local cable stations in the coming weeks to help us "go tell". You and I get to "go tell" by being in Sunday School and worship. Invite, encourage and inspire those around you to join you in loving God and serving neighbor. We have a Lord to glorify and a faith to share. This is the time God gives us to glorify him. So, let's go!

See you Sunday,  
David Orr

## **-SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2010, AT FIRST CHURCH-**

Rev. David Orr will preach at the 8:30 Roebuck Chapel and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary service. His sermon is entitled, "No Secrets" and his scripture text is John 2:1-11. Rev. Stephen Dickinson will preach at the 11:00 a.m. Connexion service. Rev. Janice Sudbrink and Rev. Claire Caldwell will be Liturgists. Acolytes will be Jenna Hunter and Gabby Wright. Lay Readers are: 8:30, John Cooley, 11:00, David Phillips.

Heather Carter will be the soloist at our 8:30 service. The Chancel Choir's anthems will be "God is the Light of the World" by Haydn Morgan and "Baptized in Jordan" by William Allen Pasch



### Known to Be Hospitalized

As of Monday, January 11, 2010, the following members were known to be in the hospital.

**St. Edward:**  
Carol Poague  
Beth Watson  
Tommie Hargrove

### 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

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/Bible Study, January 21, 2010** - Carol Matlock will teach Acts 7.

**Friday Morning Breakfast/Bible Study, 6:30 a.m., January 22, 2010** - Men's Club business meeting.

**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 17, 2010, are given lovingly and thankfully to honor the memory of Dr. Douglas Parker, Jr. He was a very special gift and blessing to all of our lives. Given by his wife, Melissa, his children Ashley, Brandon and Joe, his grandchildren Wade and Zoie, his parents Doug and Loretta and his brother, Kyle and his family.

### 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.

### 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.



### Rio Bravo Mission Trip 2010 is April 12-18

There will be a informational and planning meeting Sunday, January 31, at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center Fireside room. For questions about this meeting, contact Janice at the church office or email [jsudbrink@fsfumc.org](mailto:jsudbrink@fsfumc.org)

**Mark Your Calendars**  
**Ash Wednesday is February 17th**



Randy Camardese, Aubrie Camardese and their family on the death of their wife and mother, Janie Camardese.

### Angel Food Ministries



A reminder that Angel Food distribution will be on Saturday, January 23, from 9:30-10:00 in the Family Life Center Gym.

We will go back to our regular schedule next month of distribution a week after ordering. Thank you for all your support in 2009! New menus for February will be around the church and on the church website next week.



### VIDEO Sound and Video

Training for

### Connexion Service Sound Booth

If you are interested in being a member of the Sound Booth team, please join us at a training event on **Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:15**

**Lunch will be provided**

Please R.S.V.P. to Heather at 782-5068 or [hcarter@fsfumc.org](mailto:hcarter@fsfumc.org)

### "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 your donated items, or donations for items, to the church.



## **FABULOUS FOOD FAIR!!**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>**

**9:00 A.M. till ???**

**in the Narthex**

proceeds to benefit Rio Bravo Mission Trip

Need Super Bowl Snacks?



Chili for a cold winter night?

Pulled Pork Barbeque?

Soups, casseroles, bread?



Cakes, Cookies, Snacks?



**It will all be there!**



## **Take a Family Trip with Your Church Family**

**Where:** Winter Park, Colorado  
([www.skiwinterpark.com](http://www.skiwinterpark.com))

**When:** March 20-23 (ski March 21-22)

**Lodging:** Vintage Hotel ([www.vintagehotel.com](http://www.vintagehotel.com))

Price includes lodging rentals and lift tickets (3 days, 3 nights). Cost is based on age and skier or non-skier, and other factors. Contact Tony (459-5073) for cost breakdown. **Registration deadline is January 31, 2010.** This trip is open to all church families.

Tony will have an informational meeting on Sunday, January 17 and Sunday, January 24, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship services, in the Family Life Center, Room 101. You can talk to him about price, travel arrangements, lodging, etc. It will be a great trip and you'll never get a better price!

*Invitation to Psalms*  
*By: Michael Jinkins*  
*A short-term Disciple Bible study*

*Day Class starts:*  
*January 27th @ 12 Noon led by*  
*Jerry Carter*

*Evening Class starts:*  
*February 1st @ 6:30pm led by*  
*David Phillips*

*This 10 week study invites us to engage the Psalms at the deepest levels of our hearts, where God's faithfulness confronts the most challenging aspects of our lives.*

*Signups start next week Jan. 17th*  
*Books are \$10.00*  
*(to be paid at first session)*

### **Memorials**

**In Memory of Auda Faye McConnell** - Harry & Eleanor Foltz; Mrs. Hugh Lewing; Daugherty & Lowe, CPA; Leslie Monroe; Fort Smith Little Theatre; Paula Sharum; Beall, Barclay & Company; Carole & George Beattie; June & Jim Alexander; Dr. & Mrs. James Saviers; Ann Smith; Jane & Jerry Hartfield; Fred Williams; Directors, Officers & Staff of Bancorp South; Mitch & Nancy Llewellyn; Mr. & Mrs. Richard Udouj; Janie & Tommy Foltz; Henry & Melissa Udouj; Dr. & Mrs. Robert Janes; Bob & Jan Cooper; Elizabeth & Joe D. Powers;

**In Memory of Virginia Paul** - Barbara Lee; Dr. Taylor & Mary Prewitt

**In Memory of Irene & Homer Taylor** - Norval Nichols

**In Memory of Tom Cooley** - Bill & Kathy Priakos

**In Memory of Susan Smith** - Pat Patterson; Kelly & Marilyn Newton; Jo & Charlie Dean; Gowers & Associates, Inc.; Rick & Rose Kuonen; Nona Walker; Jan Ford; Chris & Paula Newell; Stephen Ministry; Dr. Taylor & Mary Prewitt; Jerry & Jane Hartfield; Maggie Malloy; LaVonne & Jim Hayes; Roundtable Class

**In Memory of Clifford Davis, In Memory of Susie Craig** - Dr. Taylor & Mary Prewitt

**In Memory of Mary Copeland** - Larry & Jan Nelson; Dr. Taylor & Mary Prewitt

**In Memory of Mildred Lively** - Glen Lively

### **Honorariums**

**In Honor of Cheryl Powell** - Maxine Eggensperger

**In Honor of Bob & Nadine Miller** - Bill & Toka Beall

**In Honor of Dr. David Staggs & Dr. Bob Knox** - Dr. Boyd Saviers

**In Honor of John & Jane Stauffer** - Robert Skinner

**In Honor of Nancy Vernon, Sally Ware, Kelly DeSoto, Tony Clyde** - The Jagers Family

**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
ATTENDANCE  
January 10,2010**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Infants	3
Toddlers	
2 yr. olds	3
3 yr. olds	
4 yr. olds	10
Kindergarten	7
Grade 1	
Grade 2	18
Grade 3and	
Grade 4	22
Grade 5 and	
Grade 6	17
<b>CHILDREN'S DIV.</b>	<b>80</b>
Grade 7, 8, 9,	
Grade 10,11, & 12	
<b>YOUTH DIV.</b>	<b>13</b>
College	6
Aldersgate(Room M105)	16
Believers (Room M302)	6
Builders (RoomM209)	19
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	42
Cornerstones*(Room M311)	25
Disciples Room M312)	11
Discussion*(Room M301)	50
Encouragers*(Room M303)	19
Friends (Room M103)	10
Gleaners (Room M201)	30
Good News (Room M202)	--
Le Menage (Room M306)	4
Roundtable*(Room M213)	23
Seekers* (Room M107)	10
Uplifters*(Room M205)	30
<b>ADULT TOTALS</b>	<b>305</b>
General Officers	4
*Made their quota	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>402</b>
<b>Ethnos Youth</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Worship:</b>	
8:30	73
11:00 FLC	185
11:00 Sanctuary	236
Communion	35
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>529</b>

**OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK**

**Sunday, January 17**

8:30 - Holy Grounds Café Open  
 8:30 - Worship, Roebuck Chapel  
 9:45 - Sunday School  
 11:00 - Worship, Sanctuary  
 11:00 - Worship, Family Life Center  
 12:15 - Family Trip Mtg., FLC101  
 5:00 - Jr. High Youth, Loft  
 6:00 - Bridge Worship, 605 N. 47th  
 6:30 - Sr. High Youth, Loft

**Wednesday, January 20**

9:15 - Beth Moore, Fireside  
 12:00 - CEC & WDS Boards, Fireside  
 5:30 - Communion, Roebuck Chapel  
 6:00 - Sign Language, FLC101  
 6:00 - Bridge Bible Study, 605 N. 47th  
 6:00 - Praise Team, Gym  
 6:15 - First Place 4 Health, M105  
 7:00 - Core Bible Study, Narthex  
 7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Monday, January 18**

11:30 - Intro to New Test. FLC102  
 12:00 - Finance Meets, FLC101  
 6:00 - Beth Moore, Fireside Rm.

**Thursday, January 21**

10:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Narthex  
 12:00 - UMM Lunch/Bible Study, FLC  
 1:30 - Chronic Disease Mgt., M103  
 6:00 - Angel Food Mtg., Fireside Rm.  
 6:00 - Girl Scouts, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

**Tuesday, January 19**

9:00 - Staff Meets, Conference Rm.  
 1:30 - Archives Open, M204  
 6:00 - Disciple III, M200  
 6:00 - Ballroom Dancing, Loft

**Friday, January 22**

6:30 - UMM Breakfast/Bible Study, FLC

**Saturday, January 23**

9:30 - Angel Food Pick-up, Gym

**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. Stephen Dickinson  
 Emergency  
 on call Minister for  
 January 15-17  
 Phone: 459-5060**