

# *First United Methodist News*

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*January 15, 2009*

## **ACROSS DAVID'S DESK**

Gearing up for the new year is as much a reality for the Church as it is for your home. We have training sessions prepared for Every Member In Ministry teams. It is vital that you attend the training for the ministry areas you have chosen for service. It is vital. In the training you will get to know the details of how your ministry area works; you will build edifying relationships with the people serving with you; you will be an advocate for the entire movement of EMIM; you will get to ask the questions you have; you will get to offer insights you bring; it is vital to have everyone attend the training. Our leaders have prepared so the training will be on target, on time and beneficial for everyone attending. Thank you, one and all, for making the commitments to serve. FUMC is committed to making your service a blessing to you as well as to those you serve.

The Bridge is First Church's ministry to the UAFS campus. To add to the current ministry of Monday Meals and weekly Bible Study, The Bridge is forming a new Sunday School class for college students and college-age folks. The new class meets on the Third floor of the main education building. Pass the word. Invite those you know who would benefit from this class. Be a prayer supporter of this new class. I think it would be fantastic for each of our existing Sunday School classes to pray, as a class, for The Bridge ministry.

Our Angel Food Ministry is helping 150+ households every month, thanks to you. People purchase a unit of high quality food which would retail for \$50.00 -- \$60.00 for \$30.00. Angel Food is a ministry which helps anyone interested to stretch their food dollar. Several individuals and groups of the church like to donate units which the Angel Food Ministry can give to families who are in more distressing circumstances. If you would like to purchase for yourself or purchase as a donation, just call the church office and you will be assisted.

First Church is here to follow the Shepherd, seek the lost and feed the sheep. Following the Shepherd, we will serve where sent, speak as directed and keep trusting the Lord, our Shepherd. Seeking the lost, we are not condescending toward any, but with love toward all, we give ourselves to others as Christ gives himself to all. Feeding the sheep, we all have a need for fellowship in Christ and for growing our knowledge of Christ, so we help each other develop relationships with Christ. Everything we do is to the Glory of God. Love God with everything you are; that's glorifying God!

See you Sunday,  
David Orr

## **-SUNDAY, January 18, 2009, AT FIRST CHURCH-**

Rev. David Orr will preach at the 8:30 Chapel and 11:00 Sanctuary service. His sermon is entitled, "You Know Me?" and his scripture text is John 1:43-51. Rev. Stephen Dickinson will preach at the 11:00 a.m. Connexion service. Rev. Janice Sudbrink and Rev. Claire Hoffman will be Liturgists. Acolytes will be Eve Jagers and Ashtyn Marshall. Lay Readers are 8:30, Pam O'Kelley, 11:00, Drucilla Hughart.

Claire Hoffman and Randy O'Kelley will be soloists at the 8:30 service. The Chancel Choir's anthems will be "O Splendor of God's Glory Bright" by Gilbert Martin and "Heavenly Light" by A. Kopylow.



As of Monday, January 12, 2009 the following members were listed in the hospitals:

**St. Edward:** Tony Beattie; Tommie Hargrove

**BY YOUR GIFTS . . . as of 12/31/08**

Rec'd this week.....\$56,633  
 Rec'd to date.....\$1,619,334  
 Budgeted to date.....\$1,766,967

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

**Our Prayers and Sympathy are for:**

Gene Keating and family on the death of his wife, Katie Keating.  
 Nancy Witter on the death of her Aunt, Jane Wall.

**Foundation Information**

Our Trustees and Pastors enthusiastically support planned giving to our church. Contact any of them for more information.

**Methodist Men's Clubs**

**Thursday, Noon Lunch, January 22, 2009,** Rev. Stephen Dickinson will teach Luke 6.

**Friday Morning Breakfast, January 23, 2009,** Bill Pitts will teach Genesis 2:1-25.

**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)

**"Sub-group "Lydia"** will meet with Mary Thompson, 4423 S. 35<sup>th</sup> Dr. on Tuesday, Januy 27 at 1:00 p.m.



**The Altar Flowers** for Sunday, January 18, 2009, are placed in

loving memory of Dr. Douglas

Parker, Jr. His family was so blessed to have been able to be a part of his life and journey on this earth. 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.

**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."

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



**United Methodist Women** will meet on

Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside room.

Linda Gabriel from The Next Step Day Room will be our speaker. Everyone is welcome.

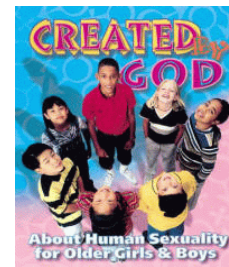


**Mark your calendars**

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

**Next Step Day Room Needs:**

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



**Created by God**

A human sexuality study for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade children, will begin January 21<sup>st</sup> with a mandatory parent

session. The study for children will run the next four consecutive Sundays, beginning January 25. Completed registration form and fee (\$35.00) are due by January 19. Scholarships are available. Contact Sally Ware at the church, 782-5068, for more specific information.

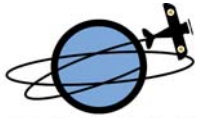


Join us for **Chick Flicks**

on Sunday, January 18, at 5:00 p.m. in the BibleMAX Theater, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor children's area. Our movie is "Kit Kittredge: An American Girl" - Bring your daughters. Childcare available upon request. Please call the church office, 782-5068, by Friday.

**Who Are You?**

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, please contact Todd Vick, 782-5068 or [tvick@fsfumc.org](mailto:tvick@fsfumc.org)



**The Rio Bravo Mission Trip** is just around the corner, **March 30-April 5.**

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.

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. Items can be dropped off in Janice's office or the church office.



**Moved?**

**Changed Your Phone Number?**



**Have a New Email Address?**



If any of the above applies to you, please let the church office know so that we might keep your membership records up-to-date. Thank you so much.

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**Honorariums**

- In Honor of Dr. Craig Stites, Dr. David Staggs, Dr. Bobby Knox** - Dr. Boyd Saviers
- In Honor of Kyli Hutcheson** - David & Karen Hutcheson
- In Honor of Don Smith** - Discussion Class
- In Honor of John & Jane Stauffer** - Robert L. Skinner

**Memorials**

- In Memory of Pearl Brooks** - Discussion Class
- In Memory of Thell Buell** - Discussion Class
- In Memory of John Lemley** - Maridee Schoenfeld
- In Memory of Steve LeValley** - David & Karen Hutcheson
- In Memory of Mildred Lively** - Mike & Mary Alexander; Norma Day; Kathryn Englehart; Ben & Barbara Hardcastle
- In Memory of Rachael McDonald** - Discussion Class
- In Memory of Zoe Ann Newton** - Kent & Nancy Blochberger
- In Memory of Dr. Judy Temple** - Jack Denur
- In Memory of Beverly Beman** - Lt. Col. Charles Beman

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**Do you know that FUMC**



has its own library? It's located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor down the hall from the Children's Ministry area. The library is usually open during normal church hours and operates on an honor system.

There are now a variety of current magazines including *Time*, *Newsweek*, *Sports Illustrated*, *Sporting News*, *Entertainment Weekly* and *USA Today Sports Weekly*.

Be on the lookout for new and exciting changes to the library in 2009. We will have an open house in a few months to introduce our new look.

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**Human Relations Day**

Human Relations Day Sunday occurs during Epiphany, the season of manifesting God's light to the world. Human Relations Day calls the Church to recognize the right of all God's children in realizing their potential as human beings in relationship with each other. The purpose of the day is to further the development of better human relations.

Your offering on Human Relations Day provides a secure foundation for God's children of all ages. More than 30 church-based community developers work in racial- and ethnic-minority communities in the United States and Puerto Rico. Christ-centered Youth Offender Rehabilitation projects give teenagers a chance to succeed.

Please give generously on Human Relations Day. Your gift makes a world of difference. There will be special offering envelopes in your bulletins this Sunday or you may mail in your offering.

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**Children's Letters to God**

Dear God: In Sunday School they told us what you do. Who does it when you are on vacation?

Dear God: Please put another holiday between Christmas and Easter. There is nothing good in there now.

Dear God: I don't ever feel alone since I found out about you.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**ATTENDANCE**

**January 11, 2009**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Infants	5
Toddlers	
2 yr. olds	6
3 yr. olds	6
4 yr. olds	11
Kindergarten	10
Grade 1	
Grade 2	18
Grade 3and	
Grade 4	19
Grade 5	
Grade 6	12
<b>CHILDREN'S DIV.</b>	<b>87</b>
Grade 7, 8, 9,	
Grade 10,11, & 12	
<b>YOUTH DIV.</b>	<b>11</b>
College (M315)	7
Aldersgate(Room M105)	21
Believers (Room M302)	6
Builders (RoomM209)	23
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	39
Cornerstones*(Room M311)	20
Disciples*(Room M312)	18
Discussion*(Room M301)	55
Encouragers*(Room M303)	27
Friends (Room M103)	9
Gleaners (Room M201)	35
Good News (Room M202)	4
Le Menage (Room M306)	-
Roundtable*(Room M213)	22
Seekers*(Room M107)	12
Uplifters*(Room M205)	31
<b>ADULT TOTALS</b>	<b>329</b>
General Officers	3
*Made their quota	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>430</b>
<b>Worship:</b>	
8:30	91
11:00 Family Life	222
11:00 Sanctuary	263
Wed. Communion	52
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>628</b>

**OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK**

**Sunday, January 18**

8:30 - Holy Grounds Café Open.  
 8:30 - Worship, Roebuck Chapel  
 9:30-10:45 - Library Open, M211  
 9:45 - Sunday School  
 11:00 - Worship, Family Life Center  
 11:00 - Worship, Sanctuary  
 12:00 - Connexion Volunteers, FLC  
 5:00 - Chick Flicks, M219  
 6:30 - Combined Youth, Loft & Gym

**Monday, January 19**

11:30 - Intro to New Test. FLC102  
 12:00 - Finance Meets, FLC101  
 6:00 - Disciple II, M103  
 6:00 - Beth Moore, Fireside  
 6:30 - Disciple I, Conf. Rm.  
 6:30 - Jesus/Gospels, M200

**Tuesday, January 20**

9:00 - Staff Meets, Conf. Rm.  
 10:00 - UMW Meets, Fireside Rm.  
 1:30 - Archives Room Open, M204  
 6:30 - Ballroom Dancing, Loft

**Wednesday, January 21**

6:00 a.m. - Men's Fraternity, Gym  
 9:15 - Beth Moore, Fireside Rm.  
 10:00 - Ladybells, Bayliss Hall  
 12:00 - WDS Board Meets, FLC 102  
 12:00 - CEC Board Meets, FLC1011  
 1:30 - Exercise Class, M105  
 3:30 - Children's Choirs, Bayliss Hall  
 5:30 - Communion, Roebuck Chapel  
 6:00 - Chancel Ringers, Bayliss Hall  
 6:00 - Praise Team, Gym  
 6:00 - Joy of Signing, Conf. Rm.  
 6:00 - Disciple IV, M200  
 6:00 - Communion Trng., M105  
 7:00 - Knitwits, Narthex  
 7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, January 22**

10:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Narthes  
 12:00 - UMM Lunch/Bible Study, FLC  
 6:00 - Angel Food Mtg., Fireside Rm.  
 6:30 - Claire's Covenant Group, Conf. Rm.

**Friday, January 23**

6:30 - UMM Breakfast/Bible Study, FLC

**Saturday, January 24**

9:30 - Angel Food Pick-Up, Gym

**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. Claire Hoffman**  
**Emergency**  
**on call Minister for**  
**January 16-18**  
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