

First United Methodist News

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January 21, 2010

ACROSS DAVID'S DESK

The earthquake in Haiti and the continuing efforts for recovery and care of the survivors is prominent in our hearts and minds. Thank you for your generous and ready financial support for Haiti relief. United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is on the ground and deeply involved in the relief efforts to Haiti. Remember, because United Methodists participate in denominational missions, you help through the Apportionment dollar to support and sustain the daily operations of the General Board of Global Missions and UMCOR (a division of GBGM). Apportionment dollars are not glamorous; yet, they are foundational to mission. Further, because the structure is in place and paid for through Apportionment funding, every dollar given to Haiti relief goes 100% to Haiti relief. There are other worthy relief efforts to the Haitians, but there is none better than UMCOR. Every dollar given through UMCOR goes, dollar for dollar, to Haiti relief. In addition to money, health kits are being collected for distribution to Haiti.

The Rev. Sam Dixon, top executive of UMCOR, died of injuries received after being buried in the rubble of a collapsed hotel following the earthquake. Volunteer Jean Arnwine, a member of a Dallas UMC mission team providing eye care to Haitians died of injuries suffered in the earthquake. Along with many others, United Methodists offer support to families whose loved ones have died in Haiti.

On another note, as a complete church, always under construction, First Church is engaged in strengthening every facet of our congregational life. New classes are beginning for enrichment. "Invitation to Psalms" by Michael Jinkins is a short-term Disciple Bible study. Day Class starts January 27th @ noon led by Jerry Carter. Evening Class starts February 1st @ 6:30 led by David Phillips. "Understanding the Bible" is a twelve week study led by Rev. Stephen Dickinson. Information meeting is February 7th right after church in the Narthex. Classes begin Sunday, February 14th @ 9:45 and Wednesday, February 17th @ 6:00 p.m. Choose the class that works for you. Sign up and grow!

Never underestimate the power and grace available to you in Sunday School and worship @ FUMC.

See you Sunday,
David Orr

-SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2010, AT FIRST CHURCH-

Rev. David Orr will preach at the 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary service. His sermon is entitled, "The Spirit of the Lord Is Upon Me" and his scripture text is Luke 4:14-21. Rev. Stephen Dickinson will preach at the 8:30 Roebuck Chapel and 11:00 a.m. Connexion service. Rev. Janice Sudbrink and Rev. Claire Caldwell will be Liturgists. Acolytes will be Isabella Udouj and Caitlin Paris. Lay Readers are: 8:30, David Farris, 11:00, Ben Reid.

Wilma Hill will play a piano solo at the 8:30 service. The Chancel Choir's anthems will be "Be Still and Know That I Am God" by Haydn Morgan and "O Splendor of God's Glory Bright" by Gilbert M. Martin.



Known to Be Hospitalized

were known to be in the hospital.

St. Edward:

Carol Poague
Tommie Hargrove

Sparks:

Reba Cheyne

Northwest AR Memorial,
Springdale: Marie Smith
St. Vincent's, Little Rock: Mardell McClurkin

BY YOUR GIFTS . . .

Rec'd this week.....\$7,550
Rec'd to date.....\$43,973
Budgeted to date.....Data Pending

Please pray for the following who are serving in our U. S. Military:

Richard Johnson, Doug Wilderman, Robert Henley

Foundation Information

Life insurance is a way to make a larger gift to the Church than you might otherwise be able to afford. Consider naming the Church as a beneficiary of any insurance policy.

Methodist Men's Clubs

Thursday Noon Lunch/Bible Study, January 28, 2010 - Rev. Hereschel McClurkin will teach Acts 8.

Friday Morning Breakfast/Bible Study, 6:30 a.m., January 29, 2010

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.



Altar Flower Openings

We have the following openings for altar flowers: **January 31 and February 7, 21, and 28.** If you would like to put flowers on the altar call 782-5068.



Rio Bravo Mission Trip 2010 is April 12-18

Due to popular demand, the Rio Bravo mission team is asking those who knit and crochet to make dishcloths to give as gifts to the parents who visit the medical clinics. Patterns are available in the church office or on the church web site.

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

Cancer Support Group

will meet Sunday, January 24, at 5:00 p.m. in Room M201. See you there.



We Need Cooks!

The young adult ministry is in need of cooks to provide a meal (entree, side dish(es), dessert, and drink) for our twice a month home group gathering. If you are interested in providing one of these meals, please contact Todd Vick at 782-5068 or email tvick@fsfumc.org

The Bridge Student Center



Ping Pong Table or Table Soccer Game

A nice looking/good condition couch

A nice looking/good conditon lamp for lounge area



Baseball Sign ups 9:00 a.m. - Noon Sundays

January 24 and January 31. Sign up in the Narthex or at the Family Life Center horseshoe area.

Memorials

In Memory of Mary Minta Thompson - Katherine Croom; Kay & Richard Aclin; Amy Scales; Janice & Bob Powell; Richmond & Wakefield, CPA's;

In Memory of Auda Faye McConnell - Tony & Lynnell Leraris; Randy & Jane Bittle; Missy Catherine Buckley; Bob & Nadine Miller; Jack & Louanna Green

In Memory of Susan Smith - Bill, Judy, Brian & Kelley Longley; Janice & Bob Powell; Charles & Pam Farha; Cindy Griggs & Family; Deborah Hall; Hank Keonen; Mr. & Mrs. Robert Young, III; Lloyd & Harriet Ralphs; Bob & Nadine Miller; Dr. Bill & Barbara Curzon, Lynn Curzon; Leola Curtis; Brenda & David Coop; Jack & Louanna Green

In Memory of Creo Belle Smith - Sandra Sue Garner

In Memory of Mary Copeland - Kay & Richard Aclin; Jack & Louanna Green

Honorariums

In Honor of Rev. David Orr - Don & Marie Smith

In Honor of Jim & Pat Bolin - Maxine Eggenesperger



FABULOUS FOOD FAIR!!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH

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)

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

Lodging: Vintage Hotel (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 this 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

Sign up now!
Books are \$10.00
(to be paid at first session)

You are invited to *CATCH the VISION...*
for

starting new churches in Arkansas?

Bishop Crutchfield says "The funds we receive from the *Catch the Vision* offerings and pledges will be used to transform lives in the name of Jesus Christ..."

We will be taking this offering on Sunday, Jan. 31, but if you would like to send in your offering or pledge now, just mark your check "Catch the Vision".

HAITI DISASTER RESPONSE

United Methodist at FSFUMC has the opportunity to respond in positive ways to the disaster that has taken place in Haiti following the earthquake. There are two ways that you can help with the International Disaster Response for the devastation that has taken place in Haiti.

1. This Sunday, you can write your checks to **UMCOR International Disaster Response Advance #982450** and in the memo line write: **Haiti**. It is also possible to give directly to UMCOR by going to: <http://www.umcor.org>.

2. UMCOR is also in need of **health kits** the kits can be dropped off during the week at the church.

Items: (please place in a gallon size plastic sealed bag)

- 1 Hand towel (15" x 25" up to "17 x 27", NO kitchen towels)
- 1 Washcloth
- 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket size)
- 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (NO emery boards or toenail clippers)
- 1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)
- 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, no child size brushes)
- 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE
January 17,2010**

Class	Attendance
Infants	8
Toddlers	
2 yr. olds	
3 yr. olds	
4 yr. olds	11
Kindergarten	6
Grade 1	
Grade 2	18
Grade 3and	
Grade 4	24
Grade 5 and	
Grade 6	9
CHILDREN'S DIV.	45
Grade 7, 8, 9,	
Grade 10,11, & 12	
YOUTH DIV.	16
College	6
Aldersgate(Room M105)	22
Believers (Room M302)	4
Builders (RoomM209)	29
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	50
Cornerstones*(Room M311)	16
Disciples Room M312)	8
Discussion*(Room M301)	54
Encouragers*(Room M303)	19
Friends (Room M103)	--
Gleaners (Room M201)	35
Good News (Room M202)	10
Le Menage (Room M306)	4
Roundtable*(Room M213)	23
Seekers* (Room M107)	10
Uplifters*(Room M205)	33
ADULT TOTALS	323
General Officers	4
*Made their quota	
TOTALS	388
Ethnos Youth	33
Worship:	
8:30	74
11:00 FLC	190
11:00 Sanctuary	271
Communion	53
TOTALS	588

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, January 24

- 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
- 12:00 - Children's Council, Café
- 12:15 - Sound Booth Trng., Gym
- 12:15 - Family Trip Mtg., FLC101
- 12:15 - Connexion Trng., Fireside
- 5:00 - Cancer Support Meets., M201
- 5:00 - Jr. High Youth, Loft
- 6:30 - Sr. High Youth, Loft

Wednesday, January 27

- 9:15 - Beth Moore, Fireside
- 10:00 - Brian Kinder Concert, Gym
- 12:00 - Psalms Bible Study, M200
- 12:00 - General Staff, Fireside Rm.
- 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 Youth Bible Study, Narthex
- 7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 - Bridge Bible Study, 605 N. 47th

Monday, January 25

- 11:30 - Intro to New Test. FLC102
- 4:30 - Women's Council, Conf. Rm.
- 6:00 - Beth Moore, Fireside Rm.
- 6:00 - Cub Scouts 3rd Floor
- 6:00 - Boy Scouts, 3rd Floor

Thursday, January 28

- 10:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Narthex
- 12:00 - UMM Lunch/Bible Study, FLC
- 1:30 - Chronic Disease Mgt., M103
- 6:00 - Young Adult Home Group

Tuesday, January 26

- 10:00 - Dorcas Meets, Fireside Rm.
- 1:30 - Archives Open, M204
- 5:30 - Stephen Ministry, M103
- 6:00 - Disciple III, M200
- 6:00 - Ballroom Dancing, Loft

Friday, January 29

- 6:30 - UMM Breakfast/Bible Study, FLC

Saturday, January 30

- 9-4 - Campus Ministry Cmte., Conf. 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. Janice Sudbrink
Emergency
on call Minister for
January 22-24
Phone: 459-5060**