

First United Methodist News

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Rev. Stephen Dickinson

Rev. Claire Caldwell

Rev. William Cheyne

Rev. Herschel McClurkin

January 28, 2010

ACROSS DAVID'S DESK

Ministry groups within the church have begun 2010 training opportunities. As a congregation committed to Every Member In Ministry, FUMC provides training and information for everyone signing up for a particular ministry. I encourage you to take full advantage of the training. In the training you will receive detailed information on the area of ministry in which you have chosen to serve; you will make new friends among those who will be serving with you; and, you will develop a deeper appreciation for the grace of Christ alive in your life. As the year unfolds there will be opportunities for additional people to join new and emerging ministries as well as several ministries that are ongoing. In other words: The door is open for more participation every week.

Administratively, the finalization of the 2010 Ministry Budget is nearing completion. In today's economics, First Church is looking at responsible, creative, faithful ways to do more with less. Let me be clear, FUMC will live within her means. We will be faithful to the call of Christ and we will be fully responsible stewards of the resources entrusted to us.

In days of harsh and demanding economics, we are challenged to be good stewards individually as well as collectively. Setting priorities, putting first things first, is basic to good stewardship, and it is beyond question a necessity in these economic conditions. As we have had to make household decisions about what is deserving of our dollars and what is not, isn't that a major part of Christian stewardship? The more we push the question, "What matters the most to me," the clearer it becomes where we want God in our lives. When God gets my first attention in the day, my first gratitude for the breath I draw, my first energy, my first love and adoration, it is as natural as can be that God is considered first in my checkbook.

Could it be that these demanding economic times are best redeemed, turned into something of value, by a renewal of stewardship among the people of Christ? Trusting God to provide, we learn to return God's portion to God. Trust God to use financial stewardship as a tool for your spiritual growth.

See you Sunday,
David Orr

-UMW SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 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, "Deep Truth" and his scripture text is Jeremiah 1:4-10. 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 Elizabeth Hinshaw and Alexandra Salamone. Lay Readers are: 8:30, Anna Brown, 11:00, Lillie Aguilar.

Linda Dickson will be the soloist at the 8:30 service. The Chancel Choir's anthems will be "Behold Now, Praise The Lord" by Everett Titcomb and "Send Us Thy Heav'nly Light" by David Foltz.



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!

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..."

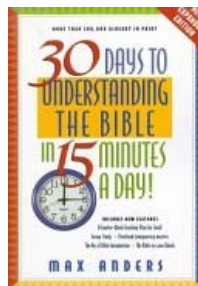
We will be taking an offering this Sunday, Jan. 31, but if you would like to send in your offering or pledge, just mark your check "Catch the Vision".

HAITI DISASTER RESPONSE

is ongoing. You may donate at any time. Just mark your checks for Haiti.

Health Kit information:

- 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.



Which works best for you?

Sunday, February 14th @ 9:45a.m.

Or

Wednesday, February 17th @ 6:00p.m.

To begin learning—

The roadmap of biblical history
Core teachings of the Scripture
Lay of its geographical landscape
And

Key characters, places, and events in order!

New Bible Study Begins
"Understanding the Bible"

Led by Stephen Dickinson

This is designed to be a twelve week study.

Information meeting will be
February 7th right after church
in the Narthex.

Sign up sheets are located in the Narthex, 2nd floor glass cabinets, 3rd floor tables outside of youth office, and information table in the Connexion Service.

If you have questions please contact Stephen Dickinson at sdickinson@fsfumc.org or call 782-5068



Billie

Sue Fry

and family on the death her husband, Richard Fry.

Bill Hanson, Jerry Hanson and their families on the death of their father, J.B. "Jeep" Hanson.

Flu Shots being offered!



The Sebastian County Health Department will be offering Seasonal Flu Shots and H1N1 Flu shots (for ages 6 months and older for both vaccines) here at First Church on **Tuesday, February 2, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.**

Bring one of the following and the Health Department will file: Insurance card, Medicare card or Medicaid card. The fee is \$20 for those without insurance. **H1N1 is free to everyone!**

Call the church office to reserve your vaccines, 782-5068.



As of Monday, January 25, 2010, the following members were known to be in the hospital.

St. Edward:
Debbie Hardgrave
Van Brown

Sparks:
Reba Cheyne
Finley Turner

BY YOUR GIFTS . . .

Rec'd this week.....\$33,180
Rec'd to date.....\$77,153
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, February 4, 2010 - Jane Stauffer will teach Acts 9.

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:

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



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

We rejoice with:

Kevin and Sarah Ridgley on the birth of a son, Finnegan McKee Ridgley.

The Bridge Student Center



Ping Pong Table or Table Soccer Game

A nice looking/good condition couch

A nice looking/good condition lamp for lounge area



Baseball Sign ups 9:00 a.m. - Noon Sunday January 31. Sign up in the Narthex or at the Family Life Center horseshoe area.



Let's have breakfast together!

Join us in the Family Life Center this Sunday for a free breakfast from 8:30-9:30 a.m., cooked and served by the Chapel Class. Your donations for the breakfast will be given to the Backpack for Kids program at the Clearinghouse.



Cookie Time

We will deliver cookies to the Fort Smith Fire Stations. We have ten stations and we will need lots of cookies.

Please bring your homemade cookies this Sunday, January 31, and place them in the kitchen on the 2nd floor, next to the Parlor. Your time and cookies are truly appreciated.

If you have questions, call Gail @ 782-5068.

**Mark your calendars
Ash Wednesday is
February 17th**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE
January 24, 2010**

| Class | Attendance |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Infants | 8 |
| Toddlers | |
| 2 yr. olds | |
| 3 yr. olds | |
| 4 yr. olds | 8 |
| Kindergarten | 8 |
| Grade 1 | |
| Grade 2 | 11 |
| Grade 3and | |
| Grade 4 | 18 |
| Grade 5 and | |
| Grade 6 | 10 |
| CHILDREN'S DIV. | 63 |
| Grade 7, 8, 9, | |
| Grade 10,11, & 12 | |
| YOUTH DIV. | 16 |
| College | 2 |
| Aldersgate(Room M105) | 19 |
| Believers (Room M302) | 5 |
| Builders (RoomM209) | |
| Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel) | 46 |
| Cornerstones*(Room M311) | 20 |
| Disciples Room M312) | 14 |
| Discussion*(Room M301) | 46 |
| Encouragers*(Room M303) | 21 |
| Friends (Room M103) | 11 |
| Gleaners (Room M201) | 26 |
| Good News (Room M202) | 8 |
| Le Menage (Room M306) | 5 |
| Roundtable (Room M213) | 17 |
| Seekers* (Room M107) | 10 |
| Uplifters*(Room M205) | 31 |
| ADULT TOTALS | 323 |
| General Officers | 4 |
| *Made their quota | |
| TOTALS | 388 |
| Ethnos Youth | 22 |
| Worship: | |
| 8:30 | 91 |
| 11:00 FLC | 208 |
| 11:00 Sanctuary | 274 |
| Communion | 58 |
| TOTALS | 631 |

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, January 31

8:30 - Breakfast, Family Life Center
 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
 5:00 - Jr. High Youth, Loft
 5:00 - Rio Bravo Trip Mtg., Fireside
 6:00 - Bridge Worship, 605 N. 47th
 6:00 - Down Home Singin', Roebuck Chapel w/reception in Narthex
 6:30 - Sr. High Youth, Loft

Wednesday, February 3

9:15 - Beth Moore, Fireside Rm.
 10:00 - Ladybells, Bayliss Hall
 12:00 - Psalms Bible Study, M200
 12:00 - Trustees Meet, FLC102
 3:30 - Children's Choirs, Bayliss Hall
 5:30 - Communion, Roebuck Chapel
 6:00 - Praise Team. Gym
 6:00 - Sign Language, FLC101
 6:00 - Chancel Ringers, Bayliss Hall
 6:15 - First Place 4 Health, M105
 7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 - Bridge Bible Study, 605 N. 47th
 7:00 - Core Youth Bible Study, Narthex

Monday, February 1

11:30 - Intro to New Test. FLC102
 12:00 - Finance Meets, FLC101
 6:00 - Beth Moore, Fireside Rm.
 6:30 - Psalms Bible Study, M200
 6:30 - Boy Scouts, 3rd Floor

Thursday, February 4

10:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Narthex
 12:00 - UMM Lunch/Bible Study, FL102
 12:00 - Uplifters Party, Fireside Rm.
 1:30 - Chronic Disease Mgt., M103

Tuesday, February 2

8am-5pm - Flu Clinic, Fireside Rm.
 9:00 - Staff Meets, Conf. Rm.
 1:30 - Archives Open, M204
 5:15 - Bldg. & Grounds, Conf. Rm.
 6:00 - Disciple III, M200
 6:00 - Ballroom Dancing, Loft

Friday, February 5

6:30 - UMM Breakfast/Bible Study, FLC
 10:00 - Pacesetters, Fireside Rm.
 4pm - Jr. High Retreat, Feb. 5 & 6

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. Claire Caldwell
 Emergency
 on call Minister for
 January 29-31
 Phone: 459-5060**