

# ***First United Methodist News***

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***Rev. Janice Sudbrink***

***Rev. Stephen Dickinson***

***Rev. Claire Hoffman***

***Rev. William Cheyne***

***Rev. Herschel McClurkin***

***February 5, 2009***

## **ACROSS DAVID'S DESK**

First United Methodist Church is a very lively place made up of very lively people. Right now we have a group preparing for a medical and construction mission trip to Rio Bravo Mexico. This is a congregational mission. First Church believes in missions. While every member will not be physically in Mexico, every member of this church is part of the mission. Through your prayers and encouragement you are participating in the mission. Even this Sunday, February 8th, you can come to the Mexican Fiesta Lunch @ noon in the Family Life Center and your ticket purchase will put you on the mission team! First Church is building faith in our membership as we serve our neighbors. In the family of God, the more we serve the more we grow and the more we grow the more we serve. God is cool.

February 8th is Scouting Sunday. We will recognize the Cub and Boy Scouts affiliated with FUMC and the Scouts will participate in the service of worship. Scouting has a deep history @ First Church. The United Methodist Church and Boy Scouts of America have a meaningful commitment one to another. If you are an old Scout or a current Scout, be present Sunday and make this a strong celebration of the beautiful relationship between FUMC and Scouting.

Sign-ups for Church League Baseball are underway. Be sure you have your children/grandchildren/friend-children included in 2009 baseball. We always have a place for coaching, team helpers, and fans (we want all the fans we can put in the bleachers!). Summer is coming!

The UMYF is alive and growing. The youth are going on a ski retreat during Spring Break. When you have the opportunity to support these young people (the greatest young people anywhere) please do so. Loving and investing in the lives of young people will pay dividends long past our lifetimes. Go youth! Go youth! Go youth!

So, who are you bringing to church and Sunday School with you this week? There are FRANs ready to come with you, awaiting your invitation. FRANs? Friends, Relatives, Associates, Neighbors are our FRANs. Pick a FRAN and invite. It is an affirmation of your faith in Christ and your love for your FRAN.

See you Sunday,  
David Orr

## **-SCOUT SUNDAY, February 8, 2009, AT FIRST CHURCH-**

Rev. David Orr will preach at the 8:30 Chapel and 11:00 Sanctuary service. His sermon is entitled, "Balance" and his scripture text is Mark 1:29-39. 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 Sam Kimes and Brynn Trahan. Lay Readers are 8:30, Gary Newton, 11:00, a Scout.

The Bayliss Hall Ringers will play at the 8:30 service. The Ladybells will play at the 11:00 Prelude time. The Chancel Choir's anthems will be "Those Who Wait on the Lord" by Mark Hayes and "Hast Thou Not Known?" by Douglas E. Wagner.



As of Monday, February 2, 2009 the following members were listed in the hospitals:

**St. Edward:**

Anna Marie LaChance

**Sparks:**

Chesolene Brown  
McKee Cox

**BY YOUR GIFTS . . .**

Rec'd this week.....\$26,107  
Rec'd to date.....\$111,217  
Budgeted to date.....

**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, Dwalyne Clayborn, V. J. Devine, Darson Emery, Jacob Bolin, Luke Bouxsein.

**Foundation Information**

Consider transferring the ownership of some of your life insurance to the church. The cash value, when given, plus the annual premium, can qualify for a federal tax deduction.

**Methodist Men's Clubs**

**Thursday, Noon Lunch, February 12, 2009,** Todd Vick will teach Luke 9.

**Friday Morning Breakfast, February 13, 2009,** Dr. Boyd Saviers will teach Genesis 5:1-16

**Altar Flowers**

We have openings for Altar Flowers on February 22, March 1, 15, 22, and 29. If you would like to put flowers on the altar,

just call the church office, 782-5068.



Joanne Swafford and family on the death of her brother-in-law, John C. Baker, Sr.

Hilda Warren and family on the death of her sister, Marjorie Brown.

Jean Pence and family on the death of her sister, Judy Burk Trotter.

**January's Destination Station**

**Bible Verse**

Matthew 3:17

God said, "This is my own dear Son, with whom I am well pleased."

**Knitters and Crocheters Wanted**

We are taking knitted and crocheted dish cloths to Rio Bravo, Mexico this year. If you would like to help by making dish cloths, you can get the pattern in Janice's office or call Sandy Parker at 414-0630.

Don't forget to join us for a Mexican Fiesta lunch this Sunday, February 8, right after the 11:00 a.m. services, in the Family Life Center. Cost: \$10.00 per person. All proceeds to benefit our Mission

trip.



**Holy Grounds Café** needs help on Sunday mornings from 8:00-10:00 a.m., once a quarter. If you would like to help out, call Robert Burris at 652-0096. Thank you.



**Baseball Sign-ups**

are underway! Deadline to sign-up is February 15 and you must be five years of age by October 1, 2009. For more information or to sign up, call Robert Burris, 652-0096 or Michael Thames, 784-3188.



**SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER**

Sponsored by the Chancel Choir

Tuesday, February 24  
5:00—7 p.m.

\$8 Adult \$5 Child

Family Life Center  
Proceeds go to Rio Bravo Mission Trip.

Come support our **OWN missionaries!**

Bring your partner and dance to the

**Southside High School JAZZ BAND!**

Fluffy pancakes, Scrambled eggs, Aromatic Bacon, Spicy Sausage Coffee, Juice, Milk

**ALL YOU CAN EAT!**

**GET YOUR TICKETS in the Narthex, on 2nd Floor or in the Family Life Center each Sunday or in the church office during the week.**

**Honorariums**

**In Honor of Nancy Vernon - Betsy Farris**

**In Honor of Bernie Forsgren Houser - Scott Price**



## The Rio Bravo Mission Trip

God is already blessing our upcoming FSFUMC Rio Bravo Mission Trip. We now have 34 people committed to going on the trip. We still need 3-4 more

people for construction and they do not have to be members of our church. This mission trip is not just for those who are going. This is a **FSFUMC international outreach project**. The people going are representing our church and are giving of their time to further God's Kingdom. In the next few weeks here are the needs and also ways that our church can be supportive:

- **your prayers!** Pray that God will protect the health and the time of those who have committed to going. Pray also that God will provide for all the needs of this trip.
- begin **collecting** fast food toys preferably still sealed for the children who attend the medical clinics and **Spanish coloring books and crayons**. All the patients like to receive **packaged tooth brushes, tooth paste and dental floss**.
- for those who knit and crochet, we need an abundance of the **hand made dishcloths**.
- we need your **monetary support**. Cost per person is \$500. Cost of medicines in Mexico for the clinics will be \$4000 or more, cost for 2 casitas is \$4000. Estimated cost for the trip is \$25,000.
- Mark your calendars for **Sunday February 8** after the 11:00 church services, we will have a **Mexican Fiesta Lunch** in the FLC. Take out will be available. Cost is \$10. Then February 24 Shrove Tuesday, the FSFUMC Chancel Choir and the Mission Team will have a **Pancake Supper** with music provided by the Southside High School Jazz Band.
- On Sunday mornings, "**Take Stock in Rio Bravo**" stocks will be sold starting at \$10.00. These stock certificates promise to have everlasting returns for those who receive medical care and receive a new home in Mexico!

For questions or more information contact Rev Janice, Sandy Parker, David Staggs, or Lane Shipley.

## Lenten Study

The Pastors of FUMC will be hosting a four week lunch time Lenten study, starting March 3. This study will be held in three locations, the Family Life Center, Western Sizzlin on Towson, and Western Sizzlin on Rogers. The four week study is based on the book "Neglected Voices": Biblical Spirituality in the Margins by John Indermark. Cost of the book is \$9.00 and sign-ups will begin Sunday, February 8, in the Narthex and FLC. For questions call Claire Hoffman.

**The Weekday School and Children's Day Out** will begin fall registration on:

**February 25**, at 8:45 a.m. in the Narthex for those currently enrolled.

**February 26**, at 8:45 a.m. in the Narthex for church members.

**February 27**, 8:45 a.m. in the Narthex for open registration.

If you would like information about our Children's Day Out program, contact Tiffany Null, 782-0310 on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday or our Weekday School, contact Christie Jacobs, 782-8855.

## United Methodist Women Sub-groups Meet

**February 8** - "Ordinary Women" will meet at 5:00 p.m. in the Narthex Conference Room.

### **February 10:**

"Naomi" will meet with Sherron Shuffield, 4112 S. Fresno at 10:00 a.m.

"Elizabeth" will meet in Room M105 at 1:30 p.m. with Opal Wasson and Gladys Walz.

"Deborah" will meet with Ginger Taylor, 2810 Enid at 10:00 a.m.

"Ruth" will meet in FLC101 at 10:00 a.m.

"Rebekah" will meet with Sandra Clark, 7208 Kensington Court at 10:00 a.m.

"Hannah" will meet at Willowbrook at 10:00. All are welcome even if you don't live at Willowbrook.

"Mary" will meet with Connie Copley, 7719 Westminster Place at 7:00 p.m.

## Church Nursery Director

First United Methodist Church is pleased to announce the Director of the Church Nursery is Alison Underwood. Alison is a member of our church and has worked in our nursery and Parents' Night Out program for several years. She will be an asset to our staff and we welcome her.

Join the **Wesley Heritage Tour** for nine exciting and educational days. Leave July 6, from NW AR. Visit London, Birmingham Bristol, Bath, Oxford, Stratford and more. Free info meeting at Southside High School, Feb. 8 @ 2pm. Call Bob/Dianne Jeffery, 484-9056. They will be leading this tour.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**ATTENDANCE**

**February 1, 2009**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Infants	4
Toddlers	2
2 yr. olds	
3 yr. olds	5
4 yr. olds	10
Kindergarten	5
Grade 1	
Grade 2	19
Grade 3and	
Grade 4	19
Grade 5	
Grade 6	15
<b>CHILDREN'S DIV.</b>	<b>79</b>

Grade 7, 8, 9,  
Grade 10,11, & 12

**YOUTH DIV. 12**

College (M315)	5
Aldersgate(Room M105)	19
Believers (Room M302)	4
Builders (RoomM209)	25
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	38
Cornerstones*(Room M311)	22
Disciples*(Room M312)	20
Discussion*(Room M301)	51
Encouragers*(Room M303)	26
Friends (Room M103)	6
Gleaners (Room M201)	28
Good News (Room M202)	6
Le Menage (Room M306)	5
Roundtable*(Room M213)	26
Seekers*(Room M107)	11
Uplifters*(Room M205)	37

**ADULT TOTALS 328**

General Officers 4

\*Made their quota

**TOTALS 423**

**Worship:**

8:30	94
11:00 Family Life	233
11:00 Sanctuary	257
Wed. Communion	

**TOTALS 584**

**OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK**

**Sunday, February 8**

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 - Rio Bravo Lunch, FLC  
12:00 - Created by God, Child Area  
12:30 - Monday Meals Trng., Conf. Rm.  
4:30 - Cancer Support Group, M201  
6:30 - Combined Youth, Loft & Gym

**Monday, February 9**

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

**Tuesday, February 10**

9:00 - Staff Meets, Conf. Rm.  
1:30 - Archives Room Open  
5:30 - Stephen Min., FLC101 & 102  
6:30 - Ballroom Dancing, Loft  
6:30 - College Care Pkg., Conf. Rm.

**Wednesday, February 11**

6 a.m. - Men's Fraternity, Gym  
9:15 - Beth Moore, Fireside Rm.  
10:00 - Ladybells, Bayliss Hall  
12:00 - Christian Learn. Council, Conf. Rm.  
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 - Disciple IV, M2001  
7:00 - Knitwits, Narthex  
7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, February 12**

10:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Narthex  
12:00 - UMM Lunch/Bible Study, FLC  
6:00 - Joy of Signing, Conf. Rm.

**Friday, February 13**

6:30 - UMM Breakfast/Bible Study, FLC  
4-6 - Angel Food Sign-up, FLC  
6pm - Parents' Night Out, FLC

**Saturday, February 14**

9-11 - Angel Food Sign-up, FLC

**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 Hoffman**  
**Emergency**  
**on call Minister for**  
**February 6-8**  
**Phone: 459-5060**

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