

First United Methodist News

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Rev. Stephen Dickinson

Rev. Claire Caldwell

Rev. William Cheyne

Rev. Herschel McClurkin

February 11, 2010

ACROSS DAVID'S DESK

As the snow falls again this week, let me offer a special pat-on-the-back to our custodial staff! Our custodians work hard every week. In especially demanding conditions, our custodial staff becomes more "obvious" to everyone in the congregation. The clearing of sidewalks, the securing of parking lots, the extra duty required inside the facility due to wet, snowy feet all are taken for granted by the most of us because when we show up, it is all in order and as it should be. THANK YOU: Debbie, Janne, Robert, Charles, Regina and Wes! You are the best!

Inclement weather causes us to take precautions, and we do. In the event of inclement weather on Sunday morning, every effort to have Sunday School and worship will be made. Should we be forced to cancel Sunday services, the information will be on local TV and radio as early as possible. When we have cancellation of events during the week, we will keep everyone informed as decisions are made. When inclement weather is brewing or occurring and you wonder if your group is meeting, it is good to call the church (782-5068) to be certain of any calendar cancellations or adjustments.

The Scouting ministries of First UMC will be recognized in worship this Sunday. The Scouts are growing and developing, thanks to the wise direction of their devoted leaders, supportive parents and a church who values Scouting. Our Boy Scout Troop, Troop 2, holds the longest continuously active charter in Fort Smith. Scouting is celebrating 100 years. Go Scouts!

Thank you for supporting the bake sale for the Rio Bravo Mission (April 12-18). The Chancel Choir is sponsoring the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 16th. (Yes, Ash Wednesday is February 17th, so feast now!) Proceeds support the Rio Bravo Mission.

And, for Heaven's sakes, don't forget that Valentine's Day is this Sunday! Bring your Valentine to church with you and show how much you really care!

See you Sunday, Valentine!
David Orr

-SCOUT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 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, "Leading by Lifting" and his scripture text is Acts 9:26-28. Rev. Stephen Dickinson will preach at the 11:00 a.m. Connexion service. Rev. Claire Caldwell will be Liturgist. Acolytes will be Amy Truitt and Joey Winters. Lay Readers are: 8:30, Pam O'Kelley, 11:00, Sandy Parker.

Randy O'Kelley will be the soloist at the 8:30 service. The Chancel Choir's anthems are "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" by Philip Ledger and "Call to Praise" by Raymond Haan. The Bayliss Hall Singers, Choir II, will sing "The Lord Is My Light" by Dorothy Christopherson.



were known to be in the hospital.

As of Monday, February 8, 2010, the following members

St. Edward
Joanne Swafford
Pat Bolin
Jerry Bell

Sparks:
Doris Townley
Bernard Brockman

BY YOUR GIFTS . . .

Rec'd this week.....\$21,650
Rec'd to date.....\$120,319
Budgeted to date.....Data Pending

Please pray for the following who are serving in our U. S. Military:
Doug Wilderman, Robert Henley, Jack Dunn

Foundation Information

Think about the part you want to play in our Church's future. You have the opportunity to support this ministry in many ways. Naming the Church as a beneficiary in your estate plan or the making of an endowment gift can assure your continued participation in this ministry far into the future.

Methodist Men's Clubs

Thursday Noon Lunch/Bible Study, February 18, 2010 - Scott Price will teach Acts 11.

Friday Morning Breakfast/Bible Study, 6:30 a.m., February 19, 2010.



The Altar Flowers

for Sunday, February 14, are given in honor and most loving memory of Wyndal Goodman, who lives now in heaven. They are also in honor of his father, Dr. R.C. Goodman, and his brothers Cole, Joe, Charles, and Rob. You are my Special Valentines! Dorothy - Mom

Altar Flower Openings

We have the following openings for altar flowers: **February 21, March 14 & 21.** If you would like to put flowers on the altar, call 782-5068.



Rio Bravo Mission Trip 2010 is April 12-18

We are looking for a few good construction workers to complete our team. **No experience necessary!** We will be helping to build a Methodist church. Must have a current passport. Call Janice for further details, 782-5068.

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.



Twyla Brown and family on the death of her grandson, Nathan Hall of Denver, Colorado.



A Scout is Reverent

Scout Sunday is February 14. We mark the 100th anniversary of Scouting in the USA. Join us as we recognize the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting.

We are also conducting our annual Scouting for Food drive. Please bring non-perishable food items to church on Sunday, February 14. All items collected will go to the Community Clearinghouse.



Ash Wednesday is February 17. We will have a service of Communion and Imposition of Ashes at 5:30 p.m. in Roebuck Chapel. Please join us for this very meaningful service as we begin our season of Lent.

Free H1N1 Vaccine

First UMC will offer **free H1N1 (swine flu)** vaccines for ages 18 and older on: **Sunday, February 21 and Sunday, February 28**

For more information contact Janice at the church, 782-5068

Destination Station Bible Verse for February Genesis 1:28

Be responsible for fish in the sea and birds in the air, for every living thing that moves on the face of the earth.

Health Kits for Haiti

The West District will be shipping our health kits February 18. These health kits are very important to the work of UMCOR in Haiti. Listed below are the supplies needed:

- 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.
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SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Sponsored by the
Chancel Choir and the Mission Council
Tuesday, February 16 5:00—7 p.m.
\$8 Adult \$5 Child Family Life Center

Proceeds go to Rio Bravo Mission Trip.
Come support our **OWN missionaries!**

**Fluffy pancakes, Scrambled eggs,
Aromatic Bacon, Coffee, Juice, Milk**

ALL YOU CAN EAT!

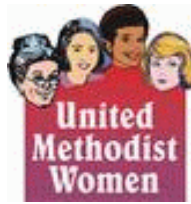
PLEASE get your TICKETS

**in the Narthex, in your SS Class or in the
Family Life Center on Sunday, February 14.**
**We will have tickets at the door, but we want
to you buy ahead of time so we'll know how
much to cook!**

**Come see which PREACHER is the best
(pancake) flipper!!!!!!**

CAKES! PIES! COOKIES! needed

**If you can donate an item to the BAKE
SALE, bring your item to the gym between
1:30 and 4:30 p.m. on the 16th.**



Calling all United Methodist Women of First Church!

(Not a United Methodist Woman?
Come see what we are all about!)

Our February Unit meeting will be held on Tuesday,
February 16, at 10:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center
Fireside Room.

A CALL TO PRAYER AND SELF-DENIAL
Special guest speaker: Rev. Bill Cheyne
Lunch afterwards - Cost for lunch \$5.00



Do you have email?

**Would you like to get the weekly
Newsletter
by email?**

**Just call the church office and let us know and
we'll do the rest.**



Lenten Lunches

Once again the downtown churches will
sponsor Monday Lenten Lunches. Each
week we will tell you what church and
the speaker, but here is the schedule
we have so far:

February 22 - St. John's Episcopal with Central
Presbyterian preaching.

March 1 - First United Methodist Church with Don
Hubbard preaching.

March 8 - First Presbyterian with Rev. David Orr
preaching.

March 15 - Immaculate Conception with First
Presbyterian preaching.

March 22 - Central Presbyterian with Immaculate
Conception preaching.

Lunch served 11:45-12:15

Service - 12:15-12:45

Lunch served 12:45-1:15

Memorials

In Memory of Susan Smith - Jim & Peggy Hadley; Anne
Patrick; Carolyn Jenkins; Mr. & Mrs. Mark Rushing; Julie &
Matt Ketcham

In Memory of Auda Faye McConnell - Connie Clement;
Susan & Mike Schulte; Vicki & Mark Saviers; Marlin & Janet
Fretheim; Dick & Ann Appleton

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE
February 7, 2010**

Class	Attendance
Infants	8
Toddlers	
2 yr. olds	
3 yr. olds	
4 yr. olds	8
Kindergarten	8
Grade 1	
Grade 2	9
Grade 3and	
Grade 4	18
Grade 5 and	
Grade 6	9
CHILDREN'S DIV.	60

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

YOUTH DIV. 5

College	-
Aldersgate(Room M105)	18
Believers (Room M302)	3
Builders (RoomM209)	21
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	43
Cornerstones*(Room M311)	20
Disciples Room M312)	--
Discussion*(Room M301)	42
Encouragers*(Room M303)	18
Friends (Room M103)	6
Gleaners (Room M201)	29
Good News (Room M202)	9
Le Menage (Room M306)	5
Roundtable*(Room M213)	23
Seekers*(Room M107)	10
Uplifters*(Room M205)	39

ADULT TOTALS 286

General Officers 4

*Made their quota

TOTALS 355

Ethnos Youth

Worship:

8:30	86
11:00 FLC	186
11:00 Sanctuary	238
Communion	54
TOTALS	564

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, February 14

8:30 - Holy Grounds Café Open
8:30 - Worship, Roebuck Chapel
8:30-12:30 - Angel Food Signup,FLC
9:45 - Sunday School
9:45 - Bible Study, FLC101
11:00 - Worship, Family Life Center
11:00 - Worship, Sanctuary
12:15 - Bible Study Info Mtg., Narthex
5:30 - All Youth, Fireside Rm.
6:30 - All Youth, Loft
6:00 - Bridge Worship, 605 N. 47th

Wednesday, February 17

9-12 - Parent/Teacher Conf., Conf. Rm.
9:15 - Beth Moore, Fireside Rm.
10:00 - Ladybells, Bayliss Hall
12:00 - Psalms Bible Study, M200
12:00 - Weekday Ministry Board, Fireside
3:30 - Children's Choirs, Bayliss Hall
5:30 - Communion, Roebuck Chapel
6:00 - Praise Team. Gym
6:00 - Sign Language, M200
6:00 - Chancel Ringers, Bayliss Hall
6:00 - Bible Study, FLC101
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 15

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

Thursday, February 18

10:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Narthex
12:00 - UMM Lunch/Bible Study, FL102
6:00 - Angel Food Mtg., Fireside Rm.
6:00 - Girl Scouts, 3rd Floor
6:30 - Young Adult Home Group

Tuesday, February 16

9:00 - Staff Meets, Conf. Rm.
10:00 - UMW Meets, Fireside Rm.
5-7 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake
Supper, FLC
6:00 - Disciple III, M200

Friday, February 19

6:30 - UMM Breakfast/Bible Study, FLC
9-12 - Parent/Teacher Conf., Conf. Rm.
10:00 - Pacesetters, Fireside Rm.

Saturday, February 20

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. David Orr
Emergency
on call Minister for
February 12-14
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