

First United Methodist News

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Rev. Stephen Dickinson

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Rev. William Cheyne

Rev. Herschel McClurkin

March 4, 2010

ACROSS DAVID'S DESK

How remarkably proud I am of First Church! You are feeding the poor, helping provide homes for the homeless, including the marginal, striving for perfection in love, encouraging the best and the brightest among us, and believing that God is at the heart of everything we are.

The Second Mile stewardship effort now underway is an example of what makes my heart swell and my hopes soar. Some who have responded that they are not able to increase their giving, and in the spirit of our Lord, "Thank you for giving your best." Some have responded with frustration, and in the spirit of our Lord, "This is not meant to frustrate and we regret the frustration. We are in this together and we will come through this together as Christ's people." Some have been inspired to grow their faith and their giving. One card (with an accompanying check) was returned with these words of faith, "The first mile is duty. The second mile is love." . . . I am proud of my church!

The Second Mile emphasis has this Sunday, March 7th, as the target for all cards to be returned to the church. Thank you for being a church ready to respond to the call of God every day. Sharing faith, time, finances, hope, service and love is the life of a Christian regardless of the outward circumstances. I read this article today from the United Methodist News Service:

African Church in War Zone Grows by 588 Percent in Five Years

There is every reason for a church to fail in the rebel-held Korhogo area in the mountainous north central region of Côte d'Ivoire. It has been the scene of many armed conflicts between government and rebel forces. Nevertheless, The UMC in the district has increased from 300 members in 2005 to 2,065 members today, reports Isaac Broune, communicator for the Côte d'Ivoire Conference. District Superintendent Isaiah Mye says the credit for the growth belongs to God. -UMNS

First Mile, Second Mile, and Every Mile belongs to the Lord. Let us continue to walk by faith and not by sight in the blessed life we have received as a gift from God.

You are invited to be present on Wednesday, March 10th, 7:00 at the Bridge (Student ministry to the UAFS campus) now housed at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, for a special service of blessing for that ministry. The service is at the Cumberland Church (Kincaid @ N. 47th). You make this outreach possible and you are invited to this service of blessing.

And, the Mexican Fiesta Lunch this Sunday benefits our mission to Rio Bravo Mexico.

See you Sunday in the Church we call home,
David Orr

-SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 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, "The Way Out" and his scripture text is I Corinthians 10:1-13. 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 Wren Lanier and Catherine Ivey. Lay Readers are: 8:30, John Stauffer, 11:00, Bill Pitts.

Jim Cheyne will sing at the 8:30 service. The Chancel Choir's anthems are "Take My Life" by Craig Courtney and "To Christ Be the Glory" by Austin Lovelace.



As of Monday, March 1, 2010, the following members were known to be in the hospital.

Health South:
Victor Manchaca

BY YOUR GIFTS . . .

Rec'd this week.....\$88,726
Rec'd to date.....\$320,871
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

Our church's lay leadership and pastors enthusiastically support planned giving to our Church. Contact them for more information.

Methodist Men's Clubs

Thursday Noon Lunch/Bible Study, March 11, 2010 - Rev. Stephen Dickinson will teach Acts 14.

Friday Morning Breakfast/Bible Study, 6:30 a.m., March 12, 2010, Rev. Herschel McClurkin will teach Genesis 28.

Destination Station Bible Verse for March
Luke 10:27

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and all your soul, and all your strength, and all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.



The Altar Flowers for Sunday, March 7, 2010, are given in loving memory

of Mary Beth Kirkpatrick by her husband Fred and her children, Beth, Lynn and Fred III.

Altar Flower Openings

We have the following openings for altar flowers: **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.



Barbara Hartigan and family on the death of her husband, Richard C. Hartigan.

Pat Bolin and family on the death of her brother-in-law, Bill Byers.

The family and friends of Mrs. Tommie Hargrove.

Infant Baptism

William David Brixey, son of Chad and Leslie Brixey was baptized on 2/28/2010. Maternal grandparents are David & Sally Rickard.



The Lenten Service and Lunch, Monday, March 8, will be at First Presbyterian Church, 116 N. 12th. Speaker: Rev. Claire Caldwell.

Worship Time: 12:15-12:45 p.m.

Lunch served from 11:45-12:15 and 12:45-1:15 p.m., at a cost of \$4.00



CHANGE for CHANGE

Please support our own missionaries to Rio Bravo, Mexico. Bring in your loose change that is collecting in your car, your desk drawer, or in the sofa.

Collection cans are located throughout the church. Just look for the cans with the piggy bank.

UMW Sub-groups to meet on Tuesday, March 9 . . .

"Naomi" will meet with Betty McLendon, 6319 Bolton Rd. at 10:00 a.m.

"Elizabeth" will meet in Room M105 at 1:30 p.m.

"Ruth" will meet with Nancy Baker in Family Life Room 102 at 10:00 a.m.

"Hannah" will meet at 10:00 a.m. at Willowbrook.

"Rebekah" will meet with Jane Williams, 6604 Eastgate Dr. at 10:00 a.m.

"Mary" will meet with Margaret Thompson, 1211 N. 58th Terrace at 7:00 p.m.

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

S. O. S. S. (SAVERS OF STRANGE STUFF)

The Children's Department will be creating the Holy Land Market Place, as in Bible times, for a family Easter Event. We need to borrow the following items to help make our city of Jerusalem authentic: a free standing canopy tent, woven rugs and blankets, pottery, baskets, and any other type of decoration that would lend itself to the occasion. If you have any of these items for us to have or borrow please contact Kelly or Sally at 782-5068 or drop them by Sally's office by March 10th. Thank You!

The Bridge Student Center Blessing

You're invited to the blessing of our new United Methodist Student Center at UA Fort Smith, home of The Bridge. The blessing is Wednesday, March 10, 7:00 p.m., at the student center, 605 N. 47th Street. For more information, contact Todd Vick at 782-5068 or tvick@sfumc.org.



MEXICAN FIESTA



**Churchwide Fund Raiser Luncheon
for the**

Rio Bravo Mission Trip

**Sunday, March 7, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
in the Family Life Center**

Dine in or Take Out

**Tickets \$10 adults \$5 children
Proceeds will go toward building a
Methodist church and medicines**

**Holy Land Marketplace 2010
Sunday, March 14th
4:30 - 6:00 p.m.**

**First United Methodist Church
Meet in the Narthex**

The Children's Ministry Council invites you to join us for a family evening full of spiritual inspiration. Our Holy Land Marketplace will provide fun and memorable Bible learning activities for children ages 4 to 11 years old and their families.

Registration forms are available in the children's area, church office, or on line.

Children in Mission Group Forming:

TOUCH: Teaching Our United Children to Help!

Our goal is to educate and involve our children on local and world missions. (i.e. assembling health kits, creating items to send to Rio Bravo).

Parents and their children K-6th grade are invited to a brief informative meeting, Sunday, March 14, at 12:15 p.m. in the Narthex Conference Room.

Contact Leslie Brixey at 649-8099 or email brixey1@prodigy.net for more information.



YOU and your family and friends are invited to celebrate ST. PATRICK'S DAY, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, at the KIBLER UMC with Mardell and Herschel McClurkin.

Come eat free (Irish stew and all the fixins!), between 11am & 2pm, OR 5-7:30 pm. Kibler UMC is 4 miles South of Alma on Hwy. 162 or take Hwy. 162/Kibler Rd. East out of Van Buren, apx. 6 miles. Phone 479-461-5209 or 479-632-5822 for more info. Hollye Dickinson, Harpist, will be there from 11am-1pm and the McCafferty School Irish Dancers at 6:00 p.m.



It's time for Easter Lilies. If you would like to donate one in memory or in honor of a loved one, please fill out the form below and mail it with a check for \$15.00 per Lily (Lilies).

I would like to order:

_____ Lily (Lilies) In Memory of: _____

_____ Lily (Lilies) In Honor of: _____

Your name: _____

Phone No. _____

DEADLINE for Ordering: MONDAY, MARCH 22

No Phone Orders, please.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE
February 28, 2010**

Class	Attendance
Infants	12
Toddlers	
2 yr. olds	
3 yr. olds	
4 yr. olds	5
Kindergarten	10
Grade 1	
Grade 2	16
Grade 3and	
Grade 4	21
Grade 5 and	
Grade 6	7
CHILDREN'S DIV.	71

Grade 7, 8, 9,	
Grade 10,11, & 12	
YOUTH DIV.	13

Aldersgate(Room M105)	17
Believers (Room M302)	5
Builders (RoomM209)	25
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	32
Cornerstones*(Room M311)	15
Disciples Room M312)	13
Discussion*(Room M301)	48
Encouragers (Room M303)	13
Friends (Room M103)	9
Gleaners (Room M201)	32
Good News (Room M202)	8
Le Menage (Room M306)	5
Roundtable*(Room M213)	23
Seekers*(Room M107)	11
Uplifters*(Room M205)	34
ADULT TOTALS	290

General Officers	4
*Made their quota	

TOTALS	378
Ethnos Youth	25

Worship:	
8:30	85
11:00 FLC	177
11:00 Sanctuary	239
Communion	48
TOTALS	549

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, March 7

8:30 - Holy Grounds Café Open
 8:30 - Worship, Roebuck Chapel
 9:45 - Bible Study, Loft
 9:45 - Sunday School
 11:00-1:00 - Fiesta Lunch, FLC
 11:00 - Worship, Family Life Center
 11:00 - Worship, Sanctuary
 6-8 - All Youth, Loft

Wednesday, March 10

9:15 - Beth Moore, Fireside Rm.
 10:00 - Ladybells, Bayliss Hall
 12:00 - Christian Learn. Council, Conf. Rm.
 12:00 - Psalms Bible Study, M200
 1:30 - Matter of Balance, M105
 3:30 - Children's Choirs, Bayliss Hall
 5:30 - Communion, Roebuck Chapel
 6:00 - Praise Team, Gym
 6:00 - Bible Study, Fireside Rm.
 6:00 - Sign Language, M200
 6:00 - Chancel Ringers, Bayliss Hall
 6:15 - First Place 4 Health, M105
 7:00 - Bridge Blessing Service, Campus
 7:00 - Core Bible Study, Narthex
 7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Monday, March 8

12:15 - Lenten Service, at First Presbyterian Church
 1:00 - Intro to New Test., FLC102.
 1:30 - Matter of Balance, M105
 6:00 - Beth Moore, Fireside Rm.
 6:00 - Cub Scouts, 3rd Floor
 6:30 - Psalms Bible Study, M200
 6:30 - Boy Scouts, 3rd Floor

Thursday, March 11

10:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Narthex
 12:00 - UMM Lunch/Bible Study, FL102
 6:00 - Young Adult Group.

Tuesday, March 9

9:00 - Staff Meets, Conf. Rm.
 1:30 - Archives Room Open, M204
 6:00 - Disciple III, M200
 6:00 - Stephen Ministry, M103
 6:00 - Bldg. & Grounds, FLC101
 6:00 - Campus Min. Mtg., Conf. Rm.
 6:00 - Baseball Practice, Gym

Friday, March 12

6:30 - UMM Breakfast/Bible Study, FLC
 4-6 - Angel Food Sign-up, FLC
 5:30 - Parents' Night Out, FLC

Saturday, March 13

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. Stephen Dickinson
Emergency
on call Minister for
March 5-7
Phone: 459-5060