

First United Methodist News

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March 12, 2009

ACROSS DAVID'S DESK

God-things are happening @ First Church:

Reverend Janice Sudbrink was approved last week by the Arkansas Conference Board of Ordained Ministry for Ordination as a Deacon. The ordination will happen as part of the 2009 Annual Conference, June 14-17, in Rogers, AR. First Church is enriched beyond measure by the ministry and person of Reverend Sudbrink. Now Janice will be ordained as she fulfills God's call upon her life. Congratulations to Janice upon reaching this milestone in ministry. Congratulations to First Church for being a nurturing and supportive church.

Tony Clyde has been hired by the Staff-Parish Relations Committee as our new Full-Time Director of Youth Ministry at First Church. Ben Rogers is our present Interim Part-Time Director and has been a God-send for the youth and the church. Tony Clyde has been in youth ministry for fourteen years and most recently has been at Christ Community UMC, Joplin, MO. He has a BA in Church Ministry with a minor in Youth Ministry from John Brown University. He is working toward a Master's of Education in Instructional Technology from Missouri Southern State University. He is married to Danta and they have two daughters, Tiffany (12) and Stephanie (10). Tony will be on the ground in Ft. Smith soon and very soon. This is a devoted and capable and delightful family. You will be a blessing to them as they will be a blessing to you. The search for a Youth Director has been done with faithfulness and diligence. Thank you for your patience and faith. Thank God for His leadership and gifts!

The Rio Bravo Mission Team is preparing for the medical and construction mission, March 29 - April 5. Your prayers and support are felt and deeply appreciated. The Lent Offering is going to support this mission. You can make your Lent Offering in the purple envelopes you find in the pew rack. Thank you for making this a congregational mission.

ETHNOS, our youth group, is pumped about their approaching Spring Break Ski Retreat to Copper Mountain, CO. Your consistent and enthusiastic support of our youth is a blessing. The youth of First Church are grateful for everything you do from talking with them to teaching them to financially supporting them to praying for them. Thank you.

See You Sunday,
David Orr



-SUNDAY, March 15, 2009, AT FIRST CHURCH-

Rev. David Orr will preach at the 8:30 Chapel and 11:00 Sanctuary service. His sermon is entitled, "Is Anything Sacred Any More?" and his scripture text is John 2:13-22. 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 Ben Sudbrink and Alex Foree. Lay readers will be 8:30, Norris Creson, 11:00, Kelly Rappeport.

James Gallaher will be the soloist at the 8:30 service and the Bayliss Hall Ringers will play. The Chancel Choir's anthems are "I Choose You" by Deborah Govenor and "Who Is Jesus?" by Jeffrey Honoré. The Chancel Ringers will play at the Prelude time and with the Chancel Choir's anthem.



As of Monday, March 9, 2009 the following members were listed in the hospitals:

St. Edward:

Debbie Hardgrave

Sparks:

Robert Klock

Debbie's pager number is 441-1681. Dial the number and when prompted enter your zip code and then hang up and they will know you have prayed for them.

BY YOUR GIFTS ...

Rec'd this week.....\$26,363
 Rec'd to date..... \$269,762
 Budgeted to date.....\$257,650

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

Retirement funds present new opportunities for giving to the church. You may want to name the church as the beneficiary of your individual retirement account or other retirement funds, in the event that you or other family members die before receiving all of the funds.

Methodist Men's Clubs

Thursday, Noon Lunch, March 19, 2009, Carol Matlock will teach Luke 14.

Friday Morning Breakfast, March 20, 2009, Ben Reid will teach Genesis 9:1-29.

Destination Station Bible Verse for March

Mark 1:17-18

And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him.



You, Your Family and Friends

are invited to celebrate **St. Patrick's Day** on Tuesday, March 17, at the Kibler UMC, with Mardell and Herschel McClurkin. Come between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., or 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to their Family Life Center. If you would like a ride to the 11:00 a.m. lunch, call the church office, 782-5068.



Please be careful and use caution around the areas of the church where work is being done on our

roof. Thank you.



Ginger Taylor and family on the death of her aunt, Mary Ella Smith.

The family and friends of Mrs. Maydean Hall.

Irene Core and family on death of her sister, Wanda Dacus.

United Methodist Women

will meet on Tuesday, March 17, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Rev. Claire Hoffman will provide the devotion and special music is planned. Everyone invited.

Angel Food Ministry

Just a reminder - Angel Food orders are due by noon, Sunday. Angel Food is now offering an allergen-free box as well as their other food boxes. Menus available on the church website, the church office, FLC, and at the horseshoe by Roebuck Chapel. Distribution will be on Saturday, March 28.

Altar Flowers

We have the following openings for altar flowers: **March 29, April 19 & 26.** If you would like to put flowers on the altar in memory or in honor of a loved one, call 782-5068.



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, mortar and pestles, 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 25th. Thank You!

Women's Ministry presents:

CHICK FLICKS

When: Sunday, March 15, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

Where: BibleMAX Theater

Now Showing: "The Secret Life of Bees"

Join us for flicks, fellowship, food and fun. Bring a friend. Childcare available upon request. Please call the church office, 782-5068, by Friday.

Memorials

In Memory of Katie Keating - Fran & Sam Bateman; Katherine Croom; Mr. & Mrs. Dave Shaw; Finley & Evelyn Turner; Myra Ward; Gladys Ware; Jim & LaVonne Hayes; Beth O'Neal; Maurine Slaters; Fern Taylor.



Holy Land Marketplace 2009
Wednesday, April 1st
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
First United Methodist Church
Fireside Room for Dinner
Youth Loft for activities

Lunches on Mondays

The Lenten Service and Lunch, Monday, March 16, will be held at First Presbyterian Church, 116 North 12th Street. **Speaker: Rev. Cathy Ulrich of Central Presbyterian Church.**

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

Lunch served from 11:45-12:15 and 12:45-1:15 at a cost of \$3.00 or \$4.00

March 23 - Central Presbyterian will host and St. John's will preach.

March 30 - First United Methodist will host and Immaculate Conception will preach.

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

The fun begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner in the Fireside Room of the FLC. At 6:00 p.m., "TRIBE TIME" will begin! We will be traveling to the Youth Loft in "tribes" to visit the Bakery, the Spice Shop, the Synagogue School and more. We will end the evening with a meaningful moment at the Cross.

Dinner will be \$4 per adults, \$3 per child, not to exceed \$15 per family. There is a supply fee of \$10 per family.

Reservations are a must, as we are limited to the first 100 children!

The reservation deadline is Friday, March 27th. Please return this form along with payment to the church office.

Childcare is available for children 3 years old and younger.

EASTER LILIES



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 30.

No Phone Orders, please.

Reservation form for Holy Land Marketplace 2008

Family Last Name _____

Phone # _____

First Names of Adults in Group: _____

First Names and Ages of Children in Group:

Dinner \$4 per adult x _____ + \$3 per child x _____

= _____
 (not to exceed \$15 per family)

Supply Fee + \$ 10

Total payment = _____

SUNDAY SCHOOL

ATTENDANCE

March 8, 2009

Class	Attendance
Infants	3
Toddlers	
2 yr. olds	4
3 yr. olds	7
4 yr. olds	8
Kindergarten	4
Grade 1	
Grade 2	21
Grade 3and	
Grade 4	14
Grade 5	
Grade 6	7
CHILDREN'S DIV.	68
Grade 7, 8, 9,	
Grade 10,11, & 12	
YOUTH DIV.	7
College (M315)	7
Aldersgate(Room M105)	21
Believers (Room M302)	5
Builders (RoomM209)	25
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	33
Cornerstones*(Room M311)	20
Disciples (Room M312)	14
Discussion*(Room M301)	37
Encouragers*(Room M303)	19
Friends (Room M103)	--
Gleaners (Room M201)	22
Good News (Room M202)	5
Le Menage (Room M306)	4
Roundtable (Room M213)	19
Seekers (Room M107)	9
Uplifters*(Room M205)	33
ADULT TOTALS	273
General Officers	3
*Made their quota	
TOTALS	351
Worship:	
8:30	70
11:00 Family Life	209
11:00 Sanctuary	238
Communion	42
TOTALS	559

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, March 15

8:30 - Holy Grounds Café Open
 8:30 - Worship, Roebuck Chapel
 8:30 - Angel Food Sign-up, FLC
 9:45 - Sunday School
 11:00 - Worship, Sanctuary
 11:00 - Worship, Family Life Center
 12:00 - Family Ministry Meets, Fireside
 2:00 - Cub Scouts, Gym
 5:00 - Chick Flicks, M219
 6:30 - Combined Youth, Loft

Monday, March 16

12:15 - Lenten Service at
 First Presbyterian Church
 12:00 - Finance Meets, FLC101
 1:00 - Intro to New Test., FLC102
 6:00 - Beth Moore, Fireside Rm.
 6:00 - Disciple II, M103
 6:00 - Cub Scouts, 3rd Floor
 6:30 - Disciple I, Conf. Rm.
 6:30 - Jesus/Gospels, M200
 6:30 - Boy Scouts, 3rd Floor

Tuesday, March 17

9:00 - Staff Meets, Conf. Rm.
 9:30 - UMW Meets, Fireside Rm.
 1:30 - Archives Room Open

Wednesday, March 18

6 a.m. - Men's Fraternity, Gym
 9:15 - Beth Moore, Fireside Rm.
 10:00 - Ladybells, Bayliss Hall
 12:00 - CEC Baord Meets, FLC101
 12:00 - WDS Board Meets, FLC102
 3:30 - Children's Choirs, Bayliss Hall
 5:30 - Communion, Roebuck Chapel
 6:00 - Disciple IV, M200
 6:00 - Joy of Signing, Conf. Rm.
 6:00 - Chancel Ringers, Bayliss Hall
 7:00 - Knitwits, Narthex
 7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 - Youth Study, Loft

Thursday, March 19

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

Friday, March 20

6:30 - UMM Breakfast/Bible Study, FLC
 10:00 - Pacesetters, Fireside Rm.

Our 10:00 a.m. Uplifters Class and our 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary service are broadcast over KFPW 1230AM.

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
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March 13-15
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