

First United Methodist News

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ACROSS DAVID'S DESK

Well, who knows what the weather in Arkansas will be!! This has been wonderfully freakish, to say the least. Come July 10th, we may wonder why we were bothered by snow in March!

Sunday, March 28th, is Palm Sunday. We will have powerful and inspiring music to lift our hearts in the praise of the One who enters Jerusalem and Fort Smith for the purpose of salvation. From Sunday School to worship (all three services) to Last Sunday of the Month Breakfast, to Down Home Singing to Ethnos Youth Ministry, Palm Sunday is Jesus' Day.

Palm Sunday ushers in Holy Week, the final week of Jesus' earthly ministry. The week will include a Maundy Thursday dramatic depiction of Jesus' ministry and Good Friday worship (12:15 p.m.) in Roebuck Chapel. A ministry group of FUMC, self-named the Holy-wood Actors, will lead the Maundy Thursday drama; beginning with a meal @ 6:30 p.m. Reverend Janice Sudbrink will preach at the Good Friday worship. These two events will prepare us in a deeply spiritual way for the celebration of Resurrection, April 4th.

Inviting a friend or family member to come with you on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday is about as good a way to experience these Holy Days of our Lord as I know. People who are not involved or connected to a church are more likely to accept your invitation for Palm Sunday or Easter, because if you have *any* impulse to the Faith, it will be stronger on high holy days like these. Shucks, my wife will watch football with me on Superbowl Sunday, because it's what "everybody's doing". People not in the good habit of attending worship are more open to your invitation right now than at many other "normal" times of the year. Give it a try. It is a blessing to have a guest in Sunday School or worship with you. It is a blessing just knowing you have made the invitation out of love and care for someone else.

A positive word, now, about our leadership. The Administrative Board adopted an excellent budget for 2010 and I commend them for their faithfulness to the Church and to the responsibility on their shoulders. The Finance Committee has worked overtime along with the Administrative Board. We are well into 2010, but we can move through the remainder of this year with great anticipation of what God is doing in our midst. We have joined hands and hearts to properly equip FUMC as we Follow the Shepherd, Seek the Lost, Nurture the Flock and offer it all to the Glory of God. Thank you, FUMC.

See you Palm Sunday,
David Orr



-PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 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 Focus of Worship" and his scripture text is Luke 19:28-40. 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, Bob Miller, 11:00, Ginger Taylor.

Linda Dickson will be soloist at the 8:30 service. The Bayliss Hall Singers, Ladybells, Chancel Choir and a Brass Quartet will provide us with magnificent music for Palm Sunday. Come and worship with us.



As of Monday, March 22, 2010, the following members were known to be in the hospital.

Sparks:

Lou Moreland
Glen Lively
Judy Allen

St.Edward:

Victor Manchaca
Helen Couvillion

BY YOUR GIFTS . . .

Rec'd this week.....\$62,183
Rec'd to date.....\$457,107
Budgeted to date.....Data Pending

Please pray for the following who are serving in our U. S. Military:

Doug Wilderman, Robert Henley, Jack Dunn, Josh McKinney, Wade Hendrickson

Foundation Information

You may specify that your bank accounts are "in trust for the church". You retain total control over the account during your life. However, the property passes to the church at your death, without probate.

Methodist Men's Clubs

Thursday Noon Lunch/Bible Study, April 1, 2010 - Rev. David Orr will teach.

Friday Morning Breakfast/Bible Study, 6:30 a.m., April 2, 2010.

**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 28, 2010 are given in memory of Dr.

Prentiss E. Ware and in honor of Gladys Ware by Carolyn Jo, Janelle, Gaylon, Byron and their families.

Altar Flower Openings

We have the following openings for altar flowers: **May 2, 23 & 30.** If you would like to put flowers on the altar, call 782-5068.

Rio Bravo Mission

Trip 2010 is April 12-18

We are in need of the following items to take on our trip:

- Fast food toys still in the packages
- Toothbrushes & toothpaste
- Adult vitamins
- Children's Chewable vitamins (not gummie ones)
- Chewable Antacids
- Motrin or Ibuprofen
- Knitted or crocheted dishcloths made with cotton yarn.
- Crayons
- Circular Saws (7 1/4)
- Saw Blades
- Hammers
- Extension cords (25 ft.)
- Chalk Lines
- Pencils
- 24 inch levels
- Cord Drills

Any questions, call Janice at the church, 782-5068.



Susan Schulte and family on the death of her father, Bernard Brockman.

Margaret Hendricks and family on the death of her sister, Jean Miller.

Dorothy Brown and family on the death of her husband, Van Brown.



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.

College Ministry Intern Needed

We are seeking a bright, enthusiastic, responsible individual to serve in a 10 month college ministry internship from August 1 - May 31. The intern will work closely with The Bridge UM Campus Ministry, an outreach ministry of First UMC to the UAFS campus. The position requires a minimum of 20 hours, that include Sunday mornings. Applicants should have completed at least their freshman year of college and live in the Fort Smith area. Contact Todd Vick @ tvick@fsfumc.org for more information or call 782-5068.



Join the Breakfast Class for breakfast, Sunday, March 28 8:15-9:45 a.m. in the Family Life Center

Scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, gravy, pancake sticks, orange juice, milk, and coffee! Donations help to support the Backpack for Kids program.



**Senior Recognition Day
set for May 16, 2010**

We will be recognizing our graduating seniors on Sunday, May 16, 2010, in a very special way and we don't want to miss anyone. If you are a senior or you know of a senior, please call the church office and give us your name.



Cookie Time

We will deliver cookies to the EMS this month. Please bring your homemade cookies this Sunday, March 28, and place them in the kitchen on the 2nd floor next to the Parlor. Your time and cookies are truly appreciated.



You are cordially invited to our

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

at 6:30 p.m., April 4,

in the Family Life Center

The evening will start at 6:30 p.m. with a meal of chicken spaghetti, green beans almondine, garlic bread and cobbler. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children with a max of \$24 per family.

Next you will be invited to enjoy the talents of the FUMC Hollywood Players performing "Journey to the Cross" an original series of monologues by Linda Ridener Dickson. Music will include the Chancel Choir during the service and the evening will end with Holy Communion. Come join us!

Call the church office for reservations, 782-5068.

Honorariums

In Honor of Boy Scout Troop, Leaders and Volunteers - Finley and Evelyn Turner



**HOLY WEEK
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE**



Palm Sunday, March 28 - Parade of Palms. Come worship with us at 8:30 a.m. in Roebuck Chapel, 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary or 11:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center as we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.



Maundy Thursday, April 1 -

The evening will start at 6:30 with a meal followed by the FUMC Hollywood Players performing "Journey to the Cross" and Holy Communion. Cost of meal is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children, max \$24 per family. Please call the church office, 782-5068, to make your reservation.



Good Friday, April 2 -

Service in Roebuck Chapel at 12:15 p.m., led by Rev. Janice Sudbrink. Lunch will be served following the service at 12:45 in the Fireside Room for \$5.00.

Come and join your church family as we worship together on the most solemn day of the Christian year, the anniversary of the crucifixion of Jesus. It is called "good" because of the benefit to humanity from the sacrifice.



Easter Sunday - April 4

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Easter Services in the Sanctuary, led by Rev. David Orr.

11:00 a.m., Easter Services in the Family Life Center Connexion service, led by Rev. Stephen Dickinson.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
 ATTENDANCE
 March 21, 2010**

Class	Attendance
Infants	5
Toddlers	
2 yr. olds	
3 yr. olds	
4 yr. olds	5
Kindergarten	4
Grade 1	
Grade 2	8
Grade 3 and	
Grade 4	5
Grade 5 and	
Grade 6	6
CHILDREN'S DIV.	33
Grade 7, 8, 9,	
Grade 10,11, & 12	
YOUTH DIV.	5
Aldersgate(Room M105)	8
Believers (Room M302)	-
Builders (RoomM209)	13
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	32
Cornerstones (Room M311)	8
Disciples Room M312)	--
Discussion*(Room M301)	33
Encouragers (Room M303)	4
Friends (Room M103)	9
Gleaners (Room M201)	--
Good News (Room M202)	5
Le Menage (Room M306)	3
Roundtable (Room M213)	9
Seekers (Room M107)	--
Uplifters (Room M205)	7
ADULT TOTALS	131
General Officers	4
*Made their quota	
TOTALS	173
Ethnos Youth	
Worship:	
8:30	42
11:00 FLC	67
11:00 Sanctuary	169
Communion	57
TOTALS	335

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, March 28

- 8:15 - Breakfast, FLC
- 8:30 - Worship, Roebuck Chapel
- 9:45 - Sunday School
- 9:45 - Bible Study, Fireside Rm.
- 11:00 - Worship, Sanctuary
- 11:00 - Worship, Family Life Center
- 1-2 - Pinewood Derby, 3rd Floor
- 5:00 - Mission Team Mtg., Fireside
- 6:00 - Down Home Singin', Roebuck Chapel w/reception in Narthex
- 6-8 - All Youth, Loft

Wednesday, March 31

- 10:00 - Ladybells, Bayliss Hall
- 12:00 - Psalms Bible Study, M200
- 12:00 - General Staff, Fireside Rm.
- 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, Fireside Rm.
- 6:30 - Bridge Gathering, 605 N. 47th
- 7:00 - Core Bible Study, Narthex
- 7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Monday, March 29

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

Thursday, April 1

- 10:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Narthex
- 12:00 - UMM Lunch/Bible Study, FLC
- 3:00 - Women's Leaders, Conf. Rm.
- 6:30 - Maundy Thursday Service, Gym

Tuesday, March 30

- 9:00 - Staff Meets, Conf. Rm.
- 1:30 - Archives Room Open, M204

Friday, March 26

- 6:30 - UMM Breakfast/Bible Study, FLC
- 10:00 - Pacesetters, Fireside
- 12:15 - Good Friday Service, Roebuck C.
- 12:45 - Lunch, Fireside Rm.

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
 March 26-28
 Phone: 459-5060**