

First United Methodist News

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April 8, 2010

ACROSS DAVID'S DESK

How can anyone not love Easter! Thank you, First Church, for being a people of the Resurrection! Thank you for your attendance, your joy and your commitment.

Two very important things will be happening on Sunday, April 11th, at FUMC. In the Sanctuary service we will commission the team going on the Rio Bravo Mission April 12 - 18. While the commissioning will only take a few minutes, it will be a place for everyone to participate in the mission! Many have given money or supplies for the trip and every gift is deeply and genuinely appreciated. In the commissioning, everyone in the church will be offering prayer for the team and for the mission. Every prayer makes a difference and every prayer the church can offer is requested and is deeply and genuinely appreciated. Part of the team will conduct medical clinics in and around Rio Bravo, Mexico and another part of the team will do construction on the El Camino Methodist Church in Reynosa, Mexico. All of the team will be there as ambassadors of First UMC and our Lord, Jesus Christ.

The second very important item in Sunday's events will be the children of the Weekday School and the Child Enrichment Center singing in the Connexion service in the Family Life Center. These children are our children. Some of the children and their families are members of FUMC and some are members elsewhere and some may be members of no church. These children are our children because they come to our campus every day of the week to learn, to develop and to be nurtured. These children come from families who love and care deeply for them and they are entrusting their treasures to the ministries of FUMC. Having these children lead us in worship is a wonderful occasion. Let's be sure we welcome every child and every parent with the very best of FUMC hospitality; they are part of our family!!

Because of Easter, we have a life to celebrate and a witness to share. Be present on Sunday and join the continuing exaltation of the Risen Lord.

See you Sunday,
David Orr

-SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2010, AT FIRST CHURCH-

Rev. David Orr will preach at the 8:30 a.m. Roebuck and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary services. His sermon is entitled, "He Keeps Showing Up" and his scripture text is John 20:19-31. 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 Joey Winters and Dakota Gibson. Lay Readers are: 8:30, Carroll West, 11:00, Donne Gibson.

Alexandra Salamone will be the soloist at 8:30 Roebuck and 11:00 Sanctuary services. The Chancel Choir's anthem will be "This Joyful Eastertide" by Jeremy J. Bankson.



As of Monday, April 5, 2010, the following members were known to be in the hospital.

St. Edward:
Florice Kranc
Jean Collier

BY YOUR GIFTS . . .

Rec'd this week.....\$31,863
Rec'd to date.....\$475,328
Budgeted to date.....\$465,528

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

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/Bible Study, April 15, 2010 - Jane Stauffer will teach Acts 19

Friday Morning Breakfast/Bible Study, 6:30 a.m., April 16, 2010.

Destination Station Bible Verse for April

Luke 24:31-34

At once they knew who he was. The Lord has risen indeed!

Altar Flower Openings

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



The Altar Flowers

for Sunday, April 11, 2010 are placed in loving memory

of Tom Cooley from Marilyn and Kevin Gustafson, Elizabeth and Chip Paris and John and Elise Cooley and their families.



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 UMC 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.

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.



Marjorie Reed and family on the death of her husband, J. Ralph Reed.



Senior Recognition Day set for May 16, 2010

We will be recognizing our graduating seniors on Sunday, May 16, 2010, 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.



Hey, First Kids,

Are you interested in going to camp this summer?

Have your

parents stop by Ms. Sally's office and pick up some information about New Life Ranch, Camp Tanako and Shoal Creek Camp.

Have fun trying new things and meeting new friends along the way.

Summer can be a blast at Camp!!



The Arkansas Tech University Concert Chorale and Chamber Choir
Sunday, April 18 7 p.m. Free admission Sanctuary

The choirs, representing the finest vocal talent at Arkansas Tech University, are featuring music of East European composers as well as contemporary music including spirituals and hymn arrangements, including *Ain'a That Good News*, *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* and Brazilian folk song *Sambalele*.

Come enjoy this wonderful choir!

Infant Baptisms

Fletcher Thomas Powell, son of Ross and Jennifer Powell was baptized at our 8:30 a.m. service on Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010. Paternal grandparents are Ronald and Cheryl Powell.

Evan Ankur Darji, son of Ankur and Lee Anna Darji, was baptized at our 11:00 a.m. service on Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010. Maternal grandparents are Louise Finney and Gary Finney.

United Methodist Women Sub-groups to meet in April. . .

April 11:

“Ordinary Women” will meet at 5:00 p.m. in the Narthex Conference Room.

April 13:

“Naomi” will meet with Renee Parker, 4701 Cliff Drive at 10:00 a.m.

“Elizabeth” will meet with Natalie Taylor and Hallie Standard at 1:30 p.m. in Room M105.

“Ruth” will meet with Donna Mitchell, 418 North 6th Street at 10:00 a.m.

“Deborah” will meet with Becky Yates and Ruth Bartlett at 10:00 a.m. in the Narthex

“Hannah” will not meet in April.

The Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church

presents

VITAL SIGNS 2010

Saturday, April 17, 9:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

First UMC, North Little Rock

**Keynote Presenter: Debbie Nixon
of The United Methodist Church
of the Resurrection,**

**one of the fastest growing, most influential
mainline churches in America.**

There are 14 workshops covering topics such as *Transforming your church into a place of welcome; Faith sharing; Equipping Youth; Understanding Islam; How to do mission in your local church; Worship Design; the theology of mission partnerships; Leading the United Methodist way, etc.*

You may register at www.arumc.org/register, pick up a registration form in the office or at the information stand behind Roebuck Chapel. Cost is \$20 per individual or \$15 if five or more attend. Fee includes worship, lunch, and workshops. **Registration closes April 13, 2010.**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
 ATTENDANCE
 April 4, 2010**

Class	Attendance
Infants	6
Toddlers	8
2 yr. olds	
3 yr. olds	
4 yr. olds	9
Kindergarten	9
Grade 1	
Grade 2	19
Grade 3 and	
Grade 4	18
Grade 5 and	
Grade 6	9
CHILDREN'S DIV.	78
Grade 7, 8, 9,	
Grade 10,11, & 12	
YOUTH DIV.	18
Aldersgate(Room M105)	27
Believers (Room M302)	5
Builders (RoomM209)	25
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	39
Cornerstones*(Room M311)	26
Disciples Room M312)	14
Discussion*(Room M301)	52
Encouragers (Room M303)	10
Friends (Room M103)	13
Gleaners (Room M201)	35
Good News (Room M202)	4
Le Menage (Room M306)	6
Roundtable*(Room M213)	29
Seekers*(Room M107)	11
Uplifters*(Room M205)	30
ADULT TOTALS	326
General Officers	4
*Made their quota	
TOTALS	426
Ethnos Youth	
Worship:	
8:30	216
11:00 FLC	271
11:00 Sanctuary	682
TOTALS	1,169

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, April 11	Wednesday, April 14
8:30 - Holy Grounds Café Open	10:00 - Ladybells, Bayliss Hall
8:30 - Worship, Roebuck Chapel	3:30 - Children's Choirs, Bayliss Hall
8:30-12:30 - Angel Food Signup, FLC	5:30 - Communion, Roebuck Chapel
9:45 - Sunday School	6:00 - Praise Team, Gym
9:45 - Bible Study, Fireside rm.	6:00 - Sign Language, M200
11:00 - Worship, Family Life Center	6:00 - Chancel Ringers, Bayliss Hall
11:00 - Worship, Sanctuary	6:00 - Bible Study, Fireside Rm.
12:00 - Children's Council, Café	6:30 - Bridge Gathering, 605 N. 47th
6-8 - Youth, Loft	7:00 - Core Bible Study, Narthex
	7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Monday, April 12	Thursday, April 15
11:30 - Intro to N.T., FLC102	10:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Narthex
6:00 - Cub Scouts, 3 rd Floor	12:00 - UMM Lunch/Bible Study, FLC
6:30 - Boy Scouts, 3 rd Floor	6:00 - Girl Scouts, 3 rd Floor
Tuesday, April 13	Friday, April 16
9:00 - Staff Meets, Conf. Rm.	6:30 - UMM Breakfast/Bible Study, FLC
1:30 - Archives Room Open, M204	10:00 - Pacesetters, Fireside Rm.
6:00 - Disciple III, M200	
6:00 - Stephen Min., M103	Saturday, April 17
	9-4 - Jr. High Girl's Retreat, 3 rd Floor
	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
April 9-11
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