

First United Methodist News

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April 9, 2009

**Easter Sunrise Worship
6:30 a.m. in Roebuck Chapel**

**Breakfast in Family Life Center
Following Sunrise Worship**

Sunday School for Everyone @ 9:45

**Traditional Worship @ 8:30 & 11:00
Sanctuary**

**Connexion (Contemporary) Worship @ 11:00
Family Life Center**

Easter is The Day for Christianity. Easter gives authenticity to everything Jesus Christ said and did. Easter defines Mary's virgin birth, the Crucifixion of Jesus and everything else in between. Without Easter, nothing Jesus did or said would carry the depth that it carries. With Easter, everything in the life, ministry, and death of Jesus Christ comes together as God's ultimate revelation to the creation.

We have a place for you, your family and your friends on Easter Sunday @ First Church.

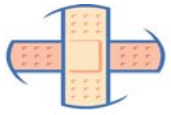
See you on Easter Sunday,
David Orr



EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2009, AT FIRST CHURCH

Rev. Janice Sudbrink will preach at our 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service in Roebuck Chapel. Rev. David Orr will preach at the 8:30 and 11:00 services in our Sanctuary. His sermon is entitled, "Now, I Remind You" and his scripture text is I Corinthians 15:1-11. 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 Eve Jagers and Brynn Trahan. Lay readers will be 8:30, Ron Powell, 11:00, David Phillips.

The Chancel Choir will sing "Alleluia! Christ Is Risen!" by Holstein/Raney, "Alleluia! Christ Is Risen! By William Mathias, and "God's Right Hand and Holy Arm" by K. Lee Scott. The Ladybells will play and we will have a Brass Ensemble. The Chancel Choir will end the Easter service with the traditional Hallelujah Chorus from *Messiah* by G. F. Handel. Come, worship and rejoice with your church family.



HOSPITALIZED

As of Monday, April 6, 2009 the following members were listed in the hospitals:

St. Edward:
Hilda Warren

Sparks:
Janice Jones
Don Flanders

UAMS Little Rock: Tom Cooley

BY YOUR GIFTS . . .

Rec'd this week.....\$28,444
Rec'd to date..... \$378,327
Budgeted to date.....\$360,710

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, Dwalyyn Clayborn, V. J. Devine, Darson Emery, Jacob Bolin, Luke Bouxsein.

Foundation Information

Consider naming the church as a beneficiary of your life insurance or retirement plan. If you have named other beneficiaries, consider naming the church as a secondary or backup beneficiary in case the first beneficiary is deceased at the time of your death.

Methodist Men's Clubs

Thursday, Noon Lunch, April 16, 2009, Rev. Janice Sudbrink will teach Luke 18.

Friday Morning Breakfast, April 17, 2009, Rev. Aaron Barling will teach Luke 3.

**Destination Station Bible Verse for April
Matthew 28:19**

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.



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

Altar Flower Openings

We have the following openings for altar flowers: **April 26** and **May 31**. If you would like to put flowers on the altar in memory or in honor of a loved one, call 782-5068.

Just a reminder

that Easter Sunday at 12:30 p.m. will be the cut off for ordering Angel Food for April. Our distribution date is Saturday, April 18, at 9:30 a.m. Menus are available on the church website or in locations around the church. Lots of new choices this month – check it out!!

Vacation Bible School!

Mark your Calendars!

June 15-19!

We would love for you to help. The week is always so much fun! If you would like to help, please contact Elizabeth Thames at 452-1684.

**United Methodist Women
Subgroups to meet on Tuesday
April 14 . . .**

“Elizabeth” will meet with Nina Rose Mankin and Helen Forbes at 10:00 a.m. in Room M105.

“Rebekah” will meet with Annette Phillips, 8208 Cleburne Ct. at 10:00.

“Naomi” will meet with Betty Klusmeier, 5701 Free Ferry at 10:00.

“Ruth” will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center Room 101.

“Hannah” will meet at 10:00 a.m. at Willowbrook.

“Deborah” will meet with Lynda McDaniel, 7516 Oxford Place at 10:00.

Finals Care Packages

If you have a college student in your family, please send his or her address to Todd Vick so that we might send them a finals care package from the church. All addresses must be turned in no later than Monday, April 20. You may call Todd at 782-5068, or email him at tvick@fsfumc.org



Thanks to your support, the FUMC baseball ministry's auction last month raised \$1,065.44 and we were able to purchase a new pitching machine.

We had one item arrive too late for our auction and that is two adult tickets to Silver Dollar City valued at \$50 each. If you or someone you know would like to make an offer on these tickets to help out our baseball ministry, please contact Todd Vick at 782-5068 or tvick@fsfumc.org. The tickets will go to the first person with a reasonable offer.



The church will honor all babies born since April 2008, on Sunday, April 26, 2009, in the 11:00 a.m. sanctuary service. A special “Baby Bible” will be presented to each baby. If you did not receive a letter regarding Baby Bible Sunday and you have a baby that was born after March 2008 and are a member of First Church, please call Sally Ware, 782-5068.

Honorariums

In Honor of June & Jim Alexander - Mr. & Mrs. Doug Parker, Sr.

In Honor of David Matlock & FUMC Boy Scouts - Finley & Evelyn Turner

In Honor of Blake, Danny, Maria and Darla Hutcheson - David and Karen Hutcheson

Relay for Life

Mark your calendars now to participate in the Relay for Life, April 24, on the campus of UAFS. For more info, contact Marlene Brown, 452-1231 or Connie Adrion, 629-1041.



ANGEL FOOD MINISTRY NOTES

The Angel Food Ministry is planning a fund raising auction to be held on Saturday, June 13. We want to raise extra funds to be used to help the church in various ways. We want to be able to help, when asked, with other events and outreach of the church. We want to be able to help other groups with donations of food when needed. We love to help and so are trying to prepare for the coming year so that we will be able to do that.

A few volunteers are needed at this time, while we are still in the beginning stages. I need at least 4-5 people in the next two weeks to commit to helping. If we do not get the help, we will have to postpone this auction to another time. Please give me a call or send me an email and I'll be happy to sign you up. We will be accepting NEW items only for this auction and I need a few folks who are willing to call businesses and ask for donations. We do need to start working on this ASAP, and I do appreciate any offers of help. You can call me at 629-3379 or email at pcreson@gmail.com

Thanking you in advance!

Pat Creson, FUMC Angel Food Ministry

Annual Gathering

**April 25, 2009 - First United Methodist Church
Family Life Center**

**United Methodist Historical Society, Inc.
West District, Arkansas Conference
Annual meeting will begin at 11:15 a.m.**

**Reservations will need to be called or mailed to Doris
Beaty (479) 484-1217 by deadline
Monday, April 20, 2009**

**Program leaders: Terry Gosnell, Pastor of Trinity,
Fayetteville and David Freeman, Associate Pastor,
FUMC, Springdale. More info next week.**



Because of Good Friday holiday, Parents' Night Out will be held on Friday, **April 17**, 6:00-9:45 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Cost is \$3 for members and \$6 for non-members. Registration forms are located in the nursery hall, children's building and church office. **Registration must be turned in by Monday, April 13.**

APRIL 12 - EASTER SUNDAY!

Sunrise Service, 6:30 a.m. in Roebuck Chapel, led by Rev. Janice Sudbrink. Breakfast will be served immediately following the service in the Family Life Center.

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.

The Quest for Authentic Manhood

The past 24 weeks has been a fun and fulfilling experience for the men that decided to push their limits and explore uncharted territory. It has been so rewarding that we've decided to keep meeting as a group of men to hold each other accountable, challenge our comfort zones, and continue to build meaningful relationships. If you are interested in joining this group now is the perfect time. We will be choosing different topics to cover throughout the summer and maybe even throw in an activity here and there. Beginning this fall we plan to begin the 16 week series entitled, "Winning at Work & Home" (mensfraternity.com). We meet @ 6:00AM in the Family Life Center. If you have any questions please give Stephen a call @ the church office (782-5068) or email – sdickinson@fsfumc.org. See you the 15th.

Job Opening for College Ministry Intern

First Church is seeking a bright, enthusiastic, responsible individual to serve in a ten month college ministry internship from Aug. 1-May 31. You will work closely with the college minister to fulfill the mission of The Bridge United Methodist Campus Ministry, an outreach to the U of A, Fort Smith. You will work a minimum of 20 hours that include Sunday mornings and applicants should have completed their freshman year of college. For more information and a complete job description, contact Todd Vick at tvick@fsfumc.org or check out our web site at www.fsfumc.org.

If interested send resume and cover letter to Todd Vick, 200 N. 15th St., Fort Smith, AR 72901.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE**

April 5, 2009

Class	Attendance
Infants	5
Toddlers	8
2 yr. olds	3
3 yr. olds	
4 yr. olds	12
Kindergarten	8
Grade 1	
Grade 2	20
Grade 3and	
Grade 4	14
Grade 5	
Grade 6	14
CHILDREN'S DIV.	84

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

YOUTH DIV. 10

College (M315)	-
Aldersgate(Room M105)	19
Believers (Room M302)	6
Builders (RoomM209)	29
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	43
Cornerstones (Room M311)	13
Disciples*(Room M312)	16
Discussion*(Room M301)	50
Encouragers*(Room M303)	21
Friends (Room M103)	17
Gleaners (Room M201)	31
Good News (Room M202)	7
Le Menage (Room M306)	4
Roundtable*(Room M213)	28
Seekers (Room M107)	9
Uplifters*(Room M205)	30

ADULT TOTALS 323

General Officers 4

*Made their quota

TOTALS 421

Worship:

8:30	83
11:00 Family Life	194
11:00 Sanctuary	377
Communion	42

TOTALS 696

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, April 12, Easter Sunday

6:30 - Sunrise Service, Roebuck Chapel
w/breakfast after in Fireside Rm.
8:15 - Holy Grounds Café Open
8:30 - Worship, Sanctuary
8:30-12:30- Angel Food Sign-up, FLC
9:45 - Sunday School
11:00 - Worship, Family Life Center
11:00 - Worship, Sanctuary
6:30 - Youth, Loft

Wednesday, April 15 (cont.)

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 - Chancel Ringers, Bayliss Hall
6:00 - Joy of Signing, Conference Room
7:00 - Knitwits, Narthex
7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 - Youth Bible Study, Loft

Monday, April 13

Offices Closed

Tuesday, April 14

9:00 - Staff Meets, Conf. Rm.
1:30 - Archives Room Open, M204
5:30 - St. Min., FLC101 & 102

Wednesday, April 15

6am - Men's Fraternity, Gym
9:15 - Angela Thomas Study, Fireside
10:00 - Ladybells, Bayliss Hall
12:00 - CEC Board Meets, FLC101

Thursday, April 16

10:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Conf. Rm.
12:00 - UMM Lunch/Bible Study, FLC
6:00 - Joy of Signing, Conf. Rm.
6:00 - Angel Food Mtg., FLC101
7:00 - Praise Team, Gym

Friday, April 17

6:30 - UMM Breakfast/Bible Study, FLC
10:00 - Pacesetters, Fireside Rm..
6-9:45 - Parents' Night Out, FLC

Saturday, April 18

9:30 - Angel Food Pick-up, Gym

Our 10:00 a.m. Uplifters Class and and 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. David Orr
Emergency
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April 10-13
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