

First United Methodist News

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Rev. William Cheyne

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April 22, 2010

ACROSS DAVID'S DESK

Thank you, First Church, for supporting the Mission to Rio Bravo. Your prayers, interest, contributions and love were all part of the experience for the Team. The mission was remarkable. As part of the Team I was blessed, as was every Team member, over and again.

The heart of First Church is turned outward to meet the needs of others before our own. This was evident in the generous financial support given from the FUMC Foundation, the UMW, various Sunday School classes and individual donors. This was evident in the efforts of children bringing in their "Happy Meal Toys" and necklaces and cards to be given to the children of Rio Bravo. This was evident in the eager sharing of several, several members who went out of their way to provide materials for the construction team and materials and supplies for the medical team. This was evident in the hugs and promises for prayer given and received during the preparations for the Mission.

As your Senior Pastor and member of the Mission Team, I can tell you that the members of the Team were phenomenal ambassadors for Christ and FUMC. The Team worked hard every day with so much love and joy that you would never know there was any strain. The Team showed love to the people coming to be served in the medical and dental clinics, the people being served by the construction team, and everyone they encountered along the way. The conduct of the Team was a witness in and of itself.

I am glad to report to you that we experienced complete safety on the mission. We did not experience or witness any violence or threat of violence at any time during the mission. We were able to travel to our points of service with ease and without threat. We are grateful.

Reverend Janice Sudbrink was the Team Leader for the Mission. Janice is trained and certified with the United Methodist Volunteers in Mission to lead mission teams. She is to be commended for the vision, hard work and several efforts of coordination required in making the week successful. Janice is a blessing to FUMC every day.

The Team will present a complete report on the Mission Trip Sunday, May 23rd in the Family Life Center gym. The presentation will be made during the Sunday School hour and as many classes as desire to be present are welcomed and encouraged to come.

The Mission of FUMC is alive. We will join this Sunday to worship the Lord and continue to be faithful to the Mission God is calling us to here in Fort Smith, and beyond.

See you Sunday,
David Orr

-SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2010, AT FIRST CHURCH-

Rev. Stephen Dickinson will preach at the 8:30 a.m. Roebuck and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary services. His sermon is entitled, "A Shared Ministry" and his scripture text is Acts 9:36-43. Rev. David Orr will preach at the 11:00 a.m. Connexion service. His sermon is entitled "The Sheep and The Shepherd" and his scripture text is Psalm 23. Rev. Janice Sudbrink and Rev. Claire Caldwell will be Liturgists. Acolytes will be Wren Lanier and Catherine Ivey. Lay Readers are: 8:30, Cheryl Powell, 11:00, Beth Watson.

Dakota Gibson will be the soloist at 8:30. The Chancel Choir's anthems will be "With a Voice of Singing" by Martin Shaw and "Clothed in Righteousness" by Craig Courtney.



As of Monday, April 19, 2010, the following members were known to be in the hospital.

Sparks:

Jane Hartfield

St. Francis, Tulsa:

Kaye Anderson

BY YOUR GIFTS . . .

Rec'd this week.....\$11,544
 Rec'd to date.....\$503,714
 Budgeted to date.....\$532,032

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

Stocks and bonds are an excellent means of making a gift to your church. You can be entitled to a federal income tax deduction, if you give these securities to the church during your lifetime. Ask your tax professional advisors for assistance.

Methodist Men's Clubs

Thursday Noon Lunch/Bible Study, April 29, 2010 - Ben Reid will teach Acts 21.

Friday Morning Breakfast/Bible Study, 6:30 a.m., April 30, 2010 - Charlie Reutzel will teach Acts 5.

**Destination Station Bible Verse for April
 Luke 24:31-34**

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



The Altar Flowers

for Sunday, April 25, 2010, are given in loving memory of our mother and grandmother, Bettye Ashwood, by her family.

Altar Flower Openings

We have the following openings for Altar Flowers, **May 2, June 6 & 27**. If you would like to put flowers on the altar in memory or in honor of someone, just call the church office, 782-5068.

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.



Join us for breakfast

this Sunday, April 25, 8:30-9:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center. The breakfast, cooked and served by the Chapel Class, is free. All donations for the breakfast are used for the "Backpack for Kids" program at the Clearinghouse.



Mini Clinic

this Sunday, April 25, 8:45 a.m., in the Family Life Center. Come have your blood pressure and blood sugar checked. You should be fasting to have an accurate blood sugar reading.



**Save the Date
 VBS June 21-25**

Join us for a High Seas Adventure!



Baby Bible Sunday

The church will honor all babies born since April 2009, with a special Baby Bible on **Sunday, May 16**, at the 11:00 a.m. sanctuary service. If you did not receive a letter and have a baby that was born after March 2009 and are a member of First Church, please call Sally Ware, 782-5068.

Cookie Time



We will deliver cookies to the Fort Smith Fire Stations and this is when we need extra cookies. So, if you could add an extra dozen or two it would be appreciated. Please bring your homemade cookies this Sunday, **April 25**, to kitchen next to the Parlor on the second floor. Please call Gail, 782-5068 or 459-0479, if you will be able to help deliver cookies.

Shoal Creek Camp Clean-up Day

The annual camp work day at Shoal Creek is Saturday, May 1st. The workday officially starts at 9AM, but whenever anyone arrives they are welcome. Paint, lumber and other materials are provided (**including lunch**), but you should bring any tools, paint brushes, etc., that you will use. None of the improvements are difficult. We will be painting, improving door thresholds, re-fitting screens, etc. Any questions regarding the event, contact Mardell McClurkin @ 479-461-5209.

Mark Your Calendars for . . .

May 23 - 9:45 a.m. Rio Bravo Mission report and slide show. 11:00 a.m. - Combined service in Sanctuary - Bishop William Hutchinson preaching

July 4th - BIG Celebration with worship, lunch, games and fun!



The following host families made the beautiful Arkansas Tech Chamber Choir concert possible last Sunday night:

- Ida and Tenny Howell**
- Sharon and Larry Weir**
- JoAnn and Jack Gedosh**
- Susie and John McOlvin**
- Claire and John Caldwell**
- Vickie and Jim Cullen**
- Jeanne and Charles Ledbetter**
- Kelly and Don DeSoto**
- Joann and David Phillips**
- Jane and Mike Rappeport**
- Leanne and David McClanahan**

Thank you for extending your hospitality to these wonderful young musicians!

Hey Seniors, College and Grad Students!!!

The 2010-2011 Scholarship Application is due June 1, 2010. We have changed the date so that you will be better prepared. Go to our website www.fsfumc.org under the forms tab to download one now or come by the church office and pick up a form. Please send completed form to Rev. Claire Caldwell.

Upcoming Women's Events

May 13th join us for "Dare to Be"

**A Women's Conference featuring
Sandy Maddox**

Sandy Maddox is a popular featured speaker for Christian Women's conferences, retreats and other events. Sandy's grace, wit and Southern hospitality moves you from laughter to tears as she challenges women of all ages and all walks of life to reach their highest and best in Christ, in their home, workplace and in their faith. Through her years of sharing her ministry **Treasure of Heart and Home**, her inspiring message has touched the very depths of women's hearts, challenging them to seek and know God's plan and purpose for their lives.

The event begins at 6pm in the Fireside room, May 13. Cost is \$6.00. A light dinner will be served followed by the presentation "Dare to Be".



Mother's Day Bake Sale



Sunday, May 9th

9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the Narthex.

All donations for the baked goods will go to the Children's Emergency Shelter, which houses abused and neglected children from the greater Fort Smith region. The shelter provides a safe and loving place for children. Sponsored by the Disciples Class.

Signups Start Soon!

For the *Women of Faith* "Imagine" Conference in Tulsa on August 27-28. Cost \$89.00 for conference, lunch, hotel, and T-shirt.

Featured speakers include Michelle Aguilar, Lisa Harper, Karen James, Luci Swindol, and Sheila Walsh.

Visit the website to check it out www.womenoffaith.com/imagine

We will be placing vases of **red** roses on the altar in memory and in honor of mothers for Mother's Day, May 9th.



If you would like to purchase one, please fill out the form below and mail it with a check for \$5.00 **per rose, per name**.

Deadline for ordering is Friday, April 30. No phone orders, please.

of roses:

_____ In Memory of: _____

_____ In Honor of: _____

Given by: _____

_____ Phone # _____

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
 ATTENDANCE
 April 18, 2010**

Class	Attendance
Infants	7
Toddlers	
2 yr. olds	
3 yr. olds	
4 yr. olds	8
Kindergarten	6
Grade 1	
Grade 2	12
Grade 3 and	
Grade 4	15
Grade 5 and	
Grade 6	11
CHILDREN'S DIV.	59
Grade 7, 8, 9,	
Grade 10,11, & 12	
YOUTH DIV.	8
Aldersgate(Room M105)	20
Believers (Room M302)	-
Builders (RoomM209)	23
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	36
Cornerstones*(Room M311)	15
Disciples Room M312)	10
Discussion*(Room M301)	40
Encouragers (Room M303)	9
Friends (Room M103)	10
Gleaners (Room M201)	27
Good News (Room M202)	5
Le Menage (Room M306)	5
Roundtable (Room M213)	-
Seekers (Room M107)	9
Uplifters*(Room M205)	30
ADULT TOTALS	239
General Officers	4
*Made their quota	
TOTALS	351
Ethnos Youth	30
Worship:	
8:30	88
11:00 FLC	144
11:00 Sanctuary	221
Wed. Communion	36
TOTALS	489

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, April 25

8:30 - Breakfast, FLC
 8:30 - Worship, Roebuck Chapel
 8:45 - Mini-Clinic, FLC
 9:45 - Bible Study, FLC102
 9:45 - Sunday School
 11:00 - Worship, Sanctuary
 11:00 - Worship, Family Life Center
 6-8 - Youth, Loft
 6:00 - Down Home Singin',
 Roebuck Chapel w/ reception
 in Narthex

Wednesday, April 28

10:00 - Ladybells, Bayliss Hall
 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 - Bible Study, FLC101
 6:00 - Sign Language, M200
 6:00 - Chancel Ringers, Bayliss Hall
 6:30 - Bridge Gathering, 605 N. 47th
 7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Monday, April 26

11:30 - Intro to N.T., FLC102
 6:00 - Cub Scouts, 3rd Floor
 6:30 - Boy Scouts, 3rd Floor
 6:30 - Psalms Bible Study, M200

Thursday, April 29

10:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Narthex
 12:00 - UMM Lunch/Bible Study, FLC

Tuesday, April 27

9:00 - Staff Meets, Conf. Rm.
 10:00 - Dorcas Meets, Fireside Rm.
 1:30 - Archives Room Open, M204
 6:00 - Disciple III, M200
 6:00 - Stephen Ministry, M103
 6:00 - COM, Conference Rm.

Friday, April 30

6:30 - UMM Breakfast/Bible Study, 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. Janice Sudbrink
 Emergency
 on call Minister for
 April 23-25
 Phone: 459-5060**