

First United Methodist News

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Rev. Stephen Dickinson

Rev. Claire Caldwell

Rev. William Cheyne

Rev. Herschel McClurkin

April 29, 2010

ACROSS DAVID'S DESK

In the course of the next few months, our church will engage in a conversation that stretches to every United Methodist church and ministry in Arkansas. Bishop Crutchfield established the Imagine Ministry Team, to study, reflect, envision and imagine what the ministry of The United Methodist Church in Arkansas should endeavor to be in the coming years. The Imagine Ministry Team is asking that each congregation reflect on the current state of The United Methodist Church in Arkansas as presented in a special DVD and respond to three questions posed in the message. The purpose of our involvement is to add our voice to the conversation and to imagine what possibilities for the future we may map out together.

In the coming weeks small group meetings will be offered to committees, Sunday School classes, and other interested groups to watch the DVD and respond to the three questions. After these small group meetings are complete, the responses will be consolidated and unified into one three-page document that shall be submitted during the Episcopal Address at Annual Conference in June.

Please be in prayer about your thoughts and the importance of your participation in this process that will bring about significant changes in The United Methodist Church in Arkansas in the coming years. Be watching in the bulletin and in the newsletter for opportunities to meet with others to discuss the questions and possibilities for growing the Kingdom of God and making disciples of Christ in The United Methodist Church in Arkansas.

See you Sunday,
David Orr

-SUNDAY, MAY 2, 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, "Accountability 101" and his scripture text is Acts 11:1-18. Rev. Stephen Dickinson will preach at the 11:00 a.m. Connexion service. Rev. Janice Sudbrink will be Liturgist. Acolytes will be Jenna Hunter and Gabby Wright. Lay Readers are: 8:30, Gary Campbell, 11:00, Ann Dawson.

Amy Truitt will be the soloist at 8:30. The Bayliss Hall Ringers will play at the Prelude time and accompany the Chancel Choir Women on the offertory anthem "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me". The Chancel Choir's anthem will be "Come Dwell in Solomon's Walls" by Z. Randall Stroope.



As of Monday, April 26, 2010, the following members were known to be in the hospital.

Sparks:

Ruth Davis
Ann Woods

St. Edward:

Mike Weber

Hillcrest in Tulsa: Dustin Wilson

BY YOUR GIFTS . . .

Rec'd this week.....\$32,857
Rec'd to date.....\$536,571
Budgeted to date.....\$565,284

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

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/Bible Study, May 6, 2010 - Bob Hawkins will teach Acts 22.

Friday Morning Breakfast/Bible Study, 6:30 a.m., May 7, 2010 - Rev. Herschel McClurkin will teach Acts 6.

Destination Station Bible Verse for May

Matthew 16:15-16

Who do you say that I am? You are the Messiah. The Son of the living God



Altar Flower Openings

We have the following openings for Altar Flowers:

June 6, July 4, 11, 18 and 25. 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.



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.

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. Questions, contact Mardell McClurkin @ 479-461-5209.



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!

Combined worship in the Sanctuary beginning at 10:30 a.m.



Barbara Hardcastle and family on the death of her husband, Ben G. Hardcastle.

Loretta Parker and family on the death of her brother, Odell Yocum.

Patty Carshall and family on the death of her father-in-law, Victor Dale Carshall.

Mark Anderson, Frank and Rosemary Anderson and their families on the death of their wife and daughter-in-law, Kay Anderson.

Infant Baptism

Noah James Rickard, son of Jeff and Kim Rickard was baptized on Sunday, April 25, 2010 in the Connexion service.



Paternal grandparents are David and Sally Rickard. Paternal great grandmother is Dollis Rickard

Honorariums

In Honor of Karen & David Hutcheson's 45th Anniversary - Darla & Darrin Hutcheson; Danny & Maria Hutcheson, Daniel, Vanessa & Karla Hutcheson.

SCHOLARSHIP
Application

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



Are You Going to the Fort Smith Classic?

If you are planning on attending the Fort Smith Classic June 14-20, 2010 please list **The Bridge Campus Ministry** as your designated ticket charity.

When you purchase your Fort Smith Classic tickets - on line, in person, or through an order form - list The Bridge United Methodist Campus Ministry as your designated charity and we will receive 100% of the cost of your ticket for our ministry. It's a win, win situation, enjoy great golf and provide funds to help The Bridge minister to the students at UA Fort Smith.

For more information on the golf tournament or to purchase tickets visit <http://fortsmithclassic.com>.

For more information about The Bridge or this fundraiser visit www.thebridgecampusministry.org or contact Todd Vick at tvick@fsfumc.org or 479-782-5068.

FUMC will host

"Our Aging Parents Seminar"

Thursday, May 6, 2010 - 6:30 p.m., FLC

**sponsored by Covington Court Health and
Rehabilitation and Peachtree Hospice**

The panel of experts and representatives, listed below, will answer questions concerning support for caregivers, rehabilitation, rights of the elderly and protection of assets, latest treatment options and care:

Dr. Gretchen Orosz; Dr. Margaret Tremwel; Dr. Chris Hardin; Dr. Alan Diamond; Todd Whatley (Elder Law); Rev. Janice Sudbrink; Covington Court, Peachtree Hospice; Alzheimer Association; Reynolds Cancer Support House

For more information contact Rev. Janice, 782-5068.

"Do you love to work with young children?"



Then come to the Weekday School and pick up an application. Our preschool has an opening for a Teacher's Assistant with 3 year olds. Hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If you are interested, please call Christie

Jacobs, 782-8855.

Club 56 members: Be sure to attend this Sunday for a SURPRISE!

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
 ATTENDANCE
 April 25, 2010**

Class	Attendance
Infants	9
Toddlers	
2 yr. olds	
3 yr. olds	
4 yr. olds	11
Kindergarten	5
Grade 1	
Grade 2	17
Grade 3 and	
Grade 4	24
Grade 5 and	
Grade 6	9
CHILDREN'S DIV.	75
Grade 7, 8, 9,	
Grade 10,11, & 12	
YOUTH DIV.	8
Aldersgate(Room M105)	21
Believers (Room M302)	-
Builders (RoomM209)	27
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	38
Cornerstones*(Room M311)	17
Disciples Room M312)	13
Discussion*(Room M301)	57
Encouragers*(Room M303)	20
Friends (Room M103)	19
Gleaners (Room M201)	26
Good News (Room M202)	7
Le Menage (Room M306)	3
Roundtable*(Room M213)	25
Seekers*(Room M107)	10
Uplifters*(Room M205)	32
ADULT TOTALS	318
General Officers	3
*Made their quota	
TOTALS	404
Ethnos Youth	30
Worship:	
8:30	86
11:00 FLC	140
11:00 Sanctuary	283
Wed. Communion	46
Down Home Singin'	25
TOTALS	580

<p>Sunday, May 2 8:30 - Holy Grounds Café Open 8:30 - Worship, Roebuck Chapel 9:45 - Bible Study, FLC102 9:45 - Sunday School 11:00 - Worship, Family Life Center 11:00 - Worship, Sanctuary 6-8 - Youth, Loft</p>	<p>Wednesday, May 5 10:00 - Ladybells, Bayliss Hall 10:00 - Children's Directors, Conf. Rm. 12:00 - Christian Learn. Council, Conf. Rm. 12:00 - CDO Mother's Lunch, Gym 3:30 - Children's Choirs, Bayliss Hall 5:30 - Communion, Roebuck Chapel 6:00 - Sign Language, M200 6:00 - Chancel Ringers, Bayliss Hall 6:00 - Praise Team, Gym 6:00 - Bible Study, FLC101 7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>
<p>Monday, May 3 11:30 - Intro to N.T., FLC102 4:00 - Higher Ed. M103 6:00 - Cub Scouts, 3rd Floor 6:30 - Boy Scouts, 3rd Floor</p>	<p>Thursday, May 6 10:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Narthex 12:00 - UMM Lunch/Bible Study, FLC 6-8 - Our Aging Parents - Gym 6:00 - Girl Scouts, 3rd Floor</p>
<p>Tuesday, May 4 9:00 - Staff Meets, Conf. Rm. 1:30 - Archives Room Open, M204 6:00 - Disciple III, M200 6:00 - Ad. Board, Fireside Rm.</p>	<p>Friday, May 7 6:30 - UMM Breakfast/Bible Study, FLC 10:00 - Pacesetters, Fireside Rm. 4-6 - Angel Food Sign-up, FLC</p>
<p>Saturday, May 8 9-11 - Angel Food Sign-up, FLC</p>	
<p>Our 10:00 a.m. Uplifters Class and our 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary service are broadcast over KFPW 1230 AM.</p>	

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. Stephen Dickinson
Emergency
on call Minister for
April 30 - May 2
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