

# *First United Methodist News*

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*Rev. Janice Sudbrink*

*Rev. Stephen Dickinson*

*Rev. Claire Caldwell*

*Rev. William Cheyne*

*Rev. Herschel McClurkin*

*May 6, 2010*

## **ACROSS DAVID'S DESK**

Mother's Day is a wonderful day! On Mother's Day we get to say all of those things we had been intending to say, but just never got around to it. We get to say thank you to Mom, for all of those meals you prepared and for all of those clothes you washed. We get to say thank you to Mom, for attending those ballgames and recitals and extra-curricular events that meant so much to me. We get to thank Mom for chicken soup and TLC. We get to thank Mom for sharing her time and her faith and her hopes and her expectations with us. We get to thank Mom for countless inconvenient trips she made to keep us on schedule with those things we wanted to do. We get to thank Mom for listening when something major was going on in our lives, for listening when nothing major was going on and for knowing the difference. Mother's Day is the manifestation of a miracle: Hallmark will sell 140,000,000 cards this week that say "You are the Best Mother in the Whole Wide World". . .The miracle is that they are all true, one by one. While we are busy about the good business of thanking our moms for being the best mom, take a moment and thank God for giving you the Best Mother in the Whole Wide World.

On Sunday, May 16th, First Church will honor the babies born in the last year and present them with Bibles! On that same day we will honor our graduating high school seniors! (And, the older I get the shorter the time seems between those two life events . . .)

During the Sunday School hour on May 23rd everyone is invited to be in the Family Life Center to hear from the Mission Team to Rio Bravo! Also that day, Bishop Bill Hutchinson, Bishop of The UMC of Louisiana, will preach for us. We will have 8:30 worship in the Chapel and we will unite the two 11:00 services in the Sanctuary so everyone can hear Bishop Hutchinson.

Imagine Ministry is an initiative of the Annual Conference under the direction of Bishop Charles Crutchfield. Before new directions are developed and offered by the Conference, every local church is invited to have conversations and discussions and then forward a report on those discussions to the Bishop. Adult Sunday Schools are invited to have discussions. A general session is open to any and everyone on Wednesday, May 19th, 6:00 p.m. in Roebuck Chapel, which I will facilitate. The Spirit of God is working through people like you, and your thoughts and observations are wanted.

See you Sunday,  
David Orr

## **-MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY, MAY 9, 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, "Love in Action" and his scripture text is I Corinthians 13:1-8. 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 Isabella Udouj and Caitlin Paris. Lay Readers are: 8:30, Debbie Hardgrave, 11:00, Nancy Baker.

Ruth Anne Price will be the soloist at 8:30. The Bayliss Hall Singers, Choir I and Choir II will sing at the 11:00 Sanctuary service. The Chancel Choir's anthem will be "Thou Art the Vine" by Andrew Carter and accompanied by the Ladybells.



As of Monday, May 3, 2010, the following members were known to be in the hospital:

**St. Edward:**

Margaret Hendricks  
Stephanie Bruton

**Hillcrest** in Tulsa: Dustin Wilson

**BY YOUR GIFTS . . .**

Rec'd this week.....\$39,697  
Rec'd to date.....\$576,268  
Budgeted to date.....\$598,536

**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 13, 2010** - Rev. Herschel McClurkin will teach Acts 23.

**Friday Morning Breakfast/Bible Study, 6:30 a.m., May 14, 2010** - Ben Reid will teach Acts 8.

**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



**The Altar Flowers**

for Sunday, May 9, 2010, are placed in honor and in memory of mothers on Mother's Day.

**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.



**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.



**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 4<sup>th</sup> - BIG Celebration with worship, lunch, games and fun! Combined worship in the Sanctuary beginning at 10:30 a.m.**

**UMW Sub-groups to meet May 11<sup>th</sup>**

“Naomi” will meet with Katherine Croom, 2307 So. “M” St. at 10:00am.

“Elizabeth” will meet with Twyla Brown at 1:30pm in Room M105.

“Deborah” will meet with Annette Phillips in the Narthex at 10:00am.

“Rebekah” will meet with Ann Dawson, 4605 So. 96<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.

“Ruth” will meet with Helen Gray and Betty Stanfield at Willowbrook, 5501 Duncan Rd. at 10:00am.

“Hannah” will meet at **Methodist Village** in the Chapel area at 10:00am. All residents are invited.



**We rejoice with:**

Chris and Janell Gulstad on the birth of a son, Tucker Semour Gulstad.

And

Mike and Stefanie Bruton on the birth of a son, Barrett Wayne Bruton.



**Announcing the FUMC Summer Reading Program!!**

Do you want to read some good books this summer and win cool prizes? If so, join us for the FUMC Summer Reading Program. The program is open to Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> graders (Grade completed in May) and will begin on Sunday, May 30.

Be on the lookout for a sign up sheet and rules in the weeks ahead.

**Pacesetters Spring Trip**

We will leave 16<sup>th</sup> & “C” Sts. parking lot at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 19, for Mt. Magazine. Cost is \$16 for lunch, tip, tax and van gas. Call the church office to sign up. You do not have to be a Pacesetter to go.

**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](http://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.

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**Upcoming Women's Events**

**May 13<sup>th</sup> 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".



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**Mother's Day Bake Sale  
Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**

**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.

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**Signups Start Soon!**

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

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](http://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](http://www.thebridgecampusministry.org) or contact Todd Vick at [tvick@fsfumc.org](mailto:tvick@fsfumc.org) or 479-782-5068.



**"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.

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**United Methodist Women**

will host the

West District Charter for Racial Justice Fellowship  
Saturday, May 15, in Roebuck Chapel

The speaker will be:

**Rev. Tweedy Sombrero**

**Pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church  
in Yuma, Arizona**

Registration is from 8:15 - 8:45 in the narthex, and the program begins at 9:00.

Cost of the event is \$10, which includes lunch, program book and souvenir.

Please contact Mary Prewitt, 452-0263 or Lucy Gist, 452-4355, for reservations.

All are welcome!

**OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
 ATTENDANCE  
 May 2, 2010**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Infants	7
Toddlers	
2 yr. olds	
3 yr. olds	
4 yr. olds	8
Kindergarten	4
Grade 1	
Grade 2	
Grade 3 and	
Grade 4	31
Grade 5 and	
Grade 6	12
<b>CHILDREN'S DIV.</b>	<b>62</b>
Grade 7, 8, 9,	
Grade 10,11, & 12	
<b>YOUTH DIV.</b>	<b>12</b>
College	4
Aldersgate(Room M105)	22
Believers (Room M302)	-
Builders (RoomM209)	18
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	36
Cornerstones*(Room M311)	16
Disciples Room M312)	13
Discussion*(Room M301)	43
Encouragers*(Room M303)	16
Friends (Room M103)	10
Gleaners (Room M201)	25
Good News (Room M202)	6
Le Menage (Room M306)	5
Roundtable (Room M213)	11
Seekers*(Room M107)	12
Uplifters*(Room M205)	34
<b>ADULT TOTALS</b>	<b>271</b>
General Officers	4
*Made their quota	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>349</b>
<b>Ethnos Youth</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Worship:</b>	
8:30	68
11:00 FLC	147
11:00 Sanctuary	266
Wed. Communion	46
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>527</b>

<p><b>Sunday, May 9</b>                  8:30 - Holy Grounds Café Open                  8:30-12:30-Angel Food Signup, FLC                  8:30 - Worship, Roebuck Chapel                  9-12 - Bake Sale, Narthex                  9:45 - Bible Study, FLC102                  9:45 - Sunday School                  11:00 - Worship, Family Life Center                  11:00 - Worship, Sanctuary</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, May 12</b>                  10:00 - Ladybells, Bayliss Hall                  12:00 - Staff/Parish Meets, FLC102                  3:30 - Children's Choirs, Bowling                  5:30 - Communion, Roebuck Chapel                  6:00 - Bible Study, FLC101                  6:00 - Chancel Ringers, Bayliss Hall                  6:00 - Sign Language, M200                  7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>
<p><b>Monday, May 10</b>                  11:30 - Intro to N.T., FLC102                  12:00 - Exec. Cmte., Pastor's Office                  6:00 - Cub Scouts, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor                  6:30 - Boy Scouts, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor</p>	<p><b>Thursday, May 13</b>                  10:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Narthex                  12:00 - UMM Lunch/Bible Study, FLC                  6:00 - "Dare to Be" Women's Event,                  Fireside Rm.</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, May 11</b>                  9:00 - Staff Meets, Conf. Rm.                  1:30 - Archives Room Open, M204                  5:00 - Bldg. &amp; Grounds, Conf. Rm.                  6:00 - Down Home Mtg., Roebuck</p>	<p><b>Friday, May 14</b>                  6:30 - UMM Breakfast/Bible Study, FLC                  5:30 - Parents' Night Out, FLC</p>
<p><b>Saturday, May 15</b>                  8:15 - UMW Registration, Narthex                  9-2 - UMW Charter Mtg., Roebuck Chapel                  w/lunch in the Fireside Room                  9:30 - Angel Food Pick-up, Gym</p>	

**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**  
**May 7-9**  
**Phone: 459-5060**