

First United Methodist News

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May 7, 2009

ACROSS DAVID'S DESK

Thank you, Gaye McClure and Southside High School Choir, for your outstanding and moving leadership in the sanctuary service on Sunday. You blessed this church and you caused our hope in the upcoming generation and our confidence in God to take a step forward!

Thank you, Dr. Bobby Bell! Your leadership in the West District has blessed and benefited us. Your preaching of the Gospel in our worship on Sunday led us to a deeper and more vital experience of God. You have our continued love, appreciation and support as your life transitions at Annual Conference.

This Sunday, May 10th, is Mother's Day.

Here's how several elementary school students answered the following questions about moms:

Why did God make mothers?

- She's the only one who knows where the Scotch tape is.
- Mostly to clean the house.
- To help us out of there when we were getting born.

How did God make mothers?

- He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.
- Magic, plus superpowers and a lot of stirring.
- God made my mom just the same like he made me. He just used bigger parts.

What ingredients are mothers made of?

- God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world. . .and one dab of mean.
- They had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly use string, I think.

Why did God give you your mother and not some other mom?

- We're related.
- God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's moms like me.

See you Sunday,
David Orr

-MOTHER'S DAY, MAY 10, 2009, AT FIRST CHURCH-

Rev. David Orr will preach at the 8:30 Chapel and 11:00 Sanctuary services. His sermon is entitled, "He First Loved Us" and his scripture text is I John 4:7-12. 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 Caitlin Bradley and Brynn Trahan. Our lay reader for 8:30 will be Cheryl Powell.

Louann Dooly will be our soloist at the 8:30 service. The Bayliss Hall Singers, Choir I, will sing at the 11:00 sanctuary service. The Bayliss Hall Singers, Choir II and their mothers will also sing. The Chancel Choir's anthem will be "It Fell Upon a Summer Day" by K. Lee Scott.



As of Monday, May 4, 2009 the following members were known to be in the hospital:

St. Edward:
Connie Clement

Sparks:
Glen Lively
Edith Miller

BY YOUR GIFTS. . .

A new reporting on the Finances of the church begins in this issue of the Newsletter. Prior reporting was accurate, but we have found that it has been incomplete. In order to give you accurate and complete reporting, the information here will reflect all giving to date and a pro-rata portion of the annual budget to date. If you have any questions you are welcomed to contact the church office.

Rec'd this week.....\$26,697
Rec'd to date..... \$476,436
Budgeted to date.....\$592,514

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

Foundation Information

Who will receive your property if you and your immediate family are deceased? Consider naming the church as the final beneficiary in your estate plans.

Methodist Men's Clubs

Thursday, Noon Lunch, May 14, 2009, Scott Price will teach Luke 22.

Friday Morning Breakfast, May 15, 2009, Rev. Herschel McClurkin will teach Luke 7



Altar Flower Openings

We have the following openings for altar flowers:

June 7, July 5, 12, 19 & 26. If you would like to put flowers on the altar in memory or in honor of a loved one, call 782-5068.

**Destination Station Bible Verse for May
Luke 17:15**

Then one of the lepers, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice.

**Vacation Bible School!
Mark your Calendars!
June 15-19!**

**Heading to College?
Need financial help?**



Apply for a First Church scholarship. Applications can be found in the church office or on our web

site www.fsfumc.org under the forms tab on the home page. Scholarship are due by July 1st. For more info, contact Rev. Claire Hoffman, 782-5068.

We welcome



the McDonald family to our church family. Jason and Kathy McDonald joined by certificate of transfer.

They have two sons, Jake Parker McDonald and Luke Ferrell McDonald. Luke Ferrell was also baptized on Sunday, May 3, 2009 at the Connexion service.

Honorarium

In Honor of Danny Hutcheson - David and Karen Hutcheson



We rejoice with

Joel and Elaine Parker on the birth of a daughter, Elizabeth Marie Parker.

Paternal grandparents are Joel and Sandy Parker. Great Grandmother is Dorothy Henley.

Dear FUMC Friends,

Words cannot express our deep gratitude for all your prayers, cards, visits and love during this very sad and difficult time for our family. Your support has carried us through the darkness and will continue to lead us in new light and life through Jesus Christ. God bless you all.

Keri and Lydia Cousins
Jim, Jeanne, Mark, and Aiden Cheyne

**UMW Sub-groups to meet
Tuesday, May 12. . .**

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

“Deborah will meet with Oleta Orr, 123 N. 53rd at 10:00 a.m.

“Naomi will meet with Ann Dawson, 4605 S. 96th St. at 10:00 a.m.

“Mary” will meet with Louise Finney, 7706 Williamsburg Rd. at 7:00 p.m.

“Ruth” will meet with Betty Stanfield and Helen Gray at 10:00 a.m. in the Family Life, room 101.

“Rebekah” will meet with Jeanne Ledbetter, 1 Riverlyn Terrace at 10:00 a.m.

“Elizabeth” will meet at 1:30 p.m. in Room M105.

Memorials

In Memory of Johnnie Brown - Uplifters Class; Kitty Hug

In Memory of Herb Freeman - Barbara Tuck; the Prentiss Ware Family

In Memory of Chesolene Brown - Kathy & Mike Moss; Connie Clement



District-Wide Mother's Day Offering, May 10, to benefit our West District Habitat Home

Habitat for Humanity is a BIG DEAL. There are few programs that have changed the way people live like Habitat for Humanity. It gives people a hope that didn't have it before and teaches them to work and appreciate it rather than to see it as charity, because it is not.. The West District has committed to building a house for a family this fall and we need to raise \$55,000 for the local house and an international house. Each of these will be a family having a house that otherwise wouldn't be able to have a house.

On May 10, we are asking that all of the churches in the West District receive an offering for the West District Habitat Home. We ask that each of you prayerfully consider what you would like to give to this wonderful cause. Please make checks payable to the West District with "Habitat" in the memo section. Also, you can make your donation in honor or in memory of your mom. What better way to honor our mothers than to help a single mom realize her dream of owning her own home. We have a chance to change the lives of the Ngo family!

We will begin the build this fall and every church will receive information about the schedule and what is needed in volunteers. This can be an exciting way for the United Methodists to work together and to be a public witness to those outside our church of how we can work together and do a greater work than alone. Thanks in advance for your support. Bobby Bell

Angel Food Ministry Notes

We have changed the date of the Angel Food Fundraiser Auction to June 6 - please make note of the change on your calendar.

We are accepting donations of new items or gift certificates and will be for another couple of weeks. Please consider helping to make our auction a good one with a donation. Our money raised from this auction will go to help many projects of the church as well as help our Angel Food Ministry. Our goal is to raise enough to be able to give a substantial donation to Habitat for Humanity to help them with their goal as well as be involved in multiple outreach programs this summer and fall at FUMC. Thank you for considering helping us with a donation. Please call Steve Thomas at 785-2206 or Pat Creson at 629-3379 and we will arrange to pick up your donation.



Mother's Day Bake Sale

Sunday, May 10th, Narthex

9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

The sale will feature cakes, pies, cookies and all of your favorite treats. Get something special for Mom. The Disciples Sunday School Class sponsors this event to benefit the Children's Emergency Shelter in Fort Smith. The shelter houses abused and neglected children ages 6 to 17. Donations are also welcome. All proceeds will go to the shelter.

Christian Character Award

Each week in Rotation Sunday Scyhool a child from each class, grades 1-6, who demonstrate good Christian character during the Sunday School hour receive this award. The following students have earned this award over the last few months by listening, participating and being kind to others. They receive a certificate, 50 points and newsletter recognition.

The recent recipients are:

1st and 2nd Grades

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| Maddie Wyatt | Amanda Steffy |
| Matthew Weidman | Cameron Davis |
| Will Thames | Hannah Schmidt |
| Maggie Schoenfeld | Ryan Jacobs |
| Remi Weiler | Sela Johnston |

3rd and 4th Grades

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| Caitlin Paris | Nicholas Spicer |
| Alexis Quick | Jenna Hunter |
| Autumn Wells | Erik Batt |
| Hadley Dickinson | Wren Lanier |
| Amy Truitt | Sophie Price |
| Alexandra Salamone | |

5th and 6th Grades

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| Kate Truitt | Trey Hicks |
| Eve Jagers | Stephanie Clyde |
| Joey Winters | Robert David Weidman |

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE
May 3, 2009**

Class	Attendance
Infants	4
Toddlers	5
2 yr. olds	
3 yr. olds	6
4 yr. olds	8
Kindergarten	5
Grade 1	
Grade 2	13
Grade 3and	
Grade 4	17
Grade 5	
Grade 6	10
CHILDREN'S DIV.	68
Grade 7, 8, 9, Grade 10,11, & 12	
YOUTH DIV.	10
Aldersgate(Room M105)	
Believers (Room M302)	-
Builders (RoomM209)	24
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	41
Cornerstones*(Room M311)	22
Disciples (Room M312)	14
Discussion*(Room M301)	54
Encouragers*(Room M303)	29
Friends (Room M103)	8
Gleaners (Room M201)	21
Good News (Room M202)	7
Le Menage (Room M306)	4
Roundtable*(Room M213)	21
Seekers (Room M107)	8
Uplifters*(Room M205)	29
ADULT TOTALS	382
General Officers	4
*Made their quota	
TOTALS	418
Worship:	
8:30	84
11:00 Family Life	205
11:00 Sanctuary	388
Communion	39
TOTALS	716

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, May 10

8:15 - Holy Grounds Café Open
 8:30 - Worship, Roebuck Chapel
 8:30-12:30 - Angel Food Sign-up, FLC
 9:30-12:00 - Bake Sale, Narthex
 9:45 - Sunday School
 11:00 - Worship, Sanctuary
 11:00 - Worship, Family Life Center
 6:30 - Combined Youth, Loft

Wednesday, May 13

6am - Men's Fraternity, Gym
 9:15 - Angela Thomas Study, Fireside Rm.
 10:00 - Ladybells, Bayliss Hall
 12:00 - Christian Learn. Council, Conf. Rm.
 5:30 - Communion, Roebuck Chapel
 6:00 - Praise Team, Gym
 6:00 - Joy of Signing, Conference Room
 6:00 - Disciple IV, M200
 6:00 - Chancel Ringers, Bayliss Hall
 7:00 - Knitwits, Narthex
 7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Monday, May 11

11:30 - Intro to New Test., FLC102
 12:00 - Staff/Parish, FLC101
 6:00 - Disciple II, M103
 6:00 - Angela Thomas Study, Fireside
 6:00 - Cub Scouts Banquet, Gym
 6:30 - Disciple I, Conf. Rm.
 6:30 - Boy Scouts, 3rd Floor

Thursday, May 14

10:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Conf. Rm.
 12:00 - UMM Lunch/Bible Study, FLC
 6:00 - Joy of Signing, Conf. Rm.
 6:30 - Angel Food Mtg., Fireside Rm.

Friday, May 15

6:30 - UMM Breakfast/Bible Study, FLC
 10:00 - Pacesetters, Fireside rm.

Tuesday, May 12

9:00 - Staff Meets, Conf. Rm.
 12:00 - Exec. Cmte., Pastor's Office
 1:30 - Archives Room Open, M204
 5:30 - Stephen Min., FLC101&102
 6:30 - Jesus/Gospels, M200

Saturday, May 16

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 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
 on call Minister for
 May 8-10
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