

First United Methodist News

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Rev. Claire Caldwell

Rev. William Cheyne

Rev. Herschel McClurkin

May 27, 2010

ACROSS DAVID'S DESK

First Church was blessed this past Sunday with the Spirit of the Living Lord speaking through Bishop William Hutchinson, through the power of music and through the koinonia experienced in the Family of God. Very special thanks to everyone who shared in the united worship service in the sanctuary. The sanctuary service and the Connexion service are two wonderful expressions of worship in our church. It was good to worship together.

This Sunday, May 30th, worship will include Holy Communion and, on this Memorial Weekend, the commemoration of those members who have died in the past year. This will not be another funeral for those who have died; but rather, a holy thanksgiving for their lives, a step in healing for all of us and the mystical communion of saints. We will offer prayers and support for the families of the deceased. We will rejoice in the grace we have all received.

One way for us to remember our loved ones is to make a financial contribution in memory of those we love. First Church has a diligent and faithful Memorial Committee. Also this year, the Angel Food Ministry is inviting those who desire, to make a gift to Angel Food in memory of a loved one. Whether it is a traditional memorial or an Angel Food memorial, giving is a way we honor another because it says we believe there are still ministries to be fulfilled through the Kingdom of God. We usually think of memorial giving as a "look backward", but it really is putting our hopes in the future God is promising.

Another way to mark, observe, celebrate Memorial Day is to share the love of Christ with someone who needs it. There are people who do not know the love of Christ within walking distance of every member of our church. To build meaningful relationships with them, to find ways to meet real needs in their lives, or to simply invite them to share Sunday School and worship with us are ways we can share the love of Christ with people who need it. Our church is here today because Christ's love has been shared by those around us and with us. The opportunity to pass that love along to others is the most hopeful and holy of opportunities.

I look forward to sharing the joy of worship with the best United Methodist Church in Arkansas this Sunday!

See you Sunday,
David Orr

-MEMORIAL SUNDAY, MAY 30, 2010, AT FIRST CHURCH-

Rev. David Orr will preach at the 8:30 Chapel and 11:00 Sanctuary services. His sermon is entitled "Surrounded" and his scripture text is Hebrews 12:1-2. Rev. Stephen Dickinson will preach at the 11:00 a.m. Connexion service in the Family Life Center. Rev. Claire Caldwell will be Liturgist. Acolytes will be Eve Jagers, Kara Kimes, Sam Kimes, Lindsay Vickery, and Kelsey Vickery. Lay readers are: 8:30, John Ayers, 11:00, Tom Ashwood.

Gaye McClure will be the soloist at 8:30 and 11:00. The Chancel Choir's anthem will be "O How Amiable" by R. Vaughan Williams.



As of Monday, May 24, 2010, the following members were known to be in the hospital:

Sparks:
George Scott

St. Edward:
Denise Jones

BY YOUR GIFTS . . .

Rec'd this week.....\$8,642
Rec'd to date.....\$613,933
Budgeted to date.....\$698,292

Please pray for the following who are serving in our U. S. Military:
Doug Wilderman, Robert Henley, Jack Dunn

Foundation Information

Have you received an inheritance? If so, consider gifting part of the inheritance to the church, in memory of the loved one who remembered you. You can make this gift now or in your estate plan.

Methodist Men's Clubs

Thursday Noon Lunch/Bible Study, June 3, 2010 - Rev. Paul Strang will teach Acts 26.

Friday Morning Breakfast/Bible Study, 6:30 a.m., June 4, 2010 - Jane Stauffer will teach Acts 10.

Destination Station Bible Verse for June
John 4:39

Many Samaritans believed in Him because of the woman's testimony.



The Altar Flowers

for Sunday, May 30, 2010 are placed in honor of Emily Diane Copley and Justin Benjamin Lowrey, who will be married on May 29, 2010, in the Sanctuary.



Sign up Now for VBS June 21-25

Join us for a High Seas Adventure!



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 6th graders (Grade completed in May) and will begin this Sunday, May 30.

Be on the lookout for a sign up sheet.

Hey Kids

Bring the following items for the Children's Disaster Kits for storm victims and earn 50 extra points per item:

- Coloring books
- Colored Pencils
- Children's Storybooks
- Cuddly Stuffed Toy
- Small toy emergency vehicles, (police, fire, ambulance)

Bring these items to Sunday School.

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



Join us in the Family Life Center for Breakfast
this Sunday, May 30th
from 8:30-9:30 a.m.

The breakfast is cooked and served by the Chapel Class and is free. Your donations for the breakfast will be given to the Backpack for Kids program at the Clearinghouse.



Mini-Clinic

this Sunday in Family Life Center. Come get your blood pressure and blood glucose checked. You should come fasting to have an accurate glucose reading.



We rejoice with

Richard and Sarah Bonds on the birth of a son, Jackson Thomas Bonds. Maternal great grandparents are Robert and Wanda Blanchfill.

Chapel Class Sunday School 9:50-10:30 a.m., Roebuck Chapel
Connie Adrion will be teaching Jude

The Chapel Class would love to see you this summer. Please feel free to join us any Sunday.

Cookie Time

We will be delivering cookies to the Fort Smith Police this time. Please bring your homemade cookies this Sunday, May 30, and put them in the kitchen on the 2nd floor, next to the Parlor. Thank you.

Good Samaritan Fund Report

January 1, 2010 Balance.....	\$305.43
Donations Received.....	\$1,649.00
Assistance Provided for:	
Rent.....	\$963.41
Utility.....	\$341.69
Transportation.....	\$126.57
Food/Other.....	\$323.35
	- \$1,755.02
5/25/2010 Balance.....	\$199.41

On April 30 and May 1, 2010, Arkansas was ravaged with storms that destroyed homes and devastated communities. We have received word from Arkansas Rice Depot in Little Rock of a critical need for cleaning buckets. Cleaning Bucket Items:

- 5 gallon bucket with lid,
 - 1 Scrub Brush
 - 5 Scouring Pads
 - 18 Cleaning Towels (reusable)
 - Sponges, assorted size 7 pack
 - Laundry Detergent 50 oz.
 - Household Cleaner 12 oz.
 - Disinfectant Dish Soap 28 oz.
 - 50 Clothespins
 - Clothesline 100 ft. x 3/16"
 - Dust Masks 5 pack
 - Latex Gloves 2 pair pack
 - Work Gloves 1 pair
 - Trash Bags 45 gal 24 bag roll
 - Insect Spray, 14 oz.
 - Air Freshener, 9 oz.
- Place all items in the buckets and seal the lid with duct tape. Bring your items to the Narthex area.**

You may also make financial gifts to help purchase these items.

Do you have a new email address?

Do we have your email address?



Please let us know, so that we may keep your membership records up-to-date. Thank you.

Vacation Bible School - June 21-25

High Seas Expedition - Exploring the Mighty

Love of God

There are so many ways you can help with VBS! Prior to VBS we need:

- _____Decorating Day (June 20)
- _____Art Prep Work

During VBS we need:

- ___ Shepherding - traveling with kids from station to station (several people needed)
- ___ Preschool Art (one more person)
- ___ Drama (one more person)
- ___ Preschool Theater (one person)
- ___ Refreshments for our workers
- ___ Nursery (several needed)
- ___ Anywhere I am needed

Will you please check one or two of the above and help with VBS? Please put your name and phone number on this form and return it to the church office or call the church 782-5068 or Leigh Norton, 629-2858 to volunteer. We need everyone to make VBS a huge success for the children.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Women of FUMC

There will be a "Women of Faith" interest meeting on Thursday, June 3, 6pm in the Narthex. If you are interested in going to the Women of Faith Conference, but would like to see what it's all about, come experience the 2009 Conference DVD.

I will answer any questions you may have about the conference, give you details of our trip and an agenda. Please come and find out how the Imagine Conference can change your life and your relationship with God. Rev. Claire Caldwell

David Crowell and family on the death of his step-father, James H. Whitby.



Karen Hutcheson and family on the death of her father, Kenneth LeValley of Braman, OK.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
 ATTENDANCE
 May 23, 2010**

Class	Attendance
Infants	7
Toddlers	
2 yr. olds	
3 yr. olds	
4 yr. olds	6
Kindergarten	4
Grade 1	
Grade 2	
Grade 3 and	W/Rio Bravo
Grade 4	
Grade 5 and	
Grade 6	
CHILDREN'S DIV.	17
Grade 7, 8, 9,	
Grade 10,11, & 12	
YOUTH DIV.	W/Rio Bravo
Aldersgate(Room M105)	
Believers (Room M302)	4
Builders (RoomM209)	
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	
Cornerstones*(Room M311)	
Disciples Room M312)	
Discussion*(Room M301)	
Encouragers (Room M303)	
Friends (Room M103)	
Gleaners (Room M201)	29
Good News (Room M202)	6
Le Menage (Room M306)	
Roundtable (Room M213)	
Seekers*(Room M107)	
Uplifters*(Room M205)	35
SS Classes w/Rio Bravo	250
ADULT TOTALS	324
General Officers	5
*Made their quota	
TOTALS	346
Ethnos Youth	17
Worship:	
8:30	77
11:00 FLC and	
11:00 Sanctuary	462
Wed. Communion	49
TOTALS	588

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

<p>Sunday, May 30 8:30 - Breakfast, Family Life Center 8:30 - Worship, Roebuck Chapel 8:45 - Mini-Clinic, FLC 9:45 - Sunday School 11:00 - Worship, Sanctuary 11:00 - Worship, Family Life Center</p>	<p>Wednesday, June 2 1:00 - CEC Cooking, Café 5:30 - Communion, Roebuck Chapel 6:00 - Praise Team, Gym 7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>
<p>Monday, May 31 Memorial Day Holiday Offices Closed</p>	<p>Thursday, June 3 10:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Narthex 12:00 - UMM Lunch/Bible Study, FLC 6:00 - Women of Faith Mtg., Narthex</p>
<p>Tuesday, June 1 9:00 - Staff, Conf. Rm. 1:30 - Archives Room Open, M204</p>	<p>Friday, June 4 6:30 - UMM Breakfast/Bible Study, FLC 10:00 - Pacesetters, Fireside Rm. 10:00 - CEC Movie Day, Theater</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. Claire Caldwell
 Emergency
 on call Minister for
 May 28-31
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