

First United Methodist News

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May 28, 2009

ACROSS DAVID'S DESK

First Church is hosting a unique reception on Sunday, May 31st, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. The West District is gathering in the Narthex of our church to bid a loving farewell to our outgoing District Superintendent, Dr. Bobby Bell and then to extend a loving welcome to our incoming District Superintendent, Reverend Mike Morey. There will be an "official farewell" to Dr. Bell at 3:15 and an "official welcome" to Reverend Morey at 3:45. The majority of the time is being held unstructured so that as many people as possible will have access to the duo of Superintendents to offer personal expressions of appreciation and welcome as you desire. As the hosting church, let's make this a joyous and memorable occasion for the District.

Then, Vacation Bible School is fast approaching: June 15-19. Help us by having your children registered early. Help us by volunteering to serve in some capacity as a worker in VBS. Help us by praying for the entire week to be exactly what the Lord wants for these children and this church. - VBS's theme is "Camp E.D.G.E. - Experience and Discover God Everywhere" Elizabeth Thames and Leigh Norton are the Directors and are doing fantastic service. They welcome any and everyone with a readiness to serve in Camp E.D.G.E. Sally Ware and Kelly DeSoto are the staff members with oversight for VBS. Our children are in the best of hands. Let's each do our part to make Camp E.D.G.E. fantabulous!

As summer approaches and the world of predictable routine evaporates, take a deep breath. Look at your personal and family plans for the summer with the eyes of a Disciple of Jesus Christ. When you pack your suitcase, take along your Bible and devotional material. When you travel, look for those opportunities to worship with a church you've not been to before. It is nothing less than a Christian family discipline for us to pray for our home church while we are away (the church is praying for you as you are away!). And yes, please keep your financial stewardship current at home. The ongoing commitments of First Church are, well, ongoing. Let's each take the time to be sure we are doing our part to ensure that good ole First Church is here as strong as ever when we return to the predictable routines of life when the days of summer are over.

There is a lot happening over the summer months in the life of our church. Be part of the continuing growth of faith and life in this church God in which has blessed us to be united.

See you Sunday,
David Orr

-SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2009, AT FIRST CHURCH-

Rev. David Orr will preach at the 8:30 Chapel and 11:00 Sanctuary services. His sermon is entitled, "Father, Son and Holy Spirit?" and his scripture text is Acts 2:1-2. 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 Zak Kimes and Lindsay Vickery. The lay reader for 8:30 will be Brian Gaines and 11:00 (Sanctuary) will be Ben Reid.

Linda Dickson will be our soloist at the 8:30 service. The Chancel Choir's anthems will be "Hymn to the Holy Spirit" and "Whither Can I Go From Your Spirit".



As of Monday, May 25, 2009 the following members were known to be in the hospital:

Sparks:
Jayne May
Rachel Dixon

BY YOUR GIFTS. . .

Rec'd this week.....\$28,009
Rec'd to date.....\$646,352
Budgeted to date.....\$691,267

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

Foundation Information

Good stewardship requires us to think of the future. Have your estate plan prepared now and include a gift to your church.

Methodist Men's Clubs

Thursday, Noon Lunch, June 4, 2009, Rev. Wes Hilliard of Heritage UMC in Van Buren will speak of his experience as a chaplain in Iraq.

Friday Morning Breakfast, May 29, 2009, Bill Pitts will teach Luke 9.

**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.

Altar Flower Openings

We have the following openings for altar flowers: **June 7 & July 26.** If you would like to put flowers on the altar in memory or in honor of a loved one, call 782-5068.

The Altar Flowers



for Sunday, May 31, 2009, are given in honor and appreciation of Nancy Vernon by Kent and Nancy Blochberger.

Shoal Creek Day Camp
Grades Kindergarten - 2nd
Monday June 8th
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Cost \$15, includes T-shirt
Director: Sharon Balloun
479-229-2637

To register, contact the McClurkins,
PO Box 33, Alma 72921
Mardell McClurkin will have a van at the church for anyone who wants to go.

Bring your swimsuit, sunscreen and a towel. There will be hiking, swimming, eating, crafts worship.

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 need help on Monday mornings for about an hour to fix bud vases to be taken to our hospitalized members.



You do not have to deliver the bud vases, just help prepare them for delivery and we will be happy to train you.

This is fun and gratifying! Call Carol Matlock, 646-9585.

The Children's

Summer Reading Program begins Sunday, May 31st.

Please sign up in the pink flowered binder located in the children's section of the church library. Please check out a book and start reading. An orange information sheet can be found in the library. Contact Marcie Salamone @ 434-6145 with any questions.



Sub-group "Elizabeth" will meet with Twyla Brown, 1:30 PM, Rm. 105 on Tuesday, June 8.

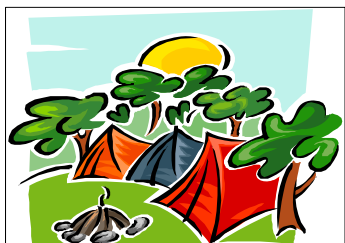
Angel Food Dinner & Auction, June 6 @ 4 PM in the FLC. Dinner will be beans & cornbread and cost is by donation. There will be an auction to follow, proceeds benefitting the Angel Food Ministries.

We welcome, the Steffy family to our church family. Gabe and Joann Steffy united with FUMC from another denomination. They have three children, Amanda, Aiden and Amber, who were also baptized on Sunday, May 24, 2009



Ride with us on the church vans to

Ordination Service
Tuesday, June 16, 2009
Central UMC Rogers, AR
We will leave the church parking lot at 4:45 p.m. We will return at approximately 10:30 p.m. Bring your own snacks and supper! Only charge will be a small charge for fuel. Janice Sudbrink & JJ Galloway will be ordained. Sign up in the church office or call 782-5068.



Vacation Bible School
 June 15-19
**Camp
 E.D.G.E.
 Experience**

and Discover God Everywhere

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

_____ Help on Decorating Day (June 14)

_____ Art Prep Work

During VBS we need:

_____ Shepherding kids from station to station

_____ Kid's Art

_____ Drama

_____ Games and Playground

_____ Kid's Snacks

_____ Refreshments for our workers

_____ Nursery

_____ 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 782-5068, or call Elizabeth Thames at 629-4814 to volunteer. We need everyone to help to make VBS a huge success for the children!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Local Mission Outreach Volunteer Opportunity

FSFUMC will begin helping St. John's Episcopal Church to make Sandwiches for the homeless the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of every month in the afternoon for about 1 hour. We need 5 people for each of the Thursdays. Training will be provided. For more information or to volunteer call Janice @ 782-5068 or Sharon Westbrook @ 452-2749

Angel Food Ministry Notes



We are still accepting items for our auction on June 6th - and would welcome your donations. If you have an item to donate for the auction, please call Steve Thomas at 785-2206 or Pat Creson at 629-3379 and we will make arrangements to pick them up. We only have a few weeks before the auction date and are hoping to be able to raise funds to help with outreach this summer in many different ways. We need your help and we appreciate it !! Make plans to attend this fun upcoming event on June 6 - we look forward to seeing you there !!



The Pacesetters will be taking a spring trip on Friday, June 5, leaving at 9:00 a.m. and returning at approximately 4:00 p.m. We will leave from the "C" Street parking lot.

Cost of the trip is \$10.00, which includes lunch at Arkansas Tech cafeteria and gas for the van. We'll visit Mt. Nebo, Lake Dardanelle State Park Center and points between and along the way. Call the church office to sign up. You do not have to be a Pacesetter to go on this trip.



Club 56 is on a Mission!

We are collecting dog and cat food for the Sebastian County Humane Society. They rely heavily on donations for supplies to better the care and treatment of animals in our shelter. They need our help and the children of Club 56 have chosen this as their mission project. Please bring the food to Sally's office, located on the second floor above the Narthex.

**Down Home Singin'
 Sunday, May 31 at 6:00 p.m.**

Leader: Reggie Moore
 Guest Pianist: Anita Gibson

Join us in Roebuck Chapel for fun, fellowship, and, of course, singing. Pie will be served in the Narthex area after the singing.

There are three new "Chicken Soup for the Soul" books in our library. "The Cancer Book" will be of particular interest to Cancer Survivors, "Woman to Woman" and "Stories of Faith". Come by the library and check out these or any other books.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE
May 24, 2009**

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Vision:

Class	Attendance
Infants	5
Toddlers	
2 yr. olds	2
3 yr. olds	2
4 yr. olds	7
Kindergarten	7
Grade 1	
Grade 2	12
Grade 3and	
Grade 4	11
Grade 5	
Grade 6	
CHILDREN'S DIV.	53
Grade 7, 8, 9,	
Grade 10,11, & 12	
YOUTH DIV.	5
Aldersgate(Room M105)	15
Believers (Room M302)	5
Builders (RoomM209)	22
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	34
Cornerstones*(Room M311)	20
Disciples*(Room M312)	12
Discussion*(Room M301)	53
Encouragers*(Room M303)	18
Friends (Room M103)	8
Gleaners (Room M201)	23
Good News (Room M202)	7
Le Menage (Room M306)	
Roundtable (Room M213)	16
Seekers*(Room M107)	14
Uplifters*(Room M205)	27
ADULT TOTALS	291
General Officers	4
*Made their quota	
TOTALS	336
Worship:	
8:30	70
11:00 Family Life	150
11:00 Sanctuary	279
Communion	56
TOTALS	555

<p>Sunday, May 31 8:15 - Holy Grounds Café Open 8:30 – Breakfast, FLC 8:30 - Worship, Roebuck Chapel 9:45 - Sunday School 11:00 - Worship, Sanctuary 11:00 - Worship, Family Life Center 3:00–District Superintendent Reception, Narthex 6:00 – Youth, to see “Joseph” @ UAFS</p> <p>Monday, June 1 11:30 – Into to N.T., FLC102 5:00 – Chorale Board, FLC101 6:30 – Boy Scouts, 3rd Floor</p> <p>Tuesday, June 2 10:00 - Dorcas Meets, Fireside Rm. 5:00 – Buildings & Grounds Comm., Conference Room</p> <p>Our 10:00 a.m. Uplifters Class and our 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary service are broadcast over KFPW 1230AM</p>	<p>Wednesday, June 3 6am - Men’s Fraternity, Gym 10:00 - Ladybells, Bayliss Hall 5:30 - Communion, Roebuck 6:00 - Praise Team, Gym 6:00 - Joy of Signing, Conf. Rm. 7:00 - Knitwits, Narthex 7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 – Jr. High @ Creekmore Pool</p> <p>Thursday, June 4 10:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Conference Room 12:00 - UMM Lunch/Bible Study, FLC 6:00 - Joy of Signing, Conf. Rm.</p> <p>Friday, June 5 6:30 - UMM Breakfast/Bible Study, FLC 9:00 – Pacesetter’s Road Trip</p> <p>Saturday, June 6 4:00 – Angel Food Dinner & Auction, FLC</p>
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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.

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Emergency
on call Minister for
May 29-31
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