

First United Methodist News

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June 4, 2009

ACROSS DAVID'S DESK

Let me encourage everyone to be present for the Angel Food Auction on Saturday afternoon. Food - beans & cornbread - begins being served at 4:00 with auction action beginning at 4:30. Angel Food Ministry is a worthy cause. First UMC is serving over 200 local families through this food ministry. Angel Food Ministry (AFM) sells quality food at a savings of 40 - 50% which allows anyone to stretch their food dollars. A basic unit will feed a family of four for one week and sells for \$30.00. Through AFM we have become aware of several deep needs in families, so AFM tries to give additional food to those with the greatest needs. The proceeds of the auction will make those donations possible.

I thank you, First Church, for your gracious hosting of the Goodbye/Hello Reception for the outgoing and the incoming West District Superintendents this past Sunday. Dr. Bobby Bell and Reverend Mike Morey have each expressed their deep appreciation to the District and to FUMC for a most delightful event.

Camp E.D.G.E. is edging closer and closer to the June 15th opening! All children of First Church will want to be here and bring their friends (well, just the friends you want to have with you for the most fantastic week of the summer!) for Vacation Bible School, Camp E.D.G.E. Sally Ware, Kelly DeSoto, Elizabeth Thames, Leigh Norton and a host of volunteers are working diligently for VBS and it will be a grand week June 15 - 19.

Annual Conference convenes June 14 - 17 at the John Q. Hammons Convention Center in Rogers, AR. Our Lay Members to the Annual Conference this year are: Larry Weir, Nadine Miller, Suzie McOlvin and John McOlvin. For twenty-three years FUMC has been graced with Ruth and Clifford Davis representing us at Conference. The Davis' have had to change their minds about going this year. We are grateful to Ruth and Clifford for their devoted service. FUMC has been and will continue to be served by deeply committed laity of our church. My humble thanks to all who have served in the past and those who currently serve in the work of the Kingdom we call Annual Conference. AND, we will see Reverend Janice Sudbrink and Reverend J.J. Galloway ordained on Tuesday evening of Conference at Central UMC, Rogers. June has arrived for United Methodism.

Let's keep our faith and our congregational life strong all summer long!

See you Sunday,
David

-SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2009, AT FIRST CHURCH-

Rev. David Orr will preach at the 8:30 Chapel and 11:00 Sanctuary services. His sermon is entitled, "Worship Is Essential" and his scripture text is Isaiah 6:1-8. 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 Jon Jamell and Alex Foree. Lay readers are: 8:30, Gary Campbell, 11:00, David Staggs.

Molly Armour will be our soloist at the 8:30 service. The Chancel Choir's anthem will be "Come Down, O Love Divine" arranged by P. R. Dietterich. The Ladybells will play at the prelude and offertory time.



As of Monday, June 1, 2009 the following members were known to be in the hospital:

St. Edward:
Carol Lively



We rejoice with Jennifer and Josh Norman on the birth of a son, William Webb Norman.

Maternal grandparents are Kelly and Marilyn Newton. Paternal grandparents are Howard and Kim Norman.



Ed Robertson and family on the death of his brother, Rev. Bob Robertson of Little Rock.

BY YOUR GIFTS. . .

Rec'd this week.....\$17,287
Rec'd to date..... \$663,639
Budgeted to date.....\$724,184

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

Life insurance is a way to make a larger gift to the Church than you might otherwise be able to afford. Consider naming the church as a beneficiary of any insurance policy.

Methodist Men's Clubs

Thursday, Noon Lunch, June 11, 2009, Rev. Stephen Dickinson will teach John 1.
Friday Morning Breakfast, June 12, 2009, Charlie Reutzl will teach Luke 10.

Destination Station Bible Verse for June

Exodus 20:1-2

Then God spoke all these words, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery."

Altar Flower Openings

We have the following openings for altar flowers: **July 26 and August 9, 23, & 30.** If you would like to put flowers on the altar in memory or in honor of a loved one, call 782-5068.



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.

UMW Sub-groups to meet on Tuesday, June 9 . . .

"Elizabeth" will meet with Twyla Brown at 1:30 p.m. in Room M105.
"Naomi" will meet with Katherine Croom, 2307 S. "M" St. at 10:00 a.m.
"Ruth" will meet with Helen Couvillion at 10:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center, Room 101.
"Hannah" will meet at 10:00 a.m. at Willowbrook.

Shoal Creek Camp for 7-12 grades, June 10-June 12

The "Joy of Signing" camp is for Deaf, hard of hearing and hearing youth, who want to experience the love of God through Christian community. To register: Shelli Conrad, 8300 Meadow Dr. Fort Smith, AR 72908 or (479) 648-1056. For additional requirements, contact Shelli at shellidyan20@yahoo.com
Rev. Troy Conrad from the Cavanaugh/Hackett UMC is the director of this camp.



The Child Enrichment Center

has once again received state accreditation for Quality Approval. Comments made by the observers: "Clean and well organized classrooms, lots of positive interactions between staff and children, staff are loving and caring to children, and it was evidenced that this is a place for children to learn and have fun."

Thank you to our staff for your hard work and dedication.

Valerie Hubbard, Director



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.

Honorariums

In Honor of Ray Baker - Chip, Becky, and Emily Johnson



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

Everywhere

June 15-19 - 8:45 a.m. - noon
Must be age 3 by September 2008 through 6th
grade.

T-shirts can be purchased for \$8.00

If you can help with VBS, contact Elizabeth Thames,
452-1684 or Sally Ware, 782-5068.



Marvelous Movie Mondays

July 6, 20, 27 - 1-3 p.m.

BibleMAX Theater

Ages K through 6th grade.

Cost \$3, for soda, popcorn and
candy. All movies are G or PG rated.

Call the church office, 782-5068, to register.



Wonderful Wednesdays

July 22 - 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Lokomotion (sack lunch) \$20.

July 29 - 9:00 a.m.-
2:30 p.m.

Bowling, Pizza, Movie, \$10



Fees include cost of activity, snacks,
drinks and gas for vans. Ages completed 1st through
6th grades.



Music Camp, August 3- 7

9am-2:00 p.m. Monday through
Thursday

9am-noon on Friday

Cost \$15

Bring a sack lunch

Ages: completed 2nd - completed 6th grades.

Participation in Friday night's performance is
mandatory.



**Angel Food Ministry Auction
and Dinner**

Don't forget to come to the Angel
Food Auction this Saturday, June 6,
in the Family Life Center.

Doors open at 4 o'clock. A dinner
of beans and cornbread (for a donation only) will be
served and the auction starts at 4:30 p.m.

We have over \$6,000 worth of merchandise to
auction off, including a piano, several Tiffany lamps,
an Egyptian rug, a limited edition print of John Bell's
painting "Coming Together", a painting of our
sanctuary, a one month family membership to St.
Edward Fitness Center, dinner for two at Rolando's
and many more gift certificates. We will be giving
away 10 units of Angel Food, so be sure to register to
win!

We plan to have lots of fun and all money goes to
help build a Habitat House. See you there!

Honorariums

In Honor of Nancy Vernon - Ronald and Nancy Robinson

In Honor of Dave Whiteis - Lady Jane and Bob Cohen

Memorials

In Memory of Tom Cooley - Linda & Kenneth Schmidt;
Don & Valerie Hubbard; Barbara Hanna; Jane & Neil
Wilson; Randy & Jane Bittle; Suzanne McCord Family;
Lynn & E.R. Coleman; Gayle Anne & Phil Roberts; Sparks
Health System Admin.; Anne & David Patterson; Bill &
Marty Goff; Hugh & Martha Brewer; Bob & Lady Jane
Cohen; Sam & Sharon Sicard; Nancy Rockwood Wilson;
Aleece Craig; Center for Art & Education; Birnie Pryor;
Charles B. Whiteside; Henry & Melissa Udouj; Sandra &
Larry McGowan; Bob & Janice Powell; Kelly & Marilyn
Newton; Roundtable Class; Cole & Staci Goodman; B. G.
Hendrix; Audra McConnell; Nancy & Bill Stell; Robert &
Catherine Buckley; Jeanne & Gordon Parham; Bill & Lynn
Walker; Mary Anne & Dewaine Moncier, Jr.; Maude Jeter
Rogers; McCormick Asphalt Paving; Waldo & Cathy White;
Collier Wenderoth, Jr.; Officers, Directors, & Employees of
FNB; Robert & Debbie Marley; Margaret Speer Carter;
Karla & Rusty Jacobs; Marty & Christa Siems; Catherine &
Paul Sandahl; Dr. & Mrs. Robert Janes; Emily Culp; Dan &
Amy Spurlock; Carter Hunt; Carl Corley; Terry & Lynn
Weidman; David & Nancy Foust; Ann Smith; Jack Grober;
Louanna & Jack Green; Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Smith, Jr.; Mrs.
Gordon Jorden; Ron & Mary Lensing; Judy Owens; R &
Janet Cooper; Rebecca Phillips; Hardscrabble Country
Club; Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Laroche, Mr. & Mrs. Lance
Laroche; Ms. Brenda Laroche; Bill & Joan Acord

In Memory of Mary Russell - Tom & Becky Bryan; Dr.
Boyd Saviers; Stella & Jams Stivender; Evelyn & Julian
Bishop; Carolyn Jenkins; Mr. & Mrs. Finley Turner;
MaryAnn Lovell; Marshall Reid & Carol Rodgers

In Memory of Jack Ross - Brenda & Randy Ashmore;
Shari & Clif Kelley

In Memory of David Forbes - Suzanne McCord Family;
Lynn & E. R. Coleman; Yleen Brown

In Memory of Will Cousins - Victor & Freda Manchaca

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE
May 31, 2009**

Class	Attendance
Infants	5
Toddlers	
2 yr. olds	5
3 yr. olds	4
4 yr. olds	9
Kindergarten	4
Grade 1	
Grade 2	22
Grade 3and	
Grade 4	11
Grade 5	
Grade 6	9
CHILDREN'S DIV.	69
Grade 7, 8, 9, Grade 10,11, & 12	
YOUTH DIV.	11
Aldersgate(Room M105)	20
Believers (Room M302)	4
Builders*(RoomM209)	30
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	34
Cornerstones*(Room M311)	19
Disciples Room M312)	--
Discussion*(Room M301)	49
Encouragers*(Room M303)	15
Friends (Room M103)	--
Gleaners (Room M201)	35
Good News (Room M202)	7
Le Menage (Room M306)	4
Roundtable*(Room M213)	22
Seekers* (Room M107)	11
Uplifters*(Room M205)	28
ADULT TOTALS	278
General Officers	5
*Made their quota	
TOTALS	363
Worship:	
8:30	76
11:00 Family Life	187
11:00 Sanctuary	240
Communion	46
Down Home Singin'	62
TOTALS	611

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, June 7

8:15 - Holy Grounds Café Open
 8:30 - Worship, Roebuck Chapel
 9:30 - VBS Packets, Conf. Rm.
 9:45 - Sunday School
 11:00 - Worship, Sanctuary
 11:00 - Worship, Family Life Center
 5:00 - Cancer Support, M201
 6:30 - Combined Youth, Loft

Wednesday, June 10

6am - Men's Fraternity, Gym
 12:00 - Christian Learn. Council, Conf. Rm.
 5:30 - Communion, Roebuck Chapel
 6:00 - Joy of Signing, Conf. Rm.
 6:00 - Praise Team, Gym
 7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 - Knitwits, Narthex

Monday, June 8

11:30 - Bible Study, FLC102
 5:15 - Foundation Board, Conf. Rm.
 6:30 - Boy Scouts, 3rd Floor

Thursday, June 11

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

Tuesday, June 9

9:00 Staff, Conf. Rm.
 12:00 - Exec. Cmte., Pastor's Office
 1:30 - Archives Room Open, M204
 5:30 - Stephen Ministry, Narthex

Friday, June 12

6:30 - UMM Breakfast/Bible Study, FLC
 10-12 - CEC, Theater
 4-6 - Angel Food Sign-up - FLC

Saturday, June 13

9-11 a.m.- Angel Food Sign-up, FLC

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.

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Emergency
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June 5-7
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