

First United Methodist News

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Rev. William Cheyne

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June 5, 2008

ACROSS DAVID'S DESK

The Prayer Room is now dedicated and open for use. Located on the second floor next to Memorial Chapel, you may use the Prayer Room any time the building is open. My hope is that the room becomes a well-worn favorite for First Church.

Sunday, June 8th, a group of newly trained Stephen Ministers will be commissioned in worship. Stephen Ministry is a lay care-giving ministry which First Church has provided for over twenty years. Stephen Ministers are congregation members with gifts for care-giving; who have received fifty hours of training in providing emotional and spiritual care; who will listen, care, pray, support and encourage. Stephen Ministers will "be there" for his or her care receiver. Not only do we covet your prayers and personal support for our Stephen Ministry, we invite you to be available to receive care from a Stephen Minister. We all go through trying times. We have periods when we rightly need additional support. Grief, job loss, empty nest, divorce, major illness, financial hardship, and many other circumstances become places we need "out of the ordinary" support. Stephen Ministers are trained and available to be a supportive presence of the grace of God to you. They do not judge or counsel. They listen, support, encourage and pray. They are 100% confidential, free, and very helpful.

To have a Stephen Minister all you need to do is ask. Ask any pastor and we will get the referral accomplished in short order. I believe in Stephen Ministry because it works.

Annual Conference is June 8th - 11th in Hot Springs. Our Lay Members to the Annual Conference are Ruth Davis, Jeanne Ledbetter, Taylor Prewitt and Larry Weir. Alternate delegates are Nadine Hardin Miller, Richard Aclin, Cole Goodman, Janna Newton and Clifford Davis. Your four appointed pastors and our retired pastors will be in attendance. Arkansas native Bishop Max Whitfield is the Conference preacher. First Church's Chancel Choir will be singing at the Ordination Worship on Tuesday evening, June 10th, when Reverend Beth Turner will be Ordained an Elder in The United Methodist Church. I ask that you prayerfully support the work of the Annual Conference.

In worship we are following John Wesley's Three Simple Rules: 1) Do No Harm; 2) Do Good; 3) Stay in Love With God. Simple rules that guide us in a complex world.

Coming soon: VBS Celebration Sunday, June 22nd. 11:00 joint worship in Family Life Center!

Let's Do Good on Sunday!
David Orr

-SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2008, AT FIRST CHURCH-

Rev. David Orr will preach at the 8:30 Roebuck Chapel and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary services. His sermon is entitled, "Do Good" and his scripture text is Acts 10:38. Rev. Stephen Dickinson will preach at the 11:00 Family Life Center service. Rev. Beth Turner and Rev. Janice Sudbrink will be Liturgists. Acolytes will be Jon Jamell and Zak Kimes. Lay Readers will be 8:30, Patricia Fant, 11:00, Nancy Baker.

Gaye McClure will be the soloist at the 8:30 offertory time. The Chancel Choir's anthems will be "Clothed in Righteousness" by Craig Courtney and "A Blessing" by Gerhard Schroth.



As of Monday, May 26, 2008 the following members were listed in the hospitals:

St. Edward:
Floy Looper
Tom Cooley

Sparks:
Champ Hinton
Brian Gaines

BY YOUR GIFTS . . .

Rec'd this weekUpdate next week
Rec'd to date.....\$555,220
Budgeted to date..... \$700,119

Please pray for the following who are serving in our U. S. Military:

Ben Hurst, Patrick Hayes, Jacob, Matthew and Luke Bouxsein, Walt Scales, Jeff Nester, Chuck Bowen, Richard McKinnie, Cody Kennon, Brad Bost, Heath Peters, Brandon Hattabaugh, Jacob Bolin, Clint Wilson, Michael Parker, Christina Bargiel, Patrick Ellis, Ellen Driggers, Rick Whittaker, Christopher Herrmann, Timothy Gean, Dwalyn Clayborn, V. J. Devine.

Destination Station's Bible Verse for June Psalm 121:2

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Foundation Information

How long has it been since you updated your Will? Does it carry out your wishes? Does it leave any gift to the church to carry on the ministry after your death? FUMC Foundation is here to assist you.

Methodist Men's Clubs
Thursday Noon Bible Study & Lunch (\$4.00)
Friday Morning Bible Study & Breakfast (\$4.00) June 13 - Ted Goodman teaching Ezekiel 25:1-28:26.

Relay for Life (American Cancer Society)
First Church Cancer Support Group is participating in Relay for Life (a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society being held on June 13, at Southside High School.

Advertise for FSFUMC and Support your Relay for Life Team! Buy a FUMC Polo Shirt for \$22.00

Shirts available on Sunday mornings in the Narthex or church office during the week.



VBS BEACH PARTY!

T-shirt sales and registration will be June 1, 8, and 15. If you haven't already gotten yours, stop by the VBS tables on the 2nd floor above the Narthex. Size quantities are limited, so get yours soon.

Open Dates for



Altar Flowers
We have the following dates open for Altar Flowers: **June 8, 22, and 29.** If you would like to put flowers on the altar in memory or in honor of someone, just call the church office for more information, 782-5068.



Judy Newton and family on the death of her brother, Don Billingsley, Jr. of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

United Methodist Women Sub-groups meeting Tuesday, June 10th

"Naomi" will meet with Kay Aclin, 3315 South 27th St. at 10:00 a.m.
"Elizabeth" will meet with Mary Edwards in Room M105 at 1:30 p.m.
"Hannah" will meet at Willowbrook at 10:00 a.m.
"Ruth" will meet with Kathleen Coleman, 3200 So. 55th St. at 11:00 a.m.



Just a reminder we will be taking Angel Food orders through Sunday at 12:30. If you haven't tried Angel Food yet, maybe this month would be a great time. We would be happy to also accept donations, which we will take in memory of or in honor of a recipient of your choice, if you choose to do it that way. Acknowledgment cards will be sent for you. Thank you so much for your support of this ministry - with your help, we do continue to grow !!

Honorariums

In Honor of Amy K. Ashwood on her graduation from UAMS - Rose Bethell
In Honor of Leigh Bowers & Keagan Dust - Cole Goodman
In Honor of Cornelia Schardt, Cassie Elwonger and Jeanne Starr - Dusti Miller



**Heading to College??
Need Financial Help??**

Apply now for a First UMC scholarship. We have applications available in the church office, or you may print one off, from our website, www.fsfumc.org Applications are due by July 2, 2008. For more information, contact Rev. Beth Turner, 782-5068.



**Vacation Bible School -
June 16-20**

**Beach Party! Surfin'
Through the Scriptures**

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

- _____ Decorating
- _____ Art Prep Work

During VBS we need:

- _____ Shepherding - traveling with kids from station to station
- _____ Kid's Art
- _____ Drama
- _____ Games and Playground
- _____ 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 the church, 782-5068 or Stacy Stites at 452-7761 to volunteer. We need everyone to make VBS a huge success for the children.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

***You are invited to a reception
honoring
Rev. Beth Turner
on
Sunday, June 15, 2008,
in the Narthex,
immediately following the 11:00 a.m.
worship services.***

***We will also be giving Rev. Turner a
love offering. If you would like to contribute
to this love offering, mail your check to
the church and mark it for Rev. Turner.***

The Weekday School

has a wonderful teaching position available for the 2008-2009 school year. Wouldn't you love to spend Tuesdays and Thursdays with smiling little 3-year olds? Wouldn't you love to be a part of a great group of women who laugh and lift each other up? If so, the Weekday School has the job for you. Call Paige Ingram or Christie Jacobs, 782-8855, for more info.

S.O.S.S. (Savers of Strange Stuff)

VBS needs **bright** colored beach umbrellas, a surf board, boogie boards, some bright colored beach towels, and bright colored Adirondack chairs. Anything that would lend itself to our VBS theme: BEACH PARTY! Surfin' Through the Scriptures. Thank you, The FUMC VBS Team.

Mark your calendars!

**for a combined 11:00 a.m. worship service in
the Family Life Center
on June 22nd
VBS Sunday**

Memorials

In Memory of King Collier - Katherine Croom; Mr. & Mrs. Jack Freeze; Olen & Billie Gist; Richard & Jaunice Griffin; Jerry & Jane Hartfield; Bob & Nadine Miller; Dave & Pat Shaw; Maurine Slates; Finley & Evelyn Turner; Lori Hardin & Mike Willis; June & Jim Alexander; Billie Berry; George & Betty Gaines; Jack & Louanna Green; Linkous Construction Co.; Carl & Wilma McCauley; Fern Taylor
In Memory of Mary Frances Beasley - Jim & June Alexander; Violet Isaacks; The Tony Leraris Family; Susan & Mike Schulte; Elaine E. Watson; Ron & Rebecca Yates
In Memory of Elmer & Werthena Bumgardner and Darlene LeValley - Mr. & Mrs. David Hutcheson
In Memory of Dorothy Council - Ione S. Ney; Amy Scales; The Prentiss Ware Family
In Memory of Libby Edwards - Violet Isaacks
In Memory of Pauline Gordon - William E. Dark
In Memory of L.T. Hicks - John & Rosemary Ayers

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE**

June 1, 2008

Class	Attendance
Infants	
Toddlers	5
2 yr. olds	6
3 yr. olds	7
4 yr. olds	5
Kindergarten	7
Grade 1and	
Grade 2	
Grade 3and	
Grade 4	21
Grade 5	
Grade 6	10
CHILDREN'S DIV.	61

Grade 7, 8, 9,	
Grade 10,11, & 12	15
YOUTH DIV.	15

Aldersgate(Room M105)	24
Believers (Room M308)	7
Builders*(RoomM209)	34
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	75
Cornerstones*(Room M311)	7
Disciples*(Room M312)	21
Discussion*(Room M301)	38
Encouragers (Room M310)	12
Friends (Room M103)	12
Gleaners (Room M201)	34
Good News (Room M202)	7
Le Menage*(Room M306)	7
Roundtable*(Room M213)	25
Seekers*(Room M107)	10
Uplifters*(Room M205)	33

ADULT TOTALS	346
General Officers	4
*Made their quota	
TOTALS	426

Worship:	
8:30	77
11:00 Family Life	165
11:00 Sanctuary	292
Wed. Communion	48
TOTALS	582

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, June 8

8:15 - Prayer Team, M203
 8:30 - Holy Grounds Café Open
 8:30 - Worship, Roebuck Chapel
 8:30-12:30 - Angel Food Sign-up, FLC
 9:30-10:45 - Library Open, M211
 9:45 - Sunday School
 11:00 - Worship, Family Life Center
 11:00 - Worship, Sanctuary
 5:00 - Jr. High Youth, Loft & Gym
 7:00 - Sr. High Youth, Loft & Gym

Wednesday, June 11

11:00 - Prayer Team, Memorial Chapel
 5:30 - Communion, Roebuck Chapel
 6:00 - Praise Team, Gym
 6:15 - Prayer Team, Memorial Chapel
 7:00 - Knitwits, Narthex
 7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Monday, June 9

6:30 - Boy Scouts, 3rd Floor

Thursday, June 12

10:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Narthex
 12:00 - UMM Lunch/Bible Study, FLC
 6:00 - Campaign Trng., Dinner, Fireside

Tuesday, June 10

1:30 - Archives Open, M204
 5:30 - St. Ministry, FLC101

Friday, June 13

6:30 - UMM Breakfast/Bible Study, RC
 10:00 - CEC Movie Time, M219

**Our 10:00 a.m. Uplifters Class and
 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
 June 6-8
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