

First United Methodist News

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Rev. Claire Hoffman

Rev. William Cheyne

Rev. Herschel McClurkin

June 11, 2009

A Message from Reverend Janice Sudbrink

Even though school is out and spring has turned to summer, FSFUMC has not slowed down! Here are just a few ways that God is working in the lives of our congregation to make disciples of Jesus Christ during the month of June.

- Our youth left Wednesday for Wilmore, Kentucky. They will spend 5 days sleeping under the stars while attending ICHTHUS. They will worship and fellowship with over 20,000 other youth and their leaders from around the country.
- Next Monday, adult and teen volunteers will welcome over 150 children to Vacation Bible School. Our church will be transformed into Camp E.D.G.E. (Experience, Discover, God Everywhere). Meeting new friends, singing songs, playing games and discovering new and wonderful things about our awesome God makes VBS a great week!
- A new ministry is being started to reach out even more to our neighboring community. Fifteen or more volunteers from our church will help St. John's Episcopal Church make sandwiches and sack lunches on the first and third Thursdays of every month. These sack lunches help feed 160 homeless people per day.
- During the last several weeks, the Angel Food Ministry has worked long hours gathering donated items for the auction, which was held last Saturday. Through the generosity of our community and our church, this event raised \$7100. This money will help our church provide meals for individuals and families who are feeling the effects of our economy. The Angel Food ministry will also make a donation from the proceeds of the auction to the building of the West District Habitat Home.
- Faithfully on the last Sunday morning of **every** month, volunteers gather to cook breakfast at the church in order to raise funds for the Backpack for Kids Program that helps to feed children in our community who otherwise go hungry.

In the midst of all these happenings, United Methodist laity and pastors from all over Arkansas will gather in Rogers this week as a unified body of Christ for our Annual Conference. I am very humbly grateful to all of you for the love and support extended to me and my family during the last six years of seminary and the probationary process for ordination. Because of your faithfulness and support, on Tuesday evening, I will stand before God, the Bishop and a great cloud of witnesses and pledge to serve God in both Word and Service as a Deacon of the United Methodist Church.

Thank you Fort Smith First United Methodist Church!
Rev. Janice

-SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2009, AT FIRST CHURCH-

Rev. Janice Sudbrink will preach at the 8:30 Chapel and 11:00 Sanctuary services. Her sermon is entitled, "Answering the Call" and her scripture text is Exodus 3:1-10. Rev. Stephen Dickinson will preach at the 11:00 a.m. Connexion service. Rev. David Orr and Rev. Claire Hoffman will be Liturgists. Acolytes will be Kelsey Vickery and Lindsay Vickery. Lay readers are: 8:30, Gary Newton, 11:00, Janie Weber.

Rachel Paul will be soloist at 8:30 and 11:00. The Chancel Choir's anthem will be "Bring Us Together, Lord" by Michael McCabe. Blakeley Knox and Dalton Jones will sing at the 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary service.



As of Monday, June 8, 2009 the following members were known to be in the hospital:

St. Edward:

Margaret Hendricks
Wendy Dooly

Sparks:

Anna Lee Felton
Helen Forbes
Frank Anderson

BY YOUR GIFTS. . .

Rec'd this week.....\$25,600
Rec'd to date..... \$689,239
Budgeted to date.....\$757,101

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, Dwalyn 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.

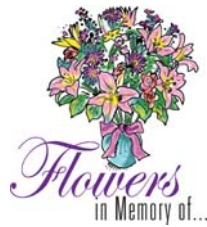
Methodist Men's Clubs

Thursday, Noon Lunch, June 18, 2009, Bob Hawkins will teach John 2.
Friday Morning Breakfast, June 19, 2009, Dr. Boyd Saviers will teach Luke 11.

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."



The Altar Flowers for Sunday, June 14, 2009, are placed in memory of Rev. Bob Orr. Given by his wife, Oleta and family, Mike and Carol, David and Janie, Bobby, and James.

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.

Shoal Creek Camp for Jr. & Sr. High Grades 7-12

June 15, 3pm -June 19, 11am

Praise Band "The Common Thread" will help campers ponder who is excluded and pushed to the margins in our world today, and to consider how they might extend an invitation to others beyond camp to "Breakthrough" to the way of Christ. Campers will have Bible Study, swim, do journaling, hike and make new friends among lots of activities.

To register: Contact Barry Faulkner, Journey UMC, 4235 Kelly Hwy., Fort Smith, AR 72904. Phone (479) 431-7366. Email: journey-amy@yahoo.com

Cost: \$100, includes T-shirt.



Sandra Adams and family on the death of her brother-in-law, James Barnes.

Martha Paris and family on the death of her Aunt, Mary Louise Joyner Covington.

Clay York and family on the death of his grandfather, Edward York.



SAVE THE DATE!

On June 28, the Women's Ministry will be hosting an Independence Day Celebration! From 5-8 p.m. enjoy hot dogs, hamburgers, ice cream, games, live bands, face painting and a parade.

Come celebrate the 4th of July early and in style with the Women's Ministry. There will be things to enjoy for all ages. Bring your children and parents to this event. More information coming soon!



Clu b 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.

**Mark your calendars!
Combined Worship Service
in the Family Life Center
on June 21st
to celebrate
Vacation Bible School!**



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 1st - completed 6th grades.

Participation in Friday night's performance is
mandatory.



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

VBS is looking for camping gear . . . Pup tents that
do not need to be staked, lanterns, sleeping bags,
small pine trees (like small decorative Christmas
trees), back packs or anything that would lend itself
to our Camp E.D.G.E. theme. We would also like to
have a giant stuffed brown bear.

Please bring any items on Sunday to the
information desk in the FLC with your name on them,
so that we may return them to you after VBS. Thank
you.

Elizabeth Thames
VBS Chairperson 2009

*In grateful appreciation of 52 years of
service in the United Methodist Church
the members of Kibler United Methodist
Church cordially invite you to a*

**Retirement Reception
in honor of**

**Reverend Herschel H. McClurkin, Jr.
and Mrs. Mardell McClurkin**

Sunday, June 28, 2009

2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

**Kibler United Methodist Church
Skokos Christian Family Life Center
Kibler, Arkansas**

No gifts please

There will be an informational meeting
on June 24, 7-9pm, in the Fireside room
regarding a trip to the Holy Land. A one
hour presentation will be given of the
tour. The trip is March 2-10, 2010. Any
and all questions answered. Join us.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE
June 7, 2009**

Class	Attendance
Infants	6
Toddlers	
2 yr. olds	2
3 yr. olds	
4 yr. olds	15
Kindergarten	
Grade 1	
Grade 2	
Grade 3and	
Grade 4	27
Grade 5	
Grade 6	7
CHILDREN'S DIV.	57
Grade 7, 8, 9,	
Grade 10,11, & 12	
YOUTH DIV.	
College	1
Aldersgate(Room M105)	14
Believers (Room M302)	5
Builders (RoomM209)	24
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	32
Cornerstones*(Room M311)	16
Disciples Room M312)	6
Discussion*(Room M301)	47
Encouragers*(Room M303)	16
Friends (Room M103)	6
Gleaners (Room M201)	31
Good News (Room M202)	6
Le Menage (Room M306)	-
Roundtable (Room M213)	17
Seekers* (Room M107)	11
Uplifters*(Room M205)	32
ADULT TOTALS	264
General Officers	2
*Made their quota	
TOTALS	323
Worship:	
8:30	69
11:00 Family Life	135
11:00 Sanctuary	225
Communion	51
TOTALS	480

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, June 14

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

Wednesday, June 17

8:30-12 - VBS
 12:00 - CEC Board Meets, FLC101
 5:30 - Communion, Roebuck Chapel
 6:00 - Joy of Signing, Conf. Rm.
 6:00 - Praise Team, Gym
 7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Monday, June 15

8:30-12 - VBS
 6:30 - Boy Scouts, 3rd Floor

Thursday, June 18

8:30-12 - VBS
 12:00 - UMM Lunch/Bible Study, FLC

Tuesday, June 16

8:30-12 - VBS
 1:30 - Archives Room Open, M204

Friday, June 19

6:30 - UMM Breakfast/Bible Study, FLC
 8:30-12 - VBS
 10:00 - Pacesetters, Parlor

Saturday, June 20

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
 June 12-14
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