

First United Methodist News

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June 17, 2010

ACROSS DAVID'S DESK

June 20th is Father's Day. As a father (I don't want to call attention to the fact that I need a new fishing pole and a new fishing hat; but), I want to remind everyone that Father's Day is Sunday! . . .

Mr. Webster was on target when he said: "If we work on marble it will perish. If we work on brass, time will efface it. If we rear temples, they will crumble to dust. But if we work on men's immortal minds, if we imbue them with high principles, with just fear of God and love of their fellow-men, we engrave on those tablets something which time cannot efface, and which will brighten and brighten to all eternity."

I begin this tenth year as your Senior Pastor with great humility and great hope. Humility, because I know the tasks and responsibilities before me are more than I can meet on my own. Hope, because I know you and I know God; and, that means no one is going it alone. It is a blessing beyond description to serve as your pastor and to serve alongside our pastors and staff and laity. I commit to you that you have my best. This will be a good year for First Church as we put our energy into the people God loves.

Now, to paraphrase Mr. Webster: "If we work on children's and young people's immortal minds, . . ." Vacation Bible School is June 21st through 25th. This is the week of all weeks for our congregation's ministry to children. There will be lots of fun and friendship. There will be Bible stories and Christian faith provided in and through everything. There will be food for the body and food for the soul. The theme for VBS is "High Seas Adventure". Leigh Norton, Marcie Salamone, Kelly DeSoto and Sally Ware are giving world-class leadership to VBS. Join me in prayerful, loving support of VBS.

VBS Celebration: Sunday, June 27th, 11:00 in Family Life Center
8:30 Worship in Chapel -- 11:00 One service in FLC

Sunday, July 4th

One Worship Service @ FUMC -- 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary
(Chapel, Connexion and Sanctuary services will unite in the Sanctuary @ 10:30)
Patriotic theme: Wear your red, white and blue!

See you Sunday,
David Orr

-SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 2010, AT FIRST CHURCH-

Rev. David Orr will preach at the 8:30 Chapel and 11:00 Sanctuary services. His sermon is entitled, "Renewal" and his scripture text is Psalm 42. Rev. Stephen Dickinson will preach at the 11:00 Connexion service. Rev. Janice Sudbrink and Rev. Claire Caldwell will be Liturgists. The acolytes will be Dakota Gibson and Gabby Wright. Lay readers are: 8:30 John Cooley, 11:00, Tom Ashwood.

The St. James Youth Handbell Choir will play at the 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary service. This handbell choir is one of the best in the state. The Chancel Choir's anthem is "Praise Christ, Alleluia!" by Eugene Butler.



As of Monday, June 14, 2010, there were no members listed in the hospital.

BY YOUR GIFTS . . .

Rec'd this week.....\$65,726
 Rec'd to date.....\$807,831
 Budgeted to date.....\$798,048

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

Doug Wilderman, Robert Henley, Jack Dunn

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?

Methodist Men's Clubs

Thursday Noon Lunch/Bible Study, June 24, 2010 - Rev. Aaron Barling will teach Romans 1.

Friday Morning Breakfast/Bible Study, 6:30 a.m., June 25, 2010 - Ben Reid will teach Acts 13.

Destination Station Bible Verse for June

John 4:39

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

Altar Flower Openings

We have the following dates open for altar flowers: **July 4, 11, and 18.** If you would like to put flowers on the altar just call the church, 782-5068.

The Altar Flowers



for Sunday, June 20, 2010 are placed in loving memory of Dr. Douglas Parker, Jr. His family was so blessed to have

been able to be a part of his life and journey on this earth. Given by his wife, Melissa, his children, Ashley, Brandon, and Joe, his grandchildren Wade and Zoie, his parents Doug and Loretta and his brother Kyle and his family.



Freda Manchaca and family on the death of her husband, Victor Manchaca.

Michelle Zimmerman and family on the death of her grandfather, Rev. Archie Boyd.



We rejoice with:

Trey and Tammie McClurkin on the birth of a son, Hayes Ruel McClurkin. Paternal grandparents are Rev. Herschel and Mardell McClurkin.

Chapel Class

Roebuck Chapel - 9:50-10:30

Invites you to Sunday School

June 20 - I Thessalonians 3

June 27 - I Thessalonians 4:1-12

July 4th - Because of the worship

time change we will have our

lesson from 9:45-10:15 on July 4th -

I Thessalonians 5:1-11

PLEASE NOTE!

Your editor will be on vacation June 21-25, so please send any info you need in the Newsletter to Jill at the church or email her at jcrowell@sfumc.org



Sign up Now for VBS June 21-25
Join us for a High Seas Adventure!

Drop off time 8:30-8:40 on the 16th Street lawn. (In case of rain drop off in the Family Life Center)

Pick up time is 12noon.

T-shirts (optional) \$8 each.

Art Project Blanket \$10 each

Questions: Call Sally Ware(782-5068) or Leigh Norton (478-8980).

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: _____



Prayer Requests and Prayer Chain

If you would like to receive the email prayer requests for our church, call the church office or send Janice an email at jsudbrink@fsfumc.org

The prayer chain is sent out on **Wednesday afternoon**. If you have a prayer request, you can call the church office or send Janice an email. If your email changes, please let us know so that you may continued to receive the prayer requests.

Rio Bravo Mission Trip 2011

Our next mission trip to Rio Bravo will be **March 28-April 3, 2011**. This mission trip will be medical, dental, construction and Vacation Bible School. Mark your calendars and begin discerning God's call for you for this mission trip. Questions, call Janice at the church, 782-5068.

All Women of FUMC.

There's still time to sign up!!!!!!

The Women's Ministry of First United Methodist Church Fort Smith will be going to the Women of Faith Imagine Conference in August.

The Event is August 27-28 in Tulsa at the BOK Center.

We have arranged for a bus to take us from First Church to Tulsa on Friday August 27th in the morning and to bring us back to Fort Smith on Saturday evening. The bus will also shuttle us from the Hotel to the BOK Center. We will be staying at the Holiday Inn Tulsa City Center for one night.

This event is for all women of faith who want a deeper and more meaningful relationship with Christ. It is a couple days of rejuvenation, inspiration and fellowship with other women.

The total cost is \$200 per person. This covers the conference, hotel, bus, 2 lunches and a T-shirt.

For more information about our trip please call or e-mail Claire Caldwell.

Or visit www.womenoffaith.com and locate the Tulsa event. You can also watch preview videos there of the Imagine Conference.

Please help the poor and homeless this summer.

I tell you the truth, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to Christ will certainly not lose his reward. *Mark 9:41*

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in. *Matthew 25:35*

The Community Rescue Mission is collecting



bottled water to distribute to the poor and homeless this summer. Last year they distributed over 3,000 bottles of water. Please bring your donations of bottle water to Janice's office. Your donations are greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Marcie Salamone at 479-434-6145.

Thank you so much for showing Christ's love to those in need.

Worship Service Time Change!



On Sunday, July 4th, we will have one combined worship service in the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m.

Immediately following the worship service,

we will come together as a church family for a BIG 4th of JULY Celebration with a meal, fun, games, and fellowship in the Family Life Center



Vacation Bible School Sunday is June 27th

We will combine the 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary service and the 11:00 a.m. Connexion service and meet in the Family Life Center for worship on June 27

Memorials

In Memory of Odell Yocum, Lawrence LaChance and Richard Hartigan - Mary & Harry Shipley

In Memory of Betty Robertson - Tom Robertson Family

In Memory of Stanley Isaacks, Jr. - Boyd Saviers; Dan & Anne Bowen

In Memory of Auda Faye McConnell, Bernard Brockman, Tommie Hargrove and Mary Minta Thompson - Boyd Saviers

In Memory of Susan Smith - Janice & Bob Powell

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
 ATTENDANCE
 June 13, 2010**

Class	Attendance
Infants	9
Toddlers	
2 yr. olds	
3 yr. olds	
4 yr. olds	4
Kindergarten	5
Grade 1	
Grade 2	
Grade 3 and	22
Grade 4	
Grade 5 and	
Grade 6	5
CHILDREN'S DIV.	45
Grade 7, 8, 9,	
Grade 10,11, & 12	
YOUTH DIV.	14
Aldersgate(Room M105)	17
Believers (Room M302)	2
Builders (RoomM209)	19
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	46
Cornerstones*(Room M311)	24
Disciples Room M312)	11
Discussion*(Room M301)	35
Encouragers (Room M303)	12
Friends (Room M103)	-
Gleaners (Room M201)	37
Good News (Room M202)	-
Le Menage (Room M306)	5
Roundtable (Room M213)	14
Seekers (Room M107)	8
Uplifters*(Room M205)	38
College & Career	-
ADULT TOTALS	268
General Officers	4
*Made their quota	
TOTALS	331
Ethnos Youth	
Worship:	
8:30	77
11:00 FLC	173
11:00 Sanctuary	225
Wed. Communion	33
TOTALS	508

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, June 20

8:30 - Holy Grounds Café Open
 8:30 - Worship, Roebuck Chapel
 9:45 - Sunday School
 11:00 - Worship, Sanctuary
 11:00 - Worship, Family Life Center
 12:00 - VBS Set-up, Gym

Wednesday, June 23

8:30-12:00 - VBS
 5:30 - Communion, Roebuck Chapel
 6:00 - Praise Team, Gym
 7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Monday, June 21

8:30-12:00 - VBS
 11:30 - Bible Study, FLC102
 12:00 - Finance, FLC101
 6:00 - Campus Ministry, Conf. Rm.

Thursday, June 24

8:30-12:00 - VBS
 10:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Narthex
 12:00 - UMM Lunch/Bible Study, FLC

Tuesday, June 22

8:30-12:00 - VBS
 9:00 - Dorcas Meets, FLC102
 1:30 - Archives Open, M204

Friday, June 25

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

Our 10:00 a.m. Uplifters Class and our 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary service are broadcast over KFPW 1230 AM.

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. Janice Sudbrink
 Emergency
 on call Minister for
 June 18-20
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