

First United Methodist News

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June 19, 2008

ACROSS DAVID'S DESK

To say that Vacation Bible School is a hit is like saying Tiger Woods is an OK golfer! Wow, the joy and vitality of the children at VBS is staggering and invigorating. 242 children opened VBS with us on Monday, and new faces were added daily! Dozens of adults and teens were at their posts to teach and feed and hug and enjoy and play with and lead these beautiful children. Staci Stites and Elizabeth Thames are the directors for VBS this year and have been outstanding. Sally Ware and Kelly DeSoto are our staff people working with this group and they have given remarkable leadership.

Vacation Bible School Children

Lead in Worship,

June 22nd, 11:00 a.m.

Family Life Center

One 11:00 Combined Service this Sunday in FLC

There will be singing and sharing and preaching and praying for everyone!

Be part of the blessing of worship on June 22nd.

We have been blessed by the life and ministry of Rev. Beth Turner. Her final sermon with us on Sunday was a word from the Lord to stay in love with God. The farewell reception was filled with smiles and tears of gratitude and earnest words of appreciation. Thank you for being part of the reason her ministry here has been fruitful and meaningful.

Let me say again that it is a joy and a privilege to return to Ft. Smith First UMC for my eighth year as your Senior Pastor. Janie and I love you and are committed that this will be our best year yet at FUMC. Rev. Stephen Dickinson and Rev. Janice Sudbrink both return to First Church as Associate Pastors. Rev. Claire Hoffman is appointed as our newest Associate Pastor and will be in worship with us on Sunday, June 29th. You are a gracious, thriving congregation and we are each grateful for the supportive relationship we are granted as your pastors.

Let's have a great year,
David Orr

-SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2008, AT FIRST CHURCH-

Rev. Stephen Dickinson will preach at the 11:00 a.m. combined services in the Family Life Center. His sermon is entitled, "Believe" and his scripture text is John 20:25-29. Rev. Janice Sudbrink will preach at the 8:30 Chapel service. Her sermon is entitled, "Be Bold: Reach Out and Touch Jesus" and her scripture text is Mark 5:25-34. Lay Reader for 8:30 is Ami Griggs.

Rylee Norton will be the soloist at the 8:30 offertory time. The Vacation Bible School participants will lead us in music for the Family Life Center combined service.



As of Monday, June 16, 2008 the following members were listed in the hospitals:

Sparks:

Mina McCoy
Don Flanders
Virginia Paul



The Altar Flowers for Sunday, June 22, 2008, are placed in loving memory of our Mother, Ruth Harris on what would have been her 91st birthday. We

are also honoring at this time, our Father, Rusty Harris and brother Russ Harris, Jr.

Are you looking for a part time job while attending college?

The Child Enrichment Center needs two employees to work from 2:30-5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. We have happy children who need a loving and caring teacher. If you are interested, please contact Valerie Hubbard, 782-1574.

BY YOUR GIFTS . . .

Rec'd this week.....\$21,556
Rec'd to date.....\$633,381
Budgeted to date..... \$800,136

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

Ben Hurst, Patrick Hayes, Walt Scales, Jeff Nester, Chuck Bowen, Richard McKinnie, Cody Kennon, Brad Bost, Heath Peters, Brandon Hattabaugh, Clint Wilson, Michael Parker, Christina Bargiel, Patrick Ellis, Ellen Driggers, Rick Whittaker, Christopher Herrmann, Timothy Gean, Dwalyyn 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

Who needs estate planning? Every adult who is legally competent, that owns anything and cares about who receives it at the time of their disability or death. In addition, estate planning is necessary for anyone who wants to leave a bequest for the church.

Methodist Men's Clubs

Thursday Noon Bible Study & Lunch (\$4.00) June 26 - Rev. Aaron Barling teaching from Matthew 26.

Friday Morning Bible Study & Breakfast (\$4.00) June 27, Dr. David Phillips teaching Ezekiel 33:1-39:29

Open Dates for Altar Flowers

We have the following dates open for Altar Flowers: **July 6, 13, 20, 27.** 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.

Infant Baptism

We rejoice with Jerry and Jennifer Jenkins on the baptism of their son, Joshua Ridge Jenkins on May 10, 2008.

and

We rejoice with Leigh Bowers on the baptism of her son Keagan Alexander Dust on May 10, 2008.



We welcome Jeff and Andrea Sutton to our church family by transfer from another denomination. Jeff and Andrea joined in the 11:00 a.m. Family Life Center service on June 15, 2008.

Thank you!

A huge thank you to the 47 who rode the bus (to eternity and back!)* and the 12 who took their own cars to Hot Springs in order to lead worship or witness the Ordination Service at Annual Conference. Our Chancel Choir was joined by the Morrilton UMC choir and the Hot Springs First UMC choir. Combining those 70 singers with our brass and timpani, the sound was gloriously uplifting. Thank you. We all watched so proudly as Rev. Beth Turner was ordained and Revs. Claire Hoffmann and Peter Weber were commissioned. What a special treat it was to witness Sadie Joy Ledbetter baptized by Bishop Crutchfield! The connectional nature of our United Methodist is a wonderful thing to witness, especially at Ordination. Next year, Annual Conference will be held in Rogers—closer to home! (*ask a rider what that means!)



Teeny & Tiny two year olds need a terrific teacher.

Job perks: Lots of hugs, smiles, laughter, and love.

Hours: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday - 8:45-2:15, beginning August 18. Contact Tiffany Null, CDO Director, 462-2771.



Ira Jones and family on the death of his brother, Charlie Jones of La Jolla, California.

A Message from the "Relay for Life" team. . .

I'm sorry I can't be at church on Sunday. I wanted to thank our congregation for supporting our team in the Relay for Life event. Last year I only participated in the Survivor Walk. But the seed was planted. I wanted a team so I could help raise money for cancer treatments and awareness. With the wonderful people we had in our support group I knew we would have a great team. Most of us on our team are cancer survivors and all of us have a vested interest in more research, better treatments and raising awareness of this wretched disease.

It is my pleasure to report that the First United Methodist Church WWJ Gang raised \$2,837.00 in team donations and \$1,042.00 for 208 Luminaries. Raising so much money for such an important cause makes me want to shout with joy. I thank the Lord for allowing me to participate in such a great event and to work with such outstanding people.

Many blessings,
Tom Fleri



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 the church office, 782-5068.

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 Christie Jacobs, 782-8855, for more info.

Vacation Bible School Sunday

this Sunday

June 22, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.

with a

Combined Service

in the

Family Life Center.

To: All Fort Smith First United Methodist Church Members and Staff

Henry and I want to thank all of you from the bottom of our hearts. Your love and support throughout our time here has been phenomenal. The love offering is most appreciated and even more the many ways you have shown your generous love to us these past two years. It is not easy to leave you for we have truly come to love each of you but we know that we are not completely leaving you for we will always hold you in our hearts. Continue to "Stay in Love with God" and share that love with all just as you have with us and God will continue to bless Fort Smith FUMC. Our door will always be open and if you come our way please stop by and say hello.

God Bless you,

Beth and Henry



**Summertime Fun for
children
continues at First Church
with:**

Marvelous Movie Mondays:

July 21 and 28 - 1-3 p.m. for
ages K through 6th grade. Cost: \$2 for soda,
popcorn and candy

Wonderful Wednesdays:

July 23 - 9:45 a.m. - 5:15 p.m. - Jones Center &
Pizza Cost \$10

July 30 - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Lokomotion
(sack lunch) Cost \$20. Ages: completed 1st
through 6th grades

Music Camp:

August 4-8 - 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Monday
through Thursday and 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon on
Friday. Cost \$15 - Bring a sack lunch Mon-Thur.
Ages: completed 2nd grade - completed 6th grade.
Participation in Friday night's performance is
mandatory.

Children must be pre-registered for all summer
events. Registration forms are available
throughout the church or in the church office. To
register for Marvelous Movie Mondays, just call
the church office, 782-5068.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE**

June 15, 2008

Class	Attendance
Infants	6
Toddlers	4
2 yr. olds	
3 yr. olds	7
4 yr. olds	8
Kindergarten	6
Grade 1and	
Grade 2	
Grade 3and	
Grade 4	25
Grade 5	
Grade 6	6
CHILDREN'S DIV.	62
Grade 7, 8, 9,	6
Grade 10,11, & 12 (trip)	28
YOUTH DIV.	34
Aldersgate(Room M105)	24
Believers (Room M308)	6
Builders*(RoomM209)	33
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	47
Cornerstones*(Room M311)	20
Disciples*(Room M312)	25
Discussion*(Room M301)	42
Encouragers*(Room M310)	10
Friends (Room M103)	7
Gleaners (Room M201)	37
Good News (Room M202)	4
Le Menage (Room M306)	4
Roundtable*(Room M213)	22
Seekers*(Room M107)	12
Uplifters*(Room M205)	28
ADULT TOTALS	321
General Officers	4
*Made their quota	
TOTALS	421
Worship:	
8:30	84
11:00 Family Life	120
11:00 Sanctuary	325
Wed. Communion	30
Youth Trip	28
TOTALS	587

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, June 22

8:15 - Prayer Team, M203
 8:30 - Holy Grounds Café Open
 8:30 - Worship, Roebuck Chapel
 9:30-10:45 - Library Open, M211
 9:45 - Sunday School
 11:00 - Combined Worship in
 the Family Life Center
 5:00 - Jr. High Youth, Loft & Gym
 7:00 - Sr. High Youth, Loft & Gym

Wednesday, June 25

11:00 - Prayer Team, Memorial Chapel
 12:00 - General Staff, Fireside Rm.
 4-6 - Angel Food Sign-up, FLC
 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 23

6:30 - Local Missions, M103

Thursday, June 26

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

Tuesday, June 24

10:00 Dorcas Meets, Fireside Rm.
 1:30 - Archives Open, M204
 5:30 - Stephen Min., FLC101
 5:30 - Family Min., Conf. Rm.
 6:30 - Down Home Singin, Conf. Rm.

Friday, June 27

6:30 - UMM Breakfast/Bible Study, FLC
 10:00 - CEC Movie Time, M219
 4-6 - Angel Food Sign-up, FLC

Saturday, June 28

9-11 - Angel Food Sign-up, FLC

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. Janice Sudbrink
 Emergency
 on call Minister for
 June 20-22
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