

First United Methodist News

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Rev. Stephen Dickinson
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Rev. Herschel McClurkin

June 25, 2009

ACROSS DAVID'S DESK

The celebration of our nation's birthday is big for each and every one of us. Our worship this Sunday will include patriotic music and prayers for this land we love. Because we believe in the separation of Church and State, we will exercise our freedom of religion to pray for the nation, for our leaders, for our military, for our economy, and our future generations. God will be worshipped. Lives will be influenced by the Holy Spirit. Joy will be abundant. Fireworks will be reserved for the out of doors later in the week!

On Sunday afternoon, 4:00 - 8:00, you are invited to an Independence Day Party at First Church. There will be activities inside and outside, food everywhere and plenty of laughs for all. The Women's Ministry of FUMC is our sponsor; the event is for everyone - yes, you are part of everyone.

The Sunday morning schedule returns to custom on Sunday. Be in the service that brings you close to the Lord and be the strength of First Church's faithfulness and witness.

Camp E.D.G.E. was fantastic for our children and every worker in last week's VBS. We are indebted to Elizabeth Thames and Leigh Norton, Directors; to Sally Ware and Kelly DeSoto as staffing Directors; to Nancy Vernon and Heather Carter as staff music leaders; to dozens of teens, teachers, cooks, greeters, custodians, parents and grandparents, and supportive members in ministry for making Camp E.D.G.E. a complete success. The children were blessed. Christ was lifted up. Thank you, one and all!

Finally, you were grandly represented at Annual Conference by Larry and Sharon Weir, Bob and Nadine Miller, and John and Suzie McOlvin. They were conscientious and on the job for you! Something over 80 people from FUMC were at the Ordination Worship on Tuesday to support Janice Sudbrink in her ordination; your support is powerful and humbling. Bishop Crutchfield appointed Stephen Dickinson, Claire Hoffman, Janice Sudbrink and David Orr as pastors at Ft. Smith First UMC. We earnestly return to First Church in the anticipation that God has much to do through this responsive congregation. Pray for us as we pray for you. Let's give thanks together that the Lord has brought us this far and will be faithful to be in our midst as we go forward.

See you Sunday,
David Orr



-PATRIOTIC SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2009, AT FIRST CHURCH-

Rev. David Orr will preach at the 8:30 Chapel and 11:00 Sanctuary service. His sermon is entitled, "Hope Moves Us" and his scripture text is Mark 5:21-43. Rev. Janice Sudbrink will preach at the 11:00 Connexion service. Her sermon is entitled, "Faith That Heals" and her scripture text is Mark 5:25-34. Rev. Claire Hoffman and Todd Vick will be Liturgists. Lay readers are: 8:30, Twyla Brown, 11:00, Nell Barling. Acolytes are Caitlin Bradley and Alexandra Salamone.

Kelly Paul will be the soloist at the 8:30 service. The Chancel Choir's anthems will be "Sound the Trumpet" by Henry Purcell and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" arranged by Roy Ringwald.



As of Monday, June 22, 2009 the following members were known to be in the hospital:

St. Edward:
Sam Allen

Sparks:
Anna Lee Felton
Judy Allen

BY YOUR GIFTS. . .

Rec'd this week.....\$19,977
Rec'd to date..... \$725,432
Budgeted to date.....\$822,936

Please pray for the following who are serving in our U. S. Military: Ben Hurst, Patrick Hayes, Walt Scales, Cody Kennon, Brad Bost, Ellen Driggers, Christopher Herrmann, V. J. Devine, Darson Emery, Jacob Bolin, Luke Bouxsein, Shaun Sorensen.

Foundation Information

Real estate offers opportunities for giving to your church. Consider the gift of vacant land, condominium, commercial property, home, farm, or other types of real estate. You could be entitled to a federal income tax deduction for the fair market value of the property at the time the gift is made.

Methodist Men's Clubs

Thursday, Noon Lunch, July 2, 2009,
Jim Bolin will teach John 4.

No Friday Morning Breakfast, July 3, 2009, due to July 4th holiday. See you again on July 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."



The Altar Flowers for Sunday, June 28, 2009, are in honor of Fran and Sam Bateman on their 55th Wedding Anniversary.

Altar Flower Openings

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

Shoal Creek Camp for Grades 3-6 - Music Camp July 6, 1pm - July 10, 11am

Campers will learn to "Breakthrough" using the talents that God has given them while studying the Bible, hiking, making crafts, eating, learning Festival Music, playing chimes, and making lifetime friends. Cost is \$125, includes T-shirt and canteen. To register: Judy Fraley, 9921 Sylvan Hills Hwy., Sherwood, AR 72120 or call Judy Fraley (501) 835-3410 or Mark Waynick, (479) 783-5908.



Down Home Singin'

is June 28, 6:00 p.m. in Roebuck Chapel. George Mann will be our guest leader. We will join the Independence Day Celebration and have homemade ice cream at 7:00 p.m. Come before the singing at 5:00 p.m. and have a hamburger or hot dog.



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a Harper and family on the death of her grandmother, Joyce Annett Lowrey Chestnut.



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. If you can help us by bringing a container of homemade ice cream, please call Claire Hoffman, 782-5068 or Connie Adrion, 629-1041.

Please note: The alleyway between the buildings will be blocked off from 4pm to 9pm for our Independence Day Celebration, so please park in front or back of the church and not in the alleyway. Thank you.



Breakfast will be ready in the Family Life Center this Sunday, June 28, 8:30-9:45 a.m. The breakfast, cooked and served by the Chapel

Class, is free. All donations for breakfast will be given to the Backpack for Kids program

Pastor's to teach Sunday School in August . . .

Our Pastors have agreed to teach Sunday School in Roebuck Chapel in August. This is a good time to give your Sunday School teacher a rest and for us to enjoy their wonderful teaching. They will be teaching from the *International Lesson Series* in Roebuck Chapel 9:45-10:30 a.m. Here is the schedule:

- Aug. 2 - Rev. David Orr
- Aug. 9 - Rev. Stephen Dickinson
- Aug. 16 - Rev. Janice Sudbrink
- Aug. 23 - Rev. Claire Hoffman



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

"Life of the Party"

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

9am-noon on Friday

Cost \$15 Bring a sack lunch

Ages: completed 1st - completed 6th grades.

Registration forms throughout the church and
in the church office. Register today!

You must be able to participate on Friday night
in order to attend.

*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

Women's Bible Study

A Summer Women's Bible Study on five women of the New Testament begins on July 2, 6:00 p.m. This one hour class will be on Thursday nights in July in room 102 of the Family Life Center. Because classes are independent of each other, you can come when you can and there is no book to buy. We will be studying Elizabeth, Anna, Martha, Mary and Lydia. Rev. Claire Hoffman will be teaching.



When: July 9-10, 2009

Where: Mena, AR

Who: 7th—12th Grade Students

Cost: TBA

Contact Tony Clyde @ 459-5073 or
tcl Clyde@fsfumc.org for info and registration

Memorials

In Memory of Tom Cooley - Dr. & Mrs. David McClanahan; Jerry & Jane Hartfield; Gene & Teija Nelson; Beth Watson; Mrs. R.M. Boal; Donnie & Nancy Green; John & Jorgette Smith; Westfield Insurance; Mr. & Mrs. Robert A. Young, III; Katherine Myles; Thomas & Ginger Blackmon; Craig & Stacy Stites; Employees of Hanna Oil & Gas; Jim Hanna; Sam & Vicci Hiller; Dr. Eldon & Betty Pence; Bob & Cindy Brooks; Don Flanders; Charlie & Carolyn Hubbard; Amanda & Tom Goldsborough; George & Carole Beattie; Wm. McKeever; Cherry & David Goldsholl; Helen Lanier

In Memory of Maxine Cassat - Alan Price

In Memory of Chesolene Brown - Amanda & Tom Goldsborough

In Memory of Mary Russell - Linda Bradley; Rita & Ross Adams and family; Amanda Turner; Virginia Stephen; Family of Junior & Luann Higgins; Kim & Jean Bercher; Dr. & Mrs. James Saviers

In Memory of Gary Huggins - Amanda Turner

In Memory of Darline LeValley - Mr. & Mrs. David Hutcheson

In Memory of Jack Ross - Nancy Taylor; Jane Williams

In Memory of Jeff Shipley - Ernest & Ruth Bartlett; Louanna & Jack Green; Beth & Bobby Knox and family; David & Joanne Phillips; Doug & Susan Linker; James Askew; MAHG Architecture, Inc.; Robert & Nadine Miller; Lee's Chapel Church; Teresa Perkins Gawey; Craig & Mary Jo Rivaldo; Laura & Eric Hartness

In Memory of Will Cousins - Dr. & Mrs. James Saviers

Honorariums

In Honor of Linda Dickson & Dave Whiteis - Jimmie and Dawn Cindle

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE
June 21, 2009**

Class	Attendance
Infants	10
Toddlers	
2 yr. olds	
3 yr. olds	
4 yr. olds	7
Kindergarten	4
Grade 1	
Grade 2	
Grade 3and	
Grade 4	25
Grade 5	
Grade 6	8
CHILDREN'S DIV.	54

Grade 7, 8, 9,	
Grade 10,11, & 12	10

YOUTH DIV.	10
College	3
Aldersgate(Room M105)	22
Believers (Room M302)	4
Builders (RoomM209)	24
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	38
Cornerstones (Room M311)	11
Disciples Room M312)	13
Discussion*(Room M301)	48
Encouragers (Room M303)	11
Friends (Room M103)	8
Gleaners (Room M201)	28
Good News (Room M202)	--
Le Menage (Room M306)	6
Roundtable*(Room M213)	22
Seekers* (Room M107)	10
Uplifters*(Room M205)	31
ADULT TOTALS	279
General Officers	4
*Made their quota	
TOTALS	347

Worship:	
8:30	60
11:00 Combined	
11:00 Service FLC	560
Communion	35
TOTALS	655

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, June 28

8:30 - Breakfast, FLC
 8:30 - Worship, Roebuck Chapel
 9:45 - Sunday School
 11:00 - Worship, FLC
 11:00 - Worship, Sanctuary
 5-8:30 - July 4th Celebration, FLC
 on Lawn & Playground
 6:00 - Down Home Singin', Roebuck
 6:30 - Combined Youth, Loft

Wednesday, July 1

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

Monday, June 29

Thursday, July 2

12:00 - UMM Lunch/Bible Study, FLC
 6:00 - Women's Bible Study, FLC102

Tuesday, June 30

9:00 - Staff, Conf. Rm.
 1:30 - Archives Room Open, M204
 6:30 - Women's Ministry, Conf. Rm.

Friday, July 3

Office Closed for July 4th Holiday

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. Claire Hoffman
 Emergency
 on call Minister for
 June 26-28
 Phone: 459-5060**