

First United Methodist News

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July 8, 2010

ACROSS DAVID'S DESK

An eye witness recounts an event on a cold December day in New York City: A little boy about 10 years old was standing before a shoe store on the roadway, barefooted, peering through the window, and shivering with cold. A lady approached the boy and said, "My little fellow, why are you looking so earnestly in that window?" "I was asking God to give me a pair of shoes," was the boy's reply. The lady took him by the hand and went into the store and asked the clerk to get half a dozen pairs of socks for the boy. She then asked if he could give her a basin of water and a towel. He quickly brought them to her. She took the little fellow to the back part of the store and, removing her gloves, knelt down, washed his little feet, and dried them with a towel. By this time the clerk had returned with the socks. Placing a pair upon the boy's feet, she purchased him a pair of shoes. She tied up the remaining pairs of socks and gave them to him. She patted him on the head and said, "No doubt, my little fellow, you feel more comfortable now?" As she turned to go, the astonished lad caught her by the hand, and looking up in her face, with tears in his eyes, answered the question with these words: "Are you God's wife?"

When we treat people with the love of God, they will wonder if we are, in fact, related to God! I long for the day that people will be so comforted by the loving hands of the Church that they will see God as the reason we have reached out to them. The unbridled love of God is the power that will change our world of hate and selfishness and fear. It is the only power that will change our world. And I borrow the words of a great thinker when I say, "The unbridled love of God has not been tried and found wanting; it has not been tried."

"Are you God's wife?" "Are you God's boy?"

Well, are you?

See you Sunday,
David Orr

-SUNDAY, JULY 11, 2010, AT FIRST CHURCH-

Rev. David Orr will preach at the 8:30 a.m. Chapel and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary services. His sermon is entitled, "Straight Talk" and his scripture text is Amos 7:7-17. Rev. Stephen Dickinson will preach at the 11:00 a.m. Connexion service in the Family Life Center. Rev. Claire Caldwell will be Liturgist. Lay readers will be: 8:30, Ginger Taylor, 11:00, David Staggs.

A Chancel Choir Ensemble will sing at the 8:30 service. The Chancel Choir's anthems will be "O For a Song" by Deborah Govenor and "Our Father" by Mark Hayes.



As of Monday, July 5, 2010, the following members were listed in the hospital.

St. Edward:

Sam Allen
Margaret Hendricks
McKee Cox

Health South:

Regina West
Zuma Dooly

BY YOUR GIFTS . . .

Rec'd this week.....\$17,192
Rec'd to date.....\$905,738
Budgeted to date.....\$897,804

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

Robert Henley, Jack Dunn, Chaplain John Fimple

Foundation Information

Who will receive your property if you and your immediate family are deceased? Consider naming the church as the final beneficiary in your estate plan.

Methodist Men's Clubs

Thursday Noon Lunch/Bible Study, July 15, 2010 - Jane Stauffer will teach Romans 4.

No Friday Morning Breakfast/Bible Study, on July 16, 2010 - Mayor's Prayer Breakfast.

**Destination Station Bible Verse for July
Luke 4:18**

The Lord's Spirit has come to me, because he has chosen me to tell the good news to the poor.



The Altar Flowers for Sunday, July 11, 2010, are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Robert

L. Jones, Jr. by Caroline Jones.

Altar Flower Openings

We have the following dates open for altar flowers: **July 18, August 1 and 29.** If you would like to put flowers on the altar just call the church, 782-5068.

Chapel Class

invites you to Sunday School
Connie Adrion will be teaching II Thessalonias
9:50-10:30 a.m.
Roebuck Chapel



Cathy Howard and family on the death of her brother, K.C. Jones.

Sandra Adams and family on the death of her sister, Joan Ray.

The family and friends of Mrs. Mary Lou Secrest.

The family and friends of Mrs. Velma Whitley.

Laura Blythe, Hayden and Grant Blythe, and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Laura Rose Spencer.



Box Fan Ministry

Help keep our neighbors cool this summer by donating a new box fan. Drop them off in Janice's office or the church office. Fans will be distributed to our neighbors who are without air conditioning.



Shoal Creek Music Camp for grades 3-6 on Monday, July 12, 1:00 pm to Friday, July 16, 11:00 am

Cost is \$125, which includes a T-shirt. To register: contact Judy Fraley (501) 835-3410 or Mark Waynick (479) 783-5908 or Judy Fraley, Sylvan Hills UMC, 9921 Sylvan Hills Hwy, Sherwood, AR 72120

Campers will learn to be "Heroes" by sharing the good news through music. There will be Bible study, crafts, hiking, swimming, playing chimes, learning Festival music and making life-time friends.

August Sunday School Opportunity

Our ministers will be teaching "Jesus and the Parables" in Roebuck Chapel, 9:45-10:30 a.m. in August. Here is the schedule:

- Aug. 1 - Rev. Stephen Dickinson**
- Aug. 8 - Rev. Claire Caldwell**
- Aug. 15 - Rev. Janice Sudbrink**
- Aug. 22 - Rev. David Orr**

This is an opportunity for many of us to be together and to give your Sunday School teachers an August break. Hope to see you there.

The Community Rescue Mission

is collecting bottled water to distribute to the poor and homeless this summer. Please bring your donations of bottled water to Janice's office. Thank you.



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.



Wonderful Wednesday

Be sure to register your child/children for

Wonderful Wednesday

July 14th - Bowling, Pizza, Movie, - \$10

Registration forms are available on line or in the church office.



Please Note:

The church newsletter is now being sent electronically. Please make sure you have given us your current email address.

Also

If you do not have email, please call the church office and we will put you on the list to receive your Newsletter by mail.

Music Camp 2010

"Rescue in the Night"

The story of Daniel in the Lions' Den!

You'll LOVE Music Camp!! We will sing, dance speak, paint, make things, eat, learn and have great fun!

Where: Family Life Center

When: August 2-6

Monday-Thursday: 9-2pm; Friday 9-Noon; Friday 7pm SHOW. You must be able to participate on Friday night in order to attend. Cost \$15. Scholarships available.

Who: All children entering 2nd through exiting 6th grades. You do NOT have to be a children's choir member. You do NOT have to be a member of our church! BRING A FRIEND!

Deadline for registering: July 30th by 4 p.m.

Register by turning in a registration form and \$15 fee per camper. The fee covers two snacks daily, a t-shirt and all supplies.

PLEASE register NOW



Please mark your calendars

for a Blood Drive on
Sunday, July 25, in the
Family Life Center
7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Honorariums

In Honor of Dr. George Everett - Jane Dills Morgan

In Honor of Elaine Hall - Finley & Evelyn Turner

In Honor of Dave Whiteis & Linda Dickson - Larry & Jan Nelson

Memorials

In Memory of Jack Miller - Gladys Ware; Donna & Bill Johnson

In Memory of Victor Manchaca - Gladys Ware

In Memory of Paul Hunter - Disciples Class

In Memory of Mary Frances Beasley, Andrew Core, and Mary Minta Thompson - Grace Ussery

In Memory of Lawrence LaChance - Myrna Sue Lough

In Memory of Ben Hardcastle - Grace Ussery; Patsy & Ralph Perryman

In Memory of Bill White, In Memory of Rev. Archie Boyd - Bob & Nadine Miller

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
 ATTENDANCE
 July 4, 2010**

Class	Attendance
Infants	
Toddlers	
2 yr. olds	5
3 yr. olds	
4 yr. olds	
Kindergarten	3
Grade 1	
Grade 2	
Grade 3 and	
Grade 4	
Grade 5 and	
Grade 6	14
CHILDREN'S DIV.	22
Grade 7, 8, 9,	
Grade 10,11, & 12	
YOUTH DIV.	--
Aldersgate(Room M105)	--
Believers (Room M302)	--
Builders (RoomM209)	19
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	49
Cornerstones*(Room M311)	--
Disciples Room M312)	--
Discussion*(Room M301)	--
Encouragers (Room M303)	--
Friends (Room M103)	--
Gleaners (Room M201)	27
Good News (Room M202)	--
Le Menage (Room M306)	5
Roundtable (Room M213)	17
Seekers (Room M107)	6
Uplifters*(Room M205)	32
College & Career	-
ADULT TOTALS	187
General Officers	5
*Made their quota	
TOTALS	192
Ethnos Youth	
Worship:	
10:30 Combined service	
in the Sanctuary	416
Wed. Communion	48
TOTALS	464

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, July 11

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
 1-9 - Youth Road Trip

Wednesday, July 14

9-2:30 - Wonderful Wednesday, Gym
 5:30 - Communion, Roebuck Chapel
 6:00 - Praise Team, Gym
 7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Monday, July 12

11:30 - Bible Study, FLC102
 1:30 - Shelby Trng., M225
 6:00 - Boy Scouts, 3rd Floor

Thursday, July 15

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

Tuesday, July 13

10-11 - CEC Art Class, M217
 1:30 - Archives Open, M204

Friday, July 16

6:30 - No UMM - Mayor's Prayer Breakfast
 10:00 - Pacesetters, Fireside Rm.
 4-6 - Angel Food Sign-up, FLC

Saturday, July 17

9-11 - Angel Food Sign-up, FLC

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. Stephen Dickinson
Emergency
on call Minister for
July 9-11
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