

First United Methodist News

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Rev. Stephen Dickinson

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July 9, 2009

ACROSS DAVID'S DESK

During the dark days of World War II, England had a great deal of difficulty keeping men in the coal mines. It was a thankless kind of job, totally lacking in any glory. Most chose to join the various military services. They desired something that could give them more social acceptance and recognition. Something was needed to motivate these men so that they would remain in the mines.

With this in mind, Winston Churchill delivered a speech one day to thousands of coal miners, stressing to them the importance of their role in the war effort. He did this by painting for them a mental picture. He told them to picture the grand parade that would take place when VE Day came. First, he said, would come the sailors of the British Navy, the ones who had upheld the grand tradition of Trafalgar and the defeat of the Armada. Next in the parade, he said, would come the pilots of the Royal Air Force. They were the ones who, more than any other, had saved England from the dreaded German Lufwaffa. Next in the parade would come the Army, the ones that had stood tall at the crises of Dunkirk.

Last of all, he said, would come a long line of sweat-stained, soot-streaked men in minor's caps. And someone, he said, would cry from the crowd, "And where were you during the critical days of the struggle?" And then from ten thousand throats would come, "We were deep in the earth with our faces to the coal." We are told that there were tears in the eyes of many of those soot laden and weathered faced miners. They had been given a sense of their own self worth by the man at the top.

There are many who serve Christ that the world will never notice, much less congratulate. Truly, most of us are asked to serve where nobody knows but Christ and ourselves. Without you, there would be no Kingdom victory. With you, with Christ in you, the Kingdom triumphs. So, thank you and God bless you for your quiet, steady, unseen service to Christ.

You give your dollars when it doesn't get you a plaque. You give your time when it doesn't get you a hug. You give your faith when it is a strain. You walk with Christ when the world says you should walk away. You follow Jesus without the applause of the world, but it is not between you and the world. This faith is between you and the Lord, so you follow. And the world is blessed because you are faithful, even when the world cannot see it. Thank you. God bless you.

See you Sunday,
David Orr

-SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2009, AT FIRST CHURCH-

Rev. Janice Sudbrink will preach at the 8:30 Chapel and 11:00 Sanctuary service. Her sermon is entitled, "Adopted, Forgiven and Sealed by Grace" and her scripture text is John 1:1-18. Rev. Stephen Dickinson will preach at the 11:00 Connexion service. Our Youth Minister, Tony Clyde, will be Liturgist. Lay readers are: 8:30, Anna Brown, 11:00, Carol Hall.

Janie Weber will be the soloist at the 8:30 service. The Chancel Choir's anthems will be "He Comes to Us" arranged by Jane Marshall and "I'm Gonna Rise" by Paul Marsena.



As of Monday, July 6, 2009 the following members were known to be in the hospital:

St. Edward:
Jim Hanson
Tony Beattie

Health South:
Laura Rose Spencer

BY YOUR GIFTS. . .

Rec'd this week.....\$21,560
Rec'd to date..... \$778,526
Budgeted to date.....\$888,771

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

Anyone can give an endowment gift. Any size gift may be made as an endowment. You may do this now or as part of your estate plan.

Methodist Men's Clubs

Thursday, Noon Lunch, July 16, 2009, Rev. Janice Sudbrink will teach John 6.

No Friday Morning Breakfast on July 17. See you at the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast at the Holiday Inn City Center @ 6:15 a.m.

Destination Station Bible Verse for July

Esther 4:1

When Mordecai learned of all that had been done, he tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and ashes, and went out into the city, wailing loudly and bitterly.



The Altar Flowers for Sunday, July 12, 2009, are in memory and in honor of Gary Huggins' birthday. Given by Philip and Anna Brown, and

his brothers David Huggins and family, and Charles Huggins and family.

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.

Apologies to

John W. and Rose Mary Ayers, and John Jr., whose names were inadvertently left off the listing for altar flowers last Sunday. They gave the flowers in memory of John G. Ayers on what would have been his 86th birthday and in honor of Wilma Ayers on what would have been their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Shoal Creek Day Camp for Grades 3-4

Tuesday, July 21, 3:00 p.m. to Friday, July 24, 11:00 a.m.

Campers will see how they can make a "Breakthrough" in helping preserve God's universe by learning more about His birds, bees, rock, and trees. Includes swimming, hiking, making crafts, playing, eating and making new friends. Directors: Rev. Herschel and Mardell McClurkin, (479) 632-5822, Cell: (479) 461-5209
Cost is \$85, which includes T-shirt. To register: McClurkins, P. O. Box 33, Alma, AR 72911.

Sub-group "Hannah" will meet at 10:00 a.m. at Willowbrook.

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

Beth Moore Living Proof SIMULCAST - Aug. 28-29

Beth Moore meets you where you live, literally. On August 28-29 Beth Moore is bringing Living Proof Live to her hometown of Green Bay, Wisconsin. Thanks to simulcast satellite, you can attend too. The same soul-stirring worship, the same life-changing teaching, right here in real time. Living Proof Live is a weekend you'll never forget.

FUMC Women's Ministry would like you to attend the Live Simulcast. We have an option of going to either Greenwood Baptist Church or The Church at Pinnacle Hills in Rogers. Sign up in the Narthex or Family Life Center starting on July 12, 2009. Tickets will cost \$15.00. One ticket gets you into the two day event. August 9th is the last day to sign up.

Mini-Clinic Sunday, July 12th 8:45-10 a.m.



Blood pressures and diabetes testing will be offered in the Narthex Conference room. For an accurate blood sugar testing, do not eat for two hours prior to glucose testing. Also, stop by the mini-clinic and pick up brochures about blood pressure, diabetes and stroke prevention and detection.



Marvelous Movie Mondays
July 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.

Mark your calendars

for **Sunday, July 26 for the FSFUMC Blood Drive.** Giving blood is a ministry opportunity to give back to our community. Blood supplies are at an all time low due to car and motorcycle accidents. The **Chapel Class will be serving breakfast**, so make plans now to give blood and then have breakfast. All proceeds for the breakfast goes to feeding hungry children through the Back Pack Program in our community. To give blood, you must be 18 years or older. Ages 16 and 17 can give with permission by their parents. **MUST HAVE** an ID with you to give blood.

Memorials

In Memory of Jeff Shipley - Dr. & Mrs. James Saviers; Joe & Jean Boyett; Cole & Staci Goodman
In Memory of Tom Cooley - Richard & Jaunice Griffin; Joseph & Mickey Irwin

Honorariums

In Honor of Rev. Herschel & Mardell McClurkin - Dr. Prentiss E. Ware Family

MUSIC CAMP REGISTRATION "Life of the Party," story of Mary and Martha!

Name _____

Entering grade _____ Special needs _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ How to reach parents during camp hours _____

TEE SHIRT SIZE Child's: 12 14 16 18
 Circle one: OR Adult: Sm Md Large X-Large

Parents:
 I can help from 12:15—2 p.m. on: Mon Tues Wed Thurs
 (We will need at least 3 helpers per day.) Circle one.

I can help hang backdrop on Wed. night at 6 p.m.
 (Does require ladder climbing.) _____ Name

WHAT? MUSIC CAMP WHERE? FAMILY LIFE BUILDING
WHEN? August 3 – 7 Mon-Thurs. 9 – 2 p.m.; Friday: 9 – Noon Friday: 7 p.m. Show
PLEASE NOTE: You must be able to participate on Friday night.
WHO? All children entering 2nd through exiting 6th.

NOTE: DEADLINE for ALL REGISTRATIONS: July 31st, 4 p.m.
HOW? Register by turning in this form to church office and \$15 per camper.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE**

July 5, 2009

Class	Attendance
Infants	4
Toddlers	
2 yr. olds	
3 yr. olds	2
4 yr. olds	5
Kindergarten	3
Grade 1	
Grade 2	
Grade 3and	
Grade 4	17
Grade 5	
Grade 6	8
CHILDREN'S DIV.	39

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

YOUTH DIV.	5
College	1
Aldersgate(Room M105)	18
Believers (Room M302)	3
Builders (RoomM209)	25
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	27
Cornerstones*(Room M311)	17
Disciples Room M312)	7
Discussion*(Room M301)	34
Encouragers (Room M303)	9
Friends (Room M103)	5
Gleaners (Room M201)	26
Good News (Room M202)	-
Le Menage (Room M306)	6
Roundtable (Room M213)	15
Seekers*(Room M107)	10
Uplifters*(Room M205)	32
ADULT TOTALS	235
General Officers	4
*Made their quota	
TOTALS	283

Worship:

8:30	73
11:00 FLC	106
11:00 Sanctuary	208
Communion	41

TOTALS 428

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OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, July 12

8:15 - Holy Grounds Café Open
8:30 - Worship, Roebuck Chapel
8:30 - Angel Food Sign-up, FLC
8:45-10 - Mini Clinic, Conf. Rm.
9:45 - Sunday School
11:00 - Worship, Sanctuary
11:00 - Worship, Family Life Center
5-8 - Roundtable Class, Fireside
6:30 - Combined Youth, Loft

Monday, July 13

Tuesday, July 14

9:00 - Staff, Conf. Rm.
1:30 - Archives Room Open, M204
6:30 - Higher Ed. Mtg., Conf. Rm.

Wednesday, July 15

5:30 - Communion, Roebuck Chapel
6:00 - Praise Team, Gym
6:00 - Prayer Task Force, Conf. Rm.
7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, July 16

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

Friday, July 17

6:30 - Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, City Ctr.
10:00 - CEC, Theater
10:00 - Pacesetters, Fireside Rm.

Saturday, July 18

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. Stephen Dickinson
Emergency
on call Minister for
July 10-12
Phone: 459-5060**