

First United Methodist News

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July 10, 2008



Have you ever celebrated Christmas in July or August? This next Sunday and over the next several weeks, there will be Christmas trees located in the Narthex and in the FLC. Are you wondering why? Because, FSFUMC is being called by God and is taking a huge leap of faith to provide school supplies for our neighbors, Tilles Elementary and Darby Junior High. On each of the Christmas trees, there will be ornaments that will have the supplies that are needed for our congregation to purchase or to donate money. There are approximately 500 students or more in each school. Both of these schools seldom begin the new year with the supplies they need to have a productive and educational school year. This mission project will take **every member in our congregation** to make this dream for these students and teachers come true. On **Sunday, August 24 at 5:00 p.m.** (mark this important date), we will have a **Neighborhood Block Party** for our neighbors and for our congregation that will include supper, games, music, and jump arounds. You will not want to miss this wonderful outreach opportunity to share the love of Christ in a very special Christmas in July (and August) event!

Yet another mission oriented opportunity will come to FSFUMC Saturday, August 16. Our church will host a **Volunteers in Mission training** event for local and international missions and for local and state disaster relief. This training event is for our church members and for the Arkansas UM Conference. The fee for this training is normally \$80.00 but the Arkansas UM conference, in seeing the importance of this training, has committed to supplementing the individual cost, reducing it to \$20.00. Scholarships will also be made available. As we all know, natural disasters have recently hit our own community. First Church, with your participation in either of the trainings, can become one of the leaders in providing relief efforts for disasters. The local/international missions training will enable our church to lead medical and construction teams such as hurricane rebuilding efforts and Rio Bravo Mexico missions.

We are all called to be witnesses for Jesus Christ in our community and in our world. Both of these events are wonderful opportunities for our church to come together as the body of Christ and love God with all our heart and all our soul and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

In His Name,

Rev. Janice

-SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2008, AT FIRST CHURCH-

Rev. David Orr will preach at the 8:30 Chapel and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary service. His sermon is entitled, "Follow in His Footsteps" and his scripture text is John 10:3-5. Rev. Stephen Dickinson will preach at the 11:00 a.m. Family Life Center service. Rev. Janice Sudbrink and Rev. Claire Hoffman will be Liturgists. Lay Readers are, 8:30, Ginger Taylor, 11:00, Marcie Salamone. Acolytes are Brynn Trahan and Kate Truitt.

James Gallaher will be the soloist at the 8:30 Chapel service. The Chancel Choir's anthems will be "Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!" by Howard Helvey and "Fairest Lord Jesus" by Derek Hakes



As of Monday, July 7, 2008 the following members were listed in the hospitals:

Sparks:

Orbie Hopkins
Inez Murdock

St. Edward:

Denise Jones
Paul Morrow
Janie Camardese

BY YOUR GIFTS . . .

Rec'd this week.....\$25,689
Rec'd to date.....\$703,176
Budgeted to date..... \$900,153

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, Dwalyn Clayborn, V. J. Devine.

**Destination Station's Bible Verse for July
Luke 10:42**

Mary had chosen the right thing and it will not be taken from her.

Foundation Information

Consider transferring the ownership of some of your life insurance to the church. The cash value, when given, plus the annual premium, can qualify for a federal income tax deduction.

We welcome

new members Sherrie Shaw and Michael Morris to our church family. Sherri is uniting from another UMC and Michael is uniting from another denomination.

**Methodist Men's Clubs
Thursday Noon Bible Study and Lunch (\$4.00) - Rev. Paul Strang teaching Matthew 27 on July 17.
Friday Morning Bible Study and Breakfast (\$4.00) on July 18.**



Open Dates for Altar Flowers

We have the following dates open for Altar Flowers: **July 27 and August 24 & 31.** 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.



The "JOY" of Signing

Come and be a part of this new and exciting opportunity to learn a new language - "Sign Language". You will learn how to communicate with the deaf and hard of hearing. All ages welcome. We will meet on July 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Narthex Conference Room.

YOU CAN HELP

Twice in one week during June, 911 First Responders were called to FUMC to assist one of our members. Because of cars parked on the street, the First Responder attendants had limited access for the stretcher and their emergency vehicles blocked traffic.

For the safety of our members and our community partners, the Building and Grounds Committee is asking that you PLEASE refrain from parking at the curb side on North 15th and 16th streets and use the parking lots that are near all church entrances.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness,
Building and Grounds Committee



Virginia Schmidt and family on the death of her cousin, James Truman Abbott.

Finley Turner and family on the death of his brother, Zack W. Turner.

Ann Dawson, Courtney Beland, Christie Dawson, Dr. David Dawson and their families on the death of their father and grandfather, J. Fred Patton.

Allyn Donaubauer and family on the death of his father, Elton Henry Donaubauer of Kerrville, Texas.

Everyone invited!

Our Pastors
Rev. David Orr
Rev. Janice Sudbirnk
Rev. Stephen Dickinson
Rev. Claire Hoffman
will be teaching Sunday School in the Chapel Class during the month of August. This is an opportunity to give your regular teacher a summertime break, so join us in Roebuck Chapel during the month of August for Sunday School.

Memorials

In Memory of Donne Gibson, Jr.
Mrs. Bob Gibson
Mr. & Mrs. Bob Gibson, Jr.
In Memory of Jimmy Hanks
Gwen & Hugh Hammersly; Gerald & Carolyn Pirpick; Sue & William A. Pope
In Memory of Helen Mapstone
Katherine Croom; Kathryn Englehart; Stormy & Pat Jenkins; Janice & Bob Powell
In Memory of Angelia Murphy
J. P. & Becky Chancey; Morgan Wright, Jr.



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.



Our next Blood Drive is **August 10**. Summer accidents deplete our local blood supplies. Mark your calendars and plan to give on August 10. First Baptist Church will also have a blood drive in friendly competition with us on the same day. You must be 18 years of age or older to give blood.



Prayer shawl ministry

Our prayer shawl supply is getting very low. We need shawls that reach from finger tip to finger tip and wide enough to cover the shoulders and reach below the waistline. We need them to be made of yarn colors that would appeal to both men, women, and children.

People of all ages are touched and comforted through this ministry so if you knit or crochet, we need your help. Come join one of our knitting/crochet groups for a fun time of fellowship either on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. or Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Narthex.

Holy Conferencing and Prayer Meeting

This Sunday, July 13, more than a dozen United Methodist Churches across our Arkansas Conference will be holding Holy Conferencing and Prayer Meetings in advance of the July 16-19 South Central Jurisdictional Conference in Dallas.

These gatherings will be held from 3:00-4:00 p.m. and will use a common worship liturgy. We hope many Methodists will welcome this opportunity to come together from across Arkansas to pray and talk together.

All United Methodist are invited and urged to attend the Holy Conferencing and Prayer Gathering on **Sunday, July 13, 2008, from 3:00-4:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.** Co-convenors will be Rev. Wade Shownes and Sherron Shuffield. Summer casual is the attire.

We want you to be with us no matter what your role is in the church. We are all one family. Hope to see you this Sunday, July 13, in the Family Life Center Fireside Room from 3-4 p.m.



Music Camp 2008 presents "Joseph, What a Life!"

**Friday evening, August 6
Great Room Family Life Center**

**Spaghetti Supper at 6 p.m.
Adults \$4 Children \$2**

**Show at 7 p.m.
No admission for our show.
A Love Offering will be taken for the
Habitat for Humanity
Fort Smith Chapter**

Mark your calendar and make plans to come watch 42 talented joy-filled children present the story of Joseph and God's Covenant Family!



**SUNDAY SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE
July 6, 2008**

Class	Attendance
Infants	4
Toddlers	3
2 yr. olds	3
3 yr. olds	
4 yr. olds	11
Kindergarten	
Grade 1and	
Grade 2	
Grade 3and	
Grade 4	17
Grade 5	
Grade 6	11
CHILDREN'S DIV.	49

Grade 7, 8, 9,	
Grade 10,11, & 12 (trip)	16
YOUTH DIV.	16

Aldersgate(Room M105)	21
Believers (Room M302)	3
Builders (RoomM209)	26
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	30
Cornerstones*(Room M311)	14
Disciples*(Room M312)	15
Discussion*(Room M301)	44
Encouragers (Room M310)	6
Friends (Room M103)	8
Gleaners (Room M201)	23
Good News (Room M202)	6
Le Menage (Room M306)	6
Roundtable (Room M213)	19
Seekers*(Room M107)	10
Uplifters*(Room M205)	30
ADULT TOTALS	261
General Officers	4
*Made their quota	
TOTALS	330

Worship:	
8:30	71
11:00 Family Life	125
11:00 Sanctuary	251
Wed. Communion	48
TOTALS	495

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, July 13

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 - Worship, Sanctuary
 11:00 - Worship, Family Life Center
 6:30-8:00 - Combined Youth, Loft & Gym

Wednesday, July 16

11:00 - Prayer Team, Memorial Chapel
 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, July 14

Thursday, July 17

10:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Narthex
 12:00 - UMM Lunch/Bible Study, FLC
 6:30 - Angel Food Mtg., FLC101
 7:00 - Sebastian Cty. ER, M107

Tuesday, July 15

9:00 - Staff Meets, Conf. Rm.
 1:30 - Archives Open, M204
 6:00 - Golf Tourn. Mtg., M103

Friday, July 18

6:30 - UMM Breakfast/Bible Study, FLC
 10:00 - CEC Movie Time, M219
 10:00 - Pacesetters Meet, Fireside Rm.

Saturday, July 19

9:30 - Angel Food Pick-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.

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