

First United Methodist News

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Rev. Stephen Dickinson

Rev. Claire Hoffman

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Rev. Herschel McClurkin

July 16, 2009

Investing In Others

I once had a pastor ask me if I knew how to build a church. I thought it was a strange question because I thought that's what God did, but I played along and said, "How?" To which he replied, "One person at a time." This answer seemed pretty elementary but the lesson was profound. There are no magic wands, no special pills, and no fancy gigs that will build the Kingdom over night. Christianity has and always will be a grass roots movement built on personal relationships and biblical principles. That's why it is so important that we continue to reach out and build up.

One of the ways you can help reach out and build up is to participate in our Christmas in July campaign. You may have noticed the Christmas trees in the Narthex, second floor children's area, and FLC. These trees are decorated with ornaments that contain the school supplies needed at Darby Jr. High and Tillis Elementary. Once again we have the opportunity to assist with the educational needs of the children that live right here in our neighborhood. We will celebrate "Back-to-School" with a neighborhood block party on August 30 with food, games, bounce-arounds, fellowship, and the band Run-Kid-Run. This party will give us yet another chance to demonstrate the love of Christ in a very real and tangible way to those we normally don't have any contact with. We're also participating in building a house for a family through Habitat for Humanity. This is a District wide endeavor and you are all invited to be a part of such a humbling experience as providing shelter for a family in need. The groundbreaking ceremony will be Sunday, July 19 at 2:00pm at 618 North 13th. Mayor Ray Baker and others will join us for this special event. If you can't make the groundbreaking ceremony one of the ways you can help is by going to eat pancakes at Applebee's on Saturday, July 25 from 8:00 to 10:00. Tickets are ON SALE NOW and are \$5 each; you can call the district office at 479-783-0385 to purchase your ticket, you can buy one at the door, or you can buy yours at the church this Sunday in the Narthex, on the second floor, and in the FLC. All tips will go toward the building of the house.

CONFIRMATION is just around the corner so for all you 6th graders transitioning into the 7th grade get ready. Tony is planning some neat things so you can learn about Christ and His church in new and creative ways. We also want to open the class up for youth that haven't had the opportunity to go through confirmation. Some missed the class in the past and others have recently joined the church so we encourage you to be a part of this special event. Classes begin August 16th and the class will be confirmed or received into the church on November 22nd. Volunteers, staff, and pastors will all be investing themselves into the lives of our children in an effort to build biblical character and integrity.

Relationships are how you build the Body of Christ and investing in others is how you build relationships. The opportunities to invest are endless. The question you may be asking is, "Where do I start?" If you don't see a place of interest for you to serve others in the newsletter, web site, or flyers around the church, feel free to visit with one of the staff members or pastors and we'll help you get plugged in.

Together on the journey,
Brother Stephen

-SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2009, AT FIRST CHURCH-

Rev. Claire Hoffman will preach at the 8:30 Chapel and 11:00 Sanctuary service. Her sermon is entitled, "Members of the Household of God" and her scripture text is Mark 6:30-34, 53-56. Rev. Stephen Dickinson will preach at the 11:00 Connexion service. Rev. David Orr and Rev. Janice Sudbrink will be Liturgists. Lay readers are: 8:30, Pat Creson, 11:00, Carol Hall. Suzanne Adrion and Claire Hoffman will be the soloists at the 8:30 service. The Chancel Choir's anthems will be "Great Gittin' Up Mornin'" arranged by Mark Hayes and "Jesus Calls Us" by Joy Patterson accompanied by James Gallaher on the clarinet.



As of Monday, July 12, 2009 the following members were known to be in the hospital:

St. Edward:
Jim Hanson
Tony Beattie
Charlene Lane

Washington Regional: Linda Dickson

BY YOUR GIFTS. . .

Rec'd this week.....\$19,381
Rec'd to date..... \$797,908
Budgeted to date.....\$921,688

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

Consider naming the church as a beneficiary of your life insurance or retirement plan. If you have named other beneficiaries, consider naming the church as a secondary or backup beneficiary in case the first beneficiary is deceased at the time of your death.

Methodist Men's Clubs

Thursday, Noon Lunch, July 23, 2009, Rev. Wesley Hilliard, Senior Pastor at Heritage UMC will speak on the Muslim's view of the end of times.

Friday Morning Breakfast on July 24. Jane Stauffer will teach Genesis 13:1-18.

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 of Irene Taylor on her birthday from her sisters, Agnes Davis and Donna Phillips and her brother, Norval Nichols.

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 Day Camp for K-2

**Monday, August 3rd
10:00 a.m - 4:00 p.m.**

Campers will learn to recognize the abundance of God's "Breakthrough" Grace revealed in the natural world they see at camp. There will be hiking, singing, making crafts, hearing Bible stories, playing and making new friends – yet not spending the night. Bring swimsuit, towel and sunscreen.

Cost \$15 - includes T-shirt. Director: Carolyn Ledbetter and Cavanaugh UMC's UMW. To register: Carolyn Ledbetter, 105 Martin Circle, Fort Smith, AR 72908 or call (479) 646-1545.

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



Carroll West and family on the death of his father, Carroll West, Sr. of Casa, AR

Beth Moore Living Proof SIMULCAST - Aug. 28-29

FUMC Women's Ministry would like you to attend the Beth Moore 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.

The Women's Ministry

wants your picture of the Independence Day Celebration! If you took any good shots, send them to Claire Hoffman at the church or email them to her at choffman@fsfumc.org



Christmas trees are around the church adorned with school supply ornaments for both Darby and Tilles.

These schools were very appreciative and grateful for what they received last year and are looking forward to receiving school supplies again this year. Supplies can be dropped off in the boxes next to the trees. And, don't forget to mark your calendars for **Sunday, August 30 for the Neighborhood Back to School Party!**

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.



Upcoming West District Habitat Dates

Habitat House Groundbreaking:
You are invited to join us this Sunday, July 19, 2:00 p.m. at 618 North 13th for the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the West District Habitat House. Mayor Ray Baker and others will join us for this special event.

Applebee's Pancake Fundraiser

Please join us Saturday, July 25 from 8:00-10:00 a.m. at Applebee's for our next fundraising event. Tickets are ON SALE NOW and are \$5 each. Call the district office, 783-0385, to purchase your ticket.

Buy breakfast for a friend and help support our West District Habitat House. All *tips* will go to our build.

Rec'd to date: \$25,000 Goal: \$55,000

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.



Please drop in with family and friends for a celebration of Drucilla Hughart's 80th Birthday Sunday, July 19th 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Narthex *No gifts please.*

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 12, 2009**

Class	Attendance
Infants	7
Toddlers	
2 yr. olds	8
3 yr. olds	
4 yr. olds	10
Kindergarten	3
Grade 1	
Grade 2	
Grade 3and	
Grade 4	21
Grade 5	
Grade 6	9
CHILDREN'S DIV.	58

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

YOUTH DIV. 11

College	
Aldersgate(Room M105)	19
Believers (Room M302)	4
Builders (RoomM209)	28
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	39
Cornerstones*(Room M311)	16
Disciples Room M312)	-
Discussion*(Room M301)	38
Encouragers (Room M303)	11
Friends (Room M103)	9
Gleaners (Room M201)	29
Good News (Room M202)	6
Le Menage (Room M306)	6
Roundtable (Room M213)	19
Seekers*(Room M107)	11
Uplifters*(Room M205)	32

ADULT TOTALS 235

General Officers 4

*Made their quota

TOTALS 340

Worship:

8:30	67
11:00 FLC	211
11:00 Sanctuary	252
Communion	53

TOTALS 583

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, July 19

8:15 - Holy Grounds Café Open
8:30 - Worship, Roebuck Chapel
9:45 - Sunday School
11:00 - Worship, Sanctuary
11:00 - Worship, Family Life Center
12:15 - Connexion Team, Fireside Rm.
2-4 - Birthday Celebration, Narthex
5:00 - Chick Flicks, M219
6:30 - Combined Youth, Loft

Wednesday, July 22

8:30 - Wonderful Wednesdays
5:30 - Communion, Roebuck Chapel
6:00 - Praise Team, Gym
7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Monday, July 20

1-3 pm. - Movies, Theater
6:30 - Boy Scouts, 3rd Floor

Thursday, July 23

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

Tuesday, July 21

9:00 - Staff, Conf. Rm.
1:30 - Archives Room Open, M204
6:30 - Down Home Mtg., M103

Friday, July 24

6:30 - UMM Breakfast/Bible Study, FLC
10:00 - CEC, Theater

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. Janice Sudbrink
Emergency
on call Minister for
July 17-19
Phone: 459-5060**