

First United Methodist News

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Rev. Stephen Dickinson

Rev. Claire Hoffman

Rev. William Cheyne

Rev. Herschel McClurkin

July 23, 2009

ACROSS DAVID'S DESK

How would you like to be part of a church where there are ten smiles to every frown? How about a church where there is something for all ages? Would you want a church that has dynamic worship, relevant to life issues and encouraging your faith life? Does a church with a history of integrity and a readiness to be on new frontiers of Christianity have any appeal to you?

Do you look for a church to be intentional about the study of the Bible? Are you interested in a church that is intentional about the needs of the people in her neighborhood? Does it matter to you if a church is committed to evangelism? Is mission to the world part of your analysis of a church's authenticity in the Body of Christ?

Is it important as you consider a church that a church provides pastoral care to the membership? Do you value a church's commitment to helping people grow as Disciples of Jesus Christ? Would you want to be in a church where classes, recreational opportunities, service to others, and group participation are abundant to facilitate friendship building and inter-personal support?

Do you desire to be in a church where the administration is transparent? Do you think it is a good thing that the membership has a democratic process in determining the direction, program, activity and involvement of the congregation? Would you prefer a church where the members are expected to be providers of ministry? Wouldn't it be nice to part of a church where there is no debt? Is Christian stewardship of finances, time, the earth, talents, and the lives of others important to you?

Would you join a church that has diversity of thought, social status, Biblical understanding, personalities, and worship styles? Do you count it a good thing that a congregation be in a spiritual covenant with other congregations to do the Will and Work of God? Are you looking for a church that uses today's technology responsibly in reaching people for Christ and all aspects of church's mission?

Do you desire a church where Christ comes first; people are more important than programs and facilities; and, fulfilling the Will of God is a shared commitment of the congregation, staff and pastors?

. . . I hope you are saying yes to the questions above. . .because . . . that is a yes to First United Methodist Church. . . Your church home . . . and mine. . .

See you Sunday,
David Orr

-SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2009, AT FIRST CHURCH-

Rev. David Orr will preach at the 8:30 Chapel and 11:00 Sanctuary service. His sermon is entitled, "Super-Size Those Fries?" and his scripture text is John 6:1-15. Rev. Stephen Dickinson will preach at the 11:00 Connexion service. Rev. Janice Sudbrink and Rev. Claire Hoffman will be Liturgists. Lay readers are: 8:30, Ami Griggs, 11:00, Nancy Taylor.

Louann Dooly will be the soloist at the 8:30 service. Jim Cheyne will be soloist at the 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary service and the Chancel Choir's offertory anthem will be "With a Voice of Singing" by Martin Shaw.



As of Monday, July 20, 2009 the following members were known to be in the hospital:

St. Edward:

Denise Jones
Tony Beattie

Sparks:

Harold Owens

Health South, Fayetteville:

Linda Dickson

BY YOUR GIFTS. . .

Rec'd this week.....\$15,051
Rec'd to date..... \$812,959
Budgeted to date.....\$954,606

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

Think about the part you want to play in First Church's future. You have the opportunity to support this ministry in many ways. Naming FUMC as a beneficiary in your estate plan or the making of an endowment gift can assure your continued participation in this ministry far into the future.

Methodist Men's Clubs

Thursday, Noon Lunch, July 30, 2009,
Rev. David Orr will teach John 7

Friday Morning Breakfast on July 31.
Ted Goodman will teach Genesis 14:1-24.



The Altar Flowers for Sunday, July 26, 2009, are placed in loving memory and in honor of Esper Boyer's birthday by Ralph and Patsy Perryman, Joy Keifer, Gary and Tracy Keifer, and her grandchildren.



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!**

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 7-12 - Jr. & Sr. High
Sunday, August 9th -4:00 p.m.

to Wed, Aug. 12th @ 11:00 a.m.

"Crazy for Christ!" directed by Journey Church Youth Asylum. Registration is open - Call (479) 242-2024 to register. NEW low cost is only \$65 and includes all meals and a T-shirt.

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.

Pastor's to teach Sunday School

Our Pastors will teach Sunday School in Roebuck Chapel in August. They will be teaching from the *International Lesson Series*. Time: 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



Gordon Brown and family on the death of his sister, Elizabeth India Knight of Pensacola, FL.

Jerry Hartfield and family on the death of his cousin, Charlotte Robertson in Knoxville, TN and his uncle, Zeb Hartfield of Purvis, MS.

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. Tickets will cost \$15.00. One ticket gets you into the two day event. **August 9th is the last day to sign up.**

Memorials

In Memory of David Forbes - Johnnie Dickey

In Memory of Mary Russell - George & Betty Buckless; Johnnie Dickey

In Memory of Becky Kimbrough - Mary & Harry Shipley

In Memory of Sue Vernon - Mary & Harry Shipley

In Memory of Tom Cooley - Colby, Courtney, Caroline & Benjamin Beland; Mary & Harry Shipley; Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Bradberry, Laura Cunningham, Karen Davis; Pamela & Marshall Yantis

In Memory of Tom Fleri - Colby, Courtney, Caroline & Benjamin Beland

In Memory of Jeff Shipley - Henry & Melissa Udouj; Bill & Toka Beall; Mike & Kathy Redd

In Memory of Tom Condren - Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Bradberry, Laura Cunningham, Karen Davis

Honorarium

In Honor of Nancy Vernon - Dr. William Culp



Upcoming West District Habitat Dates

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.

Down Home Singin', Sunday, July 26th

July's Down Home Singin will be a great event. Gaye McClure will be our guest leader and she is bringing the Chancel Choir with her. With her great ability she will inspire everyone to join in the singing.

Don't forget! Sunday, July 26 at 6pm in Roebuck Chapel. We will be serving watermelon in the Narthex following the singing. Hope to see all of you there and bring a friend.

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.



Join us in the Family Life Center this Sunday, July 26, for a free breakfast from 8:30-9:30 a.m., cooked and served by the Chapel Class. Your donations for the breakfast will be given to the "Backpack for Kids" program at the Clearinghouse.

Stop by the Blood Drive in the Fireside Room and give blood then join us in the Gym for a BIG breakfast.

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

MUSIC CAMP FAMILY LIFE CENTER

August 3 – 7 , Cost, \$15 per camper

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.

All children entering 2nd through exiting 6th.

DEADLINE for ALL REGISTRATIONS: July 31st, 4 p.m.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE
July 19, 2009**

Class	Attendance
Infants	4
Toddlers	
2 yr. olds	3
3 yr. olds	
4 yr. olds	
Kindergarten	14
Grade 1	
Grade 2	
Grade 3and	
Grade 4	24
Grade 5	
Grade 6	11
CHILDREN'S DIV.	56

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

YOUTH DIV. 14

College	
Aldersgate(Room M105)	20
Believers (Room M302)	9
Builders (RoomM209)	22
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	43
Cornerstones*(Room M311)	21
Disciples Room M312)	-
Discussion*(Room M301)	42
Encouragers*(Room M303)	15
Friends (Room M103)	10
Gleaners (Room M201)	29
Good News (Room M202)	6
Le Menage (Room M306)	1
Roundtable (Room M213)	20
Seekers*(Room M107)	13
Uplifters*(Room M205)	34
ADULT TOTALS	285
General Officers	4
*Made their quota	
TOTALS	359

Worship:

8:30	89
11:00 FLC	135
11:00 Sanctuary	252
Communion	53

TOTALS 529

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, July 26

7:30 - Blood Drive, FLC
8:30 - Breakfast, FLC
8:30 - Worship, Roebuck Chapel
9:45 - Sunday School
11:00 - Worship, Family Life Center
11:00 - Worship, Sanctuary
6:00 - Down Home Singin', Roebuck Chapel w/reception, Narthex
6:30 - Combined Youth, Loft

Wednesday, July 29

8:30 - Wonderful Wednesdays
12:00 - General Staff, Fireside Rm.
5:30 - Communion, Roebuck Chapel
6:00 - Praise Team, Gym
7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Monday, July 27

1-3 pm. - Movies, Theater

Thursday, July 30

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

Tuesday, July 28

10:00 - Dorcas Meets, Fireside Rm.
1:30 - Archives Room Open, M204
5:30 - Stephen Ministry, Fireside Rm.
6:30 - Women's Council, Conf. Rm.

Friday, July 31

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. David Orr
Emergency
on call Minister for
July 24-26
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