

First United Methodist News

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Rev. Stephen Dickinson

Rev. Claire Caldwell

Rev. William Cheyne

Rev. Herschel McClurkin

July 29, 2010

ACROSS DAVID'S DESK

I cannot thank you enough, as a church, for the generous heart you have for missions. First Church has a history of paying 100% of our Conference Apportionments, covering our basic missions outreach and participating in the joint/shared ministries of The United Methodist Church. First Church sends mission teams to assist neighbors in Mena when a tornado strikes and to Rio Bravo, Mexico to meet needs there. First Church is engaged with the public schools, helping to provide back to school supplies for students at Tilles Elementary and the required day-planners for Darby Jr. High students.

Angel Food Ministries has been a fantastic way for us to be in a ministry to our members and our community. As was shared on Sunday, our Angel Food Ministry leaders have chosen to suspend our relationship with the Angel Food Ministry organization based in Georgia. Changes are happening at Angel Food headquarters which cause our leaders to take a step back and monitor developments there. Our leaders have exercised sound judgment in working with Angel Food and now in making the difficult decision to suspend this working relationship. Going forward, the opportunity to reconnect with Angel Food Ministry is an option, and looking for other avenues of food ministries will most certainly be investigated. First Church will be in a food ministry to our community. Prayerfully, we will find the path.

We have many devoted, compassionate members who have made Angel Food a blessing to this community and this congregation. My thanks to the dozens who give time, faith, joy, dollars, hard work and love in the name of Christ, making missions a reality at First Church.

The appointed Pastors of FUMC will be the teachers in the Chapel Sunday School in August. A number of classes will combine in the Roebuck Chapel for this series. Stephen Dickinson will begin the series on The Parables this Sunday, August 1, 9:45.

REMEMBER: Music Camp is August 2 - 6, under the direction of Mrs. Nancy Vernon. The Biblical theme is the Book of Daniel. It will be a week filled with good music, good faith, good friends, and general goodness! Friday, August 6th, the congregation is invited to dinner and a show for the Music Camp finale. See you there!

See you Sunday,
David Orr

-SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 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, "Raised with Christ" and his scripture text is Colossians 3:1-11. Rev. Stephen Dickinson will preach at the 11:00 a.m. Connexion service in the Family Life Center. Rev. Janice Sudbrink and Rev. Claire Caldwell will be Liturgists. Lay readers will be: 8:30, Pam O'Kelley, 11:00, Jim Cheyne.

Jim Cheyne will be the soloist at the 8:30 service. The Chancel Choir's anthem will be "Whosoever" by Bob Borroughs.



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.



Christmas in July/August!

We will be helping Tilles Elementary School and Darby Junior High School with their school supplies.

Look for the Christmas trees in the Narthex area, 2nd floor children's area, and in the Family Life Center that will be adorned with school supply ornaments. These schools and our neighbors are very appreciative of FUMC's support and help with school supplies.



First UMC is teaming up with other Methodists churches in our area and the City of Fort Smith to help home owners with the removal of graffiti from their property. The necessary equipment for this ministry has been supplied through a grant from the FUMC foundation and now we need volunteers to help. This ministry will take place on a needs basis and generally takes a couple of hours to remove or to paint over the graffiti. If you would be interested in being a part of this outreach ministry, contact Janice at the office, 782-5068 or email jsudbrink@fsfumc.org



**Music Camp Show 2010
"Rescue in the Night!"**

When: Friday, August 6, 2010 6 p.m.

Where: Family Life Center

What: The story of Daniel and the Lion's Den

Who: 50 + of the youngest missionaries in our church!

INVITED: YOU!

All next week over 50 young missionaries will be working HARD to learn their lines, their solos, paint backdrops, have Bible Study, study our mission project and make great crafts, ALL to present their show and raise money to build

WATER WELLS IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO.

Our conference has adopted this Global Mission Initiative to help one of the poorest nations on the earth. PLEASE come and bring your LOVE OFFERING for the Congo.

Our spaghetti supper will be at 6 p.m. (Adults \$6, children \$4)

Please call the church office to make reservations.

Our show will be at 7 p.m. No charge, just bring a love offering for the Congo.

PLEASE COME SUPPORT OUR YOUNGEST MISSIONARIES!



As of Monday, July 26, 2010, the following members were listed in the hospital.

St. Edward:
McKee Cox

Sparks:
Regina West
Joe Burgess
Natalie Taylor

BY YOUR GIFTS . . .

Rec'd this week.....\$33,122
Rec'd to date.....\$980,888
Budgeted to date.....\$997,560

Please pray for the following who are serving in our U. S. Military:
Robert Henley, Jack Dunn, Chaplain John Fimple

Foundation Information

Good stewardship requires us to think of the future. Have your estate plan prepared now and include a gift to your church. This is not about you and me. This is about our grandchildren.

Methodist Men's Clubs

NO Thursday Noon Lunch/Bible Study, on August 5, 2010 - See you again on August 12th.

Friday Morning Breakfast/Bible Study, on August 6, 2010 - Ted Goodman will teach Genesis 35.

**Destination Station Bible Verse for August
Jonah 4:2**

You are a kind and merciful God, and you are very patient. You always show love, and you don't like to punish anyone.



Altar Flower Openings

We have the following dates open for altar flowers: **August 29, September 5 & 26.** If you would like to put flowers on the altar just call the church, 782-5068.

**Shoal Creek Day Camp For Grades K-2 - on Thursday
August 5, 10 am - 4 pm**

Cost \$15, includes T-shirt. To register contact Rev. Norm Moyer, cell (479) 206-0375.

Bring swimsuit, sunscreen, towel. If you need a ride to camp, Mardell McClurkin will pick up here at the church at 8:30 a.m. on Aug. 5. Call her at (479) 632-5822 or cell (479) 461-5209.

August Sunday School Opportunity

Our ministers will be teaching "Jesus and the Parables" in Roebuck Chapel, 9:45-10:30 a.m. beginning this Sunday. Come hear our ministers teach us about the lesson that Jesus taught in parables.

Aug. 1 - Rev. Stephen Dickinson will teach the story of the Vineyard Workers.

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.



We rejoice with Jacob and Erin Bouxsein on the birth of a son, Cash William Bouxsein.

Maternal grandparents are Larry and Gail Oakes. Maternal Great Grandmother is Myra Ward.



We welcome Ross and Patty Payne to our church family. They joined by transfer from another denomination at the 8:30 a.m. service on July 25.



Singers Needed!

What a wonderful time it would be for you to join Chancel Choir!!!! We are just starting the fall music and sooner than you expect, we will begin our beautiful Advent music! We always welcome AND need new singers. We need all voice parts, but especially ALTOS and TENORS!

Just come and try it on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. in the choir room. Enter off B Street by the alley. If you let us know you're coming, we'll have a folder and a seat ready for you!

There are no better seats in the house than those in the choir loft! Try choir—you'll like it!!!



Have you moved? Please let us know your new address and phone numbers so that we may keep your

membership record up-to-date. Thank you.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
 ATTENDANCE
 July 25, 2010**

Class	Attendance
Infants	
Toddlers	9
2 yr. olds	
3 yr. olds	7
4 yr. olds	
Kindergarten	
Grade 1	
Grade 2	
Grade 3 and	
Grade 4	15
Grade 5 and	
Grade 6	8
CHILDREN'S DIV.	39
Grade 7, 8, 9,	
Grade 10,11, & 12	
YOUTH DIV.	6
Aldersgate(Room M105)	15
Believers (Room M302)	5
Builders (RoomM209)	17
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	37
Cornerstones*(Room M311)	17
Disciples Room M312)	--
Discussion*(Room M301)	49
Encouragers (Room M303)	13
Friends (Room M103)	--
Gleaners (Room M201)	29
Good News (Room M202)	6
Le Menage (Room M306)	4
Roundtable (Room M213)	16
Seekers (Room M107)	9
Uplifters*(Room M205)	32
College & Career	-
ADULT TOTALS	249
General Officers	5
*Made their quota	
TOTALS	299
Ethnos Youth	11
Worship:	
8:30	81
11:00 FLC	150
11:00 Sanctuary	222
Wed. Communion	53
TOTALS	506

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, August 1

8:30 - Holy Grounds Café Open
 8:30 - Worship, Roebuck Chapel
 9:45 - Sunday School
 11:00 - Worship, Family Life
 11:00 - Worship, Sanctuary
 2:00 - Youth Road Trip

Wednesday, August 4

9-2 - Music Camp, FLC
 12:00 - Christian Learn. Council, Conf. Rm.
 5:30 - Communion, Roebuck Chapel
 6:00 - Praise Team, Gym
 7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Monday, August 2

9-2 - Music Camp, FLC
 11:30 - Bible Study, FLC102

Thursday, August 5

9-2 - Music Camp, FLC
 10:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Narthex

Tuesday, August 3

9-2 - Music Camp, FLC
 1:30 - Archives Open, M204

Friday, August 6

6:30am - UMM Breakfast/Bible Study, FLC
 9-12 - Music Camp, FLC
 10:00 - Pacesetters, Fireside Rm.
 6:00 - Music Camp Dinner, Gym
 7:00 - Music Camp Show, Gym

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. David Orr
 Emergency
 on call Minister for
 July 30-Aug. 1
 Phone: 459-5060**