

# *First United Methodist News*

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*Rev. Mike Morey  
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Rev. Janice Sudbrink  
Rev. Stephen Dickinson  
Rev. Claire Hoffman  
Rev. William Cheyne  
Rev. Herschel McClurkin*

*July 30, 2009*

## **ACROSS DAVID'S DESK**

Thank you for supporting the Blood Drive on Sunday. Our goal was 18 units and you gave 20 units! Rev. Sudbrink tells us that 120 people will benefit from these donations. Friends, that's good ministry.

Join us on Saturday, August 15th for the "Rethink Church Leader Summit" in the Family Life Center from 9:00 a.m. till noon. The event is for anyone and everyone who has a leadership role. You may be a Sunday School worker, a youth counselor, a Stephen Minister, a Sunday School teacher, a Committee Chair, a leader in any EMIM Ministry, a class president, or participant in a ministry group. There is something for everyone in this Summit.

"Rethink Church" is a slogan that you will hear in the coming months. The slogan comes from the General Church and is being used for a variety of endeavors. The United Methodist Church, the Arkansas Annual Conference and Ft. Smith First UMC are giving ourselves to the disciplines of thorough examination because we believe God has a desirable future for us and we want to go to the future God is shaping. "Rethink Church" is a dynamic concept. As we think and rethink our faith and the way we live out our faith, God is at work within us. Nobody loves the Church more than God. "Rethink Church" invites each of us to journey and dwell with God that we might please God. The Leadership Summit is one good way to move forward in Rethinking Church.

Tony Clyde has put the Rethink Church Leader Summit together to help all of us develop as leaders in the life of the church. We will be a stronger congregation as we give ourselves to the insights and understandings of the Summit.

And, put the Neighborhood Block Party and Back to School Bash on your calendar: August 30th, 4:00 p.m. We will be welcoming our neighborhood to the festivities. We'll have burgers and dogs and sodas and games and great friends and wagon-loads of love. Watch for more information. Get involved where you can make a difference. Let's welcome our neighbors in the "Family of God" way.

See You Sunday,  
David Orr

## **-SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2009, AT FIRST CHURCH-**

Rev. David Orr will preach at the 8:30 Chapel and 11:00 Sanctuary service. His sermon is entitled, "Joined and Knit Together" and his scripture text is Ephesians 4:1-16. 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, John Stauffer, 11:00, Dolores Chitwood. Acolytes will be Kate Truitt, Eve Jagers, and Caitlin Bradley

Jim Cheyne will be the soloist at the 8:30 service. The Chancel Choir's anthem will be "More Love to Thee, O Christ" arranged by Gilbert Martin.



As of Monday, July 27, 2009 the following members were known to be in the hospital:

**St. Edward:**

Denise Jones  
Tony Beattie  
Kathleen Staton

**Sparks:**

Harold Owens

**Health South, Fayetteville:**

Linda Dickson

**BY YOUR GIFTS. . .**

Rec'd this week.....\$33,014  
Rec'd to date..... \$845,973  
Budgeted to date.....\$987,523

**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**

We accept endowment gifts. The income will be used for special Church projects. The principle of the gift is never spent and continues indefinitely.

**Methodist Men's Clubs**

**Thursday, Noon Lunch, August 6, 2009,** Scott Price will teach John 8.

**Friday Morning Breakfast, August 7, 2009,** Ben Reid will teach Genesis 15:1-21.



**The Altar Flowers** for Sunday, August 2, 2009 are from the wedding of Ashley McAnally and Brian Beasley.



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.

**Destination Station Bible Verse for August  
2 Corinthians 5:17**

Anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person. The past is forgotten and everything is new again.

**Pastor's to teach Sunday School** in Roebuck Chapel in August. They will be using 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

**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 9<sup>th</sup> is the last day to sign up.**



Glenda Brown, Sheri Cole, Bill Batchelor and their families on the death of their husband, father, and son-in-law, Gordon Brown.

Rev. Aaron and Nell Barling on the death of their nephew, David Robert Barling of Little Rock.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY CEC!**

On August 4, the Child Enrichment Center will be five years old. The CEC opened on August 4, 2004, with five children and a staff of five. Today we have 50 children and 17 employees. We are dedicated to building lifelong learners from newborns until children are kindergarten ready in a nurturing, Christian environment. We strive to provide the highest quality care, developmentally appropriate activities, and experiences based on individual needs that will prepare children for success in school and life.

**Honorariums**

**In Honor of Drucilla Hughart's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday - Myra Ward**



**Music Camp 2009 Spaghetti Dinner and Show**

**"Life of the Party" story of Mary and Martha**

**Join us for dinner and a show in the Family Life Center at 6:00 p.m. Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Please call the church office, 782-5068, to make your dinner reservations**

## First United Methodist Church

**RETHINK CHURCH**  
Leadership Summit  
August 15, 2009  
Fort Smith FUMC

**Time: 9:00 a.m. - Noon**

**A leadership summit  
for all church leaders**

**Rethink Church  
Leadership Summit  
General Sessions:**

### **Rethink Communication & Media Tony Clyde**

Tony Clyde is the youth minister at Fort Smith First United Methodist Church. Tony has worked in ministry with children, youth, and adults for over 14 years in United Methodist churches in Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Missouri. Tony's passion is helping churches discover how to use multi-media technologies to communicate effectively the love of Christ for this world.

### **Rethink Volunteers Todd Vick**

Todd Vick is the Minister of Lay Involvement and Young Adults at Fort Smith First United Methodist Church. Todd has been in ministry with youth and adults for nine years in Arkansas and Oklahoma at the local church, district, conference and jurisdictional levels in the UMC and Young Life. Todd is passionate about helping ministry leaders share the ministry.

## **Rethink Church Leadership Summit Breakout Sessions:**

### **Rod Hocott – Youth Ministry**

Rod Hocott is the Arkansas Conference Minister for Youth and Young Adults, a position he has held for nine of his 41 years in Youth Ministry.

### **Cecilia Kelly – Children & Family**

Rev. Cecilia Kelly has served on the Arkansas Conference Ministries staff as Minister of Children and Families for the past nine years. She serves as a resource person to all the churches in Arkansas. She has 25 years of experience.

### **Aaron Jackson – Worship Arts**

Aaron is the Technology Director at Heritage UMC in Van Buren and desires to equip, facilitate and join with others in establishing consistent, corporate prayer and worship in our region.

### **Todd Vick – Bases Loaded (Risk Management)**

A workshop on risk management in the church. Covering specifics for all areas of church ministry.

### **Tony Clyde - Teaching Effectively**

A workshop on practical tools to enhance teaching in any setting. Participants will encounter effective and practical methods of teaching that will have a lasting impact.

There is no cost to our church members.

There are brochures throughout the church or you may register on line at [www.fsfumc.org](http://www.fsfumc.org).

## **The Bridge: A United Methodist Campus Ministry Receives Vision Team Grant**

First United Methodist Church of Fort Smith and The Bridge Campus Ministry at UA Fort Smith (a ministry of First UMC) are proud to announce that The Bridge is a 2009 recipient of a Vision Team Campus Ministry grant through the Arkansas Conference of the UMC. The Bridge received \$1,600.00 to fund a new ministry to the freshmen at UA Fort Smith titled Freshbridge. Freshbridge will meet two Tuesday's a month during the 09-10 academic year for the purpose of helping freshmen at UA Fort Smith make their transition to college a smooth one, while also reaching out to them with the love of Jesus Christ.

The Bridge Campus Ministry began during the spring semester of 2007 at UA Fort Smith with approval from the university as a recognized student organization. Currently The Bridge offers a free meal for the campus community on Mondays at noon during the school year and a Bible study on Wednesday evenings at 7 PM. In the fall The Bridge will be adding a monthly worship gathering that will meet the second Sunday of the month at 8 PM. In addition to these weekly programs The Bridge hosts a spring retreat every spring, days of service, and special fellowship events through out the school year.

For more information about Freshbridge, The Bridge Campus Ministry or First UMC of Fort Smith visit their web sites at [www.fsfumc.org](http://www.fsfumc.org) or [www.thebridgecampusministry.org](http://www.thebridgecampusministry.org)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
ATTENDANCE  
July 26, 2009**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Infants	7
Toddlers	
2 yr. olds	4
3 yr. olds	
4 yr. olds	
Kindergarten	13
Grade 1	
Grade 2	
Grade 3and	
Grade 4	21
Grade 5	
Grade 6	9
<b>CHILDREN'S DIV.</b>	<b>54</b>
Grade 7, 8, 9,	
Grade 10,11, & 12	
<b>YOUTH DIV.</b>	<b>11</b>
Aldersgate(Room M105)	20
Believers (Room M302)	-
Builders*(RoomM209)	30
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	33
Cornerstones*(Room M311)	14
Disciples Room M312)	8
Discussion*(Room M301)	27
Encouragers (Room M303)	12
Friends (Room M103)	-
Gleaners (Room M201)	31
Good News (Room M202)	7
Le Menage (Room M306)	-
Roundtable*(Room M213)	25
Seekers*(Room M107)	12
Uplifters*(Room M205)	34
<b>ADULT TOTALS</b>	<b>253</b>
General Officers	4
*Made their quota	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>322</b>
<b>Worship:</b>	
8:30	81
11:00 FLC	155
11:00 Sanctuary	228
Communion	44
Down Home Singin	56
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>564</b>

**OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK**

**Sunday, August 2**

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  
 6:30 - Combined Youth, Loft

**Wednesday, August 5**

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

**Monday, August 3**

9-2 - Music Camp, FLC  
 6:30 - Boy Scouts, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

**Thursday, August 6**

9-2 - Music Camp, FLC  
 12:00 - UMM Lunch/Bible Study, FLC

**Tuesday, August 4**

9-2 - Music Camp, FLC  
 9:00 - Staff, Conf. Rm.  
 1:30 - Archives Room Open, M204

**Friday, August 7**

6:30 - UMM Breakfast/Bible Study, FLC  
 9-12:00 - Music Camp, FLC  
 6pm - Music Camp Dinner & Show, FLC

**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. Claire Hoffman  
Emergency  
on call Minister for  
July 31-August 2  
Phone: 459-5060**