

First United Methodist News

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Rev. Stephen Dickinson

Rev. Claire Hoffman

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Rev. Herschel McClurkin

August 6, 2009

ACROSS DAVID'S DESK

Dietrich Bonhoeffer coined the phrase "cheap grace". It is classic:

"Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, communion without confession, absolution without personal confession. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate.

Costly grace is the gospel which must be sought again and again, the gift which must be asked for, and the door at which a person must knock.

Such grace is costly because it calls us to follow, and it is grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs us our life, and it is grace because it gives us the only true life. It is costly because it condemns sin and grace because it justifies the sinner. Above all, it is costly because it cost God the life of God's Son: 'you were bought at a price,' and what has cost God much cannot be cheap for us. Above all, it is grace because God did not reckon God's Son too dear a price to pay for our life, but delivered him up for us. Costly grace is the Incarnation of God.

Costly grace is the sanctuary of God; it has to be protected from the world, and not thrown to the dogs. It is therefore the living Word, the Word of God, which God speaks as it pleases God. Costly grace confronts us as a gracious call to follow Jesus, it comes as a word of forgiveness to the broken spirit and the contrite heart. Grace is costly because it compels a person to submit to the yoke of Christ and follow him; it is grace because Jesus says: 'My yoke is easy and my burden light.'"

It is a wise and a good thing to heed the word of the Martyrs.

See you Sunday,
David Orr

-SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2009, AT FIRST CHURCH-

Rev. David Orr will preach at the 8:30 Chapel and 11:00 Sanctuary service. His sermon is entitled, "Christ: Our Salvation" and his scripture text is John 6:41-51. Rev. Stephen Dickinson will preach at the 11:00 Connexion service. Rev. Claire Hoffman will be Liturgist. Lay readers are: 8:30, Carroll West, 11:00, Bob Swofford.

Sharon and Larry Weir will be the soloists at the 8:30 service. Louann Dooly will be soloist at the 11:00 Sanctuary service and the Chancel Choir's anthem will be "This Little Light of Mine" arranged by Howard Helvey.



As of Monday, August 3, 2009 the following members were known to be in the hospital:

St. Edward:
Hilda Warren
Tony Beattie

Sparks:
Harold Owens

BY YOUR GIFTS...

Rec'd this week.....\$18,970
Rec'd to date..... \$864,943
Budgeted to date.....\$1,020,441

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 in your Will or Living Trust. The gift could be a set dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, the remainder after other gifts are made, or a gift of part of the estate left if designated heirs are deceased.

Methodist Men's Clubs

Thursday, Noon Lunch, August 13, 2009, Carol Matlock will teach John 9.

Friday Morning Breakfast, August 14, 2009, Rev. Aaron Barling will teach Genesis 16:1-16.



Altar Flower Openings

We have the following openings for altar flowers: **Aug. 23 & Sept. 27.** If you would like to put flowers on the altar in memory or in honor of a loved one, call 782-5068.



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!**

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. 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 9th is the last day to sign up.**



We welcome Leslie Horton to our church family. Mr. Horton joined by transfer from another denomination, Sunday, August 2, in our sanctuary service.



James McFarland, John McFarland, Roy McFarland and their families on the death of their son and nephew, Teddy McFarland.

Jean Knox and family on the death of her son-in-law, John Andrew Fettes of Little Rock.

Carol Hinton and family on the death of her father, Shelby McGrew of Ann Arbor, Michigan.



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. this Friday, August 7th

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



Mini-Clinic on Sunday

There will be a mini-clinic Sunday, August 9, from 8:45-10:00 a.m. in the Narthex Conference room. Blood pressure and diabetes testing will be offered.

To have an accurate blood sugar reading, do not eat for at least two hours prior to your testing.

**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.



**To all ladies,
you are
cordially
invited to a**

**Bridal Shower
honoring
Claire Melissa Hoffman
on
Saturday,
August 15, 2009
in the Narthex**

drop in 1-3 p.m.



**We rejoice
with**

Heidi and Keith Wilson on the birth of a son, Luke David Wilson.

Maternal
grandparents are Rev. David and Janie Orr. Great grandmother is Mrs. Oleta Orr. Luke David has two big sisters, Caroline and Helen.



**The
CEC
is
Five Years
Old!**

Thank you to FUMC for your prayers and support of the Child Enrichment Center. As we celebrate five years of service, we realize that without your support, this ministry would not be possible.

Thank you for allowing the CEC to make a difference in the lives of young children.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE
August 2, 2009**

Class	Attendance
Infants	4
Toddlers	
2 yr. olds	5
3 yr. olds	
4 yr. olds	
Kindergarten	14
Grade 1	
Grade 2	
Grade 3and	
Grade 4	18
Grade 5	
Grade 6	7
CHILDREN'S DIV.	48
Grade 7, 8, 9,	
Grade 10,11, & 12	
YOUTH DIV.	10
College	2
Aldersgate(Room M105)	w/Chapel
Believers (Room M302)	w/Chapel
Builders (RoomM209)	23
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	85
Cornerstones*(Room M311)	w/Chapel
Disciples Room M312)	w/Chapel
Discussion*(Room M301)	50
Encouragers (Room M303)	9
Friends (Room M103)	w/Chapel
Gleaners (Room M201)	26
Good News (Room M202)	8
Le Menage (Room M306)	w/Chapel
Roundtable*(Room M213)	20
Seekers*(Room M107)	10
Uplifters*(Room M205)	39
ADULT TOTALS	272
General Officers	4
*Made their quota	
TOTALS	334

Worship:

8:30	75
11:00 FLC	152
11:00 Sanctuary	243
Communion	46
TOTALS	516

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, August 9

8:15 - Holy Grounds Café Open
 8:30 - Worship, Roebuck Chapel
 8:45-10 - Mini Clinic, Conf. Rm.
 9:45 - Sunday School
 11:00 - Worship, Family Life Center
 11:00 - Worship, Sanctuary
 6:30 - Combined Youth, Loft

Wednesday, August 12

12:00 - Christian Learn. Council, Conf. Rm.
 5:30 - Communion, Roebuck Chapel
 6:00 - Children's Council, Café M223
 6:00 - Praise Team, Gym
 7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Monday, August 10

5:30 - Nominations, Conf. Rm.

Thursday, August 13

12:00 - UMM Lunch/Bible Study, FLC

Tuesday, August 11

9:00 - Staff Meets, Conf. Rm.
 12:00 - Exec. Cmte., Pastor's Office
 1:30 - Archives Room Open, M204

Friday, August 14

6:30 - UMM Breakfast/Bible Study, FLC
 4-6 - Angel Food Sign-up, FLC

Saturday, August 15

9-12 - Leadership Summit, FLC
 9-11 - Angel Food Sign-up, 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. Stephen Dickinson
Emergency
on call Minister for
August 7-9
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