

# *First United Methodist News*

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*District Superintendent:*

*Rev. Mike Morey*

*Rev. David P. Orr, Senior Minister*

*Rev. Janice Sudbrink*

*Rev. Stephen Dickinson*

*Rev. Claire Hoffman*

*Rev. William Cheyne*

*Rev. Herschel McClurkin*

*August 13, 2009*

## **ACROSS DAVID'S DESK**

Sunday, August 16th, is our final collection day for school supplies. You are being most generous in your outpouring of support to the students of Darby Jr. High and Tilles Elementary. Just a friendly reminder that the finish line is here. It really is like Christmas in July/August because of you.

Happy 5th Birthday to First United Methodist Child Enrichment Center! Hard to believe it, but "our baby" is growing up! The CEC opened to serve children in August, 2004 with six infants and 10 toddlers. Today, we have fifty children (infants to four-year-olds) and a waiting list. Sally Ware, Children's Ministry Director, has been instrumental from day one in the CEC. Valerie Hubbard has been Director of the CEC since the beginning and is exemplary. The staff of the CEC gives Christian loving care to children and is commended for the ministry they accomplish every day with the children they are nurturing and supporting. First Church has a ministry to celebrate in the CEC.

Music Camp 2009 was a 100% success! 55 children were involved in the week which was full of music, crafts, Bible lessons and interesting facts, games, mission education, mission involvement, a major finale production and memories and fun by the bushel. Nancy Vernon and company gave themselves completely to the children of Music Camp and The Life of the Party, and everyone involved was enriched. The mission focus of the camp was "3 for 1", the Arkansas Conference's commitment to fight Aids, Tuberculosis and Malaria. Music Camp raised \$1,250 for the mission. . . We'll all hear more about "3 for 1" in the coming days. . . And the plans are underway for Music Camp 2010!

Pacesetters is another group I'm just proud of at FUMC. Herschel and Mardell McClurkin lead this group of maturing adults. They meet the 1st and 3rd Friday's of each month in the Fireside Room of the FLC for a program, fellowship and meal. The group has members of FUMC and several sister churches as well. Periodic day-trips are taken as a group to area events and points of interest. They are supportive of one another and are always open to new participants in the group. If you aren't a Pacesetter, you're losing ground!!

Worship binds us together. In the house of God with the people of God we pray and praise and are drawn into the heart of God. Worship is where our congregation "puts it all together" to the glory of God.

See you Sunday,  
David Orr

## **-SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2009, AT FIRST CHURCH-**

Rev. David Orr will preach at the 8:30 Chapel and 11:00 Sanctuary service. His sermon is entitled, "Daily Living" and his scripture text is Ephesians 5:15-20. Rev. Claire Hoffman will be Liturgist. Rev. Stephen Dickinson will preach at the 11:00 Connexion service. Lay readers are: 8:30, Pam O'Kelley, 11:00, Marcie Salamone.

Rylee Norton will be the soloist at the 8:30 service. At the 11:00 Sanctuary service and the Chancel Choir's anthem will be "May Jesus Christ Be Praised" arranged by Courtney and "The Ninety and Nine" arranged by Lloyd Larson.



As of Monday, August 10, 2009 the following members were known to be in the hospital:

**St. Edward:**  
Denise Jones

**Sparks:**  
Harold Owens  
Ralph Perryman

**Healthsouth:**  
Hilda Warren

**BY YOUR GIFTS. . .**

Rec'd this week.....\$33,242  
Rec'd to date..... \$898,185  
Budgeted to date.....\$1,053,359

**Please pray for the following who are serving in our U. S. Military:** Ellen Driggers, Darson Emery, Luke Bouxsein, Shaun Sorensen, Richard Johnson, Terry Blanton.

**Foundation Information**

Did you know that there is no limitation to the size of a charitable gift that may be given to the Church at the time of your death? No matter how large, the gift is deductible for Federal estate purposes.

**Methodist Men's Clubs**

**Thursday, Noon Lunch, August 20, 2009,** Rev. Mike Morey will teach John 10.

**Friday Morning Breakfast and Bible Study, August 21, 2009, 6:30 AM.**

**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.



**Please bring your school supplies for Darby and Tilles this Sunday, August 16.**

We will be delivering these the first of the week since school begins August 19. 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 Christmas 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. 16 - Rev. Janice Sudbrink  
Aug. 23 - Rev. Claire Hoffman



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k Dyer on the death of his sister Leona Muzzle of Fullerton, CA.

**Getting New Eye Glasses?**

Then donate your other ones to the church, and we will take them to the Good Samaritan Clinic once a month. The clinic gives eye examinations once a month and if they need glasses they are free. Just place them in the baskets marked for glasses and cell phones by the office door, the nursery area, the sanctuary, the table on the third floor or the gym in the Family Life Center.

**The Life of the Party Music Camp 2009**

Thank you, thank you to the 55 campers whose mission effort last week raised \$1,300 for the United Methodist Global Health Initiative. Our show about Mary, Martha, Lazarus and their friend Jesus, drew a large crowd. Thank you for coming!



Also a BIG thank you the following helpers, without whom Music Camp would not be possible:

Kelly & Brandon DeSoto, Nancy Turner, Heather Carter, Debbie Hicks, Katherine Oler, Claire Hoffman, Sally Ware, Karla Duncan, Christy Ivey, Becky Trahan, Gabe & Joann Steffey, James Orr, Marvina Hart, Suzanne McCord, Irene Wilbanks, Donna Curry, Mardell McClurkin, Karen Davis, Danta Clyde, Lynda McDaniel, Carole Beattie, Dave Whiteis, Leigh Norton, Dawn Cindle, Rowland Vernon, Nancy Scott, Gail Oakes, Jill Crowell, Janie Standifir, Tory Rogers, Rhonda & Scott Monroe, Steve Patterson, Robert LePerle, Rodney Burkett. Music Camp Assistants were: Suzanne Adrion, Blakeley Knox, Cameron Morton, Bethany Matlock, Rebecca Risley, Lawrence Knox.

**Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Children's Choirs resume**

**Sept. 16th**

**Ladybells resume**

**Sept. 16th**

**Chancel Ringers resume**

**Sept. 16**

**Now would be a great time for "new" singers to join Chancel Choir and "already" singers to return from summer vacations!**

**HAVE FUN—DO GOD'S MUSIC!**

**The Bridge Campus Ministry**

Check out our new website @ [www.thebridgecampusministry.org](http://www.thebridgecampusministry.org)

**First United  
Methodist Church**

**Leadership Summit  
Breakout Sessions:**

August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**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**

**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 Altar Flowers this week are given in honor of Claire Hoffman and John Caldwell Jr., who will be married on



**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.**

**A reminder** that this is the final week to order **Angel Food** for August. Several changes have

**angelfood**  
MINISTRIES

taken place - you can now order anything from the menu without ordering a larger box of food. If you only want a special box or two - feel free to order them by themselves. We are also taking orders on-line now @ [www.angelfoodministries.com](http://www.angelfoodministries.com) - and follow the links to order through FUMC online. You may use a credit or debit card this way. We will soon have the ability to take credit or debit cards at our ordering tables once a month - this should start in October at the church. We were 20 units short last month for donations and if you feel you might like to donate and order or two for a special family, we would truly appreciate it. The menus are posted at the FUMC website. Thanks again for your support.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
ATTENDANCE  
August 9, 2009**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Infants	3
Toddlers	
2 yr. olds	5
3 yr. olds	3
4 yr. olds	8
Kindergarten	6
Grade 1	
Grade 2	
Grade 3and	
Grade 4	
Grade 5	
Grade 6	12
<b>CHILDREN'S DIV.</b>	<b>37</b>

Grade 7, 8, 9,	
Grade 10,11, & 12	
<b>YOUTH DIV.</b>	<b>6</b>
College	2
Aldersgate(Room M105)	w/Chapel
Believers (Room M302)	5
Builders (RoomM209)	23
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	103
Cornerstones*(Room M311)	w/Chapel
Disciples Room M312)	w/Chapel
Discussion*(Room M301)	51
Encouragers (Room M303)	9
Friends (Room M103)	w/Chapel
Gleaners (Room M201)	39
Good News (Room M202)	6
Le Menage (Room M306)	5
Roundtable*(Room M213)	25
Seekers*(Room M107)	11
Uplifters*(Room M205)	34
<b>ADULT TOTALS</b>	<b>279</b>
General Officers	4
*Made their quota	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>306</b>

<b>Worship:</b> 8:30	87
11:00 FLC	191
11:00 Sanctuary	252
Communion	52
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>582</b>

**OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK**

<b>Sunday, August 16</b>	<b>Wednesday, August 19</b>
8:15 - Holy Grounds Café Open	5:30 - Communion, Roebuck Chapel
8:30 - Worship, Roebuck Chapel	6:00 - Praise Team, Gym
8:30 - Angel Food Sign-Up	7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
9:45 - Sunday School	
9:45 - Confirmation Class, Fireside	<b>Thursday, August 20</b>
11:00 - Worship, Family Life Center	12:00 - UMM Lunch/Bible Study, FLC
11:00 - Worship, Sanctuary	1:00 - The Bridge Retreat, Conf. Room
3:00 - District Conference @ Heritage	5:30 - Week Day School Orientation
5:00 - Chick Flicks, M219	
6:30 - Combined Youth, Loft	<b>Friday, August 21</b>
	6:30 - UMM Breakfast/Bible Study, FLC
<b>Monday, August 17</b>	10:00 - Pacesetters, Fireside
Noon - Finance Committee, FLC101	
5:30 - Nominations, Conf. Rm.	
6:30 - Boys Scouts, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor	
	<b>Saturday, August 22</b>
<b>Tuesday, August 18</b>	9:00 - Youth Trip to Little Rock
9:00 - Staff Meets, Conf. Rm.	9:30 - Angel Food Distribution, Gym
12:00 - Trustees, FLC102	
1:30 - Archives Room Open, M204	

**\*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  
August 14-16  
Phone: 459-5060**