

First United Methodist News

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August 20, 2009

ACROSS DAVID'S DESK

Rev. Janice Sudbrink sends the following word on behalf of the Christmas in July mission:

Thank you First Church for your awesome support in supplying our neighborhood schools, Darby Junior High and Tilles Elementary, with much needed school supplies. On Friday, August 14, at noon, the women's ministry and the neighborhood mission team, served lunch and homemade desserts to the Darby teachers and staff. A check was presented to Dr. Farrell, for \$2,035.44. This money will provide each student at Darby with a class planner that they will use everyday of the school year. AA batteries were also a part of the school supplies for Darby. The batteries are for calculators and other electronic devices. Batteries are costly and school budgets often do not cover this cost for an entire school year.

On Monday, August 17 at noon, the same ministry teams served lunch and homemade desserts to the teachers and staff at Tilles Elementary. The school supplies for over 500 students were delivered in time for the teachers to distribute on the first day of school. Bags and bags and bags of crayons, pencils, notebooks, erasers, germ-x, and Kleenex and much more filled a whole conference room at Tilles. A check was also presented to Tilles for \$500 to help buy school supplies for new students and supplies that they run out of throughout the school year.

The teachers and staff at both schools were humbled by the lunches and with the supplies. Both schools are now able to start the new school year with school supplies that are mostly not affordable for the students that attend the schools.

From the staff of Darby and Tilles and from the Women's Ministry and the Neighborhood Ministry teams, thank you First Church for opening your hearts to the needs of our community.

As we put our attention on the Neighborhood Block Party and Back to School Bash on Sunday, August 30th, let's keep the love of Christ moving through us and touching others!

Our West District is uniting to build a Habitat for Humanity home in Fort Smith. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Mike Morey, is inviting United Methodists to contribute \$100 for the home through the "Habitat 100". Janie and I have made that gift and we invite you to participate. Information will be in your hands on Sunday at church!

See you Sunday,
David Orr

-SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2009, AT FIRST CHURCH-

This week begins a four week series entitled "Give Me a Break". Rev. Stephen Dickinson will preach at the 8:30 Chapel and 11:00 Sanctuary service. His sermon is entitled, "Give Me a Break . . ." and his scripture text is Matthew 12:1-8. Rev. David Orr will preach at the 11:00 Connexion service. His sermon is entitled, "Give Me a Break from Work" and his scripture text is Exodus 20:8-11. Rev. Claire Hoffman and Rev. Janice Sudbrink will be Liturgists. Lay readers are: 8:30, Mike Boyd, 11:00, Nancy Baker.

Donna Smith will be the soloist at the 8:30 service. The Chancel Choir's anthem will be "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" by Douglas Wagner. Barbara Jetton, Guest Organist, will play at the offertory time.

IN THE HOSPITAL

As of Monday, August 17, 2009, the following members were known to be in the hospital:

Sparks:
Harold Owens

BY YOUR GIFTS . . .

Rec'd this week.....\$19,166
Rec'd to date.....\$917,351
Budgeted to date.....\$1,086,276

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

Life insurance is a way to make a larger gift to the Church than you might otherwise be able to afford. Consider naming the Church as a beneficiary of any insurance policy.

Methodist Men's Clubs

Thursday, Noon Lunch/Bible Study, August 27, 2009, Ben Reid will teach John 11, Family Life Center.

Friday Morning Breakfast/Bible Study, Aug. 28, 2009, 6:30 a.m., Family Life Center.

Altar Flower Openings
We have the following openings for altar flowers: **September 27, October 11, 18, & 25.** If you would like to put flowers on the altar in memory or in honor of a loved one, call 782-5068.



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. 23 - Rev. Claire Hoffman

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.



Weekly Prayer Chain:

Each week the prayer chain is compiled and sent out by email and also given to those who attend Communion on Wednesday evenings. If you do not have email and would like to receive a copy by mail, contact Jill Crowell in the church office, 782-5068. If you are not currently receiving the prayer chain by email and would like to, call the church office or send Janice Sudbrink an email at jsudbrink@fsfumc.org.



We rejoice with Sara and Chad Lane on the birth of a daughter, Sara Kathryn Lane. Maternal grandparents are Kelly & Marilyn Newton.



If you have a new email address, please notify the church office. We don't want anyone to miss an important email message, so just email your new address to fsfumc@fsfumc.org. Thank you.



Kent Blochberger and family on the death of his mother, Caroline Blochberger of Jefferson City, Missouri.

Kelly DeSoto and family on the death of her grandmother, Eleanor Kane. of Oklahoma City.

Dr. Marvin Mumme, Jr. and family on the death of his father, Lt. Col. Marvin Mumme, Sr. of Montgomery, Texas.



Cancer Support Group

will meet this Sunday, August 23 at 6:00 p.m. in room M201.

Cancer survivors, those going through cancer treatments, spouses, friends and family members are invited to come. This will be an informational meeting about the upcoming events and programs of the year and also a time of fellowship, sharing and caring. **Supper will be provided.** Invite a friend and/or family member.



Hello,

Gentlemen,

It's that time of year again and I'm excited about what Men's Fraternity has to offer us this fall. We will be starting our Bible study, "Winning At Work and At Home" on Thursday, beginning September 3rd at 6:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center. I know that's early in the morning but nothing is better than starting your morning with a group of men all on the same quest – to be better men through Christ. We'll start our Thursdays off with coffee/juice/donuts/fruit/fellowship and God. What a way to start the day! Cost is \$20 per person to cover the cost of workbooks and videos.

Stephen Dickinson

*You are cordially invited to attend the
reception following the marriage of*

*Miss Claire Melissa Hoffman
and
Mr. John Taylor Caldwell, Jr.*

*Saturday, the twenty-ninth of August
Two thousand and nine
at
Three o'clock in the afternoon
in the
Family Life Center Great Room*

2009 Fall Bible Studies at FUMC

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God." John 1:1-2

It's time to get into the word! FUMC had nine different Bible studies that will begin this fall! There is something for everyone. Come check them out in the Narthex or at the info table in the Family Life Center.

Here are the offerings:

Beth Moore, "Seeking the Heart of God through a study of David"

An 11 week in-depth women's Bible study of King David. Monday evenings at 6pm beginning August 31 and Wednesday mornings at 9am beginning September 2.

First Place 4 Health

Focusing on four sides of a person (emotional, mental, physical and spiritual) First Place 4 Health encourages Christ-centered priorities. Led by Rev. Janice Sudbrink. Starting date and time TBA.

Men's Fraternity: "Winning at Work and Home"

A sixteen session study for men that focuses on the two areas that are central to a man's life: family and career. See article on previous page. Starts Thursday, September 3, 6am in Family Life Center.

Invitation to Genesis:

A Short-Term Disciple Bible Study

This 10 week study approaches the book of Genesis not simply as a story of *the* beginning but as a story of *beginnings* from start to finish. To start the 3rd week in September.

Invitation to John:

A Short-Term Disciple Bible Study

An 11 week study that highlights the fourth gospel. Experience the magnificent passages in John including the "I am" statements. Revisit stories only told in John's gospel. To start the 3rd week in September.



**"Becomin g Disciples
Through Bible Study"
"Into the Word, Into the World"
"Remember Who You Are"
"Under the Tree of Life"**

The above long-term, 32 week, Disciple Bible Studies will be also be offered. Dates and times TBA.

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light to my path." Psalm 119:105

**"My ground is the Bible. Yea I am a Bible-bigot. I follow it in all things; both great and small"
John Wesley**

Memorials

In Memory of Carroll West, Sr. - FUMC Chapel Class

In Memory of Tom Fleri, Herb Freeman, Betty Gaines, Gary Huggins, Katie Keating - Carroll & Donna West

In Memory of Mary Russell - Glenn & Dolores Geiger; Ann & Dick Appleton

In Memory of Will Cousins, Tom Cooley - Ann & Dick Appleton

In Memory of Beverly Beman - Charles "Ed" Beman

In Memory of Jeff Shipley - Fred Williams; Colby & Courtney Beland

In Memory of Doris Thornton - Charles & Jeanne Ledbetter

In Memory of Thomas Culp - Lynn B. Dockery

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE
August 16, 2009**

Class	Attendance
Infants	5
Toddlers	
2 yr. olds	6
3 yr. olds	3
4 yr. olds	7
Kindergarten	7
Grade 1	
Grade 2	
Grade 3and	
Grade 4	26
Grade 5	
Grade 6	7
CHILDREN'S DIV.	61

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

YOUTH DIV.	8
College	5
Aldersgate(Room M105) w/Chapel	
Believers (Room M302)	7
Builders (RoomM209)	23
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	80
Cornerstones*(Room M311) w/Chapel	
Disciples Room M312) w/Chapel	
Discussion*(Room M301)	39
Encouragers (Room M303) w/Chapel	
Friends (Room M103) w/Chapel	
Gleaners (Room M201)	31
Good News (Room M202)	7
Le Menage (Room M306) w/Chapel	
Roundtable*(Room M213)	28
Seekers (Room M107)	9
Uplifters*(Room M205)	30
ADULT TOTALS	259
General Officers	4
*Made their quota	
TOTALS	332

Worship:

8:30	73
11:00 FLC	173
11:00 Sanctuary	276
Communion	51
TOTALS	573

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, August 23

8:15 - Holy Grounds Café Open
8:30 - Worship, Roebuck Chapel
9:45 - Confirmation Class, M313
9:45 - Sunday School
11:00 - Worship, Family Life Center
11:00 - Worship, Sanctuary
6:00 - Cancer Support Group, M201
6:30 - Combined Youth, Loft

Wednesday, August 26

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

Monday, August 24

11:30 - Intro to Old Test., FLC102
5:30 - Nominations, Conf. Rm.
6:00 - Cub Scouts, Gym

Thursday, August 27

12:00 - UMM Lunch/Bible Study, FLC

Tuesday, August 25

10:00 - Dorcas Meets, Fireside Rm.
1:30 - Archives Room Open, M204
5:30 - Stephen Ministry, M103
6:30 - Down Home Mtg., Narthex

Friday, August 28

6:30 - UMM Breakfast/Bible Study, 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. David Orr
Emergency
on call Minister for
August 21-24
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