

# ***First United Methodist News***

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***Rev. David P. Orr, Senior Minister***

***Rev. Janice Sudbrink***

***Rev. Stephen Dickinson***

***Rev. Claire Hoffman***

***Rev. William Cheyne***

***Rev. Herschel McClurkin***

***August 28, 2008***

**Dear FSFUMC,**

For the last several weeks, FSFUMC has stepped out in faith and provided barbecue lunches to 160+ teachers and staff at both Tilles and Darby, generously contributed and provided school supplies to over 500 students at Tilles Elementary and supplied daily homework planners for over 500 students at Darby Junior High. This past Sunday evening, over 600 children and adults attended the Neighborhood Block Party. The Family Life Center was transformed into a fun time to be had by all. There was wonderful food, music, signing choir for the deaf, face painting, bounce arounds, Angel Food unit giveaways, and children adorned with glow in the dark cross necklaces. The blessing of Holy Spirit filled fellowship was a God given gift that both awed and humbled those who attended, contributed and served. Open hearts, open doors, and open minds allowed God to lead, guide and empower FSFUMC in this mission outreach. A continued prayer for First Church is that this outreach ministry will grow, that God will multiply faithful disciples of Jesus Christ and that the neighborhood will know and come to know God's love, mercy and grace through Jesus Christ.

***"My bothers and sisters, God called you to be free, but do not use your freedom as an excuse to do what pleases your sinful self. Serve each other with love. The whole law is made complete in this one command: 'Love your Neighbor as you love yourself'." ...Galatians 5:13-14.***

**In His Love,**

**The Local Leadership Mission Team**

**-SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2008, AT FIRST CHURCH-**

Rev. Janice Sudbrink will preach at the 8:30 Chapel and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary services. Her sermon is entitled, "Essentials for the Christian Life" and her scripture text is Matthew 16:24-28. Rev. Stephen Dickinson will preach at the 11:00 a.m. Family Life Center service. Rev. David Orr and Rev. Claire Hoffman will be Liturgists. Lay Readers are: 8:30, Ron Powell, 11:00, Joel Parker.

Ferba O'Kelley will be our soloist this Sunday. The Chancel Choir's anthem will be "To Everything There Is a Season" by Ed Harris. Susan McDonald will play the organ at the 8:30 Chapel and 11:00 Sanctuary services.



As of Monday, August 25, 2008 the following members were listed in the hospitals:

**Sparks:**

Richard Griffin  
Charles Piles

**BY YOUR GIFTS . . .**

Rec'd this week.....\$31,584  
Rec'd to date.....\$1,009,280  
Budgeted to date.....\$1,133,526

**Please pray for the following who are serving in our U. S. Military:** Ben Hurst, Patrick Hayes, Walt Scales, Jeff Nester, Chuck Bowen, Richard McKinnie, Cody Kennon, Brad Bost, Heath Peters, Brandon Hattabaugh, Clint Wilson, Michael Parker, Christina Bargiel, Ellen Driggers, Rick Whittaker, Christopher Herrmann, Timothy Gean, Dwalyn Clayborn, V. J. Devine, Darson Emery.

**Destination Station's Bible Verse for August  
I Corinthians 12:5-6**

There are different ways to serve the Lord. We can each do different things, yet God works in all of us and helps us in everything we do.

**Foundation Information**

A gift to the First UMC Foundation is a testimony to your faith and the confidence you have in the ministry of the Church.

**In Our Thoughts and Prayers:**

Larry Weir, Matthew & Michael Weir and their family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Ruth Ann Weir.  
Lucy Gist and family on the death of her cousin, Bill Mosley of Little Rock.  
Maydean Hall and family on the death of her husband, Alvin Hall of Texas.  
Sharon Chapman, Carolyn, Christina & Natalie Chapman and their family on the death of their father and grandfather, Marion Tuteral of Muskogee.

**Methodist Men's Clubs**  
**Thursday Noon Bible Study and Lunch** (\$4.00) - Jim Bolin teaching Mark 5 on September 4.  
**Friday Morning Bible Study and Breakfast** (\$4.00) - Rev. Claire Hoffman will teach Hebrews 9:16-10:39 on September 5.



**The Altar Flowers** for Sunday, August 31, 2008, are placed In Honor of Gary and Jo Ann Campbell's Wedding Anniversary.

**Open Dates for Altar Flowers**

We have the following dates open for Altar Flowers: **September 7, 14, and 21.** If you would like to put flowers on the altar in memory or in honor of someone, just call the church office for more information, 782-5068.

**Women of Faith Infinite Grace Conference 2008" Oklahoma City November 14-15**

Join Rev. Janice Sudbrink and Rev. Claire Hoffman to see what it can mean to rest in God's amazing, infinite grace. Cost is \$160.00 per person with women staying two to a room. **This weekend is the last chance to sign up at the \$160.00 fee.** Sign up tables are in the Narthex.

**Financial Peace University**

is a life-changing program that teaches you how to make the right decisions with your money.  
**When:** Wednesdays, Sept. 17-Dec. 17.  
**Time:** 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$93. for membership kit.  
The class is taught by Dave Ramsey, via DVD. Dave Ramsey is a popular radio personality and author.  
For more info, contact Scott Price, 452-5692.



**Hungry for Fresh Cinnamon Rolls?**

The Child Enrichment Center will be selling coupons for a large box (6) of fresh Cinnabons for \$12.00. If you purchase them at the mall without a coupon you would pay \$14.50 a box, plus tax. These coupons do not expire. You may purchase your coupons on **Sept. 7 & 14** in the church narthex. These coupons would be good to have on hand as the holiday season approaches.

**Now that the Cinnamon Roll** picture above has made you hungry, why not join us for a free breakfast this Sunday, August 31, 8:30-9:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center. All donations for breakfast will be given to the "Backpack for Kids" program at the Clearinghouse.

**Down Home Singin'**

On Sunday, August 31, at 6pm, Jim Cheyne will be our director for the evening. Special music for the evening will be Barber Shop Quartet. Come sing those old time favorites with us in the Chapel. For our narthex gathering, we are asking everyone to make their favorite dessert and bring the recipe with you to share with everyone. Let's see what different kinds of desserts we can come up with to share with everyone.

**Volunteers Needed**

to drive a golf cart to take visitors to and from the parking lots at St. Edward Medical Center. If you are interested in helping with this service, contact Nelson Kimes at 452-5807.

**Honorariums In Honor of Stephen Ministry Teachers - The Elwonges**



**FUMC - Fort Smith  
2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Charity  
Golf Tournament**

**Friday, September 26, 2008**

**8:00 a.m. Shotgun**

**Eagle Crest Golf Course, Alma, Arkansas**

Entry fees: \$400 per team or half price \$200 per team, with 25 mailed donation cards per player.

Proceeds to benefit the Community Clearinghouse Backpack for Kids program and the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Registration forms on line and throughout the church, or call 782-5068 for more info.



If you haven't had a chance yet, take a few minutes to browse the new Angel Food menu on the FUMC website. Angel Food is now offering a 'Senior Box' which is not just for seniors, but is geared toward the person who would like the convenience of a complete meal without grocery shopping, putting the food all together and cooking it. The 'Senior Box' offers ten individual meals that are ready to just heat and serve - all for \$25. Also offered are the fresh fruit and veggie box. There is a lot of variety on the menu this month and something to suit everyone's taste. If you are not interested for yourself, you may want to purchase a unit to donate to a needy person. We have a growing list and would be happy to pass your donation on to someone on the list. We will be taking orders through September 14. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Creson at 629-3379.

**Arkansas Conference Director of Ministries  
to visit Fort Smith . . .**

You are cordially invited to a listening session for laity and clergy in the West District, led by Roy P. Smith, Arkansas Conference Director of Ministries, on Sunday, September 14 from 3-5 p.m. at St. Paul UMC.

At Annual Conference in June the Conference Vision team announced a thorough review of the vision plan and strategic initiatives will be conducted this year. Now is the time to revisit it and renew our focus as a Conference to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

It is very important to hear the voices of as many laity and clergy across the Conference as we can. Please come share your needs, hopes and dreams with us on Sunday, September 14, 3-5 p.m., at St. Paul UMC, 4100 Grand Avenue.



**Mark your calendar for**

**Dr. Jim Fleming**

**September 7 and 8, 2008**

Dr. Jim Fleming will be preaching at First Church on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at the 8:30 Chapel and 11:00 Sanctuary services. He will also continue with his lecture series on Sunday and Monday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

Dr. Fleming is a pre-eminent scholar of Biblical archaeology, history and interpretation. He is unsurpassed in his ability to illustrate and make Biblical texts come alive.

Mark your calendars and plan to join us on Sunday and Monday, September 7 and 8.

**Neighborhood Block Party**

The local mission team invites all that participated, worked, prayed, attended, and those who are interested in serving in local missions to participate in a brainstorming session Sunday, September 7 at 9:45 a.m. in Roebuck Chapel. The response of our neighbors to the party was humbling and exciting. Now that God has opened the door for us to serve our neighbors, your local mission team would like to hear your ideas, hopes and dreams for future projects! More info, contact Janice, 782-5068.

**Children's Choirs Are Almost Here!  
We begin September 10!**

Our wonderful 2008-2009 Staff: Terri Dart, Becky Trahan, Renee Parker, Kelly DeSoto, Jim Cheyne, Alishia Tidwell, Kerri Burris, Nancy Vernon. If you did NOT receive a "CHOIR" letter, call the church office and request one. We'd be happy to send it. PARENTS: Children's Choirs offer YOUR child the opportunity to actually BE "the little child who leads them". Encourage them in their service to God and their church.

**Choir I** - (4yrs-1st grade) 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. Choir I is held in the BibleMAX Theater on the second floor of the main building.

**Choir II** - (2<sup>nd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades) held in Bayliss Hall. All singing 4:00-4:45 p.m. All ringing 4:45-5:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be available for ALL children 3:30-4:00 p.m. in the Gym.

You're gonna' miss some GREAT if you miss Choir!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**ATTENDANCE**

**August 24, 2008**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Infants	3
Toddlers	
2 yr. olds	6
3 yr. olds	
4 yr. olds	11
Kindergarten	8
Grade 1	
Grade 2	
Grade 3and	
Grade 4	32
Grade 5	
Grade 6	18
<b>CHILDREN'S DIV.</b>	<b>78</b>
Grade 7, 8, 9,	
Grade 10,11, & 12	19
<b>YOUTH DIV.</b>	<b>19</b>
Aldersgate(Room M105) w/Chapel	
Believers (Room M302)	6
Builders*(RoomM209)	26
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	104
Cornerstones*(Room M311) w/Chapel	
Disciples*(Room M312) w/Chapel	
Discussion*(Room M301)	42
Encouragers*(Room M310) w/Chapel	
Friends (Room M103) w/Chapel	
Gleaners (Room M201)	38
Good News (Room M202)	3
Le Menage (Room M306)	5
Roundtable*(Room M213)	24
Seekers*(Room M107)	14
Uplifters*(Room M205)	34
<b>ADULT TOTALS</b>	<b>296</b>
General Officers	4
*Made their quota	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>397</b>

**Worship:**

8:30	95
11:00 Family Life	180
11:00 Sanctuary	270
Wed. Communion	56
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>601</b>

**OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK**

**Sunday, August 31**

8:30 - Breakfast, FLC  
 8:30 - Worship, Roebuck Chapel  
 9:30-10:45 - Library Open, M211  
 9:45 - Sunday School  
 11:00 - Worship, Sanctuary  
 11:00 - Worship, Family Life Center  
 6:00 - Down Home Singing, Roebuck Chapel w/reception in Narthex  
 6:30 - Combined Youth, Loft & Gym

**Wednesday, September 3**

12:00 - Christian Learn. Counc., Conf. Rm.  
 5:30 - Communion, Roebuck Chapel  
 6:00 - Joy of Signing, Conf. Rm.  
 6:00 - Praise Team, Gym  
 7:00 - Knitwits, Narthex  
 7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Monday, September 1**

Office Closed in observance of Labor Day Holiday

**Thursday, September 4**

10:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Narthex  
 12:00 - UMM Lunch/Bible Study, FLC

**Tuesday, September 2**

9:00 - Staff Meets, Conf. Rm.  
 11:00 - CEC Speech Thrp., FLC101  
 1:30 - Archives Open, M204  
 5:00 - Bldg., & Grounds, M103  
 5:00 - Nominations, Conf. Rm.

**Friday, September 5**

6:30 - UMM Breakfast/Bible Study, FLC  
 10:00 - Pacesetters, Fireside Rm.  
 11:00 - CEC Speech Therapy, FLC101

**Our 10:00 a.m. Uplifters Class and 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. Janice Sudbrink**  
**Emergency**  
**on call Minister for**  
**Aug. 29-Sept. 1**  
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