

# *First United Methodist News*

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

*September 2, 2010*

## ACROSS DAVID'S DESK

First Church is well served through the capable leadership of our laity. At the Board meeting last Tuesday our Chairperson, Don DeSoto, gave us remarkable leadership. I am so very proud of Don. He is helping First Church to be accountable in the various aspects of the church's life. He is holding the pastors and staff accountable. He is holding the laity accountable. It is a powerful and meaningful experience for the long-term good of our congregation. It is grace in action.

A number of things were dealt with at the Board meeting. In the course of the planned business, a conversation arose that was not quite so "planned". It was a conversation on "Evangelism". Before the meeting was over, it was plain to me that the Administrative Board wants evangelism to be front and center for FUMC. I couldn't be more proud of our leadership. I couldn't be more in agreement on anything than that evangelism deserves to be the priority of First Church.

Our pastors and staff have been working on ways to improve our system of evangelism over the past few months. With the enthusiastic involvement of our leadership and the full congregation, the improvements will grow and this church will be unstoppable!

Evangelism is foundational in the life of the church. I'm not going to argue about the importance of evangelism vs. missions vs. pastoral care vs. Christian education vs. worship. All components of church-life are intertwined and interdependent. Evangelism is in the holy rhythm of "Bring them in; Build them up; Send them out;" in order to "Bring others in; To build them up; To send them out. . ." Jump into that holy rhythm anywhere you want and follow the rhythms; and you will cover about everything of value in the life of the Body of Christ.

Right now, be thankful we have a Savior who forgives us and One we can share with others. Then, we can make our commitment that the work of evangelism can be led by our stated leaders but it can only be accomplished by the whole church working in unity.

Please, stop everything else right now and get a pencil and paper. Write the names of 5 people you know who need Christ, who need a church home, or who need the ministry of First Church reaching out to them. Pray for these people daily. Offer yourself to God as a vessel to be used. Please, stop everything else right now and do this. . .

See you Sunday,  
David Orr

## **-SUNDAY, September 5, 2010, AT FIRST CHURCH-**

Rev. David Orr will preach at the 8:30 a.m. Chapel and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary services. His sermon is entitled "My Life is No Longer Mine" and his scripture text is I Corinthians 9:19-23. Rev. Stephen Dickinson will preach at the 11:00 a.m. Connexion service in the Family Life Center. Rev. Janice Sudbrink and Rev. Claire Caldwell will be Liturgists. Lay readers will be: 8:30, Bob Miller, 11:00, Linda Dickson.

Carrie Vick will be the soloist at the 8:30 service. The Chancel Choir's anthem will be "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" by David Stanley York.



As of Monday, August 30, 2010, the following members were listed in the hospital.

**St. Edward:**  
McKee Cox  
Denise Jones

**Sparks:**  
Zeta Smith  
Joe Burgess

Heart Hospital LR: Blanche Bell  
Wash. Regional: Edythe Jakium

**BY YOUR GIFTS . . .**

Rec'd this week.....\$15,607.45  
Rec'd to date.....\$1,087,806.03  
Budgeted to date.....\$1,163,820

**Please pray for the following who are serving in our U. S. Military:**  
Robert Henley, Jack Dunn, Chaplain John Fimple

**Foundation Information**

Don't wait to have your estate plan prepared. None of us knows when his life will end. Prepare your estate plan now and remember that a gift to your church will help others even after your death.

**Methodist Men's Clubs**

**Thursday Noon Lunch/Bible Study, on September 9, 2010** - Rev. Stephen Dickinson will teach Romans 11.

**Friday Morning Breakfast/Bible Study, on September 10, 2010** - Jane Staufer will teach Genesis 41.

**Destination Station Bible Verse for August  
Jonah 4:2**

You are a kind and merciful God, and you are very patient. You always show love, and you don't like to punish anyone.

*Our Thought and prayers are for:*  
The Family and friends of Jerry Bell and with Aaron Keck and his family on the death of his mother Shirley Keck.

**Volunteer Van Drivers Needed**

1) To Bring elementary children from Cook and Euper Lane Schools at 3:15 p.m. on 12 Wednesdays to the church for Children's Choirs (Sept. 15, 22, 29; Oct. 6,13,20,27; Nov. 3, 10, 17(not the 24<sup>th</sup>);Dec. 1, 8)  
\* We do not have choir if public schools are dismissed for weather.

2) To bring Ethnos Youth Group members to youth group at 6 p.m. and home at 8 p.m. (Would probably need to drive from 5-6 and 8-9 p.m.). You are more than welcome to stay at youth meetings or leave and return.

If you have an interest in helping with these two projects please contact Nancy Vernon (choirs) or Tony Clyde (youth) at 782-5068. We eagerly await angels (volunteers) to call.



**We Rejoice with:**

Mark Denney and Lacey Chamberlain on the birth of a son, Brycen Wayt Denney. Paternal Grandparents are Pat and Norris Creson.

Leah and Chris Ramsey on the birth of a son, Bennett Christopher Ramsey. Maternal Grandparents are Susan and Mike Schulte.

Jay and Hannah Howell on the birth of a son, Brody Thomas Howell, Paternal Grandparents are Ida and Tenny Howell.

Christie Howell on the adoption of Kimberly May and Ruth Charlotte Howell. Maternal Grandparents are Ida and Tenny Howell.

**Children's Choir Begins Sept. 15th!**

**CHOIR I** Age 4 - 6  
4-4:30 pm with Miss Kelly and Miss Renee.

Refreshments and play time 3:30-4:00pm in the gym  
Your choir ends at 4:30 p.m. unless you have an older sibling in Choir II OR unless you speak to Kelly or Renee about a transportation problem.

**CHOIR II** 2nd-6th grades  
Bayliss Hall 4:00-5:30 pm  
Refreshment, play time 3:30-4 pm, in the gym  
We have 45 minutes of singing and 45 minutes of ringing.  
Your choir ends at 5:30 pm.

**We begin rehearsals on September 15<sup>th</sup>.**

You do NOT need to register! Please come and serve your God and your church by using your TALENTS!!!!

**NOTE:**

Parents: we will NOT be operating vans to elementary schools this year. Please carpool!  
If you need help connecting with neighbors who drive in the same direction, contact Nancy Vernon.

**Come sing to the Lord!**

**Missing Bible Study DVD**  
The 6<sup>th</sup> DVD for Beth Moore's Bible study "A Woman's Heart" is missing. It has lessons 9 and 10 on it. If you happen to know where this DVD might be, please contact Rev. Claire Caldwell, 782-5068. Thank you.



**Coming This  
Fall 2010  
Adult Bible Studies**

**Open to all:**

- Disciple I:** Becoming Disciples through Bible Study
- Disciple II:** Into the Word, Into the World
- Disciple III:** Remember Who You Are
- Disciple IV:** Under the Tree of Life

**Invitation to Genesis - David Phillips**

Starting: Wednesday, September 8, 6:30 -8:00 p.m.

**Specialized Studies:**

**Parents: Growing Kids God's Way - Ken & Faryl Rossi**

Starting: Sunday, September 12, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

**Men's Bible Study: The Great Adventure by  
Men's Fraternity - Rev. Stephen Dickinson**

Starting: Tuesday, September 14, 6:00 - 7:30 a.m.

**Women's Bible Study: Discerning the Voice of  
God by Priscilla Shirer**

Starting: Monday, September 13, 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
& Wednesday, September 15, 9:15-11:15 a.m.

**Sign-up now at the  
tables in the Narthex area  
and in the Family Life Center  
\* Childcare available upon request.**

**Women of FUMC**

Exciting Event happening in the River Valley!!!

The Living Proof Live Beth Moore Simulcast

Saturday September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Greenwood First Baptist Church

9:30am to 4:00pm

Cost \$20.00 lunch included

Contact First Baptist at 479-996-2166



**Check out our Scouting  
Program this year!**

If you have boys in the first grade thru age 18 then scouting may be the perfect fit for your family. Scouting helps build self esteem, independence and good citizenship. It is also a lot of fun. If you have questions or are interested in joining contact Jill Crowell at 782-5068 in the church office or e-mail her at: [jcrowell@fsfumc.org](mailto:jcrowell@fsfumc.org)



**First Place 4 Health**

is a 10 week Bible Study with a Biblical approach to weight loss and living a healthy lifestyle. The class will be led by Rev.

Janice and will begin on Wednesday, September 23, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. Registration is going on now through the church office, on Sunday mornings and via email [jsudbrink@fsfumc.org](mailto:jsudbrink@fsfumc.org). Childcare will be available upon request.



**The Rio Bravo Mission Team**

**is having a  
Fish Fry!  
Sunday,  
September 19  
12:15 p.m.  
FLC**

**Entertainment  
"Christian Comedy Cookout"  
by the  
FSFUMC Holywood Players**

**Tickets on sale now!**

**\$10 adults  
\$5 children**

**Menu:**

*Catfish, Coleslaw, Hushpuppies, French Fries,  
Pinto Beans. And Brownies*

**KID'S CONNEXION**

**BEGINNING  
SEPTEMBER 12TH,  
FIRST KIDS WILL START  
THE SUNDAY SCHOOL  
HOUR BY MEETING  
IN THE YOUTH LOFT  
FOR THE FIRST 15  
MINUTES.**

**THERE WILL BE  
VIDEO, PRAYER,  
PRAISE AND WORSHIP  
MUSIC,  
SCRIPTURE, SKITS AND  
MORE!**

**YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS OUT!**

CHECK-IN TIME IS GOING TO BE IN THE YOUTH LOFT AS WELL.  
CHECK-IN TIME IS FROM 9:45-10:00 AM. CLASSES WILL BE  
DISMISSED TO GO DOWN TO THE CHILDREN'S AREA, AT 10:00 AM.  
THE TROLLEY GIFT SHOP WILL BE OPEN THE LAST SUNDAY OF  
THE MONTH.

**DON'T BE LATE, IT'S GONNA BE GREAT!!!!!!**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
 ATTENDANCE  
 August 29, 2010**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Infants	
Toddlers	13
2 yr. olds	
3 yr. olds	11
4 yr. olds	
Kindergarten	5
Grade 1	
Grade 2	
Grade 3 and	
Grade 4	48
Grade 5 and	10
Grade 6	
<b>CHILDREN'S DIV.</b>	<b>87</b>
Grade 7, 8, 9, Grade 10,11, & 12	
<b>YOUTH DIV.</b>	<b>9</b>
Aldersgate(Room M105)	21
Believers (Room M302)	9
Builders (RoomM209)	25
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	45
Cornerstones(Room M311)	17
Disciples Room M312)	12
Discussion*(Room M301)	51
Encouragers (Room M303)	28
Friends (Room M103)	w/Chapel
Gleaners (Room M201)	26
Good News (Room M202) w/Chapel	
Le Menage (Room M306)	4
Roundtable (Room M213)	26
Seekers*(Room M107)	8
Uplifters*(Room M205)	27
College & Career	-
<b>ADULT TOTALS</b>	<b>295</b>
General Officers	5
*Made their quota	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>396</b>
<b>Ethnos Youth</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Worship:</b>	
8:30	74
11:00 FLC	200
11:00 Sanctuary	258
Wed. Communion	65
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>597</b>

**OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK**

**Sunday, September 5**

8:30 - Holy Grounds Café Open  
 8:30 - Worship, Roebuck Chapel  
 9:45 - Sunday School  
 11:00 - Worship, Family Life  
 11:00 - Worship, Sanctuary

**Monday, September 6**

Office Closed for Labor Day

**Tuesday, September 7**

1:30 - Archives Open, M204  
 3:00 - Women's Min., Conf. Rm.  
 5:30 - Nominations, Conf. Room

**Wednesday, September 8**

12:00 - CLC, Conf. Rm.  
 12:00 - SPR Comm., FLC 102  
 5:30 - Communion, Roebuck Chapel  
 6:00 - Ethnos BS (Boys), Rm. M 308  
 6:00 - Ethnos BS (Girls), Rm. M 310  
 6:00 - Praise Team, Gym  
 7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, September 9**

12:00 - UMM Lunch/Bible Study, FLC

**Friday, September 10**

6:30am - UMM Breakfast/Bible Study, FLC

**Saturday, September 11**

**Our 10:00 a.m. Uplifters Class and our 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary service are broadcast over KFPW 1230 AM.**

**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**  
**September 3-5**  
**Phone: 459-5060**