

First United Methodist News

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September 11, 2008

ACROSS DAVID'S DESK

H O M E C O M I N G

**At First United Methodist Church
IS
September 14TH**

The Bible seminar conducted last week by Dr. Jim Fleming was fantastic. The spirit of the gatherings was enthusiastic. Let's follow that by having all of our church family together for a beautiful day of worship, study and fellowship on Homecoming Sunday!

Homecoming is a reason to get back into the good habit of going to church on Sunday. Attending Sunday School and worship with your church family is a good habit. If you have gotten out of the habit or you know someone who has, use Homecoming Sunday as the day you get back into the good habit.

Homecoming is a good day for us to make a witness to the community that we are in the business of worshiping God and loving people. We are judged every day in the Ft. Smith region on how well attended Sunday School and worship are and how much we are serving our neighbors.

Homecoming Sunday is a perfect incentive to invite that friend you have been intending to invite to church. There are people all around who wonder if anyone cares about them. People all over town do not have a daily walk with Christ. Your invitation to church may be welcomed more than you anticipate.

On another note, we are blessed with the leadership Ben Rogers is giving to the Youth Ministry of FUMC! As we continue the search process for the permanent director, we are thrilled with the leadership, commitment and hard work Ben is giving.

And, Cassandra Arnhart is our new College Intern hired to give an on-campus presence @ UAFS for The Bridge, our First UMC ministry to UAFS. She is a strong young Christian with an exuding personality and a drive to be in ministry to the campus. Cassandra will work under Todd Vick's leadership. A grant from the First UMC Foundation makes this ministry position possible. College students are precious to God - and to First Church.

See you @ Homecoming!
David Orr



-HOMECOMING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2008, AT FIRST CHURCH-

Rev. David Orr will preach at the 8:30 Chapel and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary services. His sermon is entitled, "There's No Place Like Home" and his scripture text will be Genesis 35:3. Rev. Stephen Dickinson will preach at the 11:00 a.m. Family Life Center service. Rev. Janice Sudbrink and Rev. Claire Hoffman will be Liturgists. Lay Readers are: 8:30, Pam O'Kelley, 11:00, Don Smith. Acolytes will be Zak Kimes and Ben Sudbrink.

Sharon Chapman will be the soloist at the 8:30 service. The Chancel Choir's anthems will be "My Hope Is Built" arranged by Craig Courtney and "The Majesty and Glory of Your Name" by Tom Fettke.



As of Monday, Sept. 8, 2008 the following members were listed in the hospitals:

Sparks:
Betty Gaines

BY YOUR GIFTS . . .

Rec'd this week.....\$28,604
Rec'd to date.....\$1,054,022
Budgeted to date.....\$1,200,204

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 September
Exodus 5:1**

Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, "Let my people go, so that they may celebrate a festival to me in the wilderness".

Foundation Information

Consider making an endowment gift to the church for a cause dear to your heart. Scholarships, missions, lectureships, facility needs, children ministries, youth ministries, music ministries or any other area of personal interest may be named as beneficiaries of your gift to the FUMC Foundation.

Methodist Men's Clubs

Thursday Noon Bible Study and Lunch (\$4.00) - Rev. Janice Sudbrink teaching Mark 7 on September 18.

Friday Morning Bible Study and Breakfast (\$4.00) - Jean Williams will teach Hebrews 12: 1-12:29 on September 19.



**Open Dates
for
Altar Flowers**

We have the following dates open for Altar Flowers: **September 21, October 19 and 26.** 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.



**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.

SAVE THE DATE
OCTOBER 21ST
UMW AUCTION !!
More info to come.
Watch the newsletter.

United Methodist Women

will meet on Tuesday, September 16 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room of the Family Life Center.

Janet Marshall of the United Methodist Foundation will be our guest speaker. Everyone is welcome!

"Ordinary Women" will meet on Sunday, September 14, at 5:00 p.m. in the Narthex Conference room.

FUMC - Fort Smith



**2nd 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.

The Altar Flowers for Sunday, September 14, 2008, are placed in memory of Betty and Raymond Morgan by their children and families.



Neighborhood Outreach Projects

For all those interested in helping plan for our Neighborhood Outreach projects, we will meet on Wednesday, September 17, at 6:10 p.m. in the FLC Fireside room. Refreshments will be served and childcare will be available.

Don't miss this important planning session! Want more info - call Leslie Brixey, 649-8099, or Janice, 782-5068.

Our prayers & sympathy are for

Cynthia Giss and family on the death of her mother, Rachael McDonald of Little Rock.

Bernie Houser and family on the death of her brother Bill Boyd.

We rejoice with:

Amy and Jerry Reith on the birth of a son, Jerome Joseph Reith, III, "Treyson". Maternal grandparents are Marlin and Janet Fretheim.



Angel Food Ministry Notes

What a blessing the block party was and we met many new friends that we could introduce Angel Food to in the neighborhoods. Just a reminder— this week will be the final week to turn in your order and we will accept them until Sunday, Sept. 14 at 12:30.

The new “Senior Box” is not just for seniors and is something that is sparking a lot of interest. It consists of 10 pre-packaged and fully cooked meals, ready to heat and serve, for only \$25. Order forms are available on our website and in the office. If you would like to donate a unit, we would be most appreciative, as our list of hungry folks continues to grow.

Watch for more news about “Angel Food America” a new and exciting addition to our existing Angel Food program.



School Bell Rings for Disciple II

Drop your Golf Clubs and Garden Tools and run like an Olympian to Room M103 at 6:00 p.m. on Monday nights! Bond with an enthusiastic, wild, warm and dedicated student group for the winter months. Enrich your minds and grow your faith with us.

Call Ben Reid, Norris Creson, Jerry Carter, Claire Hoffman or the church office and sign up or just come to class. Do it now! You will be glad you did!

Norris Creson and Ben Reid, Co-Facilitators

3rd Grade Bible Explorers

Register now for 3rd grade Bible explorers classes. We will explore our Bibles through games, songs and lessons. The class will meet two Sundays, September 28 and October 5, from 12:00-2:30 p.m. Come on let’s learn to navigate the Bible together. Miss Sally and Miss Kelly, guides for the adventure.



Prayer Vigil, Communion, and Dinner

The prayer committee invites every member to observe a prayer vigil on Wednesday, October 1, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Roebuck Chapel. Communion will be observed at 5:30 p.m., followed by a dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. No cost for the dinner, but reservations are required. A card will be mailed and needs to be returned for reservations. Child care available upon request.

Honorariums

In Honor of Rev. David Orr, Mayor Ray Baker, Rev. Aaron Barling, Rev. Herschel McClurkin - Ann Dawson
In Honor of Buddy & Lynn Coleman - Jerry & Jane Hartfield

In Honor of Karen Hutcheson, Maria Hutcheson, David Hutcheson - Their Family

In Honor of Mary Edwards - Gerald & Denise Weakley

Memorials

In Memory of Jason Gregg - Phyllis Davidson; Ann & Bob Dawson

In Memory of Jimmy Hanks - Phyllis Davidson; Lynnell & Tony Leraris

In Memory of Delbert Howerton - Ted & Ginger Taylor

In Memory of Charley Hiatt - Norman & Bill Hiatt

In Memory of Dr. Douglas Parker, Jr. - Stephen Lease

In Memory of Freda Rowe - Byron Ware; Earlene Gillson

In Memory of Henry Spruce - Ed & Gail Newlin

In Memory of Frank Birch - Mauleene Broadwater

In Memory of Bill & Vi Phillips - Tina Mailer & Todd Tacker

In Memory of Phil Neislar - Adelene Neislar

In Memory of Marshall Sanderford - Dr. & Mrs. Robert Janes

In Memory of Zack W. Turner - Maurine Slates; Joel & Sandy Parker

In Memory of Mary Frances Beasley - Joel & Sandy Parker; Lane & Ben Shipley; Linda Spradlin

In Memory of Thell Buell - Earlene Gillson; Joel & Sandy Parker; Mr. & Mrs. M. Bruce Maxian; Taylor & Mary Prewitt

In Memory of Glynna Clark - Janice & Bob Powell

In Memory of King Collier - Earlene Gillson; Joel & Sandy Parker

In Memory of Tom Condren - Joel & Sandy Parker

In Memory of John Andrew Gillson - Earlene Gillson

In Memory of Thomas Lawrence, In Memory of Mina McCoy - Joel & Sandy Parker

In Memory of Helen Mapstone - Earlene Gillson; Lane & Ben Shipley; Katherine Gebhart; Amy & Walter Scales

In Memory of Inez Murdock - Jack & Louanna Green; George & Carole Beattie; Joyce Barr; Bob & Nadine Miller

In Memory of J. Fred Patton - June & Jim Alexander; George & Carole Beattie; Linda & Dale Bradley; J.P. & Becky Chancey; Victor & Betty Campbell; Larry & Sandra Clark; Fussell-Benafield; Earlene Gillson; Carter Hunt; Kelly & Marilyn Newton; Joel & Sandy Parker; David & Joanne Phillips; Rebecca Phillips; Sue & Bill Poirer; Kent & Ann Smith; Eugene & Kristan Still; Lewis C. Young; John & Jane Alford; Judy Boreham; Phyllis Davidson; Brad & Mary Ellen Jesson; Frances Kirkpatrick; Greg & Sue Smith; Adam & Nancy Plattner; Ed & Dorothy Stevenson; Carolyn & Bob Terry; Lou Moreland; Jane & Tommy Foltz; Park & Susan Gamble; Dr. & Mrs. Richard Hinkle; Stan & Violet Isaacks; Janet & Bud Jones; Helen Lanier; Mitch & Nancy Llewellyn; Bob & Nadine Miller; Dan & Eloise Rogers; Brad & Margaret Thompson; Henry & Melissa Udouj; Collier Wenderoth; Jane & Dick Bruening; Dr. R. C. & Dorothy Goodman; Beth & Bobby Knox & family; Florice Kranc; David & Leanne McClanahan; David & Judy Staggs

In Memory of Dr. & Mrs. John Ben Stewart - Ann Stewart Penn

In Memory of John B. Cunningham - Gerri Cunningham, Todd Cunningham, and Lynn Brown

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE
September 7, 2008**

Class	Attendance
Infants	3
Toddlers	4
2 yr. olds	8
3 yr. olds	6
4 yr. olds	12
Kindergarten	7
Grade 1	
Grade 2	20
Grade 3and	
Grade 4	10
Grade 5	
Grade 6	15
CHILDREN'S DIV.	85
Grade 7, 8, 9,	
Grade 10,11, & 12	20
YOUTH DIV.	20
Aldersgate(Room M105)	18
Believers (Room M302)	6
Builders*(RoomM209)	33
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	58
Cornerstones*(Room M311)	19
Disciples*(Room M312)	20
Discussion*(Room M301)	43
Encouragers*(Room M310)	14
Friends (Room M103)	6
Gleaners (Room M201)	34
Good News (Room M202)	8
Le Menage (Room M306)	6
Roundtable*(Room M213)	24
Seekers (Room M107)	9
Uplifters*(Room M205)	39
ADULT TOTALS	337
General Officers	4
*Made their quota	
TOTALS	446
Worship:	
8:30	82
11:00 Family Life	162
11:00 Sanctuary	350
Wed. Communion	52
TOTALS	646

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, September 14

8:30 - Angel Food Sign-up, FLC
 8:30 - Holy Grounds Café Open
 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
 5:00 - Jr. High Youth, Gym & Loft
 6-7 - Walk on Water Study, Fireside
 7:00 - Sr. High Youth, Loft & Gym

Wednesday, September 17

6am - Men's Fraternity Bible Study, Gym
 9:15 - Beautiful Offering Study, Fireside
 12:00 - WDS Board, FLC102
 12:00 - CEC Board, FLC101
 3:30 - Children's Choirs
 5:30 - Communion, Roebuck Chapel
 6:00 - Joy of Signing, Conf. Rm.
 6:00 - Disciple IV, M200
 6:00 - Praise Team, Gym
 6:00 - Chancel Ringers, Bayliss Hall
 6:10 - Local Mission Planning, Fireside
 7:00 - Knitwits, Narthex
 7:00 - Chancel Choir Reheasal

Monday, September 15

11:30 - Intro to Old. Test., FLC102
 6:00- Cub Scouts, 3rd Floor
 6:30 - Disciple I, Conf. Rm.
 6:30 - Disciple II, M103
 6:30 - Boy Scouts, 3rd Floor
 6:30 - Jesus/Gospels, M200

Thursday, September 18

10:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Narthex
 12:00 - UMM Lunch/Bible Study, FLC
 6:30 - Angel Food Mtg., FLC101
 7:00 - Seb. Cty. ER - M103

Tuesday, September 16

9:00 - Staff Meets, Conf. Rm.
 10:00 - UMW Meets, Fireside Rm.
 1:30 - Archives Open, M204

Friday, September 19

6:30 - UMM Breakfast/Bible Study, FLC
 10:00 - Pacesetters, Fireside Rm.

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.

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