

First United Methodist News

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ACROSS DAVID'S DESK

I Have Two Important Things To Say In This Article:

1

"The United Methodist Way" event this Sunday hosted by St. Paul UMC, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Having attended "The United Methodist Way" event last week in Waldron, let me commend this event to you. For some it will be a refresher on the way we think and practice the faith as United Methodists (Wesley's Means of Grace, the General Rules, etc.). For some it will be a good general overview of our way of being Christians in the United Methodist Church. It is a good place to network with area Methodists. It is an event that will cause you to rejoice in your faith and to ponder what God might be up to in our wonderful Church, today. Roy Smith and Michael Roberts (from the Conference staff) are leading the event. They have condensed a two-day seminar into a three-hour interactive, stimulating and provocative event. Anyone may attend. There is no charge for the event.

2

Last Sunday Of The Month Breakfast Is Expanding

The Chapel Sunday School Class has been cooking breakfast for FUMC for several years. The breakfast is delicious and anticipated by many in the church. The meal is provided free of charge, with donations received going 100% to support the Backpack for Kids through the Community Clearinghouse. Nothing about anything above is changing.

What is changing is that the local missions team of FUMC is linking up with the Chapel Class to invite our neighbors to join us for breakfast. This is feeding the hungry and befriending our neighbors in Matthew 25 fashion. This outreach comes from the Neighborhood Block Party. When our lay leadership from the Block Party evaluated the August 30th event, they came to the awareness that we can build on the relationships we are forging with some "new" friends by inviting them to breakfast once a month.

This Sunday, come on to breakfast and enjoy a hot breakfast, conversation with your best friends around the table and make your contribution to Backpack for Kids. Don't be surprised to see some faces you are not accustomed to seeing at breakfast. Extend hospitality and welcome to a neighbor. I believe that God is in this. This sounds like something that Christ would do if he were the pastor here.

See you, Sunday,
David Orr

-SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2009, AT FIRST CHURCH-

Rev. David Orr will preach at the 8:30 Chapel and 11:00 Sanctuary service. His sermon is entitled, "RETHINK CHURCH" and his scripture text is I Corinthians 9:19-23. Rev. Stephen Dickinson will preach at the 11:00 Connexion service. Rev. Janice Sudbrink and Rev. Claire Caldwell will be Liturgists. Lay readers are: 8:30, Brian Gaines, 11:00, Kelly Rapoport. Acolytes will be Alexandra Salamone and Gabby Wright.

A Chancel Choir Ensemble will sing at the 8:30 service. The Chancel Choir's anthems will be "Psalm IX" by Donna Jo Butler and "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked" by Geoffrey O'Hara.



Ways to prevent the spread of the flu:

- frequent hand washing with soap and water and use of hand sanitizer. Keep a small bottle in your car and/or handbag. Hand sanitizers are located throughout our church. *Hand* sanitize after shaking hands, touching door handles, etc.!
- sneeze or cough into a tissue and dispose immediately. If you do not have a tissue, sneeze or cough into your elbow and not your hands.
- Germs spread by touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Avoid touching these areas.
- If you have flu like symptoms-fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue, (some people may also have vomiting and diarrhea)- stay home from public places. Children should be fever free for 24 hours before going back to day care or school. Avoid visiting patients in hospitals and nursing homes if you are ill. Call your doctor if you have flu like symptoms and he/she may prescribe an anti-viral medication that lessens the duration of the flu.
- **get the flu vaccine**



If you would be interested in taking American Heart Association CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) contact Janice at the church at 782-5068 or jsudbrink@fsfumc.org. The course would be offered on a week night and would include infant, child and adult CPR. Length of the class is 2 hours. This course would help one to give CPR to a person needing it until emergency personal could arrive, for example, drowning, heart attack, choking, accident victims, or stroke. Childcare available upon request. Date of class will be determined upon the interest of the class.

Women of Faith Conference presents “A Grand New Day” 2009 event October 30-31 - Oklahoma City

Join the Women’s Ministry of FUMC for a remarkable Women of Faith Weekend. A 2-day event where you will laugh...cry...and realize that you’re not alone. It is heart-felt, including hilarious messages, gripping drama and amazing music.

Featuring: Steven Curtis Chapman, Lisa Whelchel, Nicole C. Mullen, Sandi Patty, and many more. Beginning on Friday, October 30 at 10:00 a.m. and ending on Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

Just \$79 each for conference fee, provides lunch for both days. Once women sign up we can determine the hotel fee.

Sign up this Sunday!!!! Or call 782-5068, or email Rev. Claire Caldwell at choffman@fsfumc.org

Memorials

In Memory of Shelby McGrew - Jane L. Dyer; Catherine Crosland; Charles & Karen Still

In Memory of Caroline Blochberger - Charles & Sherron Shuffield; Kelly & Marilyn Newton; David, Leanne, Matt, Ben & Alan McClanahan

In Memory of Dennis Collier - Joel & Sandy Parker; Dr. & Mrs. Ben Baker

In Memory of Clifford Davis - Ruth Howe; Janice & Bob Powell; John & Harriet Beasley; Verneil Hixson; Bill Batchelor; Mickey & Joseph Irwin; Maurice & Thelma Carter; Mrs. Donald C. Peer; Mr. & Mrs. Doug Parker, Sr.; Gladys Whittenberg; Mr. & Mrs. George Beattie; Kathleen Coleman; Carolyn Jenkins

In Memory of Doris Thornton - Dr. Eldon & Betty Pence



Update on flu vaccines:

The manufacturers of the yearly influenza flu vaccine are reporting a two week delay in the production of the vaccines. **Our church will do everything possible** to provide the flu vaccines as they become available on Sundays, October 11, 18 & 25, to the congregation for ages 18 and older for the low cost of \$15. Seasonal flu vaccines will not provide protection against 2009 H1N1 influenza (sometimes called swine flu) but will protect against the seasonal flu. Seasonal flu vaccines are highly recommended this year. The vaccine to prevent the 2009 H1N1 virus has not yet been licensed. If the swine flu shots become available to the public, we will do our best to offer the vaccine.



IN THE HOSPITAL

As of Monday, September 21, 2009, the following members were known to be in the hospital:

St. Edward:
Margaret Hendricks

UAMS, Little Rock: Bette Childers

BY YOUR GIFTS . . .

Rec'd this week.....\$14,527
Rec'd to date.....\$1,046,502
Budgeted to date.....\$1,250,863

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

How long has it been since you updated your Will? Does it carry out your wishes? Does it leave a gift to the church to carry on the ministry after your death?

Methodist Men's Clubs

Thursday, Noon Lunch/Bible Study, October 1, Rev. Claire Caldwell will teach John 15, Family Life Center.

Friday Morning Breakfast/Bible Study, October 2, 2009, 6:30 a.m., Family Life Center.

Destination Station Bible Verse for September Luke 6:37

Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven.

Altar Flower Openings



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



ADULT COMPETITIVE CO-ED VOLLEYBALL

Who: High school students and adults
When: Sunday afternoons from 2-4pm
Where: Family Life Center
Starting: October 4, 2009
Contract Tony Clyde, 782-5068, for more information or to sign up .



Troop 2 Boy Scouts have six ricks of firewood, all seasoned oak, for sale at \$50. per rick. If you would are in need of firewood, contact Bob Schardt at 783-1871 or 353-5195.



Let's have breakfast together!

Join us in the Family Life Center this Sunday for a free breakfast, from 8:30-9:30 a.m., cooked and served by the Chapel Class. Your donations for the breakfast will be given to the "Backpack for Kids" program at the Clearinghouse to provide food for area children on the weekends.



Joanne Jones and family on the death of her sister, Jeanne Sevier of Blytheville,



Habitat Volunteers Needed

Saturday, October 3, is the FUMC work day for the Habitat House. We need volunteers to help with shingles, siding, and other jobs. Would you like to help? Call Norris Creason, 629-3773 or email pcreson@gmail.com and he will get you the information you need. Please put your name on the list. We need about 30 people. See you there!



Third Grade Bible Presentation

We will present Bibles to our third graders on Sunday, October 4 at the 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary service.

If you have a 3rd grader who would like to have a new Bible, please call the church office, 782-5068, and provide an accurate spelling of your child's name.

We want all 3rd graders to receive their Bibles at this special time.

Please let us know if your family will be able to attend this service.



Changed Phone Numbers?

If you have new cell phones and have changed numbers, please notify the church office, 782-5068, so that we might keep our records up to date. Thank you.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE
September 20, 2009**

Class	Attendance
Infants	5
Toddlers	
2 yr. olds	5
3 yr. olds	3
4 yr. olds	
Kindergarten	14
Grade 1	
Grade 2	13
Grade 3and	
Grade 4	
Grade 5	
Grade 6	12
CHILDREN'S DIV.	52
Grade 7, 8, 9, (Confirmation)	12
Grade 10,11, & 12	9
YOUTH DIV.	21
College	-
Aldersgate(Room M105)	22
Believers (Room M302)	3
Builders (RoomM209)	23
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	35
Cornerstones*(Room M311)	23
Disciples Room M312)	13
Discussion*(Room M301)	42
Encouragers (Room M303)	15
Friends (Room M103)	6
Gleaners (Room M201)	18
Good News (Room M202)	2
Le Menage (Room M306)	5
Roundtable (Room M213)	25
Seekers*(Room M107)	11
Uplifters*(Room M205)	38
ADULT TOTALS	293
General Officers	4
*Made their quota	
TOTALS	358

Worship:	
8:30	83
11:00 FLC	176
11:00 Sanctuary	262
Communion	52
TOTALS	573

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, September 27

8:30 - Breakfast, Gym
 8:30 - Worship, Roebuck Chapel
 9:45 - Confirmation Class, M313
 9:45 - Sunday School
 11:00 - Worship, Family Life Center
 11:00 - Worship, Sanctuary
 5:00 - Jr. High Youth, Loft
 6:00 - Down Home Singin', Roebuck Chapel w/reception in Narthex
 7:00 - Sr. High Youth, Loft

Wednesday, September 30

9:15 - Beth Moore, Fireside Rm.
 10:00 - Ladybells, Bayliss Hall
 1:30 - Arthritis Exercise Class, M105
 3:30 - Children's Choirs, Bayliis Hall
 5:30 - Communion, Roebuck Chapel
 6:00 - Praise Team, Gym
 6:00 - Chancel Ringers, Bayliss Hall
 6:00 - Sign Language Class, FLC101
 6:15 - First Place 4 Health, Fireside
 7:00 - Knitwits, Narthex
 7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Monday, September 28

11:30 - Intro to Old Test., FLC102
 6:00 - Beth Moore, Fireside Rm.
 6:00 - Cub Scouts, Gym
 6:30 - Boy Scouts, 3rd Floor

Thursday, October 1

6am - Men's Fraternity Bible Study, Gym
 10:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Narthex
 12:00 - UMM Lunch/Bible Study, FLC
 6:30 - Intro to Genesis, M103
 6:30 - Women's Council, Conf. Rm.

Tuesday, September 29

9:00 - Staff Meets, Conf. Rm.
 1:30 - Archives Room Open, M204
 6:00 - Disciple III, M200

Friday, October 2

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

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 Caldwell
Emergency
on call Minister for
September 25-27
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