

First United Methodist News

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October 2, 2008

First United Methodist Church Gratefully Remembers

Dr. Paul M. Bumpers

August 15, 1922 - September 22, 2008

Senior Pastor of Fort Smith First United Methodist Church 1973 -1976

He was married to the late Bonnie Lewis Bumpers for 64 years.

He began his ministry at Wiggins Memorial in Fayetteville, and then served First United Methodist Churches in Marked Tree, Clarksville, Jonesboro, Lubbock, Texas, Fort Smith, Blytheville, Mountain Home, and Pulaski Heights. He was a former District Superintendent of the Batesville, Fort Smith and Conway districts.

The First UMC family extends our prayers of gratitude for the life and ministry of Dr. Bumpers. We especially pray for the Bumpers' children, Bonnie C. Bumpers of Conway and Dr. Paul M. Bumpers, Jr. of Springdale, and their respective families.

**The strife is o'er, the battle done,
the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun.
Alleluia!**

Everyone is reading the Abundant Life Campaign Daily Devotional Guide to prepare for Commitment Sunday, November 9th. The daily devotions have been written by members of First Church for First Church. They will prepare us for worship each week as well as for Commitment Sunday. These are beautiful devotions, on their own, that will bless your day.

See You Sunday,
David Orr

-SUNDAY, October 5, 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, "Make My Joy Complete" and his scripture text will be Philippians 2:1-13. 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, Jane Stauffer, 11:00, Bill Pitts. Acolytes will be Kara, Zak and Sam Kimes.

Claire Hoffman will be the soloist at the 8:30 service. The Chancel Choir's anthem will be "Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether" by Harold Friedell.



As of Monday, September 29, 2008 the following members were listed in the hospitals:

Sparks:

Virginia Birch
Maxine Eggenesperger
Betty Klusmeier

St. Edward:

Stanley Isaacks

BY YOUR GIFTS . . .

Rec'd this week.....\$16,593
Rec'd to date.....\$1,123,011
Budgeted to date.....\$1,300,221

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 October
Luke 11:1**

When Jesus had finished praying, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray."

Foundation Information

Good stewardship requires us to think of the future. Have your estate plan prepared now and include a gift to your church.

**Methodist Men's Clubs
Thursday Noon Bible Study and Lunch (\$4.00) - Rev. David Orr teaching Mark 10 on October 9.
Friday Morning Bible Study and Breakfast (\$4.00) - Charlie Reutzler will teach Daniel 2:1-49 on October 10.**

**Open Dates
for
Altar Flowers**

We have the following dates open for Altar Flowers: **October 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.

**UMW Auction
Tuesday, October 21
8:30-9:30 - Brunch \$5.00
9:00 - Silent Auction
and Bake Sale
9:30 - Oral Auction**

If you have any good auction items, like glassware, antiques, or books that you would like to donate for our auction, call Sharon Westbrook at 452-2749



Jean Knox and family on the death of her brother-in-law, Frank Middleton of Paris, Texas.



CHICK FLICKS
begins October 19th
Attention: All Women -

Mark your calendars and join us on Sunday, October 19, at 5:00 p.m. in the Movie Theater, 2nd floor, for Chick Flicks.

Refreshments, fellowship, movie trivia. Come join us for a fun-filled night.

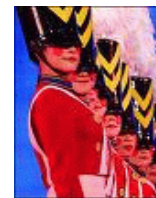


The Altar Flowers for Sunday, October 5, 2008, are placed in loving memory of Jackson Williams by Fred, Shirley and Elizabeth Williams, Pete and Katie Rusin and Olivia Bender



The University of Central Arkansas Choir will present a free concert in our sanctuary on Sunday, October 26 at 6 p.m.

We will house these singers (60) for Sunday night. You would need to attend the concert, pick up your singers, give them a nighttime snack, a light breakfast (Hardee's is fine!) and have them back at church by 8:30 a.m. If your home could accommodate singers for one night, please call Nancy Vernon, 782-5068 and volunteer. **THANK YOU!!!!**



The Women's Ministry of FUMC would like you to join us for the Christmas Spectacular at Alltel Arena, featuring the Radio City Rockettes on Thursday,

December 18th at 4:00 p.m. Price for the event: tickets and charter bus, \$50.00. Dinner on your own. Sign up in the Narthex September 28 through October 12.



Flu shots will be available to the congregation in October (date will be announced soon). Cost will be \$13.00

for ages 18 and over. Sign up will be through the church office, in the Narthex or in the Family Life Center at the horseshoe. Look for the flu shot clip board and sign up as soon as possible so that the vaccines can be ordered.

Mission Opportunities on the Horizon

On **October 15, at 6:15 p.m. in the FLC Fireside room**, we will have an informational meeting for all those who are thinking, praying, wishing and/or going on the Rio Bravo Mission Trip leaving March 30, 2009 and returning April 5. We will need 40 volunteers to help cook meals, help with medical clinics, play with and love the children during the medical clinics, assist with the building of two homes and also the possibility of hosting a mini-VBS. For more information, contact Sandy Parker or Janice Sudbrink.

Couples Night Out

Plan on - **Couples Night Out: October 10 and November 14 Place: Narthex Rally Time: 6:15-6:45 p.m. Childcare Time: 6:00-9:45 p.m.**

Contact Todd Vick, 782-5068 or Jane Stauffer, 648-9325.

JOB OPPORTUNITY AT FIRST CHURCH

The Nursery Director's position is awaiting a loving, wonderful person. This part time position is available for someone with a strong faith in Jesus Christ and a passion for caring for young children. The job requires administration and supervisory skills to lead an established team of nursery workers.

For details, contact Sally Ware at 782-5068 or email sware@fsfumc.org

Calling All Darby Alumni and Friends!

Are you a Darby Alumna and/or someone who would enjoy helping out the school? If so, **we need you!** We are looking for people who are interested in joining Darby Friends. We are hoping as a church to provide manpower for a variety of school events. If you would like to get involved, please contact Marcie Salamone at (479) 434-6145 or salmarcie@cox.net.

Please prayerfully consider joining this ministry.



2008-2009 is being celebrated as **The International Year of the Organ** All chapters of the **American Guild of Organists**

and their counterparts in Europe and Asia will be presenting concerts on the same date.

The Fort Smith AGO Chapter's

will be at:

**St. John's Episcopal Church
Sunday, October 19 3 p. m .**

The organ will be featured as a solo and an accompanying instrument. There will be a massed choir (Gaye McClure conducting), hymn singing and organ solos. One interesting feature will be Brenda Partin (Goddard UMC) playing her box organ; Nancy Vernon playing a pump organ and Tim Hess playing the pipe organ. All current and former Fort Smith Organists will be honored/remembered. Tony Leraris will serve as Liturgist. Please join us on October 19 for the concert and reception following.



Pansy Sale

It's time for our annual Pansy sale at Children's Day Out. To order, fill out this form and return to Tiffany Null by Oct. 13. You can either mail this form back or drop it by the church office. Delivery on Oct. 22. Arrangements can be made

for delivery of large orders. Cost: Jumbo 6 pack \$10.50 or 4" pots with 18 in a flat for \$12.00.

Pansies

of flats

Size/Price

Mixed	_____	_____
Purple	_____	_____
Pure Deep Orange	_____	_____
Pure Yellow	_____	_____
Yellow w/Blotch	_____	_____
Pure Red	_____	_____
Red w/Blotch	_____	_____
Pure Mix	_____	_____
Antique Shades	_____	_____
Blue w/Blotch	_____	_____
White	_____	_____
Violet w/Face	_____	_____

Name of Buyer: _____

Phone number: _____



Beautiful Flowering Mums

will be for sale on

Sunday, October 12,
in the Narthex.

Prices: 12" pots, \$12, 6" pots, \$5.

Colors: Red, yellow, White, Purple and Orange

All proceeds will support The American Cancer Society Relay for Life



FUMC's Fall Festival is just weeks away and we are looking for volunteers for the following areas:

Setup (after church or in the afternoon), a 30 minute shift at one of our various booths and a cleanup crew.

Please call Karen Kimes, (479) 674-6025 or 650-8870 or email kkimes@pinncom.com with "Fall Festival" in subject line. There are also sign up sheets in the Narthex, 2nd floor on glass case in hall, 3rd floor and FLC. The Fall Festival is scheduled for October 26 - 4-6pm.

