

First United Methodist News

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Rev. Herschel McClurkin

October 8, 2009

ACROSS DAVID'S DESK

Thank you, FUMC, for supporting the West District's Habitat for Humanity home, currently under construction. I was blessed to be on-site last Saturday with over 50 other volunteers from FUMC, Faith UMC and our new Vietnamese UMC. Serving Christ through serving neighbor was evident. The camaraderie and joy of the volunteers was inspirational. People helped with siding, sheet-rocking, concrete pads being poured, yard clean-up, encouragement and food; lots of good food! Thank you, one and all, for helping make this a "holy ground" experience for all. The receiving family was present, participating and so, so grateful. I think the District is only \$4,000 away from the financial goal of \$55,000! Help as you can and this mission will be a complete honor to God.

RETHINK CHURCH is fully underway. To clarify, RETHINK CHURCH is a title we have borrowed from a current UM denominational effort by that name. Sorry for any confusion, but our current FUMC campaign is uniquely ours. RETHINK CHURCH, at FUMC, is your invitation to faithfully and prayerfully consider how the Lord has blessed your life and how you can best make a faithful response to the Lord. RETHINK the way you approach your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness to the Lord. That is, don't just "do what you've always done", spend some time with the Lord and ask the Lord to direct, inspire and shape your choices. RETHINK CHURCH may be a time for you to start a new spiritual discipline in your life, get involved in a new area of ministry in the church's life, or just deepen your awareness of where God is in your life and how God is inviting you to abundant life every day.

You will be receiving, in the near future, a packet from FUMC as part of RETHINK CHURCH. The packet will have your commitment cards for 2010, including what ministries you are ready to commit to, your financial commitment, your prayer commitment, your attendance commitment and your commitment to be a witness for Jesus Christ. We will complete and bring the commitments to worship on November 8th and place them on God's altar as part of our worship.

First Church is God's Church, and she is our church, together. God is blessing this congregation and we want to honor God in every way possible so that the blessing we receive is multiplied out to touch the lives of many, many more people. RETHINK CHURCH is a positive, helpful campaign that will strengthen the fellowship and outreach of our church home.

See you, Sunday,
David Orr

-SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2009, AT FIRST CHURCH-

Rev. David Orr will preach at the 8:30 Chapel and 11:00 Sanctuary service. His sermon is entitled, "A Father's Heart" and his scripture text is Luke 15:11-32. 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, David Farris, 11:00, Jerry Carter. Acolytes will be Elizabeth Hinshaw and Amy Truitt.

Linda Dickson will be the soloist at the 8:30 service. The Chancel Choir's anthem will be "Let All the People Sing Praise". The Chancel Ringers will play "All Thanks and Praise" and "A Bell Praise" at the 11:00 Sanctuary service.



IN THE HOSPITAL

As of Monday, October 5, 2009, the following members were known to be in the hospital:

Sparks:
Jack Miller

St. Edward:
Debbie Hardgrave

BY YOUR GIFTS . . .

Rec'd this week.....\$26,256
Rec'd to date.....\$1,087,559
Budgeted to date.....\$1,316,698

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

Consider gifting property to the church now, but keeping the annual income until your death. You may even give your home and keep the use of the property until your death. A current federal income tax deduction is available for the value of such gifts to the Church.

Methodist Men's Clubs

Thursday, Noon Lunch/Bible Study, October 15, Family Life Center.

Friday Morning Breakfast/Bible Study, October 16, 2009, 6:30 a.m., Family Life Center. Rev. Herschel McClurkin will teach Luke 15.

**Destination Station Bible Verse for October
Proverbs 8:7-8**

I always speak the truth and refuse to tell a lie. Every word I speak is honest, not one is misleading or deceptive.



The Altar Flowers

for Sunday, October 11, 2009, are placed in honor of Cancer Awareness Day and given by the Cancer Support Group.

Altar Flower Openings

We have the following openings for altar flowers: **October 25, November 8, 15, 22 & 29.** If you would like to put flowers on the altar in memory or in honor of a loved one, call 782-5068.



FSFUMC Cancer Support Group has two special offers:

New blue polo FSFUMC logo shirts are now on sale. Orders are being taken Sunday mornings in the Narthex and in the FLC. Cost for each shirt is \$18, sizes Small-XL and \$20 for size XXL. All proceeds go toward the Relay for Life American Cancer Society. Wearing these shirts help to promote our church when we are out in the community and when we are serving.



The Cancer Support Group will recognize the **month of October** as Cancer Awareness Month by hosting a **complimentary Chili Supper** along with a panel of cancer experts that will discuss issues of cancer, new treatments and prevention. Make plans to attend this informational meeting on **Sunday, October 11 at 5:00 p.m. in the Fireside room.**

Please call the church office to make reservations.



Maurine Slates and family on the death of her daughter, Susie Craig of Senatobia, MS.



A second American Heart Association CPR Class

is being offered on Tuesday, October 13, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fireside room. Infant, child and adult CPR will be taught. This class will be beneficial in helping to provide life saving support for someone who has been involved in an accident, a drowning and/or heart attack or stroke until an emergency team can arrive. Cost \$20 per person. Call Janice, 782-5068, or email jsudbrink@fsfumc.org

UMW Sub-groups to meet in October . . .



Sunday, October 11:

“Ordinary Women” will meet at 5:00 p.m. in the Narthex Conference Room

Tuesday, October 13:

“Elizabeth” will meet with Doris Townley at 1:30 p.m. in Room M105.

“Naomi” will meet with Betty Garrison, 1800 Wellington Way at 10:00 a.m.

“Deborah” will meet with Ginger Taylor, 2810 Enid at 10:00 a.m.

“Hannah” will meet at 10:00 a.m. at Willowbrook.

“Mary” will meet with Rosa Brown, 1408 North 19th at 7:00 p.m.

“Ruth” will meet with Kathleen Coleman and Betty Purser, 3200 So. 55th St. at 10:00 a.m.

“Rebekah” will meet with JoAnn Gedosh, 8812 Canterbury Cove at 10:00 am.



Influenza flu vaccines will be given this Sunday, October 11 in the Narthex Conference Room from 8:45-10:00 a.m. at \$15 per vaccine. Please bring correct change or a check. We will also give vaccines on October 18. For those who have **medicare**, it is a possibility that your local pharmacy will bill medicare for your flu vaccine at no cost to you. Call your pharmacist before going to make sure they have the vaccine and will bill medicare. HINI (swine flu) vaccines are still not available.

**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, 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

**You are cordially invited to attend
the following events to celebrate**

**Shoal Creek Methodist Camp's
50th Anniversary**

★ **Saturday, October 17, 2009**

**"Open House" at Shoal Creek Campground
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Make a reservation for a FREE LUNCH while you relive your camping days and visit with old friends! Call Barbara and Ken Bell @646-5144 by Friday, Oct. 9.

★ **Sunday, October 18, 2009 - 5:00 p.m.
"Celebration Dinner"**

First UMC Family Life Center

**Guest Speaker
Legendary Coach and Athletic Director
FRANK BROYLES**

You must make a reservation to attend this FREE DINNER. Please respond by Friday, October 9 to 782-5068 or Becky at 783-0385, or Flora 479-394-4478

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**Spaghetti Supper and Open House
October 21 5-7 p.m.
Family Life Center**

Auction & Special art projects done by the children of the Weekday School and Children's Day Out, Ticket prices in advance, adults \$6.00, children \$4.00. Ticket prices at the door, adults \$7.00, children \$5.00.

Children two and under eat free. Carry out available.

To reserve tickets please return information below to Tiffany Null, Christie Jacobs, the church office, offering plate, or by mail:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

of Adults _____ # of children _____

Amount enclosed: _____



**FUMC Fall Festival
Sunday, October 25th
4-6 p.m., Family Life
Center**

We would appreciate your help with any of the following items:

- Volunteers are needed to work. Contact Connie Adrion, 629-1041 or Neta Williams 221-7899
- Prizes are needed for games and activities Call Connie or Neta
- 2-liter bottles of soda
- Bags of candy
- Cash donations to defray the cost of food and inflatables



Special Offer - Order Now, Pay Later!

It's time for our annual Pansy sale at Children's Day Out. If you would like to purchase pansies, please fill out an order form and either mail it or drop it by the church office. Forms are on our web site or you can get one at the CDO office. **Delivery will be on October 21.** The pansies come in a jumbo 6 pack (36 plants)for \$10.50 or 4 inch pots with 18 plants in a flat for \$12.00. We have all colors and varieties. **Payment is due by November 6.** Contact Tiffany Null, 782-0310, if you need further information.

Thank you in advance for all your support.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE
October 4, 2009**

Class	Attendance
Infants	3
Toddlers	
2 yr. olds	4
3 yr. olds	4
4 yr. olds	3
Kindergarten	13
Grade 1	
Grade 2	14
Grade 3and	
Grade 4	17
Grade 5 and	
Grade 6	15
CHILDREN'S DIV.	73
Grade 7, 8, 9, (Confirmation)	11
Grade 10,11, & 12	6
YOUTH DIV.	17
College	
Aldersgate(Room M105)	19
Believers (Room M302)	-
Builders (RoomM209)	23
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	35
Cornerstones*(Room M311)	16
Disciples Room M312)	9
Discussion*(Room M301)	35
Encouragers (Room M303)	-
Friends (Room M103)	6
Gleaners (Room M201)	25
Good News (Room M202)	4
Le Menage (Room M306)	5
Roundtable (Room M213)	19
Seekers (Room M107)	9
Uplifters*(Room M205)	25
ADULT TOTALS	251
General Officers	3
*Made their quota	
TOTALS	323
Ethnos Youth	29
Worship:	
8:30	74
11:00 FLC	128
11:00 Sanctuary	291
Communion	64
TOTALS	557

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

<p>Sunday, October 11</p> <p>8:30 - Holy Grounds Café Open 8:30 - Worship, Roebuck Chapel 8:45-12:30 - Angel Food Sign-up, FLC 8:45-10 - Flu Shots, Conf. Rm. 9:45 - Confirmation Class, Rm. 313 9:45 - Sunday School 11:00 - Worship, Family Life Center 11:00 - Worship, Sanctuary 12:00 - 3rd Grade Bible Exp., 2nd Flr. 2-4 - Volleyball, Gym 5:00 - Cancer Support Supper, Fireside 5:00 - Jr. High Youth, Loft 6:30 - Sr. High Youth, Loft</p> <p>Monday, October 12</p> <p>9:00 - Packet Prep., Conf. Rm. 11:30 - Intro to Old Test., FLC102 12:00 - Staff/Parish Cmte., FLC101 1:30 - Arthritis Class, M105 6:00 - Beth Moore, Fireside Rm. 6:00 - Cub Scouts, 3rd Floor 6:00 - Ad. Board Meets, MM201 6:30 - Boy Scouts, 3rd Floor</p> <p>Tuesday, October 13</p> <p>9:00 - Staff Meets, Conf. Rm. 12:00 - Exec. Cmte., Pastor's Office 1:30 - Archives Room Open, M204 5:30 - Stephen Ministry, M103 6:00 - Disciple III, M200 6:00 - CPR Class, Fireside Rm.</p>	<p>Wednesday, October 14</p> <p>9:15 - Beth Moore, Fireside Rm. 10:00 - Ladybells, Bayliss Hall 12:00 - Christian Learn. Council, Conf. Rm. 12:00 - Memorial Cmte., M103 1:30 - Arthritis Class, M105 3:30 - Children's Choirs, Bayliss Hall 5:30 - Communion, Roebuck Chapel 6:00 - Sign Language Class, FLC101 6:00 - Praise Team, Gym 6:00 - Chancel Ringers, Bayliss Hall 6:15 - First Place 4 Health, Fireside 7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Thursday, October 15</p> <p>6am - Men's Fraternity Bible Study, Gym 10:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Narthex 12:00 - UMM Lunch/Bible Study, FLC 6:00 - Angel Food Meeting, Fireside Rm. 6:30 - Intro to Genesis, M103</p> <p>Friday, October 16</p> <p>6:30 - UMM Breakfast/Bible Study, FLC 10:00 - Pacesetters, Fireside Rm.</p> <p>Saturday, October 17</p> <p>9:30 - Angel Food Pick-up, Gym</p> <p>Our 10:00 a.m. Uplifters Class and our 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary service are broadcast over KFPW 1230AM.</p>
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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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October 9-11
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