

First United Methodist News

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October 9, 2008

From Bishop Charles Crutchfield

Dear Friends in Christ:

The historic position of the United Methodist Church of opposing gambling in all its forms is founded on the fundamental principle that we should never do anything that causes harm to people or that preys on any human weakness. Gambling is based on a human weakness: greed. God is replaced with a desire to get rich quick. Wealth becomes more important than God. In that sense, gambling violates the first of the Ten Commandments.

In a day when we rightly speak of concern for "traditional values" and "family values," Christians should not support any proposal that insures that government will sponsor, tolerate and encourage practices or programs that promote greed. We need look no further than our current economic crisis to see the fruit of human and institutional greed.

I strongly support more funds for education and scholarships. There are viable options to a lottery to find more funding for scholarships.

The end simply does not justify the means. A lottery will prey on those least able to tolerate the loss of money. It becomes a regressive tax on the poor. Millions of dollars will be spent promoting the lottery, providing prizes, and paying administrative costs, before any educational value is realized. Only a small percentage of the funds will be used for scholarships.

Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.... You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Mark 12:30-32) Gambling violates the words of Jesus, replacing God with greed and placing stumbling blocks in front of the neighbor. Gambling is morally and ethically bankrupt.

I encourage you to vote to defeat the lottery in Arkansas.

May God bless you.

Faithfully,

Charles Crutchfield
Bishop, Arkansas Annual Conference
The United Methodist Church

-SUNDAY, October 12, 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, "A Word of Prayer" and his scripture text will be I Thessalonians 5:12-22. 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, Debbie Hardgrave, 11:00, Ann Dawson. Acolytes will be Ashtyn Marshall and Alexandra Salamone.

Francesca and Faith Rossi will be the soloists at the 8:30 service. The Chancel Choir's anthems will be "The Lord's Prayer" by Albert Malotte and "Prayer of St. Francis" by Allen Pote. Jonathan Karrant will sing "His Eye is On the Sparrow" at the 11:00 a.m. sanctuary service.



As of Monday, October 6, 2008 the following members were listed in the hospitals:

Sparks: Virginia Birch
St. Edward: Nell Barling, Denise Jones

BY YOUR GIFTS . . .

Rec'd this week.....\$25,989
Rec'd to date.....\$1,149,000
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, Dwalyyn 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

Did you know that you can name the church as a beneficiary of your estate in several ways? Consider gifting the church a specific amount, a percentage of your estate, the remainder of the estate after other gifts are made, or gifts whose beneficiaries predecease you.

Methodist Men's Clubs

Thursday Noon Bible Study and Lunch (\$4.00) - Bob Hawkins teaching Mark 11 on October 16.

Friday Morning Bible Study and Breakfast (\$4.00) - Ted Goodman will teach Daniel 3:1-30 on October 17.

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, 452-2749
Donations may be dropped off at the FLC horseshoe Sunday morning or Monday afternoon.



The Altar Flowers for Sunday, October 12, 2008, are placed in honor of Cancer Awareness Day and given by the Cancer Support Group.

Attention Ladies!

If you would like to help make Chrismons for a Christmas tree in our Narthex area, please contact Janie Orr at 649-7135.



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. Look for the flu shot clip boards and sign up as soon as possible.

Our Prayers and Sympathy are for:

Jan Nelson and family on the death of her sister-in-law, Mary "Louise" Yarborough of Booneville.

Open Dates for Altar Flowers are **November 16, 23, and 30.** Call the church office if you would like to put flowers on the altar, 782-5068.

UMW Sub-groups to meet. . .
Sunday, Oct. 12 - "Ordinary Women" will meet at 5 p.m., Narthex Conf. Rm.
Tuesday, Oct. 14:

"Naomi" will meet with Ann Woods at 10am in Room M105.

"Ruth" will meet at 11am in Room 101 of the Family Life Center.

"Elizabeth" will meet at 1:30pm in Room M105.

"Rebekah" will meet with Becky Phillips, 3314 So. 41st at 10am.

"Deborah" will meet with Jan Nelson, 5400 Country Club at 10am.

"Mary" will meet with Connie Copley, 7719 Westminster at 7pm.

"Hannah" will meet at 10am at Willowbrook.



Weekday School and Children's Day Out Annual Spaghetti Supper

on Wednesday, October 22, 2008

5:00-7:00 p.m. - Family Life Center
Adults \$5.00 Children \$3.00
Children 2 and under eat free

Carry out available
Also Open House and a special art project.

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

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Number of Adults: _____

Number of Children: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

Thank you, Alishia!

Alishia Tidwell has served the families of First UMC as Nursery Director for over six years. Alishia has recently accepted a new job in another setting. We want all things good for Alishia as she moves in a new direction. First Church has been richly blessed through Alishia's compassionate care of our precious children. She will still be with us as a participating member of First Church! God bless you, Alishia, in all things.

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 Janice Sudbrink at 782-5068.

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



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

Down Home Singin' is joining us for this concert on this evening only.

The UCA Concert Choir is an auditioned choir of both music majors and non-majors. Each year the choir studies some of the worlds most beautiful and challenging repertoire to present in concerts. The choir has performed in various venues including the 2005 American Choral Directors Association, national convention in Los Angeles, and a 2004 international choral competition in Riva Del Garda, Italy, for which it was the only American choir selected to compete. In the past the choir has performed in venues all over Europe including Italy, France, Spain, Germany, and the Netherlands. In addition to performances around the world and local performances, they regularly tour to high schools in Arkansas and other surrounding states. **Please MARK YOUR CALENDARS for this exciting event!**

Cancer Awareness Sunday

This Sunday, **Oct. 12, from 8:45-10:00 a.m.**, in the Narthex, the Cancer Support Group and the Health Ministry team will host a blood pressure and glucose screening (must be fasting for accuracy). Helpful information about cancer screenings will also be available along with **Dr. David Phillips providing oral cancer screenings** and **Dr. Cole Goodman skin cancer screenings**. Also, in observance of this day **Mums of all colors** and **FSFUMC Polo Shirts** will be available for purchase with all proceeds going toward **Relay for Life**.

At 5:30 p.m., in the theater located on 2nd floor children's area, the movie based on the national best seller **"The Last Lecture"** will be shown with discussion to follow. The author, Professor Pausch, was asked to give a lecture based on the question *"What wisdom would we impart to the world if we knew it was our last chance?"* Having been diagnosed with terminal cancer, he did not focus on dying but on living and what we want as our legacy. You will not want to miss the opportunity to see this movie! Refreshments will be served and childcare is available for the movie.

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.

<u>Pansies</u>	<u># of flats</u>	<u>Size/Price</u>
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: _____

SUNDAY SCHOOL

ATTENDANCE

October 5, 2008

Class	Attendance
Infants	6
Toddlers	
2 yr. olds	7
3 yr. olds	
4 yr. olds	19
Kindergarten	11
Grade 1	
Grade 2	20
Grade 3and	
Grade 4	23
Grade 5	
Grade 6	12
CHILDREN'S DIV.	98

Grade 7, 8, 9,	
Grade 10,11, & 12	17
YOUTH DIV.	17

Aldersgate(Room M105)	20
Believers (Room M302)	7
Builders (RoomM209)	25
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	45
Cornerstones*(Room M311)	19
Disciples (Room M312)	12
Discussion*(Room M301)	37
Encouragers*(Room M310)	34
Friends (Room M103)	17
Gleaners (Room M201)	31
Good News (Room M202)	7
Le Menage*(Room M306)	7
Roundtable*(Room M213)	28
Seekers*(Room M107)	15
Uplifters*(Room M205)	30

ADULT TOTALS	334
General Officers	4
*Made their quota	
TOTALS	453

Worship:	
8:30	78
11:00 Family Life	232
11:00 Sanctuary	277
Wed. Communion	81
TOTALS	668

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, October 12

8:30 - Holy Grounds Café Open
 8:30 - Worship, Roebuck Chapel
 8:30-12:30 - Angel Food Signup, FLC
 8:45-10 - Cancer Awareness, Narthex
 9:30-10:45 - Library Open, M211
 9:45 - Sunday School
 11:00 - Worship, Sanctuary
 11:00 - Worship, Family Life Center
 12:00 - Children's Council, Café
 12:00 - Guest Lunch, Fireside Rm.
 5:00 - Cancer Support Grp., M219
 5:00 - Jr. High Youth, Loft & Gy6m
 7:00 - Sr. High Youth, Loft & Gym

Monday, October 13

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

Tuesday, October 14

9:00 - Staff Meets, Conf. Rm.
 12:00 - Exec. Cmte., Pastor's Office
 12:00 - Responding/Call, M103
 1:30 - Archives Room Open, M204
 5:00 - Stephen Min., FLC101 & 102
 6:00 - Commitment Task Force, M103

Wednesday, October 15

6am - Men's Fraternity Bible Study, Gym
 9:15 - Beautiful Offering Study, Fireside
 10:00 - Ladybells, Bayliss Hall
 12:00 - CEC Board Meets, FLC101
 12:00 - WDS Board Meets, FLC102
 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
 6:15 - Rio Bravo Trip Mtg., Fireside
 7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 - Knitwits, Narthex

Thursday, October 16

10:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Narthex
 12:00 - UMM Lunch/Bible Study, FLC

Friday, October 17

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.

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October 10-12
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