

# *First United Methodist News*

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*Rev. Claire Caldwell*

*Rev. William Cheyne*

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*October 15, 2009*

## **ACROSS DAVID'S DESK**

*RETHINK CHURCH* is an opportunity for every group and individual in the congregation to deepen our roots in Christ and for Christ to be given an unfettered reign in our lives.

. . . To that end, Mrs. Nancy Vernon has requested that Sunday, October 18th, be "Music Commitment Sunday". And so it shall be! We have children, bells, chancel choir, and instrumental accompaniments scheduled for a grand and celebrative service in the sanctuary this Sunday. As we receive the blessing of the music presented, the participants in the music ministry of FUMC will be commissioned for their continued ministry among us.

. . . To that end, our scripture and devotion this week are preparing us to rethink our gifts to the Lord. The gospel (good news!) of good giving is an undeniable truth revealed in scripture. The Lord is good to us and we get to let the blessing of God move through us toward others. "The Lord loves a cheerful giver," is not a platitude, it is the truth of God as revealed in scripture. There is joy and spiritual growth when we are cheerful givers. There is sorrow and spiritual decline when giving is drudgery. Let's practice cheerful giving and trust God 100%.

. . . To that end, the following came to me today and it speaks eloquently of Christ's unfettered reign in our lives: "God can never make us into wine if we object to the fingers He chooses to use to crush us. We say, 'If God would only use His own fingers, and make me broken bread and poured-out wine in a special way, then I wouldn't object!' But when He uses someone we dislike, or some set of circumstances to which we said we would never submit, to crush us, then we object. Yet we must never try to choose the place of our own martyrdom. If we are ever going to be made into wine, we will have to be crushed- you cannot drink grapes. Grapes become wine only when they have been squeezed." - Oswald Chambers

First United Methodist Church is here to be God's instrument. Keep praying with me that God loves our church, shapes our church, and uses our church to glorify His Kingdom.

See you Sunday,  
David Orr

## **-SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2009, AT FIRST CHURCH-**

Rev. David Orr will preach at the 8:30 Chapel and 11:00 Sanctuary service. His sermon is entitled, "The Fragrance of Love" and his scripture text is Luke 7:36-50. 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, Ann Scott Winters, 11:00, Billy Dooly. Acolytes will be Kate Truitt and Caitlin Paris.

Ruth Anne Price will be the soloist at the 8:30 service. We will celebrate Music Commitment Sunday at the 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary service with The Chancel Choir, Chancel Ringers, Ladybells, Bayliss Hall Singers I & II, singing and ringing.



**IN THE HOSPITAL**

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

**Sparks:**

Robert Mitchell

**St. Edward:**

McKee Cox

**BY YOUR GIFTS . . .**

Rec'd this week.....\$17,414  
Rec'd to date.....\$1,104,973  
Budgeted to date.....\$1,349,615

**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**

You can share your faith beyond your lifetime by signing your estate planning documents now. You will have the satisfaction of knowing that whatever you do not use in this life, will continue in ministry after your death.

**Methodist Men's Clubs**

**Thursday, Noon Lunch/Bible Study, October 22,** Family Life Center. Scott Price will teach John 18.

**Friday Morning Breakfast/Bible Study, October 23, 2009,** 6:30 a.m., Family Life Center. Bill Pitts will teach Luke 16.

**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 18, 2009, are in loving memory of Edna Earle Massey and in honor of God's music makers at First United Methodist Church.

**Altar Flower Openings**

We have the following openings for altar flowers: **November 8, 15, 22 & 29.** If you would like to put flowers on the altar in memory or in honor of a loved one or for a special occasion such as a birthday or anniversary, 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.



**United Methodist Women**

will meet on Tuesday, October 20, at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

Rev. David Orr will give the devotional and our Joseph's Coat will be the program.

All women of the church are welcome.



Cheryl Powell and family on the death of her Aunt, Clarissa Wilson of Chillicothe, Missouri.

 **Music Commitment**  
Sunday  
October 18  
11 a.m.  
Sanctuary  
The Chancel Choir,  
Chancel Ringers,  
Ladybells,  
Bayliss Hall Singers, I & II,  
Trumpet and Congregation  
will all be praising God together.  
We need your heart and voice.  
Join us and bring a friend!



**Health Kits for Ingathering 2009**

We are asking everyone to participate in collecting items for "Health Kits". We will have marked boxes in the narthex, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor stairwell and Family Life Center.

The following is a list of what to bring and what to include if you are making whole kits:

- 1 hand towel
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb (large, not pocket size)
- 1 nail file (not emory board)
- 1 bar of soap
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 large tube of toothpaste
- 6 Band-aids

Seal all of the above in a Ziplock bag. The kits will be taken to Little Rock on November 7 for the Ingathering event.

This is a great way for all of us to help with missions! **THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.** Money donations are gladly accepted as well - please mark monetary donations "Ingathering".



**Influenza flu vaccines** will be given this Sunday, October 18, in the Narthex Conference Room from 8:45-10:00 a.m. at \$15 per vaccine. Please bring correct change or a check. 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. H1N1 (swine flu) vaccines are still not available.



**First United Methodist Church  
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: \_\_\_\_\_

**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.**



**Pacesetter Fall Foliage Trip**

The Pacesetters will be taking a Fall Foliage Trip on Thursday, October 29. We will leave the church at 9:00 a.m. and return at approximately 4:30 p.m. We'll eat at Mt. Sequoyah and then travel on to Hobbs State Park near Rogers. Cost is \$13, which includes lunch. You do not have to be a member of the Pacesetters to go on this trip. Call the church office, 782-5068, to make your reservation.

**Honorariums**

**In Honor of Nancy Vernon** - Helen Gray, Ann Scott Winters, and Joey Winters

**In Honor of Ray Baker** - Stanley & Violet Isaacks



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

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

- Volunteers are needed to work at the various booths Contact Connie Adrion, 629-1041 or Neta Williams 221-7899
- Cakes or cupcakes for the Cakewalk
- Prizes are needed for games and activities Call Connie or Neta for types of prizes
- 2-liter bottles of soda, regular or diet
- Bags of candy
- Cash donations to defray the cost of food and inflatables



**Enter the Pumpkin Carving Contest and the Costume Contest and Costume Parade**



**The Women's Ministry is going shopping!!!**

**Join us for a day trip to the Day Springs Outlet in Siloam Springs on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Gather at 8:00 a.m., travel to Pinnacle Mall via bus, then on to Siloam Springs and home by 5:30 p.m.**

**Sign-ups begin Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
ATTENDANCE  
October 11, 2009**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Infants	4
Toddlers	
2 yr. olds	4
3 yr. olds	5
4 yr. olds	5
Kindergarten	8
Grade 1	
Grade 2	15
Grade 3and	
Grade 4	13
Grade 5 and	
Grade 6	16
<b>CHILDREN'S DIV.</b>	<b>70</b>
Grade 7, 8, 9, (Confirmation)	16
Grade 10,11, & 12	10
<b>YOUTH DIV.</b>	<b>26</b>
College	
Aldersgate(Room M105)	22
Believers (Room M302)	5
Builders (RoomM209)	26
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	38
Cornerstones*(Room M311)	19
Disciples Room M312)	15
Discussion*(Room M301)	25
Encouragers*(Room M303)	14
Friends (Room M103)	6
Gleaners (Room M201)	38
Good News (Room M202)	-
Le Menage (Room M306)	-
Roundtable*(Room M213)	23
Seekers*(Room M107)	12
Uplifters*(Room M205)	29
<b>ADULT TOTALS</b>	<b>272</b>
General Officers	4
*Made their quota	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>372</b>
<b>Ethnos Youth</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Worship:</b>	
8:30	73
11:00 FLC	168
11:00 Sanctuary	274
Communion	57
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>572</b>

**OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK**

<p><b>Sunday, October 18</b></p> <p>8:30 - Holy Grounds Café Open            8:30 - Worship, Roebuck Chapel            8:45-10 - Flu Shots, Conf. Rm.            9:45 - Confirmation Class, Rm. 313            9:45 - Sunday School            11:00 - Worship, Sanctuary            11:00 - Worship, Family Life Center            5:00 - Chick Flicks, M219            5:00 - Shoal Creek Celebration, Gym            5:00 - Jr. High Youth, Loft            6:30 - Sr. High Youth, Loft</p> <p><b>Monday, October 19</b></p> <p>11:30 - Intro to Old Test., FLC102            12:00 - Finance Meets, FLC101            6:00 - Beth Moore, Fireside Rm.            6:30 - Boy Scouts, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor</p> <p><b>Tuesday, October 20</b></p> <p>9:00 - Staff Meets, Conf. Rm.            10:00 - UMW Meets, Fireside Rm.            1:30 - Archives Room Open, M204            6:00 - Disciple III, M200            6:30 - Down Home Mtg., Narthex</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, October 21</b></p> <p>9:15 - Beth Moore, Fireside Rm.            10:00 - Ladybells, Bayliss Hall            12:00 - Memorial Cmte., M103            12:00 - WDS Board, FLC102            12:00 - CEC Board, FLC101            1:30 - Arthritis Class, M105            3:30 - Children's Choirs            5-7 - Spaghetti Dinner, FLC            5:30 - Communion, Roebuck Chapel            6:00 - Sign Language, FLC101            6:00 - Praise Team, Gym            6:00 - Chancel Ringers, Bayliss Hall            6:15 - First Place 4 Health, M105            7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal            7:00 - Core Youth Bible Study, M310</p> <p><b>Thursday, October 22</b></p> <p>6am - Men's Fraternity Bible Study, Gym            10:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Narthex            12:00 - UMM Lunch/Bible Study, FLC            6:00 - Girl Scouts, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor            6:30 - Intro to Genesis, M103</p> <p><b>Friday, October 23</b></p> <p>6:30 - UMM Breakfast/Bible Study, FLC</p> <p><b>Our 10:00 a.m. Uplifters Class and our 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary service are broadcast over KFPW 1230AM</b></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.

**Rev. Claire Caldwell  
Emergency  
on call Minister for  
October 16-18  
Phone: 459-5060**