

First United Methodist News

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October 16, 2008

ACROSS DAVID'S DESK

Well, well, life at First United Methodist Church is never dull.

Never dull, on Sunday we welcomed friends and guests in worship, and former Senior Pastor, Dr. Joel Cooper, in his officiating of an infant baptism. Two sisters sang and glorified God and humbled the 8:30 worship. Chancel Choir anthems and a moving solo inspired the sanctuary worship. We heard gifted laity speak in each service of worship. Sunday School classes were full of growing Disciples. A mini-clinic was conducted. A balloon release following worship was a moment of hope for those dealing with cancer. A fellowship meal was given for guests and prospective members. We had fantastic youth ministry in the evening. Cancer Support Ministry sponsored an inspirational movie night in the children's theatre. We cared for hurting families. We rejoiced with a 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Never being dull, as we approached the time of year for Fall Fun Festival, we discovered there were many folks counting on the event taking place and too few folks committing to work to make the event take place. Having lifted the need and receiving limited response, the event was cancelled. Now, there are folks stepping up and joining full force with Family Ministries leadership to create the best ever Fall Fun Festival. We'll be looking for everyone in the church family to be present and enjoying the Fun. We'll be inviting the neighborhood and meeting more new friends from the Lord.

Never being dull, First United Methodist Church is conducting our 2009 Commitment Campaign, *The Abundant Life*, square in the middle of an historic economic storm. We are people of God and the compelling call of the Kingdom of God requires of us to be faithful stewards of our prayers, presence, gifts and service regardless of the world's circumstances. I repeat, I am a pastor and no one's economist. So, the very best thing that you and I can do is to be the light shining in the darkness. We get to be good stewards of every good gift that God has granted us. We do not take our queue from the morning paper, but from the proprietor of the universe. The Lord is calling every Christian to a life of faithfulness and stewardship. *The Abundant Life* is our current campaign to guide each of us in deepening our spiritual roots in Christ's love.

So, if you don't like dull, I will . . .

See you Sunday in the Lord's House,
David Orr

-SUNDAY, October 19, 2008, AT FIRST CHURCH-

Rev. Janice Sudbrink will preach at the 8:30 Chapel and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary services. Her sermon is entitled, "Who Is The Lord of Your Sabbath?" and her scripture text will be Luke 6:1-5. Rev. David Orr will preach at the 11:00 a.m. Family Life Center service. Todd Vick and Cassandra Arnhart will be Liturgists. Lay Readers are: 8:30, Ann Scott Winters, 11:00, Tom Ashwood. Acolytes will be Eve Jagers and Lindsay Vickery.

Suzanne Adrion will be soloist at the 8:30 service. The Bayliss Hall Ringers and Singers will perform at the 11:00 service. The Chancel Choir's anthems will be, "Let The People Praise Thee" by Walter L. Pelz and "The Eyes of All" by Michael Larkin.



As of Monday, October 13, 2008, the following members were listed in local hospitals:

Sparks: Virginia Birch

St. Edward: Nell Barling, Denise Jones, and Clifford Bell

Infant Baptism:

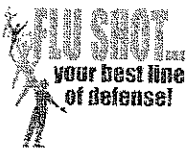
Isabel Glenn Grey, daughter of Cam and Ann Grey, was baptized on Sunday, October 12, 2008, in the 11:00 AM Sanctuary Service. Maternal grandparents are Dr. Rowland and Nancy Vernon. We rejoice with this family!

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."



Flu Shots for ages 18 or older will be available to the congregation at a cost of \$13, beginning on

Sunday, October 26, 2008, in the Conference Room. You will need to sign up to reserve your vaccination. Clipboards are located outside Janice's office, at the Information Desk outside Roebuck Chapel, in the Family Life Center at the Horseshoe, and in the Narthex - or email jsudbrink@fsfumc.org or call the church at 782-5068.

BY YOUR GIFTS . . .

Rec'd this week.....\$19,998
 Rec'd to date..... \$1,168,998
 Budgeted to date..... \$1,366,899

UMW Auction
Tuesday, October 21
8:30-9:30 - Brunch \$5.00
9:00 - Silent Auction
and Bake Sale
9:30 - Live 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 19, 2008, are placed in honor of the birthday of Wilma Ayers and are given with love by John W., Rose Mary, and John Ayers Jr.

Our Prayers and Sympathy Are For:

Melissa Reeves and family on the death of her mother, Lois Ann Rhodes Short of Irving, Texas.

Kelly Newton and family on the death of his mother, Zoe Newton.

Ann Brambl and family on the death of her mother, Mary Brambl of Alma.

Dick Fry and family on the death of his nephew, Phillip M. Doyle.

MEN'S SCHEDULE

Methodist Men's Clubs:

Thursday Noon Bible Study/Lunch (\$4.00) - Lindy Cotner teaching Mark 12 on October 23.

Friday Morning Breakfast/Study
 Rev. Herschel McClurkin teaching Daniel 4:1-37 on October 24.



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: _____

WOMEN'S NEWS

The trip is back on!! to attend the Women of Faith "Infinite Grace" Conference in Oklahoma City's Ford Center on November 14-15, 2008. Featured speakers at the conference include Sandi Patty, Max Lucado, Patsy Clairmont, Natalie Grant, Nicole C. Mullen, Sheila Walsh, Marilyn Meberg, and Luci Swindoll! We will depart Ft. Smith at noon on Friday, attend the conference that evening and Saturday and return to Ft. Smith on Saturday evening. Cost for the trip is estimated at \$165, including hotel, premium ticket seating, box lunch on Saturday, and gasoline. Register by October 22 with Paige Ingram 646-0766.



Angel Food Ministries News

Come join us at the Fall Festival Sunday, October 26 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. The Angel Food team is rounding up volunteers to be part of this great opportunity to reach out again to our surrounding neighbors. Wear a costume and join the fun! We will hold a drawing to give away 20 units of Angel Food! Contact Connie Adrion at 629-1041 if you are willing to help.

We are also excited to work with Janice and her team to offer flu shots at no cost to Angel Food customers at our next distribution day, October 25. We are having a great response to this offer and look forward to being of service to our community! The Angel Food team has committed to give 20 units of food in conjunction with our Thanksgiving dinner and have volunteers ready and willing to serve where needed. It is SO rewarding to be able to make someone else happy—come join us!

Join us for "First Church DNA", a course designed for guests and new members, but open to anyone, to learn about the United Methodist Church and FUMC in particular. Sessions will be held on October 28 and November 4 and 11 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. A meal will be provided for a cost of \$5; call the church office 782-5068 for reservations. Childcare available-call the office. For additional information e-mail tvick@fsfumc.org.



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. 20. 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: _____



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!**

New and Noteworthy:

● **Pacesetters Fall Foliage Trip** is scheduled for Monday, October 20, 2008, to Lake Fort Smith, museum, Ozark Crafts Guild, and Devil's Den. Cost for the trip is \$10 which includes our lunch and gasoline for the van. We will leave at 9:00 a.m. and return approximately 4:00 p.m. You may call the church office 782-5068 to sign up for this exciting trip!

● **Calling All Darby Alumni and Friends!** Are you a Darby alumnus 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.

● **Library Chairperson Needed!** The church library is in need of a chairperson to coordinate the volunteers in this wonderful ministry and the services offered to our congregation. If you are interested in the job please call Todd Vick at 782-5068 or e-mail at tvick@fsfumc.org to express your interest or gain more information.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE
October 12, 2008**

Class	Attendance
Infants	5
Toddlers	
2 yr. olds	6
3 yr. olds	3
4 yr. olds	6
Kindergarten	10
Grades 1,2	18
Grades 3,4	14
CHILDREN'S DIV.	62
Grades 7-12	15
YOUTH DIV.	15
Aldersgate (M105)	20
Believers (M302)	7
Builders (M209)	28
Chapel (Roebuck)	28
Cornerstones (M311)*	18
Disciples (M312)*	18
Discussion (M301)*	42
Encouragers (M310)*	22
Friends (M103)	14
Gleaners (M201)	27
Good News (M202)	4
Le Menage (M306)	2
Roundtable (M213)	21
Seekers (M107)*	11
Uplifters (M205)*	34
ADULT TOTALS	296
General Officers	4
*Made Quota	
TOTALS	377

Worship:	
8:30	72
11:00 FLC	172
11:00 Sanctuary	312
Wed. Communion	53
TOTALS:	609

Foundation Information

Have you written and signed a will or Living Trust? The state will do it for you, if you don't. These state intestacy laws do not include any gifts to the church.

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, October 19

8:30 – Holy Grounds Open
8:30 – Worship, Roebuck Chapel
9:30-10:45 – Library Open
9:45 – Sunday School
11:00 – Worship, Sanctuary
11:00 – Worship, FLC
5:00 – Chick Flicks, Theater
5:00 – Jr. High Youth, Loft & Gym
7:00 – Sr. High Youth, Loft & Gym

Monday, October 20

11:30 – Intro to Old Test., FLC102
Noon – Finance Committee, FLC101
5:30 – Chorale Board, Conference Room
6:00 – Beautiful Offering, Fireside
6:30 – Disciple I, Conference Room
6:30 – Disciple II, M103
6:30 – Jesus/Gospels, M200
6:30 – Boy Scouts, 3rd Floor

Tuesday, October 21

9:00 – Staff Meets, Conference Room
9:00-2:00 – UMW Auction/Brunch, FLC
1:30 – Archives Room Open
6:30 – Down Home Meeting, M103
7:00 – Meals Committee, M103

Wednesday, October 22

6:00 AM – Men's Fraternity, Gym
9:15 – Beautiful Offering, Fireside
10:00 – Ladybells, Bayliss Hall
3:30 – Children's Choirs
4:30-7:00 – Spaghetti Supper, FLC
5:30 – Communion, Roebuck
6:00 – Joy of Signing, Conf. Rm.
6:00 – Disciple IV, M200
6:00 – Praise Team, Gym
6:00 – Chancel Ringers, Bayliss
7:00 – Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 – Knitwits, Narthex

Thursday, October 23

10:00 – Prayer Shawl, Narthex
Noon – UMM Lunch/ Bible, FLC
6:30 – Angel Food Mtg., FLC101
6:30 – Covenant Care, Conf. Rm.

Friday, October 24

6:30 AM – UMM, Fireside

**Our 10:00 a.m. Uplifters Class and
11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service are
broadcast over KFPW 1230 AM**

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. Janice Sudbrink
Emergency
On Call Minister for
October 17-19
459-5060**

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