

# *First United Methodist News*

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*Rev. Janice Sudbrink*

*Rev. Stephen Dickinson*

*Rev. Claire Caldwell*

*Rev. William Cheyne*

*Rev. Herschel McClurkin*

*October 22, 2009*

## **ACROSS DAVID'S DESK**

Thank you FUMC Music Ministry for all you do and for all you mean to First Church. Sunday was a blessing beyond words. From those of us who get to soak it in, we are blessed.

RETHINK CHUCH, our congregational campaign for 2010 ministry and mission, is racing toward commitment Sunday, November 8th. Information packets have been mailed to each household. If you have questions, please call the church office and we will gladly be of support.

Sunday, October 25th our theme is "Service". To that end, the various ministry groups of the church are putting together a Ministry Fair to give everyone the privilege to see what happens in their areas. The Ministry Fair will happen in the Fireside Room between 9:00 and noon. On your way into or out of Sunday School, plan some time to go through this Fair. You get to ask questions, see displays of accomplishments, consider where you best fit into some ministry group and ask the Lord to open your eyes and see where you are being led to be in ministry. Much time and work go into providing this Ministry Fair. Let's make the commitment to attend and to learn from our sisters and brothers at this year's Ministry Fair.

The 4th Sunday Breakfast, hosted by the Chapel Sunday School Class is October, 25th. There is delicious food, heart-warming fellowship and something good for everyone. Again, we are opening our doors to our neighborhood friends. Keep your heart and your fellowship open to new faces and new friends. . . Remember, there is no cost for breakfast. Donations received at the breakfast go 100% to the Backpack for Kids feeding program at the Clearing House.

To cap off the day, our Annual Fall Festival is Sunday, October 25th, 4:00-6:00 p.m. The Family Life Center and the grounds will be full of fun-seeking kids and kids-at-heart. Cake-walks, bounce-arounds, costume contests, face painting and loads of food are waiting for you at this year's Fall Festival. - If you've ever wanted to "take a shot at the pastor", I'll be on the seat in the dunking booth and trusting that you can't throw very well!

Yes, good friends, this is a full and marvelous time of the year.

See you, Sunday,  
David Orr

## **-SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2009, AT FIRST CHURCH-**

Rev. David Orr will preach at the 8:30 Chapel and 11:00 Sanctuary service. His sermon is entitled, "He Lived To Serve" and his scripture text is James 1:22-25. 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, Louise Finney, 11:00, Cassandra Arnhart. Acolytes will be Kelsey Vickery and Stephanie Clyde.

Jonathan Karrant will be the soloist at the 8:30 and 11:00 Sanctuary service. The Chancel Choir's anthems will be "God Is My Rock" by John Horman and "God Is Our Refuge" by Allen Pote.



**IN THE HOSPITAL**

As of Monday, October 19, 2009, the following members were known to be in the hospital:

**Sparks:**

- Jerry Kesner
Lois Ross
Richard Graham
Bob Lucy

**St. Edward:**

- Debbie Hardgrave



**The Altar Flowers**

for Sunday, October 25, 2009, are given by Paul and Tricia Cross in honor of their first wedding anniversary on October 25.

**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.

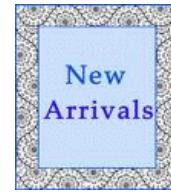


FSFUMC Cancer Support Group has two



**special offers:**

Blue polo and long sleeve denim 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 XX for the polo and \$22 for the denim. Both of these shirts will make great Christmas gifts. All proceeds go toward the Relay for Life American Cancer Society.



**We rejoice with:**

Tricia Ragsdale on the birth of a son, Nicholas Taylor Ragsdale. Maternal Grandmother is Patricia Ragsdale. Maternal grandfather is Joe Ragsdale.

Jeff and Kim Rickard on the birth of a son, Noah James Rickard. Paternal grandparents are David and Sally Rickard.

**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, 3rd 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".

**BY YOUR GIFTS . . .**

Rec'd this week.....\$10,600
Rec'd to date.....\$1,115,573
Budgeted to date.....\$1,382,533

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**

Remember your church in your Will and Living Trust.

**Methodist Men's Clubs**

Thursday, Noon Lunch/Bible Study, October 29, Family Life Center. Rev. Janice Sudbrink will teach John 19.

Friday Morning Breakfast/Bible Study, October 30, 2009, 6:30 a.m., Family Life Center. Charlie Reutzel will teach Luke 17.

**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.



Blood Drive mobile unit will be at First Church on Sunday morning, November 8. Make plans to give blood. Blood products help those with cancer, those having surgery and those involved in accidents.

Sub-group "Lydia" will meet on Tuesday, October 27 at 1:00 p.m. with Donna Mitchell, 418 North 6th Street.

**Down Home Singin' October 25, 2009 6:00 p.m., Roebuck Chapel**



Come and hear our very own Johnnie Dart leading us in those wonderful Cokesbury hymns and then sing a couple of specials for us.

After the singing, come join us in the narthex for apple cider, cookies, and some fun.



**Influenza flu vaccines** will be given this Sunday, October 25, in the Family Life Center from 8:45-10:00 a.m. at \$15 per vaccine. Please bring correct change or a check.



**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 Child Enrichment Center** will be selling Cinnabon Cinnamon Rolls from Central Mall as our fall fund raiser. These would make wonderful gifts or use the coupons as stocking stuffers and last minute gifts! Each six pack sells for \$13.00. A table will be set up in the Narthex on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> for your convenience. Thank you for your support.



**What's for Dinner?**  
**How about taking the family out to Chick-Fil-A?**  
**Tuesday, October 27, 4-8pm**



The Weekday School if having their first "Spirit Night" at Chick-Fil-A. You can even use the **Drive-thru**, just be sure to **mention that you are there to support First United Methodist Weekday School!** We hope to see our school and church families come out to support us. Thank you so much!!

**Commitment Packet Child and Youth Mix Ups**

It has come to our attention that some families received the wrong commitment card for their children (i.e. a child card when they should have received a youth card or the opposite). If this happened to you we are incredibly sorry for the error that occurred during packet processing. To correct the situation please inform Todd Vick at 782-5068 or [tvick@fsfumc.org](mailto:tvick@fsfumc.org) to receive the appropriate commitment card.

**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>*

**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. Call the church office to make your reservation.

**Memorials**

**In Memory of Clifford Davis** - Mr. & Mrs. Wyman Card; Ann & Bob Dawson; Jan & Mike Cardwell; Betty Stanfield; Mr. & Mrs. Spence Leamons; Bob & Naomi Gregg; Seekers Bible Class; Mr. & Mrs. Al Sass; David & Betsy Farris

**In Memory of Dr. Douglas Fletcher** - Myra Ward; Boy Scout Troop 316, Harvest Time Church; Sub-group Ruth; Dr. R.C. & Dorothy Goodman; Mary Ann Jacobs; Finley & Evelyn Turner; Herb & Helen Couvillion; Richard & Jaunice Griffin; Chapel Class; Bettye Fields & Don Sangster

**In Memory of Caroline Blochberger** - Mr. & Mrs. Tony Leraris; Helen Gray

**In Honor of John B. Cunningham** - Gerri Cunningham, Todd Cunningham and Lynn Brown

**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
ATTENDANCE  
October 18, 2009**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Infants	2
Toddlers	
2 yr. olds	3
3 yr. olds	5
4 yr. olds	5
Kindergarten	10
Grade 1	
Grade 2	16
Grade 3and	
Grade 4	18
Grade 5 and	
Grade 6	9
<b>CHILDREN'S DIV.</b>	<b>68</b>
Grade 7, 8, 9, (Confirmation)	14
Grade 10,11, & 12	11
<b>YOUTH DIV.</b>	<b>25</b>
College	4
Aldersgate(Room M105)	18
Believers (Room M302)	5
Builders (RoomM209)	21
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	32
Cornerstones (Room M311)	13
Disciples*(Room M312)	16
Discussion*(Room M301)	48
Encouragers (Room M303)	13
Friends (Room M103) w/Chapel	
Gleaners (Room M201)	29
Good News (Room M202)	7
Le Menage (Room M306)	-
Roundtable (Room M213)	15
Seekers*(Room M107)	12
Uplifters*(Room M205)	30
<b>ADULT TOTALS</b>	<b>263</b>
General Officers	4
*Made their quota	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>360</b>
<b>Ethnos Youth</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Worship:</b>	
8:30	62
11:00 FLC	127
11:00 Sanctuary	335
Communion	46
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>570</b>

**OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK**

**Sunday, October 25**

- 8:30 - Breakfast, Gym
- 8:30 - Worship, Roebuck Chapel
- 8:45-10 - Flu Shots, FLC
- 9-12 - Ministry Fair, FLC
- 9:45 - Confirmation Class, Rm. 313
- 9:45 - Sunday School
- 11:00 - Worship, Sanctuary
- 11:00 - Worship, Family Life Center
- 12:00 - Chancel Choir Lunch, Narthex
- 12:00 - Children's Council, Café
- 4-6 - Fall Festival, Family Life Center
- 6:00 - Down Home Singin', Roebuck Chapel w/reception, Narthex
- 6:30 - Youth Meet, Loft

**Wednesday, October 28**

- 9:15 - Beth Moore, Fireside Rm.
- 10:00 - Ladybells, Bayliss Hall
- 12:00 - General Staff Meets, Fireside
- 1:30 - Arthritis Class, M105
- 3:30 - Children's Choirs, Bayliss Hall
- 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, Fireside
- 7:00 - Core Youth Bible Study, M310
- 7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 - College Bible Study, Goodsons

**Monday, October 26**

- 11:30 - Intro to Old Test., FLC102
- 12:00 - College Meal, UAFS Campus
- 6:00 - Beth Moore, Fireside Rm.
- 6:00 - Cub Scouts, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor
- 6:30 - Boy Scouts, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

**Thursday, October 29**

- 6am - Men's Fraternity Bible Study, Gym
- 10:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Narthex
- 12:00 - UMM Lunch/Bible Study, FLC
- 6:00 - Cub Scouts, Loft
- 6:30 - Intro to Genesis, M103

**Tuesday, October 27**

- 10:00 - Dorcas Meets, Fireside Rm.
- 1:30 - Archives Room Open, M204
- 5:30 - Stephen Ministry, M103
- 6:00 - Disciple III, M200

**Friday, October 30**

- 6:30 - UMM Breakfast/Bible Study, FLC

**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.

**Rev. Janice Sudbrink  
Emergency  
on call Minister for  
October 23-25  
Phone: 459-5060**