

First United Methodist News

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October 30, 2008

ACROSS DAVID'S DESK

The Abundant Life campaign is rapidly moving to Commitment Sunday, November 9th. We are continuing to be inspired and led by the devotions prepared by member of First UMC in the daily devotion booklet. We have major happening this Sunday, November 2nd, for the campaign.

First Church Ministry Fair

You will find a marvelous and inspiring display of ministry opportunities in the Narthex on Sunday. The several ministries underway @ First Church are going to be available for everyone to browse, inquire, celebrate and be more informed. This Ministry Fair is the ideal place for you to find out more about ministries you may have read or heard about and are considering as places you can be in hands-on ministry. I cannot emphasize enough the power and necessity of every member being supportive of the ministries our sisters and brothers are providing. No one member does it all. No one member knows it all. We all get to embrace the wide range of ministries in motion, encourage one another and offer praise to God that the Body of Christ is healthy, growing and serving. Learn, pray and celebrate at the Ministry Fair!

Reverend Jeremy Basset to Preach, November 2nd

I am thrilled to have the Reverend Jeremy Basset available to preach here at First Church on Sunday. Jeremy is the Director of Volunteers in Mission (VIM) for the Oklahoma Conference of The United Methodist Church. A native of South Africa, he came to the U.S. to lead the mission staff at Church of the Servant, Oklahoma City. He spoke at a regional training event for VIM here in Ft. Smith in August. His love for Christ, his passion for missions, his extraordinary knowledge of missions and his delightfully approachable disposition won the hearts of everyone present and inspired each of us. He will be preaching in the Chapel and Sanctuary services this Sunday. It is a high privilege and certain blessing for First Church to have Jeremy Bassett available to preach the Gospel here.

WOW! HOW ABOUT THAT FALL FUN FESTIVAL!!

The Family Life Center was packed with happy children, parents, members, neighbors, great food, fabulous fun, and love, love, love. The event shouts out loud the commitment of this congregation to make the love of God real. Thank you, each and every one, for making this an event that blesses everyone. Remember, it is one of many ministries you can commit to on the Every Member in Ministry commitment on November 9th!

See you, Sunday!
David Orr

-SUNDAY, November 2, 2008, AT FIRST CHURCH-

Rev. Jeremy Basset will preach at the 8:30 Chapel and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary services. His sermon is entitled, "Finding Our Place in God's Mission" and his scripture text will be Luke 10:1-9, 17-21. Rev. Stephen Dickinson will preach at the 11:00 a.m. Family Life Center service. Rev. David Orr, Rev. Janice Sudbrink and Rev. Claire Hoffman will be Liturgists. Lay Readers are: 8:30, Patricia Fant, 11:00, Ben Reid. Acolytes will be Kate Truitt and Kelsey Vickery.

Suzanne Adrion will be the soloist at the 8:30 service. The Chancel Choir's anthem will be "Come, Let Us Glorify the Lord" by Allen Pote and accompanied by the Chancel Ringers.



As of Monday, October 27, 2008 the following members were listed in the hospitals:

Sparks: Toy Baker

BY YOUR GIFTS . . .

Rec'd this week.....\$31,009
 Rec'd to date.....\$1,231,485
 Budgeted to date.....\$1,433,577

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 November
 Matthew 8:26**

“Why are you afraid, you of little faith?”
 Then he ordered the wind and the waves to calm down.

Foundation Information

Who will receive your property if you and your immediate family are deceased? Consider naming the church as the final beneficiary in your estate plan.

Methodist Men's Clubs

Thursday Noon Bible Study and Lunch (\$4.00) - Rev. Paul Strang teaching Mark 14 on November 6.

Friday Morning Bible Study and Breakfast (\$4.00) - Rev. Janice Sudbrink will teach Daniel 6:1-28 on November 7.



The Altar Flowers for Sunday, November 2, 2008, are given in loving memory of Dibby Reutzel by Charles, Anne and David.

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

Flu Shots and Mini-Clinic



Flu shots will be available in the Conference room again this Sunday, Nov. 2, for ages 18 or older at a cost of \$13. A **mini-clinic** will also be held. Blood pressure and glucose screenings will be available. You will need to be fasting for at least two hours for an accurate glucose reading.

**FUMC Ministry Fair
 November 2nd
 9 a.m. - noon
 in the Narthex**

Stop by our Ministry Fair to see all the wonderful ministries and opportunities our church offers. Each one of us can live an “Abundant Life” by reaching out to others and serving our Lord.

Only one more week left to sign up for the Radio City Rockettes performance at Alltel Arena, December 18 at 4 p.m. Cost is \$50, which includes tickets and a chartered bus. Dinner on your own. Sign up at the tables in the Narthex area.

P. S. This trip is not just for women, but **couples too!**



Daylight Saving Time ends this Sunday, so set your clocks **back one hour** before retiring on Saturday evening.

Angel Food Ministry Notes

The November menu is on the website - we have several new families requesting assistance and if you would like to donate a unit or two to help these folks get through the holidays, you can just mark your check donation for Angel Food and mail it in, drop it off at the office, or put it through the church offering. There is a special Thanksgiving box for this month for those of you who might be interested in a traditional Thanksgiving meal. We appreciate your involvement in this ministry.

Friends will want to know . . .

Jo Devon Winfrey
 and
 Fred Wix

will be married on
 Saturday, November 1, 2008

Jo Devon is the daughter of Jeri Donaldson Winfrey and Ron Winfrey and the granddaughter of the late Joe and Jody Donaldson. They will be at home in Nashville, Tennessee.

**Are you outgoing?
 Are you hardworking?**

**Do you have a heart for helping people?
 GREAT!**

We are in need of a Guest/New member Assimilation Ministry Chair. You would be using all of the skills listed above to make our guest and new members feel at home here at First Church. Call Todd Vick, 782-5068 or tvick@fsfumc.org for more information.

Honorariums

In Honor of Ruth Taylor's 101 Birthday - Bill & Toka Beall
In Honor of Karla Hutcheson, Daniel Hutcheson - David & Karen Hutcheson

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 include: Sandi Patty, Max Lucado, Patsy Clairmont, Natalie Grant, Nicole C. Mullen, Sheila Walsh, Marilyn Meberg, and Luci Swindoll!

We will depart Fort Smith at noon on Friday, attend the conference that evening and Saturday and return 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.



First Church DNA

November 4 & 11

6:00-7:30 p.m.

Fireside Room of Family Life Center

First Church DNA is a class about The United Methodist Church and First UMC. Topics include: EMIM, UMC structure, history, and beliefs; the ministries of

FUMC.

A meal will be provided at a cost of \$5.00. For more information contact Todd Vick, 782-5068, or tvick@fsfumc.org

FUMC Ingathering

We will be collecting items for health kits for the next three weeks. There are collection boxes located on each floor of church near the stairwells. These health kits will be sent to the annual United Methodist Ingathering on November 14, 2008. With all of the natural disasters worldwide this year these kits are especially in demand. A complete health kit consists of the following:

- 1 wash cloth
- 1 hand towel
- 5 band aids
- 1 metal nail file
- 1 toothbrush 1 tube of toothpaste
- 1 bar of soap
- 1 comb

Combine all of the above items in a Ziplock bag.

Thanks so much for your participation.

**THANK
YOU SO
MUCH!**

**We have lots and lots of
Thank You Notes, so
here goes.....**

The Angel Food Ministry would like to extend a hearty THANK YOU to all who contributed to the success of the Fall Festival. We were happy to see many church members involved as well as a large number of visitors from surrounding neighborhoods having a great time. A great time was had by all, and we appreciate the support from all of you.

A big thank you to all those who prayed, organized, brought candy, donated money, cooked, worked and attend the Fall Festival. God richly blessed this event and FUMC was blessed by all those who came.

Thank You to

Kelly & Don DeSoto, Mary & Taylor Pewitt Sharon & Larry Weir, Jeanne & Charles Ledbetter, Judy & David Staggs, Elaine Kamp, Tanna Schmidt, David & Leanne McClanahan, Janie & Mike Weber, Ida & Tenny Howell, Joanne & David Phillips, Rose Bethell, Gaye McClure, Nancy & Rowland Vernon, Dennis & Becky Burton, Dick & Donna Smith, Richard & Jaunice Griffin for hosting the singers of the UCA Choir. The choir did a fantastic job! Please pray for the entire UCA community as they confront the shock and grief following the campus violence on Sunday night. Thank you to all who came to hear them sing!

A huge thank you to all who participated in any way in the U.W.W. Auction for Missions. We raised over \$3600. A good portion of those funds will be used locally.

A big thank you to everyone who came to the Weekday School and Children's Day Out Spaghetti Dinner, despite the bad weather. We had a great night of fellowship and appreciate your support. A special gratitude is sent to Janne for cooking the delicious meal, Phyllis and Debbie and Elizabeth Thames for set-up, Shirley and Fred Williams for donating the meat, Leigh Norton, Sara Lane and Marianne Guhman for organizing the Christmas and Greeting Cards for our fundraiser, and to all the many volunteers who worked to make the evening a wonderful success! We are so thankful for you all!

Christie Jacobs, Weekday School Director

Tiffany Null, Children's Day Out Director

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE
October 26, 2008**

Class	Attendance
Infants	5
Toddlers	
2 yr. olds	3
3 yr. olds	5
4 yr. olds	8
Kindergarten	11
Grade 1	
Grade 2	14
Grade 3and	
Grade 4	17
Grade 5	
Grade 6	13
CHILDREN'S DIV.	76
Grade 7, 8, 9,	
Grade 10,11, & 12	15
YOUTH DIV.	15
Aldersgate(Room M105)	21
Believers (Room M302)	7
Builders (RoomM209)	23
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	43
Cornerstones (Room M311)	13
Disciples (Room M312)	11
Discussion*(Room M301)	53
Encouragers*(Room M310)	26
Friends (Room M103)	10
Gleaners (Room M201)	36
Good News (Room M202)	6
Le Menage (Room M306)	4
Roundtable (Room M213)	18
Seekers*(Room M107)	12
Uplifters*(Room M205)	35
ADULT TOTALS	318
General Officers	3
*Made their quota	
TOTALS	412
Worship:	
8:30	66
11:00 Family Life	142
11:00 Sanctuary	302
Wed. Communion	56
TOTALS	566

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, November 2

8:30 - Holy Grounds Café Open
 8:30 - Worship, Roebuck Chapel
 8::30-12 - Ministry Fair, Narthex
 8:45 - Mini Clinic, Conf. Rm.
 9:30-10:45 - Library Open
 9:45 - Sunday School
 11:00 - Worship, Family Life Center
 11:00 - Worship, Sanctuary
 5:00 - Jr. High Youth, Loft & Gym
 6:00 - Commitment Rally, Roebuck Ch.
 7:00 - Sr. High Youth, Loft & Gym

Wednesday, November 5

6am - Men's Fraternity Bible Study, Gym
 10:00 - Ladybells, Bayliss Hall
 12:00 - Christian Learn. Counc., Conf. Rm.
 3:30 - Children's Choirs
 5:30 - Communion, Roebuck Chapel
 6:00 - Joy of Signing, Conference Rm.
 6:00 - Chancel Ringers, Bayliss Hall
 6:00 - Disciple IV, M200
 6:00 - Praise Team, Gym
 7:00 - Knitwits, Narthex
 7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Monday, November 3

11:30 - Intro to Old Test., FLC102
 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

Thursday, November 6

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

Friday, November 7

6:30 - UMM Breakfast/Bible Study, FLC
 10:00 - Pacesetters, Fireside Rm.

Tuesday, November 4

9:00 - Staff Meets, Conf. Rm.
 1:30 - Archives Room Open, M204
 4:00 - Stephen's Covenant Care, FLC101
 5:00 - Bldg. & Grounds, Conf. Rm.
 6:00 - FUMC, DNA, Fireside Rm.
 6:00 - Council on Ministries, M103

**Our 10:00 a.m. Uplifters Class and our
 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.

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 on call Minister for
 Oct. 31-Nov. 2
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