

First United Methodist News

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November 5, 2009

ACROSS DAVID'S DESK

Sunday, November 8th

is

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

for

RETHINK CHURCH 2010 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Everyone in the First Church family is blessed. Everyone in the First Church family is ready to make our commitments to the Lord for the year of 2010. We'll be making covenant with the Lord about our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness through First UMC.

A celebration/thank you brunch is planned for those attending the 8:30 service. A celebration/thank you lunch is planned for those attending the two 11:00 services. Be sure you are in attendance in worship, Sunday School and the meals this Sunday. It will be a day of great power and joy when the First Church family prays, visions, fellowships and makes commitments through the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

We get to move away from "talk" and we move into the arena of "action". God is so fantastically good to each and every one of us that it is beyond description. As a blessed people, we give our lives to Christ in a renewal of our vows and a rededication of our faith.

See you, Sunday,
David Orr

-COMMITMENT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2009, AT FIRST CHURCH-

Rev. David Orr will preach at the 8:30 Chapel and 11:00 Sanctuary service. His sermon is entitled, "God's Commitment to You" and his scripture text is Philippians 4:19. 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, Anna Brown, 11:00, Carol Hall. Acolytes will be Elizabeth Hinshaw and Wren Lanier.

Terri Dart will be the soloist at the 8:30 service. The Chancel Choir's anthems will be "Good News Celebration!" by Dale Wood and "I Choose You" by Deborah Govenor.



IN THE HOSPITAL
As of Monday, November 2, 2009, the following members were known to be in the hospital.

St. Edward:
Debbie Hardgrave



Altar Flower Openings
We have the following openings for altar flowers:

November 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.



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. **Look for the Blood Mobile between the Family Life Center and the Child Enrichment Center.**

BY YOUR GIFTS . . .

Rec'd this week.....\$24,095
Rec'd to date.....\$1,183,250
Budgeted to date.....\$1,448,368

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

When you make your estate planning documents, consider naming the church as your final beneficiary.

Honorariums

In Honor of Darrin Hutcheson and Kenneth LeValley - Mr. & Mrs. David Hutcheson

Methodist Men's Clubs

Thursday, Noon Lunch/Bible Study, November 12, Family Life Center. Rev. Mike Morey, our District Superintendent, will teach John 21.

Friday Morning Breakfast/Bible Study, November 13, 6:30 a.m., Family Life Center. Jane Stauffer will teach Luke 19.

Destination Station Bible Verse for November

I Corinthians 16:13-14

Keep alert. Be brave and strong. Show love in everything you do.

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. **Last date to order is this Sunday, November 8.**



I sincerely thank everyone who said a prayer, sent a card, paid a visit, bought a plant or flower or who had a concern for me during my time of need. If my Dad or I ever cross your mind, please send up another prayer. I am grateful to be a part of a church who is training me to be a productive, loving and caring person by your own responses.

Eternally Yours,
Amanda Turner



We rejoice with Aaron and Jamie Cregger of St. Charles, MO., on the birth of a son, Carson David Cregger. Maternal grandparents are Dr. David and Judy Staggs.

The Women's Ministry is going shopping!!!

Join us for a day trip to the Day Springs Outlet in Siloam Springs on Thursday, November 19th. 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-up Sunday in the Narthex or call 782-5068

Help Us Stock the Pantry



The Children's Department is

collecting non-perishable food, paper and health items to help stock the pantry of the home that United Methodists of the West District are building through Habitat for a needy family. Some suggestions: Canned goods, paper towels, laundry detergent, toilet paper, toothpaste, hand soap, paper plates, napkins, Kleenex..

If you would like to help the children with their project, bring any donated items to the 2nd floor children's department. Thank you.



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 1st and 8th for your convenience. Thank you for your support.

**United Methodist Women Sub-groups to meet
Tuesday, November 10 . . .**

“Naomi” will meet with Mary Prewitt, 8311 Mile Tree Drive at 10:00 a.m.

“Elizabeth” will meet with Clara Williamson at 1:30 p.m. in room M105.

“Ruth” will meet with Mary Booth and Nancy Baker at 10:00 a.m. in room 101 of the Family Life Center.

“Mary” will meet with Rosa Brown, 1408 North 19, at 7:00 p.m.

“Deborah” will meet with Pat Hutson at 10:00 a.m., 9905 Butterfield Landing.

“Rebekah” will meet with Betty Pence, 1400 South 37th at 10:00 a.m.

“Hannah” will meet at Willowbrook at 10:00 a.m.



UMW BAKE SALE

Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 22, beginning at 9:00 a.m., in the Narthex for the annual UMW Bake Sale. Lots of goodies. You won't want to miss it!

Memorials

In Memory of Dr. Donald Fletcher - Myra Ward; Boy Scout Troop 316 of Harvest Time Church; John & Mary Muller; Martin & Beverly Fletcher

In Memory of Clifford Davis - Jim & Marilyn Rauser; Robert & Nadine Miller; Phyllis Davidson; Dr. Eldon & Betty Pence; Joe & Carolyn Mabry; Myrna Sue Lough; Polly Anna Core; Jerry & Jane Hartfield; Thursday Noon & Friday Morning FUMC Men's Clubs; Charles & Sherron Shuffield

In Memory of Jeanne Sevier - Dr. Prentiss Ware Family; Mickey & Joseph Irwin

In Memory of Gordon Brown - Dr. R. C. & Dorothy Goodman

In Memory of Dennis Collier - David & Betsy Farris

In Memory of Caroline Blochberger - Marlin & Janet Fretheim



The Bridge to Have a Home
By Todd Vick

Beginning with the spring 2010 semester The Bridge will have a place to call home. That home will be in the form of a United Methodist Student Center at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The church is located on the corner of 47th and Kinkead Ave. in Fort Smith, exactly one block west of the UA Fort Smith campus behind the Sebastian Commons apartments. The Bridge is a United Methodist campus ministry to the University of Arkansas - Fort Smith campus and is sponsored by First UMC of Fort Smith.

The student center is made possible by the willingness of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church to lease a portion of their facilities and through funding provided by the First UMC Foundation. The FUMC Foundation is providing funding for the first year of operation, and the set up of the student center at \$26,510.00.

The lease from the Cumberland Presbyterian Church includes a dedicated area to serve as a student lounge, as well as dedicated office space for the campus minister and one intern. Additionally, the agreement will allow for use of the sanctuary at the church for worship services of The Bridge, as well as use of the fellowship hall for The Bridge's Monday Meals program which offers a free lunch to the campus on Mondays.

The student center will open doors for ministry on campus that is currently limited or non-existent. The student center will provide a space for students to hang out, accessibility to campus ministry staff so students can talk to someone if they have a personal or spiritual problem, increase awareness of The Bridge on campus. Overall, having a United Methodist student center on the UA Fort Smith campus will positively impact the Kingdom of God, UA Fort Smith, The United Methodist Church, and The Bridge Campus Ministry.

For more information on The Bridge visit www.thebridgecampusministry.org or call First UMC of Fort Smith at 479-782-5068.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE
November 1, 2009**

Class	Attendance
Infants	3
Toddlers	
2 yr. olds	5
3 yr. olds	4
4 yr. olds	6
Kindergarten	8
Grade 1	
Grade 2	
Grade 3and	
Grade 4	
Grade 5 and	
Grade 6	32
CHILDREN'S DIV.	58
Grade 7, 8, 9, (Confirmation)	13
Grade 10,11, & 12	9
YOUTH DIV.	22
College	4
Aldersgate(Room M105)	23
Believers (Room M302)	-
Builders (RoomM209)	25
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	36
Cornerstones*(Room M311)	21
Disciples*Room M312)	16
Discussion*(Room M301)	49
Encouragers*(Room M303)	21
Friends (Room M103)	14
Gleaners (Room M201)	29
Good News (Room M202)	9
Le Menage (Room M306)	4
Roundtable*(Room M213)	25
Seekers*(Room M107)	10
Uplifters*(Room M205)	36
ADULT TOTALS	322
General Officers	4
*Made their quota	
TOTALS	406
Ethnos Youth	30
Worship:	
8:30	141
11:00 FLC	195
11:00 Sanctuary	262
Communion	58
TOTALS	656

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, November 8

8:00-1:00 - Blood Drive, 16th & C
 8:30 - Holy Grounds Café Open
 8:30 - Worship, Roebuck Chapel
 8:45-12:30 - Angel Food Sign-up, FLC
 9:30 - Brunch, Fireside Rm.
 9:45 - Confirmation Class, M313
 9:45 - Sunday School
 11:00 - Worship, Family Life Center
 11:00 - Worship, Sanctuary
 12:00 - Lunch, Fireside Rm.
 12:30 - Comit. Card Process, Conf. Rm.
 5:00 - Cancer Support Grp., M201
 5:30 - Young Adult Dinner, Fireside
 5:00 - Jr. High Youth, Loft
 6:30 - Sr. High Youth, Loft
 8:30 - Bridge Worship, UAFS Campus

Wednesday, November 11

9:15 - Beth Moore, Fireside Rm.
 10:00 - Ladybells, Bayliss Hall
 12:00 - Christian Learn. Counc. Conf. Rm.
 12:00 - Staff/Parish Meets, FLC102
 3:30 - Children's Choirs, Bayliss Hall
 5:30 - Communion, Roebuck Chapel
 6:00 - Praise Team, Gym
 6:00 - Chancel Ringers, Bayliss Hall
 6:00 - Sign Language, FLC101
 6:15 - First Place 4 Health, Fireside
 7:00 - Core Youth Bible Study, M310
 7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 - Bridge Bible Study, Goodsons

Monday, November 9

11:30 - Intro to Old Test., FLC102
 12:00 - Bridge Meal, UAFS Campus
 12:00 - Trustees Meets, FLC101.
 6:00 - Beth Moore, Fireside Rm.
 6:00 - Cub Scouts, 3rd Floor
 6:30 - Boy Scouts, 3rd Floor

Thursday, November 12

6am - Men's Fraternity Bible Study, Gym
 10:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Narthex
 12:00 - UMM Lunch/Bible Study, FLC
 6:00 - Girl Scouts, 3rd Floor
 6:30 - Intro to Genesis, M103

Tuesday, November 10

9:00 - Staff Meets, Conference Rm.
 12:00 - Exec. Cmte., Pastor's Office
 1:30 - Archives Room Open, M204
 5:30 - Stephen Min., M103
 6:00 - Disciple III, M200

Friday, November 13

6:30 - UMM Breakfast/Bible Study, FLC
 5:30 - Parents' Night Out, FLC

Saturday, November 14

9:00-12:30 - CPR Course, Fireside
 9:30 - Angel Food Pick-up, Gym

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.

**Rev. Stephen Dickinson
Emergency
on call Minister for
November 6-8
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