

First United Methodist News

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November 6, 2008

ACROSS DAVID'S DESK

The **Abundant Life** campaign commitment Sunday is here, Sunday, November 9th. Everyone is blessed. Everyone has a response to make to God. The gospel is that as we accept our God-given place in the Body of Christ, we find fulfillment, we find meaning, and we find Abundant Life.

Commitment Sunday is our day to place our commitments on the altar of Christ. You are being challenged to do nothing more and nothing less than faithfully follow Jesus Christ.

Prayer is much more discussed than practiced. Will you pray for First Church to be a church following the will of God? Will you pray for the needs of your fellow church members? Will you pray for your pastors, staff and congregational leaders? Your prayers are vital to the health of the Body.

Presence is more than convenience. Being present on Sunday for worship is always a matter of choice. Everyone who is present on Sunday has had to say no to other options in order to say yes to be present for worship. It is the Lord's Day, and we want to commit to the spiritual discipline of worship.

Gifts are made in faith to express our love and gratitude in Christ. We return the tithe (10%) to the Lord's work. We give beyond the tithe to be certain we are centering on the things of God and not the things of this world. Did you know that in the depths of the Great Depression of the 1930's, the average gift of Methodists to their church was 3 to 3.5% of their income and that today the average gift of Methodists to their church is less than 2.5%? We have room to grow spiritually.

Service is where we put our hands to the plow and plow. Your service to Christ may be in the Choir, teaching a class, volunteering for Angel Food, working in Vacation Bible School, ushering, labeling the newsletters, going on a mission to Mexico or being a parking lot greeter. Your service needs to fit your spiritual gift, your personal passion and the needs of your neighbor. There is a place for you.

Abundant Life is much more than the title of our stewardship campaign. Abundant Life is the promise of the Lord, Jesus Christ, to everyone who will follow. Be here Sunday and be part of the blessing God has in store for First Church. Join us for the brunch following 8:30 worship or the lunch following 11:00 worship. *Abundant Life* is here for everyone.

See you Sunday!
David Orr

-COMMITMENT SUNDAY, November 9, 2008, AT FIRST CHURCH-

Rev. David Orr will preach at the 8:30 Chapel and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary services. His sermon is entitled, "Jesus Came for You" and his scripture text will be John 10:10. Rev. Stephen Dickinson will preach at the 11:00 a.m. Family Life Center Connexion service. Rev. Janice Sudbrink and Rev. Claire Hoffman will be Liturgists. Acolytes will be Brynn Trahan and Sam Kimes.

Randy O'Kelley will be the soloist at the 8:30 service. The Chancel Choir's anthem will be "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" by David S. York. The Bayliss Hall Singers anthem will be "Body, Mind, Spirit, Voice" by Helen Kemp.



As of Monday, November 3, 2008 the following members were listed in the hospitals:

Sparks: Katie Keating

BY YOUR GIFTS . . .

Rec'd this week.....\$22,326
 Rec'd to date.....\$1,253,811
 Budgeted to date.....\$1,466,916

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, Dwalyne 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

You may specify that your bank accounts are "In trust for the church". You retain total control over the account during your life. However, the property passes to the church at your death, without probate.

Methodist Men's Clubs

Thursday Noon Bible Study and Lunch (\$4.00) - Rev. Claire Hoffman teaching Mark 15 on November 13.

Friday Morning Bible Study and Breakfast (\$4.00) - Rev. Stephen Dickinson will teach Daniel 7:1-8, 8:1-27 on November 14.



The Altar Flowers for Sunday, November 9, 2008, are given in loving memory of Steven Jenkins by his family, Carolyn Jenkins, David & Laura Jenkins, and Tommy and Connie Jenkins Croy.

Tommy and Connie Jenkins Croy.

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.



The Dayspring Outlet trip and shopping spree will be Thursday, November 20. Sign up through the office or on Sunday mornings in the Narthex. Cost is \$20 for the bus. Lunch will be on your own at Pinnacle Mall. Invite your friends. It will be a fun day!



Parents' Night Out/Fun Friday, November 14 is a fun, safe place for parents to leave their children for an evening out. PNO is on the 2nd Friday of each month from 6-9:45 p.m. Cost is \$3 for members and \$6 for non-members, per child.

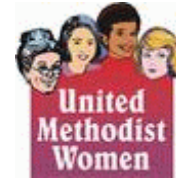
Registration forms must be turned in the Monday prior to PNO on Nov. 10. Registration forms are located in the nursery hall, children's building and the church office.



Couples' Night Out November 14, 6:15 p.m.

Topic: Making Cents
 Rally time 6:15-6:45 p.m.
 A date of your choice from 6:45-9:45 p.m.

Childcare provided by Parent's Night Out – **Pre-registration is required.**



UMW Sub-groups to meet in November

Nov. 9 - "Ordinary Women will meet at 5:00 p.m. in the Conference Room
November 11:

"Elizabeth" will meet in Room M105 at 1:30 p.m.

"Naomi" will meet with Katherine Croom, 2307 South "M" Street at 10:00 a.m.

"Rebekah" will meet with JoAnn Gedosh, 8812 Canterbury Cove at 10:00 a.m.

"Hannah" will meet at Willowbrook at 10:00 a.m.

"Deborah" will meet with Ann Byars, 5916 Park Ave. at 10:00 a.m.

"Ruth" will meet with Kathleen Coleman, 3200 South 55th Street at 10:00 a.m.



The Child Enrichment Center will be selling coupons for delicious Cinnabon Cinnamon rolls from Central Mall on November 16. The coupons are \$12.00 and good for a box you can pick up at your convenience. These would be wonderful to have on hand with the upcoming holidays!

Frazer Memorial UMC Trip

We will be taking a team to the Every Member in Ministry (EMIM) Conference at Frazer Memorial UMC in Montgomery, Alabama, March 6-8, 2009. The cost of the trip is \$385.00 per person, which includes lodging, conference fees, and travel by bus to and from Montgomery.

For more information or to register, contact Todd Vick at 782-5068 or tvick@fsfumc.org There are only 50 spots available so act soon!

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. Call Paige Ingram, 646-0766, to register.



First Church DNA

November 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.



Valerie Gilchrist and family on the death of her father, Max Wade Watts.

Michelle Rotter and family on the death of her uncle, David Walden of Mena.

Jackie Streeter and family on the death of her sister, Bobbie Robison.

Memorials

In Memory of Bill Boyd, Sr. - J. P. & Becky Chancey; Katherine Croom; Dorothy Henley; Dr. & Mrs. Wm. Klusmeier; Adelene Neislar; Gladys Ware; Pat Bower; Mary Edwards; Mrs. Harold Hargrove; Edythe Jakium; L.H. & Jerry Ann Johnson; Maurine Slates

In Memory of Thell Buell - Powell & Kaye McClellan; Annette & Pat Phillips

In Memory of Maxine Cassat - Joe & Lois Burgess; The Employees of Tech Services; Ellen Carpenter

In Memory of Tom Condren - Frank & Helen Steed

In Memory of Alvin Hall - Maxine Eggensperger

In Memory of Larry McCord - Annette & Pat Phillips

In Memory of Rachael McDonald - Larry & Virginia Kennedy; Bill & Toka Beall; Lynnell & Tony Leraris; Annette & Pat Phillips

In Memory of J. Fred Patton - Helen Gray; Annette & Pat Phillips; Robert & Ann Scott Winters; Ernest & Ruth Bartlett; Lynn & Ernest Coleman; Kyle & Renee Parker

In Memory of Vi & Bill Phillips - Annette & Pat Phillips

In Memory of Joseph "Joey" Ragsdale, Jr. - Sam & Vicci Hiller; Dr. & Mrs. Steven Kilpatrick; Lynn & Ernest Coleman; Catherine Crosland

In Memory of Freda Tays Rowe - Catherine Crosland

In Memory of Charlie Jones - Stormy & Pat Jenkins

In Memory of Ruth Ann Weir - Kent & Nancy Blochberger; Gladys Ware; Ernest & Ruth Bartlett; Lynn & Ernest Coleman; Ted & Ginger Taylor

In Memory of Doris Beran - Mary & Harry Shipley

In Memory of Frank Birch - Mary & Harry Shipley

In Memory of Pearl Brooks - Ted & Virginia Taylor

In Memory of Tom Fleri - Larry & Becky Evans; Ted & Ginger Taylor

In Memory of Betty Gaines - June & Jim Alexander; Maurice & Thelma Carter; Katherine Croom; Jane L. Dyer; Olen & Billie Gist; Gleaners Class; Elaine Hall; Jacquelyne S. Haynie; B.G. Hendrix; Edythe Jakium; Frank & Rosemary Jedlicka; Harold & Katie Keating; Mary Morreale; Mr. & Mrs. Albert Newton; Mr. & Mrs. Doug Parker, Sr.; Dave & Pat Shaw; Maurine Slates; Helen V. Stewart; Ted & Ginger Taylor; Finley & Evelyn Turner; Myra Ward; Gladys Ware; Paul & Garnetta Whitehair; Carol Sue & Alan Wooten

In Memory of Jeff Liner - Kyle & Renee Parker

In Memory of Helen Mapstone - Larry & Jan Nelson; Mary & Harry Shipley;

Honorariums

In Honor of Doug & Loretta Parker's 63rd Anniversary - Kyle Parker & Family; Doug Parker, Jr's Family

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE
November 2, 2008**

Class	Attendance
Infants	5
Toddlers	
2 yr. olds	7
3 yr. olds	5
4 yr. olds	10
Kindergarten	9
Grade 1	
Grade 2	
Grade 3and	
Grade 4	37
Grade 5	
Grade 6	10
CHILDREN'S DIV.	83
Grade 7, 8, 9,	
Grade 10,11, & 12	15
YOUTH DIV.	15
Aldersgate(Room M105)	16
Believers (Room M302)	7
Builders (RoomM209)	28
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	39
Cornerstones*(Room M311)	21
Disciples (Room M312)	13
Discussion*(Room M301)	34
Encouragers*(Room M310)	31
Friends (Room M103)	8
Gleaners (Room M201)	31
Good News (Room M202)	-
Le Menage (Room M306)	-
Roundtable (Room M213)	21
Seekers*(Room M107)	14
Uplifters*(Room M205)	43
ADULT TOTALS	306
General Officers	3
*Made their quota	
TOTALS	407
Worship:	
8:30	95
11:00 Family Life	165
11:00 Sanctuary	275
Wed. Communion	52
TOTALS	587

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, November 9

8:30 - Holy Grounds Café Open
 8:30 - Worship, Roebuck Chapel
 9:30-10:45 - Library Open
 9:45 - Sunday School
 9:45 - Brunch, FLC
 11:00 - Worship, Family Life Center
 11:00 - Worship, Sanctuary
 12:00 - Lunch, FLC
 12:30 - Commitment Grp., Conf. Rm.
 5:00 - Jr. High Youth, Loft & Gym
 7:00 - Sr. High Youth, Loft & Gym

Wednesday, November 12

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

Monday, November 10

11:30 - Intro to Old Test., FLC102
 6:00 - Cub Scouts, 3rd Floor
 6:30 - Disciple I, Conf. Rm.
 6:30 - Disciple II, M103
 6:30 - Boy Scouts, 3rd Floor
 6:30 - Jesus/Gospels, M200

Thursday, November 13

9:00 - Letter Prep. Grp. M103
 10:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Narthex
 12:00 - UMM Lunch/Bible Study, FLC

Friday, November 14

6:30 - UMM Breakfast/Bible Study, FLC
 6pm - Parents' Night Out, FLC
 6:15 - Couples Night Out, Narthex

Tuesday, November 11

9:00 - Staff Meets, Conf. Rm.
 12:00 - Staff/Parish, FLC102
 1:30 - Archives Room Open, M204
 5:30 - Stephen Min., FLC101 & 102
 6:00 - FUMC, DNA, Fireside Rm.

**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. Claire Hoffman
 Emergency
 on call Minister for
 Nov. 7-9
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