

First United Methodist News

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November 12, 2009

ACROSS DAVID'S DESK

Rethink Church 2010 stewardship campaign is a blessing to First United Methodist Church. We are currently tabulating the commitments of prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness which have been made by you, the membership of FUMC. A report will be presented in worship this coming Sunday, November 15th. Part of the blessing of this campaign, certainly from where I sit, has been the witnesses made by members of First Church each Sunday. The faith, conviction and vision of each of these individuals have touched the congregation. These members are a magnificent representation of the quality of discipleship that is found throughout the fuller membership. As we have been inspired, encouraged, enlightened and challenged by our fellow believers, we are better prepared to make our personal commitments to the Lord. Thank you, First Church, for believing in what God is doing in and through each life and this church we call "home".

For those who have not returned their commitment cards of 2010, please help your church by getting them to the church at your earliest convenience. We will receive the cards on Sunday, and any day ending in "y"! The sooner we receive all cards, the sooner we complete the campaign and move into new areas of ministry and mission.

On Sunday we will distribute a brief survey to the congregation about a potential ministry. Since the potential ministry is for you and the future of the congregation, we want to hear from you, directly.

A ministry to and for young adults (target is 25 - 35 year-olds) is in the "energized conversation" stage. Please pray for this promising ministry opportunity. If you want to get into the conversation, Todd Vick and Claire Caldwell are at the helm and welcome your visit.

First Church is a complete church, always under construction. We are not perfect, and if we were, the needs and opportunities of the people here and around us are constantly changing, so we get to be under construction to meet the changing needs and opportunities! Pray for your church, her leaders and her members. God is working in a hundred places around our church and we want to be faithful and effective as partners with God.

See you Sunday,
David Orr

-SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2009, AT FIRST CHURCH-

Rev. Claire Caldwell will preach at the 8:30 Chapel and 11:00 Sanctuary service. Her sermon is entitled, "Our Powerful and Mighty God" and her scripture text is Mark 13:1-8. Rev. Stephen Dickinson will preach at the 11:00 Connexion service. Rev. David Orr and Rev. Janice Sudbrink will be Liturgists. Lay readers are: 8:30, Ami Griggs, 11:00, Tom Ashwood. Acolytes will be Kate Truitt and Isabella Udouj.

Linda Dickson will be the soloist at the 8:30 service. The Chancel Ringers will play at the Prelude time and the Chancel Choir's anthems will be "Open Thou Mine Eyes" by Michael Cox and "As Long As I Have Breath" by Sue Farrar.



IN THE HOSPITAL
As of Monday, November 9, 2009, the following members were known to be in the hospital.

St. Edward:
Carol Poague
Denise Jones

BY YOUR GIFTS . . .

Rec'd this week.....\$21,529
Rec'd to date.....\$1,204,779
Budgeted to date.....\$1,481,285

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

Have circumstances changed since you last updated your estate plan? Do your current estate planning documents carry out your commitments to the church? If not consider amending your documents.

Methodist Men's Clubs

Thursday, Noon Lunch/Bible Study, November 19, Family Life Center. Rev. Aaron Barling will teach Acts 1.

Friday Morning Breakfast/Bible Study, November 20, 6:30 a.m., Family Life Center. Rev. Aaron Barling will teach Luke 20.

Destination Station Bible Verse for November

I Corinthians 16:13-14

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



The Altar Flowers
for Sunday, November 15, 2009, are placed in honor of Champ and Carol Hinton on their 50th Wedding Anniversary, November 20th.

Altar Flower Openings

We have the following openings for altar flowers: **November 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.

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.

The cost is \$25, payable to Claire on the 19th.

This Sunday, November 15, is the last day to sign up.



Thank you

Fort Smith First UMC for hosting the blood drive. Approximately half of the nation's blood supply is collected at blood drives like yours.

We appreciate your choosing to work with us on **this most valuable mission.** To the patients who receive blood and to the people who love them, you are a hero!

Thank you to the medical team at FUMC for helping to give **300 flu vaccines** to the staff, congregation and the community. A **BIG** thank you to Michael Thames for ordering the vaccines.

FUMC Angel Tree



There are over 500 children in foster care in the Fort Smith area. The Children's Ministry Council has taken this need to heart. In our annual FUMC Angel Tree, we have sponsored 50 children, and we need your help.

There are two trees, one located in the Family Life Center and the other on the second floor by the children's wing. Each ornament on our Angel Tree represents a Christmas wish from a child in foster care.

Please take an ornament from the tree and help a child's Christmas wish come true. Return your gift - **UNWRAPPED** - with the tag you took, to the cart outside Sally's office on the second floor, by December 13.

These gifts will be delivered to the children in foster care through the Department of Human Services.

THANK YOU

United Methodist Women

will meet on Tuesday, November 17 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside room of the Family Life Center.

Cindy Stokes from Harbor House will be our guest speaker. All women are invited to join us.



Thank you so much for the very warm welcome we received from First Church in remembering Dennis. Your kindness, thoughts, love and especially your prayers

have given us much comfort during these difficult days.

A very special thanks for the flowers, cards, phone calls, memorials, and the wonderful meal that was served to our family. Thank you all and we pray that God will continue to bless First Church.

With much love and gratitude,
Debbie and Derek Collier
The Collier Family
The Williams Family



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!



The family and friends of
Karen Pennington.

Memorials

In Memory of Susie Slates Craig - Mr. & Mrs. Doug Parker, Sr.; Finley & Evelyn Turner; Jim & Wanda Foster; Richard & Jaunice Griffin; J.P. & Becky Chancey; Kathleen Coleman; Dr. Prentiss E. Ware Family

In Memory of Okla Homer Smith - Connie Lichty Smith

In Memory of J. Fred Patton - Larry & Jan Nelson

In Memory of Clifford Davis - Larry & Jan Nelson

In Memory of Dennis Collier - Debbie Collier; Ronald & Gayla Vail

In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Edward T. Lichty - Connie Lichty Smith

In Memory of Jeff Shipley - Cathey & Waldo White

In Memory of Marvin Mumme, Sr. - John & Harriet Beasley

Honorariums

In Honor of Maurine Slates - Sherron and Charles Shuffield

On Sunday, November 15, 2009, we will be handing out a survey to the congregation about a **potential** Wednesday night fellowship and study schedule. Here is a sneak peak for you so that you can think about it and be ready to take a very short survey this Sunday:

4:00-5:30 - Children's Choir

5:30 - Communion

5:30-6:45 - Meal

6:45-7:30 - break up into classes/small groups. Children area - crafts, games, Bible study, fun.

Youth area - small group time, fellowship.

Adult area - Bible Studies, basic UMC classes, knitting and any other small group

7:00-8:30 - Praise Band

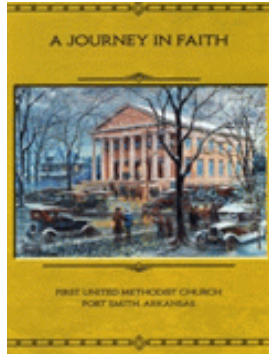
7:00-8:30 - Chancel Choir

The evening closes between 8-9 p.m.

Schedule: September-Early November, apx. 10 weeks and

January-Early April apx. 10 weeks

The survey has only nine questions and you can circle your answers from a group of choices. See you Sunday!



The Archives will be selling "A Journey In Faith", our book about First United Methodist Church, Fort Smith for the first 200 years of our ministries.

The price has been reduced to \$10.00 for this year, its 10 year anniversary!!! It's a great Christmas gift for members of our church of any age.

Archivists will be selling the book outside the sanctuary and in the Family Life Center starting November 15. Come by and check it out!

The following note was received from a Hendrix College Student:

"Dear Reverend David Orr,

My name is Becky Flynn and I am a senior from Sherwood, AR, and a member of North Little Rock UMC. I am majoring in Religion and I am a UMYF scholar at Hendrix College. As a part of this program I have been able to meet a lot of other United Methodist students and develop my leadership skills.

I want to thank you and your congregation for all of your support of Hendrix and the scholars program. Your financial support and prayers have allowed me to enjoy four great years at Hendrix and make lifetime friends in the program. Please share my appreciation with your congregation.

Sincerely,
Becky

Getting New Eye Glasses?



Then give your old ones to the church, and we will take them to The Good Samaritan Clinic. The clinic gives eye examinations once a month and if they need glasses they are free. Just drop them in the baskets that are marked for cell phones and eye glasses by the office door, the nursery area, outside the sanctuary, the table on the third floor or the gym in the Family Life Center

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE
November 8, 2009**

Class	Attendance
Infants	6
Toddlers	
2 yr. olds	
3 yr. olds	4
4 yr. olds	5
Kindergarten	6
Grade 1	
Grade 2	15
Grade 3and	
Grade 4	18
Grade 5 and	
Grade 6	14
CHILDREN'S DIV.	68
Grade 7, 8, 9, (Confirmation)	17
Grade 10,11, & 12	7
YOUTH DIV.	24
College	
Aldersgate(Room M105)	15
Believers (Room M302)	5
Builders (RoomM209)	28
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	31
Cornerstones*(Room M311)	25
Disciples*Room M312)	19
Discussion*(Room M301)	34
Encouragers*(Room M303)	16
Friends (Room M103)	8
Gleaners (Room M201)	36
Good News (Room M202)	3
Le Menage (Room M306)	6
Roundtable*(Room M213)	27
Seekers (Room M107)	8
Uplifters*(Room M205)	31
ADULT TOTALS	292
General Officers	4
*Made their quota	
TOTALS	388
Ethnos Youth	40
Worship:	
8:30	94
11:00 FLC	196
11:00 Sanctuary	290
Communion	63
TOTALS	643

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, November 15

8:30 - Holy Grounds Café Open
 8:30 - Worship, Roebuck Chapel
 9:45 - Confirmation Class, M313
 9:45 - Sunday School
 11:00 - Worship, Family Life Center
 11:00 - Worship, Sanctuary
 5:00 - Chick Flicks, M219
 6:30 - Youth Thanksgiving Dinner,
 Fireside Rm.

Wednesday, November 18

10:00 - Ladybells, Bayliss Hall.
 12:00 - WDS Board, FLC102
 12:00 - CEC Board, FLC101
 3:30 - Children's Choirs
 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 - Bridge Bible Study, Goodsons

Monday, November 16

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

Thursday, November 19

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

Tuesday, November 17

9:00 - Staff Meets, Conference Rm.
 10:00 - UMW Meets, Fireside Rm.
 1:30 - Archives Room Open, M204
 5:00 - Foundation Trustees, Conf. Rm.
 6:00 - Disciple III, M200
 6:30 - Down Home Mtg., Narthex

Friday, November 20

6:30 - UMM Breakfast/Bible Study, FLC
 10:00 - Pacesetters, Fireside Rm.
 6:00 - Confirmation Retreat thru 21st

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. Janice Sudbrink
 Emergency
 on call Minister for
 November 13-15
 Phone: 459-5060**