

# *First United Methodist News*

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*Bishop Charles N. Crutchfield*

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*Rev. Mike Morey  
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Rev. Janice Sudbrink  
Rev. Stephen Dickinson  
Rev. Claire Caldwell  
Rev. William Cheyne  
Rev. Herschel McClurkin*

*December 17, 2009*

## **ACROSS DAVID'S DESK**

We are moving headlong into Christmas! Your presence at First Church makes the difference in the power and witness of our church this Christmas. Remember:

### Lessons and Carols

presented by

Chancel Choir  
Gaye McClure, Director; Nancy Vernon, Organist

Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>  
8:30 in Roebuck Chapel  
11:00 in Sanctuary

### Christmas Eve Worship @ First United Methodist Church

12:00 - Communion Worship in Roebuck Chapel  
5:30 - Communion and Candle Lighting in Sanctuary  
11:00 - Communion and Candle Lighting in Roebuck Chapel

Come and worship. Worship is our response to the birth of the Son of God. Come. Worship.

In the spirit of worship and devotion to Christ, I encourage you to look at your giving for the year. Finances are not business at the church. Finances are faith at work in God's family. Your gift to the ministry budget of First Church keeps the work of Christ moving forward. When you and I give in response to the great gift of God to the world, everything good is supported. This is a great church touching the lives of hundreds every week. Your gift to Christ through this church is as good an investment as you can make - every time!

See you Sunday,  
David Orr



## **-SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2009, AT FIRST CHURCH-**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent** Lessons and Carols at 8:30 in Roebuck Chapel and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Rev. David Orr and Rev. Claire Caldwell will be Liturgists. Rev. Stephen Dickinson will preach at the 11:00 Connexion service. Acolytes will be Gabby Wright and Amy Truitt. Lighting the Second Advent Candle will be: 8:30, Cancer Support Group; 11:00 Sanctuary, Stephen Ministry; 11:00 Connexion, Chris, Kelly, Reaghan and Spencer White



As of Monday, December 14, 2009, the following members were known to be in the hospital.

**Sparks:**

- Bernard Brockman
- Lu Moreland
- Reba Cheyne

**BY YOUR GIFTS . . .**

Rec'd this week.....\$20,657  
 Rec'd to date.....\$1,323,646  
 Budgeted to date.....\$1,645,873

**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**

We have a beautiful church campus that serves us well. Consider making an estate gift to the Church Foundation for the future care of the campus.

**Methodist Men's Clubs**

**Thursday, Noon Lunch/Bible Study will not meet** on December 24 or 31. See you again on January 7, 2010.

**Friday Morning Breakfast/Bible Study, will not meet** on December 25 or January 1. See you again on January 8, 2010

**Destination Station Bible Verse for December  
 Isaiah 7:14**

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall name him Immanuel.

**Altar Flower Openings**

We have the following openings



for altar flowers:  
**December 27 and January 3, 17, 24, and 31 .**  
 If you would like to put flowers on the altar call 782-5068.



**Beginning Ballroom Dancing**

Join us on Tuesdays, beginning January 12, and ending February 9, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. We will include more advanced study for those with experience. Learn the Triple time swing and basic dance. Cost: \$50.00 per couple. Contact Patrick Jacobs (479) 719-5385 or [pjacobs@carcotrans.com](mailto:pjacobs@carcotrans.com) to sign up or more information.



**From Cancer Support Group:**

If you ordered FUMC logo shirts and/or denim shirts, they are in and can be picked up at the church office during the week or Sunday mornings in the Narthex.



**Rio Bravo, Mexico Mission Trip**

is planned for April 12-18, 2010. We will need 36-40 people to work on construction and medical teams. No experience necessary except a servant heart! Those interested in participating contact Rev. Janice at the church or email [jsudbrink@fsfumc.org](mailto:jsudbrink@fsfumc.org)

**Infant Baptism**



Cash Vincent Standridge, son of Scott and Dusti Standridge, was baptized in our 8:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, December 13, 2009.

**Coming Soon!!!!**

**Christian Education through Religious Drama presented by: Hollywood Players**

**Watch your Newsletter for performance dates!**

**Congratulations to our Hendrix College Scholarship Recipients**

Those receiving scholarships are:  
 The Dr. Fred G. Roebuck United Methodist Church Scholarship was awarded to Lily Moncrief of Fort Smith.  
 The H. E. "Chub" Jarman United Methodist Church Endowed Scholarship was awarded to Kurt Taylor of Rowlett, Texas.  
 The Judge John E. Miller United Methodist Church Endowed Scholarship was awarded to Patty Hill of Fort Smith.

**Our Prayers and Sympathy are for:**

James Tatro and family on the death of his daughter, Kathryn Tatro-Schuck of Alexandria, VA.

**Memorials**

**In Memory of Karen Pennington - Ray & Edie Ruhman**  
**In Memory of Mary Copeland - Dr. Prentiss E. Ware Family; Mickey & Joseph Irwin; Bob & Ann Dawson**



**The Bridge College Ministry** is selling Schermer Pecans in the Narthex. We are offering milk chocolate and dark chocolate covered pecans for \$8 a bag. The proceeds will lower the cost for the Bridge members attending the Passion Conference in Atlanta, GA. This

conference is a national conference for college aged youth.



*Christmas Eve*  
WORSHIP

**12:00 noon - Communion in Roebuck Chapel, followed by lunch in the Family Life Center**

**5:30 p.m. - Candlelight Communion, Sanctuary**

**11:00 p.m. - Candlelight Communion, Roebuck Chapel**



Ladies,

you are invited

for

a Christmas Drop-in  
at  
Janie Orr's home  
3417 Ramsgate Way

this Friday,  
December 18,  
from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



**The Sounds of Christmas**

**You are invited  
to listen to the sounds of Christmas  
as the Chancel Choir  
presents their annual  
Lesson and Carols  
this Sunday,  
December 20, 2009**

**8:30 a.m. - Roebuck Chapel**

**11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary**



**Methodist Children's  
Home Offering**

We will be taking a Christmas Offering for the Methodist Children's Home this Sunday, December 20, and on Christmas Eve.

There will be special offering envelopes in your bulletins or you may mail your Children's Home Christmas offering and mark it for "Children's Home"

**HEALTHY**

**A Chronic Disease Self-Management Program  
presented by West Central Center on Aging**

Learn to manage conditions such as Heart Disease; High Blood Pressure; Arthritis; Kidney Disease; and other long-term illnesses

How: Participate in this FREE six-week program  
Where: FUMC, Room M105 from 1:30-3:30 p.m.  
When: Beginning Thursday afternoons, January 7, 2010 and ending February 11.

Class size is limited to 20 participants. To register or for more information, call the West Central Center on Aging at 478-8819.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
ATTENDANCE  
December 13, 2009**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Infants	6
Toddlers	
2 yr. olds	3
3 yr. olds	
4 yr. olds	5
Kindergarten	6
Grade 1	
Grade 2	14
Grade 3and	
Grade 4	16
Grade 5 and	
Grade 6	11
<b>CHILDREN'S DIV.</b>	<b>61</b>
Grade 7, 8, 9,	
Grade 10,11, & 12	
<b>YOUTH DIV.</b>	<b>15</b>
College	
Aldersgate(Room M105)	16
Believers (Room M302)	4
Builders (RoomM209)	23
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	46
Cornerstones*(Room M311)	25
Disciples*Room M312)	17
Discussion*(Room M301)	47
Encouragers (Room M303)	11
Friends (Room M103)	12
Gleaners (Room M201)	33
Good News (Room M202)	6
Le Menage (Room M306)	1
Roundtable*(Room M213)	24
Seekers*(Room M107)	12
Uplifters*(Room M205)	30
<b>ADULT TOTALS</b>	<b>307</b>
General Officers	4
*Made their quota	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>387</b>
<b>Ethnos Youth</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Worship:</b>	
8:30	74
11:00 FLC	193
11:00 Sanctuary	293
Communion	44
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>604</b>

**OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK**

**Sunday, December 20**

8:30 - Holy Grounds Café Open  
 8:30 - Worship, Roebuck Chapel  
 9:45 - Sunday School  
 11:00 - Worship, Family Life Center  
 11:00 - Worship, Sanctuary

**Wednesday, December 23**

7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Monday, December 21**

11:30 - Intro to Old Test., FLC102  
 6:00 - Cub Scouts, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

**Thursday, December 24**

12:00 - Communion, Roebuck Chapel  
 Followed by lunch in Fireside Room  
 5:30 - Candlelight Communion, Sanctuary  
 11:00 - Candlelight Communion, Roebuck Chapel

**Tuesday, December 22**

9:00 - Staff Meets, Conference Rm.

**Friday, December 25 and**

**Monday, December 28 . . .**  
**Offices closed for Christmas**  
**Holiday - Merry Christmas!**

**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. David Orr**  
**Emergency**  
**on call Minister for**  
**December 18-20**  
**Phone: 459-5060**