

# *First United Methodist News*

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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*

*July 22, 2010*

## **ACROSS DAVID'S DESK**

William P. George, in a book review in the Christian Century, writes:

The story is told of a French general returning from his last Middle East campaign with the seedling of a wonderful olive tree. The first morning back, he delighted in presenting his gardener with the seedling and telling of the joy that ripe olives had brought to him when he was far from home. The gardener was dismayed. "But sir," he said, "I have heard of these trees. This seedling will not bear fruit for 75 years!" "In that case," the elderly general replied, "do not wait until after lunch to plant it."

Urgency. Just because we will not see immediate results does not mean we have the luxury of having time to waste. Urgency. Because we believe in the cause we do not wait until it is easy to address and accomplish a thing. Urgency. The bigger the mission the more essential we do not suffer delay in beginning. Urgency. Exactly because the goal may not be reached in my lifetime, the sooner we begin the better. "Do not wait until after lunch to plant it." Let's do it!

What commands urgency for you? Is there urgency for the care of your children or your parents? Is there urgency to invite a neighbor over for coffee and to catch up on life together? Is there urgency to share the hope Jesus Christ gives to newly graduated teens? Is there urgency to pray for the leaders of our church, our community, our state, our nation? Is there an urgency to invite friends to Sunday School and worship? Is there an urgency to cut the grass and vacuum the den? What commands urgency for you?

We once sang, "Work for the night is coming, when man's work is done." It was a song of urgency; don't wait, time is moving and will run out. The message of Jesus Christ and the work of the Kingdom deserve to be most important in our lives, each and every day. At Christmas and in the middle of the summer, the message of Jesus Christ and the work of the Kingdom deserve to be most important in our lives.

See you Sunday,  
David Orr

## **-SUNDAY, JULY 25, 2010, AT FIRST CHURCH-**

Rev. David Orr will preach at the 8:30 a.m. Chapel and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary services. His sermon is entitled, "Active Prayer" and his scripture text is Luke 11:1-13. Rev. Stephen Dickinson will preach at the 11:00 a.m. Connexion service, which will be held in the Loft this Sunday. Rev. Janice Sudbrink and Rev. Claire Caldwell will be Liturgists. Lay readers will be: 8:30, Judy Bradberry, 11:00, Jerry Carter.

Mollie Armour will be the soloist at the 8:30 service. The Chancel Choir's anthems will be "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" arranged by Fred Bock and "Rockin' Jerusalem" by André Thomas.



As of Monday, July 19, 2010, the following members were listed in the hospital.

**St. Edward:**  
McKee Cox

**Sparks:**  
Regina West  
Joe Burgess  
Arlene Ridenour  
Ruth Davis

**BY YOUR GIFTS . . .**

Rec'd this week.....\$19,503  
Rec'd to date.....\$947,765  
Budgeted to date.....\$964,308

**Please pray for the following who are serving in our U. S. Military:**  
Robert Henley, Jack Dunn, Chaplain John Fimple

**Foundation Information**

Good stewardship requires us to think of the future. Have your estate plan prepared now and include a gift to your church. This is not about you and me. This is about our grandchildren.

**Methodist Men's Clubs**

**Thursday Noon Lunch/Bible Study, July 29, 2010** - Bob Hawkins will teach Romans 6.

**Friday Morning Breakfast/Bible Study, on July 30, 2010** - Dr. Boyd Saviers will teach Genesis 4.

**Destination Station Bible Verse for July**  
**Luke 4:18**

The Lord's Spirit has come to me, because he has chosen me to tell the good news to the poor.



**The Altar Flowers** for Sunday, July 25, 2010, are placed in loving memory of Reverend Bob Orr by his family.

**Altar Flower Openings**

We have the following dates open for altar flowers: **August 1 and 29**. If you would like to put flowers on the altar just call the church, 782-5068.



**Box Fan Ministry**

Help keep our neighbors cool this summer by donating a new box fan. Drop them off in Janice's office or the church office. Fans will be distributed to our neighbors who are without air conditioning.

**Shoal Creek Day Camp**

**For Grades K-2 - on Thursday August 5, 10 am - 4 pm**

Cost \$15, includes T-shirt. To register contact Rev. Norm Moyer, cell (479) 206-0375.

Bring swimsuit, sunscreen, towel.

If you need a ride to camp, Mardell McClurkin will pick up here at the church at 8:30 a.m. on Aug. 5. Call her at (479) 632-5822 or cell (479) 461-5209.

**August Sunday School Opportunity**

Our ministers will be teaching "Jesus and the Parables" in Roebuck Chapel, 9:45-10:30 a.m. in August. Here is the schedule:

- Aug. 1 - Rev. Stephen Dickinson**
- Aug. 8 - Rev. Claire Caldwell**
- Aug. 15 - Rev. Janice Sudbrink**
- Aug. 22 - Rev. David Orr**

This is an opportunity for many of us to be together and to give your Sunday School teachers an August break. Hope to see you there.



**The Community Rescue Mission**

is collecting bottled water to distribute to the poor and homeless this summer. Please bring your donations of bottled water to Janice's office. Thank you.

**Friends Will Want to Know**

Shannon Leigh Moreland and Jason Ryan Carroll were married on Saturday, July 24, in Fayetteville. Shannon is the granddaughter of Lou Moreland and daughter of Bill Moreland.

**It's cookie time!**



We will deliver cookies to the Fort Smith Fire Stations this month. We have ten stations and we will need lots of cookies, so, if you could add an extra dozen or two it would be appreciated.

Please bring your homemade cookies this Sunday, July 25, and place them in the kitchen on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor next to the Parlor.

Your time and cookies are truly appreciated. Please give Gail a call, 782-5068, if you can help deliver these cookies.



Sherri Karber and family on the death of her father, Ed Cunningham of Jonesboro.

The family and friends of Mrs. Mavis Reding.

**Have you moved? Please let us know your new address and phone numbers so that we may keep your membership record up-to-date.**



**Thank you.**

**Please Note:**

The church newsletter is now being sent electronically. Please make sure you have given us your current email address.



Also

If you do not have email, please call the church office and we will put you on the list to receive your Newsletter by mail.

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**Music Camp 2010**

**"Rescue in the Night"**  
**The story of Daniel in the Lions' Den!**

You'll LOVE Music Camp!! We will sing, dance, speak, paint, make things, eat, learn and have great fun!

Where: Family Life Center

When: August 2-6

Monday-Thursday: 9-2pm; Friday 9-Noon; Friday 7pm SHOW. You must be able to participate on Friday night in order to attend. Cost \$15. Scholarships available.

Who: All children entering 2<sup>nd</sup> through exiting 6<sup>th</sup> grades. You do NOT have to be a children's choir member. You do NOT have to be a member of our church! BRING A FRIEND!

**Deadline for registering: July 30<sup>th</sup>  
by 4 p.m.**

Register by turning in a registration form and \$15 fee per camper. The fee covers two snacks daily, a t-shirt and all supplies.

**PLEASE register NOW**



**Please mark your calendars  
for a Blood Drive on  
Sunday, July 25,  
7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
The Blood Mobile will be parked  
between the Child Enrichment  
Center and the Family Life  
Center.**

Giving blood is a ministry opportunity to give back to our community. Blood supplies are in high demand during the summer months. Please give.

**Breakfast is being served. . .**

Join us this Sunday in the Family Life Center from 8:30-9:30 for a free breakfast. All donations for the breakfast will be given to the "Backpack for Kids" program at the Community Clearinghouse. This program provides food for area children on the weekends and when school is out.



**Mini-Clinic this Sunday, July 25,  
Family Life Center, 7:45-10:00 a.m.**

Come have your blood pressure and your blood sugar checked. To have an accurate blood glucose reading you should not eat or drink anything until after your test and then you can join us for breakfast.



**Christmas in July/August!**

We will be helping Tilles Elementary School and Darby Junior High School with their school supplies.

Look for the Christmas trees in the Narthex area, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor children's area, and in the Family Life Center that will be adorned with school supply ornaments. These schools and our neighbors are very appreciative of FUMC's support and help with school supplies.

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**Custer Road UMC, Plano Texas, Jr. High  
Youth Choir "Revelation" will perform  
on Thursday, July 29, 9:30 a.m.  
in the Family Life Center**

Custer Road United Methodist Church began in 1980 and has a current membership of over 6,700. It is located in Plano, Texas, about 10 miles north of Dallas. The Minister of Music and Worship, Reverend Tim Morrison, has served Custer Road since 1985. REVELATION is the youth choir and includes grades 6-12. The choir sings for the weekly 8:30 a.m. worship service each Sunday and divides in the summer for Jr. High and Sr. High tours.

Valerie Hubbard, our Child Enrichment Center Director, has been working with Custer Road to bring this group to our church to perform for the Child Enrichment Center, but this concert is open to the entire church.

Everyone is invited to attend. The program is 45 minutes in length and will be presented using scripture, song and choreography.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
 ATTENDANCE  
 July 18, 2010**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Infants	
Toddlers	5
2 yr. olds	
3 yr. olds	6
4 yr. olds	
Kindergarten	4
Grade 1	
Grade 2	
Grade 3 and	
Grade 4	
Grade 5 and	
Grade 6	19
<b>CHILDREN'S DIV.</b>	<b>34</b>
Grade 7, 8, 9,	
Grade 10,11, & 12	
<b>YOUTH DIV.</b>	<b>12</b>
Aldersgate(Room M105)	14
Believers (Room M302)	6
Builders (RoomM209)	20
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	31
Cornerstones*(Room M311)	18
Disciples Room M312)	11
Discussion*(Room M301)	44
Encouragers (Room M303)	13
Friends (Room M103)	--
Gleaners (Room M201)	24
Good News (Room M202)	5
Le Menage (Room M306)	5
Roundtable (Room M213)	20
Seekers (Room M107)	--
Uplifters*(Room M205)	36
College & Career	-
<b>ADULT TOTALS</b>	<b>243</b>
General Officers	4
*Made their quota	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>293</b>
<b>Ethnos Youth</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Worship:</b>	
8:30	79
11:00 FLC	131
11:00 Sanctuary	191
Wed. Communion	37
Down Home Singin'	58
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>496</b>

**OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK**

**Sunday, July 25**

7:30 - Blood Drive, Lawn by FLC  
 7:45 - Mini-Clinic, FLC  
 8:30 - Breakfast, FLC  
 8:30 - Worship, Roebuck Chapel  
 9:45 - Sunday School  
 11:00 - Connexion Worship, Loft  
 11:00 - Worship, Sanctuary  
 6:00 - Youth Road Trip

**Wednesday, July 28**

12:00 - General Staff, Fireside Rm.  
 5:30 - Communion, Roebuck Chapel  
 6:00 - Praise Team, Gym  
 7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Monday, July 26**

11:30 - Bible Study, FLC102  
 1-3 - Movie Mondays, Theater  
 6:00 - Boy Scouts, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

**Thursday, July 29**

9:30 - Concert, Gym  
 10:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Narthex  
 12:00 - UMM Lunch/Bible Study, FLC

**Tuesday, July 27**

10 - Dorcas Meets, Fireside Rm.  
 10 - CEC Art Class, M217  
 1:30 - Archives Open, M204

**Friday, July 30**

6:30 - UMM Breakfast/Bible Study, FLC

**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. Claire Caldwell  
 Emergency  
 on call Minister for  
 July 23-25  
 Phone: 459-5060**

**Please Note: The Contemporary Connexion service will be held in the loft (3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the main building) this Sunday. We will be back in the FLC as soon as the air conditioning is repaired.**