



Our Shared Ministries*

Our ministries within the district and throughout the state of Arkansas.

+ **Lydia Patterson Institute, El Paso, Texas**

Many of the Lydia Patterson Institute's students are from non-English speaking, impoverished homes south of El Paso, Texas. The institute is a fully-accredited college preparatory school.

**Want to learn about other ministries we support in our state, region and throughout the world?
Visit <http://fumcss.com/ministry1.php>*

To the Memorial Fund

In Memory of Wanda Butler

Sally & Bill Corbin, Lynn Stephens, Doug & Lane McCloud, Connie & Woody Brown and two anonymous donations.

In Memory of Joe DeBoer (Jan Duppsman's father)

Sally & Bill Corbin, Lynn Stephens and two anonymous donations.

In Memory of Willie Mae Magness

Sally & Bill Corbin and Lynn Stephens.



Memorial Gifts

Something to think about

- Do you know that more than 50 percent of all people die without a will or living trust?
 - Is your will keeping up with you or your Christian stewardship commitments?
 - Does your will include care of your minor children?
- From the Endowment Committee

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Our Vision, as the First UMC Family

We believe that God has put us here at this time to faithfully seek Him and to make Him known through our prayers, presence, gifts and service.

The Messenger

First United Methodist Church
Tuesday, July 6, 2010

It's Time To 'Book' Your Passage!

We're going on a High Seas Expedition - a Weekend Extravaganza!

5 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 30 & 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 31



*Are you ready to take part in our High Seas Expedition?
We're Ready for You!*

Ready to sign up?

Want to Volunteer?

You can learn more about our voyage, and sign up on-line at http://bit.ly/First_UMC_VBS. Signing up in advance can help us make sure our VBS runs successfully!

What can you do at our VBS website?

--Sign up your child for VBS

--Sign up to volunteer @ VBS

(The site will automatically

tell you where we need you the most!)

Make an eternal difference in a child's life - volunteer at our VBS!

High Seas Expedition

Our VBS at a Glance

5 to 6 p.m. - Friday, July 30

Cookout @ Church

6 to 8 p.m. - Friday, July 30

VBS Session 1 (Worship & More)

9 to 4 p.m. - Saturday, July 31

VBS Session 2 (Lots of Fun!)

9 a.m. - Sunday, Aug. 1

VBS Spotlight Drama

World Premiere (FH)

10:30 a.m. - Sunday, Aug. 1

VBS Worship Celebration

Ozark Mission Project - Our 2010 Team

The following members our youth ministry team will take part in the OMP camp at El Dorado, Ark., July 25 to 31.

Please pray for them as they make their final prep for the trip!
Elizabeth Reisbeck - Anna Rowlan - Scott Huggins - Riley McCarver
Dylan Henson - Micah Banks - Jim Huggins (adult sponsor)



From the Children's Pastor's Pen

Celebrating the Mission Trip, Looking forward

Did you know the Children's Ministry at First UMC - Siloam Springs is considered a trail-blazer of sorts in our district (and throughout the conference?) Fellow children's pastors and others are beginning to notice our Destination: Mission Trips.

It's exciting to tell others about the trips and to hear them ask about bringing students or helping with the 2011 trip. The idea of having a mission opportunity for older elementary students is, well, a bit unique to many people.

But ask any of our students (and those from Elm Springs) who attended this year's experience, and they'll say it's not unique - just a mission trip geared for their age range - and attention span!

From cleaning a courtyard at Quapaw Quarter United Methodist Church, to sorting cans at the Arkansas Rice Depot, this summer, our students learned how hunger-related ministries serve people in our conference and around the world.

They also learned ways they can make a difference in their state now - regardless of their age or grade, all while discovering the importance of merging their faith in Jesus with their actions - so they could truly become the "hands and feet" of Christ.

Thank you for supporting Destination: Little Rock. Your financial help not only allowed 15 students (and four adults) to go on the trip, but you also provided \$100 donations to the following ministries: Quapaw Quarter UMC (food bank); Heifer International Ranch; Arkansas Rice Depot; First UMC - North Little Rock (our hosts) and the Rev. John Palmer (UCA Wesley Foundation) - who helped with our worship!

Plans are being made for the 2011 trip - dates and location TBA, hopefully by the end of the summer.



Members of the Siloam Springs Team included (front row, from left) Laura Michael, Tabitha Eiland, Heyden Smith, Chloe McGooden and Susan Bishop; (back row) Adrienne McGooden, Megan Michael, Tanna Eiland, Kaylea Hutson, Conner Bedor and Melissa Michael.



Members of the Elm Springs Team included (front row, from left) Denni Palmer, Nadine Webb, Carly Perrine and Gretchen Palmer; (back row) Levi McCreary, Cameron Allen, Matthew Burgin and Dennis Stropes.

(We may even do an NWA-based trip during the 2011 spring break.)

In the meantime, if you'd like to see more pictures from the trip (you can find them at <http://fumcssphotos.blogspot.com>. (there's a few more elsewhere in the newsletter) See more about our adventures on <http://kidz-zone-ss.blogspot.com>. Thank you again - Kaylea Hutson.

Our Joys and Concerns

Our Continuing Concerns: Paul Magness (Donna Murphy's father). Marybelle Handley. Adam McCumber (Betty McCumber's grandson). Bub Gunter. Barry Moss. Viola Whitmore. Ann Wisdom (Marion & Adanell Snider's daughter). Ann Michelle King (Phyllis Homeyer's friend).

Our Newest Concerns: Joseph Roberts (Sara Treftz's grandson) is serving on the USS Texas submarine. Jack Chase, complications following his aorta transplant. Jane Vest (former member) has had a reoccurrence of lymphoma and is undergoing chemo. Christine McKinney, health concerns. She expects to be home from the hospital by July 15.

Our Military Personnel: Deployed: Joseph Roberts (Sara Treftz's grandson) on the USS Texas. **In Afghanistan:** Wes Morris (Susan & Vincent Morris' son). Nick Daniels (friend of Beth Graves). **Stateside:** Jared Lewis (Darrell Blaylock's nephew). Tyler Grant and Daniel Kelsey (friends of Ronie Homeyer). Brian Sporn (Laura Rowlan's nephew). Scott Richards (Don & Shirley Richards' son). Howard Harran (Janel Bedor's brother). Joshua Davis (Roger Youmans' grandson).

Our Joys: Jonathan & Valerie Griesse as they prepare to leave for the mission field in Germany. Taylor Sherrouse (Phyllis Homeyer's niece) is doing well following her double lung, heart and liver transplant and may leave the hospital - for the first time since November 2009. Linsey Corbin (Sally & Bill Corbin's daughter-in-law) won the Coeur d'Alene Ironman last weekend. Kay VanLanningham Ratzlaff is getting stronger following her treatment. She thanks everyone for their prayers! Kirk Oxford (infant son of Megan and Kyle Oxford) is HOME from Arkansas Children's Hospital.

Assisting in Worship

Sunday, July 11, 2010

Sermon	Dr. Randy H. Rowlan
Worship Leader	Jerikris Langston
Celebration Leader	Jim Huggins
Liturgist	Nancy S. Van Poucke
Nursery @ 9 a.m.	Open
Children's Sermon	
-Celebration Service	Lynn Stephens
-Traditional Service	Lynn Stephens
Greeters	Bob & Deborah Sikes

Sunday, July 18, 2010

Sermon	Dr. Randy H. Rowlan
Worship Leader	Jerikris Langston
Celebration Leader	Jim Huggins
Liturgist	Karl Mounger
Nursery @ 9 a.m.	The McLouds
Children's Sermon	
-Celebration Service	Cecilia Peer
-Traditional Service	Melody Taylor
Greeters	Bob & Deborah Sikes

Sunday, July 25, 2010

Sermon	Dr. Randy H. Rowlan
Worship Leader	Jerikris Langston
Celebration Leader	Jim Huggins
Liturgist	Karl Mounger
Nursery @ 9 a.m.	Madlyn Taylor
Children's Sermon	
-Celebration Service	Kaylea Hutson
-Traditional Service	Kaylea Hutson
Greeters	Bob & Deborah Sikes

Our Worship Attendance

Sunday, June 27, 2010

Worship - 146; Sunday School - 71

Sunday, July 4, 2010

Worship - 123; Sunday School - 52

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FIRST UMC - SILOAM SPRINGS

Tuesday, July 6
Newsletter will be posted/mailed.

Wednesday, July 7
 6 p.m. - Breaking Bread (FH).
 8 p.m. - Celebration Praise Team
 (Sanctuary)

Thursday, July 8
 2 p.m. - Staff Meeting (Wesley
 Rm.)
 6:30 p.m. - Finance Committee
 Meeting (Wesley Rm.)

Friday, July 9
 All Afternoon - Homeyer/
 Wamsley Wedding Rehearsal
 (FH, Kitchen, Sanctuary)

Saturday, July 10
 All Day - Homeyer/Wamsley
 Wedding (FH, Kitchen,
 Sanctuary)

Sunday, July 11
 8:30 a.m. - Chapel Prayer
 (Chapel)
 9 a.m. - Celebration Service
 10 a.m. - Communion in the
 Sanctuary
 10 a.m. - Fellowship Time
 10:15 a.m. - Sunday School
 11:10 a.m. - Traditional Service
 11:15 a.m. - CMT Meeting (FH)
 4 p.m. - Wesley Small Group
 (Darrell Blaylock's home)
 6 p.m. - Youth (Game Night @
 The Rowlands).

Monday, July 12
 7 a.m. - Men's Prayer Group
 (Hardees).
 6 p.m. - Trustees Meeting (Wesley
 Rm.)

Tuesday, July 13
 6:30 p.m. - Administrative Council
 (Wesley Rm.)

Wednesday, July 14
Newsletter Deadline
 6 p.m. - Breaking Bread (FH).
 6:45 p.m. - YMT Meeting
 (Basement)
 8 p.m. - Celebration Praise Team
 (Sanctuary)

Sunday, July 18
 8:30 a.m. - Chapel Prayer
 (Chapel)
 9 a.m. - Celebration Service
 10 a.m. - Communion in the
 Sanctuary
 10 a.m. - Fellowship Time
 10:15 a.m. - Sunday School
 11:10 a.m. - Traditional Service
 6 p.m. - Youth in the Basement.

Monday, July 19
Newsletter is Posted/Mailed
 7 a.m. - Men's Prayer Group
 (Hardees).

Wednesday, July 21
 6 p.m. - Breaking Bread (FH).
 6:45 p.m. - YMT Meeting
 (Basement)
 8 p.m. - Celebration Praise Team
 (Sanctuary)

Thursday, July 22
 2 p.m. - Staff Meeting (Wesley
 Rm.)

Sunday, July 25
OMP leaves for El Dorado
 8:30 a.m. - Chapel Prayer
 (Chapel)
 9 a.m. - Celebration Service
 10 a.m. - Communion in the

Sanctuary
 10 a.m. - Fellowship Time
 10:15 a.m. - Sunday School
 11:10 a.m. - Traditional Service
 6 p.m. - Youth (in the Basement)
 6:30 p.m. - Choir to Nursing
 Home.

Monday, July 26
 7 a.m. - Men's Prayer Group
 (Hardees).
 6:30 p.m. - Finance Committee
 Meeting (Wesley Rm.)

Tuesday, July 27
 1:30 p.m. - Diabetes Education
 (FH)

Wednesday, July 28
Newsletter Deadline
 6 p.m. - Breaking Bread (FH).
 8 p.m. - Celebration Praise Team
 (Sanctuary)

Friday, July 30
 5 p.m. - VBS Registration Cookout
 (playground).
 6 to 8 p.m. - VBS! (Entire Building!)

Saturday, July 31
 8:30 a.m. - VBS Registration
 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. - VBS (Entire
 Building).

Sunday, Aug. 1
 8:30 a.m. - Chapel Prayer
 (Chapel)
 9 a.m. - Sunday School
 10 a.m. - Fellowship Time
 10:30 a.m. - Joint Worship Service
 6 p.m. - Youth in the Basement.

Monday, Aug. 2
 Newsletter is mailed/posted
 today.

Children's Ministry Notes



**Are You Ready for An Adventure?
 It's A High Seas Weekend Extravaganza!**

**5 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 30 &
 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 31.**

**Book your ticket
 today!**

[http://bit.ly/
 First_UMC_VBS](http://bit.ly/First_UMC_VBS)

*Invite a friend & get an
 extra ticket in the
 on-board drawing held
 during VBS!*



**Save The Date:
 Children's
 Ministry Skating/
 Pizza Party**

After church on Sunday, Aug. 15.

**Watch The Children's Ministry
 Blog for details.**

Next Children's Ministry Team Meeting
 11:15 a.m. Sunday, July 11
 in the Fellowship Hall.

**For more information about children's
 activities, contact**
 Kaylea Hutson, minister to families with children,
 at kaylea@fumcss.arcoxml.com.
 or visit <http://kidz-zone-ss.blogspot.com>.

Youth Ministry Notes



Sunday Night Youth

Sunday, July 11 - Game Night
 6 to 8 p.m. - @ The Rowlands,
 1303 Deerfield Meadow

Sunday, July 18 - TBA
 6 to 8 p.m. - Watch the FB page for details.

Sunday, July 25 - TBA
 6 to 8 p.m. - Watch the FB page for details.

Next Youth Ministry Team Meetings

6:45 p.m. - Wednesday, July 14
 in the Basement!

6:45 p.m. - Wednesday, July 21
 in the Basement!

**Join the High Seas
 Expedition
 Weekend Expedition!**

Sign Up To Help @ Our VBS!

5 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 30 &
 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 31.

http://bit.ly/First_UMC_VBS

Middle Schoolers
 --Sign up for Skipper's Preschool Or Tugboat
 Tots areas! (or assistant crew leaders - you'll
 be assigned to preschool groups!)
 High School - Sign up for any area!

For more information about youth activities,
 contact the church office at
 479.524.6111 or kaylea@fumcss.arcoxml.com
 or visit <http://bit.ly/basementss>
 (the youth Facebook page)



Our First UMC Calendar is On-Line! Visit our website - www.fumcss.com & follow the link from
 the home page. Have an event to add to the calendar?
 See Laurie Geurin, our Administrative Assistant for details! Laurie@fumcss.arcoxml.com.

Grow Deeper Through Disciple Bible Study

Interested in growing deeper in your faith through Bible study and prayer? Then the Disciple 1 study may provide what you are looking for.

Disciple 1 is the "foundation" of the Disciple Bible Study program. During the nine month course, students will receive an overview/survey of the entire Bible.

The course requires reading large portions of the Bible each week and includes out of class preparation. During the 34-week study, groups will move through the Biblical stories of Creation to the New Jerusalem.

The titles of the sessions along with theme words, theme verses and major persons, events and topics will set the sequence of the Biblical story in the minds of the participants. The principle Scripture for each session follows the chronological movement of the Biblical story.

If enough interest is shown, Joallen Moose will teach the course on Tuesday mornings (two-hour sessions) beginning in September.

If interested, please contact Joallen by Sunday, July 25 at 524-4027.

India Mission Trip Update: Due to economic/political issues both here and in India, the JBU mission trip to India (which included JeriKris Langston) has been canceled. She would like to thank the church for its generosity and for allowing the team to do its curry dinner here. They look forward to the possibility of going in 2011. Funds donated via check will be returned (see JeriKris). See JeriKris for additional details.

More Scenes from Destination: Little Rock



The Team @ the Arkansas Rice Depot



Taking over the Bishop's office!



Updates - Updates - Updates

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*Have a correction for the church directory?
Please let either Kaylea or Laurie know.*

Record of our faithfulness for June 2010

In Worship - Avg. Attendance: 153

In Sunday School - Avg. Attendance: 94

In Tithes & Offerings - \$21,064.40

Total Income 2010: \$129,893.10

Budget Needed by 6/30/2010: \$192,052.20

Apportionments Paid: \$3,118

Remaining Apportionments for 2010: \$41,623

Children's Ministry Team Meeting:

The next Children's Ministry Team Meeting will take place at 11:15 a.m. Sunday, July 11, in the Fellowship Hall.

Wesley Small Group:

The next Wesley Small Group Meeting will take place at 4 p.m. Sunday, July 11, at the home of Darrell Blaylock (203 Glenwood).

Administrative Council Meeting:

The next Administrative Council Meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 13, in the Wesley Rm.

Sponsor A Snack at VBS: Billie & Lester Stone are collecting items/\$\$ from Sunday School classes and individuals to help purchase items for the VBS Snacks. For more info - see them!

It's A Boy!* You are invited to a shower to help his parents Karissa and Chris Hobbs prepare for his arrival. The drop-in shower will take place between 2 and 3:30 p.m. Sunday, July 11 at the home of Lynn Stephens. (*also known as Judy & Kelvin Hobbs' grandson!)



No. 1 Ladies Book Club: The next No. 1 Ladies Book Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 22, at the home of Pam Rasmussen. The group will read *The Calligrapher's Daughter* by Eugenia Kim.

Fourth Sunday Food Drive: During the June Fourth Sunday Food Drive, the Seeker's Class "won" by having 45 of the 93 total items - only three classes participated. The next drive will take place Sunday, July 25.



Sorting cans



Being Goofy!