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

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This category includes the following designations: Conference Ministries, Vision Team, Ministerial Support and Conference Administration .

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To the Memorial Fund

In Memory of Mary Dilks

Donna & Randy Murphy & PEO sisters.

In Memory of John Suggs

Marie Byram



Memorial Gifts

Something to think about

Remember, if you have no will or trust, state laws will determine who will inherit your property at death. State laws do not include your church or any other charity as a beneficiary. Consider naming your church as a beneficiary in your will or living trust. The gift could be a set dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, the remainder after other gifts are made or a gift of that part of the estate left if designated heirs are deceased.

- 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
Monday, May 10, 2010

Celebrating with our Graduates

We will celebrate with our high school and college graduates during Breaking Bread on **Wednesday, May 12**, and during both worship services on **Sunday, May 16**.

Our 2010 graduates include: Home School: **Anna Stone**; Siloam Springs High School: **Clayton Reisbeck, Ryan McCarver, Ellis Miller and Dylan Henson**; John Brown University: **Tyson Banks** - bachelor's degree; and University of Arkansas: **Ronie Homeyer** - master's degree.

**Know of another graduate within our church family? Let Peter Banks know A.S.A.P.*

We want to celebrate with all of our 2010 grads!



Children's Ministry @The Naturals

We're going to take part in the Faith & Family Night at the Naturals ballpark (they are playing the Arkansas Travelers). The event features a pre-game concert by Contemporary Christian Artist Josh Wilson, and of course, fireworks.



4:30 p.m. Friday, May 21

Meet at the Church - We'll caravan over to the ball park.

Gates open at 5:30 p.m., the concert starts at 6 p.m.

Cost: \$7 per person

(discounted food items also available)

Register on-line or with a paper permission form no later than Wednesday, May 12

You can register on-line by visiting:

<http://kidz-zone-ss.blogspot.com>

See Kaylea ASAP for additional details.

Prayer Walk Thru Our Church

We will hold a prayer walk, through our church building from **5 to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 23.**

We will pray from our heart in every room of the church for the people and activities/ministry that occur there - for example: Sunday school rooms, sanctuary, Wesley room, offices, youth room/basement, etc.

Pastor Randy will lead this prayer experience.

Hear, O LORD, my righteous plea; listen to my cry. Give ear to my prayer,

- Psalm 17:1



Prayer Walking

The Good & The Bad of Progress

Interruptions are frustrating. They upset our routine and the ease that comes from familiarity.

That has certainly been true for the chancel rail, also known as the prayer altar or kneeling rail. But aren't they beautiful! It was worth the wait and the aggravation. The new chancel rails are moveable. It allowed our hand bell choir to be together as they ministered to us on Sunday, which they appreciated. Thank you for your patience and prayers during the interruption!

We have a new Administrative Assistant, Laurie Geurin. Again, thank you for your patience and prayers during the transition. Our new office hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday to Thursday (closed from noon to 1 - p.m. for lunch). The office will remain closed on Fridays.

The normal path to the sanctuary was interrupted for months when the old sidewalk was dug up. Isn't the new concrete beautiful? Landscaping behind that concrete was approved by the Trustees last week. It will be beautiful and worth enduring the nothing we now have when completed in a few weeks.

Interruptions are often sad, also. Saying goodbye to the familiar and that which has served us well is hard. That has been true of changes brought on by the renovations and those by the normal course of life in the church's paid staff.

Most recently that includes our Minister to Families with Youth, Peter Banks.

Of course, the only things that do not change are dead or inanimate. Praise God our church is changing as difficult and frustrating as it can be. Change means WE ARE ALIVE! Not all change is

good, but change directed and empowered by the Holy Spirit always is. So, my friends I say. . .

Pray On!

Pastor Randy

We are sad to announce the resignation of Peter Banks, our minister to families with youth. Peter has worked with our youth since July 2009 and has done much to help our youth "grow deeper."

At this time, Peter feels that God is leading him and our church in a different direction. We appreciate all the work that Peter and his family have done for our church and they will be missed.

Peter has agreed to stay on until we find a replacement or July 31, whichever comes first. He will make sure OMP and our summer youth events are covered.

SPRC will host a meeting after Breaking Bread at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, (after the graduating senior recognition) in the Fellowship Hall.

This meeting will be a guided conversation to discuss the needs of our congregation and youth. We invite ALL church members who care about our youth to attend. Please pray for our church, our youth and Peter as we move through this time of transition.

Peace, Beth Graves, SPRC Chair

Our Joys and Concerns

Our Continuing Concerns: Willie Mae and Paul Magness (Donna Murphy's parents). Wanda Butler (Dede Huggins' mom). Marybelle Handley. Adam McCumber (Betty McCumber's grandson). Bub Gunter. Taylor Sherrouse (Phyllis Homeyer's niece). Barry Moss. Jim Birkes (Vickie & Max Thomas' son-in-law). Kay VanLanningham Ratzlaff. Viola Whitmore. Ann Wisdom (Marion & Adanell Snider's daughter).

Our Newest Concerns: Billie Stone, will have surgery this week. Emily Atkins, recovering from surgery in Texas. Vicki Raney (Eric Arnold's mother) has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Chris McKinney, in the hospital undergoing tests. Anna Stone's grandfather, Ernie, is in the hospital. Wes Morris (Susan & Vincent Morris' son) has returned to Afghanistan. Our sympathy to the family of Cecilia Kelly, Arkansas Conference Minister to Children & Families. Cecilia passed away over the weekend.

Our Military Personnel: In Afghanistan: Wes Morris (Susan & Vincent Morris' son). John Easley. 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 Youman's grandson).

Our Joys - Charles Leonard is home and doing well following his hospital stay. Our pews have been recovered! Happy Mother's Day to all of our mothers and grandmothers. We will celebrate with our graduates this Wednesday, during Breaking Bread.

Assisting in Worship

Sunday, May 16, 2010

Sermon	Dr. Randy H. Rowlan
Lay Leader	Jim Huggins
Liturgist	Karl Mounger
Nursery @ 9 a.m.	McClouds
Children's Sermon	
-Celebration Service	Cecilia Peer
-Traditional Service	Melody Taylor
Greeters	Craig & Melody Taylor

Sunday, May 23, 2010

Sermon	Dr. Randy H. Rowlan
Lay Leader	Jim Huggins
Liturgist	Joallen Moose
Nursery @ 9 a.m.	Madlyn Taylor
Children's Sermon	
-Celebration Service	Kaylea Hutson
-Traditional Service	Kaylea Hutson
Greeters	Craig & Melody Taylor

Our Worship Attendance

Sunday, May 2, 2010

Worship - 191; Sunday School - 100

Sunday, May 9, 2010

Worship - 200; Sunday School - 101

Breaking Bread Update

Wednesday, May 12

Menu: Taco Salad - Chef: Sally Corbin

Wednesday, May 19

Menu: Meat Loaf - Chef: Sally Corbin

Wednesday, May 26

Menu: Ham & Potato Casserole

- Chef: Lane McCloud

Cost: \$3/person, \$12/family.

Wednesday, June 2

Breaking Bread, Potluck Edition Begins
Time switches to 6 p.m. for the summer

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FIRST UMC - SILOAM SPRINGS

Monday, May 10

Newsletter is Mailed

- 7 a.m. - Men's Prayer Group (Hardees).
- 6:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts (Basement).
- 6:30 p.m. - Worship Committee (Wesley Rm.)

Tuesday, May 11

- 6:30 p.m. - Administrative Council (Wesley Rm.)

Wednesday, May 12

Recognize Graduating Seniors At Breaking Bread

- Noon - Hospital Lunch & Learn (FH).
- 5:30 p.m. - Breaking Bread (FH).
- 6 p.m. - Bells (Wesley Rm.)
- 6:30 p.m. - SPRC Youth/Parent Round Table Discussion (FH)
- 7 p.m. - Choir (Wesley Rm.)
- 8 p.m. - Celebration Praise Team (Sanctuary)

Thursday, May 13

- 2 p.m. - Staff Meeting (Wesley Rm.)
- 6 p.m. - Circle 1 UMW Business Meeting. (Men's Bible Classroom)
- 6:30 p.m. - Joint UMW Meeting Salad Supper (FH).

Sunday, May 16

Recognize 2010 Graduates at both worship services.

- 8:30 a.m. - Chapel Prayer (Chapel)
- 9 a.m. - Celebration Service
- 10 a.m. - Communion in Sanctuary
- 10 a.m. - Fellowship Time

- 10:15 a.m. - Sunday School
- 11:10 a.m. - Traditional Service
- 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. - Homeyer Wedding Shower (Wesley Rm.)
- 4 p.m. - Children's Ministry Family Hike at Natural Springs State Park.
- 6 p.m. - Youth Bowling Night.
- 6 p.m. - Financial Peace University (Wesley Rm.)

Monday, May 17

- 7 a.m. - Men's Prayer Group (Hardees).
- 6:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts (Basement).

Wednesday, May 18

Newsletter Deadline

- 5:30 p.m. - Breaking Bread (FH).
- 6 p.m. - Bells (Wesley Rm.)
- 6 to 8 p.m. - Youth (in the Basement)
- 7 p.m. - Choir (Wesley Rm.)
- 8 p.m. - Celebration Praise Team (Sanctuary)

Thursday, May 19

- 1:30 p.m. - Diabetes Education (FH)
- 5:30 p.m. - Relay for Life (FH)

Sunday, May 23

Fourth Sunday Food Drive

- 8:30 a.m. - Chapel Prayer (Chapel)
- 9 a.m. - Celebration Service
- 10 a.m. - Communion in Sanctuary
- 10 a.m. - Fellowship Time
- 10:15 a.m. - Sunday School
- 11:10 a.m. - Traditional Service
- 1 - 5 p.m. - Youth (Roller Skating)
- 5 to 6 p.m. - Prayer Walk

- 6 p.m. - Financial Peace University (Wesley Rm.)

Monday, May 24

Newsletter is Mailed

- 7 a.m. - Men's Prayer Group (Hardees).

Wednesday, May 26

- 5:30 p.m. - Breaking Bread (FH).
- 6 p.m. - Bells (Wesley Rm.)
- 6 to 8 p.m. - Youth (in the Basement)
- 7 p.m. - Choir (Wesley Rm.)
- 8 p.m. - Celebration Praise Team (Sanctuary)

Thursday, May 27

- 10:30 a.m. - UMW Executive Meeting (Kitchen)
- 2 p.m. - Staff Meeting (Wesley Rm.)

Sunday, May 30

- 8:30 a.m. - Chapel Prayer (Chapel)
- 9 a.m. - Celebration Service
- 10 a.m. - Communion in Sanctuary
- 10 a.m. - Fellowship Time
- 10:15 a.m. - Sunday School
- 11:10 a.m. - Traditional Service
- 6 p.m. - Youth
- 6 p.m. - Financial Peace University (Wesley Rm.)
- 6:30 p.m. - Choir Nursing Home Ministry at SSNR.

Monday, May 31

The Office Will Be Closed Today

- 7 a.m. - Men's Prayer Group (Hardees).

Children's Ministry Notes



A Children's Family Hike & Cookout 4 p.m. Sunday, May 16 At Natural Falls State Park

We'll hike from 4 to 5 p.m. then have a cook out from 5 to 6 p.m.

(For safety sake, students need to either be with parents or a responsible adult!)



We'll provide the main dish and drinks. Parents asked to bring a "potluck" side dish or dessert.

Please RSVP by Thursday, May 13!

Sign up today on the children's ministry blog
<http://kidz-zone-ss.blogspot.com>

A Children's Ministry Swim Party At the Ravenwood Community Pool 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, June 1

Grab your swim suits & come hang out at the pool. Activities for all ages!
Bring your favorite snack to share!

Sign up today on the children's ministry blog
<http://kidz-zone-ss.blogspot.com>

Have you registered for VBS?

http://bit.ly/First_UMC_VBS

For more information about children's activities, contact

Kaylea Hutson, minister to families with children, at kaylea@fumcss.arcoxmail.com. or visit <http://kidz-zone-ss.blogspot.com>.

Youth Ministry Notes



Wednesdays in the Basement

Every Wednesday Night

6 to 8 p.m. - Various Topics for discussion & Bible Study with Trips to various locations in Siloam Springs.

Sunday Night Youth

Sunday, May 16 - Bowling

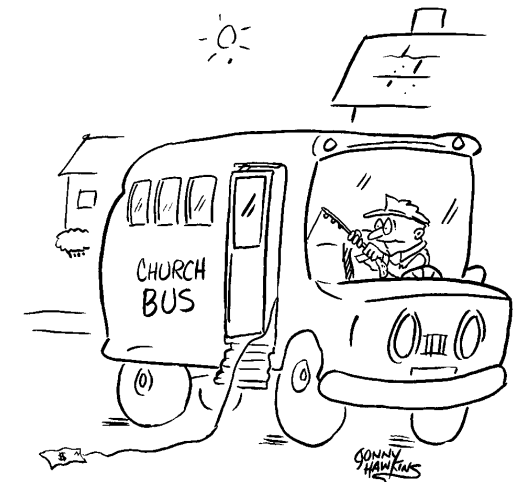
6 to 8 p.m. - Cost \$2 for shoe rental.
See Peter to reserve your spot!

Sunday, May 23 - Roller Skating in Bentonville

1 to 5 p.m. - Bring money for snack.
RSVP to Peter.

Sunday, May 30 - Concert at Riverside UMC White Collar Sideshow

5:30 to 8:30 p.m. - RSVP to Peter



When Second Avenue Church members become Fishers of Men, they use live bait.

For more information about youth activities, contact Peter Banks, minister to families with youth, at 524-6111 or peter@fumcss.arcoxmail.com or visit www.thebasements.info



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.arcoxmail.com.

Fourth Sunday Food Drive: The next food drive will take place on Sunday, May 23.

Help New Beginnings Resale Shop & Incentive

Boutique: The New Beginnings Resale Shop & Incentive Boutique is in need of volunteers to help run the ministry. The store is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. For more information contact Trang Freeman at 549-3781 or trang@ssnewbeginnings.org.

Drop Emily Atkins A Note: Want to drop Emily a note while she's recovering in Texas? Her address at her son's house is 1105 Fountain Drive, Wylie, Texas 75098.

No. 1, Ladies Book Club: The next book club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 27, at Diane Winder's home. *Lunch in Paris* by Elizabeth Bard will be discussed.

Help With Disaster Response: Early Response Teams of trained UMCOR volunteers from Arkansas are traveling to areas around the world in need, including Tennessee and Mississippi. Want to be involved? Here's a few ways you can help!

• **Gather supplies: Health kits and cleaning buckets** (formerly known as flood buckets) are needed now and for future response times. **Funds to purchase disposable flash cameras** to send with the teams are also needed. Note: the cameras are given to homeowners to help them document damage to expedite the insurance process. Want to donate an item? Drop them off in the church office (we'll list the items in health kits and flood buckets on our website).

• **Get Trained:** Become a trained (and badged) UMCOR Early Response volunteer at the next training, 9 a.m. Saturday, July 31, at Elm Springs UMC.

• **For more information:** Contact Denni Palmer, Northwest District Disaster coordinator at umteach@hotmail.com or 479.248.1290.

Joint UMW Salad Supper

Members of the Circle One, Unity Circle and Fellowship Circle will meet at **6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 13**, for a joint Salad Supper meeting, in the Fellowship Hall.



Everyone is asked to bring a salad or a dessert to share. The Fellowship Circle will provide lemonade, tea, coffee and water.

The program will be provided by the women who attended the UMW spring retreat. Childcare will be provided.

For more information, or if you need a ride to attend, call the church office (by Wednesday, May 12) at 524.6111.

Want to download a new UMW book (with Fellowship Circle updates?) find it on our website here: www.fumcss.com/images/File/womens/2010UMWbook410.pdf

Record of our faithfulness for April 2010

- In Worship** - Avg. Attendance: 183
- In Sunday School** - Avg. Attendance: 96
- In Tithes & Offerings** - \$20,806.83
- Total Income 2010:** \$79,952.78
- Budget Needed by 4/30/2010:** \$128,034.80
- Apportionments Paid:** \$2,355
- Remaining Apportionments for 2010:** \$52,386



Breaking Bread - Potluck Edition

Also Known As Breaking Bread during the Summer Switches to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 2 We'll have potlucks through Wednesday, June 2 to Wednesday, Aug. 25

Please join us as we shower

Ronie Homeyer & Mitch Wamsley

With blessings and gifts

Drop in between 1:30 & 3 p.m.

Sunday, May 16

In the Wesley Room of

First United Methodist Church

Registry: Bed, Bath, and Beyond, Target, Dillard's and Occasions.



Phone Number update:

Cheryl Hill - 479-549-8376
Have a correction for the church directory? Please let either Kaylea or Laurie know. Thank you!



It's Time To "Book" Your Passage!
We're headed on a High Seas Expedition

this summer at First UMC – Siloam Springs!

Our voyage, focusing on the missionary journeys of Paul and the other disciples, kicks off from **5 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 30**, with a "bon voyage" cook out & worship celebration.

Our journey will continue from **9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 31**. We'll conclude our journey with a worship celebration at **10:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 1**.

Ready to book your ticket? Want to Volunteer?

You can learn more about our voyage, and sign up on-line at http://bit.ly/First_UMC_VBS

Volunteers are needed to make the event a success.

See Kaylea to find out how you can make a difference in the life of a child this summer.