



Our Shared Ministries*

Within the United States & the World

These ministries take place throughout the United States and across the globe. All United Methodist churches support these ministries.

+ World Service

At the core of our global outreach ministry is the World Service Fund. Growing churches, Bible study, evangelism and discipleship benefit from World Service funds.

**Want to learn about other ministries we support in our state, region and throughout the world?*

Visit <http://fumcss.com/ministry1.php>

Something to think about

Real Estate offers excellent opportunities for giving to your church. Consider a gift of land, a condominium, commercial property, home, farm or other types of real estate.

You may be able to avoid capital gains taxes and also be entitled to an income tax deduction for the fair market value of the property at the time of the gift is made.

Have you received an **inheritance**? If so, consider gifting part of the inheritance to your church in memory of a loved one who remembered you. You can make this gift now, or in your estate plan.

If you are interested in making any special gifts to your church, feel free to discuss this with your pastor. The pastor will help put you in touch with appropriate advisors.

- From the Endowment Committee

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<http://tinyurl.com/facebook-firstumc>

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, April 12, 2010

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

Students who "book their ticket" a.k.a. Pre-register by May 1 will get an extra entry in our on-board drawing held during VBS!



It's A Curry Dinner

Fundraiser for an India Mission Trip

Four JBU students - including our own, JeriKris Langston - will hold a curry fundraising dinner from **5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, April 25**, in the Fellowship Hall, to help raise \$\$ needed for their 2010 summer trip with the Free the Dalit Program. Tickets are \$5 in advance, or \$7 at the door. For more information, contact JeriKris Langston at langstonJ@jbu.edu or call 405-880-4406.

Do you know a college graduate connected to the church?

The spiritual formation team is collecting names of our 2010 college graduates. If you know someone who is graduating, please let Peter Banks know ASAP. We want to celebrate with them!

Thank You

Ray Boltz wrote the GMA Dove Awarded *Thank You* in 1990. The lyrics "thank you for giving to the lord, I am a life that was changed, thank you for giving to the lord, I am so glad you gave" express how I felt Easter Sunday afternoon.

From communion to music, from flowers to art, from sound to multimedia, from food to fellowship Charles Peer, Jeanie Felts, Lynn Stephens, Randy Murphy, JeriKris, Kaylea & Peter, Don Richards, Sally Corbin, Lester & Billie Stone, Joallen Moose, Larry Dodgen, Erick Roebuck, Judy Hobbs, Joshua Rowlan, Manville Michael, teams these people led, and others made Holy Week special in so many ways. I was so blessed by their giving. I hope you were also.

If you prayed for people to come to church, invited them, and they came, would you let me know? That would be another blessing!

Jonathan Edwards argued that it is essential that sin be defeated by the promise of superior pleasure [read love] in God. Will-power will not suffice. Even when it "succeeds," will-power

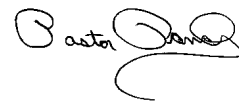
religion gets glory for the will, not God. It produces legalists, not lovers. (*John Piper, "Desiring God Ministries" 6/04 letter*).

I believe God has many many blessings in store for the First UMC family. It will take will power to focus and muscle power to bring it to life. More than anything, however, it will take receiving and sharing God's love with our siblings in Christ and anyone He puts in our path; remember the story of the Good Samaritan?

God wants to love you, others through you, and you to love Him and to love Him through others. Jesus defined love as willing to lay down your desires for the sake of what is best for someone else. That is the example He calls us, dare I say commands us, to follow. Together, may our heartbeat be "Here am I" (Isaiah 6:8)!

I excitedly await the opportunity to worship with others Sunday who want to. . .

Love and be loved!



Pastor Randy

Record of our faithfulness for March 2010

In Worship - Avg. Attendance: 157

In Sunday School - Avg. Attendance: 106

In Tithes & Offerings - \$18,889.50

Total Income 2010: \$59,145.95

Budget Needed by 3/31/2010: \$96,026

Apportionments Paid: \$2,005

Remaining Apportionments for 2010: \$52,736

The deadline for the next newsletter is Wed., April 21. It will be printed and mailed on Monday, April 26.

Our Joys and Concerns

Our Continuing Concerns: Paul Magness (Donna Murphy's father). Wanda Butler (Dede Huggins' mom). Marybelle Handley. Adam McCumber (Betty McCumber's grandson). Kay VanLanningham Ratzlaff. Ashley (Jim & Shirley Smith's grand-niece). Ryli Bland (Suellen Coleman-Chase's grand-daughter). Bub Gunter. Taylor Sherrouse (Phyllis Homeyer's niece). Barry Moss. Jim Birkes (Vickie & Max Thomas' son-in-law).

Our Newest Concerns: Willie Mae Magness (Donna Murphy's mother) is at Northwest in Springdale, with health concerns. Wally Palmer (Carl Palmer's father) at Northwest in Springdale, recovering from surgery. Viola Whitmore is at Siloam Springs Memorial Hospital. Prayers for all of the elementary students (and teachers) involved in benchmark testing this week. Our sympathy to: the Reisbeck family on the death of Maribeth's mother, Mary Dilks; to Reba Seward on the death of her brother, Roger McConnell; and to the Buck family on the death of Waylon's grandfather.

Our Military Personnel: In Afghanistan: John Easley. Joshua Davis (Roger Youman's grandson). 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). Wes Morris (Susan & Vincent Morris' son). Scott Richards (Don & Shirley Richards' son). Howard Hern (Janel Bedor's brother).

Our Joys - Richard Wantz (Debbie Hill's father) is doing well following surgery.

Assisting in Worship

Sunday, April 18, 2010

Sermon Dr. Randy H. Rowlan
Lay Leader Jim Huggins
Liturgist Suellen Coleman-Chase
Nursery @ 9 a.m. Susan Morris
Children's Sermon
-Celebration Service Cecilia Peer
-Traditional Service Melody Taylor
Greeters Norma Brown & Yvonne Bruner

Sunday, April 25, 2010

Sermon Dr. Randy H. Rowlan
Lay Leader Jim Huggins
Liturgist Peter Banks
Nursery @ 9 a.m. Daisye Howell
Children's Sermon
-Celebration Service Lynn Stephens
-Traditional Service Lynn Stephens
Greeters Norma Brown & Yvonne Bruner

Our Worship Attendance

Sunday, March 7, 2010

Worship - 189; Sunday School - 129

Sunday, March 14 2010

Worship - 199; Sunday School - 126

Sunday, March 21, 2010

Worship - 52; Sunday School - 51

Sunday, March 28 2010

Worship - 189; Sunday School - 121

Sunday, April 4, 2010

Worship - 276; Sunday School - 66

Sunday, April 11, 2010

Worship - 169; Sunday School - No Record

Breaking Bread Update

Wednesday, April 14

Menu: Beef Stroganoff - Chef: Sally Corbin

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

College students eat for free each week!
Please remember that the \$ not only helps provide the meal on Wednesday night, but "extra" funds help support our church's funeral dinner outreach.
Have a question, see Sally Corbin!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FIRST UMC - SILOAM SPRINGS

Monday, April 12 Newsletter Mailed today

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

Tuesday, April 13

3 p.m. - Hospital Yoga (Wesley Rm.)
6 p.m. - CHESS Dance Practice (FH).

Wednesday, April 14

Noon - Hospital Lunch and Learn (FH).
5:30 p.m. - Breaking Bread (FH).
6 p.m. - Bells (Wesley Rm.)
6 to 8 p.m. - Youth (in the Basement)
6 p.m. - Timothy Team
6:30 p.m. - Acts Adult Study (Kidz Zone Rm.)
7 p.m. - Choir (Wesley Rm.)
8 p.m. - Celebration Praise Team (Sanctuary)

Thursday, April 15

5:30 p.m. - Relay for Life Meeting (Bridal Room).

Friday, April 16

6:30 p.m. - Arkoma Whirl Away Meeting (FH).

Saturday, April 17

3 p.m. - Youth to Tulsa Concert

Sunday, April 18

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
4 p.m. - Wesley Small Group @ Colemans.
6 p.m. - Youth in Basement

Monday, April 19

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

Tuesday, April 20

3 p.m. - Hospital Yoga Class (Wesley Rm.)
6 p.m. - CHESS Dancing Lesson (FH)
6 p.m. - Youth Restaurant Run (TBA)

Wednesday, April 21 Newsletter Deadline

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

Friday, April 23 to Sunday, April 25

Happy Dogwood Festival Weekend!
Men's Walk to Emmaus Weekend at Arkansas Baptist Campground

Friday, April 23

3 p.m. - Kiwanis Set Up for

pancake breakfast (FH and Kitchen).
7:30 p.m. - Young Adult Coffee House (Basement)

Saturday, April 24

6 a.m. - Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast (FH).
3 p.m. - Siloam Springs HS Reunion (FH).

Sunday, April 25

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
5 p.m. - Financial Peace University (Wesley Rm.)
6 p.m. - Youth in Basement
6:30 p.m. - Choir/Music Ministry at Nursing Home.

Monday, April 26

Newsletter Mailed today
7 a.m. - Men's Prayer Group (Hardees).
1:30 p.m. - Diabetes Education (FH).
5:30 p.m. - PEO Chapter CE
6:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts (Basement).

Tuesday, April 27

3 p.m. - Hospital Yoga (Wesley Rm.)
6 p.m. - CHESS Dance Practice (FH).

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.

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>

Timothy Team (& Tiny Tims)

6 to 7:30 p.m., each Wednesday.
(Adult class - 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. each Wednesday)

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. - Youth Bible Study/Small Groups
"Truth or Dare"



Sunday Night Youth



Sunday, April 18 - Spring Outing to Natural Falls

6 to 8 p.m. - Leave from the church.
(See Peter for additional details!)

Sunday, April 25 - Movie Night

6 p.m. - in the Basement - Flick TBA

Sunday, May 2 - Roller Skating in Rogers

Details TBA

Sunday, May 9 - Bonfire At the Huggins

4 to 7 p.m. - Leave from the church at 4 p.m.

Sunday, May 16 - Bowling

6 p.m. - See Peter for details.

Special Events

Concert in Tulsa

3 p.m. Saturday, April 17
\$10 for concert. Bring \$ for food.
Sign up ASAP (with your \$\$)

It's A Restaurant Run

6 p.m. - Tuesday, April 20
Restaurant To Be Determined

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 Melissa Thomas, our Administrative Assistant for details! Melissa@fumcss.arcoxmail.com.

Thank You: Thank you so much for all of your prayers, love and concern. I couldn't have done it with out you. Also, thank you for the good meals brought to us and the visits. I was in good care. Thanks, Dale Smith.

No. 1 Ladies Book Club: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22, at Sally Hensley's house, reading: "In My Father's House" by Bodie Thoene.

Wesley Small Group: Will meet at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at the home of Bob & Cathi Coleman.

Relay For Life (American Cancer Society): Join the First UMC Relay for Life Team at this year's Relay for Life "An Olympic Relay," 7 p.m. Friday, June 4, through 7 a.m. Saturday, June 5, at JBU. Contact Doug or Lane McLoud at 549-3364 or dlmemcloud@cox.net.

Fourth Sunday Food Drive: The next Fourth Sunday Food Drive will take place on Sunday, April 24. Who will win the coveted trophy? Remember all donations go to help stock the Manna Center shelves.

Join the Choir at the Nursing Home: Do you like to sing? Do you have a passion for ministering to older adults? Are you looking for a place to serve? If you answered yes to any or all of these questions, then we have an opportunity for you! You can join the chancel choir at **6:30 p.m. the LAST Sunday of each month** (note the new date) to minister to residents at Siloam Springs Nursing and Rehab. For more info, see Randy Murphy or a member of the chancel choir.

Young Adult Coffee House: The next young adult coffee house will take place at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 23, in the Basement. Featuring Nik Parks & Band. See Peter Banks for details.

National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer will take place at two different times on Thursday, May 6, in Siloam Springs.

At **Noon** - a prayer and music event will be led by the Rev. Breck Castleman, in the west parking lot of First Presbyterian Church. (*In case of rain, the event will move into their sanctuary*).

From **7 to 8 p.m.**, - An evening observance will take place in the Siloam Springs Community Building.

The National Day of Prayer observances are designed to give you a chance to join with your neighbors to offer prayers for important family, community and national concerns.

"The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in Him."

For more information, call 479.549.7159 or visit www.nationaldayofprayer.org.

Have You Attended Walk To Emmaus? We (the office) are trying to compile a list of everyone who has attended Walk To Emmaus - either in Arkansas or another state. If you have attended this spiritual formation weekend, please contact Kaylea at either kaylea@fumcss.arcoxml.com or at 524.6111. Thanks!

Address Changes: **Carol Hall:** New E-mail Address: carol.h68@live.com; **Betty Hubbard:** 1200 W. Jefferson Apt. 3, Siloam Springs; **Cyndi Hughes** 1050 N. Britt St., Apt. G12, Siloam Springs.; **Mina Ruth Robb:** New Address: Russellville Nursing and Rehab Center, 215 S. Portland Ave., **Rm. 406**, Russellville, Ar 72801; **Sara Treftz:** New E-mail: Streftz1@cox.net.

Our Newest Easter Baptism



Congrats to **Londan Jaye Buck**, infant daughter of Jordan and Waylon Buck, who was baptized on Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010. Her parents, Jordan and Waylon, along with her brother, Collier, were also baptized on Easter.

Weekend To Remember Conference

Thanks to a gift from FamilyLife, NWA Healthy Marriages can offer their "Weekend to Remember" conference (May 14-16 in Rogers) at a special rate.

For more than 30 years, the *Weekend to Remember* conference has helped couples create the kind of memories that build a healthy marriage.

Register by April 26, using our Group Name (NWA Healthy Marriages), and you'll get the best rate offered by FamilyLife. In addition, through April 26, FamilyLife is offering the "Buy One Get One Free." If you go to www.familylife.com and click on "Marriage Conference." For more information, or to find out about additional scholarships, call 1-800-FL TODAY (358-6329).

Spotlight on Our Ministry Teams

The next few newsletters, we'll take time to help identify people who are serving on the various ministry teams of the church!

Children's Ministry Team: Members include: Kaylea Hutson, Melissa McCarver, Jennifer Haught, Madlyn Taylor, Lane McLoud, Tiffinie Smith, Melissa Michael, Rebeckah Arnold, Jackie Clements, Brandy Roebuck and Beth Graves.

Youth Ministry Team: Members include: Peter Banks, Craig & Maribeth Reisbeck, Clayton Reisbeck, Ron & Phyllis Homeyer, Don Richards, Doug McLoud, Richard McCarver, Jim & Dede Huggins, and Janice Mounger.

Vision Team: Dr. Randy H. Rowlan serves as the chair. Members include: Beth Graves, Jim Huggins, Chris Taylor, Lynn Stephens, Sharon Wasson, Richard McCarver and Charles Peer.

Visitation Team: Joallen Moose serves as the chair. Members include: John Moose, Kaye McCarver, Yvonne Bruner, Lonnie & Sue Nelson.



Lenten Offering

Bring your filled Lenten Offering Folders THIS WEEK! (Last Call!) Proceeds to benefit UMCOR's work in Haiti!