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*To the Memorial Fund
In Memory of Wanda Butler*

Rod & Dolores Deuel.

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

John & Joallen Moose

In Memory of Willie Mae Magness

Ritchie & Lisa Mathis



Memorial Gifts

Something to think about

- Is Your Will Up-To-Date? (If Not, why not?)
- Is the state's will your will or God's will your will?
- Did you know that you can make the church a beneficiary of your life insurance policy?
- Did you know an honor or memorial gift to the endowment fund goes on living and giving? Have you thought about making a gift to our church's endowment fund?
- 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, July 19, 2010

Last Call: Our Expedition Leaves in 10 Days!

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



You can learn more about our voyage, and sign up on-line at

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

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Signing up in advance can help us make sure our VBS is a success!

VBS Volunteer Meeting

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 28

Talk about VBS & Expectations

then stay to help decorate!

Questions? See Kaylea!



Ozark Mission Project - Our 2010 Team

The following members our youth ministry team leave at 6 a.m. Sunday, July 25, for the OMP camp at El Dorado, Ark., (July 25 to 31.)
Elizabeth Reisbeck - Anna Rowlan
Scott Huggins - Riley McCarver
Dylan Henson - Micah Banks
Jim Huggins (adult sponsor)
Please keep them in prayer!

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

Joint Worship Service

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

In celebration of our VBS Weekend Extravaganza, we'll host a joint worship service/celebration on Sunday, Aug. 1.

Our Sunday, Aug. 1, schedule will be:

- 9 a.m. - Sunday School
(special activities for students)
- 10 a.m. - Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:30 a.m. - Worship in the Sanctuary.

Time To Build....

Relationships that is. Many scale back their work during the summer seeking a bit of re-creation, still relaxing, and re-newal to help them stay strong and be stronger in the fall. Activity may actually increase during the summer but it often revolves around people, around relationships.

Perhaps this is a subconscious response to our need for the health and healing only relationships bring.

Are relationships essential or merely add-on's? While I was on vacation I had to decide if going to worship Sunday was an add-on or essential in nurturing and growing my spiritual friendship with God. I'm so glad we went. I don't think worship was an add-on for me.

In the change of pace while we were vacationing it was sometimes hard to read my Bible each day. Again, I had to decide if I could let it go because it was a good add-on, or if I needed to make it part of each day so I got closer to the Father instead of creating distance between us. Through prayer I was convicted to not miss reading the Bible each day as lectio divina.

"Lectio divina is a slow, contemplative praying of the Scriptures. Time set aside in a special way for lectio divina enables us to discover in our daily life an underlying spiritual rhythm. Within this rhythm, we discover an increasing ability to offer more of ourselves and our relationships to the Father, and to accept the embrace that God is continuously extending to us in the person of his Son, Jesus Christ.

Very often our concerns, our relationships, our hopes and aspirations, naturally intertwine with our meditations on the Scriptures. We can attend "with

the ear of our hearts" to our own memories, listening for God's presence in the events of our lives. We experience Christ reaching out to us through our own memories. Our own personal story becomes salvation history." —Luke Dysinger, "How to practice lectio divina".

As we enter the last third of the summer I encourage you to pray, read God's letters to you (the Bible), and not miss worship wherever you are. You are in my prayers and I trust I am in yours. Also, you are...

On my heart,
Pastor Randy

An Open Invitation!

YMT Members & Interested Adults



are invited to participate in a discussion/meeting with Rod Hocott

Arkansas Conference Minister to Families with Youth

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 21,

in the OK Classroom.

For More Info Contact:

Laura Rowlan @ 524-9276
or llrowlan@cox.net

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: Jennifer Haught's brother is recovering from several surgeries last week. Our prayers and sympathy to Aaron and Tammi Holcombe on the death of their daughter, Ayden. Lilyan Cartwright is recovering from a fall. Our sympathy to Sue Nelson on the death of her nephew, Justin Haid, last week. Edith McGee (Pat Corbin's aunt) is at SSMH with pneumonia.

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). **State-side:** 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: Our OMP team leaves next Sunday for El Dorado, Ark. VBS begins in 10 days! Grady Nichols has been upgraded from critical to stable condition. He's still in a Tulsa hospital.

Assisting in Worship

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

Sunday, Aug. 1, 2010

10:30 a.m.

VBS Celebration Joint Service

Sermon Dr. Randy H. Rowlan
Worship Leader JeriKris Langston
Nursery Beth Graves
Children's Sermon
-Celebration Service Kaylea Hutson
Greeters Paul & Lee McVay

Sunday, Aug. 8, 2010

Gideon Sunday

Sermon Bob Coleman
Worship Leader JeriKris Langston
Celebration Leader Jim Huggins
Liturgist Gloria McEnroe
Nursery Cheryl Hill
Children's Sermon
-Celebration Service Lynn Stephens
-Traditional Service Lynn Stephens
Greeters Paul & Lee McVay

Our Worship Attendance

Sunday, July 11, 2010

Worship - 144; Sunday School - 75

Sunday, July 18, 2010

Worship - 118; Sunday School - 79

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FIRST UMC - SILOAM SPRINGS

Monday, July 19
Newsletter is Posted/Mailed

Tuesday, July 20
 6:30 p.m. - Finance Committee Meeting (Wesley Rm.)

Wednesday, July 21
 6 p.m. - Breaking Bread (FH).
 6:30 p.m. - YMT Meeting (OK classroom)
 8 p.m. - Celebration Praise Team (Sanctuary)

Sunday, July 25
No Youth Tonight
 6 a.m. - Youth Leave for OMP
 8:30 a.m. - Chapel Prayer (Chapel)
 9 a.m. - Celebration Service
 10 a.m. - Communion
 10 a.m. - Fellowship Time
 10:15 a.m. - Sunday School
 11:10 a.m. - Traditional Service
 6:30 p.m. - Choir to Nursing Home.

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

Wednesday, July 28
Newsletter Deadline
 6 p.m. - Breaking Bread (FH).
 6:30 p.m. - VBS Volunteer Meeting & decorating party (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
Youth Return from OMP Today.
 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 & VBS Celebration in FH
 10 a.m. - Fellowship Time
 10:30 a.m. - Joint Worship Service
 6 p.m. - Youth in the Basement. Movie Night.

Monday, Aug. 2
Newsletter is mailed/posted today.
 6 p.m. - Trustees Meeting (Wesley Rm.)

Wednesday, Aug. 4
 6 p.m. - Breaking Bread (FH).
 8 p.m. - Celebration Praise Team (Sanctuary)

Thursday, Aug. 5
 2 p.m. - Staff Meeting (Wesley Rm.)

Saturday, Aug. 7
 9 a.m. - Dogwood Quilt Guild (FH & Kitchen).

Sunday, Aug. 8
Youth - deadline to RSVP for Aug. 15 float trip.
 8:30 a.m. - Chapel Prayer (Chapel)
 9 a.m. - Celebration Service
 10 a.m. - Communion
 10 a.m. - Fellowship Time
 10:15 a.m. - Sunday School
 11:10 a.m. - Traditional Service
 6 p.m. - Youth TBA (meet in the Basement).

Monday, Aug. 9
 6:30 p.m. - Worship Committee Meeting (Wesley Rm.)

Wednesday, Aug. 11
Newsletter Deadline
 6 p.m. - Breaking Bread (FH).
 8 p.m. - Celebration Praise Team (Sanctuary)

Thursday, Aug. 12
 RSVP Today for the Children's Ministry Skate Trip/Pizza Party.

Sunday, Aug. 15
 8:30 a.m. - Chapel Prayer (Chapel)
 9 a.m. - Celebration Service
 10 a.m. - Communion
 10 a.m. - Fellowship Time
 10:15 a.m. - Sunday School
 11:10 a.m. - Traditional Service
 12:30 p.m. - Youth Leave for Float Trip.
 12:30 p.m. - Children's Min. Leave for Skate Trip/Pizza Party.

Children's Ministry Notes



Children's Ministry Skating/Pizza Party

Leave the church at 12:30 p.m.
 Return to Siloam Springs by 6 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 15
 Skate @ Great Day Skate in Bentonville from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

Then we'll go to Cici's Pizza in Rogers for an early supper.

Cost: \$5.

Sign up by Thursday, Aug. 12 on the Children's ministry blog:
<http://kidz-zone-ss.blogspot.com>

Next Children's Ministry Team Meeting
 11:15 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 22 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 25 - No Youth
 Due to the OMP Trip.
Sunday, Aug. 1

6 to 8 p.m. - Movie Night @ The Basement

Sunday, Aug. 8
 6 to 8 p.m. - TBA - Meet @ The Basement

Sunday, Aug. 15
It's A Float Trip!
 12:30 to 6 p.m. - Sunday, Aug. 15
 Cost: \$10 per person.
 Must RSVP (with \$\$) by Sunday, Aug. 8
 See Laura Rowlan and/or Dede Huggins for details.

You must have a new 2010-11 permission slip on file to attend.

Sunday, Aug. 22
Bowling
 Details TBA.

Next Youth Ministry Team Meetings

6:45 p.m. - Wednesday, July 21 with Rod Hocott (Adults only) in the OK Classroom!

6:45 p.m. - Wednesday, Aug. 11 in the basement.

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.



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

Children's Ministry Team Meeting: The next Children's Ministry Team Meeting will take place at 11:15 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 22, in the Fellowship Hall.

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: The next Fourth Sunday Food Drive will take place THIS WEEK - Sunday, July 25.

Which Sunday School Class will bring in the most food items?



Children's Ministry Team Meeting: The next Children's Ministry Team Meeting will take place at 11:15 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 22, in the Fellowship Hall.

NWA Children's Ministry Conference: 9:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at First UMC - Springdale. If you are interested in attending, please let Kaylea know ASAP. (We get a group discount if we register together.) For more info visit: <http://nwa-cm-conference.blogspot.com>.

Parent Resource: Beating the heat with a family movie night? Visit www.kids-in-mind.com to find out more about current movies.

Thank You: Thank you for all the cards, calls, prayers and donations in memory of my mom, Wanda Butler. Our church family has shown what the body of Christ is all about. Your support is truly a blessing. Thanks, Dede Huggins and family.



Thank you: to the chancel & bell choirs. Our family is so grateful for the contribution you made to the memorial fund for our mother. The Methodist church was an important part of her life, especially the bell choir. She would be honored to be remembered in this way. We are truly blessed by your kindness. Love & Prayers - the Magness Family.

Thank you: Thank you so much for the donation to the food pantry that your (children) brought to Quapaw Quarter UMC recently. Your money will be used to purchase at the Arkansas Food Bank to help the poor and the homeless. Sincerely, Martha Johnson.

Coming Sunday, Aug. 8: Our very own Bob Coleman will preach at both worship services - it's Gideon Sunday! (More details in the next newsletter).

Neighbor2Neighbor: Interested in helping with a fall Neighbor2Neighbor event? See Madlyn Taylor today. She's helping to organize a possible day of service/ministry in Siloam Springs.

Help Your Church Family: Have a couple of hours to spare? Why not help "catalogue" our church library on the internet. See Kaylea for details on how we're using Goodreads.com as an online resource!

An update from the missions team: The love offering taken up for Jonathan and Valerie Griesse on Sunday, July 4, brought in \$876 for the couple's upcoming mission to Germany.



For more info, or to continue to provide support for the couple, visit <http://intheforest.org/>.

Donations placed in the church offering earmarked for the Griessees will be sent to TeachBeyond (their mission organization.)

Spiritual Formation: The August meeting of the spiritual formation team is being rescheduled (time TBA). Please see Pam Rasmussen for details.

Save The Date: Saturday, Aug. 28 (from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.) members of the children's ministry will be selling hot dogs at Atwoods in Siloam Springs to benefit Destination: 2011 (the spring break and summer trips).

