



### Our Shared Ministries\*

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

#### South Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church

*States included in the South Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church include: Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas, New Mexico, Texas and Louisiana.*

**+ Jurisdictional Administration:** As one of eight states in the South Central Jurisdiction, the Arkansas Conference supports the jurisdiction's operations, committees, councils and provides resources for the quadrennial Jurisdictional Conference.

*\*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 Willie Mae Magness

Hulen Peters and Craig & Melody Taylor.

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

Jim & Lynda Young



### Something to think about

• Good stewardship requires us to think of the future. Have your estate plan prepared now and express your good stewardship in ways that will bless your family and your church.

• Is your current will keeping up with you? Does it reflect your Christian commitment? Make sure your will is up-to-date.

- From the Endowment Committee

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[www.FUMCSS.com](http://www.FUMCSS.com)

**Our Facebook Home**

<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, June 21, 2010

## Celebrate July 4th with Jonathan & Valerie Griesse

On Sunday, July 4, Jonathan and Valerie Griesse will share information about their upcoming mission assignment at both worship services.

The Griessees are leaving for the mission field to teach and disciple children from other missionary families. They will work at Black Forest Academy in Germany through a organization called TeachBeyond. You can learn more about their ministry at <http://intheforest.org>.

Jonathan has been longtime First UMC - Siloam Springs member, Sunday school teacher and interim youth director. The Griessees left to help launch Pontiac Church in Feb. 2008.

At 10 a.m., during the fellowship time, the Missions Committee will sponsor a brunch buffet in honor of the Griessees.

Additionally, baskets for LOVE Offerings will be placed in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall so that

members can show their support for the Griessees. If you write a check, please make it to Teach Beyond, their supporting mission organization. *(All cash or checks made to the church will be directed to the Griessees through Teach Beyond.)*

The Griessees have only collected approx. 50 percent of the money needed for their assignment. They hope to have at least 80 percent collected before leaving in July. Please show your support by giving as you can.

If you have any questions, or would like to help with the brunch, please contact Lane McCloud at 549-3364 or [dmemcloud@cox.net](mailto:dmemcloud@cox.net).



The church office will be closed Monday, July 5, in honor of the Fourth of July holiday.

The next newsletter will be posted/mailed on Tuesday, July 6.

## From the Lay Leader's Pen

### A Report from the 2010 Arkansas Annual Conference

Until you attend an annual conference, it's hard to imagine what it's all about. As this was my second year I felt a little more comfortable knowing the agenda.

Learning about the business of the church; not just our church but all the churches in Arkansas is interesting. Each church is required to send a delegate to conference and they are to report back to their church about what transpired there. And there are lots of pastors there. It was nice to see some of our past ministers.

There is general business, lots of reports, awards, retirements, announcements, speakers, separate meetings and breakfasts and lunches and dinners with speakers. I attended the Confessing Movement breakfast with Pastor Randy and Laura and the United Methodist Women's luncheon.

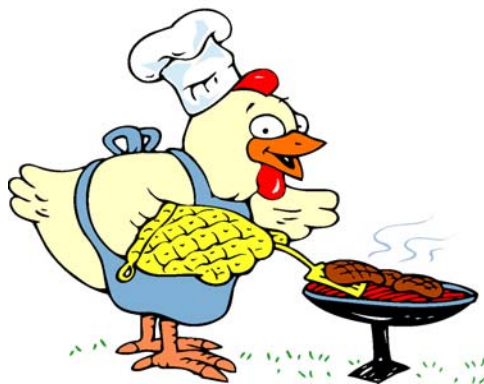
and this year was the Ordination and Commission Service. The service of these young men and women becoming ministers, elders, and deacons is very touching. To see their faces as each is ordained with pastors around them; hands on them and praying for them makes me feel each one has to feel the touch of GOD with them.

Bishop Charles Crutchfield presided at the conference. He gave the Episcopal address and the Ordination speech. Reverend Dr. Gil Rendle talked about Imagine Ministry on churches strengths and understanding sufficiency; then doing the work of GOD. Bishop Ntambo of the Congo of Africa gave the Opening Worship sermon about missions and the power of prayer.

Thank you for trusting me to represent First UMC - Siloam Springs.

The most inspirational part for me last year

Jeanie Felts



#### Destination: Little Rock Update

We raised approx. \$1,200 from last week's Chicken on the Run (thanks to a donation of supplies from the Breaking bread fund!). Additionally, Elm Springs' UMW & Mission Teams have donated \$600 towards gas/food expenses.

We leave Wednesday a.m. bright & early!

Keep up with the trip at <http://kidz-zone-ss.blogspot.com> or by "liking" the church Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/fumcss>

## Our Joys and Concerns

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

**Our Newest Concerns:** Our sympathy to JeriKris Langston on the death of her great-grandmother. John McCuiston (friend of Craig Reisbeck) has stage 3 leukemia. Jack Chase had an aorta transplant on Friday at St. Luke's in Kansas City - reports say he's doing well. Karen White is beginning her reconstruction surgery in Kansas.

**Our Military Personnel: 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 Youman's grandson).

**Our Joys:** Kirk Oxford (infant son of Megan and Kyle Oxford) came through surgery at Arkansas Children's ok. His parents truly feel our prayer support. Jonathan & Valerie Griesse continue to prepare to leave for the mission field. They will be here on July 4 to share about their upcoming adventure.

### Assisting in Worship

Sunday, June 27, 2010

Sermon	Dr. Larry Dodgen
Worship Leader	JeriKris Langston
Celebration Leader	Jim Huggins
Liturgist	Kaylea Hutson
Nursery @ 9 a.m.	Daisye Howell
Children's Sermon	
-Celebration Service	Kaylea Hutson
-Traditional Service	Kaylea Hutson
Greeters	Jeanie Felts & Sharon Sly

Sunday, July 4, 2010

Sermon	Jonathan Griesse
Worship Leader	JeriKris Langston
Celebration Leader	Jim Huggins
Liturgist	Dr. Larry Dodgen
Nursery @ 9 a.m.	Donna Murphy
Children's Sermon	
-Celebration Service	Kaylea Hutson
-Traditional Service	Tiffinie Smith
Greeters	Bob & Debra Sikes

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 & Debra Sikes

### Our Worship Attendance

Sunday, June 13, 2010

Worship - 155; Sunday School - 99

Sunday, June 20, 2010

Worship - 149; Sunday School - 87

# UPCOMING EVENTS AT FIRST UMC - SILOAM SPRINGS

**Monday, June 21**  
Newsletter is Mailed/Posted Today

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

**Wednesday, June 23**  
Destination: Little Rock Starts today

8:15 a.m. - Load up for Destination: Little Rock  
6 p.m. - Breaking Bread (FH).  
8 p.m. - Celebration Praise Team (Sanctuary)

**Thursday, June 24**  
Destination: Little Rock  
2 p.m. - Staff Meeting (Wesley Rm.)

**Friday, June 25**  
Destination: Little Rock

**Saturday, June 26**  
Destination: Little Rock  
8 a.m. - 55th Class Reunion Class of 1955 (Fellowship Hall & Kitchen).  
3 p.m. - Destination: LR returns.

**Sunday, June 27**  
Fourth Sunday Food Drive  
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. - Financial Peace University (Wesley Rm.)  
6 p.m. - Youth TBA.  
6:30 p.m. - Choir Ministry to SS Nursing Home.

**Monday, June 28**  
7 a.m. - Men's Prayer Group (Hardees).  
11 a.m. - Hospital Auxiliary (FH)  
6:30 p.m. - Finance Committee (Wesley Rm.)

**Wednesday, June 30**  
Newsletter Deadline  
6 p.m. - Breaking Bread (FH).  
8 p.m. - Celebration Praise Team (Sanctuary)

**Saturday, July 3**  
9:30 a.m. - Dogwood Quilt Guild (FH & Kitchen)

**Sunday, July 4**  
Happy Fourth of July  
No Youth Tonight  
8:30 a.m. - Chapel Prayer (Chapel)  
9 a.m. - Celebration Service  
10 a.m. - Fellowship Time  
10:15 a.m. - Sunday School  
11:10 a.m. - Traditional Service

**Monday, July 5**  
Happy Fourth of July - Office Closed  
7 a.m. - Men's Prayer Group (Hardees).  
6 p.m. - Trustees Meeting (Wesley Rm.)

**Tuesday, July 6**  
Newsletter will be posted/mailed today.

**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.)

**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  
5 to 8 p.m. - Financial Peace University (Wesley Rm.)  
6 p.m. - Youth (Game Night @ The Rowlands).

**Monday, July 12**  
7 a.m. - Men's Prayer Group (Hardees).

**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)

## 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](mailto:kaylea@fumcss.arcoxml.com). or visit <http://kidz-zone-ss.blogspot.com>.

## Youth Ministry Notes

### Sunday Night Youth

**Sunday, June 27 - Mystery Trip**  
6 to 8 p.m. - Meet in the Basement  
See Melissa Michael for Details.

**Sunday, July 4**

No Youth, Happy Fourth of July!

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

For more information about youth activities, contact the church office at 479.524.6111 or [kaylea@fumcss.arcoxml.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:Laurie@fumcss.arcoxml.com).

## Help those Impacted By Flood/Natural Disaster

### Build a Cleaning Bucket for UMCOR (Approx. value \$55 per bucket)

The missions team is challenging our congregation to collect items for people in need. Buckets kept in Arkansas are stored in our district (for "northern" sites) or at the Arkansas Rice Depot.

Donations to pay for shipping will be appreciated. **For more info: See Lane McCloud for details.**

**Note:** If the requested item size is not available, go down to the next available size. Nothing available? Put masking tape on the outside of the bucket saying, "This bucket contains no \_\_\_\_\_"

**5-gallon bucket with resealable lid • Bleach** (*two 1-quart or one 82 oz. bottle. Do not include bleach if you are shipping the bucket through the US Postal Service, UPS or FedEx*) • **5 scouring pads • 7 Sponges • 1 scrub brush**

**18 cleaning towels** (reusable wipes) • **Liquid laundry detergent** (*two 25 oz. or one 50 oz. bottle*)

**1 (12-16 oz. bottle) Household cleaner • 1 (16-28 oz. bottle) Disinfectant dish soap • 50 clothes pins • Clothes line** (*two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.*) • **5 dust masks • 2 pair latex gloves • 1 pair work gloves**

**1 (24-bag roll) of 33 to 45 gallon heavy-duty trash bags** (*remove roll from box before placing in bucket*)

**1 (6 to 14 oz can) Insect repellent spray • An envelope with \$1.50** (to help with international shipping.)

### Important Kit Assembly Information

All items **MUST** be new. All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain only the requested items-nothing more. Do **NOT** include any personal notes, money or

*additional materials in the kits. These things must be painstakingly removed and will delay the shipment.*

Processing & Shipping Costs: Please enclose an envelope containing at least \$1 for each kit you send. This donation enables kits to be sent without delay to areas in need. For Cleaning Buckets: \$1.50.

**Relay for Life Update:** The First UMC - Siloam Springs Relay For Life Team raised a total of \$5006, including \$2970 turned in before Relay and \$2036 the night of Relay. We want to thank everyone who donated and supported us. Thanks especially to those on our team: Conner and Janel Bedor; Renee Burns; Sally Corbin; Dolores and Rod Deuel; Debbie Hill; Beth, Dede, Jim and Scott Huggins; Elizabeth, Doug and Lane McCloud; Karl Mounger; and Madlyn Taylor. Also, thank you to others who came and participated during the night: Dan Bedor, Ann and Larry Dodgen, Craig and Melody Taylor, Nancy and Moose Van Poucke, Megan McCloud, the McCarver family, Jim Hill, Karen White and Gavin Taylor. Ryan McCarver represented us well in the "Miss" Relay pageant and was named "Miss Congeniality" and shared his talent of playing the tuba with a little help from some of our members. Thanks for helping us FIGHT CANCER!!

Mr. & Mrs. Ron Homeyer  
request the honor of your presence  
at the marriage of their daughter  
Rena Katherine  
To Mitchell Stephen Wamsley  
the son of Mr. & Mrs. Dale Wamsley  
Saturday, the tenth of July  
two thousand and ten  
at seven o'clock in the evening  
First United Methodist Church  
Siloam Springs, Arkansas  
Reception immediately following the ceremony  
(at the Community Building).



### Updates - Updates - Updates

**Bitsy Stockton:** 505 W. University, Siloam Springs (no PO Box).

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

**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.

**No. One Ladies Book Club:** Will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 24, at the home of Lottie Nash (2908 Courtney Circle). The group will discuss *Shoot the Moon* by Billie Letts.

**To the Jericho and Barnabas Classes:** Thank you for the unexpected scholarship and the blessings that all of you have bestowed upon me over the years. I am officially registered for classes this fall at JBU and am very much looking forward to them (mostly). ~ Joshua Rowlan



## 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**

Our voyage, focusing on the missionary journeys of Paul & 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**. (We'll

*have special activities at 9 a.m. during Sunday School.)*

### 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](http://bit.ly/First_UMC_VBS). Signing up in advance can help us make sure our VBS runs successfully!

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