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

- There are many reasons to update your estate planning documents. One is to include a gift to your church.
- Have circumstances changed since you last updated your estate plan? Do your current estate documents carry out your commitments to your church? If not, amend your documents now.
- Did you know that more than 50 percent of all people at the time of their death do not have a will or living trust?

- 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 24, 2010

Save The Date:

## Chicken On The Run

A Take-Out BBQ Chicken Dinner

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. OR 4 to 6 p.m.

Friday, June 18

To benefit Destination: Little Rock

Meals are \$6. Tickets available now.

Please purchase tickets in advance. Limited number of meals available at the door.

See Kaylea for additional details.



### 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

*Prepared meals return Wednesday, Sept. 1*



### Are You Ready for An Adventure?

5 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 30 &

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

Book your ticket & 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)

*Make a difference in the life of a child this summer.*

# Summer Feast

Summer temperatures are here. Memorial Day will kick start the vacation season. Golf, swimming, family, friends and traveling are on the minds of many. What a wonderful time of year!

Summer plans often include good food; lots of food. Barbequed chicken, hot rolls, coleslaw, baked beans, cake, and homemade ice cream can tempt us to eat more than we should. Tums and Roloids cannot always negate the effects of having too much of a good thing.

The same thing can happen spiritually. We can

gorge on the pleasures of summer to the point of neglecting our spiritual health. Including Jesus in our summer through prayer, worship, financial giving and ministry to others is the "healthy stuff" that forms the base for enjoying the "dessert" of skiing, grilling, and traveling.

May your summer truly be blessed re-creation!



Pastor Randy

## Something To Think About

*"The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, the education, the money, than circumstances, than failure, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill.*

*It will make or break a company... a church... a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice everyday regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past... we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable.*

*The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude. I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% of how I react to it. And so it is with you... we are in charge of our Attitudes."*

- Charles R. Swindoll

## Youth Ministry Update

The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) continues to work closely with the Finance Committee about staffing our Ministry to Families with Youth. The SPRC listening session was well attended and many clear, honest and helpful comments were recorded. We expect to be able to share soon how youth ministry will be shaped this summer and fall.

## Church Office

The Church Office Will be closed on Monday, May 31, due to Memorial Day.

Have a wonderful holiday weekend with your family.



## 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). Bub Gunter. Taylor Sherrouse (Phyllis Homeyer's niece). Barry Moss. Kay VanLanningham Ratzlaff. Viola Whitmore. Ann Wisdom (Marion & Adanell Snider's daughter).

**Our Newest Concerns:** Chris McKinney (health concerns). Our sympathy to the friends and family of Eric Marshall, who died this week. Prayers for Brian Agular who remains in ICU following the accident. Our sympathy to the Henson family on the death of Joy's father, Max. Our sympathy to the Michael & Murphy families on the death of Willie Mae Magness. Martha Simmons (a friend of Craig & Melody Taylor) health concerns. Vicki Raney (Eric Arnold's mother) will have surgery today (Monday) due to breast cancer. Megan, Kyle and Kirk Oxford. Kirk was born with a rare genetic disorder (friends of the Colemans).

**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:** Billie Stone and Emily Atkins are both recovering from their surgeries at home. Betty Hubbard is home from the hospital. Dolores Deuel is recovering from her fractured knee-cap. Memerley McElheney is recovering from her knee surgery.

## Assisting in Worship

**Sunday, May 30, 2010**

Sermon	Dr. Randy H. Rowlan
Worship Leader	JeriKris Langston
Celebration Leader	Jim Huggins
Liturgist	Don Haxel
Nursery @ 9 a.m.	Melissa Michael
Children's Sermon	
-Celebration Service	Bob Coleman
-Traditional Service	Bob Coleman
Greeters	Craig & Melody Taylor

**Sunday, June 6, 2010**

Sermon	Dr. Randy H. Rowlan
Worship Leader	JeriKris Langston
Celebration Leader	Jim Huggins
Liturgist	Gloria McEnroe
Nursery @ 9 a.m.	Beth Graves
Children's Sermon	
-Celebration Service	Peter Banks
-Traditional Service	Tiffinie Smith
Greeters	Jeanie Felts & Sharon Sly

## Our Worship Attendance

**Sunday, May 16, 2010**

Worship - 173; Sunday School - 113

**Sunday, May 23, 2010**

Worship - 176; Sunday School - 96

## Breaking Bread Update

**Wednesday, May 26**

**Menu:** Ham & Potato Casserole

**- Chef:** Lane McCloud

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

**6 p.m. 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 24**  
**Newsletter is Mailed**  
 7 a.m. - Men's Prayer Group (Hardees).  
 6:30 p.m. - Finance Meeting (Wesley Rm.)  
 6:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts (FH & Sanctuary).

**Tuesday, May 25**  
 12:30 p.m. - Private family services for Willie Mae Magness (FH).

**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  
 6:30 p.m. - Choir Nursing Home Ministry at SSNR.

**Monday, May 31**  
**The Office Will Be Closed Today**

**Tuesday, June 1**  
 6 p.m. - Spiritual Formation (Wesley Rm.)

**Wednesday, June 2**  
**Breaking Bread - Potluck Edition begins tonight.**  
**Newsletter Deadline**  
 6 p.m. - Breaking Bread (FH).  
 6 to 8 p.m. - Youth (in the Basement)  
 8 p.m. - Celebration Praise Team (Sanctuary)

**Saturday, June 5**  
 9 a.m. - Dogwood Quilt Guild (FH & Kitchen)

**Sunday, June 6**  
**Arkansas UMC Annual Conference In Hot Springs, Ark.**  
 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  
 6 p.m. - Youth  
 6 p.m. - Financial Peace University (Wesley Rm.)

**Monday, June 7**  
**Newsletter Mailed Today**  
**Arkansas UMC Annual Conference In Hot Springs, Ark.**  
 7 a.m. - Men's Prayer Group (Hardees).  
 6 p.m. - Trustees Meeting (Wesley Rm.)

**Wednesday, June 9**  
**Arkansas UMC Annual Conference In Hot Springs, Ark.**  
 6 p.m. - Breaking Bread (FH).

6 to 8 p.m. - Youth (in the Basement)  
 8 p.m. - Celebration Praise Team (Sanctuary)

**Thursday, June 10**  
 2 p.m. - Staff Meeting (Wesley Rm.)

**Sunday, June 13**  
 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 to 6 p.m. - CM & YM Swim Party (Ravenwood Community Pool)  
 6 p.m. - Financial Peace University (Wesley Rm.)

**Monday, June 14**  
 7 a.m. - Men's Prayer Group (Hardees).

**Wednesday, June 16**  
**Newsletter Deadline**  
 6 p.m. - Breaking Bread (FH).  
 6 to 8 p.m. - Youth (in the Basement)  
 8 p.m. - Celebration Praise Team (Sanctuary)

**Friday, June 18**  
 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Chicken on the Run (lunch shift)  
 4 to 6 p.m. - Chicken on the Run (supper shift).

## Children's Ministry Notes



### A Children's Ministry Swim Party

At the Ravenwood Community Pool

4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, June 13

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>

### 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!



### Next Children's Ministry Team Meeting

11:15 p.m. Sunday, June 13 in the Fellowship Hall.

For more information about children's activities, contact

Kaylea Hutson, minister to families with children, at [kaylea@fumcss.arcoxmail.com](mailto: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.

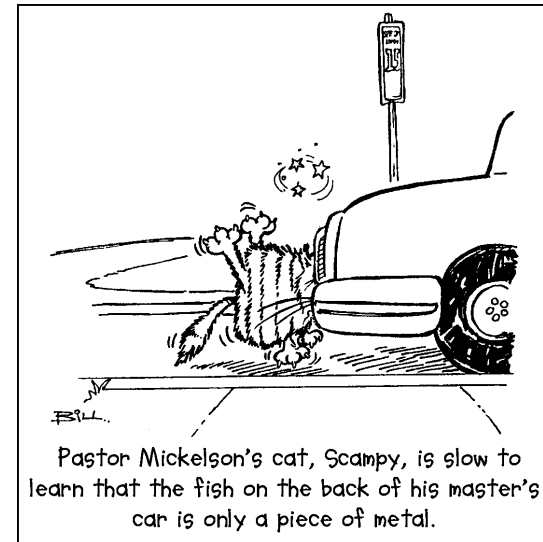
### Sunday Night Youth

Sunday, May 30 - No Youth, Happy Memorial Day.

Sunday, June 6 - End of School Party, 6 p.m. in the Basement. Come hungry for pizza and awards!

Sunday, June 13 - Swim Party, 4 to 6 p.m. - At the Ravenwood Community Pool.

We're joining the children's ministry for a swim party!



Pastor Mickelson's cat, Scampy, is slow to learn that the fish on the back of his master's car is only a piece of metal.

For more information about youth activities, contact Peter Banks, minister to families with youth, at 524-6111 or [peter@fumcss.arcoxmail.com](mailto:peter@fumcss.arcoxmail.com) or visit [www.thebasements.info](http://www.thebasements.info)



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.arcoxmail.com](mailto:Laurie@fumcss.arcoxmail.com).



**Updates - Updates - Updates**

**JeriKris Langston - New Address**

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**Kim & Steve Miller - New E-Mail Address**  
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*Have a correction for the church directory?  
Please let either Kaylea or Laurie know.  
Thank you!*

**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.

**Open House:** Cookson Hills ministry will host an open house and 4-Him Fair at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 5, featuring campus tours, talent shows, a 4-Him Fair, and more. For more information call 918.597.2192 or [www.cooksonhills.org](http://www.cooksonhills.org).

**Thank You:** Dear Church Family, I really want to thank you for the card and the new Bible. I also want to thank you for guiding me throughout my life and making me who I am. I know I'll use the Bible a lot, and every time, I will think about growing up in this church. The gifts you've given me will be used frequently in college. I appreciate it and I'm thankful the University of Arkansas is close enough that I can return here regularly. Sincerely, Ryan McCarver.

**Thank You:** Church family, thank you so much for all of your support. I would not be able to work for OMP if it was not for you all being such an amazing, supportive church family. I am so blessed to be a member of this church. Thank

you for all of your prayers and thoughts. I look forward to telling you all about my amazing summer. Thanks again and God Bless - Erica Hill.

**Thank You:** Thank you for the cards, prayers and words of encouragement as I'm healing from my fractured knee cap. Thank you also for those who have provided rides for me. I'm still on the mend, but my knee is healing. Thank you - Dolores Deuel.

**Calling All Men:** We are looking for a guy who is willing to help chaperone Destination: Little Rock, the older elementary/middle school mission trip. We have four young men (and one grandfather) who are attending the trip Wednesday, June 23 to 26, but have an opening for an additional male chaperone. Interested? See Kaylea for details.

**Native American Sunday:** This Sunday, May 30, is Native American Sunday. Envelopes for giving towards this ministry opportunity can be found in the narthex.

**Children's Ministry Team Meeting:** The next Children's Ministry Team Meeting will take place at 11:15 a.m. Sunday, June 13, in the Fellowship Hall.

**Looking for Teachers:** We are looking for a few teachers to help teach Timothy Team/Tiny Tims in the fall. This year we'll be studying the book of Genesis. If you are interested in helping some of our youngest students "grow deeper" in their faith, then talk with Kaylea. We anticipate needing at least four, if not six teachers beginning Sept. 1.

**Thank You:** Thank you for letting us use the fellowship hall each month. The Dogwood Quilters Guild.



## A Giving Challenge

On Sunday, May 23, through faith and prayer, the Seekers class pledged \$500 to go towards our church's Shared Giving (apportionments). Through our faith, we continue to pledge to support the work done through these ministries.

The Seekers Class challenges all Sunday School classes to either match its donation or at least make a donation to one of the many items which are part of the Shared Ministries.

*(See the back of the newsletter for additional information regarding Shared Ministries.)*

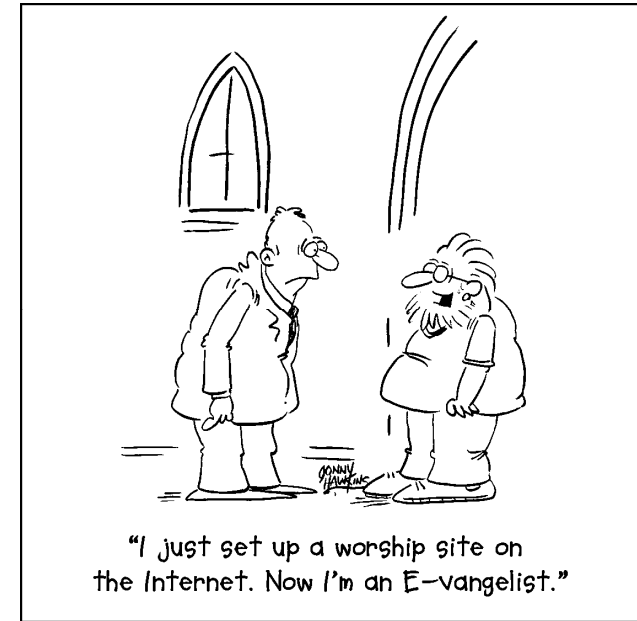


## Help in the Nursery Ministry

We need volunteers specifically during both worship services on **May 30** and **July 4** and the 9 a.m. worship service on **July 11**.

**Requirements:** Enjoy working with our youngest members and guests, and be Safe Sanctuary trained/approved.

**See Kaylea for details. Thank you.**



## Annual Conference

Pastor Randy and Jeanie Felts, our lay leader, will represent First UMC - Siloam Springs during the upcoming Arkansas Area Annual Conference - June 6 to 8 at Summit Arena in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

During Annual Conference, clergy and lay delegates from churches throughout Arkansas will come together to vote on items related to church business in the conference, as well as hear reports from the various ministries in the state.

Have you Registered for VBS? Have You Signed Up To Volunteer?

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