



The Flame

First United Methodist Church, Paragould, Arkansas

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Dear Friends,

I hope that you'll join us for a "Fresh Start" brunch on Sunday, February 14 at 10:00 during the Sunday School hour.

My hope is that this will truly be a "fresh start" for all of us. We are inviting our members, inactive members, and prospective members to join us for a time of fellowship, food, and sharing.

It's not lost on me that this Sunday represents an intersection of several significant events. First, it is Transfiguration Sunday, celebrating the manifestation of Christ on the mountaintop to Peter, James and John. Second, it's the last Sunday before Lent begins. And third, it's Valentine's Day. What better day than an official church feast day to come together as the people of God and share our love for God and His Church?

I encourage you to meditate this week on what you love about God and His church.

Hope to see you in church Sunday!

Peace be with you!

Tom

New Disciple Class

If you are a visitor to First United Methodist Church, and you would like to know more about United Methodism, or our church, or to become a member of First United Methodist Church, we invite you to a New Disciple class beginning on Sunday, February 21 at 10:00. The New Disciple class will meet in the basement, in the first class on the right after you descend the stairs. Hope to see you there!



February 17
6:00 pm
Sanctuary

Children's News

Tricia Weaver, Christian Education/Children's Director

Rotation Sunday School

Thanks to everyone that is graciously helping in "Man Beside the Pool". Now recruiting teachers for "Lost and Found" which will run from February 21—March 21. The different teachers needed are: Movie, Arts & Crafts, Games, Cooking, and Storytelling. To volunteer to teach, please contact Mrs. Tricia at the church, or sign the list on the bulletin board on the first floor hall.

Children's Council

There will be a Children's Council meeting on Monday, February 22, at 6:00 pm in the Pairs and Spares classroom on the second floor. The agenda will be Easter and setting a date for VBS. Nursery will be provided.

Wonderful Wednesday

Looking ahead: Wonderful Wednesday will not meet on March 24 because of Spring Break.

Youth News

Jeff Weaver, Youth Minister

Hams

Don't forget! If you signed-up to cook hams this Saturday, February 13, we will be cooking from 2:00-5:00 pm. Even if you didn't sign-up, please feel free to come help.

If you have ordered a ham from the UMY, they will be ready for pick-up on Sunday, February 14.

Tony Melendez & "Toe Jam"

The concert has been rescheduled for Sunday, February 21. We will leave at 12:45 pm from the church parking lot. Bring money to eat afterwards. There will be no youth this night because of the day trip.

When God's People Pray

This bible study will be offered church-wide during the Lenten season. It will begin the week of February 21. Let's get our church focused on prayer! This will be the only study going on in the church during Lent. For certain we will offer the study on Wednesday at 9:00 am and again at 6:00 pm. The Wednesday evening study will be facilitated by Bro. Tom. We will also offer classes on other days and times so that the study will be accessible for everyone. Please contact Tricia if you are interested in taking the study, or fill out the below and turn into the office. Books will be \$11 each and you need to register by Sunday, February 14.



_____ Yes, I am interested in taking this study

_____ I will attend the Wednesday morning class

_____ I will attend the Wednesday evening class

_____ I would rather attend another day

Best time for me to attend would be on a _____ (day) during the morning / evening (circle)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

(Please return by February 14)

Calendar

Sunday, February 14
 8:00 am Early Service
 *9:00 am Contemporary Service
 10:00 am Brunch
 10:00 am Sunday School
 *11:00 am Traditional Service
 1:00 pm Hispanic Service
 5:30 pm ABCD Group
 6:00 pm UMY / Mercy Refined

Monday, February 15
 6:00 pm Scouts

Tuesday, February 16
 5:15 pm Trustees
 6:00 pm Scouts
 *6:30 pm Chancel Choir

Wednesday, February 17
Ash Wednesday
 6:00 pm Men's Bible Study
 3:30 pm Wonderful Wednesday
 *6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service
 *7:00 pm Praise Team

Thursday, February 18
 9:00 am Prayer Ministry
 10:15 am ABCD Group
 Noon—Soup & Sermon @ Griffin UMC
 6:00 pm Baby Shower
 7:00 pm Hispanic Service

Saturday, February 20
 Scout Pinewood Derby

Sunday, February 21
 8:00 am Early Service
 *9:00 am Contemporary Service
 10:00 am Sunday School
 *11:00 am Traditional Service
 1:00 pm Hispanic Service
 5:30 pm ABCD Group
 6:00 pm UMY / Mercy Refined

Monday, February 22
 6:00 pm Children's Council
 6:00 pm Scouts—Court of Honor

Tuesday, February 23
 6:00 pm Scouts Blue & Gold Banquet

Wednesday, February 24
 6:00 pm Men's Bible Study
 3:30 pm Wonderful Wednesday
 5:00 pm Family Dinner
 5:15 pm Radical Ringers
 6:00 pm When God's People Pray
 6:00 pm ABCD Group
 *6:30 pm Chancel Choir
 7:30 pm Praise Team

Thursday, February 25
 9:00 am Prayer Ministry
 10:15 am ABCD Group
 Noon—Soup & Sermon @ St. Mary's
 7:00 pm Hispanic

Saturday, February 27
 6:00 am BPW Breakfast

Sunday, February 28
 8:00 am Early Service
 *9:00 am Contemporary Service
 10:00 am Sunday School
 *11:00 am Traditional Service
 1:00 pm Hispanic Service
 5:30 pm ABCD Group
 6:00 pm UMY / Mercy Refined

*Nursery Provided

Volunteers

NURSERY

Feb. 14: Jennifer Cook (9-10)
 Mary Ann Rand (10-12)
 Feb. 21: Janice Wilcox (9-10)
 Crete Rhodes (10-12)
 Feb. 28: Elizabeth Sheldon (9-10)
 Jamie McIlvoy (9-10)
 Donna Jones (10-12)

ACOLYTES

Feb. 14: John Brengard, Walt Reynolds, Lily McDaniel
 Feb. 21: Lauren Garrison, Holly Blair Benson, Anna Clara May
 Feb. 28: Jenna Rawls, Hannah Risker, Kirby Weaver

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

February 14: Liz May & Dannelle Rogers
 February 21: Angela Newby
 February 28: Stan, Carol & Cameron Phillips

BLUE JEAN USHERS

Feb 14: Shay Nanke, Jeremy Willis, Susan Nanke, Jeff Block
 Feb 21: Mike, Tracy, Travis & Payton Finch
 Feb 28: Erik & Kerry Eliason, Dale & Caroline Schenk

Mugging Ministry

Feb 14: Errol Van Stralen
 Feb 21: Johnny Baldwin
 Feb 28: Greg Starling

Silver & Gold will not meet during February and March so you can attend the Soup & Sermon series sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance.



Sunday mornings the youth have coffee and donuts in the welcome center prior to the worship service. **Tips are appreciated to help with the cost.**



Orders for Angel Food boxes will be taken this Sunday, February 14, from 8:30—11:30 in the Welcome Center. Don't forget to purchase a box for those in need. They are truly appreciated!

Distribution will be Saturday, February 20 from 8:00—10:00 am.

Prayers / Presence / Gifts

2010

Weekly Budget Needs 13,460.56
 Weekly Contributions
 YTD Contributions
 2010 Budget 699,494.00

Attendance

	Feb 7	Last Year
8:00	32	31
9:00	263	195
11:00	160	142
Total	455	368

Hospital

Prayer Requests

SPC Andrew Goodwin
 Spc Jeremiah MacDonald 875th
 Johnny Townsley Bette Brewer
 Randy Boyd Jerry Yates
 Sara MacDonald Kristi Millard
 Bill Burnett Jackson Shepherd
 Jordan Davidson Berneice Howard
 Don Hudson Janese Hyde
 Tommy Shirley Candi Crosno
 Nichole Babcock Keith Bean
 Keith Willis Ronnie Reeves
 Joan Rattton Joyce Vallentine
 Martha Crump Gretta Jernigan
 Gayle Eden Mary Stark
 Lori Thompson Jane McKenzie
 Brian Noland April Smith
 Claude Martin Noah Crowe
 Keith Griffith Yuba Williams
 Ryan Hobson Kenyon Huggins
 Melissa Becton Mary Carr
 Tyler Smith James Rashke
 Alice Jones Tim McCarty
 Maleta Scudder Marti Refkin
 Anna Bass Glenda Kaminer
 Karen Stanczek Cline Stan Weatherford
 Roella Williams

Please inform the church office if a name can be removed from this list. Thank you

Family Dinner— There will be no dinner on February 17 but don't forget to sign up for dinner on February 24.

DON'T FORGET



Join us for our *brunch* to be held during the Sunday School hour this Sunday, **February 14**. Everyone is invited—visitors, active members, and not so active members.

See you there!

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 404 West Main Street

Ministers—Every Church Member

Bishop—Charles N Crutchfield
 District Superintendent—Kurt Boggan
 Pastor—Tom Letchworth
 Director of Fine Arts Ministries—Celeste Letchworth
 Minister of Music—Danny Davis
 Children's Music Director—Leigh Jackson
 Pastor to Youth and their families—Jeff Weaver
 Children/Christian Education Director—Tricia Weaver
 Church Administrator—Denise Chipman
 Custodian—Iona Stone
 Custodian—Jerry & Carla Young
 Organist—Bernard Raley

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Soup & Sermon Series

The Ministerial Alliance will again be sponsoring the Soup & Sermon Series during Lent. A Sermon will begin at noon followed by a soup lunch at the following churches:

February 18 - Griffin Memorial UMC
 Rev Chris Beebe preaching
 February 25 - St. Mary's Catholic
 Rev Michael Sutton preaching
 March 4 - First United Methodist
 Father Mike Sinkler preaching
 March 11 - Shiloh United Methodist
 Rev Shawn Strouss preaching
 March 18 - All Saint's Episcopal
 Rev Troy Mackey preaching
 March 25 - First Baptist
 Rev John Snyder preaching

Make plans to attend as we prepare for Holy Week.