



# The Flame

First United Methodist Church, Paragould, Arkansas

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Dear Friends,

I am pleased to announce that Bishop Crutchfield will be appointing Rev. Angie Gage as our associate pastor, effective June 29.

Angie is a lifelong United Methodist, with a secular background as a classroom teacher in various settings. She taught in an adolescent treatment facility, and became nationally certified as a Parent Trainer working with teens exhibiting behavioral difficulties. She is also fluent in Spanish.

But God had a different direction for her life. About 10 years ago, she responded to God's call and transitioned into full-time Christian ministry. In May of 2006, she graduated from Phillips Theological Seminary with a Masters of Divinity; and she was ordained an Elder in the United Methodist Church in June, 2009.

Along the way she has served as youth director (Greenbrier UMC, 1999); Director of Ministries to Families with Children (First UMC Harrison, 2000-2002); student pastor while she was in seminary (Decatur UMC 2002-2006); and pastor in charge at Bay UMC from 2006 to the present.

Angie is also the single mom of Bailey, currently a High School Sophomore. Her daughter is very active in District and Conference youth activities, and in her school, and a very avid athlete and gifted student.

Celeste and I recently had the opportunity to meet with Angie, and I am enthusiastic about what she will bring to our church. Angie brings a wealth of personal and pastoral experience with her. Under her leadership, Bay UMC has experienced growth and she is an able preacher of the Gospel. But she has also connected the church and the community in a very positive way. She has a heart for missions and outreach that I think will add a new dimension to our pastoral staff.

I am sure that we will be blessed by her ministry among us at First UMC. Let me quote her own words: "My source of strength comes from God and ministry is my way of expressing that grace that God has given me. I serve God in a hurting world so that others can see the love and grace that is awaiting them within the welcoming arms of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ."

I ask you to be in prayer for Angie and Bailey as they prepare for their move to Paragould, that we may receive them in grace.

In Christ,

Tom

## Church Conference

Sunday, April 18

1:00 pm

Sanctuary

This meeting is being held regarding the acquisition of the Highfill property located between the church and playground.

Everyone is invited to attend this conference and all local church members present are eligible to vote.



## RECYCLE PARAGOULD

Quite a few of you have already been asked to sign a petition circulating around town, to garner support for the curbside pickup of recyclable articles. Those of you who have lived elsewhere know that it is common to have curbside pickup of recyclables almost anywhere these days. A group of us feels that the time has come for Paragould to offer this basic service to its residents.

As many are already aware, there is a recycling program going on in Greene County right now. To recycle, we are required to take our items to one of two central collection points. One is downtown, in the parking area close to the railroad tracks behind Atkins Celebration Hall. The other is at the Public Works garage near the airport. Those of us who use these notice that there is excellent participation in the program; the containers are almost always full, or nearly so. The items to be recycled are taken to the landfill, where they are sorted by landfill personnel. What many of us would like to see is for the city to pick these items up at curbside. We feel that while participation in the program is good now, it would be even better if residents were able to have their items picked up at their homes. The landfill already does the sorting and distributes the items to the proper facilities for the actual recycling, so the system is in place – all that is lacking is home pickup. Under such a plan, a **separate container for recyclable items only** would be provided. Recyclable items would be placed in this container, separate from general household garbage and trash. The recyclables would then be picked up by the city for transportation to the recycling facility at the landfill, where they would be sorted.

The landfill currently recycles the following: Clear glass, aluminum, paper and cardboard, steel cans and plastics with the Unicode symbols **1** and **2** only.

By recycling these items, we not only do "the right thing" by caring for the earth, but we reduce the number of items going into the landfill, providing space for non-recyclables in the landfill.

Is this something you would like to see in our city? If so, please join us by signing one of the circulating petitions. If we can show our city leaders that the citizens want this, we can push for its adoption. They need to know this is the will of the people.

During coming weeks, there will be a major push on the part of Recycle Paragould to get at least 2,500 signatures on our petitions. If have not already done so, please see one of the following people to join us by signing your name to this worthy cause.

Bob or Sharon Reynolds

Jeremy Willis

Laura Wooldridge

Shay Nanke

Tori Thompson

Please visit us at [recycleparagould@gmail.com](mailto:recycleparagould@gmail.com) or visit our

Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Paragould-AR/Recycle-Paragould/375392798853?ref=ts>

## Calendar of Events

<b>Sunday, April 18</b>
8:00 am Early Service
*9:00 am Contemporary Service
10:00 am Sunday School
*11:00 am Traditional Service
Noon—Spaghetti Lunch
1:00 pm Church Conference
1:00 pm Hispanic Service
4:15 pm Bodacious Bells
5:30 pm ABCD Group
<b>Monday, April 19</b>
6:00 pm Scouts
<b>Tuesday, April 20</b>
6:00 pm Scouts
<b>Wednesday, April 21</b>
6:00 am Men's Bible Study
9:00 am Beth Moore
5:15 pm Bodacious Bells
6:00 pm ABCD Group
6:30 pm Chancel Choir
7:30 pm Praise Team
<b>Thursday, April 22</b>
9:00 am Prayer Ministry
10:15 am ABCD Group
6:00 pm Mission Outreach Mtg
7:00 pm Hispanic
<b>Friday, April 23</b>
Yard Sale
<b>Saturday, April 24</b>
Yard Sale
<b>Sunday, April 25</b>
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
5:00 pm UMYF / Mercy Refine
5:30 pm ABCD Group
*Nursery Provided

## Volunteers

### NURSERY

April 18: Julie Rowe (9-10)  
Janie Harris (9-10)  
Tori Thompson (10-12)  
Christie Dollar (10-12)  
April 25: Elizabeth Sheldon (9-10)  
Jamie McIlvoy (9-10)  
Susan Blossom (11-12)  
Natalie Bland (10-12)

### ACOLYTES

April 18: Alyssa Reece, Anna Clara May, Lily McDaniel  
April 25: Kyleigh Horner, Abby Rogers, Holly Blair Benson

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

April 18: Randy & Leigh Jackson  
April 25: Tonya Hill & Linda Bartlett

### BLUE JEAN USHERS

April 18: Erik, Kerry & Jakob Eliason, Trey Dortch  
April 25: Shane & Liz May, Tom & Jamie Carter

### Mugging Ministry

April 18: Mike & Shelia Ragsdale  
April 25: Kat Block

## Prayers / Presence / Gifts

Weekly Budget Needs	13,460.56
Weekly Contributions	10,067.00
YTD Contributions	163,376.58
YTD Disbursements	159,463.45
YTD Budget	201,908.40
2010 Budget	699,494.00

## Attendance

	April 11	Last Year
8:00	35	34
9:00	156	181
11:00	317	297
<b>Total</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>512</b>

### Hospital

Aaron Schenk

### Prayer Requests

SPC Andrew Goodwin	875th
Johnny Townsley	Bette Brewer
Randy Boyd	Jerry Yates
Sara MacDonald	Kristi Millard
Bill Burnett	Jackson Shepherd
Jordan Davidson	Berneice Howard
Don Hudson	Candi Crosno
Nichole Babcock	Keith Bean
Keith Willis	Ronnie Reeves
Joyce Vallentine	Gayle Eden
Mary Stark	Lori Thompson
Jane McKenzie	Brian Noland
April Smith	Claude Martin
Noah Crowe	Keith Griffith
Ryan Hobson	Kenyon Huggins
Melissa Becton	Tyler Smith
James Rashke	Alice Jones
Maleta Scudder	Marti Refkin
Glenda Kaminer	Roella Williams
Royce Williams	Robin Williams
Jeanie Mockewich	Harry Bazzell
Joan Ratton	Joey Barr
Velma Clifford	Will & Tasha Tarry
Dalton Lane	Joann Allison
Parker Kocsis	Brenda Oxford
Alec Dacus	Rusty McAllister
Yuba Williams	Carol Elmore

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

## Memorials

### In Memory of

**Emmy Witt** by Kent & Nadine Toomey, Pat Sims, Betty Fletcher, Mr & Mrs Bill Fisher, Bill & Carol Moyer Tomerlin, Roberta Crawford  
**Max Lovelady** (brother of Mozelle Dortch) by Betty Fletcher  
**Phil Herget** by Mary Ann Stallcup

## Children's News

Tricia Weaver, Christian Education/Children's Director

**VBS** will be July 26-29 from 5—8 pm.

**Confirmation Class**—The Confirmation Class will be taking a field trip to St. Mark's Episcopal Church on Sunday, April 25. Specific times will be mailed to each of you.

## Youth News

Jeff Weaver, Youth Minister

**Yard Sale** - April 23 & 24 - If you have items for the yard sale, you may bring them to the church at any time! If you need help with an item or something picked up from your home, contact Jeff.

**UMY**—Sunday's at 5:00 pm

**Disciple Bible Study**—Wednesday's at 5:30 pm

**UMY Praise Band**—Sunday's at 7:00 pm

## Remember that our College Sunday School Class meets each week!

## YOUTH SPAGHETTI DINNER



**Sunday, April 18**  
**11:00 am - 1:00 pm**  
**Fellowship Hall**

**TICKETS:**  
**\$5.00**

## Welcome

Welcome to Jeff, Kerry, Betheny and Sean Combs who joined our church family this past Sunday during 9:00 worship service.

## 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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