

The Flame

First United Methodist Church
Paragould, Arkansas

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Dear Friends,

Recently, a church member asked what I was doing to prepare for Annual Conference. My response was flippant: “Well, I’ve made sure that we have a place to board our dog.”

I regret my weak attempt at humor. Annual Conference is no laughing matter.

“Holy Conferencing” is a tradition in United Methodism that began with the earliest Methodists in the 1740’s, when John Wesley gathered with his preachers and they discussed the questions, “What shall we teach? How shall we teach it? What shall we do?” Out of these early conferences came the foundation of our doctrine and our methods, designed “To reform the nation, especially the church, and to spread scriptural holiness throughout the land.”

Over the years, Annual Conference has become more oriented toward the administration of the church and less toward doctrine. That would explain my ironic attitude toward this great tradition.

But, having said that, there are many powerful moments that occur at Annual Conference: worship with United Methodists from across the state; the retirement of pastors, who have their opportunity to share a parting word with the Conference; decisions about our ministry as a holy connection in “making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

So, I repent of my flippancy, and promise you that by the time you read these words, I will have completed my reading of our Preconference Journal, so that I’m prepared to vote on the issues before us; and that I will pray for our work together as United Methodists for the year ahead.

Also, my thanks to Rev. Bill Williams for preaching on June 6 so that your pastors could get an early start at Annual Conference; and to Sen. Robert Thompson for assisting as liturgist.

In Christ,

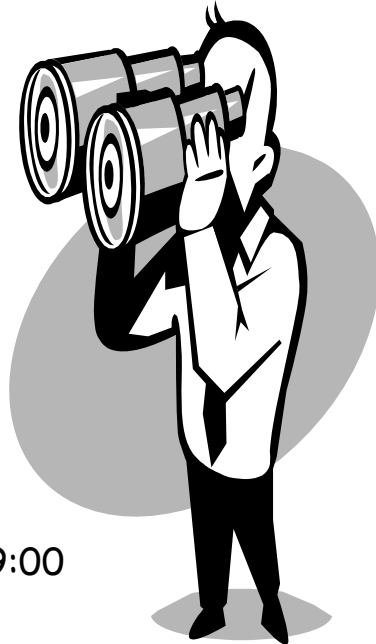
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Do you have a shower in your house? Can you serve breakfast to four singers?

- We are one of the stops on the Arkansas Youth Choir's 2010 tour — Saturday night, June 26, at 7:00 p.m.
- The choir will spend the night in our building after their concert.
- We need 10 families to offer their showers and feed breakfast to a group of 4 singers/chaperones Sunday morning, June 27.
- We're still not sure which worship service they will attend on Sunday morning, so you may be picking them up at 6:15 a.m. and bringing them back by 7:45 for the 8:00 worship service, or picking them up at 7:15 a.m. and bringing them back by 8:45 for the 9:00 worship service. I should know more details next week.
- Please call me or email me or call the office and leave a message with Denise. Thanks for your hospitality!

Looking Ahead....

- June 13 — Bernard will be back on the keyboard at the 9:00 worship service. You don't want to miss hearing him play with the Praise Band! (Special thanks to St. Mary's for lending him to us this Sunday.)
- June 20 — The 9:00 worship service will meet in the sanctuary for an old-fashioned hymnsing.
- July 4 — The Chancel Choir will be singing "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" at the 9:00 and 11:00 worship services).



Questions? Comments?

Contact Celeste at church 239-8541 or home 236-2555

or text 501-207-1295 or email cletchworth@fumcparagould.org

Children's News

Tricia Weaver, Christian Education/Children's Director

Children's Council

There will be a Children's Council meeting on Wednesday, June 16, at 10:00 am. On the agenda will be VBS, which is scheduled for July 26-29. Nursery will be provided.

Rotation Sunday School

Next up: "Who is Jesus?" Needing teachers for the first three week spread - June 13 through June 27 for Storytelling and Arts & Crafts. Contact Tricia to teach.

Preschool Movie Time with "Hermie & Friends"

We will start Monday, June 14, at 10:00 am in the movie room on the 3rd floor. This will continue every Monday, except July 5, until August 2. Please contact Tricia to register your child! We'll have movie, popcorn, and drink. First up: "Skeeter and the adventure of the Mosquito mystery".



Vacation Bible School

"Galactic Blast"

July 26-29

You are Invited to a Ladies' Tea

Connecting Generations of FUMC Women



Ladies of all ages (yes, this includes our little ones) are welcome to join us on Wednesday, June 23rd from 2:00 - 3:00 pm for tea, coffee, cookies and good conversation!

Calendar of Events

Sunday, June 13

8:00 am Early Service
 *9:00 am Contemporary
 10:00 am Sunday School
 *11:00 am Traditional Service
 1:00 pm Hispanic Service
 5:00 pm UMYF
 5:30 pm ABCD

Tuesday, June 15

6:00 pm Scouts
 7:00 pm U M Men

Wednesday, June 16

*6:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, June 17

9:00 am Prayer Ministry
 Noon—Silver & Gold Potluck
 7:00 pm Hispanic

Sunday, June 20

8:00 am Early Service
 *9:00 am Contemporary
 10:00 am Sunday School
 *11:00 am Traditional Service
 1:00 pm Hispanic Service
 5:00 pm UMYF
 5:30 pm ABCD

Tuesday, June 22

5:15 pm Trustees

Wednesday, June 23

6:00 pm Men's Bible Study
 6:30 pm Chancel Choir
 7:30 pm Praise Team

Saturday, June 26

7:00 pm Conf. Youth Choir

Sunday, June 27

8:00 am Early Service
 *9:00 am Contemporary
 10:00 am Sunday School
 *11:00 am Traditional Service
 1:00 pm Hispanic Service
 5:30 pm ABCD

Wednesday, June 30

6:00 am Men's Bible Study
 6:30 pm Chancel Choir
 7:30 pm Praise Team

Thursday, July 1

9:00 am Prayer Ministry
 7:00 pm Hispanic



Sunday, July 4

8:00 am Early Service
 *9:00 am Contemporary
 10:00 am Sunday School
 *11:00 am Traditional Service
 1:00 pm Hispanic Service

Monday, July 5

Office Closed

Tuesday, July 6

6:00 pm Scouts

Wednesday, July 7

6:00 pm Men's Bible Study
 7:30 pm Praise Team

Thursday, July 8

9:00 am Prayer Ministry
 7:00 pm Hispanic Service

Sunday, July 9

8:00 am Early Service
 *9:00 am Contemporary
 10:00 am Sunday School
 *11:00 am Traditional Service
 Noon—Church-wide Potluck
 1:00 pm Hispanic Service

**Nursery Provided*

NURSERY

June 13: Sam & Andrea Dickey (9-10)
 Jeff & Teresa Branch (10-12)
 June 20: Kay Luter (9-10)
 Jennifer Cook (9-10)
 Mary Ann Rand (10-12)
 Kelly Huffman (10-12)
 June 27: Janice Wilcox (9-10)
 Pat Fulkerson (9-10)
 Crete Rhodes (10-12)
 Frankie Arant (10-12)
 July 4: Debbie Brown (9-10)
 Louis Woods (9-10)
 Donna Jones (10-12)
 Mary Ann Allen (10-12)
 July 11: Julie Rowe (9-10)
 Janie Harris (9-10)
 Tori Thompson (10-12)
 Christie Dollar (10-12)
 July 18: Elizabeth Sheldon (9-10)
 Jamie McIlvoy (9-10)
 Susan Blossom (10-12)
 Natalie Bland (10-12)
 July 25: Sam & Andrea Dickey (9-10)
 Jeff & Teresa Branch (10-12)

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

June 13: Stan & Carol Phillips
 June 20: Clint & Melanie Beliew
 June 27: Bobby & Kelly Kasserman

BLUE JEAN USHERS

June 13: Mike, Tracy,
 Travis & Payton Finch
 June 20: Shane & Liz May
 Tom & Jamie Carter
 June 27: Erik & Kerry Eliason
 Dale & Caroline Schenk
 July 4: Charlie & Crete Rhodes
 Melissa Tarry, Sally Martin
 July 11: Susan Nanke, Melissa Tarry
 Shay Nanke, Jeremy Willis
 July 18: Erik, Kerry & Jakob Eliason
 Trey Dortch
 July 25: Shane & Liz May
 Tom & Jamie Carter

Mugging Ministry

June 13: Errol Van Stralen
 June 20: Johnny Baldwin
 June 27: Greg Starling

Prayers / Presence / Gifts

Weekly Budget Needs	13,460.56	Attendance	
Weekly Contributions	13,329.50		
YTD Contributions	243,351.93	May 6 Last Year	
YTD Budget	309,592.88	8:00	30 35
2010 Budget	699,494.00	9:00	174 213
Debt of Gratitude:		11:00	133 112
January 2010 Debt	674,315.76 (not including interest)	Total	337 360
Paid to date (6/7)	80,656.00		

Memorials

In Memory of

J. T. Honeycutt (*father of John Honeycutt*) by Bill & Pat Phillips, Charles & Donna Brazil

Jane Giguere by Nan Dickey

Bob Meriwether by Nan Dickey, Bill & Pat Phillips, Charles & Donna Brazil

Francis Bland by Carl & Sara Schexnaydre

In Honor of

Mike & Leigh Rogers' Anniversary by Everett & Sandra Rogers

Brian & Chandra Rogers' Anniversary by Everett & Sandra Rogers

Casey & Devon Rogers' Anniversary by Everett & Sandra Rogers

PRAYER REQUESTS

NOTE: Due to privacy laws, our pastors are unable to access hospital admission records as they have in the past. For our pastors to know you are in the hospital, please inform the Church Office. It is our goal to do everything in our power to minister to your spiritual needs and care for you in times of crisis.

Hospital

Prayer Requests

SPC Andrew Goodwin	875th		
Johnny Townsley	Bette Brewer	Randy Boyd	Sara MacDonald
Kristi Millard	Bill Burnett	Jackson Shepherd	Jorden Davidson
Berneice Howard	Don Hudson	Candi Crosno	Keith Bean
Keith Willis	Ronnie Reeves	Joyce Vallentine	Gayle Eden
Lori Thompson	Jane McKenzie	Brian Noland	Claude Martin
Noah Crowe	Keith Griffith	Ryan Hobson	Kenyon Huggins
Melissa Becton	James Rashke	Alice Jones	Maleta Scudder
Marti Refkin	Roella Williams	Robin Williams	Joan Ratton
Joey Barr	Velma Clifford	Will & Tasha Tarry	Dalton Lane
Joann Allison	Parker Kocsis	Yuba Williams	Carol Elmore
Julie Wilkins	Chuck Roming	Mike Holsten	Helen Havens
Ashlyn Walker	Shirley Mcord	Mary Stark	Hubert Cloyes
Paul Hampton	Peyton Millard	Donna Wells	Craig Nanke
Owen Church	Susan Nanke	Rev. Ron Pickney	Watson Family
Carolyn Samuel	Ary Collier		

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