



The Flame

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First United Methodist Church
Paragould, Arkansas

Dear Friends,

This past weekend was a refreshing reminder to me of what I love about this church. Sunday morning, a group of 38 adolescent strangers from all over the state of Arkansas needed to be showered and fed, and families from our church opened their homes and offered hospitality to them. I may have failed to mention that these youth were from 15 different United Methodist Churches, representing the Arkansas Conference Youth Choir Tour. They sang for their supper on Saturday night, which was provided by Amy Baker and her clan. And then they sang for their showers and breakfasts on Sunday morning in the homes of the Baldwins, Bensons, Blocks, Heaths, Kassermans, Shedd and Shotts. To clarify, they sang in church, not in the showers!

And then, on Sunday afternoon nearly 30 folks from our church arrived like the cavalry to help our new Associate Pastor, Angie Gage, and her daughter Bailey unload their worldly possessions into the parsonage, in sweltering heat. And did so with laughter and lightness.

Blessings be upon all of you who remind me at moments like this of the inherent goodness of this church!

In Christ,

Tom

Happiness is also HEARING
our Chancel Choir sing
Battle Hymn of the Republic
at the 9:00 and 11:00 worship
services this Sunday, July 4!



The community of FUMC Paragould continues to amaze me, and this past weekend, you amazed the Arkansas Conference Youth Choir as well. I heard the following comment many times prior to their concert Saturday night: "We haven't had food this good our whole tour." Thanks to Leonard & Amy Baker for that. They prepared a spread that could put Dixie Café out of business. And thanks to Bailey Gage, Mollee Baker, and Jakob Eliason for serving the food so fast that the last person in line still had a good, hot meal. Then Sunday morning at 7:15 a.m., families picked up groups of kids to take home for hot showers and breakfast. Thanks to Bill & Kat Block, Whitney & King Benson, John & Amanda Baldwin, Leonard & Amy Baker, Bobby & Kelly Kasserman, Leonus & Marcia Shedd, Mack & Vern Ann Shotts, and Butch & Jan Heath. (If you were in the neighborhood that early, you may have seen Butch walking down Main Street with nine teens following him. He & Jan not only fed the teens, but also provided them a movie to watch during breakfast. Hmm. I wonder what movie that would be...) Thanks to Libby & Garrett Taylor for serving breakfast to a large group who showered here in the basement and in the associate's parsonage and thanks to Jerry & Carla Young for cleaning up the parsonage afterwards to make sure it was in tip-top shape for Angie's arrival that afternoon. Whew! You guys are all amazing. Thank You!

Dear friend, when you extend hospitality to Christian brothers and sisters, even when they are strangers, you make the faith visible. 3 John 1:1



- July 4 — The Chancel Choir sings *Battle Hymn of the Republic* at 9:00 & 11:00.
- July 11 — The Reverend Angie Gage preaches to our congregation for the first time and Greig Lynn solos with the *9:00 Praise Team* at 9:00 & 11:00.
- July 18 — Thom Fielder sings at 8, 9, & 11.
- July 25 — The Men's Chorus sings at 11.

Questions? Comments? Contact Celeste at church 239-8541 or home 236-2555 or text 501-207-1295 or email cletchworth@fumcparagould.org

Church-wide Potluck

Mark you calendars for a potluck to welcome Angie on Sunday, July 11, following the 11 worship service. Drinks will be furnished and the suggested menu is...

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| A—E Dessert | F—J Salad/relish dish |
| K—R Meat or meat casserole | S—Z two vegetables |



Children's News

Tricia Weaver, Christian Education/Children's Director

Rotation Sunday School

Next recruiting teachers for the second half of "Who is Jesus?" We need teachers for Movie, Games, and Cooking. This session runs from July 11 through July 25. Contact Mrs. Tricia to teach.

Preschool Movie Time with Hermie runs every Monday (except July 5) until August 2. Join us for popcorn and drink on the third floor at 10:00 am.



Vacation Bible School

'Galactic Blast'

July 26—29
5:00—8:00 pm
Ages 3—5th grade (last school year)

A nursery will be available for VBS volunteers that have children under 3 years of age.

Decorating will be Sunday, July 25, at 3:00 pm. All are welcome to come! If you would like to volunteer, please fill out a form by the Fellowship Hall or the Church office, or contact Mrs. Tricia.

A "Galactic Blast" CD is on sale for \$5 each. This CD includes the VBS songs and games for the computer. Contact Mrs. Tricia.

An Evening with Beth Holloway

Saturday, October 2
Paragould Community Center - 6 pm



For one night only, The Women's Council at Arkansas Methodist presents Beth Holloway and her message "Victim to Victor." For just \$50, hear Beth's powerful story of never-ending faith, courage and hope that will truly inspire and strengthen your own life.

Also during this rare evening, Mary Esther Herget will be presented with the first ever Celebrating the Spirit of Women Award.

A limited number of tickets are available. To purchase, call 870-239-7077.

Memorials

In Memory of

Euclid Green by Kent & Nadine Toomey
Louis Holmes (father of Gay Spears) by Chancel Choir

In Honor of

Hazeldine Green by Kent & Nadine Toomey



As many of you know, Brian Griffith had a severe motorcycle accident in Iowa this past week. He is in critical condition and Jan has flown up there to be with him. The children are still in Paragould and staying with friends. An account has been set up at Liberty Bank for contributions to help with the expense of being so far from home during this time. Any contributions made to FUMC for Brian and Jan will be deposited into that account.

Hospital Brian Griffith Craig Nanke

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	Joyce Vallentine	Keith Willis	Ronnie Reeves
Gayle Eden	Lori Thompson	Jane McKenzie	Brian Noland	Claude Martin
Noah Crowe	Keith Griffith	Ryan Hobson	Kenyon Huggins	Melissa Becton
James Rashke	Maleta Scudder	Marti Refkin	Joan Ratton	Joey Barr
Roella Williams	Robin Williams	Velma Clifford	Will & Tasha Tarry	Dalton Lane
Joann Allison	Parker Kocsis	Yuba Williams	Carol Elmore	Julie Wilkins
Mike Holsten	Helen Havens	Ashlyn Walker	Shirley Mcord	Mary Stark
Paul Hampton	Peyton Millard	Donna Wells	Owen Church	Ary Collier
Rev. Ron Pickney	Carolyn Samuel	John Lynn	John Baldwin, Sr	Mary Stark
Alice Lee	Vernie Findley	Dennis Estes	Devin Greene	Mary Rhodes
William Findley	Todd Dudley	Andy Davis	Glen Coleman	

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

Prayers / Presence / Gifts

Weekly Budget Needs	13,460.56
Weekly Contributions	6,460.00
YTD Contributions	274,200.13
YTD Budget	349,974.56
2010 Budget	699,494.00
Debt of Gratitude:	
January 2010 Debt	674,315.76 (not including interest)
Paid to date (6/28)	85,561.00

Attendance

	June 27	Last Year
8:00	31	32
9:00	294	169
11:00	99	126
Total	424	327

NURSERY

July 4: Debbie Brown (9-10)
Louise 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 (11-12)
Natalie Bland (10-12)
July 25: Sam & Andrea Dickey (9-10)
Jeff & Teresa Branch (10-12)

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

July 4: Tricia Weaver
July 11: Robert & Tori Thompson
July 18: Angela Newby
July 25: Tonya Hill & Linda Bartlett

BLUE JEAN USHERS

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

July Calendar of Events

Sunday, July 4 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	Sunday, July 25 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 3:00 pm VBS Decorating 5:00 pm UMYF
Monday, July 5 Office Closed	Monday, July 12 10:00 am Preschool Movie Time	Monday, July 26 5:00 pm VBS
Tuesday, July 6 6:00 pm Scouts	Wednesday, July 14 6:00 am Men's Bible Study 9:00 am Beth Moore Study 7:30 pm Praise Team	Tuesday, July 27 5:00 pm VBS
Wednesday, July 7 6:00 am Men's Bible Study 9:00 am Beth Moore Study 7:30 pm Praise Team	Sunday, July 18 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	Wednesday, July 28 6:00 am Men's Bible Study 9:00 am Beth Moore Study 5:00 pm VBS 7:30 pm Praise Team
Thursday, July 8 9:00 am Prayer Ministry 7:00 pm Hispanic	Monday, July 19 10:00 am Preschool Movie Time	Thursday, July 29 9:00 am Prayer Ministry 5:00 pm VBS 7:00 pm Hispanic Service *Nursery Provided
Sunday, July 11 8:00 am Early Service *9:00 am Contemporary Service 10:00 am Sunday School *11:00 am Traditional Service Noon—Church wide Potluck 1:00 pm Hispanic Service	Tuesday, July 20 5:15 pm Trustees	
	Wednesday, July 21 6:00 am Men's Bible Study 9:00 am Beth Moore Study 7:30 pm Praise Team	
	Saturday, July 24 Baby Shower—Audra Arant Choate	



Sympathy to

Denise, Ricky & Erik Clift and family on the death of Denise's father, Lawrence Miller.



To help in welcoming Rev. Angie Gage to FUMC, you are invited to join in a pounding to help stock her cupboards. Items may be brought to the potluck on July 11.