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Spiritual leaders

A Quaker friend tells how someone told him how much he admired the Quaker faith, saying, “I really like how you abolished the clergy.” My friend replied, “We didn’t abolish the clergy—we abolished the laity.” What he meant, of course, was that the lack of hierarchy in the Quaker form of religious life was not about diminishing the role of priests, but of elevating the regular membership. All members of the Religious Society of Friends share in the responsibilities and roles that in other religious traditions are reserved for specially trained and set-apart leaders such as priests, ministers and pastors.

I like to think that our Reformed tradition also has “done away with clergy”. We do not divide ourselves into “clergy” and “laity.” According to our form of government, Presbyterians do not have “clergy” but rather have “members” and “officers.” The latter category includes elders and deacons as well as ministers of the Word and Sacrament—all at the same “level” of leadership, differing only in the specific functions.

When I explain this “high calling” in training classes for newly elected elders, and tell them that they are the spiritual leaders of the congregations, I sometimes see a look of near-panic on their faces. They had thought of the session as a managerial board, not a community of spiritual leaders!

Yet that is how we Presbyterians understand the governance of our congregations. The vows of ordination for elders and ministers are virtually identical, except for a few brief phrases related to the unique functions of each office. Both elders and ministers promise to share in government and discipline, to service in governing bodies of the church, and to try to show the love and justice of Jesus.

Ministers promise to be faithful in “proclaiming the good news in Word and Sacrament, teaching faith and caring for people.” Elders promise to be faithful in “watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture and service.”

Elders are clearly more than managers of a social institution. Indeed, they are at the very heart of God’s plans, purposes and dreams for congregations. They are entrusted with the ministry of discernment and the upbuilding of the people of God through worship, service and ministries of care.

Pray for our elders

May all of us have a proper appreciation of the holy responsibilities of our elders. Pray for each of them by name regularly, and let them know that you are praying for them. Encourage the congregation to nurture the spiritual growth of its elders through opportunities for study and reflection together. And pray for the session each time it meets that our elders may be the instruments God uses to enable each congregation to become “alive together with Christ” and a “dwelling place for God” (Ephesians 2:5,22)

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Happy Birthday !!

April 1

Susan Hovey
Maris Sisco

April 2

Dorothy Clinehens
Laney Daniels
Bronwyn Dixon
James Kindred
Tat McNair
Tess McNair

April 3

Frank Johnson
Rob Serio

April 4

Russell Brown

April 5

Cameron Ervin
Marcie Kristoffersen

April 6

Norma Dees

April 7

Sandra Kuntz
Olivia McClung

April 9

Amy McCann

April 10

Jade Holcomb

April 11

Jay Brantley
Vickie Kinsey
Joe Rouse
Jane Scroggs
Clark Thiesse

April 12

Mark Power

April 13

Maxine Ward

April 14

Randy Werner

April 15

Brock Davidson
Honor Wallace

April 17

John Anderson
Marie Courtney

April 18

Mary Margaret Morton

April 19

Robert Frans
Julie Olsen

April 20

Rachel Carson
Jim Scroggs

April 21

Ellie Dugan
Debbie Oliver
Jane Steinkraus
Sue Ellen Ward

April 22

Bob Harriell
Ed Jackson

April 23

Ed Piper
Larry Purcell

April 24

David Bell
Bob Garnett

April 25

Cathy Irwin
Cole Jackson
Sarah Kate Stokenbury

April 26

Sarah Brown
Ron Curry
Melissa Laney
Katie Walker
Lexie Walker

April 27

Frank Kerr
Robert Ross

April 28

Brooks Rice
Mary Schaller
Al Young

April 29

John Boushelle
Katherine Boushelle
Rebecca Boushelle
Janet Jenner
Judy Marino
Laurie Reh

April 30

Martha Mitchell
Ron Warren
Taylor Wilbourn
John Williams

Daily Bible Readings for April

April 1	John 14:18-31	April 16	Matthew 5:17-20
April 2	John 15:1-11	April 17	Matthew 5:21-26
April 3	John 15:12-27	April 18	Matthew 5:27-37
April 4	John 16:1-15	April 19	Matthew 5:38-48
April 5	John 16:16-33	April 20	Luke 4:16-30
April 6	Mark 16:9-20	April 21	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
April 7	Matthew (1:1-17) 3:1-6	April 22	Matthew 6:7-15
April 8	Matthew 3:7-12	April 23	Matthew 6:19-24
April 9	Matthew 3:13-17	April 24	Matthew 6:25-34
April 10	Matthew 4:1-11	April 25	Matthew 7:1-12
April 11	Matthew 4:12-17	April 26	Matthew 7:13-21
April 12	Matthew 4:18-25	April 27	Luke 12:13-21
April 13	Mark 6:30-44	April 28	Matthew 13:1-16
April 14	Matthew 5:1-10	April 29	Matthew 13:18-23
April 15	Matthew 5:11-16	April 30	Matthew 22:-41-46



Bible reading selections come from the Daily Lectionary listed in the 2008 Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study provided by your Outreach Ministry.



Presbyterian Women

Spring Gathering Arkansas
Presbytery Spring Gathering April 5,
2008, at the Presbyterian Church of
Bella Vista, the meeting features
Rev. Georgia Senor leading worship
on "Incredible Women" and keynote
speaker **Sheron Antczak** speaking on
"Love Justice or Love Mercy". Lunch cost is \$6.50
Further information is on the bulletin board outside
Fellowship Hall.

Sew in Set for April 11th

Presbyterian Women will again this year spend a day sewing for the Linus Project. The Linus Project, taking its name from the "Peanuts" cartoon character who is never without his blanket, is a nation-wide initiative with a chapter in Northwest Arkansas. The organization focuses on providing blankets to children who are in crisis situations (such as car accidents, hospitalization, immediate foster care, etc.). On April 11th, Presbyterian Women will join their sister members of Hooks and Needles at 9 AM to construct small quilts or knitted/crocheted blankets. Ladies who are able are asked to bring sewing machines, thread, scissors and/or rotary cutters with mats. Others are encouraged to bring ironing boards, irons, and scissors. All are asked to bring a sack lunch and be prepared to enjoy a day of fellowship while making a difference for the children in our community. So mark your calendars now—April 11th at 9 AM! See you in the Activity Center.

Back to School supplies

School supplies will be collected at the June luncheon to be sent to Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Home and Family Services in Little Rock. The Home, a service agency of the Synod of the Sun of the Presbyterian Church (USA), has a long history of providing loving care for Arkansas children. By collecting school supplies in June and getting them to the home before school starts, we will be making a significant contribution to the work of this wonderful organization. Please be generous with your contributions. School supplies--such as pencils, rulers, composition books, loose leaf notebook paper, post it notes, ball point pens, etc.--will be welcome gifts to the young people who receive them.

April Circle Meetings

- Circle 1** Tuesday, April 8 Fellowship at 9:30 am, Bible Study begins at 10:00 am.
Circle 3 Monday, April 14 beginning at 1:00 pm
Circle 4 Monday, April 7 beginning at 1:30 pm
Circle 5 Thursday, April 10 beginning at 7:15 pm

First Fellowship in April

The Senior Saints Are Coming! Mark Your Calendars

First Fellowship will meet on Wednesday April 9th! This is a change from our usual second Thursday meeting date. We will be treated to the musical talents of the Senior Saints from Central United Methodist Church. The Senior Saints are led by Fenner Upchurch Russell. The program will commence promptly at 10:30 AM and be followed by our traditional luncheon. Plan to be there, but be sure to mark your calendars for the *change in date and time*. The FUPC bus will be leaving Butterfield Trail Village at 10:00 am.

GETTING TO KNOW THE REV. BARRY WILLIAMS

Come and join us for Sunday dinner! The congregation of First United Presbyterian Church is invited to Sunday dinner on April 6, 2008, following the 11 AM service. This will mark the beginning of Interim Minister Rev. Barry Williams' tenure here. Following the dinner an informal period of "Getting to Know Each Other" will take place. All are welcome to be guests of the Hospitality Committee and join in this for this time together.

Butterfield Trail Village Communion

Thursday, April 3
4:00 pm
Rev. Dr. Maurice Roberts
All are welcome!



Children's Ministry News

Kid's Club News

The 3-5 graders in Kid's Club will be going to Perryville, AR to the Heifer International Ranch on Saturday, April 26th. Our children have been collecting money during Sunday School all year to purchase an animal(s) in May through Heifer. Our tour will include Heifer introduction and video, hay wagon tour, village trail and hands-on activity such as brick-making and rope-making. The children will get to see all the animals available for the vote. As of March 9, they have given \$201.

The K-2 graders of Kid's club will be going to the Wild Wilderness Drive-Through Safari in Gentry, AR on Sunday, May 4th. These children will also get to see every type of animal available through Heifer. This trip will occur immediately after church on that Sunday.

Playground Renovations!

Imagine this... an outdoor play area with room for our entire church to enjoy fellowship and worship together. The idea includes picnic tables, prayer labyrinth, volleyball, swings, playground for those under age 5, and playground for elementary age children. All church picnics could be there, Presbyterian Women could meet there, as well as Sunday school groups, Youth groups, and of course, the children: Kids CLUB, Sunday School, First School, Summer First School programs, Chinese School, and more!

This is a large goal that would need to be achieved over time. The south end of the church property is in disrepair and needs attention. Renovating this area into a multi-age fun and fellowship is the best use of this property. The first step will be to build a play area for children ages 5-12.

You will soon receive a letter asking for a donation to the Playground renovation. Please prayerfully consider a donation. Our church families need safe and adequate play equipment for our children. We can only reach this goal if everyone works together and donates toward this project. Please send your



donation, marked "Playground Renovations", to the church office by the end of April. If you have any questions or comments regarding the playground, feel free to call **Michelle Price**, Christian Education Moderator, or **Katie Jackson**, Chair of the Playground Renovations committee.

Elementary Sunday School

Are you looking for a way to spend some quality time with the church's children?? Consider taking a turn at teaching the elementary age children about God's love. Curriculum is provided. There are many workshops to choose from: audiovisual, art, games, storytelling, music, cooking, and science. Contact **Diane Byars** – 444-6123 or leave a message in the church office; she will get back to you.

FOCUS on First School

Registration for Summer and Fall is complete and went smoothly. We still have openings in the T/Th Infant Class and in the Graduate Class for Fall; as well as in the MW 3s, T/Th 4s, and Elementary Program for Summer.



February field trips to Drake Field were a big success. Students got to tour the aircraft museum and view a collection of military uniforms, medals, weapons, and memorabilia from several wars. The Drake Field Museum staff was very helpful and knowledgeable.

Our Arkansas unit last month included learning and crafts related to the state of Arkansas as well as a Razorback pep rally and a visit from Big Red himself. We also celebrated Dr. Seuss week with parent volunteers reading Seuss books in the classrooms and a traditional breakfast of green eggs and ham. Remember, you should always feel free to stop by and see what's going on at our school anytime.

Eat Out for Scholarships!

When you eat out on any Tuesday evening in April, restaurant partners will donate 15% of the cost of your meal to support the **Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Washington County**. Osegueras, Blue Fin, Greenhouse Grille and Mermaids are participating during the April event.

June 23 – 27

Power Lab VBS

is coming to our church!



Make plans now to discover Jesus' miraculous power at this year's Vacation Bible School. We will have crafts, games, skits, snacks, some slimy experiments and some explosions!

And don't forget the **MUSIC!** Did you like the Avalanche Ranch music last year? Then you will **LOVE** the music from Power Lab! We are already listening to it and we can't wait to share it with you!

How can you get involved?

1. **Mark your calendar** to be at church the mornings of June 23-27
2. **Pray** for our church and the VBS planners. Prayerfully consider how *you can be a part* of this amazing week at our church.
3. **Donate** some of these simple items that we will use for our crafts and décor:

Silver, blue, white balloons (100 each)

Paper towel tubes (need 50)

Hula hoops also an interesting science model!

Pool noodles did you know we can make an atom model from this?

16 oz. Empty water bottles with caps (how many water bottles can you give us?)

Lab coats (empty your closet)

Ziplock sandwich bags (need 200)

Drinking straws (need 50)

Brown paper lunch sacks (need 200)

Please bring your items to the VBS Donations box in the church office.



Do you already know where you want to volunteer?

Crafts? Games? Chadder's Theater? Preschool Crew Leader?

Elementary Crew Leader? Registration? Snacks? Decorations?

Nursery? Acting? Singing? Publicity? Sound System and Media?

Call Katie!

Kids ages 3 ½ to 5th grade need **YOU** to help us make this an **AWESOME** week at our church!

Contact Katie Jackson at wwscribner@yahoo.com or 444-7644.

Session Highlights

Stated Meeting of March 2, 2008

- ~ Welcomed members of the 2008 Confirmation Class to observe the stated meeting.
- ~ Report received from Terri Trotter, spokesperson for the Child Care subcommittee, on key findings of a congregational survey about childcare as relating to FUPC, conducted in the spring of 2007.
- ~ Appointed a Childcare Task Force to continue discussions and information gathering.
- ~ Received report of the 107th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Arkansas from Elder Nell Griffin and Laurie Reh, Clerk of Session, commissioners to the meeting, held at Lyon College in Batesville, AR on February 15th-16th.
- ~ Expressed appreciation to Rev. Stewart Smith for his efforts and time as the interim moderator for the months of January - March. A gift was presented and a brief reception was held.
- ~ Approved that the Clerk of Session be allowed "voice" for the remainder of the year for the purpose of giving the Clerk's Report, requesting clarification of motions and to provide information as necessary.
- ~ Took action to allow the re-direction of earned income from the Endowment Fund to assist the Church in meeting the 2008 operating budget.
- ~ Accepted an offer from the Trustees/Endowment Committee for an interest-free loan up to a maximum of \$200,000, as needed to meet the needs of the 2008 operating budget. This loan shall be repaid to the Endowment within five (5) years. When the loan is repaid, it will be accepted or used as earned income or interest from the Endowment.
- ~ Approved the cost of \$8.50 per plate for the Presbyterian Women's Spring Luncheon on June 2, 2008.
- ~ Approved the Online Session Statistical Report for the year 2007, as submitted to the Presbytery of Arkansas.
- ~ Approved Outreach request that members of the congregation will be invited to be a "Stay-At-Home Volunteer" as a financial supporter of the Gulf Coast Mission Trip.
- ~ Approved a request from Belonging and Evangelism Committee that every committee needs to assign one of its members the task of communication with an emphasis on monthly news for the FOCUS.
- ~ Approved a Building Use Request for the Jitterbugs Dance Studio to use Fellowship Hall for a Spring Recital on Saturday, 05/17/08 from 8 am-3 pm.
- ~ Approved a Building Use Request from the Funeral Consumer Alliance use of the Activity Center for an annual meeting on Sunday, 4/06/08 from 1:30- 3:45 pm.
- ~ Approved the Columbarium Committee's request to use up to \$3000 from the columbarium restricted fund # 2358 for advance preparation work (foundation and brick work) needed to install future columbariums
- ~ Approved the Personnel Committee's recommendation to:
 -extend the appointment of Katie Jackson for the months of April through June, 2008 for Interim Music and Chancel Choir Director position.
 -extend the appointments of Diane Byars, Coordinator of Children's Sunday School and Special Events and Jamie Wetsell, Coordinator of Kids CLUB through May, 2008
 -continue Rev. Power as Acting Head of Staff until April 1 and that Rev. Power and Rev. Roberts is given the titles of Parish Assistants through April 30, 2008.
 -continue Rev. Josh Leu's current responsibilities through April 30, 2008.
- ~ Approved Kitchen Hospitality's request for expenditures not to exceed \$600 to purchase prepared main dish and ingredients for the rest of the meal for approximately 200 people to be served after the April 6th worship service. The funds would come from the Harris Hospitality Endowment #02359.
- ~ Approved the appointment of Elder Steve Sisco to join the Financial Review Committee consisting of Laura Winburn, Church Accountant and Lisa Higgins, Church Treasurer.
- ~ Requested that that Rev. Dr. Bill Branch be asked to bring the Committee of Five documents back to First Fayetteville on Saturday, March 29th when he is here for the session retreat and to entrust the documents to the Head of Staff for appropriate storage.

For further information, Session minutes and changes to church membership are available to members of the congregation from the church office, the Clerk of Session or from any elder currently serving on Session. Approved Stated Session meeting minutes may also be found on the church website at www.fupcfay.org.

Laurie Reh
Clerk of Session

Don't forget to join us for lunch on April 6 following worship to get acquainted with Interim Pastor, Barry Williams.

First United Presbyterian History Lesson ... Interim Pastors

As we open a new chapter in our congregational history, it is well for us to consider the Interim pastor's relationship to our congregation. Interim is defined as a time between events-or, in our case—between senior pastors. The time is temporary but is not one for a “wait and see” attitude. In the past, these interims proved extremely productive as we worked and bonded together. Once more we enter a time when all members are called to lay leadership. Candidates will see our potential from our actions.

Our new Interim Pastor, Rev. Barry Williams has chosen interim work as a career and has been trained in this special field of ministry. He is a leader in the professional association and is active in training others for the interim role in addition to serving as an Interim for seven congregations. In the past, retired ministers usually helped fill pulpits and moderate sessions. Their experiences from their active pastorates often proved invaluable. Now, we more often see younger clergy choosing to fulfill their Call in this manner.

Our most recent Interim period began exactly nine years ago on April 1, 1999 when Rev. Wayne Adcock arrived to lead us. He was here for fourteen months as our Pulpit Nominating Committee searched for and found our new Senior Pastor. Rev. Woody Brown began his ministry here on June 1, 2000. Wayne Adcock was a most able and talented leader. Many programs came to life under his energetic leadership: a praise team was developed, a website was set up, a Wednesday afternoon program for elementary youth was begun, a Women's Bible study was led our Associate Pastor, Leslie Belden, “Learn More” Sunday School classes were lead by Rev. Adcock for new members and visitors, a mission trip to Mexico was led by Marti Bowen. Last and by no means least, the very successful Building Committee's work and the Capital Gifts Campaign made possible our present renovated campus and new youth building. In addition, our congregation grew in numbers significantly. Rev. Wayne Adcock made an important contribution to our congregation in a short time. He left us stronger in programs, facilities and dedication to our mission.

The interim period between the pastorates of Rev. Charles Andrus (1959-1964) and Rev. Clay Bell (1965-1980) was one of growth and activity in the congregation. Creative School opened here in 1965 and Richardson Center began in our facilities in 1964. There was a growing sentiment among members to build a sanctuary which would complete our original design on the Hill. In addition, the Mariners organization had its inception and began a long and enthusiastic ministry to the young families of our church. Other activities during this time included staffing two concession booths at Razorback Football games and the women's organization serving lunches for migrant workers in the area. As the interim period drew to a close, young Mariner couples gathered at the manse (presently the home of Don and Kathy Pederson) to clean the kitchen and bathrooms for the new pastor, Clay Bell, and his family.

Again, between May 1980 and July 1981 the congregation pulled together. We celebrated the 150th anniversary of Presbyterian faith in Fayetteville during this time. Our Deacons committee organized a Food Closet in 1980, which operated until 1990 when CEO formed. Our members provided the leadership for this ecumenical project of which we are still an important part. Also during this Interim (after Rev. Bell and before Rev. Debenport) plans for the building of Butterfield Trail Village were progressing. Members of FUPC were the leading force behind this most important part of our community today.

On December 17, 1990 when Paul Debenport left for Albuquerque, another interim began. During part of the twelve months following, Rev. R. M. Hudson as Interim Pastor led us. It was during his ministry that the largest number of persons in six years joined at one time. Rev. John Burhorn began helping Rev. Hudson toward the end of the interim period and was named Parish Associate in 1992. In a conversation with John he shared several tips about interims. He pointed out that an interim pastor could solve some of the small problems paving the way for the new person. He also reported that in four out of five of the interims he worked with, the pledges increased. Now, that would be Good News!!!

We should remember Rev. Stephen Carl's words to us at the reception in his honor. He said, “*Remember, God, in his Wisdom, is now setting in motion the events in someone's life which will lead him-or-her to you.*” There is exciting work ahead for this wonderful and strongly dedicated group of Christians at FUPC.

Rejoice and Renew! Toward a new organ for FUPC's sanctuary

About two decades from now, First United Presbyterian Church will celebrate its 200th anniversary. (The bicentennial will be in 2030, to be precise, if you trace our origins back to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church that served as Fayetteville's first congregation.) Only the daring would predict specifically what will be in store for this congregation by then. There are a few general predictions that are probably safe to make.

- * Many members and clergy will come and go.
- * Music will be a part of the worship.
- * An organ will be the centerpiece of that worship.
- * Our present-day organ won't be the organ of 2030.

That last prediction is not going out too far on a limb. As has been noted in this space before, the current organ has parts going back 40 years and some parts go back to the 1920s. Reliable as this organ has been, no professional in the organ discipline would advise that this instrument is a likely prospect to survive a century of service.

In 22 years, the kids you now see in the church nursery will be out of school and on the job somewhere. Those among them who are still in this congregation by then and those who will come from elsewhere will be bewildered if they are left to inherit an organ in its last throes. Why, they might wonder, did their predecessors not address the matter earlier?

We are their predecessors. Our long-term decisions to act sooner, later or not at all will have an impact beyond our bicentennial. That decision will address when and how to proceed with an organ purchase to replace the current instrument that shows signs of living on borrowed time. Significant as it would be to celebrate a centennial for our organ in the 2020s, the chances appear to be nonexistent.

Pipe organs are not off-the-showroom models ready to be shipped to a church for instant installation. Their purchase requires many months of planning, design work and on-site construction within a sanctuary. The total cost of such projects is expensive and likely to become more so in future years.

Change is inevitable in any congregation, both in the near term and distant future. We are experiencing major near-term changes these days that will deservedly receive our attention. We need to realize

also that the long term will have its day, and the kids in the nursery will one day find that it happened sooner than any of us realized.

Organ Feasibility Committee members:

Ann Roberts	Bob Frans	Amy Locke
Lorraine Lorne	Mary Mann	James Ezell
Mark Scobey	Jeannie Lee	Dave Edmark
Rita Manske	Sabra Martin	Mark Power
Diane Warren	Ted Belden	Fred Shefte

Adult Sunday School News

Come join the Contemporary (once known as the Young Adult) Sunday school class on Sunday Mornings from 9:45 am to 10:30 am at the Activity Center. Everyone is welcome no matter how young you are! Using material from the Thoughtful Christian Series, we will cover contemporary topics such as Reality TV, Mary Magdalene, History of Religion and Politics in America, and much more. If you are interested in joining our mailing list and group or you have any questions, please feel free to contact our facilitator **Dirk Charlson** at charlsonD@gmail.com.

The FUPC Campus Property

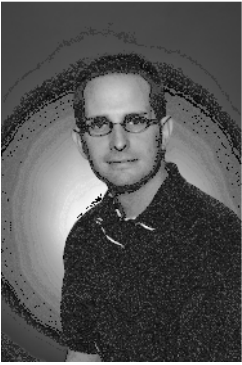
Did you know? Approximately half of the FUPC campus is currently developed with buildings and parking. The remaining 3+ acres lying west of the main parking lot is "natural" wooded property for future use.

The Congregation voted on March 18, 2007 to purchase part of the Brooks-Hummel parcel adjacent to our property. At the January 27, 2008 congregational meeting, that action was reconsidered on recommendation of the Trustees and the offer to purchase was withdrawn. Subsequently, it was discovered that the City of Fayetteville acquired the property under a multi year purchase contract (without any financial assistance from FUPC) to retain the property in its "natural" status.

Habitat for Humanity Collegiate Challenge

FUPC hosted 8 students from Eastern Illinois University March 8-14 during their Spring Break.

Thank you so much for your hospitality. The couches were comfortable, the food was delicious and that showers were hot. We really appreciate everything you did for us. God Bless!



“Changing the World One Person at a Time”

What’s up Saints,

The youth group continues to change the world one person at a time. In March we helped make 682 packs of food for kids in Northwest Arkansas who do not have enough food to eat on the weekends. This backpack program makes sure that kids who are dependent on the school lunch programs for a majority of their food, have enough to eat on the weekends when they don’t get to eat at school. We made these packs while volunteering at the Ozark Food Bank, an organization that feeds thousands of people in our area.

Shalom out,

Rev. Joshua Leu

New Face in the Crowd

Belonging & Evangelism Moderator **James Moore** presents FUPC membership Certificate to new member **Tony Stankus** at a recent Men’s Prayer Breakfast



Forum Lecture Series

April - Plan to attend the Forum Lecture at 6:30 on Wednesday, April 23. **Jeff Shannon**, Dean of the College of Architecture, will talk about “Pope Sixtus V and the Transformation of Rome. Dean Shannon is an exciting speaker who has spent much of his career researching and writing about the history and development of Rome, her transformation from pagan city to the Christian pilgrimage city that she has become. In this brief talk, Dr. Shannon will discuss the contributions of Pope Sixtus V who was in a unique position of spiritual and temporal power to become the most admired architectural planner in history. In the five years of his reign he created the bones of the historical city that we explore today.

May - Robert Dixon will speak about his missionary experience in Australia. Robert is **John Dixon’s** brother. Date and details to follow.

Notes from the Editor...

- ⇒ Thanks for the articles and suggestions for stories called or sent in the past month. Keep it up!
- ⇒ Check the “Shining Light” heading. Please pass along your suggestions for people to be featured and we’ll include some each month.
- ⇒ Moderators, If you haven’t reported and/or assigned a communication representative yet, please do so and pass along their name and contact information.
- ⇒ May edition DEADLINE (remember? “a date or time before which some thing must be done”) is Monday, April 21!

Prayer list for Arkansas Presbytery Congregations, April 2008

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| April 6 | First, Lonoke
Vaughn, Bentonville |
| April 13 | First, Hot Springs
Hispanic Ministry Fellowship, Springdale |
| April 20 | Westover Hills, Little Rock
Allison Memorial, Little Rock |
| April 27 | Holly Grove Church, Holly Grove
First, Alma |

Graduate Recognition Sunday coming in May!

If you have a graduate in your family, please call the church office (442-4411) so they can be recognized during worship in May.



Ferncliff Presbyterian Camp & Conference Center registration for summer camps is now open for children entering 1st grade through rising 12th graders. Call 501.821.3063 or visit www.ferncliff.org for more details.

Who owns the FUPC Campus?

The Constitution of the Presbyterian U.S.A., in Part II Book of Order, Chapter VIII, The Church and It's Property, spell out that "All property held by or for a particular church... is held, in trust nevertheless for the use and benefit of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)." Further, any real property transaction of our church including selling, encumbering or leasing requires "the written permission of the Presbytery transmitted through the session of the particular church."

These provisions evolved from the 1800's and early 1900's when Presbyterians were establishing homes and churches in new communities on the frontier. Frequently, often the first mission pastor moved along the local church was unable to secure the college and seminary trained minister required by the Presbyterian Charter. Subsequently many of these churches originally founded by Presbyterians became Methodist, Baptist or other denominations which had lesser educational requirements for ministers and the property also migrated to another denomination.

The Presbyterian Church and other denominations then took steps to retain their investments in property of "mission" churches that were not financially self sufficient which resulted in the current system. So we, the local church congregation, hold title to this property, but are subject to the provisions of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Session Budget/Financial Actions assure Program Continuity

The actions noted in the March 2 Session Highlights essentially provide a "line of credit" to be used only if and as needed. The Session is committed to continuing existing programs and pursuing new ideas. Committees (ministries) continue to be frugal in their expenditures. If you have not initiated or renewed a pledge, doing so would help keep the budget in balance with minimum need for borrowing. Pledge cards are available in the church office or you may call to have one mailed to you.

First United Presbyterian Forum presents

THE HEAVENLY CITY: POPE SIXTUS V AND THE TRANSFORMATION OF ROME

A DISCUSSION BY
DEAN JEFF SHANNON
PROFESSOR OF ARCHITECTURE,
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
Wednesday, April 23, at 6:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

In the last 2 millennia, Rome has changed from a pagan city to the great pilgrimage city of Christianity. In large part, the art of the city and the city itself is a gift of Catholic Popes who combined a unique blend of spiritual and temporal power. Pope Sixtus V is admired by scholars and historians as the greatest architectural planner in history.

Dr. Jeff Shannon has studied and published articles on Rome. He is a frequent visitor and occasional tour guide. He has received numerous awards for both his design and research. A Fayetteville citizen for 29 years, he and his wife Carole have raised two children in our church. Carole owns and operates Elkhorn Springs Riding Arena and Stables just outside Fayetteville.

These lectures are free and open to the public.

Free childcare is available for children 5 and under with a reservation.

Please RSVP at the church office
(479) 442-4411 NO LATER THAN
3:00p.m., Tuesday, April 22.

The Intercessory Prayer list is continually updated and shared with Staff and various Ministries including Men's Prayer Breakfast, Deacons, Stephen Ministry and Hooks & Needles. If you have joys to share or concerns to lift up, please call the church office (442.4411) so we can add them to the prayer list. Copies of the prayer list are available in the Narthex and the church office.



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Session

Class of 2008: Dennis Brewer, Eric Ervin, Nell Griffin, Carol Hart, James Moore, Steve Sisco, Anna Stitt, and Diane Warren.

Class of 2009: Dennis Bailey, June Davis, Lyle Gohn, Sara Koenig, Michelle Price, Jim Schneringer, Ron Woodruff and Doug Wright.

Class of 2010: Ted Belden, Barbara George, Roger Koeppel, Frank Millett, Itrel Monroe, Bo Morton, Jane Steinkraus and Nancy Waite

Moderator: Barry Williams, Interim Pastor

Clerk of Session: Laurie Reh

Our Mission Statement:

First United Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville, Arkansas is called to be a light on the hill, we boldly proclaim and serve Christ, the Hope of our changing world.

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Staff Schedules

Interim Pastor—Barry Williams

Monday—Wednesday
 9:00 am—5:00 pm

Church Accountant—Laura Winburn

12 hours per week

You may leave a confidential voice mail at any time
 442-4411 ext. 228

Administrative Assistant, Elizabeth Dixon

30 hours per week

Monday—Friday 8:00 am—3:00 pm

Hospitality Coordinator, Mary Jo Harvey

Wednesdays & Thursdays 10am—noon

Custodian, Shane Harrison

40 hours per week

Shane's weekday off is Thursday.

Publishing Deadlines

Bulletin announcements are due by noon on Wednesdays (edixon@fupcfay.org)

FOCUS articles for the May issue are due on Monday, April 21, 2008 (edixon@fupcfay.org)

Committee Minutes from April meetings are due Monday, April 28. Minutes not received on time may not be included in the session packet for May.

Please send Ministry minutes to:

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Worship

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
with Communion
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Traditional
Service

Shining Lights

Mary Burton - The Mary McDorman Burton Endowment Fund of the American Association of University Women Foundation will be presented on April 19 at the AAUW state convention in Bentonville. Members of AAUW in Arkansas raised \$35, 000 in the past four years to endow the fund in honor of Mary. Fellowships will go to women in the US wishing to further their college educations.

FUPC Deacons - who took on significant additional visiting and “checking-on” responsibilities during the past three months.

Jennie & Richard Ourand - recently recognized by the retired and senior volunteer program (RSVP) for their extensive volunteer service to Fayetteville High School, Walton Arts Center, Veterans Affairs Medical Center and Washington Regional Medical Center.

Rev. Stewart Smith - Pastor of Springdale Presbyterian and Moderator of the Presbytery of Arkansas, who served as moderator of the FUPC session during the past three months.

*Don't hide your shining light under a bushel!
Please share your stories with the church family by calling
Ken Mays (571-4894) or the Church office (442-4411)*

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The following two
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(April & May
calendars)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Wednesday Schedule Men's Breakfast (6:30 am) Staff meeting (10:30 am) Bulletin copy due (noon) Kids CLUBS (3:15 - 5:15) 4M (3:15 - 5:15 pm) Handbell Choir (6:15 - 7:15) Chancel Choir (7:00 -		1	2 First School Jitterbugs Kids Club Field Trip (bus)	3 First School Chapel Intercessory Prayer 3:30 BTV Communion 4pm	4 Mom's in Touch First School Closed Hooks & Needles 10 am	5 Lifestyles shredding day PW Spring Gathering (Bella Vista)
6 CEO Food Sunday Interim Luncheon Stated Session 6 pm POD - Barry	7 1st Fellowship res. due PW Circle 4 1:30 pm Stephen Ministry 6:30 Boy Scouts 7:00	8 First School Jitterbugs PW Circle I 9:30 am	9 First School Jitterbugs Ozark Society mtg. First Fellowship lunch	10 First School Chapel Intercessory Prayer 4 pm PW Circle 5 7:15 pm	11 Mom's in Touch First School Chapel Linus Project (p.	12 AA meeting 6:00 pm
13 Mission Trip to Pearlington, MS 4/13-4/20	14 PW Circle 3 1:00 pm Girl Scouts 5:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00	15 PW Coordinating 10 am First School Jitterbugs	16 First School Jitterbugs	17 First School Chapel Intercessory Prayer 4 pm	18 Mom's in Touch First School Chapel Hooks & Needles 10 am	19 AA meeting 6:00 pm
20 Committee meetings Moderators' meeting	21 FOCUS articles due Stephen Ministry 6:30 Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	22 Earth Day First School Jitterbugs	23 Kitchen Hospitality 9:30 am First School Jitterbugs Forum Lecture 6:30 pm	24 First School Chapel First School teacher lunch Intercessory Prayer 4 pm	25 Mom's in Touch First School Chapel Hooks & Needles 10 am	26 AA meeting 6:00 pm
27 Confirmation Sunday Funeral Alliance mtg 1-4 pm—Activity Center	28 Committee minutes Boy Scouts	29 First School Jitterbugs First School field trip to Drake Field	30 First School Jitterbugs			

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4 CEO Food Sunday Stated Session 6 pm	5 First School closed PW Circle 4 (p. 3) Stephen Ministry 6:30 Boy Scouts 7:00	6 First School Jitterbugs	7 First School Jitterbugs	8 First School Chapel First Fellowship lunch Intercessory Prayer 4 pm	9 Mom's in Touch First School Chapel Hooks & Needles 10 am	10 Jitterbugs Spring Recital AA meeting 6:00 pm
11 Day of Pentecost Pentecost offering	12 PW Circle 3 (p. 3) Girl Scouts 5:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00	13 PW Circle 1 (p. 3) First School Jitterbugs	14 First School Jitterbugs Last day for Kid's Clubs	15 First School Chapel Intercessory Prayer 4 pm League of Women Voters Annual meeting	16 Mom's in Touch First School Chapel Hooks & Needles 10 am	17 AA meeting 6:00 pm
18 Trinity Sunday Committee meetings Moderators' meeting	19 FOCUS articles due Stephen Ministry 6:30 Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	20 PW Coordinating 10 am First School Jitterbugs	21 Kitchen Hospitality 9:30 am First School Jitterbugs	22 First School Chapel Intercessory Prayer 4 pm	23 Mom's in Touch First School Chapel Hooks & Needles 10 am Ezell/Sheets rehearsal	24 Ezell/Sheets wedding AA meeting 6:00 pm
25	26 Memorial Day First School & church office closed	27 Committee minutes due	28 First School Jitterbugs	29 First School Chapel Intercessory Prayer 4 pm First School Graduation & Picnic	30 Mom's in Touch First School Chapel Hooks & Needles 10 am Last day of First School Kelley/Ogden rehearsal	31 Kelley/Ogden wedding AA meeting 6:00 pm

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