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***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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JUNE 23-27, 9:00 AM - NOON



HAVE YOU REGISTERED YOUR KIDS? YOUR GRANDKIDS?  
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IT WILL BE THE BEST WEEK OF THE SUMMER! DON'T MISS IT!



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*A Light on the Hill*

## ***Telling the Whole Story, and Celebrating the Good!***

I grew up as a teenager in the 1960's. By my simply stating that fact, I've probably stimulated within you some personal thoughts and reflections that may be a bit nostalgic, or a bit distressed, or possibly in the category of "whatever." Those of us alive then have many feelings about that time and the events of that era, and those feelings may be very strong or very mixed.

One aspect of that era, that I have reflected on from time to time, comes to mind as I write this just before Memorial Day. It is this - How do we talk about this country with our lofty goals, great achievements, and wonderful possibilities alongside our misjudgments, failings, and inequalities?

I think that in this land we are best served by honest conversations that hear both sets of "truths." Such "honest conversations" are best when they are not based on giving both sides an equal hearing, but rather on giving an appropriate hearing, and what is "appropriate" will vary from person to person and group to group. For people who wish to see or hear only the good, there is a need to grasp the truth in the concerns of others. For those who see or hear only the wrong, there is a need to grasp the good.

In recent years, I have come to believe in one significant shift in this understanding – that we need to more clearly and frequently celebrate the good history and strengths of this country. I find that such an activity reinforces the strengths, and then makes more possible an honest consideration of our flaws, weaknesses, and misjudgments.

**Such an activity is at least as necessary in a church!** Formally and informally we need to clearly and frequently celebrate and restate the good history and strengths of this congregation. I believe that such an activity reinforces the strengths of our ministries and our life together, and it makes more possible an honest consideration of our flaws, weaknesses, and misjudgments. Our energy goes into celebrating and reinforcing our

strengths, with other necessary exchanges and learning to follow.

I believe that God, the source of all good stories worth telling, can blow through such conversations and will continue to call us into God's new future.

What do you believe?

By the way, in these days following Pentecost, please keep telling me your stories for in them I hear God's Spirit blowing!

Barry

*p.s. On coming Sundays, I will be preaching from some Biblical stories that many of us have some strong opinions about – major passages from the book of Genesis.*

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## **Shining Lights**

**Patsy Brewer** is retiring after 16 years as Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity. Her demonstrated vision, dedicated leadership and perseverance succeeded in recruiting volunteers, securing contributions and continuing major sponsors of this vital program.

**David Lashley** was recognized by the City of Fayetteville on May 14 with the dedication of David Lashley Park in the Copper Creek subdivision in NW Fayetteville. His continuing commitment and tireless participation and leadership in this church, the City Parks and Recreation Board, Fayetteville Youth Center, Butterfield Trail Village and Fayetteville Public Education Foundation are well known to most. As one city official remarked, *"If David gets behind an issue or project, either get on board or get out of the way, because its very likely to happen."*



*Don't hide your light under a bushel!  
We love to publish stories of our shining members.  
Contact editor Ken Mays 571-4894*



## Presbyterian Women Upcoming Events

**Officer Roll-over luncheon**, Thursday, June 19 at 11:00 am in the home of Martha Brewer.

**Fall Coffee**, last week of August (date to be set). Meet, greet and eat with Presbyterian Women as we get ready to begin the 2008-2009 program. This is a fun event and an easy way to find out more about PW and which circle is the best fit for you.

**All PW circles resume meeting in September**

**FUPC hosts Fall Gathering** for PW September 27. More details to follow as they are finalized.

### Kitchen Hospitality Claim or Lose!



Are you missing a serving piece from your kitchen at home? Kitchen Hospitality has many nice "left" items from recent pot-luck events. Check out the cart in Fellowship Hall for your treasures. Any items not claimed by June 10 will be donated.

### Member Visitation Summary Report and Summary of Comments, Suggestions, or Concerns by Members

A summary report of the visitations with church members which was initiated by Session in early February was presented at a congregational ice cream social on May 4. The *Member Visitation Summary Report* will be available on the church web site <http://www.fupcfay.org/> and printed copies of the *Report* and the *Summary of Comments, Suggestions, or Concerns by Members* will be available in the church office. The Visitation Teams have attempted to contact all members with a few exceptions such as illness, out of region addresses, etc. If for any reason you feel you did not receive a contact and/or visit (phone call, letter, visit, etc.) from a Team member, and you desire such, please contact Rev. Williams, Rev. Power, or one of the Team Coordinators: **Lyle Gohn, Sara Koenig, James Moore, and Doug Wright.**

## From the Mailbox



Dear Members of First United Presbyterian Church, Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$2000 to Life Styles. Your donation demonstrates the true spirit of Christian support and sharing. In unity with the belief that we should help individuals to help themselves, we have designated your gift to assist in an area of great need for our consumers, employment. We believe that all people, regardless of disability status, deserve the opportunity to work at a job of one's choosing. Our Supported Employment program support individuals in every aspect of work from vocation assessment and job development to on-the-job training, follow-up support and job retraining when necessary. We serve over 80 individuals in our employment program and while nationally only 34.5% of individuals with disabilities are employed, 84% of Life Styles consumers are employed.

We believe that we are truly fortunate to have the opportunity to be part of the lives of the people we serve and share in their successes. Thank you for believing in our work and our mission and for helping lead us toward a wonderful future.

Sincerely,

*Susan Foley*  
Development Director

First Presbyterian Church, Morrilton  
requests your presence as  
we celebrate our  
125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Sunday June 8, 2008  
3:00 pm  
Worship Service  
with Reception to follow  
First Presbyterian Church  
105 West Church Street  
Morrilton, Arkansas 72110  
For more information contact:  
FPC 501-354-2187

## Happy Birthday !!

**June 2**  
Matthew Koeppe  
David Lashley  
**June 3**  
Lorraine Brewer  
Katie Morton  
Steve Sisco  
**June 4**  
Brooke Dixon  
Howard Higgins  
Veronica Long  
Taylor Power  
**June 5**  
Nancy Benson-Nicol  
Kendra Cook  
Ian Serio  
**June 6**  
Mary Ann Alderson  
Mary Houston  
**June 7**  
Tyler Davis  
Terri Neal  
Thomas Odom  
Caroline Wilbourn  
**June 8**  
Eva Stalker  
**June 9**  
Ty Goode  
Susan Harter  
Logan Woodruff  
**June 10**  
Hugh Brewer  
Lyle Wittry  
**June 12**  
Rachel Courtney  
Brett Crumley  
Sarah Horne  
Sabra Martin  
Ken Mays  
**June 13**  
Zach Rolle  
**June 14**  
Emily Dixon



**June 15**  
Alannah Brand  
**June 16**  
Eli Power  
**June 17**  
Chris Bell  
Timothy Oliver  
**June 18**  
Liz Fulton  
**June 19**  
Emily Walsh  
**June 20**  
Rebecca Schneringer  
**June 22**  
Marion Orton  
Rosetta Taylor  
**June 23**  
Carol Hart  
Brian Horne  
**June 24**  
Rick Stockdell  
Ron Woodruff  
**June 25**  
Katie Breshears  
Michael Ward  
**June 26**  
Michael Pederson  
**June 27**  
Kathy Hall  
Russell Winburn  
**June 28**  
Mary Boushelle  
**June 29**  
Scott Mattson  
Don Pederson  
**June 30**  
Jordan Curry  
June Davis  
Aaron Martin  
Lorene Raymond  
Christine Sharkey  
Billy Thompson

## Daily Bible Readings for June



1	Luke 11:1-13	16	Matthew 17:14-21
2	Matthew 13:44-52	17	Matthew 17:22-27
3	Matthew 13:53-58	18	Matthew 18:1-9
4	Matthew 14:1-12	19	Matthew 18:10-20
5	Matthew 4:13-21	20	Matthew 18:21-25
6	Matthew 14:22-36	21	Matthew 19:1-12
7	Matthew 15:1-20	22	Luke 12:49-56
8	Luke 12:32-40	23	Matthew 19:13-22
9	Matthew 15:21-28	24	Matthew 19:23-30
10	Matthew 15:29-39	25	Matthew 20:1-16
11	Matthew 16:1-12	26	Matthew 20:17-28
12	Matthew 16:13-20	27	Matthew 20:29-34
13	Matthew 16:21-28	28	Matthew 21:1-11
14	Matthew 17:1-13	29	Luke 13:10-17
15	Luke 12:41-48	30	Matthew 21:12-22

### Outreach News

#### CEO Food Sunday is June 1!

Top CEO needs are peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, canned meat and size L diapers.

Help wanted at CEO! With summer approaching and people leaving for vacations, CEO is in even more need of volunteers. If you can donate as little as two hours a month, contact volunteer chairman Barbara Osing at 521-5291.

Did you know? In 2007, in addition to food aid, CEO provided \$66,750 in utility assistance, \$24,950 in rental aid, \$23,250 in gasoline, \$7,800 in prescriptions and \$11,725 in clothing and other miscellaneous items.

This is even more impressive considering that most of this aid was in increments of \$5—\$50.

#### Outreach Project to Provide Meals at Seven Hills Homeless Center

Seven Hills Homeless Center provides day services and a safe place for our most vulnerable neighbors. They do not have facilities to prepare meals and need community help. We here at First United Presbyterian are planning to assist in this effort by providing a simple lunch once a month. The first meal will be delivered on Friday, June 20. The meal will be prepared in our kitchen and transported to the Center for serving. Meals are scheduled to be delivered on the 3rd Friday each month. Interested in getting involved in this great project? Call **Betty Ezell** 521-3720.

## Focus on First School

We have had a very busy month. We have had a visit from the Fire Department. Everyone enjoyed the big red truck and of course, as always, they loved Sparkey! We had some very special visitors that stayed in our 3 year old classroom this month. We had some chick eggs in an incubator. The children were able to see the chicks hatch and to watch them wobble around. We all really enjoyed keeping up with their progress. What fun!



We would like to invite all of you to join us for our Annual Graduation and Picnic that will be on Thursday, May 29th starting at 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary. This is always a wonderful program and the children as well as the teachers work really hard to put this together.

The end of the year is always bittersweet, but even more so this year. After eight and a half years as co-director of First School, Jennifer Meldrum, has resigned. Jennifer's dedication to First School's students and teachers is what has made our program the success it is today. I've often teased Jennifer about her sunny perspective on life, saying if the building caught on fire she'd say, "Cathy, this is great the children will get to see the firemen!" Jennifer has been the best partner and friend that I could have. Our strengths and weaknesses were perfectly matched and we often finish each other's sentences. Thank you Jennifer for all the sweat, tears and love you put into this sweet little school.

Respectfully submitted,

*Cathy Hairston*



## PLAYGROUND UPDATE

Great things are happening in our church! Our church family has truly answered the call regarding the need for a safe place for our many elementary age children to play. At press time, over \$18,000 has been collected. This is AMAZING!

Thank you to everyone who has donated. There is still time to get your donation in — Every dollar counts!

## Church Email List Announcement

We have a new server in use at the church now, so please read on.....



- 1) Anyone who has been receiving church emailed announcements does **NOT** have to re-subscribe to the church email list as all addresses have been entered in the system.
- 2) If you are a new member or friend of the church who has NOT been receiving church announcements and would like to subscribe to the list, here's what you do:  
  
In the To: line of a new email message, put in churchfamily-subscribe@fupcfay.org to subscribe to the church email list and hit send. You will then receive periodic church-related announcements.
- 3) If you are currently on the church email list and would like to unsubscribe, here's what you do:  
  
In the To: line of a new email message from The address you want to unsubscribe, put in churchfamily-unsubscribe@fupcfay.org to unsubscribe to the church email list and hit send. You will no longer receive church-related announcements.
- 4) If your email address changes to a new one, you need to first unsubscribe the old address and then subscribe using your new email address.

If you have any questions, please contact **Carla Romere** at carla@romere.com, FUPC web manager. Thank you!

## Friendship pad reminder....

Your Belonging & Evangelism committee reminds you to sign the Friendship pads during worship.



**Letter from the Trustees concerning  
the vote to withdraw our offer for the  
Brooks-Hummel Property.**

At the January 27, 2008 Annual Stated Meeting of our church the congregation voted to withdraw our verbal offer to purchase 1.9 acres of the Brooks-Hummel property contiguous to our property for the sum of \$68,040. The Trustees, who recommended this withdrawal, are sensitive to the fact that the vote was not unanimous and that questions are still being asked about the reason for our recommendation.

For you newer members a little background is in order. In March 2007 a Congregational Meeting was called to discuss and to vote on whether or not to purchase this property on our western boundary that is a part of a much larger tract. We were told that our participation in the purchase was a necessary part of the whole package and that it would allow the City to acquire the larger part of the property and that time was critical because of a City Board meeting the following week. We were assured that the question would be resolved within a week or two and might even become moot if the City Board voted against the purchase. The Trustees have no doubt that those who advised the congregation of these factors believed them to be true at the time. The vote to make the offer passed after spirited discussion. That's the last we heard of the matter until we were preparing for the January 2008 meeting and the vote to withdraw the offer.

No one really knew where we were going to get the \$68,040 at the time of the first vote. In the meantime our financial situation had changed drastically with a \$200,000 shortfall in our pledges to the operating budget. The Trustees felt that we shouldn't have this unfunded commitment hanging over our heads at this time.

Those in opposition to withdrawal were in favor of leaving our verbal offer on the table because they felt it was a fair price and would add to our present campus. Many wanted to help the City acquire the natural woodland and be a part of preserving it.

In January 2008 Hugh Brewer telephoned Mayor Dan Coody who said that he wasn't sure of the status of the project and, in any event, the City had no money. Brewer reported this conversation to the Congregation. A few days after the vote to withdraw the Trustees learned that the City had acquired the property almost a year ago without our participation. In subsequent correspondence with the mayor, it was obvious that there had been some confusion and misunderstanding about the status of the project.

The Mayor was told that we were glad to know that our decision to withdraw our offer did not prevent the City from acquiring and protecting this beautiful and unique piece of property.

In a letter recently received from the Mayor he stated that if we should have an interest in the future, the possibility exists for us to purchase the 1.9-acre plot at that time. However, given the confusion sometimes encountered when dealing with the City, especially with changes in City officers, the Trustees want to emphasize that our ability to purchase this property in the future is uncertain.

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**Belonging & Evangelism - Table for Eight**

Table for Eight is an exciting ministry of FUPC. We are in our third rotation with over 113 participants. This is a great way to get to know members during fellowship activities. The current groups will stay together until we mix in again this summer. A kickoff event for the new rotation is in the planning stages.

Current participants don't need to do anything unless you choose not to continue. If you are interested in being a group coordinator, signing up for the next rotation, or just want further information please contact **James or Mary Ellen Moore** at [Jmoore816@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Jmoore816@sbcglobal.net) or by phone at 521-6628.

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**Communion at Butterfield Trail Village**  
*Please note date change!*

Tuesday, June 3  
4:00 pm  
Rev. Barry Williams  
All are welcome!



## History of the Vacation Bible School program

Many won't need an introduction to VBS. But for those who do, churches typically offer vacation bible school once every summer, starting usually on a Monday and finishing up that Friday. They center on a single theme, involve kids in games and crafts, and most importantly, seek to teach biblical truths. In many communities, the week of summer fun is anticipated with rising excitement.

Unofficially, it is possible to trace the roots of VBS as far back as the 1870's. The Methodist Episcopal Church offered summer Sunday School classes near Lake Chautauqua, New York. In the 1890's Mrs. Walker Aylette Hawes ran a Bible School for six weeks in the summer of 1898 in New York City. By 1911 the Daily Vacation Bible School Association was founded.

Today many churches run their own Vacation Bible School programs, without being under the umbrella of a national organization. Some churches opt to use themed curriculum programs from their respective denominations or independent publishing houses

For 83 years FUPC has a VBS for one or two weeks each summer. The first mention in our records is 1925. During the 1930's the school was held jointly with First Presbyterian and Central Presbyterian until the two congregations united in 1953.

Many children of the community attended VBS at their home church and later that same summer attended another VBS at a friend's church. It was not uncommon for a child to attend three different schools the same summer. During those years most schools lasted two weeks.

By the late 1940's the local churches often held union schools. In 1951 eight churches participated in the 50th anniversary of the Vacation Bible School movement. By this time the event was called Vacation Church School. Bible school is now again the popular title. For a time in the 1960's and 1970's FUPC held a separate Vacation Bible School until 1984 when, once again, FUPC joined with First Christian, Mount Comfort Presbyterian and St. Paul's Episcopal. For a number of years this arrangement worked with the location rotating among the participating churches.

Last year FUPC returned to its own format and held a VBS on our campus. This year's VBS is scheduled for June 23-27 at FUPC.

*Submitted by Martha Brewer, Church Historian with the notation that information about the VBS movement came with the help of Jan Dixon at the University of Arkansas Library.*

## You can help make VBS history here at FUPC....

We still have needs that YOU can fill...

Volunteers to be preschool crew leaders!  
The most fun you'll ever have!

100 ziplock sandwich bags

Sawhorses (2-4 of these for decoration)

Inexpensive safety goggles

60 gallon size ziplock bags

Handwipes

(we will use these daily- we need 500 of them!)

Bring your items to the church office, or contact **Katie Jackson** at 444-7644. Thanks!

## Child Care Task Force



The Session has appointed a Child Care Task Force to consider expanding the childcare offered at FUPC. Our existing part-time program of First School is providing a great service to our community and our church. We are very proud of what they have accomplished and the reputation they have in the community. The efforts of the taskforce are to try and understand all of the ramifications of offering A full-time childcare program without adversely affecting the existing program. There are many factors to be considered.

The Task Force invites other church members to join our process. If you are interested please let me know. We would also like to know if you currently utilize a full-time childcare service offered in our community. I can be contacted at [TedBelden@aol.com](mailto:TedBelden@aol.com)

*Submitted by Ted Belden -Task Force Convener*

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

If First United Presbyterian Church decides one day to commit to purchasing and installing a new pipe organ, along with the remodeling in the sanctuary that would accompany the project, it will be among many in the nation that at any given moment are working on the same thing. All congregations that choose to go down the path realize that it takes a few years to reach the end and each path has its own maze of complexities to navigate.

It's comforting to know others have traveled the path. The numerous odds and ends of acquiring a new pipe organ that can bewilder a congregation at first glance are routine to those who have lived with the endeavor for a prolonged time.

No two churches have exactly the same needs or process when replacing an organ, but there are lessons to learn from those who have been there. One such example is Christ and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in New York, a 285-member parish just a few blocks away from Lincoln Center on Manhattan's West Side. Its effort was profiled March 23 in *The New York Times*.

(Log onto <http://www.nytimes.com/2008/03/23/nyregion/23organ.html> to see the full article.)

The article's author, James Barron, described the church's situation this way: "Choosing a new organ is a milestone for any congregation, a commitment to the future and a statement about what the church wants to be: traditional or contemporary, formal or less so. Next to a sanctuary itself, an organ is one of the most permanent anchors that a church can have in the everyday world. It is also one of its biggest investments and, if the congregation is unhappy with the way the organist is playing it, one of its biggest irritants."

The previous organ at Christ and St. Stephen's had components going back to 1876 with enough renovations and reworkings since then to result in what the Juilliard School's organ department chairman said was "a hodgepodge."

It's a familiar story to anyone who knows about the FUPC organ. Ours is a youngster by comparison to the Christ and St. Stephen's organ -- ours has components dating back only to the mid-1920s. But it too has evolved into a hodgepodge of

renovations in the past several decades, a precarious situation anywhere for those looking to the long-term future of an organ's life.

The congregation and its neighbors rallied to support a new organ for Christ and St. Stephen's because the church serves not only its congregation but is also a vital part of Manhattan's music community. The Rev. L. Kathleen Liles, the rector, told the *Times*, "We're a musical congregation, this is a music-loving neighborhood, most of our members live in the neighborhood and walk to the church, and we see music not as an ornament to our worship but as an integral part of it."

Barron's *Times*' article continues: "The church decided to go the traditional route, buying another pipe organ and not a 'virtual' instrument like the computerized electronic one with digital audio that Trinity Church on Wall Street installed after its pipe organ was damaged in the dust cloud from ground zero on 9/11. ... So, since mid-February, the sanctuary has served as a staging area, carpentry shop and final assembly point as Mr. Bethards and his crew have put the instrument together, piece by piece. They made the components in their factory near San Francisco and shipped them to New York — 1,042 pipes, the wind chests that drive air into the pipes, the console with three 61-note manuals and a master switch modeled after the one found in a Rolls-Royce."

How and where FUPC's quest for an organ will go is a matter that one day will be taken up by the Session and the congregation. There will be consultants who will offer their expertise and there will be access to congregations such as Christ and St. Stephen's who can share the benefit of their experience. When the time comes, it's good to know they're available.

### ***THANK YOU, CHANCEL CHOIR!***

The Chancel Choir has provided wonderful music leadership for our church all year long. The choir members dedicate their Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings each week to sing their praises to God. The choir will take their traditional summer break from Jun 29-Aug 17, and will return will school begins. If you know a choir member, please take time to thank them for their commitment and leadership. And there's always room for more voices-are you looking for a fun place to fit in to our church family? There is plenty of room for you in the choir!



### Session Highlights

#### **Stated Meeting 05/04/08 & Called Meeting 05/18/08**

- ~ Approved, on behalf of the Outreach Committee, to appoint Ellie Dugan and Cyril Sturm as FUPC representatives in the CEO House of Representatives.
- ~ Approved, on behalf of the Personnel Committee, that Rev. Joshua Leu would continue in his current position at 40 hours/week through June 6, 2008.
- ~ Accepted the resignation of Rev. Joshua Leu, if the way be clear, with gratitude for his dedicated service to our youth and his enthusiastic contributions to the spiritual life of our congregation. The session rejoiced with Josh in the leading of the Holy Spirit to his new ministry at New Hope Christian Church.
- ~ Approved, on behalf of the Personnel Committee, a Search Committee, authorized to fill two part-time positions in Children's Ministry and Youth Ministry at 20/hours a week each or that there would be one full time position at 40 hours a week, should someone be found with the education and skills for both children and youth. The committee will consist of Dennis Bailey and James Harter of Personnel and Nell Sisco of CE, with another CE member to be appointed.
- ~ Approved, on behalf of the Personnel Committee, a Search Committee, authorized to fill a part-time position of Director of Music at 20 hours per week who will be responsible for coordinating the music ministries of the church and directing the Chancel Choir. The committee shall consist of Dennis Brewer and Sabra Martin from Personnel, Amy White-Beard of Worship and Music, and Melinda Nickle of the Chancel Choir.
- ~ Approved, on behalf of the Personnel Committee, that Rev. Lee Power continue in her current position at 40 hours per week through August 31, 2008, with further extensions possible by mutual agreement.
- ~ Approved, on behalf of the Properties Committee, that a free standing brick wall enclosing the columbarium will be repaired for a bid of \$1,800 to remove, clean and re-set the top seven courses. Funds will come from the Building and Maintenance restricted account. Columbarium funds may also be used to pay part of the repair expenses.
- ~ Approved, on behalf of the Properties Committee, following a city inspection of church plumbing, to have a "Reduced Pressure Zone Back Flow Prevention

Assembly with a Y-Strainer downstream of the water meter and before the first branch off" installed at a cost of \$1,800 +/-, with the project funded by the Building and Maintenance restricted account.

~ Rev. Josh Leu led a discussion on *The 21st Century in Youth Ministry* in regard to staffing for children and youth and the emphasis given by churches on these programs.

**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](http://www.fupcfay.org).**

*Laurie Reh*  
Clerk of Session

#### **Our Newest Members**

Members of the 2008 Confirmation Class were received as new members of First United Presbyterian Church by affirmation of faith on April 27, 2008:

<b>Jay Boushelle</b>	3196 E. Idlewood Way Fayetteville, AR 72703 Phone: 582-2994
<b>Taylor Davis</b>	1350 E. Shadowridge Fayetteville, AR 72701 Phone: 582-4319
<b>Will Hewat</b>	5321 E. Maywood Fayetteville, AR 72703 Phone: 521-6550
<b>Ben Houston</b>	2635 Stagecoach Fayetteville, AR 72703 Phone: 521-2231
<b>Timothy Oliver</b>	1692 Susan Drive Fayetteville, AR 72703 Phone: 444-0639
<b>Kori Romere</b>	2436 Jane Circle Drive Fayetteville, AR 72704 Phone: 571-1102
<b>Maria Rossetti</b>	1657 Charlee Ave. Fayetteville, AR 72703 Phone: 251-1858
<b>Caroline Wilbourn</b>	2302 Meandering Way Fayetteville, AR 72701 Phone: 521-3103



## “Changing the World One Person at a Time”

Peace out All,

I just want to say thank you to all of the people of this congregation for 2 great years. In the last 2 years I have

really enjoyed my time teaching our brilliant kids and helping them to wrestle with different theological issues. It was an honor and privilege to serve these kids and I will never forget them. I also gained many people I consider to be good friends, and found the courage to become a senior minister. I will never forget my time here at FUPC and this place will be a part of me as long as I am a minister.

Shalome out,

Rev. Joshua Leu

New Hope Christian Church

## More Graduate News...

**Colin Dixon**, son of John and Jan Dixon graduated from Rhodes College in Memphis, TN on May 10, 2008 with a degree of Bachelor of Arts, Economics and International Studies. Graduation was celebrated in Memphis with family from Australia, Alabama and Arkansas. Colin moved to Sydney Australia on May 27, 2008 to work in international financial management and to live close to his Australian family and friends.

**Carla Romere** is a recent graduate of Northwest Arkansas Community College with an Associate degree in Computer Information Systems. Carla is the mother of new member Kori Romere, a graduate of the 2007-2008 Confirmation class.

**Mary Ellen Stitt**, daughter of John and Bonny Stitt will graduate from Carleton College on June 14th as a Spanish major. She has received a fellowship to work with the Innocence Project\* in New Orleans this summer, and a Fulbright to teach English and music to low-income children in Brazil in 2009.

\*The Innocence Project is a national litigation and public policy organization dedicated to exonerating wrongfully convicted people through DNA testing and reforming the criminal justice system to prevent future injustice.

## Letters from Lee...

Dear Friends,

There are a couple of scheduling things that I wanted you to know about for the summer. The first has to do with Adult Summer Sunday School.

The following classes will be held:

Bible Discovery: A Bible Study class. **Joe Hurley** organizes the class. Various people teach. A study book is included.

Current Issues: Contact **Marion Orton** for information about whether this class will meet, and if so, what they will study.

The Contemporary Adult Class: Lessons on various topics from “The Thoughtful Christian” with meetings in the Activity Center. Contact **Dirk Charlson** at charlsond@gmail.com. If you have any questions. All adults are invited to attend.

The second schedule is my vacation schedule. I will be gone to Hawaii to see family and to attend my fiftieth high school reunion from June 5 to June 17. Then on June 25<sup>th</sup> I will go to France, and will return on July 5. I will be in the office before and between and after those trips. I hope you all have fun summer plans ahead whether you leave town or not.

Blessings upon you all,

*Lee*

## Children’s Ministry News

Summer Sunday School begins June 1. Jamie Wetsell is coordinating the summer children’s Sunday School. Ages 3&4 will continue to meet in upstairs Knox. Kindergarten through 4th grade will meet in Lower Knox. We look forward to seeing you!

What a wonderful year we have in Kids CLUBS! It would not have been possible without all the fabulous volunteers. Have a great summer Be ready for Kids CLUBS to start back up in the fall.

*Jamie*



**FOCUS ON FINANCES**

Let’s take a moment to review Stewardship. First, it is about making choices, as individuals in the community. It is about being faithful disciples, caring for, and managing all that God has given us. It is the grateful response to God’s grace and goodness. It requires a consideration of how our choices affect us and others, of how we can be good caretakers of the created world, and how we can best serve God as disciples of Christ.

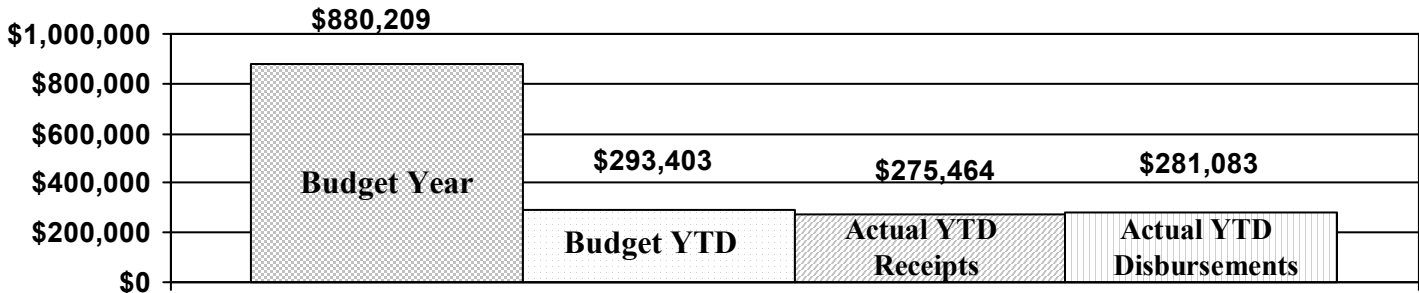
As each of you know, the 2008 pledge campaign for the operating budget had its struggles considering the issues the church was dealing with. These unusual circumstances created additional obligations unique to 2008. After several items were prayerfully removed from the budget, the financial obligations still increased nearly \$60 thousand from 2007. Budget pressures were further compounded by a decline in the number of pledging units and

pledged dollars. This combination is what led the Trustees to offer the church an interest free loan of \$200 thousand from earned endowment income. At two consecutive stated meetings in February and March, the session approved us of this “line of credit” to assist in funding the 2008 budget. The loan is scheduled for repayment in installments over the next five years, beginning in 2009.

Through the first four months of the year, only \$2500 has been used as session, staff and the committees have been very diligent with expenditures. There is no certainty of the need for the full amount. As members of our congregation, it is up to us to determine this loan’s outcome. Any increases in contributions during the year will help in two ways as the line of credit will not reach the full \$200 thousand and the amount to be repaid in subsequent years will be reduced. It is up to us to make the choice on its duration.

Here is a snapshot of the operating budget at the end of April.

**2008 OPERATING BUDGET**



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**Notes from the Editor...**

Thank you for your comments regarding the content and format as well as your contributions of articles and story suggestions.

**DEADLINE** for the July edition is June 16.

Make sure your July-August-September events and activities are on the official church calendar. If you want help writing a story call me well ahead of the deadline.

Ken Mays  
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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 Koeppe, Frank Millett, Itrel Monroe, Bo Morton, Jane Steinkraus and Nancy Waite

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11:00 a.m. Traditional  
Service

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**Fellowship News**

**All Church Picnic**

Come spend a Sunday afternoon with your church family!!

What: All Church Picnic

When: Sunday, June 29th 5-7:30 pm

Where: Veterans Park on the South Side of Lake Fayetteville,  
off Zion Road.

Burgers, hot dogs, fixin's and drinks will be provided

Please bring salads, sides, chips, and/or desserts to  
share.

There will be games and Hymn sing/gospel music.

*We hope to see you there!*

