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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.

## 2008 VBS - Power Lab



Multitude of cardboard tubes	\$ 0.00
Aluminum foil for fantastic robots	\$ 8.00
Ingredients for super slippery slime	\$20.00
Oodles of pool noodles	\$30.00

Seeing over 100 children singing, praising  
and learning about Jesus' miraculous power

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*A Light on the Hill*

## **POWER LAB VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2008**



Dear Friends and Family of First United Presbyterian Church,

Power Lab Vacation Bible School was a week of excitement and fun. There were many, many people that have worked hard over the last 6 months to put this together and create a wonderful experience. The kids were laughing, singing, dancing, praising, rejoicing, creating, and learning about the Jesus' miraculous power.

A giant thank you to all the volunteers... from the behind the scenes food preparation, to the painting of giant buddies, to cutting out cloth strips, to soaking labels off water bottles, to watching kids on the playground, and more jobs you cannot even imagine. Thank you, thank you, thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

<b>Carla Romere</b>	<b>Randy Werner</b>	<b>Christopher Talbert</b>	<b>Kathy Sprouse</b>
<b>Martha Brewer</b>	<b>Joey Folsom</b>	<b>Taylor Davis</b>	<b>John Stitt</b>
<b>Joseph Rossetti</b>	<b>Melinda Nickle</b>	<b>Kori Romere</b>	<b>Carol Hart</b>
<b>Carlin Purcell</b>	<b>Nancy Mays</b>	<b>Julie Olsen</b>	<b>Anne Vandergriff</b>
<b>Ann Bailey</b>	<b>Elizabeth Dixon</b>	<b>Diane Warren</b>	<b>Ty Goode</b>
<b>Rebecca Schneringer</b>	<b>Laura Winburn</b>	<b>Amy Matthews</b>	<b>Mary Curry</b>
<b>Amy Rossetti</b>	<b>Bill Hewat</b>	<b>Brooke Dixon</b>	<b>Terri Neal</b>
<b>Angie Hewat</b>	<b>Barry Williams</b>	<b>Taylor Wilbourn</b>	<b>Nell Tuck</b>
<b>Maria Rossetti</b>	<b>Lee Power</b>	<b>Emily Dixon</b>	<b>Pam Andersen</b>
<b>Mary Jo Harvey</b>	<b>Ben Olsen</b>	<b>Jean Kelley</b>	<b>Barbara Brown</b>
<b>Nancy Waite</b>	<b>Christi Cox</b>	<b>Eunice Millett</b>	<b>Cheryl Eck</b>
<b>Janet Clausen</b>	<b>Sharon Davis</b>	<b>Karen Ervin</b>	<b>Liz Fulton</b>
<b>Barbara Verdery</b>	<b>Lisa Thompson</b>	<b>Amber Gibbs</b>	<b>Valerie Harlan</b>
<b>Rita Manske</b>	<b>Bo Morton</b>	<b>Laura Odom</b>	<b>Chris Harris</b>
<b>Caroline Wallace</b>	<b>James Moore</b>	<b>Leana Houston</b>	<b>Leslie Johnson</b>
<b>Diane Byars</b>	<b>Mary Ellen Moore</b>	<b>Ted Belden</b>	<b>Sally Kelley</b>
<b>Corinne Power</b>	<b>Carolyn Swaney</b>	<b>Cathy Hairston</b>	<b>Lina Long</b>
<b>Holly Bunner</b>	<b>Mandy Cole</b>	<b>Betty Ezell</b>	<b>Gwen Mattice</b>
<b>Susan Walsh</b>	<b>Cathey Roberts</b>	<b>Susan Harter</b>	<b>Kathy Pederson</b>
<b>Jessie Koeppe</b>	<b>Ben Houston</b>	<b>Joan Park</b>	<b>Marty Sturm</b>
<b>Jennifer Ross</b>	<b>Jennifer Walter</b>	<b>Terri Neal</b>	<b>Carole Walter</b>
<b>Clara Spencer</b>	<b>Michelle Price</b>	<b>Ron Woodruff</b>	
<b>Jamie Wetsell</b>	<b>Melissa Werner</b>	<b>Marti Woodruff</b>	
<b>Brad Erickson</b>	<b>Amy Brand</b>	<b>Tommie Hively</b>	

You are all such a blessing to our church family.

Thank you very much,

*Katie Jackson, Melissa Gray, and Nell Sisco*



## "A Good Summertime Read"

It happens every summer. The recommendations come out for "a good summertime read." One recommendation from a friend of mine had a title I couldn't pass up: "*All I Need to Know About Ministry I Learned from Fly Fishing.*" This short book was written by Myrlene Hamilton, currently a Presbyterian Pastor in the Northeast, who for several years served as an interim pastor in churches in the Pacific Northwest. Pastor Hamilton weaves together her love of ministry and her passion for fly fishing as a guide to people of faith.

In her book are many great illustrations and metaphors for life and ministry, and one of my favorites is in the subsection "*The Same River Twice.*"

*"It's been said that you don't step into the same river twice. The water that was here a few moments ago has already moved downstream. And there are changes from day to day due to weather and water conditions. One of the great things about a river is that there is the constant sense of movement, yet a very comforting stability. A river is a symbol of trust. The water continues to move; there's more where that came from."*

*"Churches ought to be like that – a sense of movement with a comforting stability. You can't step into the same church twice because it is always changing, yet there is that sense that God, who is same yesterday, today, and forever, continues to pour grace into people's lives...."*

*"...In order for that same vitality to remain, you need to keep changing it – keep pouring God's living water through the aqueduct instead of damming it up."*

Being disciples in Christ's church is about trust, especially trust in God. It is easy for each of us to look back and see how our lives have been blessed and guided by God. It is easy, even important, to appreciate and celebrate that past. Yet, it is more important and challenging to know where God is right now, and even more difficult to discern what new future God is guiding us to embrace. That future will most probably have some themes in common for they have the same God in common.

We have been, and will be, in the process of discerning that new future even as we engage in God's good work now. This discerning may leave us a bit uneasy, yet it should also seem familiar, for from the beginning this church's founding has been about following God into a new future.

May we "*keep pouring God's living water through*" us as we ask questions that sound a bit like this –

*"God, where should we be fishing today?"*

*"What should we be fishing with, and fishing for, today?"*

*"Who should I bring with me on this fishing trip?"*

*"God, what do I do when I can't control the weather?"*

*and, "Oh, by the way, God, thanks for the invitation."*

**Barry**

p.s. As you can probably tell, I'm not ready to put this book away yet.



## In Celebration of Marriage

**Jessica Ezell and Ryan Sheets** were married on Saturday, May 24, 2008 at First United Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville. The Rev. Lee Power officiated.

**Jean Carr Kelley and Roy Thomas Ogden II** were married on Saturday May 31, 2008 at First United Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville. The Rev. Dr. Leslie Belden officiated.

## Playground Update—read more in Session Highlights on page 7





## Presbyterian Women

**Fall Coffee** is coming Tuesday, August 26 at the home of **Barbara Verdery**. 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 in September.**

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

### Presbyterian Women Service Spotlight

The Presbyterian Women met on June 1, 2008, for the annual spring luncheon. Following the invocation by **Rev. Barry Williams**, the luncheon was kicked off with the presentation of Life Membership to **Rev. Lee Power**. Rev. Power was recognized for her many years of service to the Presbyterian Women of First United Presbyterian Church as both a lay member and later a Parish Associate Minister. Rev. Power was joined at the luncheon by her family members, daughter Julie Smith, son Dwight, his wife Debbie and daughter Taylor, and son Mark and wife Corrine.

Following the meal, **Mary Jo Harvey**, Missions Chair, reported on the "good works" of the women of this congregation. The many contributions made this past year included over 30 quilts for the Linus Project, a national initiative that provides blankets to children in crisis in both Washington and Benton counties through social services, police departments, and hospitals. The group also donated hats, mittens, and scarves to the children of Fayetteville schools through the Hat & Mitten Tree Project. Presbyterian Women have made monetary donations this year which purchased a table for the church library, helped buy choir robes for the youth choir, and assisted in the playground renovation project.

Highlighting two of the other projects the women support were speakers Virginia Scott of the Vera Lloyd Children's Home and PW member **Jo Ann Brown** on behalf of Haiti Education Project. Ms. Scott told of how the Vera Lloyd Home was started, who is resident at the Home, and how the Home is operated showing photos of the Pink Hat Day festivities. Members donated over \$250 worth of school supplies which Ms. Scott graciously accepted on behalf of the

children currently in residence at the Home. Ms. Brown explained the start of the El Dorado Presbyterian Church's involvement in the Haiti Education Project—now contributed to by First United's Presbyterian Women—and described what a trip to the Haiti schools is like. Pictures and facts emphasized the great success of the Haiti Education Project.

Circle One Leader, **Mary Boushelle**, introduced the coming year's Bible study, *Jubilee, Luke's Gospel for the Poor* by Dale Lindsey Morgan. With a trumpet blast, she challenged us all to bring a fellow church member, friend, or relative to join in our Jubilee.

Members of the newly established Coordinating Team were introduced by Rev. Lee Power. Moderator Elect **Nancy Mays** closed the meeting following a devotional by Rev. Barry Williams.

### Outreach Feed the Homeless Project

The first meal prepared by FUPC volunteers for 7 Hills Homeless Shelter was delivered on Friday, June 20. Each team did their part in shopping, preparation, delivery and serving. The next meal from FUPC will be delivered on Friday, July 18. Thanks to all our dedicated volunteers who made this idea into reality.



### CEO Food Sunday is July 6!

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.

### Communion at Butterfield Trail Village



Thursday, July 3  
4:00 pm  
All are welcome!

**No Stated Session meeting in July**  
**No Moderators' Meeting in July**  
**Deadline for August FOCUS is July 21**

## Happy Birthday !!

**July 1**  
Roger Koeppe  
James Price

**July 2**  
Kathy Wade

**July 3**  
Carol DeGier  
Larry Ward  
Doug Wright

**July 6**  
Isabella Walter

**July 7**  
John McNair

**July 8**  
Bonnie Heiple

**July 9**  
Katie Senor

**July 10**  
Emma Hewat  
Kelsey Schacherbauer  
Ellen Umiker

**July 13**  
Kaye Cox  
Andrew Jenner

**July 14**  
Leslie Belden

**July 17**  
Shelby Daniels  
Gareth Eck  
Kathy Harriell  
Alexander Hemphill  
Sharon James  
Barbara Kristoffersen  
Barbara Verdery  
Harper Wallace

**July 18**  
Taylor Davis  
Kyle Elmore  
Itrel Monroe

**July 19**  
Jamie Brewer  
Jana Hemphill  
Gail Segers

**July 20**  
Dennis Brewer  
Marcy Hill

**July 21**  
Marilyn Anderson  
Clayton Brand  
Clara Spencer

**July 22**  
Jan Dixon  
Nell Tuck  
Eddy White

**July 24**  
Alice Matthews  
Evelyn Rudko  
Mary Alice Schumacher

**July 26**  
George Schumacher

**July 27**  
Andre Rouse  
Irene Tuck

**July 28**  
Allison Trotter- Wright

**July 30**  
Vernon Anderson  
Lorrie Bashor  
Barbara George  
Trina Oliver

**July 31**  
Ollie Birkett  
Della Rutherford



## Daily Bible Readings for July

1	Matthew 21:23-32	16	Matthew 25:31-46
2	Matthew 21:33-46	17	Matthew 26:1-16
3	Matthew 22:1-14	18	Matthew 26:17-25
4	Matthew 22:15-22	19	Matthew 26:26-35
5	Matthew 22:23-40	20	Mark 2:1-12
6	Mark 1:14-20	21	Matthew 26:36-46
7	Matthew 23:1-12	22	Matthew 26:47-56
8	Matthew 23:13-26	23	Matthew 26:57-68
9	Matthew 23:27-39	24	Matthew 26:69-75
10	Matthew 24:1-14	25	Matthew 27:1-10
11	Matthew 24:15-31	26	Matthew 27:11-23
12	Matthew 24:32-51	27	Mark 2:23-28
13	Mark 1:21-27	28	Matthew 27:24-31
14	Matthew 25:1-13	29	Matthew 27:32-44
15	Matthew 25:14-30	30	Matthew 27:45-54
		31	Matthew 27:55-66

### Presbytery of Arkansas requests prayer for the following churches:

July 6 Trinity, Little Rock and Spring River, Hardy  
 July 13 First, Bentonville and Westminster, Little Rock  
 July 20 First, Conway and First, Prairie Grove  
 July 27 First, Morrilton and First Springdale.

### Committee Moderators—Building Access



If your committee needs access to church buildings during evening, holiday or weekend hours, it is your responsibility to have the necessary keys and security codes or to secure them during normal business hours. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

### Promoting your September Event or Activity

- Coordinate with other committees and get Session approval, if necessary.
- Make sure your event or activity is on the Master Church Calendar.
- Submit basic information (what, when, where, why) for August *FOCUS* by July 21.
- Submit final information including sign-up or reservation for September *FOCUS* by August 18.

Thanks for helping keep everyone informed and involved.

*Ken Mays, editor*

## Focus on First School

Summer is flying by and we are so busy learning and having fun at First School that the day is over before we know it. The elementary and preschool programs are launching the First School Flowerbed Program. They will pull weeds, enrich the soil, add plantings and maintain the beds all summer. The beds are located in the parking lot in front of the school. Look for our signs. If anyone has any sun loving perennials they would like to donate for the kids to put in the beds, please contact us at 571-4516.



First School has 119 children enrolled in the summer program and employs 20 part-time teaching staff. First School will be up for renewal of our Quality Initiative Accreditation status this month. A Quality Specialist will be evaluating our program and hopefully we'll pass with flying colors. We'll keep you posted.

Love in Christ,

*Cathy Hairston*

## Youth Ministry News

**Middle School/Junior High Sunday School (grades 5-8):** This class is watching and discussing Rob Bell videos under the guidance of **Leana Houston**. They are meeting in the Audio Visual Room in Lower Knox.

**Senior High Sunday School (grades 9-12):** This summer many of the members of Senior High (grades 9-12) Sunday School are busy learning, serving, working and traveling so the class is taking a summer recess. Senior High students are welcome to attend the Middle School/Jr. High class (grades 5-8) which is meeting in the Audio Visual Room in Lower Knox.

**UPY Volunteers Needed:** UPY is studying "Jesus for President" by Shane Claiborne, with discussions led by UPY members. The Youth Committee is looking for volunteers to provide adult guidance during UPY meetings on Sunday's from 4-5:30 pm. No lesson preparation is required, but help with snacks would be appreciated. This is a great opportunity to interact with and join in

Christian fellowship with our youth. If you can volunteer a Sunday this summer, please contact either **Lin Oliver** (woliver@uark.edu) or **Manuel Rossetti** (ahrmdr@aol.com) for more details.

**Heifer Project Ranch Trip:** A UPY trip to the Heifer Project Ranch in Perryville is planned for August 1-4. It is for youth that have completed 6th grade. The cost is \$100; however, financial assistance is available. The deadline to sign-up and pay is July 11. If you did not receive information about the trip in the mail and are interested in participating, please call or stop by the church office. If you are interested in being a chaperon, please contact **Amy Rossetti** at 251-1858 or ahrmdr@aol.com.

## Children's Ministry News

The K-5 children of the church collected offerings all year during Sunday School with the mission to purchase an animal or animals through the Heifer International Program. Our children responded greatly and we collected over \$270!!

The children were given 3 options of animals to buy. The votes are in and we will be buying a llama, trio of rabbits, bees, and a flock of ducks for needy people throughout the world. If you see one of our youngsters, let them know how proud you are!!

We will be collecting offering through the summer and will have a new project for the kids in the Fall to work towards.

## 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. Our next rotation will begin in July. 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 or by phone at 521-6628.

## **Session Highlights Stated Meeting 06/01/08**

~ Katie Jackson presented an updated Playground Renovation plan and progress to date to raise funds.

~ Authorized Playground Renovation Committee to purchase and install playground equipment with an approved proposal. Funding for the installation fee of approximately \$8,000 shall be set aside in the budget for the next year and shall be paid by January 2009. Additional donations go toward reducing the amount and certain aspects of the labor required will be allowed to be donated so long as it doesn't void the warranty.

~ Approved Presbyterian Women's request to charge \$8.00/meal at the Fall Gathering on September 27 for churches in our Cluster. Also approved the collection of a voluntary offering for the Community Meal Program.

~ Approved donation from Memorial Gifts Committee for \$500 to the playground renovation taken from Restricted Memorial & Honorarium Fund #02351.

~ Approved Personnel Committee's proposal to provide staff members employed by FUPC on July 1, 2008 with a 3% cost of living raise effective on that date. This shall not affect the First School staff, contracted salary of Rev. Barry Williams nor the severance agreement with Rev. Norwood Brown.

~ Appointed Irel and Betty Monroe to serve as commissioners to represent FUPC at the 108<sup>th</sup> Stated Presbytery meeting.

~ Recognized Mary Vaughn as the new teacher representative for the First School Commission.

~ Voted to not hold the July stated session meeting.

~ Adopted E-mail Voting Guidelines and acknowledged that 1) some business may need to be conducted between stated meetings, 2) technology plays an increasing role in our lives, 3) certain action items can be voted on via e-mail, and 4) e-mail voting eliminates the discussion process that can be important in building a consensus; therefore, the purpose of e-mail voting would be to pass non-controversial matters and to reduce the time to handle these matters in stated meetings.

**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

## **Rejoice and Renew!**

### **Toward a new organ for FUPC's sanctuary**

Churches such as ours face an inevitable decision on what to do about an aging organ. Four of options are listed at the Web site [pipeorgans.com](http://pipeorgans.com)

- 1) rebuild the existing pipe organ;
- 2) replace the pipe organ with an electronic substitute;
- 3) purchase an entirely new pipe organ; or
- 4) make do with a compromised instrument.

The rebuilding option is essentially what FUPC has been doing off and on for more than 80 years by expanding, improving and replacing parts of an instrument that doesn't bear much resemblance to the original model obtained in the mid-1920s. With careful manipulation by competent organists, it continues to be serviceable -- but for how long is a guess not even the best expert could accurately predict. Rebuilding what has become a hodge-podge of organ parts becomes less practical over time.

The electronic option has been explored and rejected by the organ committee, despite its more competitive pricing. Take into account the argument posed at [pipeorgans.com](http://pipeorgans.com): "Trading in an existing pipe organ for an electronic substitute can be much like tossing out an heirloom gold watch bequeathed by your grandfather and replacing it with a plastic digital watch." Your organ committee has already explored the matter and brought in digital organs for review. The committee decided to stay with pipe organs for their long-term durability and superior sound quality. The organ committee has been in touch regularly with an organ manufacturer in Little Rock with national market. If the day comes that the congregation, through Session, decides to move ahead toward building a new pipe organ, the church would contract with such a manufacturer to do the job.

The decision would be a first definite step in a major effort for the church, the kind that [pipeorgans.com](http://pipeorgans.com) describes this way: Congregants are often eager to make contributions of time and money to a rebuilding project where the results of their efforts are clear and yet intertwined with the most sublime moments of their worship experience. Church members can share in the positive experience of achieving goals where the result is both a thing of beauty and sacred --- both a concrete and spiritual manifestation of what fellowship within the congregation is all about. In this way a pipe organ rebuilding project can be very helpful in deepening the bonds within the congregation."

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

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**FOCUS ON FINANCES**

Please take a moment to remember your church and its financial needs. We still need continued regular commitments to meet our obligations, as cash flow during the summer months can become an issue.

The month of May saw a drop in pledge income, which required borrowing from the Endowment Earned Income Line of Credit to meet obligations. To date, this borrowing has been \$ 21,500 versus the \$ 200,000 authorized amount. Overall spending continues at a rate less than the budgeted amount.

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

**2008 OPERATING BUDGET**

