

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Request for Gifts for new Chancel Organ Console:** Our church is addressing the pipe organ's immediate need, which is this: we need to replace the console which no longer does what the organist tries to make it do. Performance problems occur intermittently and without warning. The worse news is that the console could suffer a major breakdown with just as little advance indication. The Session has approved an expenditure of \$30,000 to cover the costs of solving these urgent problems by replacing the two-manual keyboard console with a three-manual keyboard housed in a solid-state electrical unit. Of this amount, \$12,750 has been paid from existing funds; the rest must be found elsewhere. The church has an organ fund to accommodate donations toward meeting such costs. Contributions are welcome to help defray the immediate expense of providing us with a reliable console. This is the first phase of a long-term program to rebuild and renovate the organ's most crucial elements before age and use catch up with them. Donations designated for the organ fund are welcome in the collection plate, or you may discuss a gift with Barry.

**Holiday Office Schedule:** From Mon. Dec. 28 - Wed., Dec. 30, the office will be open 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. On Thurs., December 31, the office will close at noon and re-open Mon., January 4.

**Congregational Annual Meeting and Luncheon:** Mark your calendars for the Annual Meeting, Sunday, January 24, following the 11:00 am service, Fellowship Hall.

**Stewardship, Budget, and Finance:** End of the year contributions will help greatly in providing a solid foundation for 2010. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**Prayer Concerns:** Mary Margaret Morton, Billy Thompson, Mary Schaller, Eva Stalker, Don Shefte, John Burhorn, Jim Scroggs, Catherine Cross, Rita Davis, Sue Ellen Ward, Rev. Maury Roberts, Marion Orton, Cindy Campbell (Wittry) (death of her uncle), Molly Williams, Margot Grossman (Byron Haines' Niece), Laurie Marshall (death of her mother), LeGene Vaughn (Mary Schlegal's sister-in-law), Chiko Sekiguchi (death of Ted), Becky Purcell (death of her Uncle Sam McCammon), Verne Righter, Pam Jenkins (sister of Laura Winburn's step-mother), Rita Manske (death of her sister Sandra Kretzer), Patsy Brewer (death of Ted), Mary Beth Coldwell (death of her mother Mary Frances Gladney), 2nd Lt. Alec Burner-Abt (Barbara Brown's nephew), Alyce Brown (David Brown's mother), Jane Nelson, Alex Ruth (death of his father), Verne Righter, Barbara George (death of her stepfather), Ronnie Denn, Inez Ballenger, John, Colin, and Bronwyn Dixon (death of Jan), Alvis Houston (Tom Houston's father), Jennifer Cole (daughter of Carole Walter), Randy and Pam Andersen, Cindy Andersen, Emily and Buckley Bridges, Erin and John Wilson, Melissa Wilson (death of Matthew: son, husband, brother and brother-in-law, uncle), Helen Ezell, Laurie Reh (death of her mother), Lene Wells (sister-in-law of Kathy Sprouse), David Dulin and family (friends of Mary Jo Harvey), Connie and Jeff Taylor (daughter and son-in-law of Mary Jo Harvey), Julie Olsen (death of her grandmother), Sue Gohn (death of sister), Norman Koch (father of Janet Clausen), Anna Smitherman

**WELCOME GUESTS,** we pray that our worship together will strengthen and nurture our faith. If you are seeking a church home, please feel free to learn more about First United Presbyterian Church by speaking to a minister, a staff member, or a member of Session.

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP PACKETS** are available in the Narthex. These include activity sheets, crayons and bookmarks.

**PROFESSIONAL NURSERY CARE** is provided in lower level Calvin.

**MEMBERSHIP IN FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—All are invited** to unite with the church by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith, or transfer of church letter. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of the pastors or the church office (442-4411).

## CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

**Worship Services\*:** Sanctuary: 8:30 am: Communion, 11:00 am

### WEEK DAY CALENDAR

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

**First School Closed**

**Church Office Hours:** 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Boy Scouts:** 7:00 pm, Activity Center

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

**First School Closed**

**Church Office Hours:** 9:00 am—4:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

**Men's Breakfast:** 6:30 am, Village Inn

**First School Closed**

**Church Office Hours:** 9:00 am-4:00 pm

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

**Church Office Closes at noon**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2010

**First School Closed**

**Church Office Closed**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

**AA Meeting:** 6:00 pm, Activity Center

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

**Worship Services\*:** Sanctuary: 8:30 am: Communion, 11:00 am

**No Choir**

**CEO Offering**

**Pre-school & Elementary Sunday School:** 9:30 am, Upper and Lower Knox

**2nd and 3rd grade chimes:** (after Sunday School) 10:25-10:45 am, Lower Knox

**4th and 5th grade chimes:** (before Sunday School) 9:30-9:50 am, Lower Knox

**Confirmation Class for 6th and 7th grade:** Lower Knox

**8th- 12th grade Sunday School:** Recreation Room

**Adult Sunday School Assembly:** 9:30 am, Fellowship Hall

**Adult Sunday School:** 9:45 am, assigned space

**UPY:** 4:00 pm, Recreation Room

\*Indicates that professional childcare is provided for these events. #Indicates that reservations must be made.

### STAFF

Rev. Barry Williams  
Interim Pastor

Dr. Todd Prickett  
Director of Music

Rev. Lee Power  
Parish Assistant

Jeannie Lee  
Organist

Kristi Button  
Director of Christian Education

Melanie Dietzel  
Administrative Assistant

## First United Presbyterian Church Fayetteville, Arkansas

*Called to be a **light on the hill**,  
we boldly proclaim and serve Christ,  
the hope of our changing world.*



*First United Presbyterian Church  
is a faithful, dynamic congregation  
visibly demonstrating a deep commitment  
to proclaim Jesus Christ,  
as we lovingly grow in discipleship  
and eagerly engage in service to others.*

**December 27, 2009**

**First Sunday After Christmas**

Please call the church office, 442-4411,  
during the week with prayer concerns, joys or hospital information.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS  
DECEMBER 27, 2009

**GATHERING**

PRELUDE *Carols of the Stable* Edward Broughton

\*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

LIFE AND WORK OF GOD'S PEOPLE

STRIKING OF THE BELL AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES  
(11:00am)

ACOLYTES: Emily Jackson and Connor Button

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Come and worship with the joy of Christmas.  
**Come and worship with hope of Christmas.**  
Let us worship with traditions opening us to old truths.  
**Let us worship traditions opening us to new ways.**  
Come and follow Jesus.  
**Come and grow with Jesus.**  
Praise the Lord.  
**The Lord's name be praised.**

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

**O God of love, to you we ascribe all honor and majesty,  
beauty and strength. You brought forth a child  
whom we call blessed, upon whose shoulders  
rests the destiny of this world.  
You give us the gift of life everlasting,  
a wonderful counselor who guides all your people.  
All glory to you in the highest,  
and on earth peace among all living things.  
Amen**

\*HYMN *Once in Royal David's City* PH 49

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, you nurture us from our mother's wombs  
with blessings of divine and human favor.  
Yet we have withheld our favor from those  
whom we deem unlovely. Forgiven by you,  
we have refused to forgive others.  
We forget to see Christ in others.**

**In your love show us mercy. Give us a heart  
to love as we have been loved,  
to show favor as we have been shown favor.  
Enable us to always act in Jesus' name,  
with thanksgiving for your unchanging love  
revealed to us in his coming to us, and abiding with us.  
(silent confession)**

\*KYRIE

**Lord, have mercy, upon us.  
Christ, have mercy, upon us.  
Lord, have mercy, upon us.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends believe the good news of the gospel.  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

\*GLORIA PATRI PH 579

**THE WORD**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

EPISTLE LESSON Colossians 3:12-17

SPECIAL MUSIC *Mary, Did You Know?*  
Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene  
Beth Stockdell, harp

Mary, did you know that your baby boy  
Would someday walk on water?  
Mary did you know that your baby boy  
Will save our sons and daughters?  
Did you know that your baby boy  
Has come to make you new?  
This child that you've delivered  
Will soon deliver you.

Mary did you know that your baby boy  
Will give sight to a blind man?  
Mary did you know that your baby boy  
Will calm the storm with his hand?  
Did you know that your baby boy  
has walked where angels trod?  
When you kiss your little baby  
You've kissed the face of God.

The blind will see, the deaf will hear  
The dead will live again.  
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak  
The praises of the Lamb

Mary did you know that your baby boy  
Is Lord of all creation?  
Mary did you know that your baby boy  
Will one day rule the nations?  
Did you know that your baby boy  
Is heaven's perfect Lamb?  
This sleeping child you're holding  
Is the Great I Am

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 2:41-52

SERMON *What is Your Spiritual Eyesight?* Rev. Lee Power

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  
*Apostles Creed* (Ecumenical) PH 14

\*HYMN (11:00am) *The First Nowell* PH 56

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER (11:00 am)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *The Holly and the Ivy* Ross Anderson

\*DOXOLOGY PH 592

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
**Gracious God, these offerings are but first steps.  
Use them and use us in ways that bring life and growth  
to all your children. Amen**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (8:30 AM)

**SENDING**

\*HYMN *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* PH 29

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION  
Now to God who by the power at work within us is able to do far  
more abundantly than all that we ask or think,  
**To God be glory in the church and in Jesus Christ  
to all generations forever and ever.**  
Amen  
**Amen**

POSTLUDE *Go Tell it on the Mountain* Robert Thygerson

\*Please stand as you are able.

*Please register your attendance on the Friendship pad.*