

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH  
 8:30 a.m. - Contemporary Worship Service - 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship Service  
 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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August 31, 2008

**Theme:** We are always on a Mission, whether at home or abroad, whether expecting to experience the Kingdom or not. God will use us in powerful ways if we recognize and are open to the possibility of sharing His love.

God Gathers Us Together

- Prelude
- Announcements
- Songs of Praise
  - Be Glorified*
  - Great Is the Lord*
  - Holy and Anointed One*

- Opening Prayer
- Using the Peace
  - God Speaks to Us
- Scripture Lesson
  - John 15:1-17

- Sharing of Joys and Concerns
- Prayer Song
  - Lamb of God*
- Prayers of the People
- Offering

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR AUGUST 24, 2008

Budget for 2008	\$403,236	Sunday School Attendance	107
Needed each week	\$7,755	Worship Service Attendance	201
Budget received last Sunday	\$5,789	Early Worship Attendance	50
Needed to date	\$263,870	Total Worship Attendance	251
Received to date	\$246,547		
Net Receipts	(\$17,323)		

- SUNDAY, August 31
- 3:30 p.m. - Education Committee
- 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. - UMYF
- MONDAY, September 1 - Labor Day
- Church Office Closed
- TUESDAY, September 2
- 9:00 am. - Preschool Begins
- WEDNESDAY, September 3
- 10:00 a.m. - DISCIPLINE Bible Study
- 11:30 a.m. - Women's Givers (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)
- 7:00 p.m. - Prayer Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. - Joint Men's and Women's Ensemble Rehearsal
- THURSDAY, September 4
- 7:00 p.m. - Staff Parish Relations Committee
- FRIDAY, September 5
- 6:00 p.m. - Staff Kick Off Get Together
- SUNDAY, September 7 - Promotion Sunday
- 3:00 p.m. - District Superintendent Installation Service
- 6:00 p.m. - UMYF at Roanoke Bible College

Scripture Lesson

Colossians 4:2-6

Message

"Buenos Dias, Senor Jesus"

Danny Peck

We Respond to God's Call

Closing Song

Give Thanks

God Sends Us Forth

Words of Blessing

Exit Song

*Our Service of Worship Ends, Our Worship in Service Begins*

*Welcome to our Contemporary Worship Service. We are delighted you have come and would love to have you for a regular part of our worship and our church life together.*

*We have many opportunities for fellowship, study, and service.*

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is expressed to Dora Twiford and Fran Wells and Families upon the death of their sister, Helen Lopez, on Thursday, August 21, 2008.

STEP INTO FALL WITH UNITED METHODIST WOMEN... The first fall meeting of the UMW is September 15<sup>th</sup>. We welcome all Methodist women to join us as we begin the fall season. Bring your ideas in mission work! Come and get involved. See you on the 15<sup>th</sup>!

HELPING HANDS NEEDED... Anyone who would like to join a group in helping with Bereavement Meals, please contact Diane Carver, our church secretary, at 335-1771.

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY... An organizational meeting was held on August 20 where great interest was shown. We are still looking for people interested in knitting and helping with this ministry. The meetings will be held at the church on Tuesdays (beginning September 9<sup>th</sup>) at 10:00 a.m. and on Wednesdays (beginning September 10<sup>th</sup>) at 6:00 p.m. We will continue

these meetings for two months, reassess, and then reorganize if necessary. If you are interested or have questions, please call Lucinda Richardson at 335-0185 or Adrienne Zelenak at 331-7999.

ABELL PROJECT ... We are in the final stages of the Stabell project. Please join us Saturday mornings from 8:00 to 12:00 to complete the finishing touches on the house. This has been a wonderful opportunity to serve God and help a neighbor.

COMING SOON! CHURCH YARD SALE! It's that time of the year when we clean out closets and attics. Start saving those items for the Church Yard Sale on **Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**. Items may be brought to the church beginning Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. There will be a certain area in the Asbury Room for this. For other times, call the church office at 335-1771 to make special arrangements. If you have items that need to be picked up, call the church office also. We cannot accept items before September 29<sup>th</sup>. Let's make this the largest sale ever!

FUMC'S FIRST ANNUAL CHILI CHALLENGE! Calling all chili cooks!!! Calling all chili lovers!!! Chili dates back to the mid-1800s when Texas trail cooks used whatever ingredients were on hand, including buffalo, venison, rattlesnakes (!) and, of course, chiles, to feed hungry cowboys on long trail drives. Fortunately, you won't have to "saddle up your mule" or shoot a rattlesnake to enjoy some mouth-watering chili because FUMC will be hosting its **First Annual Chili Challenge** right here and we need your help!!! Rustle up a pot of your best-tasting, most comforting, spiciest, beaniest or whatever-you-like chili to be "sampled" by fellow church members. Members will taste the various chilis and vote on their favorites. An appropriate "chili apron" or chili-descriptive name (Screaming Sensation, Toenail Curling, Very Vegetarian, Buzzard's Breath, or Legal Lip Remover) may earn contestants extra points so feel free to be creative! Our winner will be duly recognized as the "FUMC Chili Champion", a title to be revered among chili connoisseurs! You'll want to bring your chili and/or your tastiest tastebuds to this Chili Challenge on **Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the Asbury Room/Fellowship Hall**. Cornbread and drinks will be provided for all (hot dogs will be available for kids!). Mark your calendars, break out those chili recipes and be sure to join us for a "little bit of Texas" on **October 12 at 5:00 p.m.**

CHRISTIAN EXPLORERS CLASS... Anyone wishing to join our class, you are invited to come share breakfast with us during the Sunday School time on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.

BBO/CHICKEN DINNER FUNDRAISER coming October 24<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be available the end of September.