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WE CELEBRATE A NEW PRESIDENT—by Bishop Scott Jones

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The inauguration of Barack Obama as the 44th president of the United States was a moving and historic event. All Americans, regardless of party affiliation or political philosophy, can rejoice in the election of an African-American as our president.

Our national history of slavery, civil war, segregation and racism has been a heavy burden for 300 years. Obama's election does not heal all, but it does represent a step forward and a major milestone in our journey. I suspect I will always remember where I was today in the same way I remember 9/11 and President John Kennedy's assassination.

We Christians are committed to the vision of Galatians 3:28, "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." Racism is a sin that all too often infects our society and our church.

People may (and will) argue about the new president's policies—that is the democratic process. He should be (and will) be judged by the content of his character and the wisdom of his policies. That was Dr. King's dream, that such judgments be rendered not on the basis of skin color but on substantive grounds.

Obama's inauguration is a celebration, and national unity for an important step forward for us and for the world.

FROM THE PASTOR'S BLOG: FUND BALANCE REPORT (January 26, 2009)

We started 2008 with \$13,663.49 in the General Operating Fund and ended with \$16,876.35. We got there through faithful giving during difficult times. Thanks to you all and may God bless you.

FROM THE PASTOR'S BLOG: EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND (January 28, 2009)

We collected \$868.62 for the Emergency Assistance Fund on Christmas Eve. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

FROM THE PASTOR'S BLOG: SHUT IN LIST (January 28, 2009)

We're trying to compile a comprehensive list of all members of First United Methodist Church who are shut-in. If you know of someone who should be on the list, drop Linda a line at linda@coffeyvillefirstumc.org or give her a call at 620-251-3240.

OUR GIVING

DECEMBER 21, 2008

General Operating Fund	\$4,921.86
Board of Trustees	202.00
Sunday School Offering	35.25
Bridges to the Future	600.00
Scholarship Fund	500.00
Emergency Assist. Fund	1,000.00
Christmas Baskets	25.00
Christmas Offering	325.00

DECEMBER 24, 2008 (Christmas Eve)

General Operating Fund	\$ 20.00
Emergency Assist. Fund	868.62

DECEMBER 28, 2008

General Operating Fund	\$4,831.19
Board of Trustees	358.00
Sunday School Offering	24.50
Bridges to the Future	628.00
Christmas Offering	1,395.00
Emergency Assist. Fund	4.00
Sunday School Literature	10.00

JANUARY 4, 2009

General Operating Fund	\$6,419.00
Board of Trustees	260.00
Sunday School Offering	25.50
Christmas Offering	20.00
Emergency Assist. Fund	2.00
Bridges to the Future	20.00
CCC Scholarship	50.00

JANUARY 11, 2009

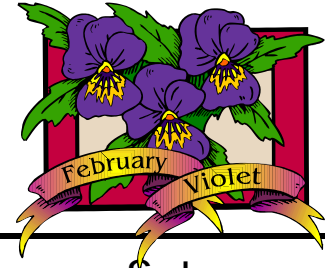
General Operating Fund	\$6,534.55
Board of Trustees	77.00
Sunday School Offering	33.75
Emergency Assist. Fund	2.00
Bridges to the Future	10.00
Genesis	55.00

JANUARY 18, 2009

General Operating Fund	\$4,138.90
Board of Trustees	63.00
Sunday School Offering	26.50
Human Relations Day Offering	20.00
Emergency Assist. Fund	2.00



February 2009 Birthdays



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Theo Grundy	2 Grace Irma Cook	3	4 Mamie Zenge	5 Florene Carnes Frenia Cerny Laudine Luhn Ronald Stoneking Jean Unruh	6	7 
8 Brian Foreman	9	10 	11 Bobby Larimore	12 Gertrude Bowersox Winifred Maxson	13 Carmen Winston	14 
15	16 Norma Hamm	17	18 David Baldwin Jerry Hamm	19	20 Dorothy Bumgardner Effie Jo Wade	21 Tony Wood
22 	23	24 Gladys Ayres	25 Wayne Engel	26	27 	28



February 2009 Church Activities



<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 8:10 Worship 9:30 S. School & Coffee Time 10:50 Worship 5:00 Youth	2 7:15 Men's Prayer Brkfst	3 Noon Al-Anon	4 1:00 UMW Exec. Board 1:30 UMW Unit Meeting 5:15 Trustees 6:00 Choir 7:15 Taize	5 5:15 PPRC Meeting	6	7
8 8:10 Worship 9:30 S. School & Coffee Time 10:50 Worship 5:00 Youth	9 7:15 Men's Prayer Brkfst 9:00 Sal. Army Volunteers	10 Noon Al-Anon	11 5:15 Vision Team 6:00 Choir	12	13	14 
15 8:10 Worship 9:30 S. School & Coffee Time 10:50 Worship 2:30 Asbury Tales Movie	16 7:15 Men's Prayer Brkfst	17 Noon Al-Anon	18 1:30 Circle 1 6:00 Choir	19 6:00 Circle 2	20	21
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THANK YOU

Please convey our Thanks to the "Caring Ministry" of First Church for the lovely gift you brought to us. The goodies are really good and we love the slipper socks and Kleenex. And most of all we enjoyed your fellowship!

God Bless you all, Dale and Winifred Maxson

SAFE AND SACRED TRAINING SESSION PLANNED

Safe and Sacred Training will be held February 8, 2009, 1:00-4:00 pm at Pittsburg FUMC. Please contact Shayne Anderson to register at 620-232-1587. Anyone wishing to attend should bring an application packet filled out (you may get these at <http://www.kansaseast.org/> Scroll down on home page to block in the middle column that says forms, click on forms then click on view forms page, scroll down on the second page and click on S&S Worker Packet and print them all. Fill them out completely and bring them to the training).

FROM THE PASTOR'S BLOG: SERMONS ON CD (Sunday, January 18, 2008)

The church purchased a new digital recorder that produces great quality recordings and we're gearing up to produce copies of the sermon on CD (Compact Disc). If you know someone who can't make it to worship but would like still like to hear the sermon please let us know. We're willing and able to provide inexpensive CD players.

FROM THE PASTOR'S BLOG: VEGGIETALES (Sunday, January 18, 2008)

We had 14 kids and numerous parents at this afternoon's VeggieTales Movie Event. That came after having 10 kids in the Children's and Youth Sunday School Classes this morning. I just got home and I originally went over to church at about 7:10 this morning. I'm blessed to have a job I love.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Caden James Carr was born on January 19, 2009. He was born at 11:23 pm and weighed 6 lb and 5 oz. He was 18 ¾ inches long. His parents are Laura and Casey Carr, grandparents are Dennis and Julie Keith Carr, and great grandparents are Tom and Mary Keith Ingram. Congratulations to the family and blessing to the new baby!

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

New address for Tom and Mary Ingram: Brookstone Assisted Living, 415 Longview, Apt. #40, Fayetteville, AR 72703. Phone number: 479-442-1735.

PECANS?

Cathy Cain, 251-5073, has this year's crop of pecans for sale. Price is \$3.00 a pound. If you are interested, give Cathy a call.

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CHICKEN AND NOODLE DINNER TO SUPPORT AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

The Coffeyville Community College (CCC) Ravens For Relay team will host a chicken noodle dinner on **Thursday, Jan. 29 from 11:30-1 p.m.** at the First United Methodist Church at 10th and Elm. The menu includes chicken and noodles, green beans, mashed potatoes, homemade hot rolls, homemade desserts and a drink for a \$5 donation. All proceeds will go toward the Coffeyville Relay For Life and the American Cancer Society.