

## Serve

### Room in the Inn

Room In the Inn, our winter ministry that houses, feeds and welcomes homeless men into our church home, is gearing up for a fabulous seventh season. In order for this ministry to be effective, we need hundreds of volunteers. Specifically, there is need for Captains to recruit a team to run a night of RITI. If you are interested or have questions, please email or call Kelly Svec, kabone30@yahoo.com, 277-6437, 221-9560.

### Check out our web site!

Want to get connected at First Church? Would you like to learn about how First Church is involved in serving through missions? Pick up one of our missions brochures or visit us at [www.1stumc.org](http://www.1stumc.org), and click on Missions. For additional information, call Teddy Ray, 233-0545, or [teddy@1stumc.org](mailto:teddy@1stumc.org).

### Wesley Village Senior Living Community

Heroes, Saints and Legends

Tuesday, October 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Embassy Suites Hotel

*Keynote Speaker:*  
Rev. Dr. James Stratton

2009 Honorees:  
Phyllis D. Corbitt,  
Robert L. Holloway and  
Harold W. Dorsey

\$50 per person/\$500 per table

### Food Drive for The Rock/LaRoca United Methodist Church

Every Monday evening at The Rock La Roca UMC, free clothing is available (from 3 – 5 pm), there is a short worship service at 5:45 pm and a meal at 6:15 pm with distribution of food baskets (based on family size) after the meal.

To help supplement the food LaRoca purchases from God's Pantry, First Church will host a food drive here on October 4 and October 11.

Items needed are:

- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruits
- Pasta
- Peanut Butter
- Jiffy Mixes

Please place your items in the blue bin in the gathering hall on October 4 and 11 to help feed those in the LaRoca neighborhood. We also invite you to worship and fellowship with our brothers and sisters at LaRoca on Monday evenings as they reach out to the community.

### Where would you like to serve?

Our discipleship path of worship, grow and serve gives us a framework for becoming faithful followers of Jesus Christ. As Christians, we are called to use our gifts and strengths to help others and to live out the Good News of the Gospel so that others may come to know Christ.

At First Church, we have multiple opportunities to serve in our caring ministries, with our children and youth, in music and worship, in mission—and the needs go on.

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Our Mission: To invite, equip and deploy faithful followers of Jesus Christ.

As faithful followers, we worship, grow and serve together.

#### Sunday Worship Opportunities, downtown

8:30 & 11:00 a.m., Worship Service, Sanctuary  
11:00 a.m., Offerings Contemporary Worship Service, West Chapel  
Sunday School at 9:50 a.m.

#### Sunday Worship Opportunity, Andover

11:00 a.m., Worship Service, Sanctuary  
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

#### The Christian Year

October 4: World Communion Sunday  
October 11: Children's Sabbath  
November 1: All Saints Day



**Two Locations. One Firm Foundation.**

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## The Game of Life

Biblical Lessons Learned From Coaching  
Fall 2009 Sermon Series—Rev. J. Paul Brunstetter

I love sports. Sad to say, there may have been a time when my participation in sports was more important than my education. But then again, sports provided a form of education. Some of my coaches, especially those who were Christian, played important roles in my life development.

My years spent coaching (high school basketball, soccer, track and field, tennis, golf, and gymnastics) grew out of my love for the game, but more importantly, were fueled by a desire to help impact the lives of the young men and women. During this time I enjoyed doing Bible studies with many players and came to understand my own philosophies of the game were principles in the Bible. Indeed, understanding these principles not only made me a better coach, but better at life in general.

This series of sermons will just scratch the surface of some of these values, but I hope will help you understand some of the parallels in life. You don't need to be a sports fan - whether your interests are in personal and spiritual development, or success in business, career, relationships, church, or life in general, we all could benefit from reflecting upon these themes. After all, the games we play are, in many ways, a shadowing of the game of life.

*"Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever."*

(I Corinthians 9:24-25)

### September

- 13: I. Keep It Simple (Hebrews 12:1-2) Now online—listen or download to iPod...
- 20: II. Practice Makes Perfect! (1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Hebrews 12:3-13; Matthew 5:46-48)
- 27: III. Focus on Effort, Not on Winning (Philippians 3:12-14)

### October

- 4: IV. No "P" in Teamwork (Psalm 133:1-3; Colossians 4:7-18; Romans 15:5)
- 11: V. The Effectiveness of a Well-Timed Time Out (Mark 1:29-34)
- 18: VI. The Team That Makes the Most Mistakes – WINS! (John 21:1-14)
- 25: VII. Bouncing Back from Defeat (John 21: 15-19)

### November

- 1: VIII. Finish Strong! (2 Timothy 4:7-8)

### Planning a 2010 Wedding?

Non-members have requested the following dates: May 22, 2010

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW FIRST CHURCH STAFF MEMBERS...

**Kevin B. Holland** will join us in October as our new Director of Music Ministries at First Church on October 5, 2009. A native of North Carolina, Kevin comes to us from Allen, Texas, where he served as Minister of Music at Sun creek UMC for four years. He has



25 years of experience in choral conducting and enjoys a broad range of musical styles from Renaissance, Baroque and classical periods to early American hymnody, spirituals and the best composers of the 20th and 21st centuries. Kevin holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in percussion performance and conducting from Elon University in Elon, North Carolina, along with additional graduate studies at Westminster Choir College (Princeton, NJ) and Shenandoah Conservatory (Winchester, VA). He has studied conducting with James Jordan and Joseph Flummerfelt (Westminster Choir College) and Robert Shafer (Shenandoah Conservatory). Kevin's music ministry is characterized by a love for vital, creative traditional/liturgical worship that speaks to both "head and heart"; high quality choral music in general; and a dynamic youth choir program.

At all organizations where Kevin has served, his overarching roles have been to develop and maintain broadly based music ministries (vocal, handbells, instrumental for children, youth and adults); recruit, train and oversee volunteer directors, accompanists, leaders and assistants; work with pastoral staff to plan and coordinate all worship services and special season services. At Sun creek UMC, a 1700-member congregation, Kevin created *Cantate*, the first-ever youth choir, and as its founding director organized an annual tour presenting concerts across the United States. In 2008, *Cantate* toured throughout the Czech Republic, including a performance at St. Nicholas Church in Old Town Square and was the first American choir to perform at St. Bartholomew Cathedral in Pilsen. At Sun creek, Kevin initiated full-scale musical theater performances, including *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

Other experience includes managing an endowed community concert series involving church, local, regional and national artists; directing an auditioned touring choir performing in venues such as St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York and the National Cathedral in Washington, DC (this group was also featured in a segment of The Joy of Music with organist Diane Bish); organizing and administering a complete program of ministry for university students (pastoral care, Bible studies, recreational activities). In Kevin's last two churches, he has more than doubled participation in music ministries—choirs and handbells for all ages—in three to four years.

Other recent roles for Kevin include: Director of the Allen (Texas) Symphony Chorus, clinician for the Dallas area youth choir festival with 300 youth, active private studio in voice, percussion and conducting, chair of the Dallas Chapter of Choristers Guild Midwinter Workshop, one of the largest church music workshops in the U.S., frequent clinician and workshop leader (choral technique, youth choir development, handbells, African drumming and multi-cultural music), master drummer skilled in African drumming techniques.

Among Kevin's professional affiliations at the local, state, regional and national levels are: The American Choral Directors Association, The American Guild of English Handbell Ringers, The Fellowship of United Methodist Musicians in Music and Worship Arts, and The American Orff-Schulwerk Association. Kevin and his wife, Karen, have two daughters—Ashley, at Elon University in North Carolina, and Sarah, a senior at Allen High School in Texas.

**Bekah Thompson** joins our church staff as Director of Children and Family Ministries, Downtown.

Bekah will work with our Children's Lead Team to vision, plan and set goals for engaging our church family in the spiritual formation of our children—specifically infants through 5th grade. She will join us on September 28



A native of North Carolina, Bekah holds associate degrees in day care management and photography, a bachelor of science in Christian Education, and a master's degree—also in Christian Education. She will be commissioned as a probationary Deacon in the United Methodist Church next year. Bekah comes to us from her most recent role as Children's Pastor at Lebanon UMC in Lebanon, Kentucky. She also served as Children's Director and Christian Education Director at Mishawaka First UMC in Mishawaka, Indiana, and in other children's ministry roles over the past few years. Bekah is comfortable with all age groups, has engaged and equipped volunteers in Vacation Bible School, Sunday School, children's church, community outreach ministries, programs for challenged children, Wednesday night ministries and in leadership roles. She has experience in writing and implementing Christian education curriculum for all ages, and at Lebanon UMC created a bus ministry to bring area children to church. She is accustomed to working in a team setting and understands the importance of recruiting and training volunteers.

### Thank you...

To our Staff Parish Relations Team and our Search Teams for Music Ministries and for Children and Family Ministries for their diligence and commitment to selecting our new staff persons for these areas.

These searches involved hours of discussion and discernment to ensure that we chose persons who most closely matched our needs for our vision for ministry and for our mission and discipleship path of growing faithful followers of Jesus Christ. We are truly excited about welcoming the talented and committed individuals who will be joining us soon!

### Grow Through Sunday School, Bible Study and Prayer

#### First Class

Are you new to the church? Are you thinking of joining our church family? Come to *First Class*, a look into what it means to be a Christian, what it means to be a Methodist, and what it means to be a member of our church. Rev. Brunstetter and Thad Austin will lead this group, which will meet for six weeks beginning Sunday, September 20 at 9:50 a.m., downtown for Sunday School in room 111. Call 233-0545 or email [1stumc@1stumc.org](mailto:1stumc@1stumc.org) to sign up.

#### New Bible Study

Beginning Sunday, October 4, we will begin a new 6 week Bible Study titled, "Becoming a Good Samaritan," hosted by John Ortberg. Each week features a DVD presentation by such notables as Philip Yancey, Charles Colson, Desmond Tutu, Joni Eareckson Tada, and others, as well as a lesson guide. The six-week series will focus on helping open our eyes to problems facing our world, our communities, and our own neighborhoods. Our hope is that we will be inspired to respond as Jesus cited in Matthew 25:35-36. You might want to check out that scripture! Please join us at our Andover campus each Sunday from 5:00-6:15 p.m. for what should prove to be life-changing for each of us! To sign up, please call Randy Greenup, 543-0361, or sign up at the welcome table at Andover. Randy will be joined by Mary Mowery as co-facilitator.

#### Experiential Prayer Workshops

#### Serenity: Finding Peace, Hope, Love and Joy in the Presence of God

Saturday, September 26 from 8:30 a.m. through lunch

Sign up online at [www.1stumc.org](http://www.1stumc.org) or pick up a brochure and registration form in the gathering hall downtown or visitor's table at Andover. Deadline to register is September 18.

Special! Walking with Jesus and Prayer Walking for elementary age children!



#### United Methodist Men September Meeting

All men are invited to join your brothers in Christ and attend the prayer workshop for the September United Methodist Men meeting. Don't forget to register for the workshops of your choice before September 18.

### Worship at First Church

#### Fall Sermon Series

Offerings Contemporary Worship  
11 a.m., West Chapel  
Teddy Ray, Pastor

#### September 13—27

Major Images of the New Testament:  
Community, Cross, New Creation

#### October 4

World Communion Sunday

#### October 11 - November 1

Heaven & Hell

### Children and Families



#### Faith-Weaver Friends

Faithweaver Friends for

children ages three through fifth grade is now on Wednesday evenings, 6—7 p.m. Kids experience the Bible theme for the week, Projects With A Purpose, Snack-It Café, Surprise Stations, plus a time of reflection and journaling to help our children express and learn how they will apply God's Word to their lives.

Our **Children's Choirs** are part of FaithWeaver Friends, and are as follows:  
Carol Choir: ages 3 through K  
Wedley Singers: grades 1—5

**Children's Sabbath is Sunday,  
October 11,  
Downtown & Andover**

### Our Church Family

#### Health Cabinet News

##### Flu Shots

The Health Cabinet is sponsoring flu shots on Sunday, October 4, from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The shots are \$20. Paragon Family Health will provide the service, and will accept Medicare, Medicaid, cash, checks or credit cards.

##### Blood Drive

Sunday, November 1  
Take time to save lives.  
Give someone another birthday—  
Give blood!

**UK Sign Up for  
UK Basketball  
Parking Permits**

Call the church office at 233-0545 to reserve a parking space for the 2008-2009 season.

### Newborn Ministry Update

The Newborn Ministry Team will meet at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, September 23, in the parlor, room 107. This team reaches out to our families with new babies with a custom gift basket of welcome, as well as connecting them into the life of our church. If you would like to be part of this ministry, contact Cathy Saunooke, 806-8703, or come to the meeting!

Plan to bring your baked goods to the Newborn Ministry's Second Annual Bake Sale on Children's Sabbath Sunday, October 11. Come and shop for goodies after each service in the fellowship hall. If you would like to make a baked goods donation please sign up in the gathering hall. Questions? Contact Cathy Saunooke, 806-8703.



First Church is a  
Stephen Ministry Congregation

#### Spouse Loss Group

A five-week educational group for individuals who have lost a spouse or significant other person in their life. The group meets on Tuesday evenings at 2312 Alexandria Drive in Lexington, through October 13, from 6:00—7:30 p.m. To register call 859.277.2700 or email: [wmorgan@hospicebg.org](mailto:wmorgan@hospicebg.org). Sponsored by Hospice of the Bluegrass.

#### Endowment Corner

Remembering the church in your will or estate planning will ensure the mission of the church lives on long after you've gone.

From your First Church Endowment Board of Stewards