



# The Good News

JANUARY 2020

*Midweek Manna begins*  
*Wednesday, January 22nd*  
 Wednesday Nights at FUMC Bella Vista  
**MEAL ~ 5:30 – 6:15PM**  
 \$5/Adult & \$3/Child under 10 Family maximum \$15  
**You are welcome to share a meal with us,**  
**whether or not you are taking a class!**  
**Sign up for classes and dinner at the tables**

**GROUPS MEET 6:30 – 7:30/7:45PM**

Adult Small Groups

- ◇ Red Letter Christians
- ◇ The Bible as Literature (see page 10 for class descriptions)
- ◇ The Way to Forgiveness
- ◇ Fierce
- ◇ Is Genesis History?  
 Books for the classes are available in the Office
- ◇ **Coloring Your Way to Calm:** Adult Coloring

Children & Youth Opportunities

- Infants & Toddlers      Nursery Available
- Vista Kids (Pre-K - 6th)      Vista Kids Ask a Question:  
 What is Prayer? Each week we will discover the who, what, when & why we pray
- Vista Youth (7th-12th grade)      YouthLife will continue to explore various life topics through the study of scripture and its application to everyday life.

*We sincerely wish  
 you and yours  
 the very best in the  
 New Year!*

*What will you do  
 to be  
 the very best  
 you can be  
 this year?*

**January 18 is  
 TRAINING DAY!**

Saturday, January 18th, at 9:00am, meet in Becker Hall for the **LEADERSHIP TRAINING** get-together if you are a **new member or continuing member** of an **Administration Team** (Church Council, Trustees, Finance, SPRC, etc.) please plan on attending. This will be a team building event as well as training for you to know what to expect and what is expected of you. Please call Amy Gilmore at the church with any questions, and everyone, please call the office to let us know you will be attending. The training should last approximately 2 hours. Please take your leadership role seriously and help the church come together in unity this year.



## *Glimpses of Grace*

Rev. Jeanne Williams, Senior Pastor

Happy New Year! 2019 was a hard year for many in our congregation. Even in my own family, my mom said that she's ready for 2019 to be over: "The only good part of the year is the boys!" And I certainly understand that sentiment. I'm always ready for a new year. Sometimes just the turning of the calendar page allows us that momentary reset that we often need, but don't often take.

2020 promises to be a spectacular year! I've heard about many expected new births and weddings; expected growth in careers; and other milestones coming. However, between a Presidential election and the United Methodist General Conference (May 2020), we could have quite the interesting year. As I look to these two major events happening in 2020, I have been trying to figure out how to spiritually approach the beginning of the year in a way to help us frame the rest of the year.

So as we begin this year, I want to focus on the idea of, "New Year, Same Promises." God's promises remain the same year after year, decade after decade, generation after generation, millennia after millennia! Isn't that GOOD NEWS?! God promises us new life, guidance, blessing, faithfulness, ministry, and freedom. We will walk through these promises together in worship in the first weeks of the year.

I pray that by laying this foundation as we begin a new decade (not just a new year!), we are able to build upon that foundation to be a solid structure in the midst of uncertainty and expected change. I also pray that each one of you and your families are blessed in this new year with true joy, everlasting peace, and unconditional love.

New Year Blessings,  
Rev. Jeanne

### **Proposal from Volunteers In Missions and Disaster Response Ministries**



Due to the increasing need for a storage and staging facility for Volunteers in Missions and Disaster Response assets, ARUMC VIM/ Disaster Response Coordinators are proposing to construct a 1500 sq ft metal building centrally located in the Conference.

Wesley UMC in Conway has agreed to provide property for the building. This would be a prime location because of the physical location and ease of access to I-40. Rapid response volunteers live in the area so response time in delivering needed supplies and equipment to disaster affected areas would be more efficient.

The building would be approximately 30ft x 50ft, fully enclosed, with a 16 ft x 50 ft lean-to on one side. A chain link fence enclosure would also be constructed and 2 security lights installed. Proposed budget for project is \$30,000.

Currently, Disaster Response has supplies and equipment staged in various locations around the conference. This can be expensive and causes difficulty in tracking and keeping inventory. Response can be more efficient and effective with all assets housed in one central location. Funds currently being used for storage fees can instead be used for direct assistance to those affected by disasters.

The building would serve as a central location for donated building materials, relief supplies and equipment trailers.

This funding for the cost of the building would be raised through donations from individuals and churches.

We have a pledge of \$5000 currently from an individual and approx. \$8,000 in an account with The Methodist Foundation which is designated for Disaster Response. We would need to raise an additional \$17000 more for the construction and completion of the facility.

We would appreciate you and your church prayerfully considering making a donation toward this goal of making the ministries of VIM and DR more efficient and viable to assist in the aftermath of disasters.

Janice and Byron Mann, ARUMC conference VIM and DR coordinators



## JOINING in the JOURNEY TOGETHER

Rev. Brenda Wideman, Associate Pastor

### Seeing Clearly in 2020

*Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been raised. On the Sabbath he went to the synagogue as he normally did and stood up to read. The synagogue assistant gave him the scroll from the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:*

*'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to preach good news to the poor to proclaim release to the prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to liberate the oppressed, and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor'. He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the synagogue assistant, and sat down.*

*Every eye in the synagogue was fixed on him.*

Luke 4:16-20 CEB

For a few months, I have been joking with people that we will see more clearly in 2020. Several people got the joke, others didn't. (20/20 is optimally clear eyesight! 😊) For many, the year 2019 has been filled with struggles, struggles of every kind. Struggles in our lives and struggles in this world. You may have experienced this and wondered 'What is going on?'. After going through a year like this, we pray for the next year, that it will be smoother, that grief, loneliness, brokenness, and struggles will be fewer and farther between. We pray that we will be able to see the Presence of Christ, the Hope, the Love, the Peace, the Light of Christ more clearly than we have in the past.

How do we, as followers of Christ, see more clearly? It is hard to do in a world filled with noise and chaos and distractions that would pull us away from our Lord. This earthly world does imprison us, it blinds us, it makes us poor in spirit, just as the Luke 4 scripture says. When Jesus read from the scroll, he was speaking about us. We are the poor, the prisoners, the blind, the oppressed. To be able to see clearly, we must intentionally break the chains of this world by finding time to spend with our God, in prayer, in silence, in scripture, in worship. In the open-mindedness of a small group discussion, our blindness caused by past assumptions and misunderstandings, can be lifted. Be intentional in your pursuit of sight in 2020, intentional in your pursuit of a relationship and understanding of our Lord, intentional in growing in Faith and in Discipleship! I pray that in 2020, you may see more clearly, that you may grow in the sight that only Christ brings, the sight of Love, Hope, Joy, and Peace, the sight of Forgiveness, Reconciliation, and Redemption. Amen and Amen.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Brenda

### DINNER WITH THE PASTORS

**Sunday, January 26th at 4:30 in the Parlor**

New members and those who are interested in membership in FUMC Bella Vista are invited to an informal gathering over a simple dinner to hear about the ministries of our church family and to get to know the ministers and the staff.

For more information or RSVP, please contact the church office at 855-1158.

Childcare will be provided if requested.



## OUR FAMILY

Each month this space is used to tell about the people who are part of our church family. If you know of a graduation, community recognition, someone moving away or moving in, whatever the rest of the church might like to know to keep up with folks, let me know so I can include the information in these pages. Please send your information to Brenda Wideman, Congregational Care Minister: [brenda@lovelearnlead.com](mailto:brenda@lovelearnlead.com), or call 855-1158.

### NEW MEMBERS

**Sue Smith** (in black) joined our church family on Sunday, December 8th. She moved to Bella Vista to be close to her family, especially to her two grandsons who are 3 and 4 years old. She worked for Blue Cross—Blue Shield for 25 years before coming to Bella Vista. Sue loves to hike, read, learn new things, and play with her grandsons. And, she is already a faithful Office Angel!



**Candi Stickney** (in red) also joined our church family on December 8th. Candi grew up in Arkadelphia, AR. She is a former school librarian in Florida and Georgia. She moved here to be half way between her brother in Mountain Home and her sister in Greenwood. She loves to craft and garden and cook and walk in our beautiful hills.

Please welcome these two wonderful ladies when you see them in Traditional Worship and at other church activities.

### BIRTHS

**Gabriel Bouchillon** — was born Monday, December 2nd to Kevin and Ashley Bouchillon. Ashley is the granddaughter of Dick and Karen Bacon, and Kevin and Ashley have been on our prayer list for some time serving as missionaries in Lebanon. We give thanks for this Advent Messenger, Gabriel.

### MILESTONES

**Bob and Shari Vermett**— celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on November 22. They shared a beautiful fall arrangement of flowers with us at contemporary worship in honor of this milestone.



**Allen and Phyllis Janssen** – celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on December 28<sup>th</sup>. Their family gathered on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> to honor them and had those attending the contemporary service that day join them for goodies prior to worship.

### RELOCATIONS

**Bill and Mickey Shank** – after Mickey's recent rehab at Highlands Care Center, Mickey and Bill have moved to Illinois for Mickey to be close to her family. The UMW ladies sadly wished her farewell at the Luncheon on December 4th. Let them know you are thinking of them—their new address is: Cedarhurst of Yorkville, 4040 Cannonball Trail # 202, Yorkville, IL 60560. Keep them in prayers in this transition.



**Joe and Margie Bowen** – have moved away from us, to be closer to their children. Their new address is 2013 Amber Lane, Carthage, MO 64836. Their faithful ministry in our kitchen, painting, and Atrium maintenance will be missed. Please keep them in your prayers in this transition.

### IN MEMORIUM

**Ron Walton** – husband of our church secretary, Janet Walton, and father of Tom Walton, passed away on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. His memorial service was held Saturday, December 28<sup>th</sup> in our Sanctuary. Please keep Janet and Tom and their family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of Ron.





## OUR FAMILY



**Vickee Fleming** – passed away on Christmas Eve at Circle of Life Hospice in Bentonville. Vickee and her husband, Bruce, became part of our church family in May of 2015. Her Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, February 6 at 10am in our Sanctuary. A reception will follow in Becker Hall. Please keep Bruce and his family in prayers as they mourn the passing of Vickee.

**Cathleen Cordova** – sister of Emily Robertson Sampers, passed away on Thursday, October 31, here in Northwest Arkansas. She had travelled from California in early October to be present for Emily's wedding and while here, she became very ill and passed away. Emily is thankful for their time together but requests our prayers in her grief and as she takes the necessary steps to finalize Cathy's estate.

**Array Mae Sparlin** – grandmother of Katrina Sparlin, passed away on Monday, December 2 in Sacramento, CA. She had recently had her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday on November 23. Please keep Katrina and her family in your prayers as they mourn her loss.

**Bob Edwards** – former team member of Pastor Brenda's at the UofA, was laid to rest in Fayetteville on Saturday, December 14. Please keep his wife, Rosa, his entire family, and his friends and co-workers in prayers as they grieve the loss of Bob.

**Carolyn Sadler Moore** – mother of Lynn Runnels, passed away Friday, December 20, due to progression of Alzheimer's dementia. Her service was held Monday, December 23, in Stuttgart, Arkansas. Please lift Lynn's family in prayers in the loss of her mother.

**Betty Engle** – mother of Marc Engle, passed away on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please keep Marc, Janelle, and their family in your prayers.



**MEDIA MUSINGS**  
Kacy Spears, Director of Communications

### Clinging to Hope

Post-Advent, I'm left with a very Charlie Brown feeling, asking, "is that all"? The family goes back home, the decorations and advent candles get gently placed away until next year, and the planning begins for the new year. The new year coming happens so fast that I'm left with a feeling and soreness of whiplash.

Going into 2020, the word of the year for me is Hope. I hope we lean closer into Christ's love and understanding. I hope our church becomes more like family. I hope we grow in community and missions.

Though there is doubt, politics, hate, and despair, there is always hope, and we need that now more than ever.

*Kacy*

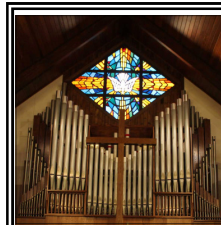


### Attention Wanna-be A/V Volunteers

If you're like me, you make a list of New Year's Resolutions! If you're looking to learn a new skill this year, consider serving on the media team! We're looking for camera operators and slide operators! Both only require 30 minutes or less of training and equip you with skills you can use in other areas of your life. If you're interested in joining the media team, please email me at [kacy@fumcbellavista.com](mailto:kacy@fumcbellavista.com)

### NEW YEAR, NEW WEBSITE

Check out our NEW website - [fumcbellavista.com](http://fumcbellavista.com) for all things FUMC Bella Vista! Find out about Midweek Manna classes when they're released, sign up for classes, view the weekly bulletin, and email our staff all from the website!



From Advent to Epiphany  
Sunday, January 26 ~ 12:10pm  
Broc Hite presents an organ recital  
in our Sanctuary, featuring our  
beautiful organ



### LAY LEADER'S MESSAGE

As we get ready to enter the New Year of 2020, I think back before the twenty first century when as a young man, I had questions of surviving into the year 2000. And then there was the concern of surviving the Millennium when everyone thought the computers would go whacky and life would never be the same. And here it is, 2020, and I promised Judy I would be around for sure until 2040, so this is just a walk in the park.

We watched a Christmas show this past season and someone said, "Change is how we grow." Change is always with us. Life changes as we grow. We are creatures of habit and sometimes it is hard to break those habits but we always need to establish good habits that will help us to continue to grow as we get older. What better good habits can you have than setting positive goals in your life, not just resolutions for the New Year.

Take the six areas of your life, Spiritual, Social, Financial, Physical, Mental and Family, and re-evaluate where you are today and set new goals for 2020. Not only is it exciting, it's fun and oh so productive. With your spiritual goals, you can ask yourself the most important question, "What is the purpose of my life." Answer that and the rest will follow. When I gave that talk a few months ago, "How to move an Elephant", I realized after that, the elephant moved and then I thought, "Now what?"

That time is now, the beginning of 2020, as we set our church goals regardless of the changes around us. Positive, exciting, growing, working together towards making disciples of Jesus, all in God's church, First United Methodist of Bella Vista.

*Lou Kaufmann*

**P.S.** - How important is coffee in our lives? When we get up in the morning, we need a cup of coffee as we read the paper or watch the news, to wake up. When we get to work we have a cup of coffee as we get started for the day. At our 10 o'clock break, we have a cup of coffee with our friends and maybe one at lunch and maybe another one with dinner.

We come to church and have coffee with our friends after services, but alas, no more. We have had no one to step up and volunteer to make coffee on Sundays this year, so a cup of coffee after church services will no longer be available unless some good folks step up and be that special person, like Sue Nebrig has been for such a long time.

When we visit now after church, I hate to tell you this, but it will be over a glass of water.

Any Takers?? Please call Amy and let her know! *Lou*

UNITED METHODIST

**MEN**

**UMM** invites all men of the church to their monthly dinner meeting Wednesday, January 8th at 6:30pm in Becker Hall. Our guest speaker is Bella Vista Mayor Peter Christie for a Look Forward Into 2020. Dinner will be catered by Papa Mike's. Your reservation needs to be made no later than Noon, Monday January 6th by calling the church office (855-1158). Hope to see you there!

**Sponsor a Youth for Veritas!** - As you may have heard, the youth are going to Veritas! Veritas is an incredible Methodist youth event in Rogers, AR, but after you add up hotel rooms, gas, food, and registration, it can start to get expensive. If you'd like to help sponsor a youth for this life-changing event, you can make a donation in the offering plate or in the office. We always welcome your prayers and your support in any way.



### SHOEBOX NEWS

Happy New Year!

We're looking forward to serving those who need encouragement and everyday personal items.

In December, we delivered bulk items to Souls Harbor and Restoration Village. We delivered Christmas gifts to Havenwood, Restoration Village, and the Salvation Army in Rogers and Fayetteville. This month we will pack for boys and girls, and wrap wash cloths.

If you would like to help deliver shoeboxes to one of our shelters, or would like more information about this very worthwhile mission project, PLEASE give Karen Roenfeld (712-249-2521) or Cheryl Campbell (876-5172) a call.

Blessings to You! *Diane, Karen & Cheryl*

Scouts BSA Troop 3410 FUND-RAISER

**CHILI COOK-OFF**

January 25 ~ 11:00-1:30 ~ \$5

See posters on the bulletin boards for more information.





## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Joe & Margie Bowen
- 1 Heath & Jennifer Lehmann
- 1 Joe & Kimberly McGee
- 2 Bob & Brenda Wideman
- 10 Don & Kathy Jones
- 12 Keith & Co Ellen Sterwald
- 15 Bob & Dorothy Schuster
- 16 Rob & Cheryl Whitesides
- 23 Rod & Arlene Alford
- 24 Richard & Jan Abbott
- 26 Walt & Shirley Wenger
- 27 David & Marilyn Frisby

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Molly Harris
- 4 Bill Potts
- 6 Gladys Jutte
- 6 Chris Murphy
- 7 Judi Shannon
- 7 Jerry Snow
- 8 Stephen Grider
- 8 Dena Mayes
- 8 Keith Sterwald
- 8 Anny Weber
- 9 Larry Rolph
- 10 Terry Augspurger
- 10 Marlene Clapp
- 11 Susann Wresche
- 12 Aaron Ray
- 14 Ed Jenner
- 15 Cynthia Augspurger
- 15 Mary J Hammarstrom
- 15 Lorraine Swanson
- 16 Don Denison
- 16 Carlene Jerman
- 17 Doris Selley
- 20 Jan Kolbe
- 20 Co Ellen Sterwald
- 22 Billy Beverage
- 22 Duane Pommerenke
- 23 Kevin Hight
- 23 Marion Kornis
- 23 Jean Meadows
- 24 Andrew Smith
- 25 Ivan Lantz
- 25 Nita Wallace
- 27 James Forrest
- 27 Troy Kizzire
- 27 Renee Van Dyke
- 30 Tom Walton
- 31 Gary Grosnickle
- 31 Addison Thuma

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

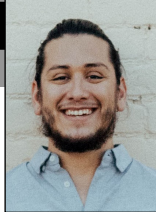
- 1 Sandy Ivy
- 1 Roger Justice
- 1 Carol Stanley
- 3 Leona Bryson

### January Newsletter NOVEMBER 2019 Financial Data

		2019 Actual	2019 Budget
Month of November	Income	\$42,419.54	\$40,854.34
Month of November	Expenses	\$44,723.96	\$47,617.34
	Balance	<b>-\$2,304.42</b>	<b>-\$6,763.00</b>
Year to Date (as of 11/30/19)	Income	\$463,432.37	\$408,543.40
Year to Date (as of 11/30/19)	Expenses	\$497,437.19	\$523,790.74
	Balance	<b>-\$34,004.82</b>	<b>-\$115,247.34</b>

*Income does not include Missions or Endowment Interest*

Amy Gilmore, Church Administrator



### Young Whippersnappers

Kenneth Wilson, NextGen Youth

Many "Thanks" to the very generous hearts who gave to the Staff Love Offering this year. It is our privilege to serve you in whatever capacity we can, and we appreciate our church family for all you do for FUMCBV and us.

Many Blessings,  
Your FUMCBV Staff



The Care and Share trailer will be in our upper parking lot on **Monday, January 20th** from 7:00am til about 5:00pm. What is sold in the Care and Share Thrift Store and Food Pantry in Gravette is all donated items, and the profits go to support those in need in western Benton County. They take donations of all kinds. Please Help!

Hey Church,

2019 was great! Happy New Year! We have some big plans for the new decade. One of our big plans is to attend Veritas.

Veritas is an annual gathering of around 1,500 Arkansas United Methodist Youth and Youth leaders. We sing, dance, play games, share stories, make lifelong friends, stay up too late, get up too early, listen to incredible sermons, and grow together in the name of Christ. This year, Veritas is in Rogers, AR at the John Q. Hammons Center from February 28th through March 1st. We could use any and all support through your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

I will tell you when I went to Veritas as a youth, TWO DECADES AGO... technically, it was one of my most memorable and life-changing experiences. I still have friends from Veritas all those years ago, and, honestly, Veritas is what sparked my interest in ministry and volunteering. I'd probably not be here writing this newsletter article if I hadn't attended Veritas as a youth. So, please, keep our youth in your prayers leading up to Veritas 2020.

Also, did you know? Veritas means "truth" in Latin. How cool! You can find more info at this link: <https://arumc.org/our-ministries/youth-young-adults/accym/veritas/>

Peace and Blessings, Kenneth

**Evening**  
Thursday 1/9  
6:00pm  
Parlor

**Sarah**  
Tuesday 1/14  
1pm  
Parlor

**UMW CIRCLES**

**Hope**  
Thursday 1/9  
1pm  
Parlor

**Naomi**  
Tuesday 1/21  
1:00pm  
Parlor

**Martha**  
Monday 1/20  
9am  
Quilt Room

**Angel Tree**

A great big "Thank You" to all participants in the Angel Tree ministry this year. Through your generosity forty youngsters out of over 3400 needy families in Benton County will have a joyous Christmas and experience the love of Christ. Thank you!

Sue Prather Angel Tree Ministry





## From the Organ Console

Broc Hite, Organist/Pianist



As I mentioned in my December newsletter, I would be doing no reflecting in this month's edition. However, if you want to look back at my musical contributions in 2019, you'll find listings on my Website and concerts to relisten on my professional FB page.

I have planned out quite a bit of my music for the first half of 2020 in my brain, though only a part of this is listed. My first recital of the new year will be a short organ recital on Sunday, January 26th at 12:10 pm, titled "From Advent to Epiphany." It features a pair of Baroque and 20th/21st Century words for Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. It will be the second recital in my new "Curious Squirrel" series.

I switch to the piano in February for the first installment of Chopin Waltzes in a new year of Piano Postludes. I also am planning a program of Prohibition Era music on the piano, which I'm hoping to present as an evening event. I'll be learning a new Beethoven Piano Sonata in recognition of the composer's birth Sestercentennial, to be played at some point in the spring.

The Curious Squirrel is an evolution of the recitals I've been giving at the church for the past two years. While they remain free of charge, I do have a red box in the back that will accept donations towards my continuing education. The church does provide a small budget, but it's only a dent in the real costs it takes to attend conventions and seminars run by music groups to which I belong, like the American Guild of Organists (AGO). It will even help me afford some of the unpaid activities, like an organ recital in Disney Hall, during a leadership conference of the AGO that I am attending in Los Angeles on the weekend of January 12th.

Be curious, and please join me online!

On the Web: <https://brochite.com>

On Facebook and Instagram: @BrocKeysPedals

Broc

## Book Nook

### UMW 2020 READING PROGRAM BOOKS

#### EDUCATION FOR MISSIONS (Category I)

WHEN OTHERS SHUDDERED by Jamie Janosz (270.8)  
Eight women who refused to give up.

#### NURTURING FOR COMMUNITY (Category II)

OWEN AND ELEANOR MOVE IN by H.M. Bouwman (FIC) A story about what it means to have a home and what it means to be a friend.  
GLORY HAPPENING by Kaitlin Curtice (242) Finding the Divine in everyday places.  
THE END OF THE ISLAND by Jeffrey Tucker (291.4) Finding life in the movements of human suffering, pain and loss.

#### SOCIAL ACTION (Category III)

A CAGE WITHOUT BARS by Anne Dublin (FIC) The Hope of Freedom.

#### SPIRITUAL GROWTH (Category IV)

EASTER STORIES by Miriam LeBlanc (808.8) Classic tales for the Holy Season.  
THE WATER WALKER by Joanne Robertson (304.2) Nokomis, Grandmother, walks to protect our water and all of us.  
FINDING PEACE IN AN ANXIOUS WORLD by Erin James-Brown (UMW)  
2020 Mission U Spiritual Growth Study Book.

#### LEADERSHIP (Category V)

MIDNIGHT TEACHER by Janet Halfmann (371.1) Lilly Ann Granderson and her secret school.  
THEY WILL INHERIT THE EARTH by John Dear (241) Peace and non-violence in a time of climate change.  
WHAT COMES WITH THE DUST by Gharbi Mustafa (FIC) The story of Yazidi women Naxos and Soz as they fight to survive.  
TEACHING OUTSIDE THE BOX by Andrew Zirschky (375) Five approaches to opening the Bible with youth.

**SUNDAY BUS DRIVERS NEEDED!** ~ regular drivers for a few Sundays a year, and to cover for regular drivers during vacations, and as needed. Please contact Bob Kennedy or the office for more information.



Thank You to everyone in the church for your signed Christmas Cards for our homebound members You were a blessing to each one of them!

Wesley Shepherd Group



## THANK YOU

I want to thank all of you for your wonderful gifts, your well wishes, your prayers, your smiles, your hugs and all your gracious acts of kindness to me this holy season and this past year. Each of these has warmed my heart and lifted my spirit. Thanks to all, including the SPRC for the '12 Days of Christmas Fun' and those who generously contributed to the Christmas Love Offering. It is a joy to be in ministry with this wonderful congregation and I look forward to the new year with you! Blessings, *Pastor Brenda*

Many thanks to the SPRC members for their fun and inventive celebration of the 12 Days of Christmas for the Staff of FUMCBV. Each day brought a new and different surprise. The meals you brought, and all the special goodies were greatly appreciated, but we don't think you could have topped the "Nine Ladies Dancing" in the Narthex on December 16th. We hope this becomes an annual ritual!! Thank you one and all,

from your very blessed FUMCBV Staff

This is the time of year in which I normally write a "Thank You" to the incredible congregation of FUMCBV for everything you have meant to me over the years I have been your church secretary. But this year my words have so much more meaning for me. You have enfolded Tom and me in your loving arms with your prayer, cards, calls, gifts, and so much more. Without you, our church family, our recent loss of Ron would be almost unbearable. We are so blessed to know you and to know that we are loved by you, just as we love you. I watch how you care for one another in the good times and the bad, and how you step up to the plate when asked to fill in anywhere there is a need. I have never been turned down when I have called and asked for volunteers or assistance in any way. I also thank you so very much for your generous love offering this year. It is much needed and will be put to good use! You truly are our second family and we love you all. Many blessings to you and yours in this New Year,

*Janet (and Tom) Walton*

### HERE'S WHAT the Mid-Week Manna CLASSES ARE ALL ABOUT

**Red Letter Christians** ~ From the book: believing that Jesus is neither a Republican nor a Democrat, Red Letter Christians transcend partisan politics and concentrate on issues viewed critically through a moral and biblical lens. Into this arena of thought steps Tony Campolo, the powerful evangelist known for his passionate and prophetic sharing of the radical message of Jesus. No matter where you fall on the political spectrum, Campolo will make you think, pray and act. Book required to participate, check in office for details.

**The Bible as Literature** ~ A video-based study that will explore: Symbolism in the Bible, Engage with its epic narratives, View inspiring characters, and Discuss Timeless Themes.

**The Way to Forgiveness** ~ From the book: "The demands of Christian discipleship are challenging, to say the least. Jesus asks of us nothing short of complete conversion of life - a transformation of mind, heart, and action that reveals ever more full the beauty and wholeness of his own life and spirit in us. This is what it means to be conformed to the image of Christ... a daunting challenge, one that we cannot consider apart from the grace of God. Open yourself inwardly to the grace given during this exploration of your call in Christ to forgive and be reconciled." Book required, check in the office for details.

**Fierce** ~ Learn from the fierce women of God who changed the world. In this six-week study we will look at lesser-known female characters in the Bible and the ways they changed the world by living into God's calling. Check the office for required book.

**Is Genesis History?** ~ Six days or millions of years? Take a journey with scientists and scholars who present evidence for the creation and a global flood. This is a video-based class.

**Coloring Your Way to Calm** ~ Join this enthusiastic group of adults as they share their stories, creativity and faith while coloring their way to calm.

# JANUARY 2020

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
5	8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School ##### Traditional Service	6	<b>UNDECORATE the CHURCH</b> 9:00 Calico Spec Projects ##### Staff Meeting 6:00 Disciple II 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	7	##### Yoga 8:30 Calico Quilts Valor ##### Men's Golf-Highland 6:00 Scouts	8	8:00 Quilters 8:30 Men's Emmaus 9:00 Calico Sew Many 9:00 Disciple III 3:15 Chancel Bells 4:45 Chancel Choir 6:15 Youth Life 6:30 UMM Dinner 6:30 Broc Rehearse	9	##### Men's Golf-Highland 1:00 Hope Circle 6:00 Evening Circle 6:00 Worship Bnd Rehrrs 6:30 Scouts	10	##### Prayer Shawl ##### PreSchool Board	11	8:30 Amp Big Book 6:00 Broc rehearse
12	BP ✓ Between Services 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School ##### Traditional Srv 4:00 Grandparents Spprt	13	##### Staff Meeting 1:00 Calico Board 1:30 Friends of Christ 5:50 Girl Scouts 6:00 Disciple II 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	14	9:00 PEO-BR ##### Men's Golf-Kingswd 1:00 Sarah Circle 6:00 Scouts 6:30 SPRC	15	8:00 Quilters 8:30 Men's Emmaus 9:00 Calico Dog Beds 9:00 Disciple III 3:15 Chancel Bells 4:45 Chancel Choir 6:15 Youth Life 6:30 Broc Rehearse	16	##### Men's Golf-BVCC 2:00 Audit Team 6:00 Worship Bnd Rehrrs 6:30 Scouts	17	##### Prayer Shawl	18	8:30 Amp Big Book 9:00 Leadership Training ##### SAR ##### TRUSTEES ##### FINANCE ##### MM Shep Group 6:00 Broc rehearse
19	8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School ##### Traditional Service ##### CCM Meeting	20	<b>CARE &amp; SHARE trailer</b> 9:00 Martha Circle ##### Staff Meeting ##### PEO-CD ##### Women's Chorus 6:00 Disciple II 6:30 Cub Scout Board 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	21	##### Men's Golf-Dogwood 1:00 Naomi Circle 6:00 Scouts	22	8:00 Quilters 8:30 Men's Emmaus 9:00 Disciple III 3:15 Chancel Bells 4:45 Chancel Choir 5:30 Manna Dinner 6:15 Youth Life 6:30 Manna Classes 6:30 Broc Rehearse	23	##### Quilters on the go ##### Men's Golf-Dogwood 6:00 Worship Bnd Rehrrs 6:30 Scouts	24	##### Prayer Shawl	25	8:30 Amp Big Book 9:00 Scout Chili Cookoff 6:00 Broc rehearse
26	8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School ##### Traditional Srv ##### Broc Organ Concert 4:00 Grandparents Spprt 4:30 Dinner with Pastors	27	9:00 Calico Cut-ups ##### Staff Meeting ##### Men's Support Group ##### Women's Chorus 1:30 Friends of Christ 5:50 Girls Scouts 6:00 Disciple II 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	28	9:33 Mem's Golf-Sctsdale 3:00 BV Library Board 6:00 Scouts	29	8:00 Quilters 8:30 Men's Emmaus 9:00 Disciple III 3:15 Chancel Bells 4:45 Chancel Choir 5:30 Manna Dinner 6:15 Youth Life 6:30 Manna Classes 6:30 Broc Rehearse	30	##### Men's Golf-BVCC 6:00 Worship Bnd Rehrrs 6:30 Scouts	31	##### Prayer Shawl	1	8:30 Amp Big Book 8:30 Calico Quilts Valor 6:00 Broc rehearse





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