



The Good News

FEBRUARY 2020

Midweek Manna

Wednesday Nights at FUMC Bella Vista

MEAL

5:30 – 6:15PM
 \$5/Adult & \$3/Child under 10
 Family maximum \$15
 Homebound meals delivered
 Call the office for reservations
 and to order homebound

CHILCARE AVAILABLE

for Infants and Toddlers

YouthLife

7th ~ 12th grade
 Dinner: 5:30 - 6:00
 YouthLife in Youth Room:
 6:00 - 7:30

GROUPS MEET

6:30 – 7:30/7:45PM

Small Study Groups

- ◇ Red Letter Christmas
- ◇ The Bible as Literature
- ◇ Fierce-Women's Bible Study
- ◇ Is Genesis History?

Small Activity Groups

- ◇ Coloring Your Way to Calm

Pre-K ~ 6th Grade

“Friend Me” - each week the children will study what it means to be a good friend, God's way.
 If needed, time for homework is provided.



Our Mission emphasis for Lent is the Methodist Family Health *Get Up & Give* campaign. Please see page 8 for a full description of articles needed by this very worthy organization. Last year we collected over 600 items during the campaign. We have divided their shopping list into the 6 weeks of Lent. If you choose to donate, please bring your items during your specified week and deposit them at the Mission table across from our Library. Below is how the weeks are divided.

Get Up and Give Collection Schedule

Feb. 26 / Week 1 – Household items
 March 4/Week 2 – Bath & hygiene items
 March 11/ Week 3 – Books/games/toys
 March 18/Week 4- Bedding
 March 25/Week 5- School supplies
 April 1/Week 6-Clothing

If you would like to donate but are unable to go shopping, please feel free to give a monetary donation. Just make the check to the church and mark “Get up and Give” in the memo line. All donations will be forwarded to Methodist Family Health. Thank you for your continued generosity to our mission organizations in need.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Please bring cans of Soup (or any other canned food) by Sunday, February 9th to be donated to local food pantries, in celebration of Super Bowl Sunday.

May the best Red team win!
 (NO OUT-of-DATE cans, PLEASE!!)

RELAX AND UNWIND YOGA Wednesdays at 11am in the Parlor - Kenneth and/or Ashdon Wilson will lead a weekly relax & unwind yoga class to deepen your connection with your body and the Holy Spirit within you and others! The stretches can easily be modified, making it open to all ability levels!



Glimpses of Grace

Rev. Jeanne Williams, Senior Pastor

Worship News: A few weeks ago in worship, we renewed our baptismal vows and many chose to select a “star word” for the year. These small and brightly colored stars have a word written on them. And the idea is that this is God’s gift to you for the year. I used a list of almost 200 words so there isn’t much overlap in what words we received. I believe the Holy Spirit is at work with this process and that you truly received the word you need for 2020. As the year progresses, I want to hear your star stories! Feel free to tell me, email me, or write it out! You can also post it to social media with the hashtag #starstories. If your word doesn’t make sense to you yet, that’s okay! Give it time and prayers. If you weren’t in worship on this day and wish to have a star, please come by the church office to receive yours.

We continue with our sermon series, “New Year, Same Promises” until the end of February when we will begin Lent. Ash Wednesday is February 26th. We will have noon and 6:30 PM services that day. Beginning in March, we will have noon services on Wednesdays, but we will not have a lunch after the service. As in years past, we will have guest preachers for these services.

Denomination News: A reminder that we will have a Town Hall meeting February 9 at 3:00 PM in Becker Hall, to discuss the legislation and proposals that are going to be presented at General Conference in May. Bring your questions and we’ll do our best to answer them!

Needed: Our committee on Nominations has openings on administrative teams to fulfill for 2020. If you are called to administrative work for Trustees, Finance, or Staff-Pastor Parish Relations, please let me know. We are also in need of a Missions Coordinator. Sandy Fitch has filled this position for the past several years. We thank her for her service, but she has asked to be relieved from this work. Please let me know if you are willing to serve in this role, too.

Finally, our church is a beautiful mosaic of children of God. I am so honored to serve as your pastor. I love each of you and pray for you daily. Thank you for your continued support for our growing family and for our church. We are truly blessed to be here with you in this time. May God richly bless you!

Blessings,
Rev. Jeanne

Movers & Shakers (& Singers) A Music and Dance Class for Parkinson’s, is open to people with Parkinson’s Disease, their family, caregivers, and other interested members of the community. The class meets locally Tuesdays from 1:30 - 3 p.m. at St. Bernard’s Catholic Church’s Parish Hall. \$15/per person per class. The class is great for anyone working to improve balance and flexibility. At the suggestion of people with Parkinson’s who have taken earlier classes, face exercises and vocal exercises have been added to the class. No experience or talent is required. Please contact: Allyssa Riley, aariley2@gmail.com (479) 381-7907. For more information, see the flyer in the office.



JOINING in the
JOURNEY
TOGETHER

Rev. Brenda Wideman
Associate Pastor

*Bob and I have gone to the beach to
celebrate Surf, Sun, Sand, and Sea Shells!
See you in February!!
Grace and Peace, Pastor Brenda*



Amy's Anecdotes

Amy Gilmore, Church Administrator



In the January edition of the "Good News" we learned that Joe and Margie Bowen have moved to Carthage, MO. They were silent, faithful stewards over the years in many behind-the-scenes ministries. One of those ministries is the weekly clean-up of the kitchen. Do you love to clean? Do you function better when everything is in order? Do you need something to do once a week to get out of the house? We need at least two people to come in once a week to give the kitchen a good scrubbing. With all of the activities that go on in our church including the kitchen, this is a very important ministry. Please consider this and if you are able to find some friends to work with you – you can take turns! Email me at amy@fumcbellavista.com or call the church during office hours if you are interested.

Thank you! Amy

P.S. On a financial note, we now accept American Express.

Stewardship Corner

Again this year, you may be disappointed to find that you can no longer deduct your charitable gifts on your taxes. That's because the 2017 tax law nearly doubled the standard deduction, sharply cutting the number of filers who itemize. Now, just 8 percent are expected to. You're not paying more in taxes as a result – but you're also not getting credit for your generosity. If you're a retiree over age 70½, though, you have a workaround that preserves the tax benefits of giving, even if you don't itemize. Once you reach this age, you must start taking required minimum distributions (RMDs) from your individual retirement account every year. In what's called a qualified charitable distribution (QCD), you can donate all or a portion of your RMDs, up to \$100,000 a year, directly to charity.

While you don't get a write-off for your gift, you also don't owe taxes on that retirement-account distribution. For a taxpayer in the 22 percent bracket, funneling a \$5,000 RMD to charity saves \$1,100 in federal income taxes, the same as if you'd been able to deduct it.

Even though this rule became a permanent part of the tax code in 2015, the 2017 tax law has added to its luster. "It's even more valuable now if you lost the charitable deduction," says Mark Luscombe, principal federal tax analyst for Wolters Kluwer Tax & Accounting. "It makes even more sense."

A smaller tax bill is not the only potential benefit. By forgoing that RMD income, you reduce your adjusted gross income (AGI) on your tax return. And a lower AGI can mean less of your Social Security is taxed, lower, or a chance to qualify for other deductions or tax credits that would otherwise not have been available to you.

To do a QCD, you instruct the firm that manages your IRA to direct some or all of your RMD to one or more charities. The firm must send the money directly to the charity, or send you a check made out to the charity, which you forward (you can't collect the money and then donate it for the QCD to count). This strategy won't help with your 2018 taxes because the donation must be made during the calendar year for which you are filing a tax return, but it will set you up for savings next year.

If you did donate your RMD in 2019, you now have one more job to do: Report it correctly on your return. This can be a filing headache, says Tim Steffen, director of advanced planning at Baird Private Wealth Management. "Even accountants can be confused."

That's because the brokerage or fund company that holds your IRA will report it on Form 1099-R as a regular IRA distribution, and you have to note on your return that it's a QCD and not taxable. "The IRA trustee doesn't know if the charity qualifies," says Steffen. "The verification onus is not on them." Make sure you get a letter from the charity documenting your gift.

Finally, if you donate your RMD directly to a charity, you cannot also deduct that amount as a charitable contribution if you still itemize. "That's double dipping," says Steffen. "It's a mistake."



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, Associate Pastor of Congregational Care at brenda@fumcbellavista.com or call 855-1158.

MILESTONES

Keith Prueitt and Lynn have made a donation to our Youth ministry to help support their attendance at Veritas 2020, in celebration of Keith's 90th birthday on February 3rd. You are invited to attend a reception in honor of Keith Sunday, February 2, at 11:45 in the Parlor. Please come wish Keith a Happy Birthday.



BIRTHS

LaVon Fryer – has 3 new Joys in the form of great-grandbabies. Ezra Graham Soper was born November 27th in Kansas City, Mo., Clara Ivory King was born December 27th in Omaha, NE, and Levi Phillip Murphy was born January 26th in Raytown, MO. These miracles are the 14th, 15th, and 16th great-grandchildren for LaVon.

IN MEMORIUM



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.

Helen Roenfeld – 95-year-old sister-in-law of Karen Roenfeld recently passed away. She lived in a care facility in Iowa. Please keep the Roenfeld family in your prayers as they grieve the loss of Helen.

Bonnie Jones Gehweiler - the sister of Dawn Thompson, died Sunday, January 12th in Denver, Colorado. She was very active in the United Methodist Church during her lifetime as a vocal soloist, choir director, chairperson of the hymns portion of the 1989 edition of the United Methodist Hymnal, and did mission work in Bethlehem. She was a loving wife and mother of three children. Please keep Dawn and her family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of Bonnie.

William Douglas Potts—53-year-old son of Bill and Jane Potts, passed away unexpectedly January 24th from a collapsed heart valve. They drove to Colorado where their son had lived, to join family in a memorial service. There will also be a Celebration of Life reception in our Parlor Sunday, January 2 at 3:00pm. Please be in prayer for Jane, Bill and their family.

Michelle Weber — daughter of Dave and Anny Weber, recently passed away. Please hold this family up in prayer during this difficult time.

GROUP ACTIVITIES

FRIENDS of CHRIST is a study group, loving and kind and welcoming to all. We meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month, 1:30pm-3:00 pm in the Parlor. We were created as a group of believers called to develop a broader knowledge of the love that God offers to each of his children, and to develop a richer more personal relationship with Christ Jesus. Our current book of study is "Unshakable Hope" by author Max Lucado. The Bible has over 7,000 verses written about Hope! Must be pretty important to God! If this study speaks to you please know you are welcome to join us. Peace and blessings, FOC

HAPPYS Shepherd Group—will meet at the BV Bar & Grill on Thursday, February 13th at 11:30 for lunch and then will travel to the BV Historical Museum. Please call Carmen Phillips and let him know if you are able to join them so he can make reservations for lunch.



Children's Chatter

Ashdon Wilson, NextGen Children

Happy February, friends! I hope everyone had a happy new year!

A few months ago, Disney released a new streaming service called Disney+. For a small fee each month, you get unlimited access to all the Disney classics and original shows. So, being a child at heart, of course I had to check it out. One of the first shows that I watched was *Forky Asks a Question*, in which a much beloved character from the Toy Story saga asks deep questions to his friends in order to better understand the world around him. Forky asks questions such as "what is love?" and "what is a friend?" and explores complicated themes of daily life in a way that is both pure of heart and entertaining. I was hooked from the first episode.

I wanted to incorporate the inquisitive spirit of *Forky* into the Vista Kids study this spring. So, we will be asking our own question: what is prayer? Our kids will be exploring stories in the Bible about prayer, different ways to pray, and the importance of a daily prayer practice in our lives. I ask that you all pray for us as we ask this question together!

In other news, there's a new face in the nursery! Ms. Anne Miner started in December as part of our nursery staff. She will be in our bed babies - toddlers room. If you see her around the church, tell her hello! I am very grateful for her help expanding the services of our church nursery!

Peace & blessings, Ashdon

NEW YEAR, NEW WEBSITE

Check out our NEW website - 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!



Young Whippersnappers

Kenneth Wilson, NextGen Youth

Hey Church,

Recently, we took a trip to the far away land of Missouri to go bowling! We had an incredible time, and we want to say THANK YOU for supporting us and enabling us to go on fun trips like this.

We are so excited that Midweek Manna is back! In Vista Youth, we are starting an awesome new video series that is deep, thought-provoking, and great at starting conversations.

Don't forget, VERITAS is coming up fast! From February 28 - March 1 we will be with over 1,400 youth and youth leaders as we come together for Veritas 2020 at the J Q Hammonds Center in Rogers to celebrate what it means to live a connected Christian life. Nationally-known speakers and musicians will headline this amazing experience, where young people will learn to encounter the Lord in new and deeper ways. We would appreciate prayers and words of encouragement in preparation for our journey. Veritas is a time of joy, togetherness, and growth, and we look forward to going.

Peace and blessings, Kenneth

Sponsor a Youth for Veritas! - As you may have heard, the youth are going to Veritas at the end of February! 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.

Please remember to wear your name tags at all church events and activities. This will give our newer members an easier time of learning your name, and you theirs. If you see someone you do not know, introduce yourself and welcome them to FUMCBV!



LAY LEADER'S MESSAGE
Lou Kaufmann

"I WILL HONOR CHRISTMAS IN MY HEART AND TRY TO KEEP IT ALL THE YEAR"

What a wonderful sentiment. This is a quote from, you guessed it, Charles Dickens. He believed in what he wrote about. I am sorry to say that many people don't believe in what they talk about. We don't need to talk the talk, we need to walk the walk.

As we begin the new year, there are things that we are concerned about and that is only normal. We can be concerned but we will find solutions to solve whatever problems we may have. We need to look at ways to improve our church, increase our membership, grow our ministry and just be better disciples of Jesus Christ and all of these are all in motion right now.

Change is in the works but change is how we grow. There will be change sometime in the future but if we prepare for it, we will be ready and we can adopt and achieve all that life has to offer. The one constant in all of this is prayer. When you pray, please pray for our church and all that our church can do for the community and each other.

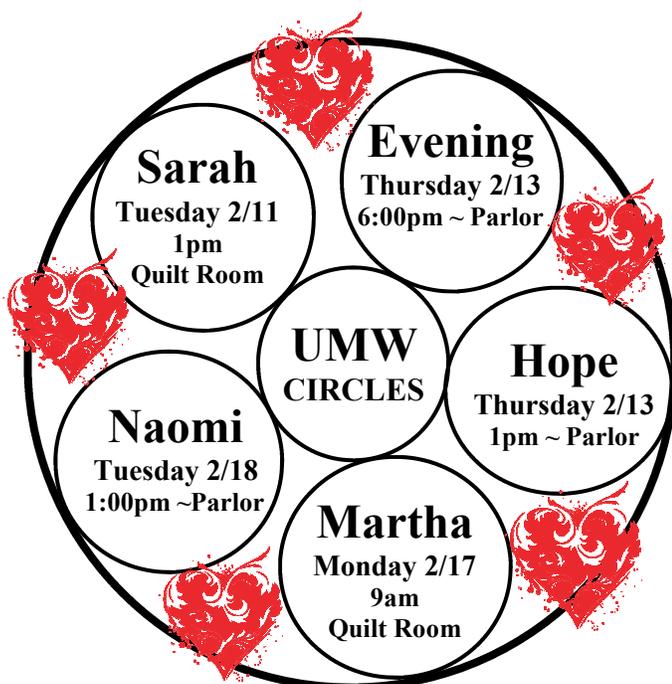
Lou



UMM invites all men of the church to their monthly dinner meeting Wednesday, February 12th at 6:30pm in Becker Hall. Our Guest speaker will be Alex Taylor, Financial Advisor for Edward Jones. His Topic will be "Outwitting the Scammers". Dinner will be catered by Papa Mike's. Your reservation needs to be made no later than Noon, Monday February 10th by calling the church office (855-1158). Hope to see you there!

2020 UMW Bazaar News!

The 2020 Bazaar will be held on October 3rd. That will be here before we know it! Workshops will start March 5th and continue every Thursday until the bazaar. What do we need? We need you! We especially need crafters and seamstresses with new, interesting ideas to bring to the workshops or to work on at home. With some projects like the scrubbies, we can use as many as can be crocheted. With many projects, bringing the idea to a workshop before getting started may be a good plan to ensure others are not making the same thing. Our workshops are going to be less structured this year, but we hope you will come to help or just to enjoy the fellowship. Bring a sack lunch and see what we can accomplish to have another successful bazaar to meet needs in NW AR!



Please don't forget about our ongoing mission project! SNACK PACKS for BACK PACKS. . .

. . . Our on-going commitment to provide 20 snack packs per week for students of Cooper Elementary who are in need of food for the week-end. We need your help!

**Bring your quarters !
Fill the Banks !
Feed a Child !**



OUR FAMILY

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 ♥♥ Dick & Genie Schupp
- 17 ♥♥ Gary & Delores Grosnickle
- 22 ♥♥ Ralph & Nita Wallace

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 ♥ Jane Potts
- 2 ♥ Bette Cummings
- 3 ♥ Lynn Dove
- 3 ♥ Keith Prueitt
- 4 ♥ David Patterson
- 4 ♥ Rose Taylor
- 5 ♥ Mabel Ashline
- 7 ♥ Chuck Hurl
- 8 ♥ Nita May

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS (cont.)

- 8 ♥ Ella Pittman
- 8 ♥ Dee Wresche
- 9 ♥ Leslie Magee
- 9 ♥ Meichelle Ray
- 10 ♥ Landree Hight
- 10 ♥ Lynn Johns
- 10 ♥ Tiffany May
- 10 ♥ Diane Rolph
- 11 ♥ Judy Kaufmann
- 11 ♥ Charlene Rayburn
- 13 ♥ Amy Gilmore
- 13 ♥ Jill Hale
- 13 ♥ Jazzlyn Hickman
- 13 ♥ Heath Williams
- 14 ♥ Marilyn Frisby
- 17 ♥ Gretchen Magee
- 17 ♥ Hunter Roath
- 18 ♥ Caroline Perdue
- 19 ♥ Laney Baker
- 20 ♥ Jerrie Gallamore
- 21 ♥ Matthew Sandusky
- 23 ♥ Phoebe Bader
- 24 ♥ Ted Ivy
- 25 ♥ J.R. Anderson
- 26 ♥ Peg Johnson
- 27 ♥ Rod Alford
- 27 ♥ Kathy Ayres
- 28 ♥ Zoe Bryson
- 28 ♥ Sean Crider
- 28 ♥ Jacob Norgaard

Giving Made Easy - Scan the QR code with your smartphone to make an electronic gift to your church! This is a one-time gift. If you would like to set up a recurring gift, see Amy Gilmore in the church office.



February 2020 Newsletter ~ DECEMBER 2019 Financial Data

		2019 Actual	2019 Budget
Month of December	Income	\$46,677.64	\$40,854.34
Month of December	Expenses	\$51,510.34	\$47,617.34
Balance		-\$4,832.70	-\$6,763.00
Year to Date (as of 12/31/19)	Income	\$510,110.01	\$490,252.00
Year to Date (as of 12/31/19)	Expenses	\$548,947.53	\$571,408.00
Balance		-\$38,837.52	-\$81,156.00

Income does not include Missions or Endowment Interest

Amy Gilmore, Church Administrator



For where your treasure is, there also will be your heart.

Matthew 6:21

This Lenten season, shift your focus to where your treasure is and what you can do to change someone's life. This year, our mission focus will be on Methodist Family Health, a holistic health facility that depends on donations. Methodist Family Health offers inpatient psychiatric hospitalization for children ages 3 to 17, outpatient counseling clinics, grief counseling services, therapeutic day treatment programs for kindergarten to 12th grade, and more. During their *Get Up & Give Drive*, they ask for necessities to keep their facilities running. Last year, we collected over 600 items for Methodist Family Health's *Get Up & Give Drive*! Let's see what we can do THIS year! Thank you for your generosity and provision!

Methodist Family Health Shopping List

Bath Items (Week 2 ~ Mar. 4)

- White towels and wash cloths
- Individual shower caddies
- Body wash, shampoo and conditioner
- Shaving cream and disposable razors
- Deodorant (solid or non-aerosol spray)
- Toilet tissue and facial tissue (like Kleenex)

Bedding (white/twin-size only) (Week 4~Mar. 18)

- Sheets, pillow and pillow cases
- Mattress pads
- Comforter sets and bedspreads

Household Items (Week 1 ~ Feb. 26)

- Paper towels and napkins
- Small laundry baskets
- Laundry hampers with lids
- Plastic hangers and bins (shoebox size)

Feminine Hygiene (Week 2 ~ Mar. 4)

- Tampons and pads (all sizes)
- Panty liners

Baby Care (Week 2 ~ Mar. 4)

- Diapers for all sizes
- Baby wash
- Baby Tylenol
- A&D ointment and Vaseline (small jars)
- Infant nail clippers and nasal aspirators

MISSIONS

School Supplies (Week 5 ~ Mar. 25)

- Backpacks in clear and solid colors
- Pens, pencils, pencil boxes, crayons
- Non-spiral and composition notebooks & journals
- Canvases, paintbrushes and art sets
- Perler beads, supplies, and kits

Books and Toys (Week 3 ~ Mar. 11)

- Paperback books for young adults (of particular need for book series)
- Paperback Bible and devotionals – Please visit MethodistFamily.org/Ways-to-Give for a list of those we use most often in our locations
- Coloring books for adults
- Cards and board games
- Xbox and Playstation games
- Hot wheels cars and road mats
- Building blocks of all kinds (Legos, etc.)
- Basketballs, footballs, soccer balls, volleyballs

Clothing (Week 6 ~ April 1)

- Men and boys boxers and briefs in all sizes
- Women's panties in size 7-14
- Non-underwire bras in size 24-40 in cups B, C, D, and DD
- Socks in all adult sizes
- Sweatpants, sweatshirts (no hoods), t-shirts, pajamas, jackets and shorts for men and women in sizes small to 4XL
- Khaki pants and hunter green polo shirts in all child and adult sizes (used for school uniforms)
- Slip-on and Velcro tennis shoes (no laces) in adult sizes 5-14

Gift Cards

Walmart, Visa, and Amazon in any amount

Donate Funds

- Online at MethodistFamily.org/Donate
- Text GUAG to 501-881-2258
- Call 501-906-4201 to donate using a debit or credit card
- Mail a check: Methodist Family Health Foundation, P.O. Box 56050, Little Rock, AR 72215

Methodist Family Health requests that all donated items be new.

Please see bulletins & flyers for weekly donation schedule. Drop off at Missions Table.



From the Organ Console
 Broc Hite, Organist/Pianist



Book Nook

At this point, there are now two Curious Squirrel recitals in the books, one on piano in December, and now one on the organ in January. These recitals are still free to everyone, though I do offer the opportunity to help fund my continuing education through the Red Box in the back. After my first recital on December 22nd, I collected \$40, which includes a mysterious \$10 bill left on organ bench following a recital early last year. I also offer you to follow my series and all of my performances, including those that aren't at First UMC, through my Curious Squirrel monthly newsletter. You'll find the link on my Website.

While there are no future recital dates scheduled at this moment, I am preparing to deliver four Chopin waltzes during Piano Postludes in February, and am mapping out music for Lent, which starts with Ash Wednesday on the last Wednesday of the month.

I returned from the American Guild of Organists Leadership Forum 2020 with lots to do! Recently, I was appointed the District Convener for the entire state of Arkansas, which has three chapters. It's my job to help those chapters, in whatever way I can, to keep the organ alive in their communities.

It's a challenging time to be an organist, with more and more churches switching to contemporary-only worship and leaving their pipe organs silent. Although there are organs in concert halls, theaters, and even houses, churches and synagogues are still the primary keepers of most instruments. I do wonder if every time an organ is silenced, does an angel lose its wings? Let's work together to celebrate and sustain the king of instruments!

Be curious, and please join me online!
 On the Web: <https://brochite.com>
 On Facebook and Instagram: @BrocKeysPedals
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FICTION:

- THE CLOSERS* by Michael Connelly
Cases never go cold for some people.
- THE BRETHREN* by John Grisham
Three former judges are fine-tuning a mail scam and it's starting to finally work until everything goes awry.
- SAVING GRACE* by Jane Green
A perfect stranger wants her perfect life.
- THE DRY GRASS OF AUGUST* by Anna J. Mayhew
What it means for a young southern girl on her way to adulthood and for the woman who means the world to her.
- THE HOUSE ON WILLOW STREET* by Cathy Kelly
Every picture village tells a story.
- IT STARTED WITH PARIS* by Cathy Kelly
As three women gather at a wedding, tensions are running high and hearts may be broken.

DVD/VIDEO:

- CHRISTMAS CHILD* by Max Lucado
A story about coming home. 96 minutes running time.



VETERANS WALL of HONOR

The Veterans Council of NWA, who maintains and upgrades the Veterans Wall of Honor in Bella Vista, is now expanding space in order to accommodate additional memorializing and the recording of veteran names. If you have not yet visited the wall, please make a point to do so in the near future. It is a tribute to all veterans (either living or deceased) who have given so much for the freedoms we enjoy today. There are brochures in the Narthex giving information on how you will be able to help in the expansion of the wall. Please pick one up, and visit the wall soon.

SUNDAY BUS DRIVERS NEEDED! ~ regular drivers for a few Sundays a year for 3rd service pick-up, and to cover for regular drivers during vacations, and as needed. Please contact Bob Kennedy or the office for more information.

THANK YOU

Christmas Potluck Dinner was such a rewarding time of friendship and fellowship for all those who joined us. Thank you to Judy Bilyeu and Jerilyn Gemberling for cooking the meat that was served, to Sue Nebrig, Judy Knadle, and Ev Weigel for setting up, serving, and cleaning up, to Amy Fulton who brought her guitar and led us in singing beautiful Christmas carols, and a very sincere "Thank You" to all who came and brought a dish to share and helped with whatever needed to be done. What a wonderful, memorable time we all had!

Jean Meadows, dinner coordinator

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the 75 students involved here, I want to thank all of you at FUMCBV for supporting our ministry. Your gift has allowed my friends and me to grow and connect with each other as we learn more about God. My time at Wesley has taught me just how important it is to have a solid group of friends based in faith. Your partnership has been such a blessing to our ministry and students here at the University of Arkansas. Thank you for the love and support you have shown us this year.

Faithfully, *Susan Tucker*,

U of A Wesley College Ministry President

SAVE THESE DATES FOR HELPING HANDS

Saturday work days for the New Year are:

February 15, May 30, & September 19.

Helping Hands finished the year similar to previous years by helping residents of Benton County with donations of over one million dollars, helping people with everything from food to help with utility & medical bills, rent, and gas & bus expenses.

If you've been looking for a Charity where you can give your time instead of just donating money, this is the place for you! It takes no special skills to work at the back dock accepting donations, just some muscle and determination. If you like the feel of money, try cashiering! If you like talking to people, be a bagger. If you like straightening things and shopping at the same time, work on the sales floor.

Be watching the bulletins a couple weeks before the work dates for ways you can help. If you have any questions, call me at 876-1392.

Verna Bottjen

In the Belly of the Well

Kenneth Wilson

The Well Contemporary Worship Leader



Hey Church,

We are always looking for new people to join the band on Sunday mornings, so if you or someone you know has musical abilities then send them my way! We are looking for people willing to play music every week, once a month, or to do a special song every now and then.

I want to tell you about a song that I love. It's called "You Want What You Can't Have" by Drew Holcomb & The Neighbors.

Verse 1:

Some people want a house on the top of the hill
Some people want people to pay all their bills
Some people wanna move on
Some people wanna go back in time
Some people buy everything they want
Other people don't have a dime

Chorus:

You want what you can't have
Since the Garden of Eden, it's been like that
You can't tear down the trees or pull all the weeds
You want what you can't have

Verse 2:

Some people wear their heart on their sleeve
Some people have a heart of stone
Some people are the life of the party
And others want to be left alone
Some people wanna drink
Some people wanna smoke
Some people stay up all night
Praying for a child of their own

Chorus:

Even fortune tellers can't go back
Can't wake the dead or change what you said
You want what you can't have

Bridge:

We want the spark, but we don't want the burn
We want the love, but we don't want the hurt
Chorus again. End.

This song always reminds me to reevaluate the things I want in life. Am I desiring things that will make me a better person, the world a better place, etc. Some things we desire come with a price. If you want to live a healthier and longer life, the price is less French fries (not *no* French fries, just less) and more exercise. If you want a college degree, then you will have debt and the most stressful 4 or more years of your life. These lyrics make me look myself in the mirror and ask "is this worth it?" Some things are, some things are not. Decide what is important to you because "even fortune tellers can't go back" and you can't "change what you said" So, friend, enjoy the things that are important to you.

Peace and blessings, *Kenneth*

FEBRUARY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 8:00 Between Services- Traditional Service 9:30 "The Wall" Service 9:30 Sunday School Traditional Srv K Pruchit 8:00-9:00 1:00 Memorial Committee 5:30 Youth Souper Bowl	3 9:00 Calico Spas Projects Staff Meeting Women's Chorus Discipline II 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	4 8:30 Calico Quilts Visitor 9:30 Men's Golf-Highland 6:00 Scouts	5 Quilters Men's Emmas 9:00 Disciple III 9:30 Bible Study Yoga 3:15 Chancel Bells 4:45 Chancel Choir 5:30 Youth Life 5:30 Men's Dinner 6:30 Men's Chorus 6:30 Broc Rehearsal	6 V Fleming Service Men's Golf-Highland 1:00 Calico Schinaps Meeting 2:30 Campground Support 6:00 Worship Band Rehearsal 6:30 Scouts	7 Prayer Show	8 8:30 Amp Big Book 6:00 Broc rehearsal
9 SCOUT MINISTRIES SUNDAY 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Wall" Service 9:30 Sunday School Traditional Srv Trustees 2:00 Finance 3:00 Town Hall	10 Staff Meeting Women's Chorus Calico Board 1:30 Friends of Christ 5:50 Girl Scouts 6:00 Discipline II 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	11 9:00 FBO-RR Men's Golf-Highland 1:00 Sarah Circle 6:00 Scouts 6:30 SPRC	12 Quilters Men's Emmas 9:00 Calico Friends 9:00 Disciple III 9:30 Bible Study Yoga 3:15 Chancel Bells 4:45 Chancel Choir 5:30 Youth Life 5:30 Men's Dinner 6:30 Men's Chorus 6:30 UMMI Dinner	13 Men's Golf-Highland 1:00 Hope Circle 4:00 Small Grp Leaders 6:00 Evening Circle 6:00 Worship Band Rehearsal 6:30 Scouts	14 Prayer Show Preschool Board	15 8:30 Amp Big Book 6:00 Broc rehearsal
16 7:00 Handball Practice 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Wall" Service 9:30 Sunday School Traditional Service CCM Meeting	17 Martha Circle Staff Meeting FBO-CD Women's Chorus Discipline II 6:30 Cub Scout Board 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	18 Men's Golf-SPCC 1:00 Naomi Circle 1:00 UMW Nominating 6:00 Scouts	19 Quilters Men's Emmas 9:00 Calico Dog Beds 9:00 Disciple III 9:30 Bible Study Yoga 3:15 Chancel Bells 4:45 Chancel Choir 5:30 Men's Dinner 5:30 Youth Life 6:30 Men's Classes 6:30 Broc Rehearsal	20 Men's Golf-Highland 6:00 Worship Band Rehearsal 6:30 Scouts	21 Prayer Show	22 8:30 Amp Big Book 6:00 Broc rehearsal
23 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Wall" Service 9:30 Sunday School Traditional Srv Leadership Team Church Council 4:00 Grandparents Support	24 Calico Cut-ups Staff Meeting Men's Support Group Women's Chorus Friends of Christ 5:50 Girls Scouts Discipline II 6:00 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	25 Men's Golf-Degrees 3:00 By Library Board 6:00 Scouts	26 ASH WEDNESDAY 8:00 Quilters 8:30 Men's Emmas 9:00 Disciple III 3:15 Chancel Bells 4:45 Chancel Choir 6:30 Worship Service 6:30 Broc Rehearsal	27 Quilters on the Go Men's Golf-Highland 4:00 Small Grp Leaders 6:00 Worship Band Rehearsal 6:30 Scouts	28 YOUTH on VENTURAS through Sunday Prayer Show	29 8:30 Amp Big Book 9:00 Announce Jr Festival 2:00 Scout Activity 6:00 Broc rehearsal



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