



The Good News

April, 2013



FAITH WALK

with

Bro. Jaimie Alexander ~ Senior Pastor

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

Matthew 28:18-19 (The Great Commission)

After the resurrection, Jesus made appearances before he ascended to the Father. He made appearances to Mary Magdalene, travelers on the road to Emmaus, Thomas, Peter, and all the disciples. At the end of the last chapter of Matthew, we read the Great Commission. The eleven disciples went to Galilee and then to the mountain where Jesus tells them to go. Jesus appeared to them and they worshipped in the holiness of His presence. Some of the disciples still doubted that it was him, but that did not stop Jesus from commissioning them as the apostles to spread the Good News, to make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, Holy Spirit, and to teach people to obey His teachings. Still today, we find ourselves being commissioned by the Lord through the Holy Spirit's influence to do the same. Are you willing to help others to experience the life changing love and grace of Jesus? That is more than a question, it is a command by the Lord.

As I think about our church and its ministry, I wonder how well we are obeying the command? Do you ever wonder? It is more than just the pastor's or staff's responsibility. It is everyone's responsibility. We are carrying out the great commission in many ways, but there are always more God-honoring ways to share the message of God's love with others.

Recently, we have experienced growth in worship attendance in our services. Even on the snowy Palm Sunday, worship attendance only took a slight dip, but was still strong for such a bad weather day. Thank you for your faithfulness in attending worship and for helping others to be made to feel welcome. You may have noticed at the 10:45 service, we have had an increase in families with children visiting the service. We realize we are going to have to make some enhancements on Sundays morning. We will be working on making all services more family friendly through offering children's sermons, starting a children's church at the 10:45 service, providing worship activity bags for children in the traditional services, redecorating the children and youth areas, and providing better signage to find the downstairs rooms. We had a large attendance at the Pancake breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt of families from the church family as well as from the community. Everyone was made to feel welcome and cared for at this event. One family commented to a member how surprised they were that we were so child friendly because that had heard we were not. I was sad to hear such a comment, but it helped me to realize we still have work to do to help others to know we are a multi-generational church. So, I challenge you to help the ministry of the church to carry out the Great Commission to all persons! A few people cannot do it; it takes us all working together to reach persons of different ages and stages in life!

God is Faithful!

Bro. Jaimie



OFF AND RUNNING

with

Pastor Lee Myane ~ Associate Pastor

Ordination

Last month I went for my final interviews with the Board of Ordained Ministry and was approved for ordination at Annual Conference in June. For me this is the final step in becoming an Ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church. The process to become an Ordained Elder is rather complicated and I've gotten a number of questions since my approval, so I thought I would try to explain a little about the process.

***First~ELDERS**

Who are elders?

Elders are persons called by God, authorized by the church, and ordained by a bishop to a lifetime ministry of Word, Sacrament, Order and Service. What does a ministry of Word, Sacrament, Order and Service mean? Like all baptized Christians, elders are committed to a lifetime of service, although this service manifests itself in different ways than deacons or the laity. The elder embodies, or brings to life, Christ's teachings in servant ministries and servant leadership and gives pastoral leadership in ordering the life of the congregation for service. Elders devote themselves to the ministry of the Word, which includes primary responsibility for preaching and teaching the Word of God. The unique calling of elders is pastoral oversight for the ordering of the church. They also have primary responsibility for administering the sacraments of baptism and Holy Communion. Because elders have been ordained to ordering the ministry of the church and administering church policies through the Discipline, bishops and district superintendents are chosen from ordained elders

Where do elders serve?

For most elders, their calling will be lived out as pastors in local congregations. However, elders are not restricted to local church service and may be appointed to extension ministries outside of the church walls.

How do elders find work?

Elders make a commitment to full-time service under the authority of a bishop, willing to serve wherever the bishop appoints. Elders serve continually and are assigned annually by the bishop to the same or a different appointment.

***Second~THE PROCESS**

How did I get started?

I started as a layperson within the church, searching for God and God's calling me to serve. Through my service I found God calling me in a different manner toward full time ministry. Seeking God's will for my life I entered into a discernment process and found my answer to be "set-apart" ministry as an ordained elder.

What does the church require to become an Elder?

Simply put the United Methodist Church requires a lot to become an Elder. The largest component required is an approved Masters degree, which is typically a Master of Divinity from one of our 13 United Methodist Seminaries or another approved seminary. I attended Saint Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, which is one of our United Methodist Seminaries. A Master of Divinity is typically a 90 credit hour degree that takes three to four years to complete.



Anyone can go to seminary and study, but to become an elder in the United Methodist Church you also have to be approved at three levels of our church institution. My call to ministry was first heard and approved at my local church level. First United Methodist Church in Bentonville was my home church and the Staff Pastor Parish Relations committee there received the written description of my call to ministry. I also interviewed with them and answered any questions they had. Then they voted whether or not to accept me into the process towards ordained ministry. Thankfully they recognized my call to ministry and approved me to move forward.

After the local church, I submitted my call to ministry to our District Committee on Ordained ministry. Like my local church committee this committee also heard my story and asked questions about my calling. At the district level I also had to submit my transcripts from seminary and begin to answer questions about my knowledge of ministry and our United Methodist theology and Discipline. Each year of seminary I interviewed with our district until graduation.

Upon graduation from seminary I applied to our Arkansas Conference for acceptance as a provisional member with the intent to become a full member and elder. This required approval from our District Board of Ordained Ministry, our District Superintendent and the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry. To receive approval from the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry I was required to answer a series of written questions from the Book of Discipline and pass multiple interviews with the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry.

After my approval to become a provisional member of our Arkansas Conference I began my two years of Residency in Ministry, (RIM). My two years have been here at FUMC Bella Vista. During this time I have been part of a covenant peer group with other provisional members and our clergy mentors. Each month during the fall we met and discussed our ministry settings, struggles, accomplishments and worked on our sermons, Bible studies and ordination questions/interviews. Each summer all the candidates for ministry from across the conference would gather together for a summer retreat to learn the responsibilities of being an elder or deacon within our United Methodist Church. As a provisional member our church Staff, Pastor, Parrish Relations Committee and our District Superintendent and my Senior Pastor, also evaluated me each year.

*Third ~ **the CONTINUATION of MY JOURNEY**

Approval for Ordination

This Spring, after receiving approval letters from our church, my senior pastor, my clergy mentors and our district superintendent, I was able to submit my final written answers to questions from the Book of Discipline, a written sermon and a video of that sermon for review by the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry. After reviewing my work and a day of interviews in Little Rock, I was approved for ordination.

What does this all mean?

For my daily life in ministry, things will not change. I will continue in ministry as I have done for the past six years. For our church and my family it is a blessing to have experienced all this together, to have been and continue to be supported and loved. For me it means I will be fully confirmed in my call to ministry and the United Methodist Church in all the ways required of an elder. On the evening of June 11th in Little Rock at our Arkansas Annual Conference, Bishop Mueller will lay hands on me and my fellow ordinands and we will be ordained as elders in full connection with the Arkansas Conference.

Faithfully, *Pastor Lee*



CHILDREN & YOUTH

"Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth!"

Psalms 46:10



This is one of my favorite verses. Sometimes I have a very hard time living that out. The next month will be one of these times. I know that God has big plans for our children here at FUMCBV. We are growing again and Bro. Jaimie and I have decided it is time for a Children's Council. We will be meeting at the end of April to discuss the path of this growing ministry. If you would like to be a part of this council please let me know.

April will also bring the Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction. I am collecting items for our auction, so if you (or your group) have items that could be donated, let me know. We appreciate all that we can get.

Because we are growing, we are in need of a new Sunday school teacher, and a Nursery Worker. Both of these positions are important to our success as a growing congregation. Our children learn about God and love and fellowship during Sunday school. When you think back about your Sunday school experience what do you remember? For me I remember the teachers; as I type this I am smiling remembering Mrs. Polle my 4th grade Mid-Week class teacher. She was one of the nicest most giving women I can think of, she made our class so much fun. You can be that memory for one of our children.

VBS is getting close. Our first planning meeting will be Thursday, April 11 at 6:30pm in the Parlor. During VBS we need all the help we can get, so be sure to attend this meeting and give your ideas on how to make this a wonderful experience for the children.

Carrie J. Drish, Director of Children's Ministries



Third Annual Children & Youth

SPRING SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Saturday ~ April 27
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Becker Hall

Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, Dessert, Drink

\$5 per person ~ Children 2 and under eat free

A Silent Auction will take place during the supper.

Tickets will be sold in Becker Hall and the Narthex before and after services during the month of April. If you have new items that you would like to donate to the silent auction, please contact Carrie Drish at 479-426-5136 or place them outside the Children and Youth room in the lower level. Money raised will be used to offset the amount of money that the parents pay for each child. This also is used for scholarships for children who may not otherwise be able to attend a mission trip.



UNITED METHODIST MEN & WOMEN



Our April meeting is just around the corner, Wednesday, April 10 at 6:30pm - our program will be Pastor Lee discussing his trip to Guatemala. The menu is a full-course dinner featuring Salisbury Steak from Papa Mike - If you need to make, change, or cancel your reservation after the Phone Tree goes out, please call Alan Packard (855-1168) no later than Sunday, April 7.



Also, be sure you put May 3rd on your calendars for the **Spring Pancake Breakfast**. Tickets this year will be \$6.00, but there is a new "Family Rate". No family will have

to pay more than \$20.00 for four or more persons (parents and children). Look for more information in the church bulletin.

UMM Golf

There are still openings for all of our UMM golf days - Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Summer play begins April 1st and continues until the end of October.

To better clarify how our play works, we are not Leagues, but play a mini-tournament each week. With this format, you can sign up as often or as little as you want and still be involved.



In order to sign up for any of the mini-tournaments, contact Alan Packard (855-1168) at least a week before you want to play. For those of you who don't want to play 18, the Tuesday Nine-Holers is a perfect way to get in some golf and fellowship without the four-hour-plus

Bazaar News

We're off and running once again! Workshops have resumed on Thursdays, 9:00am to 2:00pm. If you can't make it on Thursdays, there are several different kinds of take-home projects available on the table by the UMW Bulletin Board in Becker Hall. But don't stop there, we have several more sewing (or crochet, knitting and embroidering) projects ready for home-working down in the quilting room. Just contact Verna Bottjen. Now is also the time to start keeping a lookout for items for Sue Nebrig's gift baskets; kitchen gadgets such as measuring cups & spoons, spatulas, towels & hot pads etc. as well as things like tea cups or other small gift items. She is also needing half pint jars and quart jars (be sure they are a full quart).

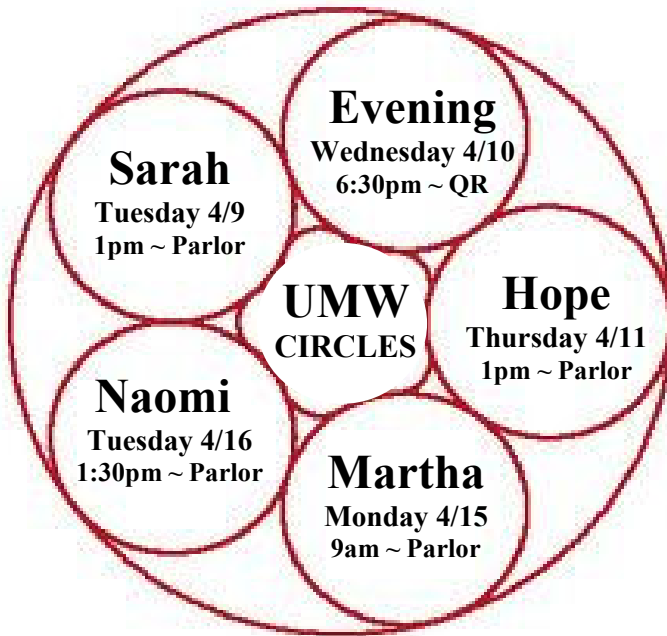


All donations can be left in the office if you can't get downstairs or in the Quilting room by closet#14. We would appreciate it if you would please attach a short note identifying any items you leave there since we also accept small Rummage items in that area.

By the way ladies, Bakeless Bake Sale time will be coming up next month, so be on the lookout for the letter in the mail. Thank You for all of your help!
Verna and Mabel

Rummage Sale

UMW will be holding their rummage sale on Saturday, August 3rd. Please begin now to set aside the things you no longer use or want. Categories include: kitchen items, linens, knickknacks (home decor), electronics, books, Christmas items, and large items. As we have very limited storage space, we are asking that you keep these things at home until the week of the sale. If you are moving or have other unusual circumstances please get in touch and we'll work with you. Any questions, call Co Ellen Sterwald at 696 4625.



METFIELD METHODISTS SG

will meet for lunch at noon
Saturday, April 6 at Gusano's Pizzeria
19 Cunningham Corner. Please contact
Vicki Forrest if you are able to attend.

The **SUNRISE SHEPHERD GROUP** will
meet for breakfast Saturday, April 20 at
8:00am at Concordia Independent Living
Center. The cost of the meal is \$6.00.
Please RSVP to Ruth Ireland at 855-4880
by Monday, April 15.

ABRAMS SHEPHERD GROUP

will meet Thursday, April 11 at 9:00
in the Parlor for Brunch.



The Green Church Project

finding ways to be better
Stewards of all our resources

Five Guiding Principles of the Environmental Protection Agency

To help federal government purchasers incorporate environmental considerations into purchasing decisions, EPA developed five guiding principles. The guiding principles provide a framework purchasers can use to make environmentally preferable purchases.

The five principles are:

1. Include environmental factors as well as traditional considerations of price and performance as part of the normal purchasing process.
2. Emphasize pollution prevention early in the purchasing process.
3. Examine multiple environmental attributes throughout a product's or service's life cycle.
4. Compare relative environmental impacts when selecting products and services.
5. Collect and base purchasing decisions on accurate and meaningful information about environmental performance.

These are good guidelines for us to consider in our personal purchasing decisions.

Read more at <http://www.epa.gov/epp/pubs/cleaning.htm#five>



OUR FAMILY

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Don & Barbara Gersema
- 4 Marvin & Jeneda Mickelson
- 13 Verle & Suzanne Shoemaker (60)
- 14 Juanita & Brandt May
- 17 Alva & R. P. Demarais
- 19 James & Patricia Rusterholz
- 20 James & Vicki Forrest
- 20 Keith & Lynn Prueitt
- 20 Diane & Joseph Verville

APRIL BIRTHDAYS (CONT'D)

- 10 Marilyn Hertel
- 11 Deanna Ballinger
- 11 Ken Swanson
- 12 Jan Boblenz
- 12 Janice Lang
- 13 Robert Clark
- 13 Jack Collins (90)
- 14 Louise Brooks
- 14 Garrett Greer

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Catherine Hollan
- 3 Jim Bilyeu
- 4 Pat Reid
- 5 Jenny Elsey
- 5 Theo Hamrin (12)
- 5 Katherine Kiesel
- 5 Yvonne Wright
- 6 Sybil Martin
- 6 Jean Gard
- 7 Betty Garcia
- 7 Bryan Roath
- 8 Harmony Ford
- 8 Katie Anderson
- 9 Pat Barber
- 15 Susan Smith
- 17 Tad Meagher
- 17 Madhura Roath (9)
- 17 Ken Watson
- 18 Lynn Prueitt
- 19 Sonnie Andersen
- 21 Roger Vrieze
- 23 Emma Rose Jennings
- 24 Zach Lehmann (5)
- 26 Harriet Williams
- 27 Reid Horle
- 27 Jim Verkest (Rev)
- 29 Janice Abbott
- 30 Kim Dale
- 30 Delores Grosnickle



OUR FAMILY



Each month, this space will be used to tell you about the people who are part of our church family. If you know of a birthday, anniversary, graduation, hole in one, 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 me, Jan Lowe, Congregational Care Minister at jan@lovelearnlead.com, or call me at the church, 855-1158 or 531-0381.

Justin, Adria, and Jaxon Trombley joined us at



The Well service on March 3. Home for the Trombley's is Webb City/Joplin, MO.

They moved here in August 2009. Justin works for Arvest Bank as a Trainer. Adria is a Literacy Facilitator for Rogers Schools. Jaxon, age 7, attends Apple Glenn Elementary in Bentonville.

The family enjoys travel, doing outdoor activities, and DIY (do it yourself) things around the house. Jax plays baseball for Miracle League. Justin and Adria are very involved in the Autism Support Group. Take time to say "Hi" to this great young family who have found a home here.

You have seen her singing with the band at The Well service at 9:30am on Sundays. **Cara**

Cherie ("ie" pronounced with a long "e") **Fort** became a member here on March 24.



Cherie had been

attending here only weeks when she knew that this was the place for her to worship. She currently lives in Rogers, AR but hopes to settle in Bella Vista as soon as she can get it worked out. Home for Cherie is Prescott, AR, and she has not lived outside the state.

Cherie's husband died in November, 2012. Her mom and dad live in Eureka Springs, and sister and nephew and nieces live in Conway, AR.

Cherie graduated from the University of Central Arkansas with a BSE degree. She has taught school for 28 years. She is not teaching at this time because of a serious health condition. She has kidney failure and is in urgent need of a kidney transplant. A match will come from someone with "O" Positive blood.

We were delighted when Cherie decide to join the Praise Band for The Well service. In spite of her health issues, she stays pretty upbeat. Because she loves to sing, she is a member of Barbershop Chorus and Quartet. She also makes jewelry, enjoys scrapbooking and making greeting cards. We are really glad that Cheri is now part of this family.





OUR FAMILY

WE REMEMBER:

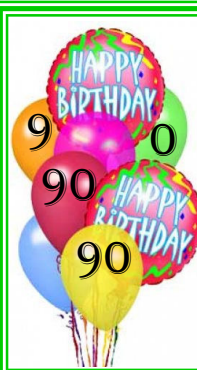
Jack Tingblad died on March 1. A service celebrating his life was held at the church on March 11 at 11am. Wife, Leah and the rest of Jack's family agreed that he would have been touched by the outpouring of love and care that filled the church on his behalf. Bro. Jaimie Alexander officiated.

Dorothy Henderson, frequent visitor to our church with E.B. May, suffered a broken hip and has been in rehab at Jamestown Retirement and Rehab Center. She was delighted to receive a prayer shawl presented by Jan Lowe on behalf of the church.

PRAYER SHAWLS

Margaret Lemley received a Prayer Shawl from Bro Jaimie following surgery in Dallas Texas. Follow-up will necessitate a few more trips to Dallas for Margaret and husband, Fred. We pray for a full recovery.

A prayer shawl was presented to long time church member, **Merle Lantz** upon her return home for rehab from having hip surgery. It will be a while before she can get back to church, but she is on the mend.



You are cordially invited to help
JACK COLLINS
 celebrate his 90th birthday
 Saturday, April 13
 2pm~5pm in Becker Hall
 No presents, please ~
 just your presence

Q. How can you tell the new people in our church?

A. They are the ones with their name tag on.

Ok, maybe it's not quite that bad, but some of us have gotten a little lax in putting on our name tag before we come to church on Sunday or other church functions.

It is hard enough for the "oldies" to remember names of the newer members. But imagine being a new member and having several hundred "older" members to recall.

Can't find your name tag? Contact the office to have a new one made.

I KNOW YOU!



*First United Methodist Church
 Bella Vista, AR*

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MISSIONS

SHOEBOX

Deliveries

365 shoe boxes were delivered during February-March. Deliveries were made to Hanna House, Northwest Arkansas Children's Shelter, Salvation Army-Fayetteville, Salvation Army-Bentonville, and Youth Bridge. Sunshine Sacks were delivered to Cooper Elementary School. Thank you to volunteers Cheryl Campbell, Bud Henke, Diane Cox, Karen Roenfeld, Ed Jenner, and Denise Conyers for your delivery help.

Volunteers

A big thank you to Goldie Kuntz and Nancy Veach for wrapping soap. These ladies are part of our volunteer program of "at home" workers. God bless you.

After weather cancellations volunteers David Schroeder, Vicki Schroeder, Diane Miller, Angie Jones, Phoebe Bader, Karen Roenfeld, Diane Cox, Wanda Holiday, Velda Berning, and Judie Packard meet on February 27 and packed 30 baby boxes, wrapped soap, and made up detergent packets. We were out of baby boxes, detergent packets and needed wrapped soap for Sunshine Sacks and Gravette Schools. Thank you! Thank You!

Needs

We do NOT need anymore small bars of soap or bottles of conditioner at this time. Due to your generous donations we are full up of these items. However we do need quart zip lock bags, small rubber bands and large sturdy rubber bands.

As always in His service,
The Shoebox Team Leaders



MISSION OF THE MONTH SHOEBOX MINISTRY

The goal of Shoebox Ministry is simple. To provide basic hygiene items to the homeless and needy in Northwest Arkansas. Other churches have joined in our efforts, including St. Bernard's Catholic Church, the United Lutheran Church and the BV Presbyterian Church. Civic groups like Rotary Club and Lion's Club are also involved.

In 2012, 1,866 shoeboxes were delivered to shelters and agencies from Bella Vista to Fayetteville. Thanks to the United Methodist Men, a total of 360 Sunshine Sacks, containing basic hygiene items were delivered to Cooper School last year for children in need. Items are provided to Gravette schools each year from their hygiene week. 143 gift boxes were taken to elders at Legacy Village. Bulk items are taken to the Northwest Arkansas Children's shelter and some are shipped to our troops deployed overseas. Bulk items are also available to go to disaster areas such as after the tornados in Mena and Joplin. A total estimated value of all items donated through Shoebox last year totaled **\$33,331.85**.

Shoebox utilizes volunteers to pack shoeboxes, usually in a "mega pack". Volunteers are needed to wrap items at home as well. Delivery persons are especially needed. Donations of travel sized items such as shampoo, soap, lotion, note pads, pens, and reading material are always in demand.

Shoebox Ministry continues to grow and change in an attempt to reach more of the homeless and needy in our community. We are always looking for new ideas and new ways to serve the least, the last and the lost.

**Undie Sunday is coming!
Watch the bulletins for more
Information...**



**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
BENTON COUNTY
VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER
JOHN JUSTICE**

John Justice moved to Bella Vista Arkansas in 2004 and found that he could support our local Habitat by picking up golf balls on the area golf courses. At first,



he would pick up the golf balls in the mornings while walking his dog and give them away to anyone who wanted them. But in the spring of 2006 he discovered he could sell them and donate all the proceeds to the mission of Habitat which is to "Help God's Children in Need". At present, he has sold over \$16,500 worth of "retrained" clean and sorted golf balls of every kind! He has customers from as far away as Houston, Texas to the south, and Minnesota and Wisconsin to the north. John is supported by his lovely wife Jean who is also very involved in their church ministries at the United Methodist Church of Bella Vista. Thank you John for making a difference in our community! Without your love and support Habitat could not continue to do what we do. God Bless you and Jean. *(From the Habitat for Humanity Benton County Newsletter)*

PAK A SAK

Northwest Arkansas Women's Shelter, located in Rogers will be the recipient of our collection of *non perishable* food items in April. The shelter is a safe house for women and their children in crisis situations. The shelter always needs canned fruits, cereal, juice, coffee, peanut butter, jam, and pasta products. *All our monthly recipients greatly appreciate what our church does to help their individual mission.*



**MISSIONS TEAM IS
HOSTING A CHURCH WIDE
POTLUCK!**

SUNDAY APRIL 14

5:00 p.m.

Becker Hall

**Pastor Lee will share pictures
and stories from his
Mission Trip to Guatemala**

¡TODISTA EL VER!



**Bring a dish to share and your
table setting. Enjoy a time of
fellowship and learn about this
wonderful mission trip.**

EDUCATION BOXTOP & SOUP LABELS

Please turn in your box top labels, soup labels with UPC symbol, and Best Choice UPC symbols as soon as possible to the Library.



SHEPHERD GROUP LEADERS

**Annual Luncheon and Meeting
Thursday, April 4, 11:30am
Chapel**

It is time for the Shepherd Group Leaders to come together to bring the office and each other up to date on activities, successes, and concerns on behalf of their shepherd groups. We are in the process of adding shepherd groups, and trying to divide larger ones so all members can reasonably care for a smaller group of members.

Shepherd Group leaders and other officers in your shepherd group are welcome to attend. Please notify the office by Monday, April 1, the names and positions of each person who will be attending.

SOARING SOLOS

The group took a break during the winter months, but they are back in full swing of things.

Events are planned with Single adults who are in their 60's and 70's in mind. Other singles are also welcome.

Dinner out is planned for most Friday nights. The group decides the place for the next Friday each week. Reservations for the dinner should be made with Dawn Thompson, 855-2921. No Dinner Out on Good Friday, March 29.

Ten members will take a day-trip to Branson on April 13 for shopping, lunch out, and the show, "Joseph."

We meet for snacks, games, or just fellowship in homes. We are always looking for homes large enough to accommodate up to 20.

Activities and events are decided by the group—if there is something you think would be fun, bring it up and we can probably find enough who will want to join you.

To get added to the e-mail list for notification of activities and events coming up, just send an e-mail to Jan Lowe at jan@lovelearnlead.com. Or call Jan at 531-0381. You don't have to be a member of our church to participate in outings.

SANCTIFIED CLASSIFIEDS

Do you come to The Well service on Sunday mornings? That is, 9:30 Contemporary? You are needed to serve as Host for that service—as a host, you would be scheduled one Sunday a month and on that Sunday would need to come 20 minutes early and stay about 10 minutes late. Your tasks would rotate; hand out bulletins and welcome people, greet people as they come in the Narthex, take up the offering, But mostly, make people feel welcome!!! Call or see Jan Lowe if you are willing.

SUNDAY MORNING SNACKS Cut up and plate snacks 15 minutes before the 8am service. That's all. It would be good if we can get two or three people to share this job every other or every third week, and then cover for each other when you need to be away. Please call Jan Lowe at 531-0381 to get more information.

COFFEE SERVICE FOR THE CONTEMPORARY SERVICE Still need people to volunteer one Sunday a month to clean up after the Contemporary service. Contact Jan Lowe to volunteer or for more Information at 531-0381.

CALLING ALL COOKS AND KITCHEN HELP Would you be willing to take a turn once a year to be in charge of a meal event at the church. It could be small (10—30), medium (30—60), or large (more than 60). Contact Jan Lowe if you are willing to take a turn in the year. Our Reception Ministry does not have a Team Leader this year. If you have the talent, skill, or guts, let me hear from you. Jan Lowe, 531-0381.




MUSIC



The Wesley Concert Series

Mark your calendar for Saturday April 20 at 7:30 p.m. for a very special performance by Soprano **Deborah Lynn Cole** with assistance from Clarinetist Dr. Robert Umiker and our own Broc Hite at the piano. This will be Debbie's third appearance in Bella Vista. She graduated from the Boston Conservatory and as a graduate student, won the National Metropolitan Opera Auditions. She now lives in Germany, and concertizes all over the world. Her program for us this time will feature romantic art songs, Broadway show tunes and arias from operas and operettas. The centerpiece of this concert will be a performance of Schubert's "The Shepherd on the Rock" for soprano, clarinet and piano.

Fayetteville HANDBELL FESTIVAL

On Saturday, April 27th members of FUMCBV Chancel Bells will join up to seventeen other handbell choirs from the  area in an all day handbell festival at Central United Methodist Church in Fayetteville, AR. For the festival they will be under the direction of Sonya Tucker who is a well known handbell clinician and composer. After periods of rehearsal in the morning and afternoon, the massed choir will give a concert at 4:00 PM to which you are cordially invited. The Chancel Bells members who are attending are rehearsing the pieces for that day and look forward to playing with over 150 other handbell ringers for the festival rehearsals and concert.

Dawn Thompson, handbell director

Susanna Yatsko, a graduate piano performance student at John Brown University, will be performing a piano recital in our Sanctuary Saturday, April 13 at 7:00pm. She has studied piano for over 15 years and has been the musical director for several productions of the Village Players here in Bella Vista. Last year she was awarded the JBU Oiesen Music Award, the Music Department's most prestigious honor, awarded in recognition of outstanding performance, scholarship, and service. Susanna was also the recipient of Little Rock Musical Coterie's Queen Piano Award for 2013.



Her Program will include selections from JS Bach, F. Schubert, Chopin, and Shostakovich. Please come enjoy an evening of beautiful piano music as you support this student of music as she prepares to perform her senior recital the following week.



THANK YOU

Thank you again to this wonderful Church family for all your visits, gifts, cards, food and prayers given to Lee and me during this last hospital stay. We deeply appreciate you.

Lee and Sharon Golaway

I would like to thank everybody who participated in my surprise (almost) birthday celebration on February 24, and for the cards and phone calls from those who couldn't be there. I am now officially an octogenarian. A special thanks to Arlene, Janet, Carmen, Sue, JoAnne, Jan, and Jaimie for their help in making this birthday a very special one. The real frosting on the cake was the children singing happy birthday. Love to all of you.

Rod Alford



The Goat Bank "Gift of a Gardener's Basket" was a whopping success, thanks to your generosity in digging deep into your pockets for those quarters. Somewhere a new farm will be started and the gift will be passed on. Thank You again!!

*Ralph & Mona Johnson
and the Missions Team*

Thank you to all of you for love and care and mostly for the help you gave us during the past months and for Bill's memorial. Our family appreciated the love and care with the dinner as well. Thank you to Jan Lowe and Bro. Jaimie for their visits and concern. Please pray for my continued healing. I miss the church and all of you!

Esther Youngman

On behalf of the children in our care – it's because of congregations such as FUMCBV that we are able to do the work we do – meeting the needs of children in foster care. Best Regards –

Steve Schotta, NWA Children's Shelter

My heartfelt "Thanks" to each of you for your outpouring of prayers and love during my illness. Your cards, your calls, special thanks to Pastor Lee's hospital visits, Bro. Jaimie's calls and all the other acts of kindness. Blessings to all.

Leveta Tunnell



Many thanks to everyone who helped with the Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt. Despite the not-so-nice weather

there were well over 100 people who participated in the fun morning. It was a great kick-off to the Easter week activities in the church.



FEBRUARY 2013 FINANCIAL DATA

Month to date (as of 02/28/13)	Budgeted Receipts		\$48,360
Month to date (as of 02/28/13)	Actual Receipts	*	\$45,267
Year to date	Budgeted Expenses		\$100,359
Year to date	Actual Receipts	*	\$86,518
Year to date	Actual Expenses		\$94,589
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April 2013

SUNDAY

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SATURDAY



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:45 Women's Chorus 1:00 Golf	2 9:58 Golf 10:00 Prayer Shawl 10:30 Concordia Bible	3 8:30 - Bible Study 8:30 - Disciples I 9:00 Quilters 9:30 UMW Brd Mtng 11:00 Quilters Pot Luck 3:45 Chancel Bells 6:00 Prayer Service 6:00 Youth Choir 7:00 Crossword Youth	4 8:00 Mens' Chorus 8:42 Golf 9:00 Bazaar Workshop 11:30 SG Leader Lunch 6:30 Choir Rehearsal	5 9:00 Disciples II	6 Youth to Branson 8:30 Old Faithful SG Papa Mike's Noon Methodist Meth SG Gusano's	
7 7:30 Praise Tm rehrsl 8:00 Traditional Svcs 9:30 "The Well" Svcs 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Svcs 5:00 Mutiny of Excess 6:00 Youth Meetings	8 7:59 Golf 9:00 DAR 9:00 Caregiver's Support 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 Calico Cutups Brd 12:45 Women's Chorus	10 8:30 - Bible Study 8:30 - Disciples I 9:00 Quilters 9:30 Mission Mtng 1:00 Guest Followup 3:45 Chancel Bells 6:00 Prayer Service 6:00 Youth 6:30 UMM Dinner 6:30 Evening Circle	11 8:00 Mens' Chorus 9:00 Bazaar Workshop 9:00 Abrams SG Brnch 9:24 Golf 1:00 Hope Circle 6:30 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 VBS Planning	12 9:00 Disciples II 11:30 Pre-school Brd	13 1:00 Party 2:00 Musical 7:00 Piano Recital	
14 7:30 Praise Tm rehrsl 8:00 Traditional Svcs 9:30 "The Well" Svcs 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Svcs 3:00 Friday Nite Club 5:00 Guatemala Potluck 6:00 Youth Meetings	15 CARE & SHARE TRAILER 9:00 Martha Circle 10:00 Staff Meeting 11:15 Golf 12:45 Women's Chorus	17 8:30 Bible Study 8:30 Disciples I 9:00 Quilters 10:30 PEO Reciprocity 3:45 Chancel Bells 6:00 Prayer Service 6:00 Youth Choir 7:00 Crossword Youth	18 8:00 Men's Chorus 9:00 Bazaar Workshop 9:33 Golf 2:00 Sons of Am Rev 6:30 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 SPRC	19 9:00 Disciples II 10:30 PreSchl Vol Lunch 5:00 Concert Rehearsl	20 8:00 Sunrise SG 7:00 Concert	
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