

The Good News

April 2016

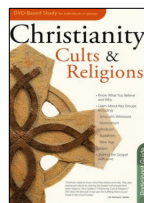
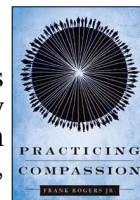
MIDWEEK MANNA

Wednesday evening classes for every age, through April 27th
Supper at 6:00pm ~ classes begin at 6:45 ~Adults, Youth, Children & Childcare

NEW SMALL STUDY GROUPS:

Practicing Compassion ~ led by Kandi Mount (March 30- April 27)

Compassion is more than a sympathetic feeling—it's the bond of human connection. Most religions lift up compassion, yet few people actually teach how to practice it. Join this small group as they explore Frank Rogers' interfaith perspective on mercy, kindness, and caring for one another in learning to *Pay* attention, *Understand* empathically, *Love* with connection, *Sense* the sacredness, and *Embody* new life (*PULSE*).



Christianity, Cults and Religions ~ led by Rob & Cheryl Whitesides (April 6 - 27)

Human nature is to be suspicious of what we do not know or understand. We are often down on what we are not up on! Being good neighbors in a multi-cultural community includes learning about our neighbors beliefs. Together this small group will explore the differences between Christianity and religions such as Mormonism, Islam and Jehovah's Witness. Discussions will include opportunities and ways to share our Christian faith with people from other faith backgrounds.

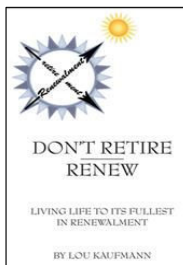
The Bible – The Miniseries ~ led by Pastor Judy (April 6 – 27)

Are you interested in learning more about the Bible but don't have the time or energy to commit to an extended Bible study? Have you yearned to attend a Bible study but are embarrassed by your limited knowledge? Do you want to know the stories in the Bible, so you can share them with your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews? If you answered yes to any of these questions or just want to try out a Bible Basics 101 class, consider joining us for *The Bible – The Miniseries*. We will watch one or two segments of *The Bible* each week and discuss what we watch. This is a *no-judgment* class, so come with as little or as much Bible understanding as you have and join Pastor Judy for a relaxed time of learning more about the Bible.



Don't Retire – Renew: Living Life to Its Fullest in Renewalment ~

led by Lou Kaufmann (April 13 – 27) Retirement as defined by Webster's Dictionary is to "withdraw into privacy or seclusion." But retirement doesn't have to look like that! It can be a time of "renewalment . . . when one career ends and you decide to renew your life in a new and exciting direction." Join Lou Kaufmann as he shares his faith journey and guides us in approaching and living in retirement with anticipation and enthusiasm for the new life, passions and friendships that retirement holds. This small group discussion is based on Lou's book entitled, *Don't Retire – Renew*. Whether you are already retired or are counting the days to retirement, this small group study will offer you a perspective on the future filled with hope and promise.



NEW SMALL CRAFTS GROUPS:

- **50 SHADES OF COLOR: ADULT COLORING** (Ongoing)
- **PAPER EMBROIDERY CARDS** (April 13th & 20th)
- **CAKE DECORATING** (April 13th, 20th, & 27th)
- **MEAL PREPARATION** (April 27th)

Wednesday, May 4th we will join together for a celebration Potluck at 6:00pm to review our classes and talk about what is coming in the fall.



FAITH WALK

with Brother Jaimie Alexander, Senior Pastor

You are invited to a Fellowship Covered Dish Dinner to welcome Duncan and Lazarus from Uganda!
Monday, April 18th ~ 6:00pm in Becker Hall

As many of you know, I recently had the privilege of being on a ministry team trip to Jinja, Uganda in support of the ministry of Kibo Group. Kibo is a ministry that helps people and communities in Uganda find local solutions to poverty and injustice through the project areas of water wells, hygiene, sanitation, economic, and women's issues. Kibo has lead the way in planting over 80,000 mvule trees in the last ten years, and has a taught people to build 5,000 earthen energy efficient stoves reducing firewood consumption, and to help prevent women and children from being burned. I am excited to share that two of the Ugandan Kibo Ministry Staff members, Duncan Ojiambo and Lazarus Wogoli will be our guest on Monday, April 18 at 6pm for a Church-wide Fellowship Covered Dish Meal in



Building stoves in Nabituluntu Village



Becker Hall. It is a privilege to have these two gentleman come to visit us and I hope you will join me in welcoming them. Prior to the dinner, I want to invite members of the missions committee and others who are interested, to meet Duncan and Lazarus at 5pm in the chapel to hear about the ministry of Kibo Group in Uganda. I want to thank you for your willingness to help welcome Duncan and Lazarus to Arkansas!

Duncan Ojiambo Duncan works for **Kibo Group** in the **Mvule Project**. He has worked hard to be a trained and ordained preacher, and he uses those skills for **Kibo Group**.

Lazarus Wogoli Lazarus has managed **The Source Cafe** in Jinja, Uganda since 1999. His longevity as part of the organization brings stability and wisdom to their work.

Celebrate Pastors Judy and Brenda !!

I am excited to announce to you that Pastors Brenda Wideman and Judy Rudd-Platt have been approved for commissioning at the Arkansas Annual conference of the United Methodist Church. Pastor Brenda will be commissioned as a Provisional Deacon and Pastor Judy will be commissioned as a Provisional Elder on Tuesday, June 21st at the 7:00pm Worship Service at the Hot Springs Convention Center Bank the Ozarks Arena in Hot Springs, located at 134 Convention Blvd. Brenda can now officially be referred to as "Pastor Brenda"! Please join with me in offering your praise and encouragement to each of our pastors.

Sadly, on Tuesday, March 22 three members of our church family lost their homes to a devastating fire. Please be in prayer for Jim Belcoff, Don Denison, and Allan Hagan as they recover. Allan was hospitalized and has since been released. Financial donations are being received to help each person in their need. "Thank you" to those who have made donations already, and for your faithfulness in prayer!

God is faithful!

Bro. Jaimie



Listening with Ears of the Heart

Associate Pastor, Judy Rudd-Platt

Listening with the ears of the heart is challenging at times. The heart sometimes prompts thoughts and actions which are illogical and even outrageous. It suggests detours and paths less traveled leading into the Land of Unfamiliar where deserts parch enthusiasm and unexpected giants threaten to steal and destroy dreams.

As mystifying and frightening as listening with the ears of the heart can be, this listening allows us to hear the call God places on our hearts which fulfills and satisfies our spirits as only the Creator can. Following the less traveled path to Unfamiliar reveals dreams that lay hidden in the Ordinary. It reveals strengths, gifts, insights and passions which lie dormant or unrecognized until they are needed to traverse the terrain of Unfamiliar.

Answering the call into ministry required me to follow the illogical, frightening and uncomfortable beckoning of my heart; but answering God's call also led to the fulfillment of my heart's greatest desire - to be of maximum use to God. In discerning the Holy Spirit's specific call on my life to ordination as an elder in the United Methodist Church, I have faced giants of Doubt, Confusion, Fear, Reluctance and Despair. In spite of, or perhaps because of, the many obstacles these giants hurled in my path, God continued to show me that I possessed the gifts, skills, courage and fortitude I needed to defeat the giants.

March 2nd, marked the completion of another step on the path of ordination. As I initially answered God's call into ministry in 2009, I prayed and trusted that God would reveal my specific call to either deacon or elder. Unlike other denominations in which elders and deacons are lay persons, elders and deacons in the United Methodist Church are ordained clergy who have met the academic requirements and been affirmed in their call to representative leadership in the Church.

After much prayer, holy conferencing and discernment, I understood that God was calling me to a ministry of Word, Sacrament, Order and Service - the ministry of an elder. Although elders and deacons share a call to Word and Service, my call to consecrate and offer the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion and order the church for service in mission and ministry in the world, distinguish my call to serve as an elder. After three hours of interviews on March 2nd, the Arkansas Conference Board of Ordained Ministry affirmed my call to ordination as an elder. I will be commissioned as a provisional elder in June at Annual Conference.

Although I am growing more comfortable with and knowledgeable about the landscape of Unfamiliar (professional ministry), I suspect that I will encounter giants and challenging terrain throughout my travels. However, I am reminded by the hymn, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" that God travels with all of us in the land of Unfamiliar. "Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!" Brother Jaimie reminds and assures us each week that "God is Faithful in our past, our present and our future"! God is faithful, indeed!

(The above storyline is loosely based on Bruce Wilkerson's, David Kopp's and Heather Kopp's book, *The Dream Giver: Following Your God-Given Destiny*.)

Peace of Christ be with you, *Pastor Judy*

Women's Retreat

Calling all women! Are you interested in attending a women's retreat in the near future? Join us on April 14th at 6:00pm in Room 6 to discuss the *When*, *Where* and *What* of holding a women's retreat for our church.





JOINING in the JOURNEY TOGETHER

Pastor Brenda Wideman, Minister of Congregational Care & Grief Support

What is a Deacon?

On the recent announcement of my upcoming commissioning as a provisional deacon at Annual Conference in June, I had many questions about “What is a deacon?”

In Acts 6:1-6, there is an account of the first deacons chosen by the early church. The ministry need was to care for the widows and the orphans. Seven were chosen, seven who were “full of the faith and the Holy Spirit”, to extend the ministries of the church out into the community. The emphasis in this ministry was on justice and on compassion for those who were not being cared for as they should be, for those who were marginalized in some way; in this case, the widows and orphans who were not receiving a proper distribution of food. This ministry was ordained by God in that the seven “stood before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.”

In 1996, the United Methodist Church established the separate ordained order of deacon based on the model of the early church. From the earliest days of the church, deacons were called and set apart for the ministry of love, justice, and service; of connecting the church with the most needy, neglected, and marginalized among the children of God. In our UMC, the call of an ordained deacon is to a lifetime ministry of “Word, Service, Justice, and Compassion.” A deacon’s call always has a specific “heart” component; this is the justice and compassion aspect of a deacon’s call.

The call of a deacon connects and bridges the mission of the Church with the everyday lives of the people of God. A deacon is called to meet people where they are and to offer Christ to them. This call can be played out in a variety of ways. Some deacons have their primary appointment in the world, such as chaplains or those in missions, serving people in need such as the homeless, the poor or the abused. Some deacons have their primary appointment in the Church; their ministry might be serving in areas such as caring for the elderly, grief and loss support, or Christian education. In each case, the deacon is called to bridge the Church and the world in a way that the two can come together. Christ goes before us into the world and calls us to join Him. Servant leadership of a deacon, when joining Christ where he is leading, results in a two-way wooing of the faith community to the needs of the world and of the needs of the world to the faith community.

In a case where a deacon’s call places her or him in a local church setting, the deacon is in servant ministry in partnership with the other ordained clergy in leading worship, in teaching and proclaiming the Word, and in forming and nurturing disciples of Christ. In these areas, a deacon may look much like an elder. The call of an ordained elder is to a lifetime ministry of “Word, Service, Sacrament, and Order.” In comparing the call of an elder vs. a deacon, both are called to Word and to Service. However, the elder administers and presides over the sacraments of Holy Communion and Baptism; whereas the deacon assists with the sacraments, unless the bishop specifically grants sacramental authority. The elder is called to direct the Order, the overall organizational structure and operations and ministries, of a local church in compliance with the UM Book of Discipline; the deacon has no calling in this general oversight. Elders itinerate; they are sent to a local church appointment by the presiding bishop. Deacons on the other hand, do not itinerate. Once an appointment is made by the bishop, a deacon is not subject to being sent by the bishop to another position of ministry at another location as elders are.

My appointment here at First United Methodist Church of Bella Vista is truly a gift from God. My faith story is tremendously influenced by my call back to the Church. I knew I had come home when I returned to the Church after 27 years of absence. The aspects of my call to Word and Service are evidence of the depth of that call. But my calling also is greatly influenced by my heart of Compassion and Justice for those in need in the world, all of the children of God, those inside and outside the walls of the church. My appointment here is an opportunity to be in servant ministry in the beautiful union of these two aspects of who I am. I thank our God for this opportunity to be here with you in ministry and I look forward to what God has in store for all of us as we join in the journey together.

Blessings, *Pastor Brenda*



Vista Kids

Kristin Crider, Director of Children's Ministries

April Showers Bring May Flowers!

April's "raindrops" of goodness in Children's Ministry:

- Memory verse for children 3rd grade and below: Happy are those who don't see but believe." John 20:29. We will be studying the road to Emmaus, the Great Commission, and more! Join us Sunday Mornings from 9:30-10:30 and change a little one's life by teaching them stories that will stay with them a lifetime!
- Midweek Manna: Kids on a Mission have a special host for our next session! Marianne Zotti and Hal Shope are sharing "God's Can do Kids" through the month of April from 6:45-7:45 pm after din. Marianne, Hal, and Linda & Richard Stewart have been planning great lessons that involve skits, songs and learning a lot about how to help those that have been affected by a disaster and how to even help yourself!
- Thank you! Thank you to ALL who have served and helped with Children's Ministry in March! From a new-recruit Easter Bunny, our loving group of teachers, to some surprise organizers in the craft closet, our children and CHURCH are blessed beyond measure by all those who share God's love!

Kristin

YOUTH LIFE

David Hanson, Director of Youth Ministries



The youth have been doing very well and are excited to make a trip to Branson, Missouri for Young Christians weekend on April 2nd. Two weeks ago the youth had a great opportunity to go to *Veritas* in Hot Springs, Arkansas. *Veritas* (Latin for the word truth) was formed in 1988 in the old North Arkansas Conference by a group of youth pastors with the goal to facilitate the Christian experience for young people in a new way. *Veritas* became a collection of youth groups dedicated to worshiping in this new and exciting way. It became a reminder to young people that they are not alone in their walk with Christ and, most importantly, it has changed many young lives. *Veritas* grew over the next ten years to almost 700 participants each year until the merging of the North Arkansas and the Little Rock Conferences into the Arkansas Conference in 2003. With churches all over the state now attending, the event has grown into the most popular event among Arkansas Conference youth as nationally known worship leaders and speakers began to lead worship. Our youth had a great time and we look forward to the next two years, for it is closer to home in Rogers.

Mission trip 2016. This year we are not taking a mission trip but are attending a week long disaster relief camp in Kansas. This camp will help our youth become trained, skilled and knowledgeable in helping out when disasters happened close to home. I am hoping to take 4 to 5 youth to this. The cost for the week long camp is \$400. If anyone wants to help sponsor a youth to attend, please see Pastor Judy or me.

Lastly we are so grateful and appreciative for all the love in prayers and gifts that the church gives to the youth. Please let us know how we can ever assist you.

Love you all , *David*



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. Send your information to Pastor Brenda Wideman, Congregational Care Minister at brenda@lovelearnlead.com or 855-1158.

NEW MEMBERS

Linus and Jeanette Faber— became a part of our church family on February 28. They both are originally from South Africa, where Jeanette was one of a family of 10 children and Linus was one of 12 children. They moved to California where Linus was a diamond cutter and Jeanette was a pharmacist for College of California at Irvine. They have been in Bella Vista for the past 10 years. Jeanette loves to garden and Linus dabbles in music and still does some diamond cutting for clients locally and around the country. They love their little dog "Sam", a Maltipoo, who is their little boy and is terribly spoiled. Jeanette and Linus are in the "Spiritual Gifts" class on Wednesday nights and worship at the 10:45 service. Be sure to welcome them and introduce yourself the next time you see them!



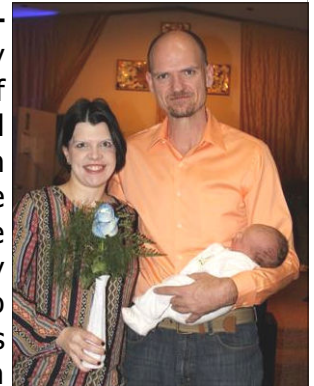
Jean Meadows—Joined our church family on March 20. Jean is a cradle Methodist, she even still has her Cradle Roll Certificate! She was born and raised in Kellerton, Iowa, but now calls Bella Vista home. She has worked for the US Customs office in Rialto, California, but is now a substitute teacher for Springdale High School. She

loves to read, write, travel, and play golf. She also loves working in her big yard here in Bella Vista. Be sure to welcome Jean when you see her at the 8:00am worship service or at Mid-week Manna.

BIRTHS

We are excited to report new life in our church's immediate and extended families. We welcome:

Preston Merrick Magee — born March 3 at Mercy Hospital. Preston is the son of Les and Gretchen Magee and the baby brother of Keagan and Layton. You can welcome Preston at *The Well* Service where the proud family worships with us. We are so pleased to announce this newest member of our church family.



Scarlett Kay Zweber—great-granddaughter of Dick and Karen Bacon was born on March 3 in Yankton, South Dakota. We celebrate this new life with the Bacons!

Joseph Daniel Wilhite—ninth great-grandson of Mil Davidson was born March 7 in Tulsa. Mom, Laura, had been in danger of early delivery and we had held her in prayer for this. Joseph was delivered safely at 34 1/2 weeks, and although he will have to stay a little longer in the hospital, Joseph and Mom are doing fine. Praises for answered prayer!

BAPTISMS

Ryker Jon Mendoza ~ son of Jon and Jessica Mendoza, was baptized Easter Sunday in *The Well* service while sister, Isabelle, brother, Zach, family and friends at Easter Worship looked on. Praise be to the Lord for the new life of Ryker and the new life of the Easter message.





OUR FAMILY

DEATHS

Please keep all of these families in your prayers as they journey through the grief of their loss.

Jean Nordmeyer—a member since 1985, and most recently a resident of Concordia Care Center, passed away Saturday, March 5. A celebration of her life is scheduled for June 25, 2016 in Omaha, Nebraska. Cards can be sent to her sister, Mrs. Joan Humphrey, 8 Kiswick Circle, Bella Vista, 72714. Please keep Joan, her children, and all of her family in your prayers for comfort in this loss.



Tim Coakley — Step-father of MJ Rhein and husband of Ivea, passed away, Wednesday, March 2 while in in-home hospice here in Bella Vista. Please keep MJ, her mom, Ivea, and all the family in your prayers as they grieve the loss of Tim.

Dean Miller—brother of Bill Miller, and a retired Methodist pastor for 40 years, passed away in Epworth Villa in Oklahoma City on February 18. Please pray for Bill and all of the family in this loss.

Jerry Cook—good friend of Dick and Karen Bacon, passed away February 19 after a long battle with cancer. Jerry had been on our prayer list for quite a while. Please keep Jerry's family, Dick and Karen, and all of his friends in your prayers.

Tom Mardis—passed away at Circle of Life Hospice in Bentonville on February 27. Tom was the grandfather of Trey Mardis, our young ministry intern from the summer of 2014. Please keep Trey, Tom's wife Betty, and their entire family in your prayers.

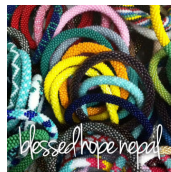
APRIL ACTIVITIES

YOUNG at HEART SHEPHERD GROUP ~ will meet for lunch at 11:00am on Saturday, April 2nd at the Cracker Barrel in Bentonville and then visit the Museum of Native American History.

ABRAM SHEPHERD GROUP ~ will meet in the church parking lot at 10:00am on April 12th to ride the bus to the Native American Museum and then Cracker Barrel for lunch. Call Darleen O'Brien for information.

SOARING SOLOS ~ Sunday, April 17th, will gather in Becker Hall at 2:00pm to watch the movie "War Room". This movie will reinforce how important it is to pray in a heartfelt manner. Popcorn, snacks & Beverages will be served and Judy Knadle and Darleen O'Brien will be the hostesses.

EVENING CIRCLE ~ Saturday, April 23rd they will meet in the Chapel at 1:00pm to host a "Blessed Hope Nepal" event. This is a group of 20 women who gather to make jewelry to support themselves and their families. To learn about the group, go to their website: <https://blessedhopenepal.wordpress.com/>



MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

AV Worship Assistance ~ Do you like technology? Well, do we have a ministry for you! Help out during Sunday Worship in any of the three services with the soundboard or video camera or computer. All you need is a willing spirit; we will happily train you. Help is also needed to deliver the worship recording from the first service to the local TV station. Talk to Troy or Alan in the AV booth for details.

Sunday Office Hostess ~Do you have a friendly face and helping attitude? We would love to have you welcome and assist folks who come to the church office on Sunday during the 10:45 Worship service. Talk to Janet in the church office—855-1158 for more details.

Indoor Plant Waterer ~ This job would take someone about 1/2 hour per week, preferably done on Thursday or Friday so that the plants are perky on Sunday! Please see Janet in the office.



OUR FAMILY

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Don & Barbara Gersema
- 6 John & Sharon Lindsey
- 12 Allan & Maxine Ward
- 13 Verle & Suzanne Shoemaker
- 14 Boots & Jo Brehmer
- 14 Brandt & Juanita May
- 17 Alva & R. P. Demarais
- 20 James & Vicki Forrest
- 20 Keith & Lynn Prueitt
- 20 Diane & Joe Verville
- 21 Jeremy & Verla Shafman
- 26 Gary & Carol Tomlinson



APRIL BIRTHDAYS (CONT'D)

- 12 Janice Lang & Jan Boblenz
- 12 Tim Van Allen
- 13 Robert Clark
- 13 Jack Collins
- 14 Stephen Carter
- 14 Garrett Greer
- 15 Susan Smith
- 10 Emmery Antoine
- 16 John Zurn
- 17 Madhura Roath
- 18 Lynn Prueitt
- 19 Sonnie Andersen
- 20 Keiley Hickman
- 21 Roger Vrieze
- 24 Zach Lehmann
- 26 Joanne Hubbert
- 26 Harriet Williams
- 27 Reid Horle
- 27 Rev. Jim Verkest
- 27 Walt Wenger
- 28 Dorothy Schuster
- 29 Jan Abbott
- 30 Terrie Crandall
- 30 Kim Dale
- 30 Delores Grosnickle



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Sue Prather
- 3 Jim Bilyeu
- 3 Dave Weber
- 5 Jo Brehmer
- 5 Theo Hamrin
- 7 Bryan Roath
- 7 Betty Weider
- 8 Harmony Ford
- 10 Marilyn Hertel
- 11 Deanna Ballinger
- 11 Ken Swanson





Musical Notes

From Broc Hite

Concerts at FUMCBV in April Sundays at 3 p.m.

April is a busy month for concerts at the church. The first concert is on **April 3rd**: This is truly a special event - a tribute to the life of David Fountain, a very popular area pianist and organist who had held several concerts at our church, who died in December 2015. Friends of David will be singing, playing the piano and organ in his memory, in a concert we hope he would have enjoyed if he were still among us. The concert is free and a reception will follow. For those who want to perpetuate the memory of David, we will be collecting donations to a newly-established scholarship fund in his name at Northwest Arkansas Community College.

April 10th, we will hold the first concert of the year in the Wesley Series. It features Lyrique Quintet, which is composed of faculty members at the University of Arkansas. They will perform works of Dvořák, Saint-Saëns, Piazzolla, and Ewazen. I will join them on the piano in two of the compositions.

April 24th, we feature Er-Gene Kahng, Violin, and me on piano, in a focused program of two romantic violin sonatas of Grieg and Fauré, and two works of 25-year-old composer Stephanie Ann Boyd. Ms. Kahng is one of 50 violinists across the U.S. who will be performing these commissioned works this season.

Though it's not on Sunday, and it's not in April, our final spring concert in the Wesley Series will be the UMKC Graduate String Quartet on **Saturday, May 7th, at 7 p.m.** Please hold the date – more details will be soon available.

We look forward to seeing you often during the month of April!

Broc

Caregivers Support Group Meeting Monday, April 25th ~ 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel

There has recently been an upsurge in attention over the use of aromatherapy for Alzheimer's disease. Several essential oils are proving effective for treating several symptoms of dementia in general including anxiety, sleep problems and memory.



Aromatherapy is now getting an increasing amount of attention in the scientific and medical communities as an alternative therapy for people who have Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia. What they are finding is that certain essential oils have a positive effect on mood, behavior, and even on cognitive functioning. Cyndie Lyon, L.C.S.W., will present an informative session on the types and use of effective essential oils.

Upcoming Caregivers Support Group Lunch & Learn Event Broyles Foundation Presentation

Monday, May 2nd, Becker Hall, 10am-3pm

The mission of Broyles Foundation is to turn the crisis of caring for a person with Dementia including Alzheimer's into a positive life event and to ensure the best quality of life for all family members involved.

The presentation will be made by Betsy (the daughter) and Molly (the grand-daughter) of the late Barbara Broyles who was the wife of Coach Frank Broyles. Both women are certified counselors and have a vast amount of experience and knowledge as a family caregiver.

Betsy and Molly will discuss day-to-day care tips for your loved one and tips on how to take care of YOU, the caregiver. They will also place emphasis on the issue of family dynamics. This will be an information-packed session and attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions. Additional information about the event will be forthcoming.

Please call the office if you are coming, so we will know how many to expect for lunch.



MISSIONS

Shoebox Ministry

Deliveries in March

Deliveries were made to Salvation Army Bentonville, Salvation Army Fayetteville, Souls Harbor, & Seven Hills. Sunshine Sacks were taken to Cooper School.

Help! Help!

Please help us share our items with those in need. It can be a one-time donation to family, school, or organization. We just want to reach those less fortunate than us. We all belong to groups outside of the church. When you have a project or someone mentions they know of a need and we can help, please let us know. Help us to help others. Every member of FUMCBV is Shoebox Ministry.



Our Needs

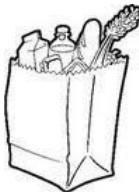
We need full size toothpaste, full size men's shower gel, and men's and women's socks either short ankle length or full length. The youth like the shorter kind. Also large size nail clippers would be useful.

As always in His service,

The Shoebox Ministry Team

PAK A SAK

Our collection of food April 17th, will be delivered to Northwest Arkansas Women's Shelter in Rogers. This shelter is a safe house for women and their children in crisis situations. They are in need of all types of NON-PERISHABLE food items, especially canned fruits, cereal, juice, coffee, soups, peanut butter, and pasta products.



MEALS ON WHEELS

FUMC will be responsible for delivering Meals on Wheels during the month of May. Delivery team sign-up sheets will be available in the Narthex before and after each service on April 3, 10, and 17, and in the office. Delivery of meals usually takes around one and one half hours (10:30am to Noon) per day Monday through Friday. Please prayerfully consider assisting with the delivery of meals one day per week. If you have any questions, contact Darrell Bottjen at 876-1392.



Thank You to Helping Hands Workers

Our turn to work at Helping Hands on March 12th passed pleasantly with just enough work to keep busy but not so much that we didn't have time to socialize a bit also. So, a big "Thank You" goes to Dennis Reed, Jack Hollingworth, Ted Ivy, Rob & Cheryl Whitesides, Jim Prather, Ron Buker, Chet & Cheryl Campbell, Darrell Bottjen, Co Ellen Sterwald, Sue Nebrig, Darleen O'Brien, Mabel Ashline, & Maryanne Johnson for a job well done!

Next chance to participate in supporting this charity will be July 23rd.

Also, we would like to mention that you probably have heard about the new Goodwill store coming into the old church building across from Town Center. We realize that this will be much more convenient for Bella Vista residents to deliver their unwanted items, but just bear in mind that Goodwill's profits don't necessarily stay in our community, unlike Helping Hands where 85% of all dollars earned are given back to needy people in Benton County. The total community impact amount given back in 2015 was \$2,156,070!! And though there may be things that aren't always convenient with our organization, we must not forget how much good they have done now for 40 years! We will be celebrating that anniversary on



on April 23rd with many fun activities at the store from 10:00 am till 2:00 pm. So come on down and see us at 320 Airport Road. (turn west on SW 28th St. off of Walton Blvd)



Verna Bottjen & Shirley Wenger



MISSION OF THE MONTH HAVENWOOD

The Havenwood program provides transitional housing for single parents and their children in a supportive environment to help families become economically self-sufficient and transition into permanent housing.

Havenwood is a two-year program designed to help single parents overcome the barriers in their lives that lead to homelessness. Residents are required to work or attend school full time. We do NOT offer onsite child care, except during groups or special activities.

Residents are required to participate in our life skill development program that requires working with our caseworker to develop a Personal Living Plan and participating in weekly group meetings. It includes a curriculum that focuses on budgeting and money management, health and wellness, personal empowerment and leadership, workforce enhancement and, family dynamics and healthy relationships. We encourage working with a counselor on therapeutic goals. Residents also receive services include individual case management, referral to resources they need to accomplish their personal living plan and a family like atmosphere to help meet the needs of their children.

Our program helps integrate families into the community and teaches personal responsibility and self-sufficiency. Residents are required to do community service as well as contribute to the shared living areas in the form of chores.

Residents sign a lease with Community Development Corporation of Bentonville/Bella Vista, Inc. and can stay up to two years. Applicants must agree to fully participate in the Havenwood Program. Havenwood provides support, resources, and referrals to break down the barriers each family faces in order to move from homelessness to self-sufficiency.



Join Us!
Wesley House Consecration Service
Sunday, April 24, 2016 at 2:30 p.m.
520 Lindell Avenue, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701
For more information, visit uawesley.com

Join Us for the Consecration Service celebrating the opening of U of A Wesley's new 8,000 sq. ft. ministry facility. All are invited to the service, which will be held on Sunday, April 24th at 2:30 pm at the new facility, 520 Lindell Ave, Fayetteville. U of A Wesley, a United Methodist college ministry at the University of Arkansas, draws its mission from John 15:1-17 and exists to help university students CONNECT, GROW, and BEAR FRUIT in their life in Christ during the college experience. For more information about the service or to help with furnishing the new Wesley facility by making a gift, visit the ministry's website at uawesley.com

UNITED METHODIST MEN United Methodist Men invite all men of the church to their monthly dinner meeting on Wednesday, April 13 at 6:30pm in the Chapel.

The menu will be catered by Papa Mike's. The program will be presented by our own Bro. Jaimie Alexander, as he regales us with tales of his trials and tribulations and triumphs during his second mission trip to Uganda in January/February. Your reservation needs to be made no later than Sunday, April 10th. If you miss the Phone Tree, please call Jim Belcoff at 616-6738 for reservations or more information about UMM.

Attention all (male) golfers!

Our summer leagues have just begun and we are always looking for more golfers! Our three leagues consist of two 18-hole leagues, Mondays & Thursdays, and one 9-hole league on Tuesdays. All three leagues are "play by the week" leagues. You are not required to commit the entire summer, or find a substitute if you have to miss a week. Contact Alan Packard, Chet Campbell, Darrell Bottjen, or James Forrest if you are interested.



BOOK NOOK

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LARGE-PRINT FICTION:

THE FINE ART OF MURDER by Emily Barnes
A Katherine Sullivan Mystery.

NEW LEAF by Catherine Anderson

A novel about a love that inspires the courage to start over and the strength to reclaim a dream.

A GIRL'S GUIDE TO MOVING ON by Debbie Macomber

When Nichole discovers that her husband has been unfaithful, the illusion of her perfect life is shattered.

PROMISE LODGE by Charlotte Hubbard

After Noah and Deborah break their engagement Deborah shows up at the lodge run by Noah's mother.

GONE AWAY by James Grippando

Time is running out and an innocent man may be executed.

BOOKS IN SERIES:

THE CHARMED AMISH LIFE SERIES by Shelley Shepard Gray

Book One: *A SON'S VOW*

FICTION:

HEAD GAMES by Eileen Dreyer

Head Games is a tour-de-force thriller that looks into the depth of the human heart and mind.

SHELTER by Harlan Coben

Mickey Bolitar's year can't get much worse. After witnessing his father's death and sending his mom to rehab, he's forced to live with his Uncle Myron.

CRY IN THE NIGHT by Colleen Coble

A Rock Harbor Mystery

SUZANNE'S DIARY FOR NICHOLAS by James Patterson

A powerfully moving and suspenseful novel about families, loss, new love, and hope.

UMW STUDY BOOKS:

CREATED FOR HAPPINESS by Cynthia Boyd Hopson (2 copies)

THE BIBLE AND HUMAN SEXUALITY by Ellen A. Brubaker

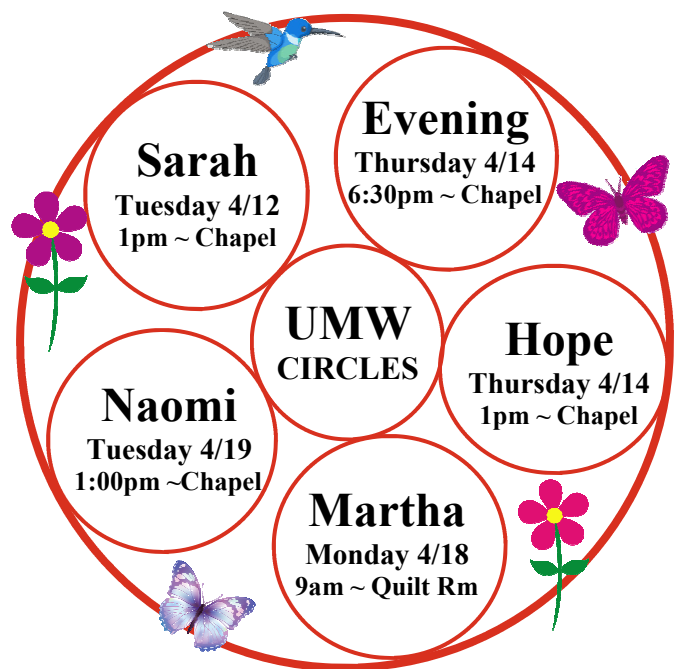
CLIMATE JUSTICE by Pat Watkins

These books are all on the UMW Reading Program and can be counted in any category.

REMEMBER - **BAZAAR WORKSHOPS ARE HERE!** Please come join us on Thursday mornings from 9am - 2pm downstairs in the quilt room. Stay as long as you want. Bring along a sack lunch if you plan on being there at noon. If you prefer to work at home, please check in the back of Becker Hall for a card table full of projects for you to take and work on. Spring is here, so start those plants for the Garden area. We will have the Gift Baskets again, so please collect some nice items to put into them. All members of the Church are invited to share in this project of the UMW as they help support the many charities that ask for our help. This is part of *BEING THE CHURCH*. We welcome your help in making another successful Bazaar. Contact Verna Bottjen for further information.



Mark your calendars:
UMW Annual Rummage Sale
Saturday, August 6
Set aside your cast offs.
More news next month.
???'s - Call Co Ellen Sterwald
721-2902





News from Across the Seas

Several weeks ago, Delores Grosnickle got the name and address of a missionary in Cambodia from our missions committee and sent a birthday card just to say "I'm thinking of you and praying for you", not expecting a reply. Just before Easter, she received a letter and picture she wanted to share.



General Board of Global Ministries
Street Children Ministry in Cambodia
Happy Easter!

Halleluia! Halleluia!

convey to you the grateful greetings of Easter. Thank you again and that your generous hearts sent to the deserving brothers and sisters in also for your prayers. Without them, we would not be able to of God that I am sent to facilitate here in Cambodia. This is God's ruments. The suffering goes on and on until this problem of poverty he world. It is making people suffer here in Cambodia. My whole being iddens me to see their happy faces when they are blessed with your ur prayers are answered." Thank you for being the answers to their

proclamation of Jesus to Mary, "Go to my brothers and say to them 'I her and your Father, to my God and your God.' This marks the story of I opens the possibility of knowing God in a new way. It is not simply rose. We can live as Jesus lives. This is the message when we bring e poor. They experience abundant life as our God wants for everyone. Cambodia. We concretize the love of God to all people.

e love of God through our abundant giving towards abundant life, we nd become better persons. As children finish their schooling, they omunities, dignified as reflected of what is to be created in the image sion, our mission.

They're coming! They're coming! The Texas Youth are coming!

You may remember a few years ago, a youth group from Texas came to Bella Vista on a mission trip. Well, we are excited to announce that they are coming back in June. More information will be in next month's newsletter, but for now be thinking of those projects around the house that you are no longer able to perform - painting, minor repairs, yard work, window screen repair, roofing, etc. Also, you may have a neighbor or friend who could benefit from these services, as well. There is no charge for this service and we would love to have a long "to do" list for them when they arrive. Think about, look around, and be ready because

They're coming!



Care & Share trailer will be in our upper parking lot Monday, April 18 from 7-ish to 2-ish. Anything you donate to them (and they truly take "anything!") goes to their Thrift Store in Gravette, and the profits of the store go directly to benefit those less fortunate in western Benton County. We have several items of clothing hanging across from the library that will be donated if they are not claimed. Check them out to see if you can use anything there.

MISSING

The materials for the Midweek Manna class "**Parenting in a Hurried Home**" have been missing since the beginning of March. If you have borrowed them or know where they are, if you could return them to Room 23, it would be greatly appreciated!! Thank You.



THANK YOU

A big "Thank You" to Carole Boyd and Sue Nebrig for helping to get our Pack Shack delivered to Living Waters H2O Pantry in Centerton, Grace UMC in Rogers, and Oasis Pantry here in Bella Vista. Rev. Pat Bodenhammer sends big hugs and her Decatur UMC food pantry sends many thanks for helping them out! We are the Church!
Sandy Fitch, Mission Committee

Many thanks to everyone who has helped me in the past few weeks, from providing food and transportation, to the many calls and cards and prayers. My church family is the very best!!! I love you all. . .
Lillian Timmons

Thank you for your cards, thoughts and prayers for my speedy recover following surgery. I have never been in a more friendly, kind, and caring congregation than this one! I am doing well, and hope to be driving soon. God is Good!
Nathela Crooks

Dear Bro Jaimie, We appreciate all you did to help us after Joyce's passing. The ceremony was beautiful and meaningful. You and all of the church friends couldn't have been nicer. We will always remember your warmth, caring, and your terrific church. With sincere gratitude,

the family of Joyce Cox

To FUMCBV, Thanks for your donations to OASIS of NW Arkansas in 2015. The women and children who benefit are extremely grateful. We appreciate your generous spirit.

Catherine Luck, Spiritual Community Director

Thank you so much for your wonderful donations. We are blessed by your generosity and willingness to partner with us. (February Mission of the Month)

Habitat for Humanity of Benton County

FEBRUARY 2016 FINANCIAL DATA

		* = -Endowment	2016 Budget	Compare 2015
Month to date (as of 2/29/16)	Actual Receipts	*\$44,228	*\$54,326	*\$49,929
Month to date (as of 2/29/16)	Actual Expenses	\$51,901	\$54,326	\$54,914
	Month of FEB	-\$7,673		-\$ 4,985
Year to date	Actual Receipts	*\$105,969	*\$108,652	*\$109,774
Year to date	Actual Expenses	\$102,171	\$108,652	\$107,431
	YTD	\$3,798		\$ 2,343

Operating Account Balance 2/29/16 **-\$7,442**

April 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 8:30 Believers Disciple	2 7:00 Youth/Branson 9:00 Amp Big Book 11:00 Young Heart
3 BP✓ between services 7:30 Praise Tm rehrl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Serv 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Serv 3:00 Fountain Mem Cnrt	4 8:00 Golf-Dogwood 10:00 Staff Meeting 11:00 PEO-CD 12:45 Women's Chorus 4:45 Handbell Ensmbl 5:30 Men's Chorus 6:30 By the Book AA	5 9:33 Golf-Scotsdale 10:00 Prayer Shawl 5:30 Grief Group	6 9:00 Bible Study 9:00 Disciple IV 9:00 Quilters 9:30 UMW Board Meet 2:30 Disciple II 3:15 Chancel Bells 5:00 Prayer Meeting 6:00 Midweek Manna 6:45 Youth Life	7 9:00 UMW Bazaar Wrkshp 9:00 Old Sew & Sews 9:07 Golf-Kingsdale 4:00 Chancel Choir	8 8:30 Believers Disciple 9:30 PEO Planning 10:00 Preschool Volunteer Lunch 11:30 Preschool Brd	9 9:00 Amp Big Book
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To the Home of ...



United Methodist Men Pancake Day

Friday, May 6th
6:30am-12:30pm

Becker Hall
Pancakes, Ham or Sausage,
Applesauce, Drink

\$6.00 per person

Tickets may be bought from
any UMM member,
in the Church Office,
or at the door
on Pancake Day

Proceeds help fund
UMM mission projects



Classic Country

UMM
Annual Ladies Nite
Becker Hall

Wednesday ~ May 11th
6:30pm
\$12

An Evening to Remember!!

Toe-tapping Music
Delicious Dinner
Door Prizes

