



The Good News

APRIL, 2017

FUMCBV Lenten, Easter, & Church activities

March 1 ~ Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary, at 11:45am
followed by luncheon, and at 6:00pm

March 1 through April 12 ~ Wednesday Lenten services at 11:45am,
followed by a luncheon prepared by UMW Circles

April 8 ~ Children's Pancake Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt,
Breakfast begins at 8:30am - Hunts begins at 9:00am (see back page)

April 9 ~ Palm Sunday

April 13 ~ Maundy Thursday Worship Service - 6:30pm

April 14 ~ Good Friday Worship Service - 6:30pm

April 16 ~ Easter Sunday Sunrise Service ~ Metfield Clubhouse - 7:00am
Easter Sunday Worship Services:
Sanctuary 8:00am & 10:45am (traditional services)
Becker Hall 9:30am (contemporary service)

Midweek Manna ~ every Wednesday evening through May 3rd beginning
at 5:30 pm - light supper followed by classes and activities
for all ages (see Sunday bulletins for weekly classes & activities)
(There will be no classes the evening of April 12th during Holy Week)

You are welcome to join in any or all of the above activities





FAITH WALK

Brother Jaimie Alexander, Senior Pastor

The season of Lent is about looking within your heart to determine how you need to grow in your relationship with Christ and repenting of issues you are saddened over that have harmed your relationship with Christ. So, to improve our relationship with Christ, we do many things; ask for forgiveness, experience self-denial, focus on the meaning of the Cross, and decide to make changes in life. This year, Lent has taken a dramatic turn for us as a church because of changes in pastoral leadership that has been announced. As most of you know, I received a phone call from the District Superintendent informing me I would be appointed as Senior Pastor of First United Methodist Church in Texarkana, Arkansas. The call caught me off guard and it took a few days to sink into my heart. Sudden calls that change your life require time to digest and reprogram your emotions as you know, and it was true for me. So in the days following, I have gotten busy. I started cleaning out my house, packing, making needed repairs to get my house on the market. I made a very quick trip to Texarkana to buy a house and see the outside of the church. My days have become full of preparing for Easter, to welcome the new Senior Pastor to Bella Vista FUMC, to be prepared to be welcomed at Texarkana FUMC, packing up my house, and soon my office. In all of this, I have come to realize that the season of Lent is a season of change that sometimes requires greater change in order to being faithful in following Christ!



So in this season of change, I am happy to announce to you that the new Senior Pastor of FUMCBV is the Rev. Jeanne Williams. Pastor Jeanne is married to Rev. Heath Williams and they have a 5 year old daughter, Natalie. She currently serves as pastor of Walnut Ridge UMC in Walnut Ridge, Arkansas which is located in Northeast Arkansas. She was born in New York, grew up in Tennessee, graduated from Lambuth University located in Jackson, Tennessee where she earned a Bachelor of Music degree, and also graduated from Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. Pastor Jeanne serves as the Arkansas Annual Conference Chair of Worship. The Williams family sadly experienced the death of their infant daughter, Hazel within the past year. I invite you to send Pastor Jeanne note or email of welcome to the FUMCBV family! Her email address is jeanne.williams@arumc.org (or) 214 SW 2nd St, Walnut Ridge, AR 72476

We welcomed Alex Walyomu and Harriet Kefeza of Kibo Group Uganda on Wednesday, March 29th. They brought their message during the 11:45am Lenten service, and also spoke that evening after Midweek Manna supper. They have been in the USA for 3 weeks and will be returning home in another week. Their time here has been spent speaking across the country to many churches and businesses with Kibo connections about positive changes that can be, and have been made in their communities with minimal resources. Our Missions Committee met with them to find out what more we as a church can do to help them in their efforts. Kibo Group International is the missions group that is supported by our Missions team, so remember the name!

I look forward to having a great time together with you in the next few months, as we celebrate the changes that will make FUMCBV a better place in the future to offer the Loving, Learning, Leading ministry of Christ to the community and each other!

God is faithful! *Bro. Jaimie*
Don't just come to church, Be the Church!





Listening with Ears of the Heart

Associate Pastor Judy Rudd-Platt

Most mornings when I awaken and before I get out of bed, I say the following prayers. “Lord, please guide and direct my thinking. Divorce my thinking from self-pity, dishonesty and self-seeking motives. Whenever I become irritable and discontent, please redirect my thinking. Lord, I offer myself to you, to build with me and do with me as you will. Relieve me of the bondage of self that I might better do your will. Take away my difficulties that victory over them may bear witness to your love, your power, and your way of life. May I do your will always. Oh Lord, that you would bless me indeed and increase my territory; that your hand will be with me; that you will keep me from evil; that I may not cause pain. Lord, reveal my true place and purpose in life.”

The words of this prayer upon awakening come from a variety of sources. Some of you may recognize a few of them. I have been praying this prayer for over a decade. It is a prayer rooted in the confidence that God is good and faithful. It is a prayer of surrender to the One who loves us unconditionally, transformationally, and invitationally and who through grace and the work of the Holy Spirit is ever growing us in holiness toward perfection. It is a prayer of hope and assurance that God will use me to carry out God’s kingdom work. And it is a prayer of faith, that the One who calls me will provide everything needed to answer and honor God and to love my neighbors.

Prayer is powerful. It is healing and life-giving. It is a gift we give to ourselves and to one another. James tells us, *“Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective”* James 5:13-16.

I have felt the power of your prayers for me these last 6 weeks. There were days that your prayers, words of encouragement, cards and emails along with the Holy Spirit carried me. Your prayers have been powerful and effective. I have been extremely blessed by the gift of being one of your pastors these last two years. While we know that I will be appointed to another church as of July 1st, we also know that we have three months to pray, worship, fellowship and be in ministry together!

Life happens. Sometimes it comes at us fast and furiously as if it is an automatic batting machine that has gone bonkers. Sometimes it is slow and easy. Scripture does not promise us that life will be without challenges or pain. It only promises us that God will be with us in all of life’s ups and downs. Let us delight in God and one another between now and June 30th. Like Paul said in Philippians 1:6, “I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.”

Pastor Judy



JOINING in the JOURNEY TOGETHER

Brenda Wideman

Grief in Sudden Loss

“Do not let your hearts be troubled; trust in God, trust also in me.”
(John 14:1 New Living Translation)

I will never forget the Sunday morning I received that unexpected phone call. I was getting ready for church and my husband, Bob, came into the room and said my brother, Allan, was on the phone. I thought, “Uh-oh, something has happened to Mother.” I was never so shocked as to hear that my ‘baby’ brother, Tim, had been killed in an automobile accident. Tim, the youngest of the six of us, was the most playful, the most joyful, the most caring of all of us. I was stunned. There I was going about my normal routine when a sudden downpour in life’s circumstances brought on a grief that was profound. The darkness of the rain had just blotted out the sunshine of life. I went into mourning.

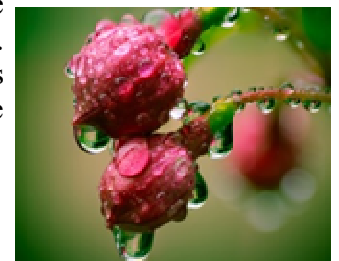
You may be in mourning right now after the announcement that not just one but two of our pastors, Bro. Jaimie and Pastor Judy, are both being sent to other churches in July. Grief in sudden and unexpected loss can catch you so off guard that it seems to hit even harder than when you know loss is coming and have tried to prepare. Emotions can be like a roller coaster. Your world has been turned upside down. At first you feel numb, unable to take in the magnitude of it all. Then you may become angry, wondering why this could happen and looking for a cause or causes to blame for this pain. Then you may just enter into a deep sadness, sadness at knowing that life will be so very different than it has been in the past.

Many of us are grieving as we are trying to absorb that our pastors, who have touched our lives so deeply, who have walked with us, have laughed with us, have cried with us, have worshipped with us, will no longer be with us in the coming year. If you are feeling this grief, know that however painful your emotions may be, they are ‘normal’ when one is in grief. Give yourself permission to grieve; spend time in deep prayer and reflection; acknowledge the emotions you feel; talk to your church family friends; hug them; cry with them; let the tears fall; walk together through this time of loss.

We will journey together in the coming months on a path we did not anticipate and would not have chosen. But, this journey together will bring healing. Our God is Faithful and our church family is strong! With trust in God, God the ultimate Healer; trust in our Lord and Savior, Jesus, who has walked with us and knows us, who is faithful to restore hope and reconciliation; and trust in each other, for God’s Spirit is strong within us and between us; the Love which is our God will bind us together in a new unity and a new purpose. We will be made stronger in God’s love. Joining together in this journey through grief will heal us and prepare us to begin for the new life which is waiting for us. This new life will begin to bud in the coming months, as together we prepare to support, and yes, even deeply love, our new pastors when they join us in July. And then as the storm clouds break and the rain subsides, the Son’s Light will cause new life to blossom. We as a church family will have grown. We will be ready to welcome our new pastors and, united with them, ready to break into full bloom in the new ministries which lie ahead.

May God shower God’s abundant blessings on each of us in our time of mourning,

Pastor Brenda





VISTA KIDS

Angie Rader, Director of Children's Ministries



I can not believe April is almost here. The year is going by so fast. As you know, Bro. Jamie and Pastor Judy are moving on. This is a sad time for me but a exciting time for them. I know God has great plans with these two. I have learned so much from both of them and will miss them very much. Please keep them both in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you to all who helped me when I was sick. You guys rock!!! Could not have done it without you. We will have our VBS meeting on Sunday, April 2nd, at 11 am. If you are not able to make our meeting, please talk to

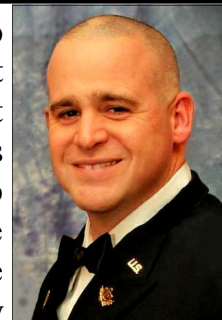
Jess or me about what you would like to do. We will have another meeting after Easter. Our Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 8th. We will have pancakes, games, and crafts. If you are interested in helping, please let me know. There will be a sign up sheet by the egg donation table. MidWeek Manna is going well. We are still learning about Noah and then we will start on Moses. We will have a lesson about Passover and what it means for Christians. Ms. Pam is teaching the children some songs for Mother's Day. I pray that you have a wonderful Spring and remember the true meaning of Easter.

In his service, *Ms. Angie*

YOUTH LIFE

Austin Curtis, Director of Youth Ministries

The FUMC Youth has had a great first quarter. We have been diving deep into what it means to be Mission Minded. They have learned what the Great Commission is and what we are to do as followers of Christ. Over the next month we will continue on the topic of being Mission Minded as well as Cultivating Disciples. As far as activities are concerned, we just wrapped up another successful lock-in. I believe I am still recovering from it. Some of the Youth are attending Confirmation Camp which is very exciting. I will be taking a few of the Youth to Young Christians Weekend at Silver Dollar City on April 1. Our departure time from the church is 9:30am and Arrival time back at the church is estimated to be 8:30pm. There are some upcoming plans for service projects, but details will come later.



Deuteronomy 31:6 *"Be Strong and Courageous, Do not be afraid nor terrified because of them, For the Lord your God goes with you, He will never leave you or forsake you."*

Be Blessed, *Austin*



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 Brenda Wideman, Congregational Care Minister at brenda@lovelearnlead.com or 855-1158.

NEW MEMBERS

Danny and Suzanne Chilcot— became a part of our church family on March 19 at the 10:45 service. They have retired to BV and have been visiting with us over the years when here on vacation. Dan is a retired civil engineer and Suzanne is retired from work in Information Technology. Both love golf, history, and genealogy. They keep busy with hearth, home, and volunteering. Be sure to introduce yourself and welcome them as you see them here with us.



DEATHS



Carol Greenley – a member with us since 1978, passed away in Cedar Park, TX, on March 13. This church family was always dear to her heart, for she intentionally kept her membership with us even when she had to move to Texas. A service will be held on April 29th at 10:00am in our Chapel. Please keep her stepson, Owen, and all of her family in your prayers. Owen has remained faithful to her and for her in all ways, including keeping in touch with us.

Janet McIntosh - a member since 1988, passed away March 22nd in Eagan, MN where she moved in 2015 to be closer to her daughter. Cards may be sent to: Cheryl Hanson, 3689 Widgeon Way, Eagan, MN 55123



Jacqueline Hansen – mother of Vicki Schroeder, passed away Sunday, March 19th in Kansas City. Vicki and David had traveled to be with her in her last days of her battle with cancer. The service was held Thursday, March 23. Please keep Vicki, David, and the family in prayers as they mourn the passing of Jackie.

Juan Cantu – brother-in-law of Amy Fulton, passed away Wednesday, February 22 in Corpus Christi, Texas. Please keep his wife, Patty, (Amy's sister) and the entire family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of Juan. Patty is not in good health herself and this is a difficult time for all of the family.

ACTIVITIES COMING IN APRIL

Young at Heart Shepherd Group - will meet at 5:00pm on Wednesday, April 5 in Becker Hall and then attend the Manna dinner, before going to classes. They will not have a breakfast meeting in April.

Sarah Circle - will meet Tuesday, April 11 at 1:00pm in the Chapel. Bella Vista Mayor Peter Christie will be their guest, and everyone is invited to come hear him speak.

Solos - The Solos enjoyed the movie *The Robe* and a potluck meal at the Church March 19th with 9 members attending. The movie and meal and conversation were enjoyed by all - please watch for our April activity. Suggestions are welcome!

If you would be interested in taking a two day "vacation" overnight stay, Carolyn Sutton has information where we could get a nice hotel/motel room at Branson for \$45 to \$55 a night, queen size beds, some have tickets to shows, etc. Have no date set for this, but interested in knowing how many would like to be a part of this. Please contact Maryann Johnson or Karen Roenfeld as soon as possible, if this sounds like something you would enjoy.

Metfield Methodists - will be the hosts for the Easter Sunrise Service Sunday, April 16 at Metfield Clubhouse. EVERYONE is invited to join us!

Friends of Christ - (a new group that meets at 9:30am Sunday mornings in the Chapel) invites everyone to join them Good Friday (April 14th) at 1:00pm in the Chapel for the movie "Risen". (see article about the group - page 7)



OUR FAMILY

Midweek Manna Updates

Midweek Manna has been a great blessing to our community again this winter and spring! Our average attendance is up from 65 in the fall to about 85 this season. (I think all the wonderful creations coming from the kitchen have a lot to do with it!) Thank you to our cooks and all our volunteers who set up tables, prepare drinks, serve food, set out condiments, and clean up. We truly appreciate your servants' hearts. Remember that you don't have to attend a small group to enjoy the great food and fellowship on Wednesday nights.

Wednesday Night Home Meal Delivery to our shut-ins and families in need of a little additional care is blossoming. Our chefs and delivery drivers have been sending out 15-25 meals each week. What a blessing their ministry is! If you need a meal delivered, or would like to be on the meal delivery team, please contact Pastor Brenda.

Important Updates to the Small Groups

- *Living Single with Confidence* will be taking a break until next fall. Watch your bulletin this summer for some great new topics to help folks of all ages and stations in life.
- *Bella Vista ~ My Hometown* will welcome Kay Curry after Easter to bring us information about our amazing Bella Vista trails.
 - April 19th – Program at the church
 - April 26th – A short hike
- *Thrivent Representatives*, Matthew and Shawn Taylor will offer presentations on two topics that are important to us all.
 - April 5th – Thrivent Builds: Mission Outreach with Habitat for Humanity
 - April 26th – Economic Update: Trends in the Economy Based on Recent Events
- *Women's Bible Study* (and)
- *The Bible: The Mini-Series* will be meeting through April 26th
- *24 Hours that changed the World* will meet through April 19th

Manna Celebration!! SAVE THE DATE!

May 3rd, we will celebrate Midweek Manna! Mark your calendar now. You don't want to miss it. Join us for a fabulous meal created by our faithful and talented Wednesday night kitchen crew as we recognize and give thanks to everyone who has allowed us to gather and be physically, emotionally, and spiritually fed on Wednesday nights as part of Midweek Manna.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to participate in Midweek Manna but want to join the celebration to find out more about it, please join us! We do need to know the amount of food to prepare, so please RSVP to the Church Office with the number of people you will have in attendance.



A New Small Group is Forming!

If you are being called to dig deeper, search intentionally, and travel a journey of spiritual seeking, please join us! *Friends of Christ* group is forming to journey together as children of God. We will engage in fellowship, study, and prayer as we share Gods love.

Please contact Kandi Mount at 586-2919 or hjmklm@sbcglobal.net (OR) Stephen Grider at 405-213-4846 or STGrider1@gmail.com if you want more information or are interested in attending.



The walk to Emmaus is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation that begins with a three-day retreat. Retreat schedules are below for Camp Siloam in Siloam Springs.

Men's Walk

Thursday, April 20 – Sunday, April 23rd

Women's Walk

Thursday, April 27 – Sunday, April 30th

If you are interested in attending one of these walks or need more information about a walk, please contact :
Sandy Fitch 426-5361 sanfitch@yahoo.com (or)
Pastor Judy 855-1158 judy@lovelearnlead.com



OUR FAMILY

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 John & Leona Bryson
- 4 Don & Barbara Gersema
- 6 John & Sharon Lindsey
- 7 Tim & Cindy Moore
- 12 Allan & Maxine Ward
- 13 Verle & Suzanne Shoemaker
- 14 Boots & Jo Brehmer
- 14 Juanita & Brandt May
- 18 Joe & Donna Vermillion
- 20 James & Vicki Forrest
- 20 Keith & Lynn Prueitt
- 20 Diane & Joe Verville
- 21 Jeremy & Verla Shafman
- 26 Gary & Carol Tomlinson

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Leo & Liam Underwood (5)
- 2 Sue Prather
- 3 Jim Bilyeu
- 3 Dave Weber
- 5 Jo Brehmer
- 5 Theo Hamrin
- 7 Bryan Roath
- 7 Betty Wieder
- 10 Marilyn Hertel



APRIL BIRTHDAYS (CONT'D)

- 11 Deanna Ballinger
- 11 Ken Swanson
- 12 Jan Boblenz
- 12 Janice Lang
- 12 Tim Van Allen
- 13 Jack Collins
- 14 Garrett Greer
- 15 Susan Smith
- 16 Emmerly Antoine
- 16 John Zurn
- 17 Madhura Roath
- 18 Lynn Prueitt
- 19 Sonnie Andersen
- 19 Marci Moussa
- 20 Keiley Hickman
- 24 Zach Lehmann
- 26 Joanne Hubbert
- 26 Harriet Williams
- 27 Reid Horle
- 27 Rev. Jim Verkest
- 27 Walt Wenger
- 28 Tim Moore
- 28 Dorothy Schuster
- 29 Janice Abbott
- 30 Kim Dale
- 30 Delores Grosnickle





HOSPITAL				
NAME	LOCATION	ROOM	ADMISSION	MISC
Karen Dove	Mercy		3/27/2017	Updated 3/29/17 11:30am (LBO)
Layne Anderson	Home from Mercy		3/22/2017	heart problems - home 3/23 - back 3/24 for sleep study, back this week more tests Updated 3/29/17 8:37am (LBO)

REHABILITATION				
NAME	LOCATION	ROOM	ADMISSION	MISC
Jari Shaw	Jamestown	101		undergoing rehab from stroke 1/27/20 Updated 1/31/17 10:30am (LBO)
Syble Highfill	Highlands	107	2/28/2017	Mini-stroke, swallowing difficulties, to NWB 2/28 - Highlands 3/3 Updated 3/29/17 8:37am (LBO)

DECEASED				
NAME	LOCATION	DATE	MISC	SHEP GRP
Carol Greenley	Cedar Park, Texas	3/13/2017	passed away in Texas Monday, 3/13 - service here in the Chapel Sat, April 29, 10am Updated 3/16/17 8:17pm (LBO)	Crooks
Janet McIntosh	Eagan, Minnesota	3/22/2017	Janet moved to be closer to her daughter in 2015. No services planned Updated 3/29/17 8:37am (LBO)	

We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. -Thimothy 1:8

If you get a chance when you are near the Church office, please stop and see our **NEW HOSPITAL BOARD**. It is a collaboration of Alan Yount, Troy Jorgensen, and Keith Sterwald. Alan spent several hours on the phone and several trips to different Wally-Worlds to get the very best bargain he possibly could for the new TV. Troy has used his IT expertise to program the Board so that the pastors can update it from anywhere, whether they are at a hospital visiting a patient or sitting at their office computer. Keith and Alan mounted the board after much measuring and consulting. It is a wonderful addition to updating and aiding in the congregational care ministry of FUMCBV.

THANK YOU, ALAN, TROY & KEITH !!



The United Methodist Men invite ALL men of the church to their monthly dinner meeting on Wednesday, April 12 at 6:30 pm, in the Chapel. Our March meeting was very well attended to hear our speaker, Travis Stephens, Economic Development Director for Bella Vista, bring us up to date on the commercial growth of our city. We are now a city of 30,000 folks and 17th largest town in Arkansas. Tom Judson, General Manager of the Bella Vista POA, will be our speaker for the April meeting and bring us up to date of all the things going on within that part of our community.

The calling committee will be contacting members as well as the UMM Newsletter being sent out so that you can make your reservation. You can also call Lou Kaufmann at 366-1291 or email him at lou@krrealty.com, or simply call the church office. Please make your reservation no later than Monday, April 10. Have a Fantastic Life!

Sarah
Tuesday 4/11
1pm ~ Chapel

Evening
Thursday 4/13
6:30pm ~ Chapel

UMW CIRCLES

Hope
Thursday 4/13
1pm ~ Chapel

Naomi
Tuesday 4/18
1:00pm ~Chapel

Martha
Monday 4/17
9am ~ Quilt Rm

The finance committee will keep our Church Family informed on a regular basis concerning our Church's finances in a number of different ways. This includes a new email address at the Church website where questions or comments may be addressed. All questions will be answered by email or phone call.. The email address is financecomm@lovelearnlead.com.



MISSIONS

PAK A SAK (note date change)

Our collection of food in April will be delivered to **NWA Women's Shelter**. This year our collection will be on the **4th Sunday in April, the 23rd** since **EASTER is on the 3rd Sunday**. This shelter is a safe house for women and children in a crisis situation. They are in need of all types of **NON-PERISHABLE** food items, especially canned fruits, juice, cereal, coffee, soups, peanut butter and all pasta products.

If you are able to stay after the middle service for a few minutes on the 23rd to help sort and pack for delivery, your assistance will be greatly appreciated!!



During the month of March we have delivered 310 shoeboxes plus tarps, batteries for flashlights, denture toiletries and other misc items. 125 Sunshine Sacks were packed and delivered to Cooper Elementary School. Additional items not used by Shoebox were given to Jim Moore, pastor at Millwood Church who belongs to the Essentials program that delivers to rural areas in Benton and Washington counties.

We NEED your help!! Our ministries continue to grow in the children's area and we do not get the donations of money or items needed to continue to support the increase of the needy children in these programs. Please consider helping us meet this need.

Items Needed:

travel size soap, shampoo, lotion, toothpaste, pocket tissues, and quart size ziplock bags.

Please contact Cheryl Campbell, Karen Roenfeld or Diane Cox if you have questions, suggestions, or possibly know a vendor who has access to any of these products.

As always in His service,

The Shoebox Ministry Team

"Snack Packs for Back Packs" BANK

When Cooper School first opened 10 years ago, only 40 students were eligible for the "Snack Pack for Back Pack" program. This program provides healthy, easy to prepare foods for school age children over the weekend. The school counselor places a "snack pack" of eight to ten items into the student's back pack on Friday afternoon so the child has food over the weekend.

Due to changes in demographics and school boundaries, Cooper School provides 140 + students with these much needed hunger packs each Friday.

FUMCBV has been asked to be a part of this very necessary program beginning with the 2017-18 school year. We'll be responsible for 40 students each week. Other churches and the Samaritan Center in Rogers are picking up the balance of the students in need. We've done the math. We've prayed. We've conferenced. And we feel this is a project that we are being called to do.

You'll notice the "goat banks" are out full time now-one in the hallway across from the Library. The Mission Team's focus is on beginning to raise funds now. We estimate that it will take approximately \$300 per month (1200 quarters!) to pack 160 healthy food bags.

**Bring your
quarters !**

**Fill the
Banks !**

**Feed a
Child !**





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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.



Mark your calendars:
UMW Annual Rummage Sale
 Saturday, August 5
 Set aside your cast offs.
 More news next month.
 ???'s - Call Co Ellen Sterwald
 721-2902



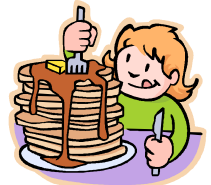
United Methodist Men Pancake Day

Friday, May 5th
 6:30am-12:30pm

Becker Hall

\$6.00 per person

Proceeds help fund
 UMM mission projects
 Volunteers welcome!!
 Contact Lou Kaufmann



Care & Share trailer will be in our upper parking lot Monday, April 17 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.



Musical Notes



Upcoming Wesley Series Concerts

On Sunday afternoon April 9th at 3:00, the Wesley Series will present the Barbara Mashburn Scholarship Singers in a concert of Gospel music. The singers are all students at the University of Arkansas and are active participants in various ensembles from the University's Music Department. They have appeared on our Wesley Series programs before at Christmas time as well as with Dan Knight on several of his visits. You won't want to miss this opportunity to hear these fine young musicians' unique arrangements of your Gospel favorites.

Then, on Tuesday evening May 9th at 7:00 we invite you to come and hear the Lyrique Quintette. The group is made of faculty members from the University of Arkansas' Music Department. Their program is entitled "Music of the Americas" and will feature selections by composers from both North and South America. The music on this concert will include a number of selections from their soon-to-be-released CD of the same title. The Quintette has performed throughout the US and abroad, including tours to Thailand, Germany and Canada; and have also participated in many national and international music conferences and festivals.

Like all Wesley Series events, these programs are free, but we do encourage the contribution of a free-will offering to help defray the expenses of the concert.

Larry

Oh Happy Day

A Gospel Performance

Presented by the Barbara Mashburn Scholarship Foundation

Visit Our Facebook Page for more information and tickets

Sunday April 2nd
3:00pm @The Ozark Mtn. Smokehouse

Sunday April 9th
6:00pm @Bella Vista Methodist Church

Sunday April 30th
2:00pm @St. Paul's Episcopal Church





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Scholarship Foundation

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From the Organ Console

Broc Hite, Organist/Associate Director of Music

I hope you will enjoy all of the special music that I have planned for Easter, and the couple of weeks before and after. There will not be a specific composer focus, but rather my reviving some of my favorite pieces for the season, as well as a new piece or two.

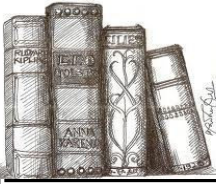
I appreciate your support as I continue working through the 46 pieces in Bach's *Orgelbüchlein*. When I started this project, I didn't realize how significant it was historically, given that this year is the 500th Anniversary of the beginning of Protestantism in Germany. Though Bach came two centuries after Martin Luther, a good number of these pieces are based on chorales written by Luther and his contemporaries of the first half of the 16th century. As you listen to these pieces, you are making a connection with those first Protestant congregations and the brand new hymns they were singing in freedom from the Roman Catholic church.

I will begin playing the Schubert Impromptu, Opus 90, as postlude to worship each Sunday starting on April 30th. This project was suggested as a follow up to playing one of the books of *Songs Without Words* by Felix Mendelssohn in February. I hope you will enjoy it!

Broc



The Lyrique Quintette
Resident Woodwind Quintet at the
University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
Tuesday, May 9, 2017 ~ 7:00pm
FUMCBV



Book Hook

THANK YOU

LARGE-PRINT FICTION:

THE KEEPER OF LOST THINGS by Ruth Hogan

A heartwarming novel about second chances, endless possibilities, and joyful discoveries.

CRUEL WINTER by Sheila Connolly

A county Cork mystery.

THE FIFTH LETTER by Nicola Moriarty

Four friends, four letters, one big secret.

FICTION:

REVELATION by Robert Knott

With an unlikely and unconventional Yankee detective closing in, Cole and Hitch set off on a massive manhunt.

BOOKS IN SERIES:

TEAROOM MYSTERIES SERIES:

BOOK 6: *A CHRISTMAS TEA* by Amy Woods

BOOK 7: *ON THIN ICE* by Anne Marie Rodgers



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry meets in Room 6 every Tuesday morning at 10:00am. These dedicated women knit and crochet shawls to be blessed and given to those members who are ill or grieving. The pastors have given out 4 prayer shawls in the last two months. This is a fulfilling ministry and if you would like to join in, you are welcome to meet on Tuesday with the group, or knit from home. They are willing to teach beginners, and your materials are provided. Please remember this mission when you want to give a memorial or a celebration donation. The yarn is an expense, especially when they become low on shawls.

Peace. Joy.

Total peace and joy were the emotions during my hospital stint for a stent knowing that God and, through their prayers, bunches of church members and family were with me the whole time. Thanks to Alan Yount and Pastor Judy for their welcomed presence and prayers. The truism that "God never fails" was ever present even through all the needles and tape. Bless you all for your prayers when most needed.

Keith Prueitt

Duane and I are so appreciative of our wonderful church friends who have demonstrated the act of "being the Church". In the past two months we have been in the hospital and ER several times. When Duane passed out a few Sundays ago, all the congregation was right along with the [paramedics and Jim Bilyeu. We were pleased to receive a nice meal this week in the midst of bad colds. We are grateful to have found a home at FUMCBV for 18 years.

Our love and "Thanks" to all!

Duane & Marilyn Pommerenke

A special "Thanks" to our friends at 1st United Methodist Church of Bella Vista for the use of your facility for our Junior Festival. We are grateful, too, for the privilege of having good pianos on which to play.

We appreciate the help Janet gives us opening and closing on the week-end. We hope we left the building in good shape and turned all the lights off! Sincerely,

Martha Sheets, Andante Music Club



COOPER SCHOOL

Spring Carnival ~ Saturday, April 23
11:00am-2:00pm

Contact Keri Sallee ~ 479-426-6659

isng4hm03@hotmail.com

Booths inside and outside



THANK YOU

God is Good –

On my 21-day-stay in the hospital, which included Christmas, my kidney and blood problems improved; this was a CHRISTMAS MIRACLE. I was in the hospital a total of 40 days and 5 days in Rehab. Getting my strength back has been a slow process, but I'm coming along.

The banners were amazing. They covered the walls in my hospital room. Just to let me know how many people loved me was encouraging. The doctors and nurses enjoyed reading the loving messages also.

Praise the Lord for Rod, who has been a real trouper to take over and help with my recovery. We welcomed the meals that were delivered on Wednesday night. They were sooo good.

Thanks to the Staff for their loving visits and prayers. Thank you all for the many loving cards and prayers that got me through this serious disease. Praise the Lord.

Arlene Alford

NEEDS for the BAZAAR WORKSHOPS!!

- 1/2-Pint Fruit Jars
- Bowling Balls

Please put them under the Missions table in the Narthex or one of the tables in the Craft Room.

Dear Congregation,

On behalf of the finance committee I want to express my sincere appreciation for your faithfulness in your financial giving to the 2017 church budget. It's because of your generous support to the church that the different ministries are funded, salaries are paid, and the building is heated in the winter and cooled in the summer. Without this kind generosity on your part the church would not be able to do all the wonderful things this church is known for throughout this community.

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

Sincerely,

Owen Jones, Chair, Finance Committee

To the Midweek Manna Kitchen Krew ~

Thank you so very much for the wonderful Valentine Day meal. It was wonderful! Also, thank you for all the other meals we have received (Delicious!) We are very blessed to have you donate your time and work to help us. We thank God for our Church, Staff, Ministers, and Congregation. *Ed & Lorraine Swanson*

Newsletter ~ February 2017 Financial Data

		2017	2017	Compare	2017
		Actual	Budget	2016	Year-end
				Actual	Budget
Month to date (as of 2/28/17)	Actual Receipts	\$46,459	\$50,701	\$44,228	
Month to date (as of 2/28/17)	Actual Expense	\$44,340	\$53,307	\$51,901	
	Balance	\$2,119	-\$2,606	-\$7,673	
Year to Date	Actual Receipts	\$103,365	\$100,254	\$105,969	\$608,420
Year to Date	Actual Expense	\$97,941	\$106,614	\$102,172	\$639,707
	Balance	\$5,424		\$3,797	-\$31,297
Operating Account Balance 2/28/17 = \$10,543 Again, keeping expenses low is what is saving us!					
<i>Patsy Attaway</i> , Treasurer					

APRIL 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
						1	Confirmation Camp 9:00 Amp Big Book 9:30 Youth-Branson 11:30 Avalon SG
2	Confirmation Camp	3	4	5	6	7	8
BP ✓ between services 7:30 Praise Tm rehrl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Lenten Study 10:45 Traditional Srv	8:00 Golf-Kingswood 9:00 Calico Specl Proj 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:45 Women's Chorus 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	9:00 Workshop Prep 9:50 Golf-Scotsdale 10:00 Caregivers Supprt 10:00 Prayer Shawl 5:30 Mourning Dawns	8:00 Quilters 8:30 Men's Emmaus 9:00 Disciple I 9:00 Healthy Living 9:30 UMW Board 11:45 Lenten SRV/Lunch 1:00 Disciple III 3:30 Chancel Bells 4:45 Prayer Meeting 5:00 Chancel Choir 5:30 Midweek Mana	9:00 OldSew&Sews 9:00 Bazaar Workshop 9:07 Golf- Scotsdale 2:00 Thurs Small Group	9:00 Jesus in Gospel	8:30 Pancake breakfast 9:00 Egg Hunt 9:00 Amp Big Book	
9	PALM SUNDAY	10	11	12	13	14	15
7:30 Praise Tm rehrl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Lenten Study 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service 6:00 Gospel Concert	8:00 Golf-BVCC 9:30 DAR 10:00 Calico C-Ups Brd 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:45 Women's Chorus 4:00 Guest Follow Up 5:30 Abram Shep Grp 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	9:00 Workshop Prep 9:00 PEO-BR 10:00 Golf-Brittany 10:00 Prayer Shawl 10:00 Golf - Brittany 1:00 Sarah Circle 3:00 Cong Care 5:30 Mourning Dawns	Quilters Disciple I 9:00 Calico Special Proj 9:00 Healthy Living 9:30 Mission Mtng 11:00 Lenten SRV/Lunch 1:00 Disciple III 3:30 Chancel Bells 4:45 Prayer Meeting 5:00 Chancel Choir 6:30 UMM Dsinner	9:00 Bazaar Workshop 9:06 Golf-BVCC 1:00 Hope Circle 6:00 Evening Circle 6:30 Worship Service	MAUNDY THURSDAY	GOOD FRIDAY	9:00 Amp Big Book 9:00 Jesus in Gospel 1:00 Friends of Christ 6:30 Worship Service
16	EASTER	17	18	19	20	21	22
7:00 Sunrise Service 7:05 Hndbls Practice 7:30 Praise Tm rehrl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service	8:00 CARE & SHARE 8:00 Golf-Dogwood 9:00 Marth Circle 10:00 Staff Meeting 11:00 PEO-CD 12:45 Women's Chorus 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	9:00 Workshop Prep 10:00 Caregivers Supprt 10:00 Prayer Shawl 10:24 Golf - Brittany 1:00 Naomi Circle 1:00 BV Book Club 4:30 Meals on Wheels 5:30 Mourning Dawns	8:00 Quilters 9:00 Disciple I 9:00 Healthy Living 1:00 Disciple III 3:30 Chancel Bells 4:45 Prayer Mtg 5:00 Chancel Choir 5:30 Midweek Manna	8:30 Golf-Highland 9:00 Bazaar Wkshp 2:00 Thurs Small Group 2:30 Beautiful Colors	9:00 Jesus in Gospel 11:00 PreSchool Lunch 11:30 Preschool Brd	Leave for Sager Brown	9:00 Amp Big Book
23	PAK-A-SAK	24	25	26	27	28	29
7:30 Praise Tm rehrl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Lenten Study 10:45 Traditional Srv 2:00 Andante Auditions	8:00 Golf-Scotsdale 9:00 Calico Cut-ups 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:45 Women's Chorus 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	9:00 Workshop Prep 10:00 Prayer Shawl 10:41 Golf-Scotsdale 3:00 BV Library Brd 5:30 Mourning Dawns	Quilters Disciple I 10:30 Healthy Living 1:00 Disciple III 3:30 Chancel Bells 4:45 Prayer Meeting 5:00 Chancel Choir 5:30 Midweek Manna	9:00 Bazaar Wkshp 9:06 Golf-bvcc	9:00 Jesus in Gospel 10:00 Beta Sigma Phi	9:00 Amp Big Book 10:00 Greeley Service	

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Newsletter Deadline: 20th of the month

To the Home of ...



Easter Egg Hunt!

First United Methodist Church
20 Boyce Drive, Bella Vista

Saturday, April 8, 2017

Pancake Breakfast
8:30am-10:00am
(donations accepted)

Egg Hunt

9:30am: 3 years & younger (in the Atrium)
9:45am: Pre-K & K (inside playground area)
9:45am: 1st-3rd Grade (outside playground area)
9:00am 4th-6th Grade: Scavenger Hunt
(starts in Becker Hall)

*Easter Bunny will be attending!
You are welcome to take selfies!*

ORDER YOUR EASTER LILY

through April 9th.

You may purchase an Easter Lily plant in honor or memory of a loved one.

The plants will be displayed during Holy Week through Easter morning.

There will be a special recognition insert in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

You may take your plant home after the last service Easter Sunday.

Cost is \$13.00 each.

Orders may be placed in the Church Office by April 9th.

