



The Good News

APRIL 2021

Lenten, Easter, & Church activities

- March 27** ~ All-church drive thru 10am-11am (enter off Boyce Drive/Staff entrance)
Children will meet the Easter Bunny, and everyone can pick up a Palm frond for Palm Sunday, a "Holy Week" bag, and communion elements
- March 28** ~ Palm Sunday Worship in person - 9:30am in the Sanctuary
- April 1** ~ Maundy Thursday Worship Service in person - 6:30pm in Becker Hall
- April 2** ~ Youth Play (online) - *Last Seven Words of Christ* - Noon
Good Friday Worship Service in person - 6:30pm in the Sanctuary
- April 4** ~ Easter Sunday Sunrise Service - 8:00am in Parking Lot facing Portico
Easter Sunday Worship Service - 9:30am (online)

You are welcome to join in any or all of the above activities. Because we are limited by the number of people we can safely accommodate, please call the church office (855-1158) for reservations for any of the in-person services, or register on-line at fumcbellavista.com.

Have you had your Covid vaccination yet?

- Bella Vista Clinics** – several clinics are coming soon; for registration and details, visit:
https://www.bellavistaar.gov/government/departments/fire_ems/covid19vaccinationclinic.php
- NW Bentonville Hospital** - They are currently operating a clinic every T and Th from 10am-2pm.
 - 1st dose patients must register to get their vaccine. To do this, fill out this on-line form:
<https://form.jotform.com/210444434637150>
 - 2nd dose patients (Pfizer) can come to the clinic on a walk-in basis, no appt needed.
- State provided COVID Vaccination Scheduling Hotline** is now available at **800-895-6030** from 8am to 6pm every day of the week.





Glimpses of Grace

Rev. Jeanne Williams, Senior Pastor

“But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.” Luke 24:1-5 (NRSV)

I have a habit of looking back at previous years’ newsletter articles for each month as I prepare to write the current article. We had quite a good laugh in the office this week when I found April 2020’s article that announced we would remain closed for in-person activities through Easter per the Governor’s and Bishop’s recommendations, but we would have a grand Resurrection Sunday Celebration a few weeks after that to celebrate being in community again! HA! Hindsight is really 20/20, huh?!

Little did we know that it would be almost a full year later before we would begin gathering in person again. So, here it is the week before Easter, and I’m inviting you to our GRAND RESURRECTION SUNDAY CELEBRATION! Please join us on Easter morning in the parking lot at 8:00 AM for a worship service that will have something for everyone! We’ll be handing out communion elements as you enter the parking lot and will have baskets ready for financial offerings, too. We will be transmitting over our FM station, so if you wish to stay in your vehicle, but still be present, you absolutely can do that. Or, if you wish to sit in the open air with your mask on and socially distant from others, you are welcome to bring your own lawn chair and do that. We will have some chalk bubbles drawn on the first tier for people to sit with their family group (quarantine group) closer to the “stage” area. We need a few more volunteers willing to direct traffic and greet people as we arrive. If you’re willing to serve, please contact Amy in the office.

I am encouraged by the number of people continuing to be vaccinated and by the case numbers decreasing in our area. The CDC still cautions us to go slowly back to our normal activities, but also continues to give updated guidelines. Our Relaunch and Trustees teams continue to watch these updates and are updating our policy as needed. I am grateful for the servants on these teams as they balance the need for spiritual community with our communal health. I continue to be proud of our church community with our patience and perseverance as we navigate this pandemic with love of neighbor in mind.

We serve a risen Savior! Indeed, there is much to be rejoicing over in this Easter season! I pray you experience the joy of Christ this Easter!

Happy Easter!

Rev. Jeanne





JOINING in the JOURNEY TOGETHER

Rev. Brenda Wideman, Associate Pastor

Spring Upward with Joy

*So then, if anyone is in Christ, that person is part of the new creation.
The old things have gone away, and look, new things have arrived! (2 Corinthians 5:17 CEB)*

It has been a long, long year. I do not even remember Spring of 2020, for we had to isolate ourselves in protection from the COVID disease. My spirit went into isolation right along with my body. It was hard to find joy, hard to do anything much more than be in survival mode. And then 2021 began, with, among other things, record cold temperatures, frigid, below-zero temperatures which lasted for a long time. Things did not seem as if they were getting much better.

My husband is a wonderful gardener. When we moved to Arkansas, almost 28 years ago, he brought with him samples of all the beautiful flowers he had cultivated in our yard in Pennsylvania. One type of flower which seemed to thrive even more in Arkansas than it did in Pennsylvania was the daffodils. He began to plant them and over the years they have spread all over our yard. When the polar vortex hit us in February, our daffodils were up out of the ground about 3 inches. We were sure that this would be the year that we would have no daffodils, for they had been burned badly by the freezing temperatures. And then the warmth of the sun came back.

Just a few weeks ago, about a month later than we usually begin to see the earliest daffodils, the whole yard just exploded with blooms. There were all colors: pale and brilliant yellows, oranges, creams, pale peach, all varieties and all sizes. It was as if they were Springing Upward in the Joy of the new life that the sun's loving warmth had spread over them. *"The old things have gone away, and look, new things have arrived!"*

I pray that we all may see Spring and the return to worship together in this same image. The Son's loving warmth is spreading over all of us. We have travelled the journey of Lent, which was much like the dead of winter and like the isolation of COVID. Now new life has come; our Spirits have Sprung up with Joy in the new creation we each have become in Christ. *"The old things have gone away, and look, new things have arrived!"*

I pray this Easter, the new life that we experience in Christ will sink deep into your soul and your spirit will spring upward and be resurrected as a new and exciting thing. This is a joyful journey we can ALL join in together!

Blessings for the joyous spirit of Easter for each of you,

Pastor Brenda





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, Associate Pastor of Congregational Care** at 479-855-1158 or brenda@fumcbellavista.com

JOYS

Together Again

We are thankful for the vaccine and the widespread access to it, which is reducing the number of COVID cases in our area. Lots of us are now safe against this deadly disease. And that has excitedly led us to be able to be back together in worship.

We are now worshipping in-person on Sundays at 9:30am (Traditional) and Wednesdays at 6:30pm (Contemporary), as well as meet in limited numbers in small groups. Come join us!! Be sure to register to help us keep numbers so that we can maintain safe distancing. We look forward to seeing you!!

RELOCATIONS

Reid and Joyce Horle have recently relocated to an assisted living/memory care center where their daughter is the receptionist. Reid has his own apartment and Joyce is being cared for in the memory care center. They would love to hear from old friends. The address is: Oak Park Place, 1700 So. Teut Rd. #2216, Burlington, WI 53105.

Love Your Neighbor

In this time of divisiveness, we know we are a church family who spreads Christ's love as He has called us to do. Display a sign in your yard and encourage your neighborhood to love each other.



IN MEMORIUM

Lillian Timmons passed away Tuesday, March 9th in Texas. She and her husband, Larry, had been members of FUMCBV since 1978 and he passed away in 2013. She moved to Texas to live with family last year.



Condolences may be sent to her daughter: Jane Earles, 3205 Susan Lane, Carrollton, TX 75007

David Williams - brother of members Ann and Bob Williams, passed away unexpectedly recently. David's parents were the late Clarence and Harriet Williams who were members with us since 1982. Please keep Ann and Bob and the Williams family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of David.

Tim Bottjen - passed away in California on Thursday morning, March 18. Tim is the brother of Darrell Bottjen, one of our long-time faithful members, and Tim has been on our prayer list for several months. Please pray for Darrell and Verna, but especially keep Tim's entire family in your prayers in this difficult loss.

J. R. Anderson - passed away Sunday evening, March 21st. He and his wife, Layne and their family have been active members of FUMCBV since 2008. A graveside service was conducted at Peace Valley Cemetery in Anderson, MO Friday, March 26, with Rev. Jeanne and Pastor Brenda officiating. Cards of condolences may be sent to Layne & family at: 4 Nottingham Circle, Bella Vista 72715.





Nextgen Newscast

Renee van Dyke, Nextgen Director

OZARK MISSION PROJECT

Ozark Mission Project (OMP) is conducting a “day camp” model for Summer 2021 due to safety restrictions with the pandemic. Our Youth Group is gearing up for the excitement of serving area neighbors this summer through OMP. We will complete projects during the week of June 20 – 24. We’ll be meeting at the church each morning for prayer and to get our assignment for the day. We’ll be working in the NWA area and be home for dinner each night! OMP finds the projects we’ll work on, send support staff, supply the bulk of the materials and other program materials like t-shirts for participants. Each evening we’ll have the opportunity to join with other day campers via Zoom for a time of sharing and worship. This daily event will be shared on Facebook. There is a short promotional video available at: <https://vimeo.com/342121519>. Watch for Rev. Jeanne’s husband, Rev. Heath, in the video!! Cost for OMP is \$250 per person this year for a total cost of \$1500 (4 youth, 2 adults).

Many, many thanks to all who contributed to a very successful fundraising event for the youth. Proceeds from your candy and monetary donations will go directly to costs associated with our participation in the Ozark Mission Project day camp. We look forward to sharing more about our experience with all of you. If you're looking for a way to continue supporting our mission, PRAYER goes a long, long way!

Your help is still needed!! Are you able & willing to provide some basic construction safety instruction to our youth? Are you feeling led to be the second adult chaperoning this event with Ms. Renee? If so, please email renee@fumcbellavista.com or call the church office at 855-1158.

SENIOR SUNDAY

Senior Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday May 9th at the 9:30 service. BHS Senior Alec Gilmore will be delivering the message as members of the youth group assist with the service. If there are other graduating seniors or youth members who would like to take part in the service please contact renee@fumcbellavista.com as soon as possible.

YOUTH PLAY ~ Seven Last Words of Christ

Every year on Good Friday, Christians take time to meditate on the depth of Jesus' sacrifice for us in suffering a humiliating, bloody death by crucifixion. The Seven Last Words of Christ provides a time to dwell on what Jesus suffered for us, in all its pain and intensity, without rushing straight ahead to the Good News of Easter, the resurrection and new life. The Youth Group has been studying these painful, final hours of Christ's life and death. They will provide the Good Friday noon online worship service by presenting a video experience of The Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross. Please join in this experience on the FUMC Bella Vista Facebook page.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL . . .

. . .WILL HAPPEN!! I'm not sure how yet, but I do know when!! Mark your calendars: June 27 – July 1, as we begin preparations to quest for the King's Armor for Truth, Justice, Peace, Faith and Salvation. Watch for a lot more information in next month's newsletter.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School for elementary age children meets at 8:45am on Sunday mornings on Zoom. We've been covering a wide range of topics, learning a few songs, and are now focused on Easter. Please join us through your weekly Zoom invite.

BEDTIME BOOKS & BLESSINGS

Please continue to join Ms. Renee for a live story time on Sunday evenings at 6 PM on FUMC Bella Vista Families & Children Facebook page. Message me your favorite stories and we'll try to read them live. Sometimes Angel and Rocky are in the mood to make an appearance; sometimes not!

NEXT GEN NEEDS

As the ReLaunch team works toward safely reopening our church and its programs, the need for volunteers will increase. If you feel called to work with children or youth in any capacity, please let me know. I'll be in touch with Sunday School teachers to inquire about your intent to continue teaching. Near-future needs include nursery assistants, Sunday School assistants, Youth Group assistants and chaperones, Vacation Bible School leaders and assistants. Dates for VBS are June 27-July 1.

Blessing to you, *Ms. Renee*



LAY LEADER'S MESSAGE

Dave Broers, Lay Leader



Easter celebration is here again. It is a season of celebrating the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Indeed, every Sunday of the week is a lesser Easter, but Sunday after the Palm Sunday is better called The Easter Day. The celebration is where our faith anchored and is the core feast for Christians. Please note that without the resurrection of Jesus Christ, there will be no Christianity and the preaching will be useless so also is your faith.

His death and resurrection brought MERCY and GRACE to mankind. Mercy means God not giving us what we deserve and Grace is God giving us what we do not deserve. Hallelujah. Thanks be to God who gives us these through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Jesus assured us, his followers, that because he lives we also will live (see John 14:19) What this means is that His followers are guaranteed eternal life. Paul also added "Therefore my brother and sisters stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:58.

May the joy of this victory over death continue to keep your faith active and alive as you serve Him.

Peace and blessings. . . *Dave*



Attention all (male) golfers!

Summer is just around the corner and our golf leagues are always looking for more golfers!

Starting the week of April 1, our two leagues begin summer play ~ one 9-hole league on Tuesdays, and one 18-hole league on Thursdays. Both 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 Chet Campbell for the 9-hole group and Darrell Bottjen for the 18-hole group, if you are interested.



Artie Lawless,
UMM President

Friends, Care
for each other...



Hello Methodist Men!

Happy Easter!

Easter is a time of celebration, so here are a few fun facts that go with this joyful holiday. Did you know:

- The first story of a rabbit (later called the Easter Bunny) hiding eggs in a garden was published in 1680.
- The first Easter baskets looked like bird's nests.
- The traditional act of painting eggs is called Pysanka.
- Americans buy more than 700 million Peeps during the holiday.
- Back in the day they used to paint the Chicks not the eggs different colors.
- America will consume over 16 million jellybeans at Easter, This is enough to circle the globe three times (I alone could eat enough to cover Western Europe on that one).
- The Whitehouse Easter egg roll was started by President Rutherford B. Hayes in 1878.
- 76% of Americans think the ears of the bunny should be the first to be eaten. (Who does these surveys?).
- My personal favorite, although it could get messy if someone were forgetful: In Medieval times a festival of egg throwing was held "in church". The priest would throw a hard boiled (lets hope) egg to one of the choir boys which would be tossed from one choir boy to the next. When noon was declared the boy holding the egg was the winner and got to keep the egg. Sort of like medieval hot potato.
- The Easter Egg is said to symbolize and represent Joy, celebration, and new life.

Christ's resurrection is our Easter egg. It is our symbol of Joy, and our reason for celebration. It is God's promise of New Life for those who believe in him.

Happy Easter First United. Go out and celebrate. Eat your chocolate bunny feet first. Ok, maybe that's a little too bold. Thank Our Lord for the promise of heaven, and the joy of new life to come.

Many Blessings ... *Artie*



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 John & Sharon Lindsey
- 12 Allan & Maxine Ward
- 13 Verle & Suzanne Shoemaker
- 14 Brandt & Nita May
- 20 James & Vicki Forrest
- 20 Ted & Sandy Ivy
- 20 Keith & Lynn Prueitt
- 20 Joe & Diane Verville
- 21 Jeremy & Verla Shafman
- 26 Gary & Carol Tomlinson



APRIL BIRTHDAYS (CONT'D)

- 12 Jan Boblenz
- 12 Janice Lang
- 15 Susan Smith
- 16 Emmery Antoine
- 16 John Zurn
- 17 Marilyn Adams
- 18 Lynn Prueitt
- 19 Sonnie Andersen
- 19 Marci Moussa
- 23 Melanie Bowers
- 24 Zach Lehmann
- 26 Joanne Hubbert
- 27 Reid Horle
- 27 Rev. Jim Verkest
- 28 Kelly Kelley
- 29 Janice Abbott
- 30 Delores Grosnickle



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Sue Prather
- 3 Jim Bilyeu
- 3 Dave Weber
- 4 Kobus Sparlin
- 10 Marilyn Hertel
- 11 Deanna Ballinger
- 11 Ken Swanson



April 2021 Newsletter ~ February 2021 Financial Data

		2021 Actual	2021 Budget
Month of February Contributions	*Income	\$31,847.33	\$36,709.76
Month of February	Expenses	\$41,504.41	\$47,059.66
	Difference	(\$9,657.08)	(\$10,349.90)
Year to Date (as of 2/28/21)	*Income	\$58,101.66	\$73,419.68
Year to Date (as of 2/28/21)	Expenses	\$82,853.46	\$94,119.32
	Difference	(\$24,851.80)	(\$20,699.64)

** Income does not include Missions or Endowment Interest*

Amy Gilmore, Church Administrator



Amy's Anecdotes

Amy Gilmore, Church Administrator

Patti Foss is our new Missions Ministry Coordinator. Patti and her husband Kevin have been attending Contemporary Worship since 2018. She is excited to find out what our members are interested in doing and what missions mean the most to them, so don't be surprised if you get a phone call or survey from her. The pandemic has certainly changed the way we have been doing missions at FUMC Bella Vista and we are looking forward to her fresh perspective and new ideas. If you would like to be part of the Missions Ministry Team, please contact Amy at the church office 855-1158, or amy@fumcbellavista.com.

Patti's first task has been coordinating our Methodist Family Health *Get up and Give* donations.



She delivered a car-load March 23rd. We are still collecting!! See the list of needs in the March Good News, or hanging on the front window by the collection bins. Thank you for your help!!

Amy



The Care and Share trailer will be in our upper parking lot on **Monday, April 19th** from 7:00am 'til about 5:00pm. What is sold in the Care and Share Thrift Store and Food Pantry in Gravette is all donated items, and the profits go to support those in need in western Benton County. They take donations of all kinds. Please help!



From the Organ Console

Broc Hite, Organist/Pianist

Before looking at April, I want to celebrate some highlights from March. Instead, I programmed all of my selections from one book of Lenten arrangements and original compositions by Joyce Jones, an internationally renowned organist at Baylor University in Texas. My original intention to honor Women's History month included the pieces of other composers, but that music order got delayed in the mail. Sound familiar?

I also finally released my long-delayed recording of the España Suite of Isaac Albéniz. Even though I played some of these pieces during Piano Postludes in February, you can now hear all six pieces on the same concert on the church Facebook page.

Some of you may be disappointed that I am not playing the Widor Toccata for Easter Sunday. When I originally envisioned the service, it was to be an in-person service on Easter Sunday. Since the service that I would have played for is now being prerecorded in an empty sanctuary, it doesn't make sense to spend the many practice hours required to make another recording of the Widor. There already is a fine recording of the piece available from a prior Easter Sunday on my YouTube page linked from my Web site. I'll see if we can get it restored to the church Website as well!

We have a complete list of soloists scheduled for April, including one of our youth. I hope more folks will be willing to participate in offertory solos and small ensembles as they become inoculated. Even though we're not ready to start choir rehearsals, it's time to start enjoying making music together as a church again.

Thank you for your support of the music program as always! Feel free to drop notes to any of us on the music team in whichever way you like to communicate!

Broc

Please join me online!

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

On Facebook and Instagram: @BrocKeysPedals



Musical Chairs

Dr. Larry Zehring, Director of Music Ministries



Our Good Friday worship service this year will be a performance of “Stabat Mater Dolorosa” by the 18th Century Italian composer Giovanni Battista Pergolesi. The service will be in-person in the church sanctuary, and will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 1, 2021.

The title means “The sorrowful mother” and is a poetic account of Mary’s vigil at the foot of the cross. The words are from a 13th century poem by a Franciscan monk named Jacopone da Todi. Pergolesi’s music was originally written for two solo singers, a two-part chorus and a small string orchestra with the addition of a part for keyboard called the “continuo.” Our soloists will be Pam Pittman and Esther Atkinson with Broc Hite providing the accompaniment. Since the chorus part requires only two voices, Pam and Esther will sing the choruses as duets.

Because of the dramatic power of its words, many composers have set the “Stabat Mater” poem to music, and although it originally was neither entirely scriptural nor technically liturgical; the poem became very popular and was often used by worshipers in Roman Catholic and so-called “High Church” Episcopal churches as a spiritual guide for worshipers who wished to follow the Stations of the Cross during Holy Week. Because of its popularity, over the years it has gradually found its way into the formal ritual of the Roman Catholic Church. The message of the poem, with its stark depiction of the crucifixion, Mary’s suffering and the ultimate redemption of humanity through Jesus’ sacrifice is particularly appropriate for Good Friday.

As we have done for our Good Friday services in years past, between sections of the “Stabat Mater” we will gradually remove the paraments and other furnishings from the altar and the chancel area as symbolic gestures of Jesus’ physical death. The altar will then be left bare and the cross draped with a black cloth until Easter morning when the black cloth will be removed and the altar furnishings will be joyfully and triumphantly restored to their proper places, symbolizing Jesus’ resurrection.

Now that we are able to hold limited “In Person” services, we hope that you will make your reservations with the church office to attend this special Good Friday service. You may do this by phone (479-855-1158) to the church office during business hours or on line at: fumcbellavista.com/About/Register. If you cannot attend in person, remember that this service, like all our services, will be live-streamed at: fumcbellavista.com or on YouTube at: fumcbellavista.

Blessings, *Larry*

Stewardship Corner

Share That We Give Because God Gave

This Easter, we remember the death and resurrection of Jesus. But amid Easter egg hunts and family pictures, how much do we think about what was sacrificed?

When we remember that God willingly and freely, out of His love for humanity, something happens when we remember that God gave his Son (John 3:16). And Jesus humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death on the cross (Philippians 2:7-8). What radical love and generosity on full display. We have because He first loved us. We give because He first gave.

As we invite you to this Easter weekend, we pray that God’s love and generosity towards you motivate you to love and give freely and sacrificially. Everything we give has been first given to us!

Ken Swanson, Finance Committee Chair



SAVE THIS DATE for HELPING HANDS Workday Saturday, April 10th

Helping Hands has continued operating this past year with a minimal number of volunteers. They did suspend Saturday help from churches for a while but would like to start up again if possible. Our people here at FUMCBV used to provide cashier, sales floor and loading dock help on our designated work Saturdays. But now, if the churches can manage, they would appreciate help once again on the loading dock and sales floor only. No cashiers are needed. We have been scheduled to work on **Saturday, April 10** if we can get some people to help. Everyone is wearing masks and being careful, so this might be a way to get back out and start contributing to a good cause. If anyone feels willing to help or has questions, please contact Verna Bottjen at 876-1392.



What's the (Hi)Story?

Jill Hale, FUMC Historian

Well, gosh, I didn't hear from a single person as of this writing. I KNOW some of you have great memories of when the huge, beautiful Becker Hall cross was purchased, made, installed, whatever. We are going to stay on the cross for another month. Please do share. Just shoot me a quick email at rjhale68@cox.net or call me at 479-344-6074. I am so hoping to hear from YOU! Your story will become part of the permanent history of the church.



Jill

OASIS of HOPE
SECOND CHANCE THRIFT SHOP

OASIS of NWA has opened a Thrift Shop!

All proceeds benefit their mission: providing safe and sober housing and resources for women in recovery and their children.

The Shop is now **open daily from 10:00am~6:00pm**
115 N. Dixieland Rd. Suite #1, Rogers

Check their website for accepted Donation restrictions.
(Because of Covid, there are unacceptable donations)

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UMW would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter!

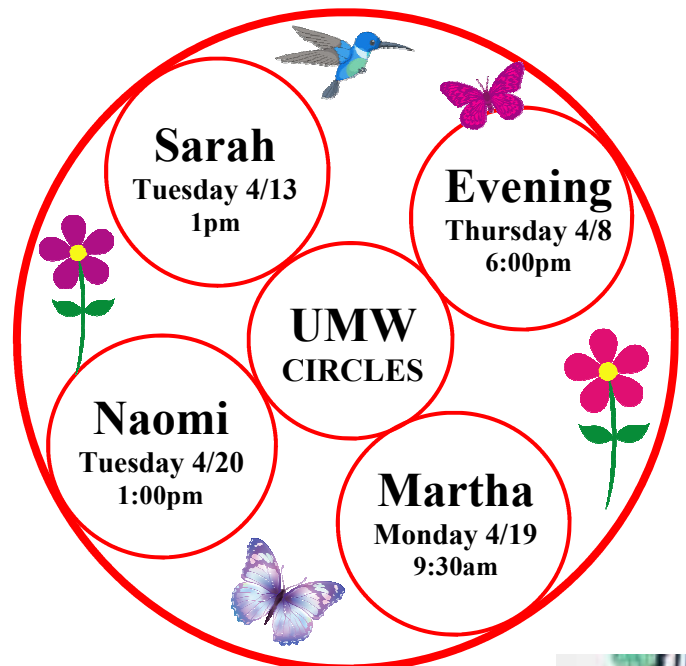
The United Methodist Women are thankful for the warmer weather. Now we can have a choice of meeting outdoors (weather permitting) or in house. Our **BOARD MEETING** will be outdoors on April 7th at 9:30am. Bring a folding chair. The Spiritual Growth Study is April 10th at 9:30am via zoom. If anyone would like to attend, please call me by April 6th. Phone 876-5353.

Barbara B.

SARAH CIRCLE will meet Tuesday, April. If it is a beautiful day, we will meet off site for a picnic at 12:30 before the meeting. If the weather is doubtful, we will be in Becker Hall at 1:00. The program will be presented by Joal Miller from the Bella Vista Garden Club. If you would like to attend but don't receive an email about place, please give Judy Bilyeu a call, 876-2345.

Judy B.

Please check the Library board for an article about the *School to Prison Problem* in our schools. **BB**



Bedtime Books and Blessings

Join Ms. Renee and her dog, Angel, on Facebook at **FUMC Bella Vista Families & Children** Sunday evenings at 6:00 PM for storytime!

Put on your jammies, grab your favorite stuffed animal and meet her on Facebook as she does a live reading from a wonderful book each week. We hope you'll join us!





THANK YOU

To my Church Family...I wish to extend my "Thanks and Appreciation" to everyone who has sent me cards, texts, and emails. I would also like for you to know how much it means to me for all the care and concerns I have received since my accident. I can feel the love and hugs everyday! From the minute I left the ER, I have been taken care of and it continues still today. From a ride home and help setting me up with medical equipment, doors removed (so I could get into the bathroom), a ramp to make it easier to get outside, transportation to and from doctor visits & hospital for surgery, pickup and delivery of medical & grocery items, food, snacks and even some flowers. My family is very happy that I have so many people to help me. I did have my son from Houston and granddaughter from Florida here for a week and they helped Shirley and myself so much, it was a true blessing that they could come to help.

Please know I am Thankful for each of you and know I am keeping you and your families in my prayers. May God's Blessings be with you ALL,
Darleen O'Brien

Thank you to everyone who called, e-mailed, texted, or sent a card after my surgery. For only telling a few people, the word sure got around. It's a wonderful and embracing feeling to know that my FUMCBV friends really care. I really appreciate all your concern, love and prayers during my recovery. . . .can't wait to see everyone in person again.

God Bless, *M.J. Rhein*

Thank you so very much to our church family for your cards and phone calls after our son, Mark's passing from a Covid-related illness in January. Your caring concern is gratefully appreciated. *Allen & Phyllis Janssen*

A BIG Thank You to the church staff for all you have done to keep us connected during this difficult year. I also want to thank the contributors to the Advent and Lenten devotionals. They encourage us to look closer to the teachings in the bible. Thanks again for these thought-provoking devotions.

Nancy Veach

To all the many people who remembered Tim Bottjen and his family in their prayers these past few months, we extend our very heartfelt **THANK YOU**. We are certain that Tim is now in God's personal and loving care.

Sincerely, *Darrell Bottjen & Family*



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

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

Bring your quarters !

Write a check !

Feed a Child !

HELP WANTED

Folks to help on the outside maintenance crew. Occasional trimming of bushes & watering of plants.

We have a big yard and a low budget!

Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Contact Amy in the office: amy@fumcbellavista.com



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Newsletter Deadline: 20th of the month

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**PLEASE WEAR
 a MASK!**
 My mask protects YOU
 and
 Your mask protects ME