



The Good News

August, 2015

Things to do in August around the FUMCBV Neighborhood
Read all about it inside The Good News

CELEBRATING 20 Years
1995 - 2015

Saving lives in the Ozarks since 1995...
with your help!

Help make a difference in your community by giving blood at
First United Methodist Church
Becker Hall
Monday, August 17, 2015
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Free Cholesterol Screening!

Photo identification required
Please see your local clinic for your specific medical history.

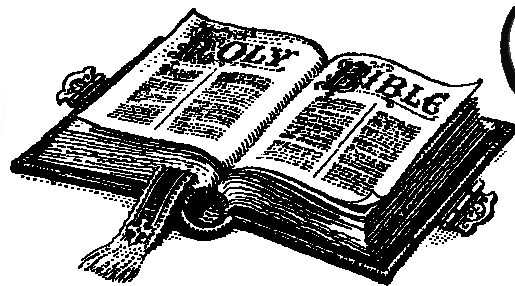
COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS
OZARKS REGION

DISCIPLE



supercharged
Friday, August 14 ~ 6:00-8:00

What will you do for the Kingdom?
Juggling Fire
Korina Dove ~ August 11



United Methodist Women



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY PROMOTION SUNDAY
Sunday, August 16



Voices Needed



LUNCH with the PASTORS
Sunday, August 23 ~ Noon

UNITED METHODIST MEN
Wednesday, August 12 ~ 6:30pm



Sunday, August 9 ~ Noon
You are invited to hear all about it!!



August 17th

Sager Brown ~ Baldwin, Louisiana
UMC'OR
United Methodist Committee on Relief





FAITH WALK

with Brother Jaimie J. Alexander

One of my favorite hymns is "Leave it There" by Charles Albert Tindley on page 522 in the United Methodist Hymnal. Some of the words of the chorus say, "Leave it there, take your burden to the Lord...if you trust and never doubt, he will surely bring you out!"

Do you need to hear these words? As I stood recently at my kitchen sink peeling half a bushel of peaches that were ripening quickly on a hot summer day, thoughts swirled in my head of concerns of many varieties. Most of the time I do not feel overwhelmed, but this particular day that was not the case. I was very distracted by issues beyond my control. As the peachings mounted, I heard myself singing.... "if you trust and never doubt he will surely bring you out, take your burdens to the Lord and leave it there."

As I actually listened to the words I was singing, I began to pray. My prayer was for wisdom, for the concerns of others, and for the ability to handle many things beyond my control. It was to become a prayer of surrender knowing God would quiet my concerns and provide what was needed. I took the dish pan full of peach pits, bruised peelings, and blemished peach pieces to the compost pile. As I poured the contents of damaged peaches out of the pan, I realized that is what I was doing as I prayed. I was symbolically pouring out the damage of being overwhelmed with issues to the Lord who is our burden bearer. Maybe you need to be reminded today, also, to cast all your cares upon the Lord because your load of concerns are heavy, but I also remind you to leave your cares with The Lord!..."leave it there, leave it there, take your burden to the Lord and leave it there; if you trust and never doubt He will surely bring you out, take your burden to the Lord and leave it there!"

Thank you to everyone who supported *Everest* Vacation Bible School in in way. I especially want to thank the VBS leadership team: teachers, set designers, cooks, crew leaders, on-site nurse, prayer warriors, audio visual guys, and anyone who volunteered in any way. It takes a amazing team to make VBS a reality! God is faithful!

Bro. Jaimie

2015 FUMCBV VBS





Listening with Ears of the Heart

Associate Pastor, Judy Rudd-Platt

Again this morning, my eyes searched for the familiar brown bundles of fur with the distinctive ears as I took my morning stroll among the saints in the cemetery. About six weeks ago, I first spotted them on my early morning walks – bunnies of various ages and sizes. I delighted in watching them nibble on their favorite clover patches and stealthily freeze as I approached.

Days turned into weeks, and I identified about three bunny families. Each day I found them in various locations nibbling away. One or two became particularly tolerant of my strolling and let me pass by within a few feet of them. I softly cajoled them as I gently passed with only a few feet to spare. Needless to say, I became quite attached to my new furry friends.

Although I noticed several weeks ago that the number of bunnies seemed to be dwindling, I assumed they were temporarily feasting on greener pastures. Then one day last week, I did not find a single bunny. My heart began to sink as I continued to scan the barren landscape. Out of the corner of my eye, I noticed a large shadow sailing through the air. My eyes followed it to the branch of a dead tree where they settled on a hawk. I stopped dead in my tracks as my head and my heart began to take it all in. My heart plummeted. Now I understood. As my feet begrudgingly continued along the well-known path, I began to contemplate the ebb and flow of life, the joys and the sorrows, the consolations and the desolations.

We live in an ever-changing world. Some things change quickly while other changes sneak up on us. Despite whether change happens rapidly or slowly, change is a constant companion.

Some of us thrive on change and are energized by new and varied experiences. Others of us prefer the security and comfort of routines. Whether we embrace change or resist it, we can find comfort and reassurance in the words of the third chapter of Ecclesiastes. The author reminds us that God is with us in the ups and downs, the joys and the sorrows, the comforts and challenges of life.

“There’s a season for everything and a time for every matter under the heavens: a time for giving **birth** and a time for **dying**, a time for **planting** and a time for **uprooting** what was planted, a time for **killing** and a time for **healing**, a time for **tearing down** and a time for **building up**, a time for **crying** and a time for **laughing**, a time for **mourning** and a time for **dancing**, a time for **throwing** stones and a time for **gathering** stones, a time for **embracing** and a time for **avoiding embraces**, a time for **searching** and a time for **losing**, a time for **keeping** and a time for **throwing away**,⁷ a time for **tearing** and a time for **repairing**, a time for **keeping silent** and a time for **speaking**,⁸ a time for **loving** and a time for **hating**, a time for **war** and a time for **peace**.” Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (CEB)

As I begin a year of firsts, I rejoice in the new opportunities that God is providing me with my new church family. It is a season of change for all of us. I have been deeply touched by your words and gestures of love welcoming me and my husband into my new ministry home. Although we live in an ever-changing world where the cycles of life continue to bring joys and sorrows, I am reminded that we serve a God whose steadfast love never changes!

Blessings. . . *Pastor Judy*





JOINING in the JOURNEY TOGETHER

Brenda Wideman, Minister of Grief Support & Spiritual Growth



“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.” Matthew 5:4

As Jesus looked out over the enormous crowds who gathered to hear him speak, he knew there were many listening who were mourning. Maybe their infant had died; maybe their daughter had travelled far after her marriage into another family; maybe illness or age had overtaken them and they saw no hope for going on. It has been said that grief is a “crisis of the heart” and this crisis can have many, many different causes. It can result in many, many different emotions: sadness, anger, emptiness, loneliness, guilt. The loss of relationship or the loss of a dream is complicated. The person or situation which is lost is part of who we are or were; so there is a loss of our very identity. Our whole world has just been turned inside out, upside down, or we wonder why the earth is still spinning, for our world has stopped. And yet Jesus told us that if we mourn, God will provide comfort.

Are you or is someone you know, a family member or friend, mourning? “When Mourning Dawns – Living your Way through the Seasons of Your Grief” is a video-based exploration of the characteristics of grief, characteristics which are compared to nature, to the seasons of the year. We meet for 10 weeks, in the comfort of our Chapel, with snacks and beverages, in a safe environment surrounded by and supported by caring folks who are also going through grief. We walk alongside each other as we all, with God’s help, reflect on what our own unique grief means in each of our lives and, in the reflection, experience the comfort and healing that only God can give.

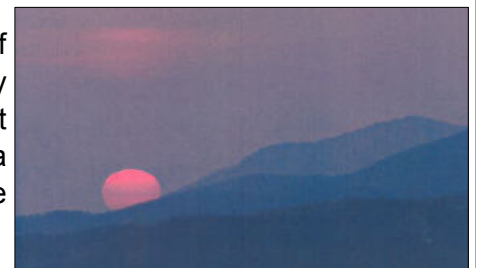
We invite you to join us and to bring a family member or friend who could also benefit. We begin Monday, August 17th at 5:30-7:00pm and we will continue through Monday, October 26th. Let God heal your broken heart as we journey through grief together.

Blessings,

Brenda

When Mourning Dawns: Living Your Way Fully through the Seasons of Your Grief

A 9-week journey through the experiences of grief from the withering of Autumn to the hopeful new growth of Summer. Our group journey will begin Monday, August 17th and continue through October 26th. It will be held from 5:00-6:30pm in the Chapel. Come join us and bring a friend who would also benefit from this. A donation of \$10 for the materials is welcomed. Please sign up in the church office.





VISTA KIDS

Kristin Crider, Director of Children's Ministry



What a great VBS we all offered our community! We had record numbers of children AND volunteers, and plenty of opportunities to grow, to meet new friends and to offer our hand in God's love to all ages. Our message was simple: God has the power to help us overcome life's challenges! He provides, comforts, heals, loves and forgives us, and the bible is our resource to find examples of His works. Operation Kid-to-Kid Mission at VBS worked through this event and is still working to provide bibles to children in Thailand in their home language. The children attending VBS and our wonderful congregation have raised over \$1,500 to purchase 375 Thai-language Bibles. The culminating event is a visit Tuesday, August 11th from Korina Dove, a Thai missionary, (daughter of Lynn & Karen Dove) who will explain her work and share a Thai meal which she will prepare for us. Please come and support this international work of faith!

SUPERCHARGED is here! Supercharged is one of the newest church outreach events aimed at reaching families, youth and children. This year, our scavenger hunt will highlight the importance of family! Of course, no outreach happens without many hands and feet. We need volunteers to work in all the different areas of our event - from introducing newcomers to our church to setting up and clean up, please add your name to the list by contacting the office! Also, we will provide a prize give-away for youth, children and families, so monetary donations are appreciated.

Looking forward, fall is a busy time for families. The balancing act is in full force in the upcoming months with sports, new school schedules and new social pressures for our kids. How can our church support the modern family and help them find

balance through a faith rooted in the Truth of our salvation through Jesus? When our families grow in faith, so does our church. Families lie at the center of our Children's Ministry here at FUMC, which seeks to LOVE God through worship, LEARN His Word through the bible and LEAD Others through missions.

Finally, a celebration! Promotion Sunday is August 16th and is the Sunday we celebrate our students moving to a new level of learning in Sunday School. We are so thankful for our Sunday School team, who prepare lessons and teach our children each week. What a selfless way to display our love for God! The following students will be receiving bibles during *The Well* Service to mark their accomplishments in Sunday School:

Chloe Jorgenson; Daughter of Troy & Brenda Jorgenson

Julia Crider; Daughter of Sean & Kristin Crider
Keiley Hickman; Daughter of Bryan & Katie Hickman

Drew Baker; Son of Jon & Sarah Baker

Ava Morgan; Daughter of Matt & Lori Morgan

Zoe Owen; Daughter of Jennifer Stucker

Dylen Lehmann; Daughter of Heath & Jennifer Lehmann

Madhura Roath; Daughter of Carrie & Bryan Roath

Abigail Hamrin; Daughter of Robert Hamrin

Please congratulate these students & their families; they are the future of our youth and church!

Kristin



YOUTH LIFE

David Hanson, Director of Youth Ministries



The Youth finally recovered from Youth Go On! 15 mission trip. Again I want to send a "thank you" for everyone who supported us during this great fellowship and faith building trip. We will have a thank you luncheon August 9 after third service around 12 and **EEVERYONE** in the congregation is invited to hear about all the wonderful things that happened during the Youth Go On! 15 trip. Come enjoy this great fellowship time.

Youth Life is planning to attend an outing in Branson the second week of August. The date is still being planned. I'm looking for any chaperones willing to go get wet at Whitewater with these youth. Please contact me.

The youth are starting to meet on Wednesday nights again. We're looking for anyone willing to supply a light supper for 10 to 15 youth on Wednesday nights from 7 to 8:30. Once school begins, many of the youth do not have time to go home to eat dinner before they join us for Bible study and fellowship. If you would like to help out with this, please call the church office or sign up in the office.

This last week, two youth participated in filling running bags for the *Autism Involves Me 5K Run*. This is an organization that raises money to help those who have autism.

If you are in need of tasks to be completed around your home, please let me or the church office know a few days or a week in advance, so we can gather up someone to help you. The youth are willing and able to tackle most anything.

If anybody is willing to talk to the youth about their faith on Wednesday nights or Sunday during youth, please let me know and I will schedule you.

As always, please contact me or the church office if you have any ideas or anything you want to do for the youth or want the youth to do for you!

God bless ~ *David*



BOOK NOOK



DISCIPLE

MAIL ORDER BRIDE SERIES by Al & Joanna Lacy

Book 1: Secrets of the Heart

Book 2: A Time to Love

Book 3: The Tender Flame

Book 4: Blessed are the Merciful

Book 5: Ransom of Love

Book 6: Until the Daybreak

YELLOW ROSE TRILOGY by Lori Wick

Book 1: Every Little Thing About You

Book 2: A Texas Sky

Book 3: City Girl

WOMEN OF VALOR SERIES by Elyse Larson

Book 1: For Such a Time

Book 2: So Shall We Stand

Book 3: The Hope Before Us

TUCKER MILLS TRILOGY by Lori Wick

Book 1: Moonlight on the Millpond

Book 2: Just Above a Whisper

Book 3: Leave a Candle Burning

A PRAIRIE LEGACY SERIES by Janette Oke

Book 1: The Tender Years

Book 2: A Searching Heart

Book 3: A Quiet Strength

Book 4: Like Gold Refined

LEGACIES OF THE ANCIENT RIVER SERIES

by Angela Elwell Hunt

Book 1: Dreamers

Book 2: Brothers

Book 3: Journey

LANCASTER BURNING by Linda Byler

Book 1: Davey's Daughter

Book 2: The Witnesses

AMISH VINES AND ORCHARDS SERIES

by Cindy Woodsmall

Book 4: Seasons of Tomorrow

FICTION:

THE BRIDGE by Lisa Bergren

A tender story of love between a man and a woman, a father and his son, and the love God showers upon all of us

It's that time of year again, Disciple Bible Study groups are forming and plans are being made to invite new participants to the program. Disciple Bible Study is an opportunity to begin, or renew, your study of our Christian scripture. It is a series of the sequential studies of the Bible and begins with an overview of the Old and New Testaments and ends with a study of Revelation. This study takes four years to complete, but leaves you with a new and exciting understanding of what the Holy Scripture holds for you as an individual.

For the 2015-2016 year, there are many opportunities for you to take part. A Disciple 1 class will be available for those who are interested. This class is the foundation for all of the other Disciple classes, as it provides each learner with a sound knowledge of the Old and New Testaments – the basis for the other three studies. This class must be taken before you can enroll in any of the other Disciple classes. The day and time for this class is yet to be determined.

The second opportunity for study is for those who have completed Disciple 3 and would like to continue their studies. A Disciple 4 class will be offered on Wednesday mornings from 8:30 to 11:00. Disciple 4 is a sixteen week study of the OT Writings and a sixteen week study of NT Writings including the book of Revelation.

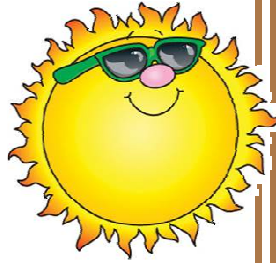
Two other opportunities could be offered if there is enough interest – a Disciple 2 class is one possibility, as we have a number of persons who would like to continue their study, but are restricted by numbers and a time to meet. Another opportunity is the final study from the Disciple program – The Christian Believer which could be organized if there is enough interest.

For those of you who are interested in beginning or continuing Disciple Bible Study, please contact me at 426-6211, or the church office for more specific information.

Alan Packard

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Dick & Sonnie Andersen
 5 Paul & Denise Healy
 6 Chet & Cheryl Campbell
 6 Lee & Linda Moore
 6 Bryan & Carrie Roath
 7 Tim & Susan Smith
 7 Alan & Lois Yount
 10 Doug & Marilyn Adamson
 12 Tom & Barbara Humphreville
 13 Scott & Brenna Drindak
 19 Roy & Betty Lange
 23 Jim & Judy Bilyeu
 24 J.R. & Layne Anderson
 26 Doug & Martha Grant
 26 Stanley & Phyllis Robinson
 27 Duane & Gail Phillips

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS (CONT'D)**

- 10 Karen McMillen
 11 Lois McMahan
 11 Kobly Williams
 12 Barbara Gersema
 13 Howard Johnson
 14 Deloris Sernett
 15 Carolyn Butler
 15 Bonita Vrieze
 16 Coleman Farrar
 16 Dale Veach
 17 Pat Pershing
 19 Viola Aandahl
 20 Florence Hill
 20 Robert Schuster
 21 Blake Johnson
 21 Jerre Marietta
 21 Jeni McIntyre
 21 Bill Platt
 22 Earl Cummings
 22 Hayden Johnson
 23 Kivit Conner
 24 Brenda Jorgensen
 24 Cooper Liddekee
 24 Alan Packard
 25 Jessi Baldwin
 27 Charles Korns
 30 Duane Phillips
 30 Joy Walker

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Donald Brown
 2 David Duncan
 2 John Rice
 3 Peggy Gamble
 3 Margaret Lemley
 6 Barbara Jenner
 7 Wesley Gernstetter
 7 Ewart Scarff
 8 George Tompkins
 9 Jean Greenlee
 9 David Pearson





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 Jan Lowe, Congregational Care Minister at jan@lovelearnlead.com, 531-0381 or 855-1158.

DEATHS

Leveta Tunnell passed away on July 14 while at Highlands Healthcare and Rehab. Leveta had not been able to attend worship services for the past few months because of declining health issues. A memorial service was held at the church on Friday, July 17th. Husband, Roy, and their three daughters and her many friends and family were there to celebrate her life. Please pray for Leveta's family as they grieve her loss.



Jack Hunter died on Friday, July 24 at Concordia Care Center. A service will be held at Bella Vista Funeral Home on Saturday, August 8 at 11:00am, followed by a graveside service. Please pray for Jack's family as they grieve his loss.



EOIM

Every One In Ministry

This is YOUR church. PLEASE find a Ministry where YOU can Serve and Make a Difference!

SANCTIFIED CLASSIFIEDS

Sunday Office Angel ~ Are you able to volunteer at the Reception Desk in the Office on Sunday mornings, addressing the needs of members and guests? You will greet those who come in with a warm smile and a willing attitude, answer questions, sign people up for various happenings at the church.

7:30—8am **Filled**

9—9:30 **Filled**

10—10:45am

11:45—12:15pm

Please contact Jan Lowe.

SOARING SOLOS

Where singles come together for fellowship and fun)

Singles will have three outings to choose from during August.

August 1, Saturday, 8:30am Breakfast at Wesner's in Rogers.

August 14, Friday, Haven 55 for Lunch at 11:30am. Sandwiches from \$7—\$8; carpool or bus.

August 23, Sunday, 5pm. A Raspberry Delightful Night at Shirley Hofmann's home. Shirley will prepare dessert for everyone using her home grown raspberries. Dinner includes Pasta Casserole, Salad, and Garlic Bread for \$6 a person.

To sign up for any of the above activities or to be added to the e-mail list for notification of upcoming activities and events, contact Jan at jan@lovelearnlead.com, or call Jan at 531-0381. Church members are encouraged to invite others to join in our activities. You don't have to be a member of our church to participate in outings, just single.



CELEBRATIONS

Earl & Maryann Kennedy Celebrate 50 Years Together

Earl Kennedy and Maryann Alexander were married August 6, 1965 at Mifflin Avenue United Methodist Church in Wilksburg, PA. They have 2 sons, 6 grandchildren, and 2 great-granddaughters. A family celebration is planned. They have made a donation to *Youth Life* in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.



MUSIC



CHANCEL CHOIR & CHANCEL BELLS are back in the swing of things!

After taking the summer off, both musical groups are ready to begin rehearsals the first week of August. The CHOIR members will begin their practice in the Sanctuary Wednesday evening, August 5th at 6:30pm. The HANDBELL CHOIR will begin practice the same day at 3:40pm in the Music Room. If you would like to join one of these essential music ministries, please contact Dr. Larry Zehring or Dawn Thompson.

And did you know that this year marks the twentieth anniversary of our Wesley Series programs? To help us celebrate, on Friday October 9th, our old friend Dan Knight will be here for a gala evening of jazz and refreshments in Becker Hall. Dan will be joined by the "Usual Suspects" (Steve Wilkes, Mike Johnson and Jim Jernigan) and as a special treat, vocals by our own Pam Pittman. Get this on your calendars right now, everyone, 'cause I expect we'll have a big crowd. Then at 3 O'clock on Sunday Nov. 1st, we'll host organist Gail Archer for a concert in the sanctuary. These two programs will round out the 2015 Wesley Series. For the spring of 2016, we're looking forward to the annual visit of the Graduate Fellowship String Quartet from Kansas City, and some additional programs that will be announced later.

Larry Zehring



Bennett Charles Pittman is Baptized

Bennett Charles Pittman, son of Noah and Pamela Pittman, was born on February 26th of this year. He was baptized in the third service on July 26th by his grandfather and namesake, Rev. Charles Pittman, and Bro. Jaimie J. Alexander.



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One More to Go!

One big hurdle, the Rummage Sale, is over! So now we have one more, big UMW fund raiser left for this year. We hope you've all set aside the first weekend in October for **THE BAZAAR**. If you are not acquainted with this event, it is similar to the Rummage Sale in that we pretty much take over the top floor of the church to sell many homemade, homegrown or home-baked items with ALL proceeds going to missions. Many ladies have been faithfully attending the workshops and hopefully, many folks have been working at home on handmade crafts. If so, we would appreciate receiving them as early this month as possible so we can price them. Dropping them off on Thursday morning would be best but otherwise just bring them to the office. It is helpful if you attach a suggested sale price. We also have a section for plants, books, food items and extra special "Dignified Discards". Watch the bulletin for announcements as to when to drop them off.

We appreciate your wonderful response to our request for sewing machines – we received two! But for one of them, we have no idea who dropped it off!? So, to that person, we want to give a big THANK YOU! We really appreciate it!

And then we have to ask your help one more time on the actual sale day of **Saturday, October 4th**. As usual, an event like this takes many willing hands to make it a success, and it really is fun working with your fellow churchgoers. There will be a **sign-up sheet on the UMW bulletin board in the back of Becker Hall**. If you're not sure where you can help, there will be a section for that and we will call you. If you have any questions, talk to any UMW member or call me at 876-1392.

Verna Bottjen 2015 Bazaar Chair



United Methodist Men invite all men of the church to their monthly dinner meeting on Wednesday, August 12th at 6:30pm in Becker Hall. The evening's speaker is Bill Crawford, Executive Director of Helping Hands. Dinner includes Chicken Parmesan with Butter Noodles, Corn, Garlic Bread and Salad, catered by Papa Mike's. Reservations need to be made either by phone tree or with Jim Belcoff (616-6738) no later than Sunday, August 9th.

UMM's ANNUAL WATERMELON FEED will be in conjunction with Supercharged on the evening of Friday, August 14th from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Everyone is invited to join in the fun!



UMW Rummage Sale

**THIS Saturday,
August 1st
8:00am~1:00pm ~
Becker Hall**

**Something for Everyone!
Proceeds benefit local charities**



MISSIONS



SHOEBOX MINISTRY

After having the month off in July Shoebox is ready to hit the ground running. August is a busy month as school is starting, which means we will be resuming the Sunshine Sacks to Cooper Elementary School and contacting the shelters we serve. With school starting, the added stress of having to make addition purchases will be present in many families. Often families fall in the gap between eligibility for programs that help fill their needs. Toiletry items such as shampoo, deodorant and body wash are just some of these needs.

Items requested this month are: large tubes of toothpaste (Youth Bridge), full size bars of soap. Feminine hygiene products, and quart-size zip lock bags. Our tubs are almost empty of the items listed above.

We are saddened to tell you that *Hanna House*, located in Rogers, which has served the homeless community for many years has closed. Ed Hughes, who operated the shelter and has been in poor health for the last few years, has finally had to close the doors. A care member of Ed's church, St. Vincent's in Rogers, said many have stepped forward, among them Soul's Harbor, to take in and place the residents to help with the transition. The property has been put up for sale and Ed is being cared for in his new home located near St. Vincent's. Please be in prayer for this very special man who has cared for others for a good part of his 90+ years.

A reminder that we are no longer accepting empty prescription bottles, but they can be taken to AARP recycling center.

As always in His service,

Your Shoebox Ministry Team

PAK A SAK

Our collection of food on August 16th will be delivered to the Bentonville schools. THE BACK PACK SNACK PACK PROGRAM helps children who qualify for the federal breakfast and lunch program during the week, take home healthy snacks for week-ends. Having snacks on week-ends has shown to improve a child's ability to focus on studying when they return to school on Monday.



ITEMS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A CHILDS LIFE: cheese crackers, fruit cups, pudding cups, granola bars, juice boxes, nuts, raisins, Ramen noodles ,cereal, Pop tarts, Instant oatmeal, etc.

There is also a need for all types of pantry food to help families during difficult times.

Thank you for your consistently generous donations of food and funds month after month as we serve those less fortunate.

Sue Nebrig



JUGGLING FIRE!

Korina Dove, daughter of Lynn & Karen Dove, is a missionary working in Thailand. She will be back in Bella Vista in August and will share the story of her ministry on Tuesday, August 11. She will prepare a typical Thai meal to share as well. A free will offering will be taken. Watch the bulletins for more information!



MISSION OF THE MONTH

Since Restoration Village opened in June 1989, hundreds have been given refuge, support and hope in a home environment. Our residents come to us from a variety of circumstances: homeless, often with children or pregnant, needing security, hope and encouragement to overcome the traumas of sexual, emotional or physical abuse.

The first priority of the Village is to provide women and their children with a safe, abuse-free environment while meeting their basic needs for food, shelter and clothing, but a long-term approach is essential to accomplish lasting change and restoration.

We believe a long-term approach is necessary to address the obstacles faced by the women and children who come to us seeking assistance. To facilitate this we evaluate and track each individual situation to determine length of residency. Our average stay is six months to a year.

Goals include life skills – such as driving, budgeting, meal planning and self-care. Goals extend on to include continuing education, job skills, resume and interview preparation. And ultimately, the final goal is for residents to become self-sufficient, productive and whole individuals able to support themselves and their children and be productive members of our community.

88% of funding for Restoration Village comes from private donations from individuals, businesses and groups. 5% from the United Way and the balance from grants. They receive no tax payer assistance from the local, state or federal level.



Time to Order Church Shirts

(custom printing by Jerry Snow)

T-Shirts are \$10

Polos (Golf Shirts) are \$15

Sweatshirts are \$18

(Add \$2 for sizes 2x and up)

Canvas Totes are also available for \$14

See samples & color charts in the office.

Please pay when you order!

Deadline for ordering is Friday, August 7





THANK YOU

Thank you so much for your donation of the food. With your generous help we are able to help feed families in need. God Bless you.

Care & Share

Dear Bro. Jaimie and Church friends,
The calls and cards were a joy at a time like this (just the two of us and not able to leave the house ☹️) But we want to thank you for your cards & calls & prayers. God Bless. . . .

The Smiths, Tim & Susan

I would like to thank everyone for their cards and prayers while I was recovering from hip replacement surgery. Also, thanks to Bro. Jaimie for his visit to the hospital. He was nice to me. The word on the street is that he and Brenda flipped a coin to see which one had to visit me and Bro. Jaimie lost. He then wanted to do 2 out of 3 but Brenda said "NO! Just go visit him - he is not that bad." I still appreciate his visit even though he always agrees with my wife, Jan. Blessings to all -
Richard Abbott, aka, Mr. Wonderful
(a little Richard Abbott humor!)



Many thanks to M.J. Rhein and Carole Boyd for their dedicated landscaping and gardening efforts on behalf of the church. Most mornings they are the first ones to arrive they and stay long hours as they trim, water, fertilize, de-bug and in general keep our grounds beautiful. You are appreciated!!!



Newsletter JUNE 2015 FINANCIAL DATA				
		* = - Endowment	2015 Budget	Compare 2014
Month to date (as of 6/30/15)	Actual Receipts	*\$41,948	*\$54,317	*\$55,503
Month to date (as of 6/30/15)	Actual Expenses	\$51,766	\$54,317	\$52,708
	Month of JUNE	-\$ 9,918		\$2,795
Year to date	Actual Receipts	*\$347,700	*\$217,268	*\$334,930
Year to date	Actual Expenses	\$315,436	\$217,268	\$267,110
	YTD	\$ 32,264		\$12,317

Operating Account Balance 6/30/15 \$85

AUGUST 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">1</div> 9:00 Amp Big Book 8:00 RUMMAGE SALE
						
2	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 10:45 Traditional Service	9:16 Golf-Dogwood 10:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 By the Book AA	10:15 Golf-Berksdale 6:30 Men's Chorus	7:30 Men's Emmaus 8:30 Bible Study 9:00 Quilters 3:40 Chancel Bells 5:00 Prayer Service 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:00 Youth Life	9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp 10:24 Golf-Dogwood 6:30 SPRC		9:00 Amp Big Book
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
BP✓ between services 7:30 Praise Tm rehrl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service 12:00 Youth Thank-U Lunch	9:00 Caregivers Support 9:16 Golf-Kingswood 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 Calico Cut-ups Brd 4:00 Guest Follow-up 6:00 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	9:00 PEO-BR 10:07 Golf-Highlands 11:30 Mission Lunch 1:30 Member Meeting 6:00 VR Highland Park	7:30 Men's Emmaus 8:30 Bible Study 9:00 Quilters 3:40 Chancel Bells 5:00 Prayer Service 6:30 Chancel Choir 6:30 UMM Dinner 7:00 Youth Life	9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp 10:24 Golf-Berksdale	11:30 Preschool Brd Mtng 5:30 MM Shep Grp 6:00~8:00pm 	9:00 Amp Big Book
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
PAK A SAK Promotion Day 7:30 Praise Tm rehrl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service 12:00 Promotion Lunch	1st day of School 8:00 BLOOD DRIVE 9:16 Golf-Scotsdale 10:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 By the Book AA	9:24 Golf-Scotsdale 11:30 Moving Forward 1:00 BV Book Club 6:30 Men's Chorus	7:30 Men's Emmaus 8:30 Bible Study 9:00 Quilters 3:40 Chancel Bells 5:00 Prayer Service 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:00 Youth Life	9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp 10:24 Golf-BVCC 2:00 VR Highland Park 6:00 Preschool Parents		9:00 Amp Big Book
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Praise Tm rehrl Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service 12:00 Pastor's Lunch	Preschool 1st day Caregivers Support 9:16 Golf-BVCC 10:00 Staff Meeting 11:00 Calico Cut-ups 6:00 By the Book AA	9:24 Golf-BVCC 3:00 BV Library Board 6:30 Men's Chorus	7:30 Men's Emmaus 8:30 Bible Study 9:00 Quilters 3:40 Chancel Bells 5:00 Prayer Service 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:00 Youth Life	9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp 10:24 Golf-Kingswood 5:30 Young at Heart SG		9:00 Amp Big Book
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Traditional Service "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service	10:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 By the Book					

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Coordinator of LAVS ~ Alan Yount
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Director of Children's Ministry - Kristin Crider
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To the Home of ...



Please join us for a fun
**Community-wide
Summer Celebration**

Friday, August 14 ~ 6:00pm to 8:00pm

FREE FELLOWSHIP, FUN & FOOD

Hotdogs, Chips, Drinks, and Watermelon

LIVE MUSIC, GAMES,

INFLATABLE 15' SLIDE, FINGERPRINTING, and

BELLA VISTA EMERGENCY RESPONDERS!!

Free Back-to-School Haircuts & Free Pre-School Vision Screening
School Supplies available

For More Information please contact the church office
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**There will be sign-up sheets for volunteers in the Narthex every Sunday
and in the office during the week**