



The Good News

August, 2016

Save the Dates

**Celebrate the 40th Anniversary
of the Ministry of FUMC Bella Vista
on Saturday evening, October 29
and on Sunday morning, October 30**

On Saturday Evening there will be a time of visitation at 5:30 in the Sanctuary and Narthex, followed by a banquet at 6 pm in Becker Hall. Former Pastors will be invited to attend. The history of the ministry of the church will be celebrated. On Sunday morning former pastors will be guest in worship leadership and there will be an anniversary cake to celebrate the occasion! Save the date! Invite former members to attend!





FAITH WALK

Senior Pastor, Brother Jaimie J. Alexander

*Mission...Passion... Prayer...Faith... Compassion...
Strength...Determination...Love*

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters."

— Colossians 3:23 NIV

Those are some of the words I would use to describe what I encountered on the recent Volunteers in Mission Trip to McGehee, Arkansas. A team of 13 persons represented FUMCBV by "being the CHURCH" to two persons who were affected by flooding in March. The home where the team spent the most time was severely damaged by flooding, as was the homeowner's life though circumstances. The team arrived on Monday morning to find this amazing person had fallen in the driveway the night before and had suffered a broken elbow. Sadly, the lady had been there all night, enduring the mosquitoes and tremendous pain. She greeted the team with a can-do spirit and maintained that outlook throughout the week, so that it overshadowed the circumstances of her life. I witnessed the team devotedly offer compassion and faith in Christ to her through their words, actions, and deeds. The team repaired the interior walls of her home by replacing insulation, sheetrock, paneling, doing yard work, and helping put her home in a better order, as well as spending time visiting daily with her. While she received help, the ones who benefited more were the team members. The team benefited through building relationship and deepening faith in the love of Christ. I knew I would be blessed by being a part of the team, but I never expected to be so blessed by the whole experience of the trip. Troy Jorgenson shared Colossians 3:23 on a FaceBook post of photographs from the trip. When I read the verse, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters", I realized the team had experienced that verse in action during the week through every nail that was hammered, piece of wood that was cut, prayers that were offered, stories that were shared, and relationships that were strengthened. Thank you to the church family for contributing 2,600 dollars to help repair homes in McGehee and for your prayers of support. When you see Linda and Richard Stewart (team leaders), Darryl and Verna Bottjen, Jim and Sue Prather, Alan Yount, Chet Campbell, Ted Ivy, Michael Duden, Mabel Ashline, and Austin Curtis please ask them to tell you about "Being the CHURCH by loving, learning, and leading" on the mission.



Angie Rader has been promoted as the new Director of Children's Ministry. Angie has been a part of the ministry staff since 2009 as Director of Child Care Ministries. Angie is loved by children and adults of all ages and she will continue to provide spiritual influence over the lives of children and adults. It is a blessing to welcome Angie in this new role of ministry.

Sadly, David Hanson has announced his resignation as Director of Youth Ministries due to increasing time demands in his career and family. David has served in ministry to youth for three years. He and his family have been members of FUMCBV for 12 years and they will not be leaving their church family. We are so thankful for David's leadership. There will be a reception on Sunday August 7th to celebrate his ministry tenure.

We will have an Interim Youth Director as a search takes place for a new Director of Youth Ministries. The Interim Youth Director will be Austin Curtis. Austin is a chaplain for Continuous Improvement Solutions. He has served as a chaplain in the National Guard and is a former youth pastor. Austin was a member of the McGehee Mission Trip, has attended the Lenten services at FUMCBV, and was also a team member on the mission trip to Uganda in February.

Please be in prayer as we search for a Director of Child Care Ministries and a Director of Youth Ministry. For inquiries, please see me.

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

God Moments

Do you practice the presence of God in your life? What I mean is, do you actively look for God's grace, God's love, and God's touch through the events, circumstances and people you encounter each day? If you responded with, "I haven't really thought about that", you would not be alone. Most of us have never been presented with the challenge to find the moments where we experience God in the daily activities of our lives. But take a moment and consider how your life and the lives of others might be different if we intentionally sought out and gave thanks for the moments of God's presence each day.

Recently, the children at Vacation Bible School were encouraged to identify "God Moments" where they experienced God in their lives. Some of their responses were:

"My friend Abby came back to school." "A friend helped me with a big project." "Seeing friends and getting to play." "When my brother let me play with his toys."

To most of us, these events would have seemed like ordinary, run-of-the-mill occurrences. But when invited to see their day through the eyes of the Holy Spirit, these children recognized "God Moments" in the ordinary and the not so ordinary.

Thank you to all the many volunteers who helped with Vacation Bible School this year, so our children could begin to look for the amazing God Moments in their lives.

In a small group I am attending with other members from our church, we are learning how to meet, build relationships, and share our faith with people who are not connected with a church. The study has encouraged us to talk about our faith by sharing the moments when we experience God in our lives. We are challenged each week to share an experience of God that occurred over the past week. It is not as easy as you might think! We have shared conversations with friends, experiences of nature, and encounters with strangers, among others. The funny thing is – when you look for God's presence in your life, you begin to find it more frequently! You might try this challenge yourself. Find one time each week that you experience God and share it with another person.

Last Sunday we sang a hymn that reminds me of God's Spirit in and with each of us, ever transforming us to be the disciples of Jesus Christ we were created to be. Let us embrace the words with a renewed commitment that the Holy Spirit create a new spirit within each of us to see the God moments in each of our lives.

"Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me." UMH 393

Pastor Judy

Midweek Manna is Returning!!!

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Save Wednesday evenings this fall for food, fun, fellowship, and faith.
Small groups for Bible study, faith growth and creative learning will be available.
You won't want to miss it!



JOINING in the JOURNEY TOGETHER

Pastor Brenda Wideman, Minister of Congregational Care & Grief Support

From Darkness to Light

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. Isaiah 9:2 NRSV

On Sunday, July 3rd, we had a ‘darkness to light’ service in Becker Hall. You may have been blessed to be with us that Sunday morning as we celebrated our Nation, worshipped our God, and shared Holy Communion together. You may remember we were having thunderstorms that morning, and at about 9am, an hour before we were to begin Worship, the power went out. Worship was to have been in the Sanctuary, but because of no electricity, we were compelled to make a change to Becker Hall where the light through the windows provided enough to hold our service. About 15 minutes into the service, the power came back on. Our Worship had begun when we were in deep darkness, but as we worshipped our God, on us the light did shine!

God’s hand was in the message of that morning. Without the power of electricity, we struggled in deep darkness. But together, we shared the experience; we journeyed through the moving of candles, of hymnals, and of Communion elements. People worked together: some grumbled, some doubted, and some saw the possibility on the other side of the darkness. But in the power of the love in community and the love of our Lord, we all got through it – Together! We had an unexpected loss, but together, in community, the love of our Lord was revealed through the Holy Spirit; the light did shine, even before the electricity came back. In the shared story, we grew closer to each other and to God that morning, and we were all better, each in our own unique way, because of the experience.

Have you had an unexpected loss in your life? Because of this loss, are you struggling in the darkness unable to find the power to overcome? We invite you to join us in community, in our grief support “When Mourning Dawns: Living your Way through the Seasons of Your Grief.” In this 10-week study, we will explore the characteristics of grief, what it is, how our culture views it, how it affects us, and how to journey through it. By sharing the story, God’s love flows through us and our lives are touched, each in our own unique way, by the healing Spirit of our Lord. The group will meet on Tuesday evenings, 5:30-7:00pm, August 23rd through October 25th, in the Chapel. We will finish the 10-week session before the time changes back to Standard Time for the winter.

If you are grieving a loss, I invite you to prayerfully consider joining in the journey with us in this grief support group. In our shared story, we will grow closer to each other and to God, and we will all be better, each in our own unique way, because of the experience.

Blessings, **Pastor Brenda**



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

A 10-week journey through the experiences of grief from the withering of Autumn to the hopeful new growth of Summer. Our group journey will begin August 23rd and run through October 25th, on Tuesday evenings from 5:30pm-7:00pm in the Chapel.



YOUTH LIFE

David Hanson, Director of Youth Ministries

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." Hebrews 13:8

We've all heard that change is good. Most of us hate change. It upends our comfort levels, leaving us insecure and afraid. It challenges our expectations, our routines, our understanding of the world and how we live in it. But there is one who doesn't change, who walks with us in every season of life, no matter how easy or difficult.

**"I will teach you the way you should go;
I will instruct you and advise you." Psalm 32:8**

Our church was fortunate to have two youth attend Teen Disaster Relief Corp at Camp Tomah Shinga this past month. At first they were afraid, for it was their first camp. In the end they told me that it was a great time. They learned so much from this camp and that it is ok to leave your comfort zone and experience change.

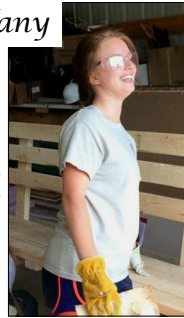
The youth at FUMCBV have gone through many changes these past three years. It started out with a new youth room, and followed by many new experiences they have never had before. Most importantly these past three years have brought the youth to know who they are and to have stronger faith. As we all know all things can't grow further without some pruning

As many of you know, this past year I left the public schools and accepted a new position at the University of Arkansas to develop their dyslexia program. While I encountered many exciting opportunities, I was also faced with some challenges, especially in the area of time management. My passion is helping students who struggle with dyslexia as well as educating teachers to better serve their students. My passion is also to help our youth here grow into Christian men and women by guiding them in God's word. However, I am realizing that there are just not enough hours in the day to continue on the path I am on. After much thought, prayer, and many conversations with Andrea about what's best for our family, I have decided to step down as the youth director. This was not an easy decision, but we feel it is what's best for our family and myself right now.

Please keep my family and myself in your prayers that we may always keep God as our focus as we enter a new season of life. My last day as youth director will be July 31st.

With the warmest regards and many thanks to all those that have supported the youth these past three years. *David*

Tiffany



Ray



Elk River Float Trip



Tif & Ray & friends



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

Johan and Marina Visser—joined our church family on July 24th at the 8am Service. They are originally from South Africa, but have lived in the US for some time. Johan works for Walmart and Marina works from home and loves photography. They have a 23-yr-old son who is a graduate of the UofA and lives in Fayetteville. We welcome Johan and Marina as a part of our family!



Jeff Pool—became a part of our church family on July 24th in the Well Service. He is originally from Illinois, but has moved all over as a teacher and principal for 43 years in Lutheran Schools. He retired to Bella Vista this past spring and now spends his time doing volunteer work, reading and traveling. He would love to find a part time job at this point, so let him know if you are aware of a place for him. Be sure to introduce yourself to Jeff and welcome him to our church family.

Nathan and Michelle Forst became constituents with us on July 17th. Nathan is in commercial construction and Michelle works in retail for Stout Stuff, LLC. They have two daughters, Julia and Lynden, who are in the 4th grade and kindergarten at Thomas Jefferson Elementary. Look for them at The Well service and welcome them as an official part of our fellowship.



Wanda Williams—moved back to Bella Vista from South Carolina to be with her family, the Gilmores: Amy, James, Alec, and Jenna. She is living in Rogers and has worked in human resources. She loves needlework, reading, and card making. We are so glad their family is reunited and our family has grown richer now that Wanda is here, too! She worships at The Well, so be sure to give her a warm welcome when you see her.



Tim and Liz Little

became members of our church family on July 10. Tim has been a pool salesman for 15 years. Liz was a real estate closing agent in California, Nevada, and Arkansas for over 42 years. She is now retired. They moved to Bella Vista to escape to a quieter place from the college kids in Fayetteville. :-). They are still Razorback fans, but also enjoy playing Texas Holdem, cooking, and spending time with family. Welcome Tim and Liz when you see them in the Traditional Worship services.





OUR FAMILY

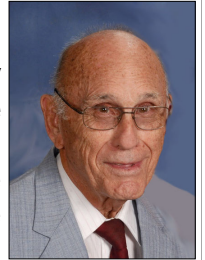
Beverly and James Thuma

also became members on July 10. Beverly works for AT&T and James is self-employed. Their daughter Addison is in kindergarten at Thomas Jefferson Elementary. School. They worship in The Well service. Please welcome this wonderful family as a part of our church family.



DEATHS

Robert 'Bob' Clark.— passed away Monday, July 11th, at Circle of Life Hospice in Bentonville. He had been experiencing heart difficulties for some time. The Celebration of Bob's Life was held Friday, July 15th at 2pm in our sanctuary. A private, family committal service was held at the National Cemetery in Fayetteville on Friday morning. Please keep Juanita and her family in your prayers during this very difficult time.



Shirley Newton joined back in late April and we did not have a picture of her at that time. You may recall that Shirley was a teacher-librarian for over 20 years in Iowa and retired to Bella Vista. She loves to travel, so be sure to say 'Hi' to her and get some great travel advice, now that you have seen her smiling face. Welcome Shirley!!

Connie Hinton - also joined in late April, but we did not have a picture at that time. She was a Human Resource Manager before retiring. She now has the time to spend with her 2-1/2 year old granddaughter, Elizabeth Ann, who is often with her at worship. Be sure to welcome them at the 8am service.



ACTIVITIES COMING IN AUGUST

Metfield Methodists Shepherd Group will be hosting a potluck dinner Thursday, August 25th to honor Ralph and Mona Johnson who are moving to be close to their family. The dinner will be held in the Chapel at 5:30pm.

Young at Heart Shepherd Group has been on a summer sabbatical. We will resume meeting with breakfast on Saturday, August 27th at 8:30 a.m. at the Acropolis Restaurant on North Walton Blvd in Bentonville, followed by a trip to the downtown farmers' market.

Soaring Solos will meet in the church Chapel at 1:30pm on Friday, August 19. Come and enjoy an armchair journey to interesting and beautiful hidden spots in Bella Vista without leaving the coolness of the Chapel. The program will be followed by dessert. If you plan to attend, please contact Dawn at detmusic@cox.net or 855-2921

Shepherd Group One will meet at the home of Jim & Judy Bilyeu on Sunday, August 28th from 2:00pm to 4:30pm for a family afternoon of fun, food, games, swimming and fellowship. Call Judy for more information

BAPTISMS

Colton Bradley Roth - son of Sean and Nicole Roth and grandson of Rev. Cathy Luck and Mike Roth was baptized July 17th in The Well service. Rev. Cathy and Bro. Jaimie joined together in the baptism. Sean is in the US Navy stationed in Florida. It was a wonderful family celebration! →→→→→



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Dick & Sonnie Andersen
- 3 Ed & Lorraine Swanson
- 6 Chet & Cheryl Campbell
- 6 Earl & Mary Kennedy
- 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
- 13 Tim & Liz Little
- 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

- 2 Donald Brown
- 2 Earl Cummings
- 2 David Duncan
- 2 John Rice
- 3 Peggy Gamble
- 3 Margaret Lemley
- 6 Barbara Jenner
- 7 Wesley Gernstetter
- 7 Ewart Scarff
- 8 Kaleb Kelley
- 8 George Tompkins

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS (CONT'D)

- 9 Jean Greenlee
- 9 David Pearson
- 10 Karen McMillen
- 11 Lois McMahon
- 11 Kobly Williams
- 12 Barbara Gersema
- 13 Howard Johnson
- 14 Deloris Sernett
- 15 Carolyn Butler
- 15 Alec Gilmore
- 15 Kirina Kelley
- 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 Bill Platt
- 22 Hayden Johnson
- 23 Rich Severson
- 24 James Dean
- 24 Brenda Jorgensen
- 24 Cooper Liddekee
- 24 Alan Packard
- 25 Jessica Baldwin
- 27 Charles Korns
- 30 Duane Phillips
- 30 Joy Walker



FROM THE ORGAN CONSOLE

Broc Hite,
Organist/Associate Director of Music

The theme for August is "Masterworks". In particular, I am playing the three Grand Pièces pour Orgue of César Franck over each of the three Sundays I will be at church. The third piece, Pièce Héroïque, is the most famous of the three. The other organ masters of the 19th and early 20th century represented are Alexandre Guilmant, Max Reger, and Louis Vierne. I threw in two of the late Brahms chorale preludes because they are great music, though not spectacularly well-written for the organ.

As all of our Bell and Choir programs resume this month, I hope you will consider how you can best support them, either by participating or by enthusiasm from the pew.

PAMELA PITTMAN & FRIENDS
ACCOMPANIED BY SHARON GOLAWAY

SONGS OF Hope HYMNS OF INSPIRATION

SUNDAY JULY 31, 2016 3:00 PM

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
20 BOYCE DRIVE BELLA VISTA, AR 72715

I think by now nearly everyone knows that Pam Pittman will be singing a concert she's calling "Songs of Hope, Hymns of Inspiration" here in the sanctuary at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday July 31st. It's Pam's 31st birthday and this is her birthday present to the community. Pam will be accompanied at the piano by Sharon Golaway and will be assisted by Kolby Williams, viola as well as a group of singers that includes her dad and members of our choir. This is a must-see and must-hear event.

Broc



SUMMER KNIGHT!

ENJOY AN EVENING OF JAZZ
AND DESSERT

with **DAN KNIGHT** and the
"USUAL SUSPECTS"

FRIDAY AUGUST 12, 7:00 P.M.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
BECKER HALL

20 Boyce Drive - Bella Vista, AR

Want more info? 479-855-1158

(or)

www.lovelearnlead.com

On Friday evening August 12th we'll celebrate the return to Bella Vista of our good friend Dan Knight. Starting at 7:00 p.m. there will be live jazz, gourmet coffee and delectable desserts in Becker Hall with Dan and "The Usual Suspects:" Steve Wilkes, Mike Johnson, Jim Jernigan and Al Gibson. You won't want to miss this evening of music and fellowship.



Please remember to wear your name tags at all church events and activities. This will give our newer members an easier time of learning your name, and you theirs.



MISSIONS

SHOEBOX MINISTRY

We are back. Summer vacation went by quickly and despite it being our downtime boxes were delivered to Salvation Army-Bentonville, and Seven Hills totaling 197 in all. Tarps and batteries went to Seven Hills. Cosmetic bags filled with special items not used in shoeboxes went to residents of Oasis of Northwest Arkansas and Audrey's House of Hope. Cleaning supplies and food for a Fourth of July celebration were taken to Restoration Village by Cheryl Campbell and Karen Roenfeld. The residents were so excited and thankful for the goodies.

We are in need of AA or AAA batteries for Seven Hills. Flashlights are the only source of light for those without a home. Small flashlights would also be helpful. Quart size Ziploc bags, chap sticks, and sunblock are on the needs list.

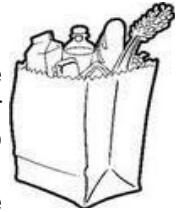
Prayer for those less fortunate is always needed.

A gentle reminder that we do not need any prescription bottles and we do not accept clothing. The bottles cannot be taken to



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PAK A SAK



August Pak a Sak is designated for the Bentonville Schools Snack Pack for Backpacks Program. For those who may not be familiar with this program, "snack packs" are prepared and made available for students who are food insecure over the weekend. This program is usually handled by the Samaritan Community Center, but does not really get rolling until September. The Samaritan Community Center provides 6,200 snack packs per week at 146 locations in Benton County during the school year. School begins in August. Our contribution is a small stop gap for hungry students as they begin their school year.

Items needed are macaroni cups, cheese or peanut butter crackers, fruit cups, pudding cups, Raman noodles, breakfast bars, granola bars, etc.

Pak a Sak is a team effort. We could not continue this program without your generous donations of food items and cash. We also need your help on the third Sunday of each month in Becker Hall after The Well Service to sort and bag the food each month. Sue Nebrig has led this project for many years and her service and determination have been a blessing to all of us. As we transition to new leadership, we covet your prayers and your continued support.

MISSION OF THE MONTH ~ RESTORATION VILLAGE



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.

As part of a trauma-informed response approach, each of our residents is provided with free counseling and advocacy. After arriving at the Village, women meet with our advocate and counselor to develop a goal plan. This plan includes specific life and therapeutic goals that they will work towards while at the Village. These goals are monitored through weekly meetings to ensure the best level of success possible.

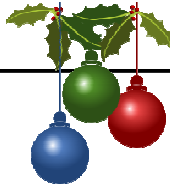


VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION McGEHEE TRIP





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BAZAAR NEWS & NEEDS

Countdown for the October 1st Holiday Bazaar is coming and we are in need of a few items. For our gift baskets we need some small kitchen items to be added. For the crafts, we could use some brown twig wreaths unadorned of decorations, 2 1/2" wire ribbon for Fall or Christmas - also some picks for the holidays. If you have any of these items laying around, they would be welcomed by the crafters. Remember to get your plants ready, also for the Bazaar. We still have some kits that need to be finished by sewers, available on the UMW table at the back of Becker Hall. If you can't make it to the Thursday workshops, please call Verna and she can help you out with them. Remember if you can make things for the Bazaar at home please bring them to quilt room and put a suggested price on what you would like for them. Thanks to everyone for helping in this mission project. *Verna Bottjen*

UNITED METHODIST



- invite all men of the church to their monthly dinner meeting on Wednesday, August 13th at 6:30pm in Becker Hall. The menu will be catered by Papa Mike's. The program will be presented by Beth Walker, who will give her testimony and talk about the importance of therapy dogs. Your reservation needs to be made no later than Sunday, August 7th. If you miss the Phone Tree, please call Jim Belcoff at 616-6738 for reservations or more information about UMM.

Attention all (male) golfers!

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

BOOK NOOK



LARGE PRINT FICTION:

THE LIAR by Nora Roberts
Shelby lost her husband. Then she lost her illusions. An attempted murder is only the beginning.

THE STRANGER by Harlan Coben
The stranger appears out of nowhere. His identity is unknown. His motives are unclear.

THE LOVE LETTERS by Beverly Lewis
Marlena's life takes an unexpected turn on the day she learns she must care for her estranged sister's baby.

ATTENTION UMW READING PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS:

Please have your info in the library no later than August 8, 2016. Thanks!



Please join us for this fun Community-wide event at

Tanyard Creek Pavilion
Saturday, August 13
6:00pm to 8:00pm

LIVE MUSIC, GAMES, SUPER SLIDE, PRIZES, & BELLA VISTA EMERGENCY RESPONDERS!!

FREE

Hotdogs, Chips, Drinks
Watermelon



Sign up to help volunteer in the Narthex and Becker Hall

Co-hosted by FUMCBV & BVPOA



 *Musical Notes* from Dr. Larry Zehring, Director of Music Ministries

TA-DA!!!! The moment you've all been waiting for has finally arrived: Choir practice will resume at **6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary on Thursday August 4**. As always, we'll be looking forward to a busy and exciting year of music-making for our church and just so you'll know, we're gonna hit the ground running this year by singing our first anthem, "At The Table of The Lord" for the **8 o'clock and 10:45 services on Sunday August 7th**. I'm sure you remember that we practiced this piece a few times last May before we took our summer break, so we should have no trouble picking up right where we left off (sorry Shirley!).

By now, I'm sure most of you know about Pam's concert scheduled for **3:00 p.m. on Sunday July 31st**. She's celebrating her 31st birthday and I hope you'll all be there for the festivities, and to celebrate with her.

On Friday August 12th at 7:00 p.m., Dan Knight will be back with us for an evening of jazz and desserts in Becker Hall, but before that, **right after choir practice on Thursday August 11th**, we're going to adjourn to Gusano's for pizza and fellowship with Dan and the guys in the band. I'll need to get a count of how many of you – and your "significant others" – will be able to do this so that I can let the restaurant know how many of us to expect. Please check your schedules between now and August 4th so you can tell me whether you'll be able to join us at Gusano's or not. Dan has also written a new piece of music for us. I hope we'll be able to do it for our church services on August 14th and have Dan play it with us.

For our Advent/Christmas season this year, we'll be doing TWO cantatas, both by Vivaldi. The first is his setting of the "Magnificat" based on the song of Mary that's found in the Gospel of Luke 1: 46-55. I've scheduled this for the **First Sunday of Advent November 27th at 7:00 p.m.** The second, V's setting of the "Gloria" (Luke 2: 14), we'll be doing for the **8 o'clock and 10:45 services on Sunday, Dec. 11th**. (I didn't think Jaimie would want to give up two sermons, so that's why we'll be doing one of these on a Sunday evening). The two pieces are similar, and both are what I'd call "very accessible," which means they're not overly difficult to learn. We'll have an orchestra for each of these cantatas, and that should make them even more fun to do.

I'm really looking forward to making music with you during what's left of 2016 and on into 2017, and hope to see you at **6:30 on Thursday August 4th**. See you then! *Larry*

Newsletter JUNE 2016 Financial Data

		2016	2016	Compare	2016
		Actual	Budget	2015	Year-end
				Actual	Budget
Month of June	Actual Receipts	\$42,166	\$54,326	\$41,987	
Month of June	Actual Expense	\$51,990	\$54,326	\$51,766	
	Balance	-\$9,824		-\$9,779	
Year to Date (as of 6/30/16)	Actual Receipts	\$303,196	\$325,956	\$343,096	\$651,915
Year to Date (as of 6/30/16)	Actual Expense	\$311,328	\$325,956	\$315,384	\$651,915
	Balance	-\$8,132		\$27,712	
Operating Account Balance 6/30/16		-\$19,441			

Please note new format with additional information.

The RED box shows where we should be according to budget by the end of June 2016.

We are short our goal by \$22,760, while our expenses have remained low.

Patsy Attaway, Treasurer



THANK YOU

FUMC Church Family,
I cannot begin to express my love and appreciation for the wonderful reception, card party, the many additional cards, presents, and well-wishes which you all so graciously provided to celebrate the ministries of the three of us who are your pastors. The reception was Sunday, July 3rd (the Darkness to Light Service) and as you might remember, Monday, July 4th also started off as a rainy, gloomy morning. I took the time in the quietness of that morning to read all of your cards and the notes they contained. What a blessing! As I read, I could hear each of your voices in the words. The messages brought warmth to my heart, tears to my eyes, chuckles to my spirit, and sunshine to my day. Thank you! Thank you for who you are; thank you for all you do; and thank you for Being the Church that God has called you to be! *Blessings,*

Pastor Brenda

A big "Thank You" to the 17 volunteers who represented this church at Helping Hands Saturday, July 23rd. Although heat conditions were a factor both inside and outside, volunteers did a wonderful job unloading donations as the vehicles lined up with their garage sale leftovers.

Monday, July 25th, the 3 air conditioners that went out were scheduled to be replaced at a cost of \$40,000. The future looks a little cooler, at least inside!

Summertime has shown an increase in the food pantry usage. To compensate, a garden was established 3 years ago and is now producing wheelbarrows of fresh vegetables daily.

84.9 % of every Helping Hands dollar goes back into the community. It was both an honor and a blessing to participate in this achievement. Thank you again to those below for helping serve the community in this capacity.

Shirley Wenger & Verna Bottjen

Those 17 who volunteered: Mabel Ashline, Darrell Bottjen, George Brannon, Ron Buker, Chet & Cheryl Campbell, Sue Nebrig, Darleen O'Brien, Keith & Lynn Prueitt, Dennis Reed, Mickey Shank, Co Ellen Sterwald, Gil & Frances Temple, Shirley, & Verna.

Dear FUMCBV Family,
Words cannot express how much the outpouring of love during Dale's health issues has meant to both of us. It was a long struggle and you were always there. Your visits, calls, cards, prayers, food & love were always there when times seemed dark.

Dale & Nancy Veach

With much love we thank you all for cards, phone calls and most of all, your prayers. God answered! Thanks so very much. With love and blessings,

LeRoy & JoAnn Handel

Bro. Jaimie & congregation,
We just wanted to thank you for all of your support during the passing of my father, Robert Clark. Opening your hearts and door was greatly appreciated, and so comforting. What a wonderful and caring group of people! We are forever grateful.

Pam & Ron Hooker

Dear FUMCBV and Bro. Jaimie,
Thank you so very much for the beautiful prayer shawl. It means so very much to us that the First United Methodist Bella Vista community is praying for our precious one. We are hopeful that God will bring him through this journey. Have the best day and we hope to meet you all someday.
The Marshall Johnson Family,

Tom, Beth & Marshall

The family of Bob Clark would like to say "Thank You" for what you all did to make the service special. Especially Bro. Jaimie, Pastor Brenda Wideman, and Broc Hite. Also to the Wesley Shepherd Group for the meal they provided the family, and to those who helped with the reception.

Thank you again,
The Clark Family

Thank You Janet, for coordinating your June blood drive in support of hospitals and patients in our community. What an outstanding donor response from First United Methodist Church of Bella Vista—congratulations! Our blood donation goal was 12 and on that day we had 14 registered donors.

Our next blood drive at your church is scheduled for Monday, August 29th. We hope the members of your church will once again be able to open their hearts and give for those who will not be able to help themselves in time of need.

Savanna Swaffar, Blood Drive consultant,
Community Blood Center of the Ozarks

AUGUST 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	8:00am RUMMAGE SALE SET-UP					6
	1 9:00 Calico Spec Proj 10:00 H Ford Service 10:24 Golf - Highlands 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	2 9:50 Golf-BVCC	3 9:00 Quilters 12:00 Fisher Bible Study 3:15 Chancel Bells 5:00 Prayer Meeting 7:00 Youth Life	4 8:33 Golf-Highlands 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshop 9:00 Old Sew & Sews 6:30 Chancel Choir	5	8am - 1pm UMW RUMMAGE SALE 9:00 Amp Big Book 5:30 Wddng Rehrl
7 BP✓ between services 7:30 Praise Tm rehrl 8:00 Traditional Srvice 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Srvice 1:00 Private Wedding	8 9:00 Caregivers Support 10:00 Staff Meeting 10:07 Golf-Dogwood 12:00 Calico Board 12:45 Women's Chorus 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	9 9:00 PEO-BR 9:41 Golf-BVCC	10 9:00 Quilters 9:00 Calico Special Pro. 9:30 Mission Meeting 12:00 Fisher Bible Study 3:15 Chancel Bells 5:00 Prayer Meeting 6:30 UMM Dinner 7:00 Youth Life	11 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshop 9:07 Golf -Kingsdale 6:30 Chancel Choir	12 11:30 Preschool Brd 7:00 Summer Knight	13 9:00 Amp Big Book 2:00 Oasis Grad 6:00 SUPERCHARGE
14 7:30 Praise Tm rehrl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service	15 1st DAY of SCHOOL 9:33 Golf-Kingswood 10:00 Staff Meeting 10:00 Calico Planning 11:00 PEO-CD 12:45 Women's Chorus 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	16 10:00 Golf-Brittany 11:30 Moving Frwr Lunch 1:00 BV Book Club	17 8:00 Calico Spec Projects 8:00 Quilters 3:15 Chancel Bells 5:00 Prayer Meeting 7:00 Youth Life	18 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshop 9:07 Golf-Highlands 6:30 Chancel Choir	19 1:30 Soaring Solos	20 9:00 Amp Big Book
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UMW Rummage Sale

Saturday, August 6th

8:00am ~ 1:00pm-Becker Hall

Knickknacks ~ Linens ~ Sporting Goods

Kitchenware ~ Electronics

Tools ~ Toys ~ Books

Something for Everyone!

Food is available

Proceeds benefit local charities

Please drop off your donated items August 1st-3rd

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday ~ 8:00am to 4:00pm

Carts available in the parking lot near Becker Hall

Please make sure your items are clean,
in good condition, and in working order!

(NO TV's, Furniture or Clothing, PLEASE)

Any questions, contact Co Ellen 721-2902

