

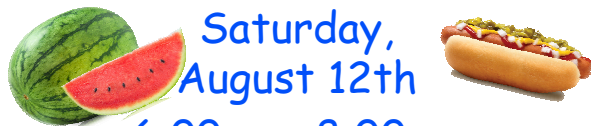


# The Good News

AUGUST 2017

Activities in August around the FUMCBV Neighborhood~Read all about it inside!

## Watermelon & Hot Dog Back to School Bash



Saturday,  
August 12th

6:00pm—8:00pm

Tanyard Creek Park & Pavilion

Live Music ~ Games ~

Inflatable ~ Face Painting

Fire Truck & Police Car

PRIZES

### Free Family Fun for Everyone!

Volunteers wanted and needed to help set up, cook, play games, mingle, take down, and welcome the community to our Back to School Bash!

Sponsored by  
First United Methodist Church of Bella Vista

## Children & Youth

of the Church

& their families

are invited to a

## Family Pool Party

at

## Kingsdale Pool

## Wednesday, August 9

## 4:00pm-8:00pm

## Picnic Supper

## at 6:00pm

## will be provided

## Please Join Us!

Call the office (855-1158) for reservations so we will know how much food to prepare

### Blessing of the Backpacks



We will bless our backpacks in all worship services on August 13. All students, teachers, faculty, staff, administrators, etc., of all ages are invited to bring their school/work bag to worship where we will say a special prayer for the school year. This is a special time where we show our support of the importance of education and learning!



## Midweek Manna activities for everyone ~ Wednesdays

### BEGINNING August 23rd

### Meal ~ 5:30pm & Classes ~ 6:30

Save Wednesday evenings this fall for food, fun, fellowship, and faith ~ for the family.

Small groups for Bible study, faith growth and creative learning will be available.

Classes also on Lower Level: *YouthLife* (7th grade-HS) ~Youth Room  
Children Pre-K thru 6th Grade~Room 20    Infants & Toddlers~Toddler Room



## *Glimpses of Grace*

Rev. Jeanne Williams, Senior Pastor

In my house, we are currently counting down days – days until school starts, that is! To say that Natalie is excited is an understatement. She has been looking forward to this day since February. I have to admit, her enthusiasm is contagious. She's making me excited, and truthfully, I am ready for her to start school so our family has a regular routine!

There is just something about the “back to school” mania in late summer that appeals to me. I see it as a good time to reset my world. Did you make a New Year's resolution? Do you remember what it was?! Often, by the time we get to August, we have long forgotten that resolution. I use back-to-school time as a occasion to renew that resolution, or to make a new one. Whether it be for my spiritual, mental, or physical health! I encourage you to consider doing the same.

Jesus often retreated to pray and renew himself during his ministry. As disciples of Christ, we are to follow his lead; therefore, we should also take time to renew, reset, and prepare ourselves for service in our daily lives. If you would like some direction in ways to do this, please feel free to contact me!

Also, I wish to thank you all for a wonderful Welcome Potluck! Many thanks to the United Methodist Women for hosting the event! Also, thank you for all for the prayers, warm wishes, and individual welcomes you have given us. I am so excited and encouraged as we begin to serve together here in Bella Vista!

Blessings,

*Rev. Jeanne*





## *JOINING in the JOURNEY TOGETHER*

Rev. Brenda Wideman, Associate Pastor

### **Producing Fruit**

*Remain in me, and I will remain in you. A branch can't produce fruit by itself, but must remain in the vine. Likewise, you can't produce fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, then you will produce much fruit. Without me, you can't do anything.*

John 15:4-5 CEB

August is here, the height of the summer, the height of fresh fruit and vegetable season. Farmer's Markets and local fresh fruit stands are abundant with peaches, apples, tomatoes, grapes, and berries. What a joy the sight, smell, and taste of fresh fruit brings to our lives.

The mission of our United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The Arkansas Annual Conference Trajectory for the coming years is, "Creating vital congregations that make disciples of Jesus Christ, who make disciples, equipped to transform lives, communities and the world."

I like the Arkansas Annual Conference Trajectory image. You can see the branches growing out from the vine's center in the phrase, "make disciples of Jesus Christ, who make disciples..." and so on as the branches of disciple making reach out to more and more people. And the fruit which is produced, transformed "lives, communities and the world", brings joy in all the senses of our collective lives, our minds, our bodies, and our spirits. How does this happen? With Christ's love, grace, and mercy as our center, our fertilizer if you will, our lives are fed, nurtured, and grow in Christ's image. And as we grow, we reach out as the branches which produce more and more fruit. And the sight, smell, and taste of this fruit leads to abundant life for all humankind.

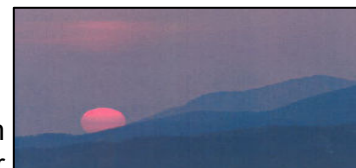
Fruitfulness in Christ comes in many shapes, sizes, and flavors. Fruitfulness may be in the welcoming way a person greets her or his neighbor in the grocery store, on the street, or at the door of the church building. It may be the helpful way a person gives a ride or a listening ear or a drink of cold water to another, not just someone in the church proper, but even to someone who never goes to church. It may be the insightful way a person leads a class, or shares a part of their own story, or provides a kind word to someone who is struggling. It may be the compassionate way a person builds a relationship with someone they never knew before, someone different than themselves. These types of fruitfulness nurture others in ways that inspire them to "pass it forward", to "make disciples who make disciples."

Are you producing fruit or are you merely consuming it? Look for ways that you can reach out to others as a branch of our central vine, Jesus Christ. Reach out in ways that spread the love, grace, and mercy of our Lord, in ways that inspire those you reach to do likewise. Join in the journey together with Christ and with others. You will be surprised at the fruit that grows in places you never expected.

Blessings, *Pastor Brenda*

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

We invite you to travel 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 Tuesday, August 22 and continue through October 24. It will be held from 5:30-7:00pm 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

Angie Rader,  
Director of Children's Ministries



Welcome to August. If you are like me, you are thinking where did the Summer go? It always seems to go faster each year. As I am writing this, I am in what I like to call VBS mode. VBS is starting in 4 days. I am so excited!!! We already have many children signed up. A big thank you to all the volunteers for VBS. You have made Jessica and my job so easy. WE have a busy month in August.

- To celebrate going back to school, on Wednesday, August 9th we will have a Children and Youth Family Swimming Party at Kingsdale Pool from 4pm to 8pm. Please let the office know if you will be able to come. Dinner will be provided at 6pm. You are welcome to come anytime.
- On Saturday, August 12, we are having a Watermelon and Hot Dog Bash. There will games, face painting, live music, an inflatable, fire & police vehicles, and of course Hot dogs and watermelon, This is open to the community for all ages and will be held at Tanyard Creek Park.
- Mid week Manna will be starting on Wednesday, August 23rd. There will be singing, bible lessons, games, and experiments, If you would like to help with this, please let me know.
- On a sad note for me, Ms. Carly and Ms. Maddie will be leaving us to go back to College. These two have been a blessing in my life for many years and I will miss seeing them every week. They have both promised me to come back and visit as often as they can. So that means I need help with the 2-pre K age for Sunday School. We need to have someone teach Sunday School and to be there from 9:15 to 10:30. If you would like to only do one Sunday a month, we could do that. Please pray about this and if you know anyone that could do child care, please let me know. It is a paid position for anyone over 18.

As always it is a pleasure and joy to work with your children. I have been promoted now for a year, What a year it has been. I feel very good on the direction our children are going and thank you so much for your support, help, and advice. I am always here to talk about anything. In his Service, *Ms. Angie*





# DISCIPLE



## MAKING CONNECTIONS

Amy Gilmore,  
Director of Community Life & Connections

Summer is almost over (at least as far as the kids are concerned!) and fall activities are gearing up to go. Several of you have asked about “Midweek Manna” and if we are still going to have it...Of course! What would Phyllis and her kitchen crew do if they couldn’t fix us a meal on Wednesday nights? Seriously though, I am working on classes and room space and almost have it figured out. Be looking for the complete list of classes and mark your calendars for **August 23**, because that is when it all happens. I will be putting out sign-up sheets for classes and we will have a permanent sign-up sheet for meals. That won’t commit you forever and Amen to meals, but it will help the kitchen crew plan a little bit better. You will sign up that “Yes, every week I will have a meal, *unless* I tell you otherwise.” And, of course, you don’t have to attend a small group to eat, but with all of the choices that will be offered, you’ll probably want to. Here is a sampling...”The Shack, movie and study, women’s bible study, “Invitation to the Old Testament” (Rev. Jeanne), Half Truths, and of course, coloring.

On August 12<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting “Watermelon and Hot Dog Bash” at Tanyard Creek Park from 6:00pm-8:00pm. It was formerly “Supercharged” and before that it was “Back to School” and “Watermelon Feed.” It is our community-wide event for all ages. Watermelon and hot dogs will be served, we will have games for all ages, door prizes, and live music. Come join us for a couple of hours and if you are able to help, please let me or Maryann Johnson know. Parking is limited, so we will use our parking lot and the bus to transport people back and forth, as needed.

The “Coffee Chats” with Rev. Jeanne are still going strong. If you have not had a chance to attend one or you forgot, don’t worry, we will find a time for you. Please email or call me to set it up.

One of my favorite books in the Bible is Proverbs, so I leave you with this – *Kind words are like honey – sweet to the soul and healthy for the body. Proverbs 16:24 (NLT)*

**Amy G**

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 scriptures. 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 2017-2018 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 will be determined by those who are interested in this study.

The second opportunity for study is for those who have completed Disciple 1 and would like to continue their studies. A Disciple 2 class will be offered on Wednesdays, the time to be determined. Disciple 2 is a sixteen week study of the Genesis/Exodus and a sixteen week study of Luke/Acts. This study introduces the participants to the foundations of Judaism and Christianity.

Two other opportunities will be offered; a Disciple 4 class will meet on Wednesdays, as we have a number of persons who would like to continue their study. Another opportunity is a continuation of Bible study from the Disciple program – *Christian Believer*, which will meet Friday mornings from 9:00 to 11:30.

All classes would begin the week of September 20<sup>th</sup> and end the week of May 14<sup>th</sup>.

Other opportunities are available if there is enough interest. Evening class are always available – the only requirement is that we need to secure a group of at least six people to participate.

For those of you who are interested in beginning or continuing Disciple Bible Study, contact Alan Packard – 426-6211 or the church office for more information.



## 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, at [brenda@lovelearnlead.com](mailto:brenda@lovelearnlead.com) or 855-1158.

### RELOCATIONS

**Pat Pershing**—has relocated to Innisfree Senior Living as of July 12th. She said it was time. She would love to see you or hear from you, as getting to church with us is hard. Her new address is: 300 Innisfree Circle #E2, Rogers 72758 and her phone number is 372-4905. Please lift her in prayers during this transition.



**Millie Davidson**—has relocated to Oklahoma as of August 4th, to be close to her family. She is excited about her new cottage in Broken Arrow which has the same amount of room as her home here in Bella Vista. But she is most excited about being a part of her families' lives. You can contact her at: Mildred Davidson, c/o Silver Arrow Estates, 2601 S. Elm Place #401, Broken Arrow, OK 74012. She appreciates our prayers and sorrowfully bids us 'Aloha.'



### PRAYER REQUESTS

As a church family we lift each other up in prayer for both our collective joys and our concerns. Prayer requests should be sent to Brenda Wideman at [brenda@lovelearnlead.com](mailto:brenda@lovelearnlead.com) or 855-1158 or to Peggy Stout at [pegdewitt@yahoo.com](mailto:pegdewitt@yahoo.com) or 531-3433. You may also complete a Prayer Request Card in the Narthex or Becker Hall and drop it in the Prayer Boxes there. They are checked daily.

### IN MEMORIUM

**Delores Sernett**—passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, July 18. She had been a faithful and active member of FUMCBV since 1979. Visitation with her family will be in the Narthex of the church at 9:00 am Tuesday, August 8th. Her memorial service will follow immediately at 10:00am in our sanctuary. A private family interment will be held after the memorial service in Bentonville Cemetery. Please keep her son Kirk, who had moved here to help with her care and her daughters Sandy, Ann, and Cathy in your prayers as they grieve the loss of Delores.



**Duane Hertel**—passed away at Circle of Life Hospice in Bentonville on Sunday, July 23, in the wee hours of the morning. He had been taken to the Emergency Room at Mercy Hospital on the previous Thursday and unfortunately his health was worse than Marilyn could possibly know. His memorial service was held at 10:00am on Saturday, July 29th. A reception for the family was held in Becker Hall immediately following the service. Duane will be interred at the National Cemetery in Fayetteville at a later date. Please keep Marilyn and all of the family in your prayers during this time of loss.



**Joanne Fischbach**—passed away Friday, July 28. She and husband Max had been active members since 1998. He passed away in 2012. Joanne moved to Lake Orion to live near family last year. A memorial service is tentatively planned for September 5th in our sanctuary. Condolences may be sent to Mary Barley, 880 Rustic Village Lane, Lake Orion, MI 48362



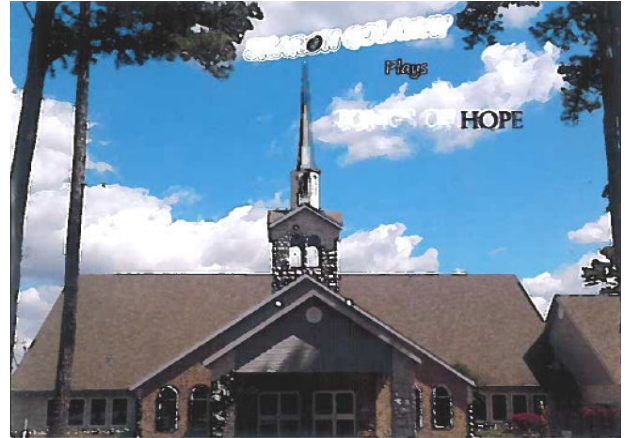


## OUR FAMILY

### ACTIVITIES COMING IN AUGUST

**SHEPHERD GROUP ONE** will be going to the Naturals game on August 8<sup>th</sup>. The game will start at 7:00 pm. We will be leaving the church at 5:30pm . . . and will be having hot dogs and ice cream for dinner and dessert there. The tickets will be \$5.00 per person so please let Marlene Clapp know if you would like to go. Right now they have 13 going.

**ABRAM SHEPHERD GROUP** gathers the 2nd Monday each month in the Chapel @ 5:30pm. Come to enjoy a delicious meal and great fellowship.



Sharon Golaway has a new CD titled "Songs of Hope", with 13 hymns played on the piano as only she can play. They are available in the office for \$15.

### Beautiful Colors Emmaus Group

. . . will meet Thursday, August 17 at 2:30pm, in the Chapel. Please wear your colorful name tag you were given. Also please bring the book called Worship Booklet for Pilgrims. There is no one leader for this program. We volunteer to guide a meeting. Then someone else volunteers for the next meeting. We only meet once a month (on the third Thursday) and we are open to all who have completed an Emmaus Walk or a Face to Face Encounter. If you have any questions, please contact Darleen O'Brien.

### A CUP WITH A PURPOSE

Our sisters in Christ at the Oasis community have opened a second coffee shop on the Northwest Arkansas Community College campus. These are great locations to meet with friends or small groups of up to 15; to enjoy wonderful coffee, espressos, lattes and the like, and all at a reasonable price. What a great way to support the Oasis women as they grow their lives and their community into the wholeness God created them to be!



**Give** because every drop tells a story

Please help make a difference in OUR community by GIVING BLOOD if you are able.

**Monday, August 28**  
**9:00am ~ 1:00pm ~ Bloodmobile** in the parking lot  
**COMMUNITY BLOOD CENTER** of the Ozarks



**AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

- 2 Dick & Sonnie Andersen
- 3 Ed & Lorraine Swanson
- 6 Chet & Cheryl Campbell
- 6 Earl & Mary Kennedy
- 6 Trey & Lindsey Mardis
- 6 Lee & Linda Moore
- 6 Bryan & Carrie Roath
- 7 Tim & Susan Smith
- 7 Alan & Lois Yount
- 10 Doug & Marilyn Adamson
- 13 Scott & Brenna Drindak
- 14 Chris & Elaine Klein
- 23 Jim & Judy Bilyeu
- 24 J.R. & Layne Anderson
- 26 Doug & Martha Grant
- 26 Stanley & Phyllis Robinson

**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 Carolyn Roach
- 8 George Tompkins

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS (CONT'D)**

- 9 Jean Greenlee
- 9 David Pearson
- 10 Karen McMillen
- 11 Lois McMahan
- 11 Kolby Williams
- 15 Carolyn Butler
- 15 Alec Gilmore
- 15 Kirina Kelley
- 16 Coleman Farrar
- 16 Dale Veach
- 17 Pat Pershing
- 19 Viola Aandahl (100)
- 20 Florence Hill
- 20 Robert Schuster
- 21 Blake Johnson
- 21 Jerre Marietta
- 21 Jeni McIntyre
- 21 Bill Platt
- 22 Hayden Johnson
- 24 James Dean
- 24 Brenda Jorgensen
- 24 Cooper Liddekee
- 24 Alan Packard
- 25 Jessi Baldwin
- 30 Joy Walker







### AUGUST DINNER MEETING

Our program for Wednesday, August 9 at 6:30 pm in Becker Hall will be "One of Our Own". Ed Jenner, who had a 20 year career with the U.S. Navy and as an Air Traffic Controller spent time working with the FAA. He was then recruited to Edwards Air Force Base and became Director of Operations for the 5-10 Operations Support Squadron, working for the Air Force. He became a Project Manager with the Space Shuttle and had many interesting experiences and having known many of the astronauts. He completed his time as a civilian working for the Air Force on Advance Cruise Missiles. You will as fascinated and interested to hear his stories and experiences as I was.

A delicious dinner will again be catered by Rhythm & Q. Reservations can be made with Lou Kaufmann at 366-1291 or [lou@krrealty.com](mailto:lou@krrealty.com) or you call the church and let them know. See everyone here for a wonderful meeting.

Lou Kaufmann

Office: 479-855-0909

Cell: 479-366-1291

### BAZAAR WORKSHOP NEWS

UMW BAZAAR WORKSHOP meets each Thursday from 9:00am to 2pm.

You are welcome to stay for as little or as long as you wish until 2:00pm.

Fun, Food, and great fellowship is had by all. Many different projects are going on at the same time and you will find something that you will enjoy doing. From gluing to sewing, ironing to sorting items, and all things between.

Our end products will be sold at our annual Bazaar on October 7th and all profits are used to help fund many local charities.

We sure could use your help,  
and we'd love your company.

### HEAR YE, HEAR YE!

#### UMW ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE...

... is fast approaching. The date is August 5th, 8:00am to 1:00pm in Becker Hall.

As you read this, a dedicated group of volunteers are organizing items for the church wide Rummage Sale. Each of you are invited to stop by and find a couple treasures to take home, or maybe just have a cinnamon roll and coffee. Lunch will be served as well. Hours are 8AM to 1 PM. One more opportunity to be the church and help the UMW as they earn money to support several local missions. Thank you for donating your items, for volunteering in some way, or spending a few dollars. It's all much appreciated.

Extra help is always needed at the close of the sale to return Becker Hall to its Sunday best. If you can do that just show up, many hands make light work.

Our people needs are:

- \*\* Women to help price and organize items, Monday July 31 thru Thursday August 3rd anytime between 9am and 2pm.
- \*\* Day of sale, workers beginning at 7:30am on Saturday the 5th
- \*\* Men and Youth to help with tear down and clean-up beginning at 1pm on the 5th to return Becker Hall to its Sunday best. .

We also need your **CLEAN** and **IN WORKING**

**ORDER** discards for the following departments:

- \*Linens \*Kitchenware \*Toys \*Books
- \*Knickknacks \*Holiday Items \*Tools
- \*Gardening/Yard Items \*Electronics (with manuals)

**NO TV'S, CLOTHING,  
or LARGE ITEMS (of any kind)**

DROP OFFS can be made during church office hours (8am-4:30pm) at Meals on Wheels entrance,

Monday, July 31st thru Wednesday, August 2nd.

Clean grocery or Wal-mart bags also needed.

All donations are greatly appreciated, as they help the women continue to support our church and local charities.

Questions, suggestions, or to volunteer, call Co Ellen Sterwald 721-2902. There is also a sign-up sheet in the office.



## MISSIONS



### PAK A SAK

OUR COLLECTION OF FOOD ON AUGUST 20TH WILL BE DELIVERED TO COOPER SCHOOL HERE IN BELLA VISTA. **THE SNACK PAK FOR THE BACK PROGRAM**

BEGINS THIS MONTH WHEN SCHOOL STARTS. WE HAVE COMMITTED TO FURNISH 20 BAGS A WEEK FOR CHILDREN WHO QUALIFY FOR THE FEDERAL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROGRAM.

**ITEMS NEEDED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD'S LIFE:**

**CHEESE CRACKERS, FRUIT CUPS, PUDDING CUPS, GRANOLA BARS, RAISINS, RAMEN NOODLES, CEREAL, INSTANT OATMEAL, POP TARTS, SNACK CRACKERS, ETC.**

ALL ITEMS NOT FOR THE BACK PACK PROGRAM WILL BE DELIVERED TO OUR FOOD PANTRY HERE IN BELLA VISTA.

### SHOEBOX MINISTRIES

Diane Cox will be stepping down as Coordinator of Shoebox effective September 1. She has been a valuable volunteer since 2005. This is a vital mission to many of the shelters in NWA, and would be greatly missed if it ceased to exist. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this position. She will be available to help train and guide you through the process.

Also wanted: a volunteer who will periodically deliver supplies to the NWA Children's Shelter. Please call Diane Cox (925-0988) if you would be willing to do this.

As always in His service,

*The Shoebox Ministry Team*



**EOIM  
(EVERY ONE IN MINISTRY)  
Discover how you can make a difference  
in the life of our church by joining  
with others in service.**

### 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.

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.



## MISSIONS

### "Snack Packs for Back Packs" BANKS

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

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

FUMCBV has been asked to be a part of this very necessary program, beginning with the 2017-18 school year. We'll be responsible for 20 students each week. Other churches and the Samaritan Center in Rogers are picking up the balance of the students in need. We've done the math. We've prayed. We've conferenced. And we feel this is a project that we are being called to do.

You'll notice the "goat banks" are out full time - one in the hallway across from the Library and one in the west hallway by the entrance to Becker Hall. The Mission Team's focus is on raising funds now so that each month after school begins, our goal will be met. We estimate that it will take approximately \$150-\$200 per month to pack 80 healthy food bags. This last month we collected lots of quarters ~ and we now also have boxes at each station to collect folding quarters!!! You also can write a check (put "Snack-Pack" in the memo) or pay on Sunday with your credit/debit card.

**But still more is needed and will be, especially after school begins this month.**



**Bring your quarters !**

**Fill the Banks !**

**Feed a Child !**

### Disaster Teams or Individuals Being Recruited

These two pleas are copied from the UMC Arkansas conference web-site. If you have any desire for working in the mission field to help restore families to their homes and businesses after the disastrous recent floods in NE and SE Arkansas you are encouraged to use the contact information below.

- **Clean up teams needed ASAP in NE Arkansas.** Any available teams or individuals welcome. If needed, an on-site orientation/training will be provided and we will pair you with trained teams or individuals. Contact Byron Mann at 870-826-0268 or [vim@arumc.org](mailto:vim@arumc.org). The initial focus will be Lawrence County. As things develop in other affected areas, we will move to those areas as needed. Repair work will not begin right away as there are things in the process beyond our control that have to be determined. What we do need is for teams to be ready so we can begin as soon as possible when the way is cleared.

- **Flood recovery teams still needed in SE Arkansas.** Southeast Arkansas continues to schedule teams to help with repairs needed as a result of the March 2016 floods. Projects are identified and funding secured, but volunteer help is little to none. When considering mission opportunities, please consider our neighbors in Southeast Arkansas. Several high priority cases are waiting. To volunteer, contact Ron Jones, site volunteer coordinator, at [woodrat3@live.com](mailto:woodrat3@live.com) or Janice Mann at [disaster@arumc.org](mailto:disaster@arumc.org).





## Book Hook



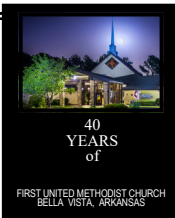
### ATTENTION UMW READING PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS:

Please return your list with the plan you have completed, to the box in the library no later than August 11th. Thank you! Questions, call Diane 876-1676

### *Our Cookbooks are in Demand!*

We sold out our first run of 40th Anniversary cookbooks in 3 weeks at the beginning of this year, and we have had several requests to order more—so we have! There are 104 different contributors of about 400 recipes, most of which have been cooked for some event here at the church over the years. Find one that you have already tasted and thought “....mmmm...that was yummy-wish I had the recipe!” Now you can have it—and many more.

The books are \$20 each, and will be arriving soon. You can put your name on a reservation list in the office. Be the first (or maybe the second!) in your neighborhood to own this collector’s item!



*Happy moments,*  
praise GOD.  
*Difficult moments,*  
seek GOD.  
*Quiet moments,*  
worship GOD.  
*Painful moments,*  
trust GOD.  
*Every moment,*  
thank GOD

### A PLEA FOR THOSE WHO WORK IN THE KITCHEN!!

- If you have left-over food in the refrigerators or freezer, **PLEASE** label it with your name or group and the date—if it is to be used for a future event, note that date and event. Too much food has to be tossed because we have no clue whose it is or what it is to be used for. Many time it sits there for days and weeks and goes bad. **WHAT A WASTE!!**
- If you empty a condiment or spice jar, either replace it or leave a note so that it can be replaced. Someone paid for it and expects it to be there for their use.
- If you borrow something, **RETURN** it when you are through.
- There is not a kitchen fairy who does the laundry! If your group uses towels, please take them home, wash them, and return them as soon as possible.
- Make sure all burners and ovens are turned **OFF**.
- Make sure all faucets are turned **OFF** (especially at the dishwasher sink)
- Leave the kitchen in pristine condition - you may not have found it that way-but you can leave it that way!

**BELLA VISTA TRAVEL CLUB** will meet Monday July 31 at 6:00pm in the Chapel.

Our next trip is to the Arch in St Louis and the Ark Encounter in Williamstown, Kentucky and the Creation Museum in Petersburg, Kentucky October 23–October 27. This will be 5 day & 4 night bus trip. Just to give you a little background on the Ark, 2 guest speakers Don Eckart and Tony Goyko will have information on what we can expect to see when we get to the Ark Encounter; the emphasis will be the reality of the Global flood and the personal implication of the flood, some pictures of both the Ark and Creation Museum, and power point presentation. This is a trip that you do not want to miss.

If you like to travel with friends and enjoy laughing come join us on one or more of the trips that we have planned, for the upcoming Months.

Arch & Ark Encounter, 7 day Alaska Cruise, Nova Scotia tour If you have some other ideas and places to go and would like others to join you we can put it out there and see who else would like to join you. This is a group of people that like to travel and have a good time. It is open to everyone that would like to participate. Refreshments will be served.

To make sure we have enough information to hand out please Call Marlene Clapp 876-6729.



**From the Organ Console**  
 Broc Hite, Organist/  
 Associate Director of Music

It's back to business for the music program at First Methodist! The Chancel Choir and Bell Choir go back to rehearsing. You will hear choral anthems each week, with the sounds of bells on most third Sundays of the month as well. I encourage anyone who enjoys being involved with music to give one of these groups a chance. It's a lot of fun, and countless studies show the benefits of creating music with fellow music lovers. We even get out of the building once in awhile, like the 27 of us who ventured to Eureka Springs for dinner followed by "Carmen" at Opera in the Ozarks in late June!

I will embark on the second set of Schubert Impromptus, Op. 142, as postlude each Sunday, much as I did with the Op. 90 Impromptus in May. This is the third set of piano music I've explored this year, which includes Book One of Mendelssohn's "Songs Without Words" in February.

To fill out the rest of my selections, I'll continue my exploration of organ repertoire that is often used as wedding music. There are voluntaries from John Stanley and André Campra, and more solemn selections like Handel's "Largo from Xerxes." If you don't happen to hear music you remember from your special day, let me know what you picked for your ceremony. I'd be glad to schedule it sometime later on!

*Broc*



**From the Director's Baton**  
 Dr. Larry Zehring, Director of Music Ministries

Dear Friends,  
 FOURTEEN, THIRTEEN, TWELVE,  
 ELEVEN, TEN, NINE . . .  
 . . .THE COUNTDOWN HAS BEGUN!

As of this writing, it's just two weeks 'til we launch the 2017-18 season of our music ministry. I hope you're ready and are as excited as I am about the prospect of another year of great music-making and service to our congregation.

**Choir practice** will resume at **5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 2**, and we'll be singing our **first anthem** ("Just a closer walk with thee") on **Sunday August 13th**, at the 8:00 and 10:45 services. Please plan to come to choir practice on August 2nd **before you have supper**, because after a short rehearsal we're going to adjourn to Gusano's for fellowship and pizza (spouses and significant others are welcome). This would also be a **great time** for anyone you know who doesn't already sing in the choir **to join us** and sample the spirit and fulfillment that singing in our choir can bring.

During our time off, I've worked with Pastor Jeanne planning the music for our worship services, and I'm happy to say that nearly all the "I's" are dotted and the "T's" crossed for what we'll be doing right through 'til January 1, 2018. This includes the music for Music Appreciation Sunday (September 17th) as well as Stewardship Sunday, All Saints Day, Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas. I'll tell you more about all of this at our first choir practice.

So - start warming up your pipes, doing your vocal exercises, singing in the shower, etc., 'cause at **5:00 p.m. Wednesday August 2nd**, it will be launch time!

Blessings, *Larry*

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



## THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who provided special music for our 8:00 and 10:45 Sunday services during the Choir's vacation: Broc Hite, LeeAnn Schlessman, Amy O. Fulton, Dawn Thompson, Nona Storck, Delores Grosnickle, Pam Pittman, Curt Olson, Sonnie Andersen, Alec Gilmore and the Kolby family: Jack, Jan, Kim and Kolby. It's wonderful to have so many generous and talented folks in our church who use the gift of music to enhance our worship. Many thanks! *Larry Zehring*

Dear FUMCBV, On behalf of Kibo Group International, thank you for your recent donation. We appreciate your support very much. Kibo group is dedicated to working with communities in East Africa to assist them in reaching their full potential, tackling poverty and injustice through creative partnerships that lead to healthy sustainable solutions. It is through generous donors such as your congregation, and the efforts of a committed staff on the ground in Uganda that Kibo Group is able to carry out this mission.

Sincerely, *Larry Norman*,

### *Thank you to the Habitat Shed Crew*

I want to thank John Justice, Jack Dunn, and Darrell Bottjen for helping build the shed at the Habitat Apostle Build in Centerton. Good Job, Guys!! I would also like to thank the Martha Circle for serving us a great lunch. I am looking forward to the next build. Thanks again.

*Chet Campbell*

Thank you for coordinating a blood drive in support of hospitals and patients in our community. Your efforts helped support the need for blood in our area. On behalf of the patients who will benefit, please accept my sincere appreciation. Your next blood drive is scheduled for Monday, August 28.

Sincerely, *Savanna Swaffar*


Thank you so much for your recent donation to benefit the operating fund at the U of A Wesley College Ministry. We are grateful for your investment in our ministry and its outreach to students of the University of Arkansas. Thank you also for hosting us for a Mission of the Moment. We loved sharing with your congregation!

With you in His service, *Jill Jagmin*

### Newsletter ~ June 2017 Financial Data

		2017	2017	Compare	2017
		Actual	Budget	2016	Year-end
				Actual	Budget
Month to date (as of 6/30/17)	Actual Receipts	\$47,159	\$50,701	\$42,250	
Month to date (as of 6/30/17)	Actual Expense	\$49,547	\$53,307	\$52,154	
	Balance	<b>-\$2,388</b>	<b>-\$2,606</b>	<b>-\$9,904</b>	
Year to Date	Actual Receipts	\$309,757	\$304,206	\$303,281	\$608,420
Year to Date	Actual Expense	\$298,666	\$319,842	\$318,853	\$639,707
	Balance	<b>\$11,093</b>		<b>-\$15,572</b>	<b>-\$31,287</b>
Operating Account Balance 6/30/17 =		<b>\$6,647</b>			
<i>Patsy Attaway</i> , Treasurer					

# AUGUST 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>RUMMAGE SALE SET UP ALL WEEK</b>  Pre-School Kindergarten Prep Class Mon-Fri (Pre-School Rooms)		<b>1</b> 10:00 Caregvr's Spprt 11:15 Golf Highlands 1:00 Coffee Chat 6:30 Coffee Chat	<b>2</b> 8:00 Quilters 9:30 UMW Board 10:15 Staff Meeting 1:00 Men's Emmaus 3:30 Chancel Bells 4:45 Prayer Meeting 5:00 Chancel Choir 6:30 YouthLife	<b>3</b> 9:00 Old Sew&Sews 9:07 Golf-Dogwood 1:00 Coffee Chat	<b>4</b> 	<b>5</b> <b>RUMMAGE SALE</b>  9:00 Amp Big Book
<b>6</b> BP ✓ between services 7:30 Praise Tm rehrl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Srv 1:30 Coffee Chat 3:30 Coffee Chat	<b>7</b> 7:00 Golf-Berkdale 9:00 CalicoSpec Proj 1:00 Women's Chrs Brd 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	<b>8</b> 9:00 Workshop Prep 9:00 PEO-BR 10:00 D Sernett Service 11:15 Golf BVCC	<b>9</b> Quilters Calico Spec Proj 9:30 Missions Meeting 10:15 Staff Mtng 1:00 Men's Emmaus 1:00 Coffee Chat 3:30 Chancel Bells 4:00 Pool Party 4:45 Prayer Mtg 5:00 Chancel Choir 6:30 UMM Dinner 6:30 YouthLife	<b>10</b> 9:00 Bazaar Wkshp 9:07 Golf BVCC 1:00 Coffee Chat 4:00 Small Grp Ldrs 6:30 Coffee Chat	<b>11</b> 11:30 PreSchl Brd Mtng	<b>12</b> 9:00 Amp Big Book 1:00 J Engle Scout 6:00 Watermelon
<b>13</b> <b>Blessing Back Packs</b> 7:30 Praise Tm rehrl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Srv 1:30 Coffee Chat 3:30 Coffee Chat 5:00 Fianace Com	<b>14</b> <b>First Day of School</b> 7:34 Golf-Dogwood 10:00 Calico Board 5:30 Abram SG 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	<b>15</b> 9:00 Workshop Prep 10:00 Caregiver Supprt 11:06 Golf Dogwood 1:00 BV Book Club 6:30 Coffee Chat	<b>16</b> Quilters 10:00 Calico Anytimers 10:15 Staff Mtng 1:00 Men's Emmaus 1:00 Coffee Chat 3:30 Chancel Bells 4:45 Prayer Mtg 5:00 Chancel Choir 6:30 Coffee Chat 6:30 YouthLife	<b>17</b> 8:33 Golf Dogwood 9:00 Bazaar Wkshp 9:30 PEO-CD 2:30 Emmaus Colors	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 9:00 Amp Big Book
<b>20</b> <b>PAK-A-SAK</b> Bell Practice 7:30 Praise Tm rehrl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Srv 2:30 SPRC 3:30 Church Council	<b>21</b> 7:34 Golf-Berkdale 11:00 PEO-CD 12:45 Women's Chorus 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	<b>22</b> 9:00 Workshop Prep 9:20 Golf-BVCC 3:00 BV Library Brd 5:30 Grief Support	<b>23</b> <b>MIDWEEK MANNA</b> 8:00 Quilters 9:00 Calico Dog Beds 10:15 Staff Meeting 1:00 Men's Emmaus 3:30 Chancel Bells 4:45 Prayer Mtg 5:00 Chancel Choir 5:30 Midweek Manna	<b>24</b> 8:33 Highlands 9:00 Workshop Prep 4:00 Small Grp Ldrs 6:30 PreSchool Parents	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 9:00 Amp Big Book
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# **UMW Rummage Sale**

**Saturday, August 5th**

**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

Monday, July 31—Thursday, August 3rd

8:00am ~ 4:30pm

Carts available in the parking lot near Becker Hall

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

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

Any questions, contact Co Ellen 721-2902

