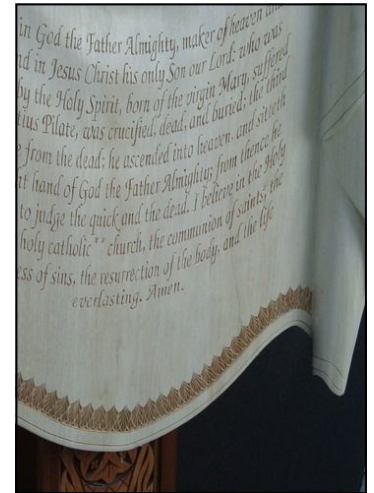




# The Good News

December, 2012



## THE SHROUD

“The Shroud” is a magnificent example of artistry with vision. The cross was designed and carved by Roger Strautman, a former student of FUMCBV member Tom Harris. The piece took well over 1,000 hours to carve. Tom and Molly Harris have donated this beautiful cross to our church, to be hung in the Narthex for all to admire. Please take time to reflect each time you pass beneath this wonderful symbol of our Christian heritage. Thank you so much to Tom and Molly for their generosity. They will never know how many lives this will touch. Thanks also to Keith Sterwald for making the base upon which the cross sits, and Ed Fischer for helping hang the cross. Below are the words of the artist as he describes his project.

“This started out to just be a chip carved cross and it was eye catching but it didn’t make a statement so I carved the linen with the Apostles Creed carved in it hanging on the arms. The cross is made of basswood with a walnut frame around and it is 5’-4”H. X 3’-2”W. X 2”D. The cross was carved in 5 pieces and then applied to a large lap jointed backer cross made of pine then the walnut frame was added to hide the joints. The final finish was stain with Deft spray lacquer. The linen shroud is made of butternut and is 2’-9”H. X 2’-6”W. X 3”D. The linen was built up from 4/4 butternut but only across the top and down the sides to make the folds. I choose to wood bleach the linen and then chip carve thru the bleached surface to give the color contrast. I finished it off with deft spray lacquer. The piece now makes a statement because at carving shows I even get children to walk up and read just what the linen has to say.”



## FAITH WALK

with  
Brother Jaimie J. Alexander

“This how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him.” 1 John 4:9

One of the many blessings of Christmas is gifts. Some gifts I give are wrapped in beautiful ribbon and printed papers, others in gift sacks, and still others I give are in the form of gift cards, food, and special dinners. It is easy for me to find gifts for some people, but there are others that I struggle to know what to give. I make a list, plan my shopping strategy, and I hope I succeed. Sometimes, I have no trouble finding exactly what I want for someone. Other times, I struggle with what to buy because I cannot find the proper gift. Do you ever have trouble finding the right gift for someone?

Recently, I stopped by Sam's Club on the Sunday night before Thanksgiving, to pick up my wallet that I had lost there. I was surprised by a very long line of people outside the store. When I asked a manger what was happening, I was told there was an afterhours VIP preview party for Black Friday. I was invited to stay, but decided against waiting in the line. As I drove away, I marveled at the people's desire to wait in the long line as part of their Christmas shopping experience. There were persons in the line, I am sure, who had the right gift in mind for someone and they hoped to find it at a great price. Other persons were there to see what might be available to purchase for someone. I thought to myself, apparently I must not be very fun because I do not see the joy in waiting in a huge crowd of people on a damp cold night to purchase a gift. Then I began to think about the gifts of Christmas that God gives to us. God's gifts do not come wrapped in paper or ribbon, in a gift sack or in a gift card. God's gifts cost God dearly through the gift of a Son as the sacrifice for our sin, so that you and I may receive the gifts of hope, love, joy, peace, and salvation. God is very willing to give gifts to us that transform, strengthen, and touch our lives through His Son as Lord and Savior of our lives because God knows the exact gifts we need.

This Christmas, as you make your Christmas list, think about the life-transforming gifts that God gives to us so that we may have abundant life because of His love. God's gifts are an expression of God's unconditional love in Jesus Christ for you and for me!

I wish you a Merry Advent and Christmas Season celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ our Savior and King!

God is faithful! *Bro. Jaimie*

Don't just come to church, be the church!



### *Place your Poinsettia order today!*

40 Poinsettias will be available for decorating the church this Christmas season for you to order in honor of, or in memory of, a loved one. The cost is \$10 again this year, and you can stop by the church office to place your order. Please fill out a separate order form so that we make sure we have the correct information. We will be printing a special recognition insert for the Christmas bulletin Sunday, December 23 with the information you give us. After Christmas, you may take your Poinsettia home, or ask the church to deliver it to someone who is homebound or in a nursing home.



## OFF AND RUNNING

with  
**PASTOR LEE MYANE**



2012 is coming to a rapid conclusion. If you are looking for something new for 2013, I would like to suggest Facebook. You may or may not be interested in an online social network, but one thing it can do is help keep you informed about things happening here at church. Online media such as Facebook will send you the information as it is posted. In many ways, our church Facebook site can function like an instant newsletter, with pictures, video and stories. If you are interested, Facebook works like most online services. You create an account with a login and password. Once you have an account you can search for First United Methodist Church, Bella Vista or Lovelearnlead. When you find the site, select the "like" button and you will see all the postings from our church, members, and friends.

To get started go to: <http://www.facebook.com/help/>. At this site you can create your account. <http://www.facebook.com/fumcbv> is our church page in Facebook where you will find many of your friends and make new friends online. If you are struggling to get a Facebook account, or get things set the way you would like, let me know via email or phone. I would be happy to help individuals or schedule an evening to address questions and difficulties.

Confirmation 2013 is almost here. If you have a child between 12 and 18 seeking to find their faith, please let me know. I am working out the details and schedule for classes which will be ongoing from January to May. We will be utilizing the "Credo" curriculum which outlines our fundamental beliefs as Christians and United Methodists. Last year we had eight young people confirm their faith and become full members of our church. Four confirmands who had not been baptized as infants also chose to be baptized. As we celebrate Christ this Christmas season, prayerfully consider where God is leading you for 2013.

Merry Christmas ~ Faithfully in Christ,  
*Pastor Lee*



### CHRISTMAS PARENTS' SHOPPING DAY OUT

#### "RUDOLPH'S LOST GLOW at Café Tinsel"

Sponsored by CrossWord Youth Ministry at FUMC of Bella Vista

**Saturday December 15th — 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

**Ages 2 years old - 5<sup>th</sup> grade**

**1-2 children \$12 each, 3<sup>rd</sup> child \$10, 4<sup>th</sup> child and up \$8 each**

**DINNER PROVIDED**

#### Stations of ACTIVITIES:

Ornament and craft making    Cookie decorating    Santa's Elves  
Reindeer games    Christmas pictures    The Nativity Story

**Registration Deadline is Sunday December 9**

**Sign up sheets in Becker Hall, in Children/Youth hallway downstairs, or in the office**

**Contact Danette Baker - Director of Youth Ministries**

**fumcbvcrossword@cox.net or church office 855-1158 or 479-925-8210 to reserve spots**

*all proceeds will fund CrossWord Youth Ministry's 2013 mission work trips*



## OUR FAMILY

Each month, this space will be used to tell you about the people who are part of our church family. If you know of a birthday, anniversary, graduation, hole-in-one, 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 at [jan@lovelearnlead.com](mailto:jan@lovelearnlead.com), or call me at the church, 855-1158 or 531-0381.



**Heather Sweeney**, along with son, **Caleb**, joined the church November 18 at the 10:45am service.

Heather works at Wal-Mart as a Discovery Specialist in the Litigation Department. She had

attended the Texas School of Business to receive her certification as a Medical Assistant, and worked for several doctors in that capacity prior to moving here.

Heather and son Caleb moved here in June of this year from Houston, TX. The draw was dad and mom, Joe and Kim McGee, who have been members here for several years.

Heather likes reading non-fiction books, playing with Legos and watching Mickey Mouse movies with son Caleb, who turned one in October of this year.

We are thrilled to have Heather and Caleb join the church. Let's help them feel at home.

**Tim and Susan Smith**, along with granddaughter, **Selena Rodrigues**, joined the church on November 11 at the 9:30am service. Gene & Dixie Young are serving as their First Friends. The Smiths moved to Bella Vista from Milwaukee, WI at the first of the year. They have also lived in California, Lake Charles, Houston, and Harrisburg, PA. Tim's mom is Janice Smith, who recently moved back to Lake Charles, LA.



Tim brings many talents to our church—he was an electrician for 30 years; when he retired, he went to Luthier School to learn to build and repair guitars; he also plays the guitar and has agreed to become a part of the Praise Band for the Contemporary worship service. In his spare time, he will try to get in some fishing and hunting.

Susan was a hospital manager in Behavioral Medicine, and managed cash balance sheets prior to moving to Bella Vista. She loves to read and shops when she has a little extra time.

Now, Tim and Susan both stay busy raising granddaughter, Selena, age 4.

**Selena Rodrigues**, age four was born on the fourth of July in 2008. She was baptized when the family joined the church on November 11. She attends Pre-K at Tennie Russell school. We are so pleased that Selena, Tim and Susan decided to join our church. Please welcome them when you see them.

### We Gave a Helping Hand to Helping Hands

The work at Helping Hands on Nov 17<sup>th</sup> went very well with our group of 16 men and women, many of whom have become "regulars". It's wonderful how God makes things fall together when we get anxious about arranging a project like this. We were almost short on cashiers which is a most critical area but one of the ladies from Oasis House came and was able to pick up that task without any hesitation. We were also happy to have Danette Baker and 6 of her teens come to help out. It is so good to see these kids going out and "being the church" at this young age.

Considering the economy, Helping Hands has had a pretty good year. They have started their Holiday activities. They have been able to purchase 871 hams for food baskets, stockings will be given out and a special day is designated for kids to shop for their parents for one dollar. They're still serving more people than last year and some expenses such as food and plastics have gone up but they have managed to hold several other expenses down to compensate. They are in need of volunteers especially in the afternoons. See their ad in the December Village Voice or talk to Verna Bottjen or Julie Fischer.



## OUR FAMILY

### December Wedding Anniversaries

- 5 George & Patricia Brannon
- 16 David & Carol Stanley
- 22 Richard & Mabel Ashline
- 22 Harris & Charlotte Manuel
- 27 Glen & Martha Hogue
- 31 Vern & Rene Bladon

### December Birthdays

- 1 Ed Fischer
- 1 Joann Handel
- 1 Joe McGee
- 2 Damon Christman (10)
- 2 Doug Grant
- 3 David Hanson
- 6 Margie Bowen
- 6 Isabelle Mendoza (4)
- 8 Allyson Meagher (5)
- 9 Madge Garrison
- 12 Eleanor Dunsmoor
- 13 Marion DeWyze
- 13 Tristen Krannichfeld (16)
- 14 David Barber

### December Birthdays *(continued)*

- 14 Mason Jones (17)
- 14 Jean Nordmeyer
- 17 Mark Goss
- 18 Larry Zehring
- 19 Dorene Van Fleet
- 21 Wayne Calhoun
- 21 Emma Kell (13)
- 22 Joe Bowen
- 22 Blake Roath (17)
- 23 Martha Hogue
- 24 Zachary Krannichfeld (15)
- 26 Diane Cox
- 27 Donna Hamilton
- 27 Ruth Ireland
- 29 Rosemary Dyson
- 29 Rose Jones
- 29 Marvin Wright
- 30 Brynn Hanson (3)
- 30 Sawyer Hanson (3)
- 30 Sara Myane (11)
- 31 Carly Engle (16)
- 31 John Pope

### DO WE HAVE YOUR IMPORTANT DATES?

We've been getting many updates to our records, but we still need more. You can complete the yellow card available in the pews or the office so you can add birthdates and anniversary dates for each person in your family and update any other information needed.

Your birth year will not be shared with anyone except our pastors who like to keep up with any significant anniversary or birth year.



## OUR FAMILY



**Janice Smith**, Lay Leader, recently moved from Bella Vista, where she called home for the past fifteen years, back to “home” at Lake Charles, LA where she raised her family and has children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren waiting for her return.

Janice will surely be missed by the people here. In addition to working part time at the POA, Janice has made a difference in several areas of our church. After being appointed Lay Leader, two years ago, she attended meetings for most all groups within the church so she could adequately speak on behalf of any of them. She brought ideas to the table, and followed through when decisions were made. It was her enthusiasm that got the “Green Team” started and the group was able to accomplish numerous steps toward making our church more environmentally conscientious.

Janice served in the local UMW and on the District UMW for six years, four as Treasurer, and two more as Vice President.

Janice’s son Tim, his wife, Susan, and their granddaughter, Selena, help take some of the sting out of her leaving, since they recently moved into her house here, and are now member of our church.

We will still miss Janice. She may be short in stature, but she sure packed a big punch for the things that were important to her.



Please help our Children’s Ministry collect new unwrapped toys for the Toys for Tots campaign. The toys may be brought to the collection box in the Becker Hall hallway through Wednesday, December 19. Please help a local needy child have a brighter holiday.

## MISSION of the MONTH



### *Methodist Family Health*

Established in 1899 by the Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church, the Arkansas Methodist Orphanage addressed the need for care of orphaned and dependent children. In 2003, Methodist Family Health was formed to manage the operations of the full continuum of care established by Methodist Children’s Home.

#### **Methodist Family Health Today**

Today Methodist Family Health provides the only comprehensive behavioral healthcare system to children and families of Arkansas, offering comprehensive care ranging from acute psychiatric care to the least restrictive level of outpatient counseling.

Methodist Family Health has established varying components of behavioral healthcare services in 19 Arkansas cities and towns, and offers a wide array of care venues. Every day Methodist Family Health serves approximately 300 clients in its inpatient and residential venues of care, with an additional 800 clients receiving intermittent care in outpatient and school-based services throughout the state.

### **COOKS and VOLUNTEERS**

We are seeking someone to be in charge of one remaining event between now and year end. We also need volunteers to help. If you are in charge, you will prepare the menu, purchase food, run the kitchen from food and drink prep to final clean-up. We have always had help from volunteers to get the jobs done.

- **Mid-Day at the Manger (the day before Christmas)**—Soup and Salad or Sandwich following the noon worship service. Serve approximately 75.
- **THANK YOU to Dale & Nancy Veach and Peggy Gamble who have volunteered for the Christmas Day Potluck**—Prepare turkeys or ham ahead of time. Members and their guests will bring a dish to share. Set up and clean up. For about 120.



## CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

On Friday, December 14 at 6:00 p.m. our church will be doing something that we hope will touch many families in our community. We will be holding our first Christmas Service for special needs families. Why is this so important? What does this mean to us as a church? Well, let me answer your questions!

There are so many children in our area who have special needs ranging from cerebral palsy to Autism. These children and their families are not always welcomed in different environments. Sadly, churches can be one of those places. I am excited by this prospect because I believe that God made each one of us special, in His image. I believe that EVERY child is yearning to know our dear Lord in a greater way. We are an amazing church. We show love to everyone, regardless of how they may be different. Last month I shared with you the story of the Trombley family who come to our church with their son, who has Autism. They recounted a story about a church not able to meet the needs of their son. I have heard of other families saying the same thing. We could be the place these families could come to feel the love that God has for them; the safe port in the storm. I am excited about giving the people in our community an option.

Now comes the fun part!! There is an opportunity for you to be involved in this service. We need volunteers to greet, to bake cookies, make coffee, and to be there to answer questions about our church or just pray that we find the people that God needs us to find. If you want to be part of this powerful service, contact Carrie Drish at 426-5136.

**Carrie J. Drish**  
 Director of Children's Ministry  
 479.855.1158 Office  
 479.426.5136 Cell



### CROSSWORD YOUTH

Merry Christmas! It is amazing that this is my fourth Christmas here and I have enjoyed each holiday. We have a lot going on in CrossWord during December. We will be starting Advent themed lessons during Sunday school. On December 2, we will be going Angel Tree shopping for one boy and one girl. On December 8, we will be handing out flyers for our Christmas Children's Night Out that we are sponsoring on December 15. See advertisement in this newsletter for details. CrossWord will host our 4<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 19 during youth meeting. We will take a hiatus, as normal, over school break and pick up again on Wednesdays and Sunday nights (boys and girls groups) in January. Hope everyone has a safe and wonderful holiday this year.

In Christ,  
**Danette Baker**  
 Director of Youth Ministry



## Christmas Service for Special Needs Families

December 14th from 6:30 - 7:00  
 with a fellowship time to follow

This will be a family Christmas Service  
 for all types of Special needs.

Please RSVP To Carrie Drish @ 479-426-5136, cjdrish@gmail.com or  
 Andrea Myane @ 479-531-0103 so we can ensure we have enough supplies.

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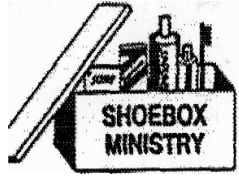
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## MISSIONS

### SHOEBOX

A total of 319 shoe boxes were delivered to shelters in November. Fifty Sunshine Sacks were sent to Cooper Elementary School. Christmas boxes for women and men have been delivered for Christmas delivery to various shelters. Thank you again to the St. Bernard's Shepherd Groups for their wonderful donation of these boxes that they provide for those less fortunate.



Items donated have been delivered to Souls Harbor. Thank you to all who provided these much needed items.

Thank you to the United Methodist Men's Club for their generous 2012 donation. We will be using it for the Sunshine Sack program which we are hoping to expand where needed to other Bella Vista student-attended schools.

We would like to close this article by saying that all of you are Shoebox Ministry; the churches, community businesses, individuals far and near. All of the people, who collect items while they are out of town, see something on sale while shopping, lovingly sew or knit items, work at home wrapping items, monetary donations, those who sort, pack boxes and deliver. Without all of you there would be no Shoebox. God Bless all of you for your love for this mission project. We hope you can join us next year, as this ministry has no end; it is never finished and should not be forgotten.

Please pray for those we serve. Our prayer is that if they haven't, that they will receive our Lord and Savior into their hearts and lives.

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

As always in His service

*The Shoebox Ministry Team Leaders ~  
Cheryl Campbell, Karen Roenfeld,  
Diane Cox, Vicki Schroeder*

### PAK A SAK

Sunday December 16, our collection of food will be going to NWA Children's Shelter. This is a temporary home for children from infants thru the teen years, whose lives have been in peril. The shelter is in need of all types of food including: canned fruit, milk, vegetables, cereal, juice, and food for infants. **THANK YOU** for your donations to the **PAK A SAK** program that have helped so many in Benton County in 2012.



*Our collection for the Oasis Food Bank in Bella Vista netted a total of 489 items with an estimated value \$797.87 We cannot thank you enough for your generous giving.*

**May all of you have a blessed Christmas season.**

*Fred & Sue Nebrig & the Pak A Sak team*



### Meals on Wheels Volunteers

The First United Methodist Church of Bella Vista will be responsible for Meals on Wheels delivery during January 2013. Volunteers are needed for Monday through Friday deliveries. Normally, Delivery Teams consist of a driver and a delivery person/navigator for each of the three Bella Vista routes (East, West, and Central). Deliveries usually take about an hour between 10:30 AM and Noon.

If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or the Church Office 855-1158 or contact me at 876-1392. Thank you very much for volunteering and helping to keep this much needed service in our community.

*Darrell Bottjen* FUMC MOW Coordinator





## New Opportunity to Serve our Community

We have been given a new opportunity to serve (literally!) to some of the most neglected youth in our community.

FUMCBV is partnering with three other churches to serve a hot lunch once or twice a month to the youth incarcerated at the Benton County Juvenile Detention Center in Bentonville. We will be responsible for preparing and delivering a hot meal on the third Saturday of each month, as well as alternating with one other church on the fourth and fifth Saturdays. We will need six to eight people each time.

We are responsible for meals on Saturday December 15 and 29 and January 19 and 26. Each volunteer will have to undergo a criminal background check. There are some forms to fill out and some pretty strict rules which we will be required to follow.

There will be an informational meeting on Sunday, December 2 immediately following the third service in the chapel to share information, answer questions and hand out the required forms. If this is an area you feel called to serve – please contact Sandy Fitch at 479-426-5361 or Jan Lowe at 855-1158 or come to the meeting.



### HABITAT WILL WRAP IT UP JUST FOR YOU!

Please join us this year at Pinnacle Hills Promenade Mall for GIFT WRAPPING!!

Let us take care of the hassle of gift wrapping. We will be located next to Fish City Grill from December 10th to 24th. Each day we will be open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. but on December 24th we will close at NOON! If you are interested in volunteering to help wrap gifts, please sign up for a shift by visiting <http://www.habitatbentoncounty.org> or call the office at 273-6368.

## CLEANING BUCKETS RESPONSE



We can't begin to thank you for your response to our call for supplies and cash in response to Hurricane Sandy. We raised a total of \$1,406 for Ingathering. Twenty-six full cleaning buckets were packed on Sunday November 11 by more than 15 people between the ages of 4 to over 80. The Crossword Youth Group participated by separating and re-rolling all the trash bags into the numbers needed for each bucket (which is a bigger job than you might imagine...)

The extra items that were appropriate for cleaning buckets were packed up and sent on as bulk items to pack additional buckets. Those included 20 bottles of dish soap, over two dozen rubber gloves, 12 pairs of work gloves, 475 clothes pins, trash bags and a box of miscellaneous items.

Items that could not be used in the cleaning buckets were shared with the Bella Vista Preschool (Lysol, cleaning wipes and paper towels) and the church kitchen (steel scrubbers, scrub brushes, dish soap and paper towels).

We delivered seven bottles of laundry soap and miscellaneous cleaning agents (Pine Sol, Mr. Clean, Soft Scrub, etc.) to Souls Harbor Men's Shelter in Rogers. They have a washer and dryer at the shelter but laundry soap is just not in their budget. You cannot imagine how much this gift was appreciated.

After paying for the items to pack the buckets, \$528.64 will be sent on to UMCOR's Hurricane Sandy Relief fund.



**Chet Campbell on his way to  
Springdale with our UMCOR relief buckets**



## PRAYER

OOPS!!

One of our Prayer Ministries was inadvertently missed when we set-up the 2013 EMIM Catalog. The Sanctuary Ministry has been changed considerably. I will now be the team leader for this group, unless some kind soul out there would volunteer to take that position.

The Task description of our Sanctuary Prayer Ministry as it would have appeared in the catalog reads as follows:

*"The purpose of the Sanctuary Prayer Ministry is to receive requests from our members and guests, praying for them throughout the following week, either by use of the prayer list distributed on Sunday, or directly from the pew cards and the prayer book provided for those who choose to pray alone in the sanctuary during the week. As we pray our Sanctuary will truly be transformed into a "house of prayer". New to the ministry this year is the mid-week prayer service held each Wednesday evening in the sanctuary. Pew cards marked "For Pastors only" will continue to be given directly to our Pastoral Staff and not made public in any way."*

The Prayer Book will still be found in the same location with the original Pew Card prayer requests; and a current HIPL and other helps and ideas for prayer. Pray-ers may take the book into the Sanctuary or the Chapel for a quiet, private time to be in communion with our Lord God. We ask that you use the sign-in sheet in the book, so that we have an idea of how many of you are availing yourselves of this wonderful opportunity to "seek the Lord, while He may be found" and pray for the needs of others.

The Wednesday Evening Prayer group is open to all and if you plan to attend; please sign a commitment card or call me. Again, we ask that you do this to track the progress of this aspect of the Sanctuary Prayer Ministry.

The Prayer Book will be updated and will contain some new material some time prior the beginning of the new year.

If you have completed and turned in your commitment card, you may simply phone me at 855-0666 or e-mail me at [emjhertel@cox.net](mailto:emjhertel@cox.net), and I will see that you are added to the Sanctuary Intercessory Prayer membership list. If you choose to go directly thru me, it will help the work load for the church office folks and I will provide the information directly to the proper office, before the final lists are provided to the Stewards, and the group leaders.

The ministries and group leaders for the upcoming year in the Prayer Ministry here at FUMC are:

**E-Mail Prayer Chain Ministry**-Jan Lowe

**Hedge of Protection Prayer Ministry**-Peggy Gamble

**Home Intercessory Prayer Ministry**-Marilyn Hertel

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**-Julie Fischer

**Sanctuary Intercessory Prayer Ministry**-Marilyn Hertel Peggy Dewitt will assist in the Wednesday night prayer service

Incidentally, I am also looking for an assistant to serve in the Home Intercessory area with me.

Please call me if you have *any* questions.

In Christ I remain His servant and yours,

SPRC invites you to join in a  
**LOVE OFFERING** for your church staff.  
 You may drop your check in the offering plate,  
 in the church office, or in the basket in the  
 Narthex through Sunday, December 23.  
 Be sure to mark it as "Love Offering".



Ladies Night Wednesday  
December 12, 6:30 p.m.  
Sharon & Lee Golaway will be the  
entertainment for the evening.

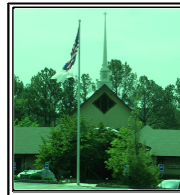
Tickets are \$12 each  
and are available after each service  
in the Narthex or Becker Hall, or  
in the church office during the week.



### UMM Golf News

Winter golf has begun! We play on Thursdays with 11:00 Shotgun starts through the middle of March. We are always looking for a "few more players", so if you are interested in joining us, please contact Alan Packard or Chet Campbell to sign up. We play a week to week program, you play when you want to and are not required to find a substitute if you miss a week or two. So, if you are a golfer and want to get in a few rounds this winter, let us know.

You may have heard already, but if not, the next time you see James Forrest, congratulate him on his Hole-in One at Scotsdale's 12th hole on November 8th. I'm sure he will be able to describe it to you in detail.



### The Green Church Project

Finding ways to be better  
stewards of all of our resources

The holiday season offers many opportunities for recycling. Our local AARP Recycling Center will accept any of the following items for recycling. How many of these can you contribute this season?

- Christmas cards and envelopes
- Wrapping paper
- Boxes
- Mailing wrappers
- Cardboard
- Aluminum (soda) and steel (foods) cans
- Glass bottles
- #1 and #2 plastic items
- Catalogs, magazines, newspapers

Both the United Methodist Men and United Methodist Women, along with other organizations in our community, receive funding from Recycle Center proceeds. Your recycled items will make a difference in many ways!

**METFIELD METHODIST SG** will be going to the Community Church on December 2 for the Bella Vista Men's Chorus Concert. Following the concert, they will attend an open house at the home of Ed & Julie Fischer. In January they will meet on Saturday, the 5th at 9:00am at Papa Mike's for breakfast. Please bring your \$5.00 per person for the yearly dues. MM held its annual game night at the church on November 13. Following a tradition established several years ago, the group played FARKLE. This year's Farkle Champion was **James Forrest** who had the winning score. **Cheryl Campbell** was the Farkle Queen with the most Farkles in the evening.



### Avalon-Omega Shepherd Group

will travel to John Brown University Friday,  
December 7th for dinner on campus then  
attend the Candlelight Service.  
Please call Sue Nebrig 855-9269  
For more information

### SUNRISE SHEPHERD GROUP

will meet Saturday, December 8 at 9:00am at  
the home of Tom & Molly Harris for a Christmas  
brunch. All of the food will be provided. Please  
RSVP to Molly 876-1464 tmh101232@att.net  
or Lynn Prueitt at lprueitt@sbcglobal.net .



## BOOK NOOK



### NON-FICTION:

*GRAND SLAM BASEBALL* by Various Authors  
The lore and legends of America's game.

*100 WAYS TO MOTIVATE YOURSELF* by Steve Chandler (158.1)

100 ways to help you create the self you've always known you could be.

*ENJOYING WHERE YOU ARE ON THE WAY TO WHERE YOU ARE GOING* by Joyce Meyer (242)  
Joyce Meyer combines Biblical principles with personal experiences for a powerful teaching on how to enjoy every day on your journey through life.

*MEET THE METHODISTS* by Charles I. Allen (287.6)

An introduction to the United Methodist Church. Who are the Methodists? What does it mean to be a Methodist today?

*HEAVEN CHANGES EVERYTHING* by Todd Burpo (248)

Living every day with eternity in mind.

*JOHN WESLEY, SERVANT OF GOD* by John Pollock (922.7)

The author captures the heart and soul of this remarkable servant of God.

### FICTION:

*COMING HOME* by Karen Kingsbury

*THE LOVELY BONES* by Alice Sebold

*THE BRIDGE* by Karen Kingsbury

*FULL DISCLOSURE* by Dee Henderson

*THE SHADOW OF YOUR SMILE* by Susan May Warren

*SUMMERHILL SECRETS 1* by Beverly Lewis

### NEW TO UMW READING PROGRAM:

*IN OUR BACKYARD* by Nita Belles (Cat III)

A Christian perspective on human trafficking in the United States.

*IMMIGRATION AND THE BIBLE* by Joan M. Maruskin (Cat I)

This story explores the biblical and theological understanding of immigration, immigrants, and migration.

*CONNECTED WISDOM* by Linda Booth Sweeney (Cat III) Bonus Book counts 1 in Cat I, Cat III  
Like a web, a living system is so intricately woven that no part exists in isolation.

*POVERTY* by Jack A. Keller (Cat I)

This Mission study recognizes that faithful and effective ministry with the poor engages our hearts and heads and hands.

*ONE SIMPLE ACT* by Debbie Macomber (Cat III) (LP) Discovering the power of generosity.

*WHEN CHRISTIANS GET IT RIGHT* by Adam Hamilton (Cat IV)

Adam Hamilton addresses the hows and whys of Christians getting it right when it comes to being Christ in the world.

### CHECK OUT THIS NEW SECTION~ BOOKS IN A SERIES:

*LAND OF CANAAN* SERIES by Beth Wiseman

*THE RANSOME TRILOGY* by Kaye Dacus

*FOREVER FAITHFUL* SERIES

*DREAMS OF GOLD* SERIES by Al & JoAnne Lacy

*SADIE'S MONTANA* SERIES by Linda Byler

*BOOK 23 PATCHWORK MYSTERIES*

The Thousand Stories Quilt by JoAnn Brown

*BOOK 4 in UNCOMMON HEROES SERIES* by Dee Henderson

*THE RIVERHAVEN YEARS TRILOGY* by BJ Hoff

*SUNRISE* SERIES by Karen Kingsbury

*FIRSTBORN SERIES* by Karen Kingsbury

*REDEMPTION* SERIES by Karen Kingsbury

*BOOK 1 in MARK OF THE LION* SERIES by Francine Rivers A Voice in the Wind

*BOOK 1 in WESTWARD WINDS* SERIES by Amanda Cabot Summer of Promise

*THE HOMEWARD TRILOGY* by Lisa T. Bergen

*BOOK 5 in DAUGHTERS OF THE PROMISE* SERIES by Beth Wiseman Plain Proposal

*AN ELM TREE QUILT NOVEL* by Jennifer Chiaverini The Aloha Quilt

*STAR WARS TRILOGY* by Ryder Windham



## THANK YOU

Thank you very much for the farewell. The picture will be cherished. That is a very good idea, taking my church with me.

All you are dear to me and the way you have touched my life has made me better. I love FUMCBV and it will stay in my heart. My past two years have been an experience in growing in my faith and knowledge of my church.

God Bless – *Janice Smith*

Thank you so much for hosting the Mercy Chronic Illness class at your church. We pray it will be a blessing to others as your hospitality has been to us. Thank you. Peace and Joy. *Chaplin Steve Dykes & Chaplin Kandi Mount*

Ralph and I miss our Sunday mornings at church. We want to thank Bro. Jaimie and Jan Lowe for the hospital visits and our Shepherd group and others for their concern. God has once again been good to us and Ralph is on his way to recovery. God bless all.

*Connie & Ralph Clark*

A great big “THANK YOU” to the many people who helped make this Thanksgiving Dinner at church a very special one. I won’t try to name everyone, but extra credit should go to Rod and Arlene Alford who started their Tuesday at 6am prepping the 10 turkeys for roasting, and staying through mid-afternoon to carve and clean-up. They have done this job for most of the eight years I’ve been working on this event. Annetta Yant showed up at 6am on Tuesday as well, and just did whatever needed to be done. Newest member, Cindy Johnson was one of many who came to help on Wednesday - she prepared the dressing that got so many compliments. Dixie Young, Peggy DeWitt, and Diane Lewis tackled biscuits, muffins, and yeast dinner rolls with great results. Cheryl and Chet Campbell, along with ten family members were here for the duration on Turkey Day, working magic to keep everyone satisfied. About 10 others came and worked with less fanfare, but got all the little jobs done that were needed in order to make it a very special day. Again—thanks to all. *Jan Lowe*

This original Recipe, submitted by Stacy Polcyn to Allrecipes.com, was modified for our FUMC Thanksgiving Dinner this year. It is printed here after many requests for the recipe were received.

### Awesome Sausage, Apple, and Cranberry Stuffing

#### INGREDIENTS:

2 cups cubed whole wheat bread  
 4 cups cubed white bread  
 3/4 pound ground turkey sausage  
 1 cup chopped onion  
 3/4 cup chopped celery  
 1 T dried sage  
 1 1/2 t dried rosemary  
 1/2 t dried thyme  
 1 Golden Delicious apple, cored,  
 and chopped  
 3/4 cup dried cranberries  
 1/3 cup minced fresh parsley  
 1 cup turkey stock  
 4 T unsalted butter, melted

#### DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degree F. Spread the white and whole wheat bread cubes in a single layer on a large baking sheet. Bake for 5 to 7 minutes in the preheated oven, or until evenly toasted. Transfer toasted bread cubes to a large bowl.
2. In a large skillet, cook the sausage and onions over medium heat, stirring and breaking up the lumps until evenly browned. Add the celery, sage, rosemary, and thyme; cook, stirring, for 2 minutes to blend flavors.
3. Pour sausage mixture over bread in bowl. Mix in chopped apples, dried cranberries, and parsley. Drizzle with turkey stock and melted butter, and mix lightly. Spoon into turkey to loosely fill, or bake in 9 X 13 inch pan for about 30 minutes at 350 degrees.



## FIRST UMC BELLA VISTA MEDIA MINISTRIES

What comes to mind when you think of the "Media Ministry" within our church? Do you think about visuals displayed on the screens? Maybe you think of intimidating equipment containing hundreds of knobs and sliders? Video cameras used to record our services may come to mind. These are all things related to the Media Ministry. They represent what we see within the church. What many people may not realize is, we are reaching out far beyond what we see within our church. We are reaching out globally to share God's word and invite others to learn about and become disciples of Jesus Christ. Here are some very exciting statistics I would like to share:

- ✓ In 2011, the recorded worship services were viewed **3,471** times.
- ✓ In 2012 (to date), the recorded worship services were viewed **17,621** times, 4 times more than the previous year.
- ✓ With a total view count of **21,092**, only 10% of those were viewed from within the entire state of Arkansas.
- ✓ Approximately **85%** of people who have watched the worship services online are from within the US; Canada, Philippines, Brazil, Germany, and the United Arab Emirates account for the other **15%**.

As of today, we have five volunteers assisting in the Media Ministry, three of whom have been doing so for three to five years. If you are interested in assisting in this ministry, or would simply like to learn more about it before making a commitment, please let me know. If five volunteers are able to reach out to more than 20,000 people, imagine what your help could bring.

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### OCTOBER 2010 FINANCIAL DATA

Month to date (as of 10/31/12)	Budgeted Expenses	\$ 50,860
Month to date (as of 10/31/12)	Actual Receipts*	\$ 46,838
Year to date	Budgeted Expenses	\$610,102
Year to date	Actual Receipts*	\$479,781
Year to date	Actual Expenses	\$492,931
	* = Minus Endowment	

*Stuck for a Christmas gift? Consider a financial gift to your church in the name of your loved one. What a better way to celebrate Christ's birth?*

***If you have not yet returned your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible.  
 We need to plan for next year's budget and want a ballpark figure as to where to start!  
 As Bro Jaimie says, "Don't just come to church ~ be the church!"***

# DECEMBER 2012

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY			
<b>2</b>	Bp btwn svcs 7:30 Praise Team rehrs 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service 12:00 JDC Ministry 5:00 Unfinished Woman 6:00 Youth Mtngs	<b>3</b>	8:30 Decorating Church 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:45 Women's Chorus 	<b>4</b>	10:30 Concordia Bible 1:00 Prayer Shawl	<b>5</b>	8:30 Bible Study 8:30 Disciples 1 9:00 Quilters 11:45 UMW Luncheon 1:00 Guest Follow-up 4:00 Chancel Bells 6:00 Prayer Service 6:00 Youth Choir/Mtng 6:30 Hebrews 7:00 Crossword Youth	<b>6</b>	11:00 Men's Golf 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	<b>7</b>	9:00 Disciples II 9:00 2 Serve SG 4:00 Avalon-Omega JBU Candlelight	<b>8</b>	9:00 Sunrise SG	<b>1</b>	
<b>9</b>	7:30 Praise Team rehrs 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service 3:00 Friday Nite Club 5:00 Unfinished Woman 6:00 Youth Mtngs	<b>10</b>	9:00 Caregivers 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 Calico Cut-ups Brd 12:00 Abraham SG 12:45 Women's Chorus	<b>11</b>	10:30 Concordia Bible 12:00 Naomi Circle 12:00 Sarah Circle 1:00 Prayer Shawl 2:30 Member.com Mtng 5:30 Agape SG	<b>12</b>	8:30 Bible Study 8:30 Disciples 1 9:00 Quilters/Potluck 9:30 Missions Mtng 4:00 Chancel Bells 6:00 Prayer Service 6:00 Youth Choir 6:00 Evening Circle 6:30 Hebrews 7:00 UMM Dinner	<b>13</b>	11:00 Men's Golf 12:00 Hope Circle 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	<b>14</b>	9:00 Disciples II 9:00 Faith 5 SG 11:30 Pre-school Brd 6:30 Special Needs Family Church Service	<b>15</b>	4:00 Parents Day Out	<b>22</b>	
<b>16</b>	<b>PAK-A-SAK</b> <b>Ceremony of Carols</b> 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service 2:00 Calhoun Recitals 5:00 Unfinished Wmn 6:00 Youth Meetings	<b>17</b>	9:00 Martha Circle 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:45 Women's Chorus	<b>18</b>	10:30 Concordia Bible 1:00 Prayer Shawl 1:00 BV Book Club 7:00 Staff Party	<b>19</b>	8:30 Bible Study 8:30 Disciples I 8:30 Quilters 6:00 Prayer Service 6:00 Youth Choir 6:00 Meals on Wheels 6:30 Green Team 6:30 Hebrews 7:00 Crossword Youth	<b>20</b>	11:00 Men's Golf 2:00 Sons of Rev	<b>21</b>	9:00 Disciples II	<b>22</b>		<b>29</b>	
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*We wish you and yours  
the very best in the New Year!*

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**Christ is Born  
Salvation for the World**  
But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. [Luke 2:10-11](#)  
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## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

- December 2 Advent Begins
- December 3 All-Church Decorating Day
- December 5 UMW Luncheon
- December 12 UMM Dinner
- December 14 Special Needs Family Service
- December 15 Parents Shopping Evening Out
- December 24 Midday at the Manger Worship  
service & soup & salad lunch  
Contemporary Eve Worship Service  
Traditional Candlelight Service
- December 25 Christmas Day Potluck

We hope you and yours will be able to join us in many of these events. Please check the church calendar and bulletins for further information.