



The Good News

December 2018



Your Church Staff. . .

. . .wishes to express our Thanks to our Church Family!
We all feel very fortunate to serve a Congregation
of those who so graciously give of their time,
their talent, and their support to us.
Thank You, and have a blessed holiday!

Keep Christ in Your Christmas as you gather with family & friends

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| November 26 | 8:30am ~ Deck the Halls |
| November 29 | 7:00pm ~ Bentonville HS Chamber Orchestra-Becker Hall |
| December 2 | Advent Begins |
| December 5 | 11:45am ~ UMW Luncheon, Becker Hall
6:00pm ~ "Expect the unexpected" Advent study thru 12/19 |
| December 6 | 9:30am ~ "Gift of the Nutcracker" Advent study thru 12/20 |
| December 8 | 12:00pm ~ Parents/Grandparents Day Out |
| December 9 | All Services ~ Lessons and Carols |
| December 12 | 6:30pm ~ UMM Dinner, Becker Hall |
| December 16 | 12:00pm ~ Organ Recital by Broc Hite
3:30pm ~ Children's Christmas Program, Becker Hall |
| December 21 | 6:30pm ~ Service of the Longest Night: Hope, Healing, & Comfort |
| December 23 | 9:30am ~ One Worship Service for all on this Sunday |
| December 24 | 12:00pm ~ Carols, Communion, Candlelight
5:00pm ~ Family Carols, Communion, Candlelight
7:00pm ~ Organ Recital by Broc Hite
7:30pm ~ Carols, Communion, Candlelight |
| December 25 | 11:30am ~ Christmas Pot-Luck |





Glimpses of Grace

Rev. Jeanne Williams, Senior Pastor

I'm sitting in my living room, under a blanket, with the fire going, watching snow fall from the sky... and it's the middle of November. It seems like a perfect setting to write a December newsletter article, though!

This early snow has me thinking about unexpected situations and how we respond to them. Today, it's an unexpected snow fall and a sick child. Last week, it was low tire pressure when

I was already running late. These things are just part of life. Some of these life-surprises aren't bad – they may be quite good or even fun!

I often find myself telling others (and myself) that life happens while we are planning the next steps. We may have big life goals, or maybe just small ones, but real life is what happens every day as we move towards these goals. And sometimes the Holy Spirit has us veer left or right of what we think is the most direct path. Or sometimes we have to take the windy two-lane road instead of the interstate. Highway 70 goes east to west through Tennessee. Until Interstate 40 was built, everyone took this windy two lane highway to travel through the state. It gets you from point A to point B, just takes a few extra hours! Life is often like Highway 70, isn't it? We eventually get to point B, but sometimes we have to take the long way.

For the Jews, a messiah born in a cave to a poor carpenter was not who they were expecting. They eventually killed that child for proclaiming to be The Messiah. For the Salvation of the Universe to be born in such a desolate way is certainly unexpected. This Advent Season, as we look to that *expected* event at the end of the month, look for the unexpected ways Jesus enters your life through this season.

Advent Blessings! *Rev. Jeanne*



Amy's Anecdotes Amy Gilmore, Church Administrator

If you are looking for **an Advent Study**, there are two available from which to choose:

➔ Rev. Cathy Luck will be leading an advent study "*Expecting the Unexpected.*" It is a spiritual feast for the mind and imagination, a way to reconnect with the Christmas story. It is an advent devotional guide put out by Upper Room. Cathy will be leading this study beginning on November 28th at 6:00 in the evening in the Parlor, and runs through December 19th. It is BYOD (bring your

own dinner) as there will be no kitchen crew to cook or clean up, but still a great time for fellowship and study leading up to Christmas. Books are available in the Office.

➔ Rev. Jeanne will be offering the Advent study, "*The Gift of the Nutcracker.*" Matt Rawle uses the iconic tale to help us understand God's greatest gift of the Christ child and of the kingdom Christ came to build. The class begins on Thursday, November 29th at 9:30am and meets through December 20th in Room 6. The books – including large print, are available in the Office

Thank you to Marlene, Sue, Darleen and *everyone* who helped with the Thanksgiving meal, before, during, and after. We served over 130 people! This has been a ministry of our church for some time. However, next year if we do not have more people who are willing to help, I am not sure we can continue. It is a big job and we need many hands.....This brings up the Christmas Potluck. Again, we have held this at our church for many years and over the years, several of our members have hosted this dinner to make it an inviting and special time for those who are not able to be with family or loved ones. Do you feel led to be the host this year? Do you feel called to help organize and clean-up? Is this something a shepherd group or other group could take on? If so, I need you to let me know ASAP either by email or call me at the church office. You can even stop me in the hallway and let me know that YOU are excited to fulfill this ministry this year. We need to have someone step forward no later than December 17th - otherwise, we will not be holding a Christmas Potluck. I am so grateful for those who have helped so many times at so many events over the years. You have truly been a blessing. *Amy*



Joining in the Journey Together

Rev. Brenda Wideman, Associate Pastor

The Darkness before the Dawn

*The people who walk in darkness will see a great light.
For those who live in a land of deep darkness,
on them a light will shine.*

(Isaiah 9:2 NLT)

How many of us feel like we are walking in darkness? Our world is full of anger and bullying and bigotry and hatred. Our lives are faced with increasing demands that begin to pile up and overwhelm us. Stress and negativity abound. In the season of Fall, the darkness does physically increase, as the days get shorter, the darkness of night gets longer.

How do we break out of this darkening spiral? We try to deal with it on our own, but that just doesn't seem to work. And then we look beyond ourselves and we find the answer – Jesus! Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.” (John 8:12)

We may have heard the saying, “It is always darkest before the dawn.” December 21 is seasonally the longest night of our calendar year. But with the dawn of the following morning comes new Light and new Hope.

We invite you to join us for the “Longest Night Service.” We will share scripture, song, prayer, and stories of Hope, Healing, Light and Life. Together we walk through the darkness of the winter and see the dawning of the light of a new day. Come Join in the Journey with us; join us on this journey into the new light of Jesus.

“The Longest Night: A Service of Hope, Healing, and Comfort” Friday, December 21, 6:30pm, in the Sanctuary

Blessings for the Light of Christ on your Journey, Pastor Brenda



Christmas Cards for our Homebound Members need to be turned in by Wednesday, December 5th

Please stop at the tables in the Narthex and/or hallway outside Becker Hall and sign a couple of the cards there (every time you are in the church) which will be delivered to our homebound members before Christmas. Circles, Shepherd Groups, and other groups, please sign several cards in you groups and drop them off at the “card” tables. This is one way we can show our homebound they are missed and loved during this season of giving.



*The Longest Night
A Service of Hope, Healing,
and Comfort
Friday, December 21
6:30pm*



Growing Disciples

Danielle Norgaard,
NextGen Director

"A person's a person no matter how small."
Dr. Seuss

Perfection Not Required

I'm not a news watcher by choice. Selective storytelling too often paints a really dark picture of the world and of humanity. It's easy to lose hope and feel bitter when all we hear and see is the dark side.

The news was on often during Thanksgiving at my father-in-law's house. Political arguments, mass shootings, police officers down, romaine lettuce gone rogue. The negative news reminded me that each of us needs a haven. A safe, peaceful, welcoming place where we can show up and let down our guard. Somewhere that we can relax and be reminded that most people really are good. Our church can be that haven.

"But what about all that's wrong with the church? What about the grumpy people/loud children/wonky table leg/leaky ice machine/old lighting system/drafty entryway?"

Mary and Joseph needed a haven for the safe delivery of baby Jesus. They found one, however sparse and lacking in material comfort. Like them, we don't require perfection in a haven. We come to church not because we're perfect, but because we need Jesus and each other. We need the restoration and renewal that we find here. We need regular messages of hope to keep our souls focused on what is right and good. An imperfect church can do that. An imperfect building can provide shelter. And imperfect people can be the good in the world. If those things were good enough for Jesus, surely they're good enough for us.

Gratefully yours, *Danielle*

MEDIA MUSINGS

Kacy Spears,
Director of Communications



A Christmas Checklist

What do we really need to celebrate the birth of our Savior?

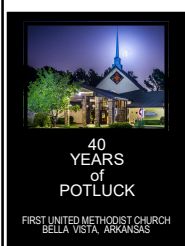
- A covered place - maybe a home, maybe not
- Community - the people (or memory of the people) you love deeply
- Food - sustenance to last the day
- A heart willing to be changed

Last Christmas was the first Christmas I can remember not having both of my parents together. They'd separated two months before, and it was messy. It was painful. It was different. That's why when my mom invited my husband and me to stay with her for Christmas, I hesitated. I didn't want my Christmas traditions to change.

My husband and I obliged, bargaining that it would be only a few days and that we could leave to a happier Christmas with his family. Last Christmas *was* different. My mom cried a lot. We had no presents and agreed not to exchange any because she couldn't afford them. My childhood home was missing furniture and photos - reminders that dad wasn't there with us. After dinner and a few hours of Christmas movies on Netflix, I laid in a very familiar room I left a few years ago and cried my eyeballs out. *Why did Christmas have to change?*

But here's the capital-T Truth. It didn't. I was so wrapped up in the lack of presents and idolizing our traditions that I didn't see the Lord working in my heart at the time. We checked everything off the list.

Kacy



Our Cookbooks will make a wonderful Christmas present!

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 \$15 each, and you can purchase them in the office. Christmas is coming—would make a great gift, especially if you bake up an included recipe!!



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 855-1158 or brenda@lovelearnlead.com.

NEW MEMBERS



Justin and Kelly Kelley—became our newest members on Sunday, November 11 as they joined in the Well Service. Both Justin and Kelly are OSU grads and love camping, floating, and the outdoors in

general. They also love being parents of 3-year old Kathryn Nadine, who was baptized by Rev. Jeanne on this day. What a blessing they have given us. Welcome to the Kelley family!

RELOCATIONS

Frank Dees – we have recently learned that Frank is now living in Morningside of Springdale Assisted Living, close to his daughter. He moved there after his wife Bobbie passed away in August 2017. His son, Richard, has told us Frank is doing well there, and would welcome cards and phone calls. His address is: Frank Dees, Morningside of Springdale, Room #120, 672 Jones Road, Springdale, AR 72762. His phone 479-800-4084. Prayers of joy for him in his new location.



Earl Cummings - Bette and Earl ask for your prayers as Earl has moved to a new home at Grand Brook Memory Care, 5125 W. Pleasant Grove Road, Rogers, AR 72758 Please keep them both in prayer.

Reid and Joyce Horle – have moved to Wisconsin to be closer to daughters there. They have been members of FUMCBV since 1991 and have been married since 1951. Their new address is 1775 N. Newman Rd., Villa #9, Mt Pleasant, WI 53406. Please keep them in prayers that this transition will go well.



MILESTONES



Charles Hill—celebrated his 85th birthday on November 4. He and Florence have made a donation to Snack Packs for Back Packs in honor of this wonderful day.

DEATHS

Wayne Broers – father of Dave Broers, passed away Monday, October 29, after a 40-day hospitalization following gall bladder surgery. His service was held Friday, November 2, at First United Methodist Church in Harrison, AR.

Carolyn Renollet – sister of Bob Kennedy, passed away Saturday, October 27, after a brief battle with lung cancer. Bob and Shirley travelled to Arkansas City, KS, to be with family for the service on Saturday, November 11.

Pam Miller - wife of Kevin Miller, nephew of Don and Lois McMahon, lost her long battle with cancer. We had her on our prayer list for many months. Don and Lois spent time with Kevin during this difficult time.

Jane Moist – close friend of Marilyn Pommerenke, passed away early in November in Minnesota. She and Marilyn were part of a very close-knit group of gals called the "Fantastic Seven".



We Are so blessed as a Church Congregation. As you reflect on the wonder of this Christmas Season, please consider giving to our

Staff Love Offering. We have an incredible Staff who give so much to us. Let them know how much they mean to you. Put "Staff Love Offering" in the memo of your checks and include them with your regular offering. The Staff and your SPRC Committee thank you for your generosity.

Merry Christmas!

SPRC Committee

OUR FAMILY

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 George & Pat Brannon (73)
- 10 John & Carol Zurn
- 12 Jerry & Cindy Snow
- 16 David & Carol Stanley
- 20 Tom & Sarah Reynolds
- 26 Wayne & Joanne Hubbert (65)
- 28 Allen & Phyllis Janssen
- 29 Chris & John Rice

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jo Ann Handel
- 1 Joe McGee
- 2 Ron Buker
- 2 Doug Grant
- 2 Kathy Jones
- 2 Brittany May
- 3 David Hanson
- 3 Caitlyn Rowland
- 5 Linda Stewart
- 6 Margie Bowen
- 6 Sarah Lucht
- 6 Isabelle Mendoza



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS *(continued)*

- 8 Jim Hudson
- 8 Kelly Parham
- 8 Pat Wolter
- 9 Chris Klein
- 9 Heath Lehmann
- 13 Roger Totten
- 16 Melba Brown
- 17 Jon Mendoza
- 17 Marilyn Pommerenke
- 21 Emma Kell
- 21 Shirley Newton
- 22 Joe Bowen
- 22 Madison Klein
- 22 Blake Roath
- 22 Gil Temple
- 26 Diane Cox
- 27 Ruth Ireland
- 28 Connie Wilson
- 29 Everly Hickman
- 29 Brynn Hanson
- 29 Sawyer Hanson
- 31 Carly Engle



FUMCBV HOLIDAY HOURS

December 25 through January 1 ~ Closed all day every day
 (except for Christmas Day potluck from 11:30 to 1:00 ~ and Sunday, Dec. 30)
 We wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and blessed New Year!



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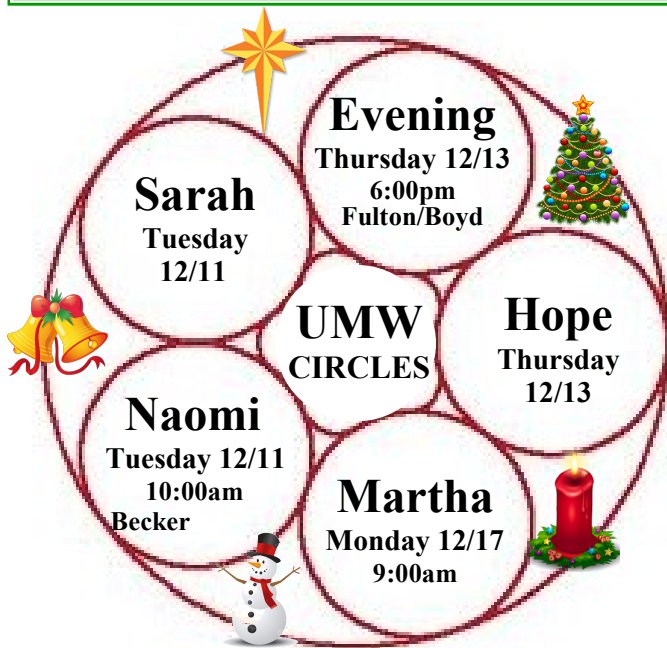
UMW Christmas Luncheon . .



. . . will be held Wednesday, December 5 at 11:45 in Becker Hall beginning with quiet time. Our program will be brought by Recording Artist Debby Horn. She will have a selection of songs from Country, Classic Rock & Big Band, including Christmas pieces. Hot Turkey Salad, Cranberry Salad, Dessert, and Roll will be served. Cost is \$7.00, with the deadline for making reservations Sunday-December 2. Anyone wishing to attend should sign up in your circle or call Sue Nebrig at 855-9269. Everyone in our church and guests are welcome to come and enjoy the good food, beautiful music and fellowship. Child and Adult care will be provided for anyone wishing to attend, with prior notification. Please call Sue with



The Methodist Men's monthly dinner meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 12 at 6:30pm in Becker Hall. They will be presenting the national Life Service Award to one deserving UMM Member who has tirelessly and unselfishly contributed to the betterment of FUMC and UMM. This is an award recognized nationally by the United Methodist Men. Their program is the election of new officers for 2019 and the induction of their new President, Artie Lawless. It is also Recognition of those members for the great job they have done during the year. Rhythm & Q will be catering the meal and it will be wonderful as always. All men of the church are invited to join them. Please make your reservations no later than noon, Sunday, December 9, by calling Lou Kaufmann at 366-1291 or e-mailing him at lou@krrealty.com or calling the church office (855-1158).



**A Friendly reminder:
If you have not already given,
Please consider contributing to the
"13th Month Giving Project" to help
Uplift Our Church To Do God's Work.
Thank You!**

Message from our Lay Leader

2018 has been an interesting time in the life of the church. A lot has happened and a lot more is yet to come. I guess the big question really is, why do we come to church and why do we come to First United Methodist Church specifically? Judy and I come because we know it is God's church and we want to be closer to Him. Why this church? The pastor, the people, the fellowship, the friendliness, the warmth of the members, and the feeling we get when we leave to go home. This church gives us what we need for our spiritual wellbeing and more. What do you get out of it?

As we plan for 2019, we have some great goals for the continued growth of our church and for its financial wellbeing. Stewardship and raising money not only for us but all churches and organizations, are having the same problems. The struggle continues. Each one of us needs to look in to our heart and honestly evaluate what can we give God, because that is where our money goes. It goes for all the work of the church and the good that it does to help others. We truly ask all of you to evaluate your current assistance and to see what more can be done. This is the time for our plans to come together.

Lou Kaufmann



From the Organ Console

Broc Hite,
Organist/Associate Director of Music

My plans for music during Advent are a little bit more sensible this year. Last year, I planned a different musical event at noon on each of the four Sundays of Advent. This year, it's just a single organ recital at noon on Sunday, December 16th. It will be a music packed morning as the Chancel Bells will also perform in the traditional services. I'm repeating the recital on Christmas Eve at 6:55 p.m., so that you can stay after the contemporary service or arrive early for the traditional service!

What's not sensible is my program - four out of the five pieces are brand new. I'm not sure to what extent I've spoken about this before, but I've come to realize my mortality in learning new music. In order to have old favorites, it's necessary at some point to learn new ones! There are composers whose music I've barely touched due to an unfamiliar style or because they write incredibly difficult music. There's both on this program. The first two pieces are written in the post-Baroque Galant style, and the last two pieces are from the 20th-century organ giants of Dupré and Langlais. My refuge is the middle piece, a Bach chorale prelude that I've played for many years. Explore this new repertoire with me!

One program that I'm sad to discontinue is the voice recital that we've done regularly since its debut last December. This is the program where the singers in our church offered a song or two, accompanied by me, and shared it in Becker Hall for those who wished to attend. Although some good came from the events, it just never found its audience. Just as I was contemplating this very issue, I found some reassurance from the book *Busy* by Tony Crabbe: "Keep moving. Try stuff out. Keep discarding the things that aren't working, to allow you to try new things."

Please check out the Concerts page on my Website for more on the organ recital, my weekly program of music, as well as everything else I'm doing both inside and outside of these walls!

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

On Facebook and Instagram: @BrocKeysPedals

Broc



JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS!

Concert pianist Jean Alexis Smith has "gifted" our church with almost 500 compact disc recordings of her performances of Bach Transcriptions. Jean's generosity comes in gratitude for being able to use the piano in our sanctuary to make these recordings. As an interesting sidelight: When the boxes containing these CDs arrived in the church office, Janet was away on vacation and nobody could figure out what to do with them. We finally remembered that Jean is a close friend of Jeannine Wagar, the organist/pianist at the Highlands Church who had helped to produce the recordings, so we thought that maybe UPS had simply delivered them to the wrong Methodist church. But when we called Jeannine, we learned that they really were meant for us to "Do with as we pleased."

So, with Christmas coming, if you find that you need stocking stuffers for friends or family, we have these wonderful performances of Bach piano transcriptions featuring our own sanctuary piano – the one that you hear every Sunday – available on CD for only \$5.00 each, with proceeds going to our church's music program. I will tell you that they sound wonderful, and Jean's playing is superb. They would be a bargain at twice the price in any record store. If nothing else, buy one for yourself – you'll be glad you did.

Dr. Larry Zehring, Director of Music Ministries

Book Nook



BOOKS IN SERIES:

Golden Gate Secrets by Tracie Peterson
Book 3: *IN TIMES GONE BY* (Large-Print)

LARGE-PRINT FICTION:

THE PRAYER BOX by Lisa Wingate
The discovery of 81 prayer boxes changes the life of a young struggling mother.

THE STORY KEEPER by Lisa Wingate
Happy with her life in the city, a New York editor finds a manuscript that could change her life forever.



December Activities

SHEPHERD GROUP ONE will be going caroling on Sunday, December 9th for homebound members of our church, and then will come back to the church for a prime rib dinner, prepared by Marlene. They will leave the church at 2:00pm, and there will be two separate groups so that they can get to everyone's home in a timely manner and then back to the church for dinner. The cost for the complete prime-rib dinner will be \$11.00 per person.

This event is open to anyone who would like to join the group. Please call Marlene Clapp 876-6729 for more information. Please call the church office 855-1158 no later than Thursday, December 6th with your reservation.

ABRAM SHEPHERD GROUP will meet December 10 at 5:30 pm in the Parlor for a Christmas Potluck. Bring your favorite dish plus a few signed Christmas cards for our friends who are unable to be with us. And if you have an UGLY Christmas Sweater, now would be a great time to wear it! Looking forward to seeing everyone and welcoming the Christmas Season with friends.

SOLOS will attend the BV Community Band concert on Sunday, December 16th at 3 p.m. at BV Community Church, 75 E. Lancashire Blvd. Any single member of our church family is welcome to join the group. After the concert, they will go to eat at JJ's Bar and Grill in Cunningham Corner Shopping Center. If you've never been there, they have wonderful full- course meals as well as the best cat fish - both fried and grilled - in the area!

To be sure they have enough seating at the restaurant, please RSVP to Lora Burch no later than December 10th.

METFIELD METHODISTS

held their annual Farkle Night on November 15th. Chet Campbell and Jan Walton were the Champs for the evening, and Vicki



Forrest and John Justice were Farkle Queen and King. The group will have a **MOVIE MATINEE** - Saturday, December 15 at 2 p.m. at James and Vicki Forrest's home - 36 Villas Way - Popcorn will be served! Please RSVP to Jean Justice.

On December 8, beginning at 3 p.m., the Board of Directors of the Veterans' Council of Northwest Arkansas, the group that manages the Veterans' Wall of Honor, will host a patriotic (free) concert at Riordan Hall. Music will be provided by local entertainers. The concert will be a musical tribute to the memory of Pearl Harbor and the attacks of 9/11. While the concert is free, a good will offering will be taken and divided between the band and the Council. All are invited.

SNACK PACKS for BACK PACKS



**Bring your quarters !
Fill the Banks !
Feed a Child !**

2018 December Newsletter Financial Data

@ October 31, 2018

		2018 Actual	2018 Budget
Month of October, 2018	Budget Receipts	44,864.98	41,978.34
Month of October, 2018	Expense	54,155.99	45,526.41
	Difference	-\$9,291.01	-\$3,548.07
Year to Date (as of 10/31/18)	Actual Receipts	457,949.36	419,783.40
Year to Date (as of 10/31/18)	Actual Expense	477,260.77	455,264.10
	Balance	-\$19,311.41	-\$35,480.70

Amy Gilmore, Church Administrator



THANK YOU

Thank you to the dedicated workers who came early Monday morning, November 26th to help hang greenery, decorate Christmas trees, and set out our Christmas decorations to once more transform FUMCBV for the holidays. Without your combined efforts and team spirit our church would not be nearly as festive as it is. When you see these folks, please thank them for their wonderful contribution of time and energy:

Keith & Lynn Prueitt, Darrell & Verna Bottjen, Chet & Cheryl Campbell, Jack & Jan Kolbe, Weldon & Linda Hyde, Joe & Margie Bowen, Mabel Ashline, Co Ellen Sterwald, Judy Bilyeu, and Nona Storck.

As you read these names, please realize that there is not a "youngster" among them! If you are not quite ready for Medicare, please consider joining us when we put the decorations away after the holidays, and next year as we get them all out again.

A big "THANKS" to the folks who showed up on November 10 to help make **HELPING HANDS** Resale Shop operate on the weekend. The guys who helped out back unloading donations in the morning were: Rob Whiteside, Dennis Reed & Jack Hollingworth, with Darrell Bottjen & Artie Lawless holding down the afternoon shift. Weldon Hyde, who works an afternoon each week, also was there to check out appliances. The ladies who kept the showroom working were: Linda Hyde, Darleen O'Brien, Jill Hale, Mabel Ashline, Mickey Shank and Cheryl Campbell. We were all kept very busy during the brisk Fall day. Watch for our next scheduled date in 2019 to participate in this great hands-on mission.

verna Bottjen



I'd like to thank all those wonderful people for caring for me when my sister died with their prayers, cards, calls and hugs. And also for the cards, prayers, and notes of support and comfort after my accident. I am so blessed to be a part of such a caring and loving church family. I appreciate you all
Diane Verville

To My Dear Methodist Family, I so appreciate receiving the Good News! FUMCBV was very special to me ~ and...enjoying every minister throughout the 24 years I was there! I especially enjoyed doing Pancake Breakfast duties, lighting candles, greeting, and Halloween! The camaraderie with old and new members after services was also a plus. I will close with telling you to stop in if you are near by. Just save the address...1201 S.E. Mill Pond Court, Ankeny, IA 50021 Love you all!
Marie Carlson

Thank You, Church Family, for the love and compassion you showed through prayer, hugs, cards, and phone calls in the loss of my sister LaVona Schnaithman. Your expressions of love have greatly lightened the void of losing my last sibling.
Nona Storck

Dear Pastor Jeanne, Pastor Brenda, and the FUMCBV church Family; Thank you for your love and care for my mother Sally Peterson through the years. You are a wonderful Christian family and so important in my Mom's life through your ministry. Catherine Peterson Haar, and Greg, Drew & Brian Peterson





Dear Church Family: Thank you for your prayers, the cards, the meals and the calls of encouragement after my fall. I felt uplifted with each gesture of thoughtfulness. Truly, thank you so very much!
Jean Swanson

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MUSICWORKS
BRASS BAND

Thought you'd like to know that following their concert at our church on November 8th, the Arkansas MusicWorks Brass Band won the US Open Championship for British Brass Bands that was held in Chicago on November 10th.

This means that they have qualified to compete for the International championship that will be held in England in 2019. They have scheduled another concert in our sanctuary on Thursday, December 20th at 7:00pm. Please make plans to come. They are excellent musicians, and love performing in our sanctuary.
Larry Z

DECEMBER 2018

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY			
2	ADVENT BEGINS BP ✓ Between Services 7:30 Praise Tm rehersal 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Srv 12:10 Broc Organ Recital 1:00 Scouts Honor Court 3:00 CHRGE CONFERENCE	3	9:00 Calico Spec Proj 10:30 Staff Meeting 12:30 Women's Chorus 1:30 Friends of Christ 6:00 Disciple I 6:00 Girl Scouts 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	4	6:00 Scouts	5	8:00 Quilters 8:30 Men's Emmaus 9:00 Disciple II 9:30 UMW Board 11:45 UMW Luncheon 3:15 Chancel Bells 4:00 Prayer Mtg 4:45 Chancel Choir 6:00 Expect Unexpected 6:30 YouthLife 6:30 Broc rehearsal	6	9:30 Nutcracker Bible Study 12:30 Caretivers Support	7	9:00 Jesus in Gospels 10:00 Prayer Shawl	8	8:30 Amp Big Book 6:00 Broc rehearsal	1	8:30 Amp Big Book 6:00 Broc rehearsal
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Place your Poinsettia order today!

Poinsettias are again 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. You can stop by the church office to place your order. The deadline to order and pay for you plant is Sunday, December 16th.

Please fill out a separate order form so that we have your correct information. We will print a special recognition insert for the December 23rd bulletin with the information you give us. After Christmas, you may take your Poinsettia home.

We order our poinsettias through the Bella Vista Kiwanis Club, which purchases their plants from Matkins Nursery in Bentonville. 100% of Kiwanis' profit goes back to the children of Bella Vista.



Christmas Pot Luck

Please join us Christmas Day for a pot luck in Becker Hall from 11:30am to 1:00pm. Turkey will be provided, so cook your most festive side dish to share. The meal is free to everyone, so please come join + h e camaraderie. Who knows, maybe someone will start to sing Christmas carols for all to join in and enjoy.

*Please read Amy's Anecdotes - page 2 for more info!
Hosts needed or there may not be a dinner!*