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FAITH WALK

with
Brother Jaimie Alexander

“Cast of Characters: The Easter Story!”

Since January and February of 2011, I have watched the PBS Masterpiece Classic Anthology “Downton Abbey”. The mini-series is set in the fictional Yorkshire country estate of Downton Abbey. It depicts the lives of the aristocratic Crawley family and their household staff in the post-Edwardian era. British historic events are depicted that affected people’s lives in that era. The first season, I was hooked on the series and looked forward to season two in 2012 and season three this year. When I began watching Downton, I did not know the cast of characters or anything about the series. I had trouble remembering people’s names and which character did what on the show. After three seasons, I no longer have that problem. I can tell you what the actors’ names are on the show and even some of the actors’ real names. I can tell you the plot, storyline, English history, and list the characters who have come and gone from the show. I can do this, because I have gotten to know the characters and have studied their personalities.

In just a few weeks, we will begin a new season of the Christian year. It is the season of Lent. During this six-week season of preparation for the celebration of Easter, we will experience times of penance, fasting, self-denial, giving, repentance, and prayer. We will also be remembering the cast of characters that are found in the Easter story, in the Lenten Sermon Series called “Cast of Characters: The Easter Story!”. You may already be able to name the cast, or this may be a time of discovering who they are for the first time just as I have been becoming familiar with the cast of the PBS mini-series during the last three seasons. Over the six Lenten Sundays, we will focus on Peter and his supporting role of Jesus, Pilate who was the Roman Governor, Judas who played the role of the villain, Mary Magdalene who was the leading lady, the two criminals, the donkey’s role in the story, and the star of the Easter story, our Savior, Jesus Christ!

To help in our discovery and rediscovery of each of these person’s role in the cast of characters in the Easter story, we will also have weekly Wednesday Lenten Midday Worship services from 11:45 to 12:15 followed by a light lunch. There will also be available a weekly themed devotional that will guide you into a greater understanding of the roles of the cast of characters in the greatest story ever told! I hope that you will join me in inviting persons to come to worship and to hear about the “Cast of Characters: The Easter Story”.

I also want to share with you that at the end of 2012 the average worship attendance was 399, which is up over the last few years, and we finished financially better than we have in several years. We were also blessed to receive a large gift for the endowment fund from the Warren and Mary Jane Brown estate. Thank you for all you do to support the ministry and mission of First United Methodist Church of Bella Vista! Don’t just come to church ~ Be the Church!

God is Faithful!

Bro. Jaimie



OFF AND RUNNING

with

Pastor Lee Myane

It is often said that our young people are the future of the church. This is true, but our children and youth are still young and looking to understand what church is all about. Our children and youth are seeking God and they need adults to guide them along the path of discipleship.

In our youth group gathering this week, we watched a video where we learned what it meant to be a rabbi and a disciple in the first century, during Jesus time. We learned how young boys memorized scripture for years just to have the potential opportunity to become a disciple to a rabbi. Only the best of the best of the best students would every became disciples, and eventually rabbis themselves. To become a rabbi you first were a disciple to that rabbi and learned and did what that rabbi did. As a disciple you would literally be covered in the dust of the rabbi as you followed him along his life journey.

As disciples of Jesus Christ we are called to follow Jesus as our rabbi. We are not the best of the best of the best because Jesus broke the mold, and called the common folk to be his disciples. Jesus called all people, not because they had already found faith, but because Jesus had faith in the people. Jesus has faith in each of us that we will follow him. Jesus has faith that we will walk faithfully in the dust of this world that billows from beneath his feet as he walks before us.

Where is the dust cloud of Jesus leading you? How dirty are you willing to get?

Our church is growing and we need rabbis for our children and youth. Brother Jaimie has asked that we put together some leadership advisory groups for our children and youth ministries. This is an opportunity for you to become more involved in the lives of young people, to help provide a vision, to lead, to mentor. As part of an advisory group you would have the opportunity to help cast a vision and plan great missions and ministries for the future of our church. We are looking for people to raise a great cloud of dust while following Jesus as his disciples.

Please let Brother Jaimie and me know if God is calling you to help lead our church into the future.

Faithfully,
Pastor Lee



CHILDREN

I hope everyone is staying warm this winter! Last year the Children raised money with their Lenten Offering for a wonderful non-profit in Rogers, Saving Grace. This year I have been praying about it and I think that will be donating to Nothing in Return. Nothing in Return connects foster families with guidance, donations and other resources that might be available through members of the community. You can check out their website at www.nothinginreturn.org for more information, or to learn how you can do more for this AWESOME charity.

Spring is also MISSION TRIP TIME!!!!!! I am so excited about this trip!! March 20th - 23rd we will be going to the Arkansas Rice Depot, Heifer International Ranch, and Methodist Family Health. We are staying at Pulaski Heights UMC, in Little Rock. I have the forms and I will be sending them home with the children. I will also be sending out information about the fundraiser that we will be doing to off-set the cost of the trip. I will need your paperwork back ASAP so I can start planning. (SEE PAGE 13 FOR MORE INFO)

And last but not least, FUMC Bentonville gave us a pager system that they were not using anymore. We will use this in our nursery to let families know if there is a problem and we need them to come downstairs. This means no more interrupting the service looking for Mom and Dad, now we can just page them! I am so excited to start using this system. I am also very thankful that we are the recipients of such a wonderful and useful gift. God always provides.

Have a blessed month!

Carrie J. Drish
Director of Children's Ministry



WALK TO EMMAUS

While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and walked with them.

Luke 24:15

The walk to Emmaus is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation that begins with a three-day short course in Christianity. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed to you through other believers.

Even though the "Walk" is comprised of fifteen talks by lay and clergy on the themes of God's grace, disciplines of Christian discipleship, and what it means to be the church, don't think it's all lecture. There is lots of discussion, eating, laughter, eating, singing and more. The course is wrapped in prayer and meditation, special times of worship and daily celebration of Holy Communion. The "Emmaus community," made up of those who have attended an Emmaus weekend, support the 72-hour experience with a prayer vigil, by preparing and serving meals, and other acts of love and self-giving.

The Emmaus Walk typically begins Thursday evening and concludes Sunday evening. Men and women attend separate weekends. There are also Chrysalis Flights for high school students.

2013 dates for Walks

April 18-21 for Men at Mt. Sequoyah
April 25-28 for Women at Mt. Sequoyah

September 26-29 for Men at St. Scholastica
October 3-6 for Women at St. Scholastica

2013 dates for Chrysalis Flights

July 18-21 for the girls
July 25-28 for the boys
Both to be held at Central UMC, Fayetteville

If you are interested in attending a Walk, please contact Jan Lowe for more information. DeColores!



BOOK NOOK



BOOKS IN A SERIES:

MARK OF THE LION SERIES by Francine Rivers

Book 2: AN ECHO IN THE DARKNESS

Book 3: AS SURE AS THE DAWN

THE WALK SERIES by Richard Paul Evans

Book 2: THE WALK

Book 2: MILES TO GO

Book 3: THE ROAD TO GRACE

FICTION:

A TURN IN THE ROAD by Debbie Macomber
Sometimes where you think you're going isn't where you end up.

LARGE-PRINT FICTION:

THE WELCOME COMMITTEE OF BUTTERNUT CREEK by Jane Myers Perrine

A slice of small-town life at its heartwarming best.

THE MATCHMAKERS OF BUTTERNUT CREEK by Jane Myers Perrine

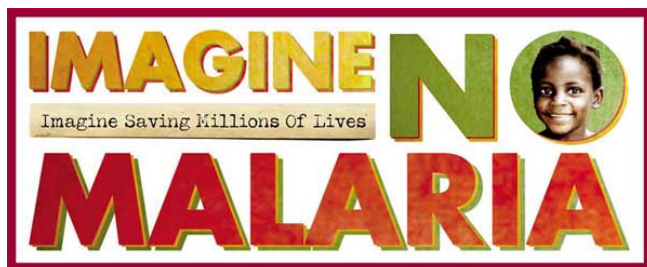
The widows of Butternut Creek are determined to find a bride for Pastor Adam. But this time, their candidate is as gun-shy as the pastor.

IN NEED OF A GOOD WIFE by Kelly O'Connor McNeese

You will fall in love with the brave, resourceful women in this utterly captivating novel.

CROSS ROADS by William Paul Young

Lying comatose in a hospital ICU, business mogul Anthony Spencer awakens to find himself in a surreal world.



The Green Church Project

Finding ways to be better stewards of all of our resources

When you

You use

Flush a toilet

5-7 gallons per flush

Take a shower

7-10 gallons per minute

Fill a bathtub

36-50 gallons

Brush your teeth

10 gal. if tap is running

Wash your hands

2 gal. if tap is running

If everyone in the U.S. used just 1 less gallon of water per daily shower (that's 6 fewer seconds in the shower), 85 billion gallons of water would be saved each year.

Source: *Going Blue* by Cathryn Berger Kaye and Philippe Cousteau (Minneapolis, MN: Free Spirit Publishing, Inc., 2010). Available in our church library in UMW Reading Program books.

The Rogers Teen Action and Support Center (TASC) works with Rogers and Bentonville schools to provide deserving girls with beautiful, gently worn prom dresses. On March 9th, all girls accepted into the Day of



Day of PROMise

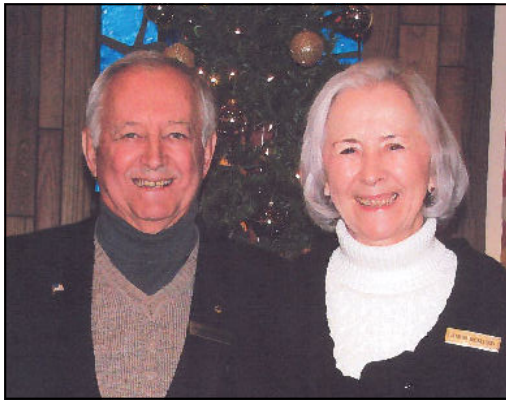
PROMise initiative will come together to pick from our selection of gorgeous dresses AND receive gift certificates for hair, nail and make-up appointments on their prom day. If you have recently worn Prom dresses, we would love to have them! Donations can be dropped off at the TASC New Hope location any weekday from 10am-5pm. We are also accepting donations of health and beauty items for goodie bags for the girls. All donations are tax deductible. Questions? Call 636-8272 or 372-3191.



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, or call me at the church, 855-1158 or 531-0381.

Marvin & Jeneda Mickelson transferred their membership here at the 10:45am service on



January 6, following several months of worshipping here. They are in the Abram Shepherd Group.

Home to Marv is Forest Lake, MN, and Neillsville, WI for Jeneda. Marv was employed at Bauer Mfg, and Welding & Hart Skis in St. Paul. He worked at Wal-Mart for the past 14 years. He grew up in St. Paul, and raised 4 children with his first wife.

Jeneda grew up on a dairy farm, married and raised 3 children with her first husband.

She used her AAS in Business Mgmt for her jobs at JB Hunt, 2 realtors, and for the Bank of the Ozarks until her retirement in September 2012.

Marv and Jeneda attended the Forest Hills UMC in Forest Lake, MN for 25 years.

With Marv's four children and Jeneda's three, they enjoy a blended 15 grandchildren and 8

And 8 greats. Kids are spread over MN, ME, MO, and NJ.

Jeneda likes to knit, read, use computer, do some crafts, some golf, sing, sew, play Mahjonn, and take a cruise now and then. Marv likes golf, using the computer, wood crafting, watching sports games, and taking cruises as well.

John & Chris Rice joined our church at the Contemporary Service on January 13. They moved to Bella Vista from Mt. Vernon, MO about 2 months ago, and it didn't take them long to decide to make FUMC BV their church. They are members of the Abram Shepherd Group.

They were long-time owners of a garden center, nursery, and floral shop in Mt. Vernon. Chris retired from elementary teaching.

They have two grown sons, both married with three children each, in Bentonville.

Chris and John enjoy the grandchildren, road biking,

kayaking, golf, reading, sailing on their Catalina 30, and hiking. What a great life to retire to.



Between the grandkids and the active pastimes they enjoy, we hope to see a lot more of them around the church. Say "Hi" when you see them next, and lets all make sure they feel welcome in our church.



OUR FAMILY



Cindy A. Johnson joined our church on January 13 at the 9:30am service. Cindy moved here from Fayetteville in Nov. 2012. She grew up in Poteau, OK. and all of her life has lived in Oklahoma or Arkansas

Much of Cindy's background is in the education area. She has taught in both public and private schools for all ages; she has worked with toddler to youth in church and Sunday School environments.

Cindy started volunteering in several areas of the life of the church immediately. She sings in the Contemporary Praise Band every Sunday morning; She has done crafting, cooking, and quilting.

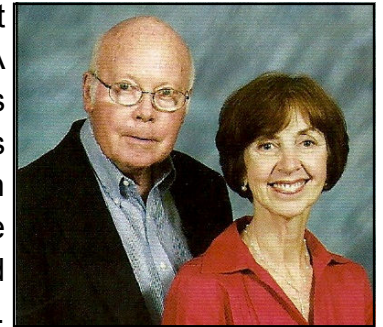
She likes about any outdoor activity, including fishing, softball, tennis and swimming.

Cindy also has three children—Samantha Elizabeth (Bell) Stoughton, Cynthia Nicole Stoughton, and Joshua Madison Johnson. Cindy, we are glad you have made this your home.

Bob & Peg Stoffer moved in mid-January to Presbyterian Manor in Topeka, KS. They have family there, and although they hate to leave their friends here, they are looking forward to being closer to family and old friends.



Rex Davenport, died January 20, 2013. Rex had lived with Parkinson's for some time. He had been admitted to Circle of Life, Springdale, when he developed pneumonia just a few weeks ago. A service is being planned for here at the church. A Celebration of his Life Service is planned for May in Michigan. Please pray for Shirley and all of Rex's family.



Rex & Shirley Davenport



Bee Johnson celebrated the big "nine-o" early. Her birthday is February 17, but friends and family hosted a party on January 20, from 2-5pm in Becker Hall. Bee had a great time, surrounded by the people she loves. Happy Birthday, Bee.

Mary McCollom died in mid-January, 2013. Mary, and her husband Ray joined FUMC in 1984. They moved and transferred their membership to Texas in 2008. Ray died in 2009.



Ray & Mary McCollom.



OUR FAMILY



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 ♥♥ Joyce & Eldon Cox
- 14 ♥♥ Bill & Elaine Detlefsen (60)
- 15 ♥♥ Marty and Carolyn (Sutton) Mueller
- 17 ♥♥ Gary & Delores Grosnickle

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 ♥ Glen Hogue
- 2 ♥ Bette Cummings
- 2 ♥ Leveta Tunnell
- 3 ♥ Lynn Dove
- 3 ♥ Keith Prueitt
- 4 ♥ David Patterson
- 5 ♥ Mabel Ashline
- 8 ♥ Juanita May
- 8 ♥ Dee Wresche
- 10 ♥ Tiffany May (13)
- 10 ♥ Ivan Poeschl
- 11 ♥ Charlene Rayburn
- 12 ♥ Joyce Cox
- 14 ♥ Marilyn Frisby
- 15 ♥ Don Chew
- 16 ♥ Alva Demarais
- 16 ♥ Tom Humphreville
- 17 ♥ Bobby Cox

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS (continued)

- 17 ♥ Bee Johnson (90)
- 17 ♥ Hunter Roath (12)
- 17 ♥ Madeline Scheiderer (18)
- 18 ♥ Cliff Christian
- 19 ♥ Laney Baker (5)
- 19 ♥ Jurl Hickey
- 21 ♥ Matthew Sandusky (12)
- 22 ♥ Mary Tague
- 23 ♥ Phoebe Bader
- 24 ♥ Eric Baker
- 24 ♥ Marcus Dale
- 24 ♥ Marty Mueller
- 25 ♥ J.R. Anderson
- 25 ♥ F. Jay Van Fleet (90)
- 26 ♥ Peg (Margaret) Johnson
- 27 ♥ Rod Alford
- 28 ♥ Audrey Chew
- 28 ♥ Sean Crider
- 28 ♥ Orval Davidson

*Shepherd Group Leaders
Annual Luncheon and Meeting
Thursday, April 4, 11:30am
Chapel*



OUR FAMILY

PRAYER SHAWLS were taken to several members of our church during January:

Fred Nebrig has been in our prayers during the past couple of months. He has received chemotherapy for lung cancer. He and Sue still have a long road ahead of them.

Liz Scarff was given a prayer shawl by Bro. Jaimie. Recently, her illness has brought much pain and anxiety. We pray that Liz's and Ewart's faith will continue to sustain them in the weeks and months ahead.

Kirina Kelley was notified on January 1 of the unexpected death of her grandmother, Valeria Chase, in Reno, Nevada. Kirina and her mom were both hit hard by this news. Our church mourns with Kirina and her family in their loss. Kirina and her mom, Devon, each received a prayer shawl.

Sharon Farrar has suffered right along with her daughter, Lacy, who has been ill for some time. Most recently, Lacy has had some serious set-backs. Bro. Jaimie gave Sharon a prayer shawl to cling to during times of worry and stress, knowing that she never prays alone for Lacy.



Dortha Spring moved to Florida in January, to live closer to her son. She enjoyed all the years she had here and living on her own, but she was looking forward to the change.

SANCTIFIED CLASSIFIEDS

SUNDAY MORNING SNACKS is a job needed at the church every Sunday morning before the 8am service. It only takes about 15 minutes to cut and arrange snacks on three trays, to be left in the kitchen, ready to be used after each of the services. This job is currently being done by the person who makes coffee for all three services. It would be good if we can get two people to share this job every other week, and then cover for each other when you need to be away. Please call Jan Lowe at 531-0381 to get more information.

KLEAN KITCHEN MINISTRY—Many of us have enjoyed the cleanliness of our kitchen, week in and week out over the past several years. **Joe and Margie Bowen** head that ministry. Recently, Contemporary service regulars, Bryan and Carrie Roath, and their three boys, Austin, Hunter, and Blake, and daughter, Madhura will begin trading off with the Bowen's. So, if you see them in the kitchen on Sunday morning, thank them for helping to make it shine!

WHERE THE CHURCH NEEDS ME, and SUGGESTION FOR A NEW MINISTRY are two areas of our Every Member in Ministry program that people could sign up for. If you signed up for one of these ministries, Jan Lowe will be calling you to tell you about areas where people are still needed, or to ask what your suggestions are for a new ministry. Or feel free to call Jan Lowe at 531-0381 to share your thoughts.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



A very Happy New Year to all of you. I like the message from the newly installed President of the Northwest District of United Methodist Women, Laurie Wright: "We are called for a purpose. Each of us must search ourselves and find what God would have us do and strive each day to accomplish our purpose as we serve others. Let's work together to be united, motivated, and willing to do our part individually and collectively. It will take commitment and courage to learn to walk and work together." And so the United Methodist Women begin a new year at Bella Vista United Methodist Church.

The circles are all back to work. We are now down to five circles as Charity Circle has decided to disband and their members are attending one of the other circles. We wish all the circles a wonderful, purposeful year.

Bazaar workshops will begin again in March. The workshops are a wonderful time of fellowship and for the new ladies in our church, a wonderful opportunity to get to know your church family.

At the recent Officers' Training in Fayetteville we were invited to participate in a **"Brick Bashing" Party for Living Waters Church in Centerton.** Their church was destroyed by fire several years ago and they are going to clean up bricks from the old church to use in their new church. **The event takes place on Saturday, February 2nd, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. 424 N. Main Street in Centerton. Take safety glasses, hammers/chisels and gloves. What a wonderful opportunity to help another United Methodist congregation and serve God in the way in which he calls each of us.**

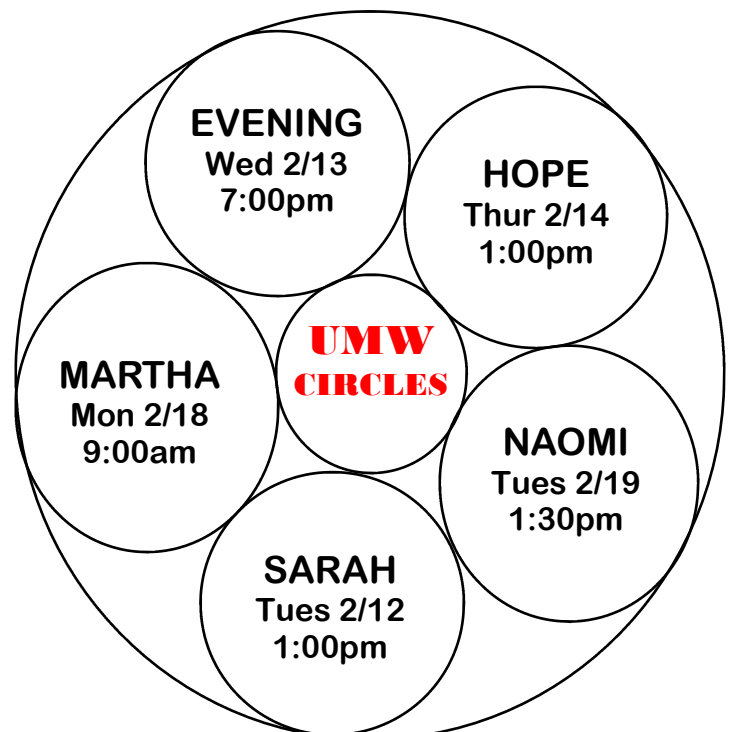
I wish God's many blessings to each of you in this New Year.

Lynn Prueitt, President,
Bella Vista United Methodist Women

Bazaar, Already?

Yes, believe it or not, it's time to start thinking about the Bazaar again. Mark your calendars for the first weekend in October. Workshops will be starting again March 7, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We had such a good sale last year that we are completely out of a couple of our popular staples: the scrubbies and embroidered tea towels. So we can use a lot of help from you crocheters and embroiderers out there. If you've never made a scrubbie before, we have directions and supplies. Just contact Verna Bottjen (876-1392) We will also try to have a variety of projects (including those tea towels) available in a basket in Becker Hall by the end of the month.

We're looking forward to a happy, creative new year!





UNITED METHODIST MEN

The January meeting was an extended business meeting which saw discussions on many of the issues involving UMM. Among these were Pancake Days, ticket prices for Pancake Days, and our mission spending. After much discussion, Pancake Days will continue to be on Fridays and tickets will be \$6.00 beginning in May of 2013. The small increase in price will allow us to continue to grow our mission contributions.

The Executive Board was given the responsibility of going over our donations list and making a recommendation to the members of any changes that would be recommended as to charities to be included and the amounts to be given to those charities.

Our February meeting will be a week later, as our normal 2nd Wednesday falls on Ash Wednesday and there will be a worship service held at the time we usually meet. We will see you at 6:30 on Wednesday, February 20th in Becker Hall for a Papa Mike's dinner and a report from the Executive Board on the UMM proposed mission contributions for 2013. If you miss the phone tree reservation, need to change, make, or cancel a reservation, please contact Alan Packard no later than Sunday, February 17.

UGLY TOWEL CONTEST

The Metfield Methodist Shepherd Group is sponsoring a church-wide Ugly Towel Contest during the month of February.

Bring your ugliest CLEAN towel to church. You know the one with peach and purple flowers or the beach towel with the bloated fish.

If you don't have an ugly towel at home look at thrift stores or sales. All towels must be **bath or beach size** and clean.



1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes will be awarded! All towels must be in by Noon, February 17. The winners will be announced on February 24. The prizes awarded are gift certificates to Gusano's for \$50, HookLine & BBQ for \$25, and Duffer's for \$20.

ALL TOWELS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE BELLA VISTA ANIMAL SHELTER. If you do not have an ugly towel but would like to contribute cat litter, pet toys, pet food, or laundry soap please bring items to church by the 17th.

FINANCE REPORT

Month to date (as of 12/31/12)	Budgeted Expenses	\$51,360
Month to date (as of 12/31/12)	Actual Receipts *	\$63,139
Year to date	Budgeted Expenses	\$610,102
Year to date	Actual Receipts *	\$590,453
Year to date	Actual Expenses	\$587,044
	* = Minus Endowment Interest Income	

Patsy Attaway, Treasurer

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:21



MISSIONS

PAK-A-SAK

We will be delivering our collection this month to Restoration Village. The home helps women and children who are in crisis and in need of a Christian environment to help gets their lives back on track. Restoration Village receives no federal funds and depends on the generosity of friends and supporters in Benton County. All types of food are needed especially cereal, canned fruit, soups, pasta, and coffee.

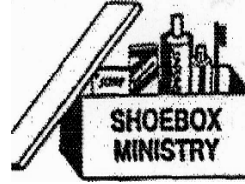


PAK-A-SAK 2012

Thanks to the generosity of our church members this past year Pak-A-Sak collected 3987 items of food at an estimated value of \$6,220.21. These donations were distributed to non-profit agencies in Benton County. We also collected \$1,407.41 including \$317.49 from Mountain of Food that was used at the end of the year to purchase 10 Thanksgiving meals for families at Baker Schools and 12 hams to help Glen Duffy School's food distribution before Christmas. We also purchased nine gift cards of \$100.00 each from Harps that were given to the agencies we serve. In June our monetary collection of \$195.00 was sent to Helping Hands.

I would like to take this opportunity to say "THANK YOU" to all our faithful members who remember PAK-A-SAK each month, and also to all the helpers who help us the third Sunday of each month, sort, count, and load our collection for delivery.

BLESSING TO ALL OF YOU, *SUE*



SHOEBOX MINISTRY

Thank you to everyone who signed up to volunteer this year for Shoebox Ministry. We appreciate and need your help to have this ministry meet the increasing needs of those less fortunate in Northwest Arkansas.

Our goal is to continue to serve 14 shelters and Cooper Elementary School and any other requests we receive each month with the help of volunteers and donations.

Thank you to the United Methodist Women for their generous donation. Much needed supplies were purchased. God Bless all of you.

As always in His service,
The Shoebox Ministry Team Leaders

MISSION OF THE MONTH WESLEY FOUNDATION

For nearly 90 years, the Wesley Foundation has served the students of the University of Arkansas. They have recently redefined their mission to serve the Razorback Nation with the heart of Christ through Mission and Discipleship. As they work to build the future of the United Methodist Church, both pastoral staff and lay leaders, they are also reaching out to all of the Razorback Nation through activities on and off campus.

A free Tuesday night meal, followed by a vibrant worship service is just one way the Foundation is reaching out to students.

Your contribution to the Wesley Foundation will help continue to grow the Church for generations to come.





CHILDREN

THE BIG DIG

Mission Trip '13 for 3rd thru 6th grade
Little Rock ~ Spring Break
Wednesday 3/ 20 ~ Saturday 3/23
Pulaski Heights UMC
Arkansas Conference of
United Methodist Churches
\$150 covers it all ~ Application & \$30
deposit due by Sunday, 2/10
For more information, or to register
contact Carrie Drish,
Dir. Children's Ministry
(479)426-5136 cjdrish@gmail.com
We will be doing fund-raisers to earn
\$\$\$\$
to offset the cost for everyone

Cooper School Parents Day Out Friday February 15

Volunteers needed to provide snacks
for the children

Please contact Carrie Drish,
Director of Children's Ministry
for more information
(479) 426-5136 cjdrish@gmail.com

EVENTS



PIZZA with the PASTORS in the PARLOR

will be held immediately
following the last service
Sunday, February 3rd at 12:15. If you are
new to the church and are thinking about
joining, or have joined recently and would
like more information about our ministries
and to talk with the ministers please join
us at that time. An RSVP to the church
office would be welcome so that we will
have enough pizza for everyone.

February Fun

Sponsored by the
MM Shepherd Group

The Ugly Towel Contest

Beginning February first
everyone is invited to bring a
clean ugly towel to church.

The last day for submission will be
February 17th. The winners
will be announced on February
24th.

There will be **Great prizes** for 1st, 2nd
and 3rd places.

All towels will be donated to the Bella
Vista Animal Shelter.

If you can't find an ugly bath or beach towel
donations of cat litter, food, cleaning
supplies would be appreciated.

*Remember that February is the month of
brotherly love. Let's show some love for
our four legged friends.*

(You can look at garage sales and thrift stores for ugly towels)



THANK YOU

We wish to thank you, the congregation of FUMCBV, for your generous Love Offering contributions.

At the end of our job descriptions is a line that says, "... and other duties as assigned".

All of us on your staff are assigned the duty of helping in any way we can. It is nice to be acknowledged for the work we do for you, our Church family. You are loved. . . . May God bless you all!

The Staff at FUMCBV

Dear Church Family and Staff,

Thank you for the beautiful flower arrangement you sent to my Grandmother Evelyn Alexander's service. It was so kind of you all to remember her in such a lovely way. Grandma would have loved knowing her grandson's church family cared. She truly admired beautiful flowers. Her service was well-attended and it was a special time for the family to come together. God is faithful!

Bro. Jaimie

The Benton County Election Commission would like to "Thank You" for allowing your facility to be used as a polling site for the 2012 election year. We would like to express our deep appreciation to you and your staff for making our poll workers feel welcome.

Sincerely,

John Brown, Chairman,
Benton County Election Commission

My heartfelt thanks for all your prayers, cards, and visits during Chuck's stay at Highlands Health Care and Rehab.

We both appreciated Jan Lowe's visits and the beautiful prayer shawl.

My family was so grateful for the wonderful meal the Sunshine Shepherd Group provided after the Memorial Service.

You all have been a great comfort to me.
Sincerely,

Deloris Sernett

THANK YOU to our Church family for all the powerful prayers said on my behalf during this time when I am overcoming illness. God is great, and through your prayers I am recovering and gaining strength.

Also thank you for all the cards, phone calls, and visits that are vital to my recovery. I have so many wonderful people to thank that if I listed them I am afraid I will miss some of them. Bro. Jaimie, Reverend Albert Fisher, and Jan Lowe have stood by my side the whole way.

I am so thankful for the beautiful prayer shawl that was made with a lot of love and prayers. The Prayer Shawl is a constant reminder of all the wonderful people praying for me and this church family.

God bless you! *Liz Scarff*

You have come through once again! The Goat Banks (actually, "Llama" Banks this time) were filled with your quarters and we were able to buy a Llama from Heifer International for a community in need. Thank you for your generosity!!

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Let us support Pastor Lee in prayer as he travels to Guatemala on his mission trip February 16 ~ 24. Through your generous donations of medicines and clothing items, he has all that can be sent ahead or that he can take with him. Thank You!!