



The Good News

February, 2015

PACK SHACK WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!! 12,000 MEALS PACKED IN LESS THAN 1 HOUR!!



Marion Korns & Sandy Fitch
The instigators of the Project!

BV Mayor Peter Christie

2015 Lenten Sermon Series "What a Difference a Day Makes!"

2/18	Ash Wednesday Services at 11:45 am and 6:00 pm
2/22	The Temptation of His Life
3/1	The Transformation of His Call
3/8	The Touch of His Hand
3/15	The Treasure of His Kingdom
3/22	The Test of His Courage
3/29	The Tragedy of His Victory
4/2	The Table of Ordinary in Holy Hands (Maundy Thursday Service 7:00pm)
4/3	The Terrible Friday We Call "Good" (Good Friday Service 7:00pm)
4/5	The Triumph of His Defeat (4 Easter Services) 7am Sunrise Service, 8:00am, 9:30am, and 10:45am services

Each Wednesday from 11:45am to 12:15pm during Lent there will be a midday worship service followed by a light lunch served and hosted by the various UMW Circles. Rev. Rex Dickey will bring the message at these services from February 25 through April 1. He is the Chaplain at Redman & Associates and at Northwest Hospital. Rev. Dickey studied at Perkins School of Theology, SMU and lives in Bella Vista. He is a former Senior Pastor at FUMC Bentonville and a former United Methodist Church District Superintendent.

Easter Sunrise Service will be held at Metfield Clubhouse at 7:00am.



FAITH WALK

with Senior Pastor, Brother Jaimie J. Alexander



I would like to introduce you to the 2015 chairpersons of the Church Council, the Board of Directors (Trustees), the Finance Committee, the Staff Parish Relations Committee, and the Presidents of United Methodist Women and United Methodist Men. These Chairpersons and Presidents represent the three different worship services. They follow on the heels of great leaders of these various ministry committees in 2014. I ask you to be in prayer for them as they seek to help us to not just come to church, but to Be the CHURCH!



Church Council Chair is Tim Harris. Tim and his wife Christy joined FUMC Bella Vista in 2013. Tim's mother-in-law Helen Randolph is also a FUMCBV member. Tim is the father of two sons, attends The Well Service where he can be found leading worship as part of the Praise Team, and has worked for Walmart over 20 years. Tim previously attended the Nazarene Church.

Board of Trustees Chair is Steve Larson. Steve and his wife Sandy are long time members of FUMC Bella Vista and attend the 8:00 am traditional service. Steve has been chair of the Board of Directors previously. Steve is retired but works two days a week at a Bella Vista Golf Course and also serves on an usher team for the 8:00am traditional service. Steve is a lifelong United Methodist.



Finance Chair is Owen Jones. Owen and his wife Rose have been members for several years at FUMC Bella Vista. Owen was born and raised in Jamaica where his family attended the Presbyterian Church, but has also lived in New York City and Dallas before moving to Bella Vista. He and Rose are the parents of two sons and have one grandchild. Owen works for Consumer Testing Labs in Bentonville. He has served on the Finance Committee previously and is on an usher team at the 8:00 am service.

Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) Chair is Joe McGee. Joe and his wife Kim joined FUMC Bella Vista 5 years ago and they attend the 10:45am Worship Service where Joe also serves as an usher. Joe is native of Houston, Texas and is employed with the Benton County Sheriff's Department. He previously attended a Missionary Baptist Church. The McGee's live on Beaver Lake. Joe is in his second term as chair of SPRC.



United Methodist Women President is Lynn Prueitt. Lynn and her husband Keith have been active members of FUMC Bella Vista for many years and attend the 10:45am traditional service. Lynn also sings in the Chancel Choir, plays Handbells in the Sanctuary Ringers and has been on The Emmaus Walk. Lynn is a lifelong United Methodist, mother of three children, and in her professional life was a legal secretary.

United Methodist Men President is Jim Belcoff. Jim is the father of 4 sons and enjoys playing golf. He worships at the 8:00am service, volunteers in the kitchen, and is a "mugger" delivering mugs to new visitors. Jim joined FUMCBV two years ago. He shared his testimony of deciding to serve as UMM president at the January UMM meeting, saying that he felt called to live out our closing worship declaration "Don't just come to church, Be the CHURCH" in his role of president.



We are also thankful to Missions Steward Sandy Fitch, Prayer Steward Peggy Stout, and Evangelism Steward and Lay Leader Maryann Johnson for continuing to serve in these areas of ministry in 2015. Verna Bottjen will be Worship Steward until June. Please let me know if you would be interested in becoming the Worship Steward from June until the end of the year. I would be happy to visit with you about the responsibilities for this volunteer position.

God is faithful! *Bro. Jaimie*



Epistles from Pastor Zach with Associate Pastor Zach Underwood

Greetings,

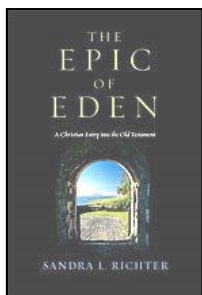
Who can tell me what Romans 16:16; 1 Corinthians 16:20; and 2 Corinthians 13:12 have in common? Give up? Well, they all use the phrase “greet one another with a holy kiss”. These days you don’t see too many Christians going around greeting one another with a holy kiss. For most of us, a nice firm handshake will do. Although, when I was younger, I always thought that I would not mind going around greeting the girls with a holy kiss. It would have been a good excuse anyway. But it never really happened for me quite like that, and I am sure if I had gotten up the nerve to do it, it would have ended with me getting slapped.

Valentine’s Day is what got me to thinking about all of this kissing stuff. Just for fun I found some statistics and facts on kissing that a dentist did in New York. I do not know how solid her research was, but for what it is worth here are some of her findings:

- *Prevents Cavities!* Kissing may actually prevent cavities since saliva is the body’s natural way of cleaning the mouth.
- *South Africa Bans Kissing.* In December 2007 the South African government banned kissing involving anyone under the age of 16, regardless of consent.
- *A Lifetime of Kissing.* The average person will spend an estimated 20,160 minutes kissing in their lifetime.
- *First Kiss.* 50% of all people have their first kiss before the age of 14.
- *Kisses & Calories.* You burn 26 calories in a one-minute kiss.
- *First Movie Kiss.* John C. Rice kissed May Irwin in 1896, and became the first couple to be recorded kissing in the film, *The Kiss*.
- *Ninety Percent Habit-Forming.* Ninety percent of people in the world engage in kisses on the lips. Other cultures, such as Eskimos, rub noses.

I hope everyone has a Happy Valentine’s day!

God Bless, *Pastor Zach*



Does your knowledge of the Old Testament feel like a grab bag of people, books, events and ideas? How many times have you resolved to really understand the OT? To finally make sense of it? In *Epic of Eden*, Dr. Sandra Richter clearly and powerfully communicates a history of God’s redeeming grace, weaving together a story that runs from the Eden of the Garden to the garden of the New Jerusalem.

Through text and video teaching, Dr. Richter uses this 12-week study to bring a new dimension to the history of the ancient Near East, orienting any study group in time, geography, culture, redemption, and relevance to today — all without diminishing her reader’s faith or “dumbing down” the scripture. Legendary Bible stories take on new life as Dr. Richter clearly articulates their part of a larger pattern, revealing an even deeper significance for the tales individually. The *Epic of Eden* video study is ideal for serious church groups wanting a meaty study of biblical text, as would anyone eager for a strategic grasp of the good, the bad, and the ugly of the Old Testament and how it relates to God’s activity in the present.

Bring a sack lunch on Thursdays at noon to Room 6 and we will have a time of fellowship and dive into the Old Testament. Please let the office or me know if you would like to be a part of this study so I can purchase the study materials.



JOINING in the JOURNEY TOGETHER

with

Brenda Wideman, Ministerial Intern

“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest? And Jesus said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.

This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” (Matthew 22:36-40)

Healthy Heart

Did you remember that February is National Heart Month? The CDC website writes, “Cardiovascular disease (CVD)—including heart disease, stroke, and high blood pressure—is the number 1 killer of women and men in the United States. It is a leading cause of disability, preventing Americans from working and enjoying family activities. During the month of February, Americans see the human heart as the symbol of love. February is American Heart Month, a time to show yourself the love. Learn about your risks for heart disease and stroke and stay “heart healthy” for yourself and your loved ones.” Having a physically healthy heart is important for yourself and for those you love.

We all know that proper diet, exercise, and avoiding tobacco products are things we can do to promote a physically healthy heart; but what about a spiritually and emotionally healthy heart? Many of us know someone who has an unhealthy heart. Oh, they might be physically fit, but still their heart is not healthy. What are the marks of a spiritually unhealthy heart? It comes in many forms: anger, hurt, guilt, shame, grief, selfishness, greed, abuse, sadness, power, ... If a heart is unhealthy in any of these ways, it is true that this condition is also not healthy for you and your loved ones. It affects relationships. And relationships damaged by a spiritually or emotionally unhealthy heart can also lead to spiritual and even physical death. Having a spiritually healthy heart is important for yourself and for those you love.

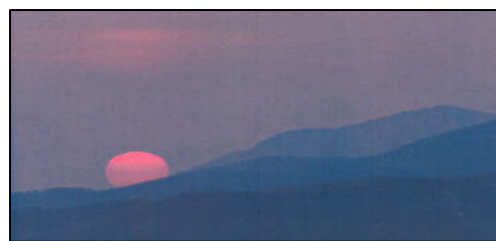
Jesus said, “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.” (John 10:10 NRSV) Jesus came to mend our hearts, to reconcile us to a loving God. Jesus came to bring us forgiveness, love, joy, peace, hope, faith, trust, belief, thankfulness – all signs of a healthy heart. Jesus told us in the “Greatest Commandment” scripture above that the most important thing in our life is to love God with our whole heart, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. My prayer for you is that you will make February your “Healthy Heart” month; dedicate your whole heart to God; make it your month to allow Jesus to heal your heart with God’s infinite love. What a blessing that will be for yourself and for those you love.

In Christ

Brenda

When Mourning Dawns:

Living Your Way Fully through the Seasons of Your Grief



A 9-week journey through the experiences of grief from the withering of Autumn to the hopeful new growth of Summer. Our group journey will begin Monday, March 2 and continue through April. It will be held from 5:00-6:30pm in the Chapel. Come join us and bring a friend who would also benefit from this. A donation of \$10 for the materials is welcomed. Sign up in the church office.



VISTA KIDS

with
Kristin Crider, Director of Children's Ministry



With 2015 in full swing, there is no turning back now! The Children's Ministry at FUMC, also known as Vista Kids, has had a great start with some new faces in leadership and exciting plans for this year! Our ministry teams have begun to meet, plan and dream big to expand our reach and deepen our impact on children and families, life in the church, our community and beyond.

This year, we are seeking individual leadership teams for some of the larger events that involve Children's Ministry. Below are the events that a leadership team will oversee. This is a great way to get involved...it means you have a set time frame that you will be volunteering your ideas, time and organizational skills. The dates below are still relatively tentative, and a team works best with an intergenerational approach! The teams we are looking to fill are:

1. The Easter Egg Hunt Team:

Date March 21st. First meeting in February
Ministry Focus: Both within and outside the church, this event has been bringing families to FUMC for years. It gives us an opportunity to share our worship schedule for the upcoming Easter Sunday and beyond.

2. Vacation Bible School:

Date July 19-23. First meeting in April
Ministry Focus: Both within and outside the church, FUMC Bella Vista is a well-known VBS spot for the summer! We cater to working families with an evening schedule.

3. Supercharged!

Date August 14: First meeting TBA
Ministry Focus: With 2014 being the inaugural event sponsored by the Evangelism team and Vista Kids, this was a great new event for Bella Vista! The primary focus for this event is outside the church...a community celebration during the back to school time! Maryanne Johnson is the 2015 Evangelism Team Leader.

4. Trunk or Treat:

Date October 31: First Meeting TBA
Ministry Focus: Trunk or Treat has been a mainstay community event at FUMC Bella Vista. This year, we are looking for new ways to breathe a message of love and invitation to worship with FUMC into the event. Please consider joining this leadership team to ramp up this event for the Bella Vista community!

5. Family Advent Night:

Date November 29: First Meeting TBA
This event, new to 2015, is intended to introduce an Advent tradition to families of our church and community. We seek to help children and parents be mindful of Advent and the true meaning of Christmas on the first Sunday of Advent. This event may include making an advent wreath or other similar craft which will go home with the family and help them focus on the good news of Jesus' birth through the season!

6. Christmas Play:

Date December TBA
For many children, their church Christmas play may be their only chance to participate in sharing the news of Christmas! Come be a part of planning the play and helping our children spread the good news!

As an individual or as a church group of which you are a part, please consider adopting an event to sponsor with your leadership! What a great way to check that box of your New Year's resolution to be more involved in your church, community or ministry!

With love and appreciation,

Kristin



YOUTH LIFE

with

David Hanson, Director of Youth Ministries

Youth Life has a lot planned for 2015. Starting this month we will be having a Christian Movie Night. At least once a month we will be watching a movie that is inspirational, educational, and faith-based. Our first one is "God's Not Dead". If you have any movies you want to suggest, please do.

February 28th about 13 youth will be attending the Newsboys concert in Springdale. They are a very popular Christian band.

Many thanks for all those who supported the Youth in 2014. 2015 will have many other opportunities for supporting your church youth. This year we have two very exciting youth weeks in the summer. Our annual mission trip will be June 21-28th and we're looking for three people (or groups) who are willing to sponsor three youth. The cost is \$350 each. If you are willing to do this, please contact me. Also, July 5th to the 10th some youth and I will be attending a week long camp in Kansas, where we will get great training from the All Things New Ministry on how to help out during a disaster. Again, if anyone wants to sponsor a couple of kids let me know. The cost for the camp is also \$350. The youth will also be doing lots of individual events and outings to help support their faith. Lastly, if anyone is needing help with a project let me know, and I can try and get a youth over there to help you.

Needs: Wednesday night meals. Cook or donate money. Please call me if you want to help out. We feed about 15 students every Wednesday who have come directly from school activities and have not had time to eat supper.

Please contact me if you want to help the youth or if there is anything that we could do for you.

God bless ~

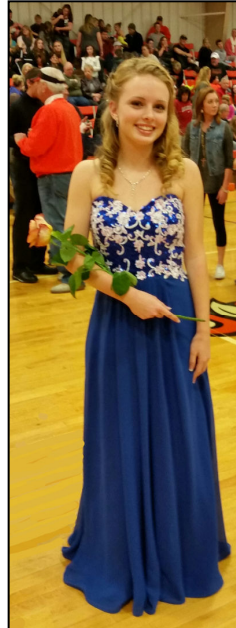
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Tiffany May,
a faithful member of Youth Life and our church, was one of two students voted by their peers to represent the Freshman class during Homecoming ceremonies at Gravette High School on Friday, January 16th.

Congratulations, Tiffany!

YOUTH LIFE MEALS NEEDED ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

There are 12 to 15 youth who attend Youth Life at 7:00pm here at FUMCBV most Wednesday evenings, and many come straight from school activities. They have not had time to eat. We are asking for volunteers to help feed this group. Pizza, Sloppy Joes, Spaghetti, hearty soups are all ideals of cost-effective meals that could be provided. If you, or a group of friends, or an organization going together could sign up to do this once in a while, your generosity would be greatly appreciated!



There is a sign-up sheet in the office for scheduling meals.



BOOK NOOK

EDUCATION



BOOKS IN SERIES:

THE ENGLISH GARDEN SERIES by Lori Wick

Book 1: The Proposal

Book 2: The Rescue

Book 3: The Visitor

Book 4: The Pursuit

THE NORTHERN LIGHTS SERIES by Lisa Tawn

Bergren

Book 1: The Captain's Bride

Book 2: Deep Harbor

Book 3: Midnight Sun

A PLACE CALLED HOME by Lori Wick

Book 1: A Place Called Home

Book 2: A Song for Silas

Book 3: The Long Road Home

Book 4: A Gathering of Memories

ROCKY MOUNTAIN MEMORIES SERIES by Lori Wick

Book 1: Where the Wild Rose Blooms

Book 2: Whispers of Moonlight

Book 3: To Know Her by Name

Book 4: Promise Me Tomorrow

NON-FICTION:

OUT OF THE DEPTHS by Edgar Harrell (940.54)

An inspiring true story of WWII hero's miraculous survival at sea.

IN EVERY PEW SITS A BROKEN HEART by Ruth

Graham (248.8)

Hope for the hurting.

LIGHT IN THE SHADOW OF JIHAD by Ravi Zacharias (230)

The struggle for truth.

GRACE WORKS by Dudley Hall (248.4)

Letting God rescue you from empty religion

FICTION:

SOMEWHERE SAFE WITH SOMEBODY GOOD by Jan Karon

A new Midford novel.

A PIONEER CHRISTMAS by Lauraine Snelling

9 stories of finding shelter and love in a Wintery frontier.

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS by Susan Wiggs

The magic of the season brings an unexpected gift.

BETRAYED by Lorena McCourtney

Shea rescued Rosalyn's truck from the roadside. Could he rescue her heart as well?

LARGE PRINT FICTION:

THE BEEKEEPER'S BALL by Susan Wiggins

Powerful story of love, loss, hope and redemption.

Lenten Bible Study

Living the Lord's Prayer

In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus provided the greatest Christian teaching of the centuries on spiritual growth. This brief prayer with its simple words still speaks to those desiring genuine intimacy with God. *Living the Lord's Prayer*, by David Timms, points to Jesus' teaching on community, love for the broken and isolated, holiness in an age of profanity, dealing with the evil within, resisting temptations, and more.

This study will examine each familiar phrase of the Lord's Prayer; readers will uncover a profound framework for spiritual growth. In a reader-friendly style, David Timms will take us through every word and phrase of our Lord's Prayer that all too often we recite without batting an eye. This study is for all who desire to go deeper into spiritual formation, helping them taste the life-giving water that only Jesus can provide.

Join me as we examine each familiar phrase, uncovering a profound framework for a meaningful Christian life.

Join me Tuesday, February 17th at 4:00 P.M. as we discover how to cultivate a genuine intimacy with God by *Living the Lord's Prayer*.

Can't make a afternoon Bible Study? This study is also available to morning or evening sessions for those who are willing to form a group to meet on the day or time of your choice.

Contact Rev. Albert Fisher, for registration and information at 1-903-271-2738 or aefisher1@att.net to discover the meaning of the Lord's Prayer.

GRAY MOUNTAIN by John Grisham

Grisham has a new hero and she's full of surprises.

THE 9TH JUDGMENT by James Patterson

The Women's Murder Club hunts a killer with a motto: Women and children first.

LARGE PRINT NON-FICTION:

SAVING SIMON by Jon Katz (179)

How a rescue donkey taught me the meaning of compassion.

A GIFT OF HOPE by Danielle Steel (171)

Helping the homeless.



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 Jan Lowe, Congregational Care Minister at jan@lovelearnlead.com, or 531-0381 or 855-1158.

NEW MEMBERS

Naomi Stephen became a member of FUMCBV on January 4 at The Well service. Her First Friends are Jack and Donna Etheredge. Naomi is a member of the Believers Shepherd Group.



Naomi lives in Bella Vista and is in a 12-step program at one of the homes provided by Oasis of NWA. She is also employed by Oasis, as Property Manager. In that role she is responsible for care of the grounds. She has a landscaping background.

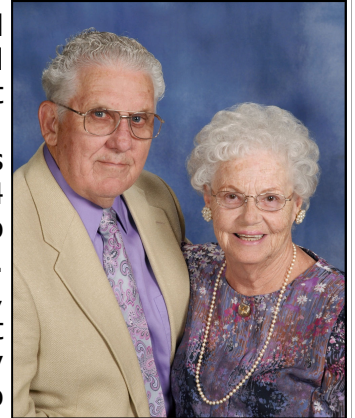
She is also committed to helping other women with recovery.

She enjoys painting with acrylics. She is looking forward to taking some painting classes from Jack Etheredge, her First Friend, a painter also, who works in mediums other than acrylics.

Naomi is pleased to be a part of this church and wants to be involved. Please take time to get to know her.

Donald "Jud" and Melba Brown re-joined our church on January 4 at the 8am service.

They had been members here until July of 2014 when they transferred to First Church in Holton, KS. They were not gone long, but we are so pleased that they have returned. They have also come back to their old Shepherd Group, 2 Serve. Welcome them home when you see them.



Nancy Spangler became a member of FUMC on January 4 at the 10:45am service. She is in the Believers Shepherd Group, and her First Friend is Marie Carlson.

Nancy's husband died in 2008, but together they moved to Bella Vista from Kansas City, KS after they raised their family.

Nancy has tried both traditional services and the contemporary service here, and loves them all. Nancy plays cards, visits homebound, and at her last church, took communion to homebound. She enjoys reading and taking walks. And if she has any time left, she keeps busy on her computer.



PRAYER SHAWLS

Prayer Shawls are not for sale, but you can make a donation to this ministry to help defray the cost of materials. Make checks payable to the church. In the Memo section, write *Prayer Shawl Ministry*. The Prayer Shawl knitters and crocheters meet every Tuesday at 10:00am in Room 6. Come join in the fellowship and purposeful creativity.



OUR FAMILY

DEATHS

The church will say goodbye to **Harold Fitch** on February 6 at a memorial service at the church at 11am. A reception will follow. Bro. Jaimie Alexander will officiate.



Maxine Clark passed away Sunday, January 4 in Kansas. There was a beautiful graveside service at Bella Vista Cemetery at 9am on Friday, January 16 with Bro Jaimie Alexander officiating.

Jean Gard passed away January 6. She had been living at the Meadows in Bentonville, but was transferred to Highlands Health Care in mid December. There was a service at the Bella Vista Funeral Home on Saturday, January 10 at 2pm with Bro. Jaimie Alexander officiating.

Eleanor Scott, mother of Judy Bilyeu, passed away in Bloomington, IL on January 2. Please be in prayer for Jim and Judy and other family members as they grieve the loss of Judy's mom.

Wilbur Benoy, father of Co Ellen Sterwald, passed away Friday, January 9. He was 98 and suffering from pneumonia. Please pray for the Benoy family.

The Bereavement Team needs some help!

If you are able to create cards to be used as "sympathy" cards or "thinking of you" cards we could really use your help. It is our goal to have 10-14 cards available to the team members to send each month to members of our congregation dealing with grief. The inside of the card needs to leave space for words of encouragement to be written. If you might be able to help, please contact Maryann Johnson at 721-9987.

SOARING SOLOS

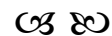
The Solo's enjoyed breakfast at Cracker Barrel on Saturday, Jan 10. The group also participated as a group in the Pack Shack meal pack on January 24 in Becker Hall and then moved on to Dairy Queen for lunch.

This Month:

February 14, 8:30 am—Breakfast at American Legion in Bella Vista. They serve from 8am till 10am the second and fourth Saturdays each month. Great food, great prices. Reservations with Jan Lowe by February 12 so we can sit together.

February 22, Sunday, 2pm—Roger's Little Theatre, "Legally Blond." Notify Jan and pay for your ticket early for best balcony seats—\$17. Cabaret seats 2/\$60 (downstairs). We'll take the bus if we have enough to go. And we will end the afternoon with dinner at a restaurant you choose.

To sign up for any of the above activities or to be added to the e-mail list for notification of upcoming activities and events, contact Jan at jan@lovelearnlead.com, or call Jan at 531-0381. Church members are encouraged to invite others to join in our activities. You don't have to be a member of our church to participate in outings, just single.



METFIELD METHODIST SHEPHERD GROUP will have a potluck on Friday, February 13th (yes, Friday the 13th!) in the Chapel at 6:00 pm. Please let Vicki Forrest (268-6772) know if you can help set up & if you plan to attend.

YOUNG AT HEART SHEPHERD GROUP will meet at Papa Mike's Saturday, February 7th at 8:30am for fellowship and breakfast. They will also celebrate Friday the 13th at Papa Mike's at 5:00pm. Call Judie Packard (426-8114) if you have any questions.



OUR FAMILY

EVERY MEMBER IN MINISTRY EMIM Radical Hospitality

Please meet your Ministry Stewards for 2015:

Children and Family	Kristin Crider
Youth and Family	David Hanson
Congregational Care	Jan Lowe (temp)
Fellowship/Hospitality	Vacant
Education	Zach Underwood (temp)
Evangelism	Maryann Johnson
Missions	Sandy Fitch
Prayer	Peggy Stout
Worship	Verna Bottjen
Music—traditional	Larry Zehring
Music—contemporary	Shannon Wicker

There are two ways that we can make our Every Member in Ministry program better this year; "Training" and "Radical Hospitality." Everyone needs to know the basic steps for doing their volunteer job as it should be. And, everyone needs to know how to add "radical hospitality" to the basics of their job, so that people who come into this church are impressed by the caring they encounter.

Some folks have a natural gift of "hospitality." But, most of us could use a few tips from time to time on how we can make people feel truly welcomed.

We have some great training material that we will provide for the various ministries. Training times will be concise yet thorough to be most considerate of your time. When you are notified in the coming weeks for training for a ministry you are a part of, please make the training a priority for you.

By the end of January, all Team Leaders should have been in communication with those who signed up for ministry with them. People who are new to any ministry, need to be trained before they are scheduled for the first time.

The Stewards are evaluating each of their ministries and will work with Jan Lowe to offer the training needed.

Some ministries require little or no training, but others, such as the Sunday ministries—usher, greeter, host, acolyte, communion, etc, have pretty specific requirements.

Those in the Congregational Care ministries have routine and expected responsibilities as well, and will be asked to attend classes that are specifically organized for their particular needs.

This year, Sue Nebrig is over all of the Coffee ministries. She will have trained all new volunteers one-on-one for their jobs by the end of January. Sue is ready to answer questions, and spend time with anyone in the coffee ministries.

For questions or concerns, please contact any of the stewards, or contact Jan Lowe at 531-0381 or at the church 855-1158.

SANCTIFIED CLASSIFIEDS

Sunday Office Angel If you are willing to volunteer any time between 7:30am and noon on Sunday mornings to work in the office addressing the needs of members and guests, we will work with you based on your availability. Greet those who come in with a warm smile and a willing attitude; answer questions or find out and get back to them; sign people up for various happenings at the church. Contact Jan Lowe.

Sunday Bus Drivers—to cover for regular drivers during vacations, and as needed. Please see Bob Kennedy for more information.

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 in 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



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 ♥♥ Dick & Genie Schupp
- 10 ♥♥ Eldon & Joyce Cox
- 17 ♥♥ Gary & Delores Grosnickle

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 ♥ Glen Hogue
- 2 ♥ Bette Cummings
- 2 ♥ Leveta Tunnell
- 3 ♥ Lynn Dove
- 3 ♥ Bill Gagner
- 3 ♥ Keith Prueitt
- 4 ♥ David Patterson
- 5 ♥ Mabel Ashline
- 6 ♥ Mary Ann Tompkins
- 7 ♥ Chuck Hurl
- 8 ♥ Nita May
- 8 ♥ Dee Wresche
- 9 ♥ Bob McBride
- 10 ♥ Lynn Johns
- 10 ♥ Tiffany May
- 11 ♥ Charlene Rayburn
- 12 ♥ Joyce Cox

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS (cont.)

- 13 ♥ Jill Hale
- 14 ♥ Marilyn Frisby
- 14 ♥ Rose Taylor
- 15 ♥ Kelly Brooks
- 16 ♥ Alva DeMarais
- 16 ♥ Tom Humphreville
- 17 ♥ Bee Johnson
- 17 ♥ Hunter Roath
- 19 ♥ Laney Baker
- 19 ♥ Paula Carter
- 19 ♥ Jurl Hickey
- 21 ♥ Matthew Sandusky
- 22 ♥ Mary Tague
- 23 ♥ Phoebe Bader
- 24 ♥ Eric Baker
- 24 ♥ Marcus Dale
- 24 ♥ Ted Ivy
- 25 ♥ J.R. Anderson
- 25 ♥ F. Jay Van Fleet
- 26 ♥ Peg (Margaret) Johnson
- 27 ♥ Rod Alford
- 28 ♥ Sean Crider



MISSIONS

PAK A SAK

Our collection of pantry food on February 15 will be delivered to Restoration Village, which is a home for women and their children in crisis. Restoration Village provides a Christian environment to help get their lives into a better place. The home **receives no federal funds** and depends on the generosity of supporters in Benton County. They are in need of all types of food especially; cereal, canned fruits, coffee, peanut butter, canned juices, and soups. You may bring your food donations any time between now and the 15th—just set it on the Missions table in the Narthex. PLEASE, no out-of-date food!!



PACK SHACK

Over 150 individuals of all ages joined together in Becker on Saturday, January 24th to pack meals for the needy. There were representatives from seven BV churches, some of which had sent checks so that we could up the number of meals packed from 5,000 to over 12,000, at a cost of 25 cents per meal. The meal baggies were filled, weighed, and packed in less than an hour, as everyone formed assembly lines and stuck to the tasks assigned. The younger children worked creatively in a corner coloring each of the packing boxes with words of love.

Bella Vista Mayor Peter Christie joined in the frivolity, for it truly was a fun experience as everyone pitched in to “feed the funnels”. In a little over two hours after the truck arrived with the supplies, it was packed and loaded to return to the Pack Shack warehouse, where the meals will be distributed to local food pantries and charities of the choice of our Missions Team. A heartfelt “THANK YOU” is sent out to every individual who supported this project with money, time, and prayers for its success - for it truly could not have been a more successful day!!

MISSION OF THE MONTH Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity of Benton County, Inc. is a non-denominational Christian housing ministry with the objective of elimination of poverty housing from within Benton County and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience as well as action. In addition to building houses, Habitat for Humanity helps to build relationships with families and the community that result in a sense of belonging to the community for the new homeowner.

Your support will help make their dream of owning a decent home a reality. Wall by wall, house by house we work to eliminate poverty housing and make home ownership a reality, not a dream.

Habitat is a hand up, not a hand out. Each homeowner pays a monthly interest free mortgage back to Habitat of Benton County and that helps to build another home. Currently we have enough homes that the yearly principle from all the mortgage payments combined, help to build one more Habitat home each year! At the end of 2009 we had completed a total of 51 homes in Benton County over the history of our affiliate.

With your help, we will be involved with the Apostle Build that begins this Spring. We need your prayers, your financial support and your hands to help build a home for a deserving family.

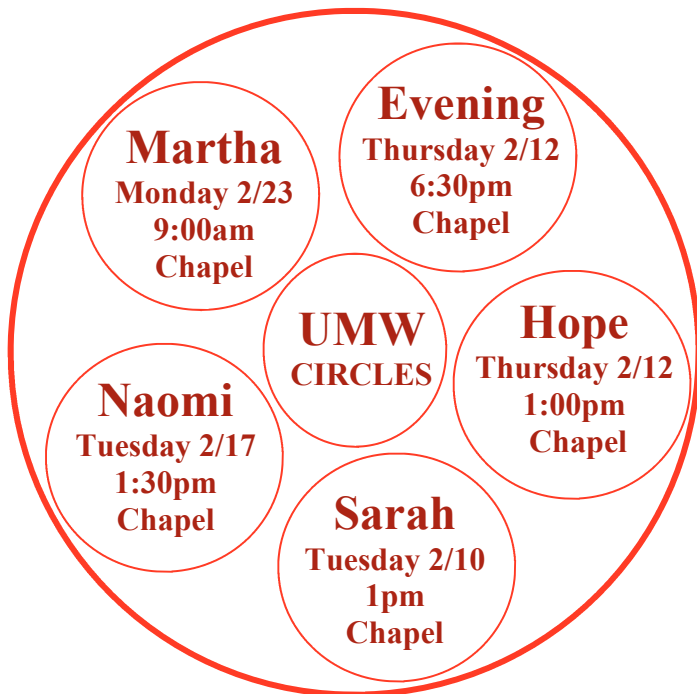




UMW & UMM

Bazaar Workshop Time Coming!

Ready or not, it will be time for Bazaar workshops to start next month! This is a time when we meet downstairs in the Quilting Room to create and assemble items for the October Bazaar, have great fun socializing and eating snacks. We're there from 9:00 a.m. till about 2:00 p.m. every Thursday, and one can come and go as they please. We always appreciate new people with new ideas, or come and see what we do/need and work at home. Also, we are ready to accept small, new (unwanted Christmas presents?) household items suitable for gift baskets such as mugs, teacups, kitchen utensils, desk items, sewing tools; anything to make up a basket with a theme to it. You can bring them to the office or contact Verna Bottjen 876-1392. We have plenty of quart jars now but could use some empty glass salad bottles or jelly jars. The exact starting date will be in the bulletins soon.



U M M

United Methodist Men invite all men of the church to their monthly dinner meeting on Wednesday, February 11 at 6:30pm in Becker Hall. The menu will be sliced Beef Brisket, Baked Beans, and Potato Salad. Jack Eaton, Executive Director of the Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Benton County, will present the program. Your reservation needs to be made no later than Sunday, February 8. If you miss the Phone Tree, please call Jim Belcoff at 616-6738 for reservations or more information about UMM.

Family Life presents A Weekend to Remember marriage getaway

Tulsa, OK ~ Renaissance Hotel
February 13-15

Get away to . . .

Relax
Reconnect
Laugh

Learn to . . .

Communicate
Listen
Connect

Leave With . . .

A closer relationship
Tools for Your Marriage
God's plan for your Marriage

Sign-up information in the Church office

Pat Calhoun (grandson of Wayne & Ara Mae Calhoun) is the
Tulsa Director of Family Life



THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for the wonderful support given to me and my family at the time of my husband's passing, Robert Webb.

Thank you Brother Jaimie for accompanying me to the funeral home, conducting the memorial service with Pastor Zach and the service at the Webb Family Cemetery in Miller, Missouri.

Thanks to Sharon Galloway for the beautiful piano music and Judy Knadle of Believers Shepherd Group for the reception following the service, Jan Lowe for preparing the delicious sack lunches for the trip to Miller, Troy Jorgensen and Alan Yount for the video tribute, and Brenda Wideman for her visit while Bob was in the hospital.

A very special thank you to our wonderful secretary Janet Walton, for all the preparation she does for a memorial service. I also want to thank all those who gave memorial contributions in memory of Bob, the many cards and wonderful food delivered to the house.

Thank you First United Methodist Church for your support during this time.

Suzanne Webb

Dear Friends at FUMCBV,

Thank you for the prayer shawl. It's beautifully done and in colors our 13-year old will use. We appreciate your prayers - please continue sending them. The Storm/Battle has just begun. Joshua is continuing to receive chemo and the mass is slowly shrinking. He is scheduled for surgery to remove the mass about February 20. Please keep us all in your thoughts and prayers.

Your sister in Christ Jesus, *Deanna Beer*
(daughter of Tom & Barbara Humphreville)

Dear Friends

We continue to covet your prayers and appreciate all the concerns, calls, emails, texts, cards etc that come our way. My getting some of them answered have to take low priority at times. Please be patient if you feel we have not kept in touch as much as we should or you would like.

We know that we have been blest by our LORD thus far and are confident that he will be with us thru this next big mountain we are climbing .

Love to you all, *Charles & Marion Korn*

Newsletter DECEMBER 2014 FINANCIAL DATA					
		*		2014 Budget	Compare 2013
		=	-Endowment		
Month to date (as of 12/31/14)	Actual Receipts	*	\$55,267	*\$52,924	*\$60,460
Month to date (as of 12/31/14)	Actual Expenses		\$51,761	\$52,924	\$49,534
	Month of DEC		\$3,506		\$2,790
Year to date	Actual Receipts	*	\$641,072	*\$582,164	*\$574,684
Year to date	Actual Expenses		\$640,498	\$582,164	\$591,969
	YTD		\$ 574		-\$17,285
Operating Account Balance 12/31/14 -\$7,099					

February 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
BP✓ between services 7:30 Praise Tm rehrl 8:00 Traditional Srvice 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Srvice	10:00 Staff Meeting 12:45 Women's Chorus 6:00 By the Book AA 7:30 Big Band Rehearsal	8:30 Disciple III 10:00 Prayer Shawl 1:00 Disciple I	7:30 Men's Emmaus 8:30 Bible Study 9:00 Quilters 9:30 UMW Brd Mtng 3:40 Chancel Bells 5:30 Prayer Service 6:30 Choir Practice 7:00 Youth Life	11:00 Golf-Kingswood 12:00 Epic of Eden 4:50 Sanctuary Bells	9:00 Gospel Study 11:00 Fitch Memorial	8:30 Young at Heart 9:00 Amp Big Book
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PAK A SAK			ASH WEDNESDAY			
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