



# The Good News

FEBRUARY 2018

## FEBRUARY LENTEN SCHEDULE

**WEDNESDAY, February 14 ~ Ash Wednesday**

**11:45am ~ Worship Service, with Luncheon to follow**

**5:30pm ~ Supper, with Worship service to follow**

**WEDNESDAY, February 21 and 28**

**11:45am ~ Worship Service, with Luncheon to follow**

## Midweek Manna Wednesday evenings MEAL

**5:30 – 6:15PM**

Suggested Donation:

\$5/Adult & \$3/Child under 10 Family maximum \$15

You are welcome to share a meal with us, whether or not you are taking a class! ~ Homebound meals delivered

## GROUPS MEET 6:30 – 7:30/7:45PM

### Small Study Groups

- ◇ “Half Truths” ~ Adam Hamilton Study
- ◇ Monumental ~ Traditions of Colonial America
- ◇ Women’s Bible Study ~ What’s Your Story?
- ◇ Love Heals ~ Principles that have Transformed Lives
- ◇ Methodist Family Health ~ February 7th

**Books for the classes are available in the Office**

### Small Craft Groups

- ◇ Color Your Way to Calm: Adult Coloring
- ◇ Melted Crayon Creations

**CHILDCARE AVAILABLE For Infants and Toddlers**

## Pre-K ~ 6th Grade

Led by Angie Rader, Dir of Children’s Ministries

## YouthLife 7th ~ 12th grade

You may register for a Small Group in the Office during the week, or by calling or e-mailing the Church Office. Please notify the Office if you plan to join us for dinner.



**Save the date!**  
**Saturday, February 3**  
**9:30am ~ 12:00 noon**

## Feed the Funnel Party for Pack Shack

It’s time for our annual party!  
Come help us pack 12,000 meals  
for the hungry in Northwest Arkansas.  
**ALL AGES** are welcome  
to this fun mission project!

## UMW Mission Fund-Raiser Dinner/Auction ~ \$15 Friday, February 9



All are welcome to join us in the Narthex for Appetizers at 5:15pm, with dinner to be served at 6:00pm in Becker Hall. This is a fund-raiser for Restoration Village. See page 6 for more information.

## CHURCH SECURITY SEMINAR

Presented by

**Bella Vista Police Department**

**Thursday, February 22 ~ 2:00pm**

**Becker Hall**

All are invited to participate in this 2-hour program on what to do when . . . .



## *Glimpses of Grace*

Rev. Jeanne Williams, Senior Pastor

This is one of those years when Lent and Easter come early. Didn't we just pack away Christmas decorations? We have a unique calendar situation, too, as Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine's Day this year. Nothing says "I love you, dear," like being reminded that we are dust and to dust we shall return, right?!

I'd like to offer this thought: we are only able to love because God first loved us. Perhaps the best way we can celebrate Valentine's Day is to spend it in worship with God.

In my house, Heath's birthday is Feb. 13, so we often end up going out to dinner on his birthday and calling it both birthday and Valentine's Day celebration. Besides, the restaurants are always packed on Valentine's Day! Also, we are offering two opportunities to worship and receive ashes this year – one at noon and the other at 6:30. We will have meals at both times, too (12:30 and 5:30).

Our theme during Lent this year is "What's Your Story?" We will explore individual faith stories from current members, ancestors of our faith, and our corporate First United Methodist story. All of these will be connected to our traditional Lent scriptures and encouragement to examine our own hearts in these 40 days.

My prayer for this Lenten season for all of us is that we are able to examine our hearts, name our story, and begin to live into being Easter people where we share the Good News of how Jesus has changed our lives.

So... what's your story? Everyone's begins with, "In the beginning, God created..." Where is it now?

Blessings,

Rev. Jeanne

### **Disaster Response Ministry Update**

**Sign Up Now and Be Prepared to Help Following a Local Disaster ~  
Early Response Training being offered at FUMC on 3/10!**

Let's be prepared to organize and help our community should we experience a local disaster! Arkansas United Methodist Conference Disaster Response Leaders, Byron and Janice Mann, will be teaching an "Early Response Team" disaster response class in the First United Methodist Church Chapel on March 10, 2018 (sign-in at 8:30 a.m., class from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.). Lunch will be served and for those connected to FUMC, the mission funds will cover the class cost and lunch. Class size is limited to 25 and reservations are requested ASAP as open spots will be offered to other area UMCs. Participants will learn about the phases of disasters, how to help in early response, and how to prepared for serving the local community in the event of a local disaster. Participants completing the class will become certified early responders with our conference. To register for the course, contact the FUMC office by March 5<sup>th</sup>. Questions? For more information contact Richard and Linda Stewart, 316-706-2384, or at [richard\\_linda\\_stewart@hotmail.com](mailto:richard_linda_stewart@hotmail.com)

#### **Mission Team Opportunity**

Now recruiting your willing hearts and hands to join a one-week volunteer in mission team to Lake Charles, LA. YOU can help people put their lives back together after the August 2017 Hurricane Harvey floods. YOU can be the miracle in someone's life! You do not need to be an experienced builder, just willing to go and serve. Trip dates: March 17-24. Cost: \$140.00 (has been reduced by use of FUMC mission funds and includes travel, lodging, and food). Contact Richard & Linda Stewart, 316-706-2384 (cell) (or) [richard\\_linda\\_stewart@hotmail.com](mailto:richard_linda_stewart@hotmail.com) before March 1st.

Please join us! Richard & Linda Stewart



## JOINING in the JOURNEY TOGETHER

Rev. Brenda Wideman, Associate Pastor

*“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)

### How is your Heart?

Did you know that February is American Heart Month? The American Heart Association website states, “The American Heart Association wants to help everyone live longer, healthier lives so they can enjoy all of life’s precious moments. And we know that starts with taking care of your health. American Heart Month, a federally designated event, is a great way to remind Americans to focus on their hearts and encourage them to get their families, friends and communities involved. Together, we can build a culture of health where making the healthy choice is the easy choice. Why? Because Life is Why.” Having a healthy heart is important for life, your life and for the lives of those you love.

We all know that proper diet, exercise, and avoiding tobacco use are important 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 does it mean to have a spiritually damaged heart? We see it in many forms: anger, hurt, guilt, shame, grief, selfishness, loneliness, greed, abuse, sadness, power, ... If a heart is spiritually damaged in any of these ways, it often leads to further damage to you and to your loved ones. Often relationships are damaged. And relationships damaged by a spiritually or emotionally diseased heart also can lead to further spiritual damage and even spiritual and physical death.

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 heal 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 came to bring us Life. 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; open your heart to allow Jesus to heal it with God’s infinite love. Join in the journey; begin it this month. Regain that abundant Life that you were created to live.

Blessings, Pastor Brenda



*When Mourning Dawns:*

*Living Your Way through the Seasons of Your Grief*



Is your heart sick? Join us on a 9-week journey through the experiences of grief and loss from the withering of Autumn to the hopeful new growth of Summer. Our group journey will begin Wednesday, February 21 and continue until April 18. It will be held in conjunction with Midweek Manna. Come join us for dinner, come join us for the journey, and bring a friend who would also benefit from this. A donation of \$10 for the materials is welcomed. Sign up at the Midweek Manna table.



## VISTA KIDS

Angie Rader, Director

VISTA KIDS is getting ready for a fun filled month. We recently had a great time with Dinner and a Movie night. Thanks so

much for everyone coming and helping — we definitely will do this more often!

We have many exciting plans for this month:

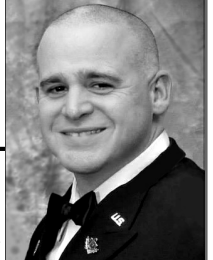
- On Saturday, February 3rd from 9:30-12pm is Pack-a-Shack Funnel Party. Everyone is invited and there is something for all ages to do.
- On Sunday, February 11th, we will have a baby shower for Ms. Beverly. It will be in the Chapel/Parlor at 12 noon. It is a pot luck. Please sign up in the office so we know how many we are having.
- February 14th is Ash Wednesday. There will be a Lenten service at 11:30 with light lunch to follow, and supper starting at 5:30 with a service to follow. There will be child care available in the evening.
- On Saturday, February 17th we are having a VBS presentation from 8 to 10am in Becker Hall sponsored by Cokesbury. We invited everyone to look at the different programs for VBS 2018. Fun and prizes, and snacks will be given out.
- Mid-Week Manna is going well—the children are learning about Isaac, Jacob, and his descendants.

Thanks to everyone for your kind words on my Mom. It means a lot to me, Please let me know if you have any question or suggestions for the Children's ministry.

In His Service, Ms. Angie

## YOUTHLIFE

Austin Curtis, Director



Wow, January has come and gone in a flash. February has now come. For the youth the month of

February is not too crazy. We will be contributing to Feed the Funnel on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and will also be attending the youth event VERITAS in Rogers at the end of this month. We are excited for more months to come as we have some awesome plans in place. Starting in the spring the youth will begin to roll out the new bicycle ministry concept. This will take a lot of planning and support as the ministry time gets closer. More to be announced, so, TO BE CONTINUED. Please continue to pray for our youth and the issues they face day to day. They need our prayers and our support.

This is the verse I am using for the year, as it is such a blessed reminder of how awesome our GOD is!

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.*

Hebrews 12:1-3

Be Blessed, Austin



### Prayer Shawl Ministry

... has moved to Friday mornings at 10:00am in Room 6. Prayer shawls are lovingly knit or crocheted, blessed by one of our clergy, and given to a church or family member, or a friend who is dealing with the death of a loved one, or a serious illness or injury. Prayer Squares and Coverlets are also lovingly constructed. All are welcome to join this group. If you do not know how to knit these simple patterns, there is always someone who is willing to teach you. Please contact Pat Fox, the Prayer Shawl Team Leader, with any questions you may have.



### SNACK PACKS for BACK PACKS...

...is our on-going commitment to provide 20 snack packs per week for students of Cooper Elementary who are in need of food for the week-end.

**We need your help!**

**Bring your quarters ~ or write a check (\$5 a month goes a long way!!)**

**Fill the Banks !**

**Feed a Child !**



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

**Jim and LaVonne Schmidt**— left us to move to Claremore, OK on Tuesday, December 19. Although it is exciting for them to move so close to family, they will miss us and we will miss them. Cards and well wishes can be sent to: 1035 Rutter Rd., Claremore, OK, 74017.



### NEW MEMBERS

**Weldon and Linda Hyde**— became our newest members on Sunday, January 14 when they joined in the Well and the 8:00am services. Weldon sings in the Chancel choir and Linda attends the Well with their 10-year-old granddaughter, Hope. After dividing their days between Bella Vista and Fredonia, KS, they have now permanently relocated to be with us here. They both enjoy hiking and volunteering, Weldon enjoys tinkering and repairing. Linda also enjoys reading and birding. Please introduce yourself and welcome them warmly when you see them.



### IN MEMORIUM

**Eunice Albers**—passed away peacefully Friday, January 19 at Mercy Hospital after a brief stay there. Her memorial service was held in our sanctuary on Thursday, January 25th with a reception immediately following in Becker Hall. Her daughters, Karen and Kathy, ask for your prayers for them and the entire family, as they grieve the loss of this wonderful lady.



### RELOCATIONS

**George (Tommy) Tompkins** - has relocated to be closer to family. His new address is: Autumn Place, 190 Wade Lane #17, Pea Ridge, AR 72751 and his phone is 479-488-6301. Please lift him in prayers as he makes this transition and wish him well with a card or a visit.



**Jan Lowe** —has begun serving as a missionary at the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries in Nashville, TN. The purpose of this agency is to connect the Church in mission around the world. Cards of encouragement may be sent to her new address: 1027 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., Nashville, TN 37212.



**Irl Palmer**—a former member of our church passed away January 18th. Irl and his wife Betty moved to Hutchison, KS in 2010 to be closer to family and Betty passed away in July of 2013. His memorial service will be held on February 17 in Hutchison..

### **Carryl & Mary Ann Zeittlow**—

former members of our church, passed away in January. Mary Ann passed away on Saturday, January 13th and Carryl passed away on Thursday, January 25th. Their combined memorial service was Friday, January 26 at FUMC LeMars, Iowa. Please keep their daughter Janice and son Richard and their families in your prayers as they grieve this loss. Cards can be sent to their son: Richard Zietlow, 1309 Turnberry Ave, LeMars, IA 51031





**CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP** will meet Thursday, February 1st at Village House at 12:30pm. They meet the first Thursday of every month.

**ABRAM SHEPHERD GROUP** will gathering on Monday, February 12th @ 5:30pm in the Parlor for fun, food and fellowship.

**SPRC** will meet Tuesday, February 6th at 6:00pm in Room 6.

**FINANCE TEAM** will meet Sunday, February 11th at 2:00pm in Room 6.

**CHURCH COUNCIL** will meet Sunday, February 11th at 4:00pm in the Parlor

**TRUSTEES** will meet Tuesday, February 13, at 6:00pm in Room 6.

**FRIENDS of CHRIST** meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 1:30pm in the Parlor.

UNITED METHODIST



**UMM** invites all men of the church to their monthly dinner meeting Wednesday, February 14th at 6:30pm in Becker Hall. The menu will be catered by Rhythm & Q BBQ. Our speaker is David Burnett, a descendant of the Lakota Indians. He is a member of the Rose Bud Sioux Tribe and he will share the most recent memorial trip on horseback, in below freezing weather, over 130 miles, thru South Dakota ranch lands this past December. It is called the Big Foot Band Memorial Ride. This is done in remembrance of his ancestors who died at Wounded Knee at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in 1890. Your reservation needs to be made no later than Sunday February 11th. Please call Lou Kaufmann at 366-1291 or the church office or e-mail him at [lou@krrealty.com](mailto:lou@krrealty.com) for reservations, or more information about UMM.

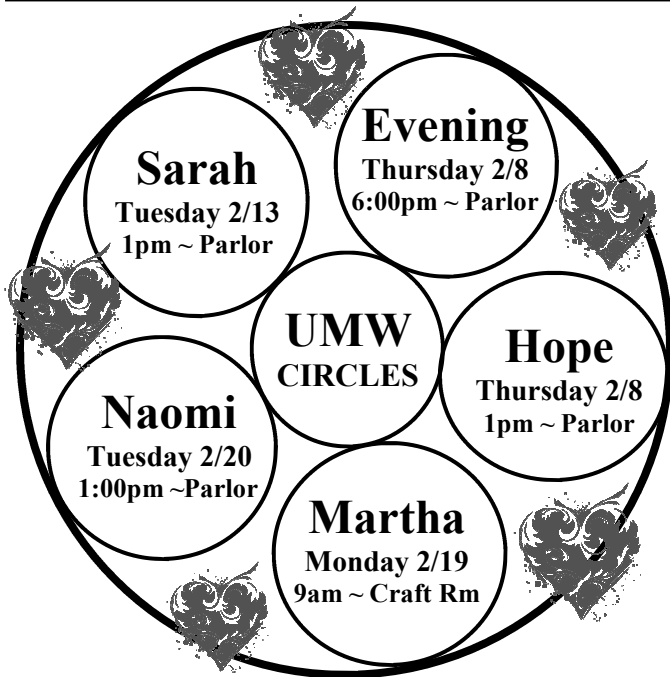
**UMW Bazaar for 2018 is ready to begin!** We invite all of you lovely ladies who enjoy fellowship, fun, and being creative, to our Work Shops beginning Thursday March 1<sup>st</sup>. Darlene O'Brian is Work Shop Chairwoman - with her monthly leaders getting things together. Please be thinking of new ideas for projects for us to work on. We meet from 9:00am til 2:00pm in the Craft Room - please come when it's convenient for you - bring a sack lunch to enjoy at noon and any snacks you might want to share with morning coffee. If you have any questions, please contact Bazaar Co-Chairs Karen Roenfeld or Nancy Spangler.

**FEBRUARY 9TH MISSION DINNER in support of RESTORATION VILLAGE**, sponsored by UMW, is coming soon! If you have not yet secured your spot at a table, hurry into the church office today and get it done! The evening will begin at 5:15 PM with appetizers in the Narthex. Viewing of the beautifully decorated tables begins at 5:30. You won't want to miss the delicious meal prepared by Marlene Clapp at 6:00, followed by an entertaining evening.



Lou Kaufmann will be auctioning items and services such as: the wooden flag on display in the Narthex, a beautiful silk rose bouquet, a room staging by Simply Restyled, a car detailing, 4 hours of handyman services, and a card party lunch. The highlight of the evening will be Ane Burke as she humorously reminisces about life-long differences between men and women. Your \$15 admission will go to help meet the needs of women and children at Restoration Village. Child care will be provided upon request.

Please join us for a wonderfully fun evening full of good food, good fun, and good fellowship — all for a good cause!





## OUR FAMILY



### FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

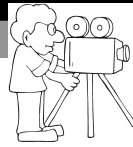
- 2 ♥♥ Dick & Genie Schupp
- 4 ♥♥ Danny & Suzanne Chilton
- 17 ♥♥ Gary & Delores Grosnickle

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 ♥ Jane Potts
- 2 ♥ Bette Cummings
- 3 ♥ Lynn Dove
- 3 ♥ Bill Gagner
- 3 ♥ Keith Prueitt
- 4 ♥ David Patterson
- 4 ♥ Rose Taylor
- 5 ♥ Mabel Ashline
- 7 ♥ Chuck Hurl
- 8 ♥ Nita May
- 8 ♥ Dee Wresche
- 9 ♥ Les Magee
- 10 ♥ Lynn Johns
- 10 ♥ Tiffany May
- 10 ♥ Diane Rolph
- 11 ♥ Judy Kaufmann

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS (cont.)

- 11 ♥ Charlene Rayburn
- 13 ♥ Amy Gilmore
- 13 ♥ Jill Hale
- 13 ♥ Heath Williams
- 14 ♥ Marilyn Frisby
- 15 ♥ Kelly Brooks
- 17 ♥ Bea Johnson
- 17 ♥ Gretchen Magee
- 17 ♥ Hunter Roath
- 18 ♥ Jan Shaw
- 19 ♥ Laney Baker
- 20 ♥ Jerrie Gallamore
- 21 ♥ Matthew Sandusky
- 23 ♥ Phoebe Bader
- 24 ♥ Marcus Dale
- 24 ♥ Ted Ivy
- 25 ♥ J.R. Anderson
- 26 ♥ Peg Johnson
- 27 ♥ Rod Alford
- 27 ♥ Kathy Ayres
- 28 ♥ Zoe Bryson
- 28 ♥ Sean Crider



A Lenten Bible Study  
**Awakening: From Dry Bones to River of Life**

Please join Rev. Albert Fisher for this short Bible Study series, which will meet Wednesday afternoons in Room 6 at 4:00pm during Lent (2/14 to 4/28). It is an invitation to the people of God to band together and sow for a great awakening. Not a passing revival, or a spiritual renewal, or a refreshing, but a full-scale awakening. It's time for us to recognize that as essential as our institutions of governing, education, and healing are to our world, they lack even the combined capacity to provide for the desperate needs all around us. Only a broad-scale, comprehensive awakening to the mercy, grace, and all-powerful love of God can ever hope to make the difference needed in our world today.

If you have questions about the class, please see Rev. Albert.

**HOW YOU and/or YOUR GROUP  
 CAN HELP WITH OASIS..**



- Entrepreneur experience? Help us continue to develop social enterprise opportunities that employ OASIS women in learning marketable skills and confidence to reenter the workforce.
- Mentoring experience? We'll help you gain the confidence to befriend our OASIS women and become part of their supportive community.
- Teaching experience? Tutors are needed for women working on G.E.D. basic skills.
- Networking skills? Fundraise and/or donate to help with welcoming of new residents and children as well as the upkeep of our residences.
- Transportation skills? Take a woman/women to medical, counseling, education, and other appointments, to the store on a certain day of the week or whatever works out to your convenience. Our vehicle (small van) or yours. You let us know what you can do and when you can help. We will connect with a woman in need.
- Childcare experience? Childcare is needed during early evening meetings, snow days, Saturdays, etc. Anyone willing to be "grandma" or "grandpa" to a child in need.
- Home care, yard or gardening experience? Get to know the residents and their residences, assist them in learning to do these tasks that someone taught you to do! \*Host a birthday party or other special occasion for the OASIS women to celebrate accomplishments!

Thank you to the many individuals and groups who contributed to OASIS of NWA in 2017!

**Media Ministry News**

With Troy's departure from the Directorship of Media Ministries and Sarah Bowers' appointment as such, we will continue to build on Troy's legacy. We all commend him on ten faithful years of developing a servant ministry full of God's blessings and opportunity to make a difference in First United Methodist Church. Some of the changes that you will observe are simply the result of transition. Sarah is learning the complex technology that we have in place, and will continue its enhancement. Computers, website, archives, videos and audios, photos, kiosks, YouTube postings, application programs, lighting systems, internet streaming and tracking, and on and on in the field of technology and media.

I am concentrating on the worship services. The church has three primary services Sundays, translating to a need for **volunteer** operators for the **sound** boards (that thing with a million knobs in front of the sound person), **computers** linked to the **projectors** showing the words and pictures that allow us to think, say, sing, and understand worshipping the Lord, and show with the **video camera** to an unlimited number of viewers on the internet, who we are and how we worship. We pray that the viewers are also worshipping with us. That is a need for (52 weeks x 3 services x 3 positions) 468 labor hours. For the three volunteer operator positions, we have only 9 volunteers at this time. The conclusion is:

**WE NEED YOUR HELP !!**

**WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS !!**

The tasks of the operators are not difficult. The training is on-the-job and requires very little supervision. If you can sit in a chair for the hour of the worship service without losing concentration on the tasks, then you qualify. It takes only one finger to push the buttons that need pushing. Please join us as a volunteer. We need at least six pairs (12 individuals) to make the Media Ministry be effective without imposing on any one person. **PLEASE!** God will love you, and so will I.

Alan Yount, Coordinator of Lighting, Audio, Visual, and Videocamera systems (LAVV).





**from the ORGAN CONSOLE**

Broc Hite, Organist/Assoc. Director of Music

This month's music is an organ-piano flip-flop of the program from February 2017, when I featured piano music of Mendelssohn, and organ music of Bach. This month it's excerpts from several of the organ sonatas of Mendelssohn, and the beginning of a two-year traversal of the Well-Tempered Clavier (WTC), Book I, by J.S. Bach on piano.

Why Bach and Mendelssohn? From a pure listening standpoint, the music of the high baroque and early romantic periods serve as a nice contrast. Further, Mendelssohn is credited with reviving interest of Bach's music on a large scale by conducting his St. Matthew's Passion in 1829. Even since then, there have been many Bach revivals of all sorts, including those involving just the piano. In the late 19th century, Ferruccio Busoni created piano transcriptions of many of Bach's famous organ works, making their performance possible in secular spaces.

Skipping to the present, András Schiff played the entire Book One of the WTC by memory in recital at cavernous Royal Albert Hall during the 2017 Proms season in London, documented in its entirety on YouTube. Besides championing Bach in recital for decades, Schiff has provided fingerings and execution notes for both volumes of the WTC published by Henle, the gold standard for pianists. This is my inspiration to play the same 24 preludes and fugues, though neither all at once, or by memory, at least at first. Enjoy the first four preludes and fugues as postludes during February.

I hope you enjoy!

Broc



**MISSION of the MONTH**

Habitat for Humanity of Benton County, Inc. is a non-denominational Christian housing ministry with the objective of eliminating 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.

In 2013 Habitat saw its biggest change in recent years through its transition into a 14,000 sq. ft. facility on N. Walton Blvd. that houses both the Habitat offices and ReStore! This new facility has been instrumental in helping Habitat to build more homes in the years to come and impact more lives in Benton County.

By the end of 2017, Benton County Habitat has built 70 homes in Benton County and refurbished several others, with housing for over 300 people.

Our FUMCBV family has a dedicated group of volunteers who are involved in nearly every Benton County Habitat project. Their specialty is building a shed for each family. All skill levels are needed for a Habitat build. If you can run a paint brush, a hammer or saw or shovel, cook a meal – you can be involved with a build. If you have a few hours available, you can volunteer at the Habitat Re-Store or in the office, located at 1212 N. Walton Blvd (just south of the Neighborhood Market)

Your support of this Mission of the Month will allow a family to move from dependence to independence.

**BOOK NOOK**

**FICTION:**

**BOOKS IN SERIES:**

TEAROOM MYSTERIES SERIES

Book 16: WHISPERS FROM THE PAST by AnneMarie Rodgers



**UMW MISSION STUDY BOOK**

(2) LIVING AS A COVENANT COMMUNITY by Evy McDonald

Attention all those who signed up to volunteer in the church library:

There will be a meeting on February 13th at 10am in the library. Please call me if you are NOT able to be there. 479-876-1676.

Thank you! Diane Verville

**Sager Brown Mission Trip is scheduled for the last week of October.** Consider joining our group from Oct 27 to Nov 2 for a week of working at their mission warehouse. The work is not difficult and the fellowship and recreation time is a lot of fun. **Watch for more information soon. Any questions, ask Verna Bottjen.**



## THANK YOU

Since my shoulder replacement in October, your cards and prayers have been a major support through the healing process. During the first three weeks when the pain seemed unbearable, the number of your cards overwhelmed me. During that period as I read and reread your cards, the pain seemed to diminish and gave me an overwhelming sense of peace. For this, I thank you.

During the past few weeks your prayers enhance my healing process and physical therapy. Both the doctor and physical therapist continue to be amazed by the progress I am making. It is through your prayers that I am progressing as well I am. For this, I thank you.

Please accept my appreciation for your love, friendship and support during this healing journey.

*Rev. Albert Fisher*

Words cannot express how I feel about the members of the congregations of FUMCBV. As I start into my eighth year as your church secretary, I am so blessed to know each and every one of you. I watch how you care for one another in the good times and the bad, and how you step up to the plate when asked to fill in anywhere there is a need. I have never been turned down when I have called and asked for volunteers or assistance in any way. I also thank you so very much for your generous love offering this year. It is much needed and will be put to good use! You truly are my second family and I love you all.

*Blessings, Janet Walton*

Start saving your extra stuff for the  
**Rummage Sale**  
 happening the **first Saturday in August**.  
 (No clothes or large furniture please,  
 but just about everything else!)

We wish to thank Rev. Jeanne, Pastor Brenda, the staff, and members of the congregation for making our church so special. Your cards, well wishes, banana bread, and the group who came to sing carols was wonderful. God has blessed us with so much!


Love to our Church Family, *Ed & Lorraine Swanson*

### Newsletter December 2017 Financial Data

		2017 Actual	2017 Budget	Compare 2016 Actual	2017 Year-end Budget
Month of December	Actual Receipts	\$56,678	\$50,701	\$56,483	
Month of December	Actual Expense	\$51,864	\$53,307	\$54,814	
	Balance	<b>\$4,814</b>	<b>-\$2,606</b>	<b>\$1,669</b>	
Year to Date (as of 12/31/17)	Actual Receipts	\$622,407	\$557,711	\$629,784	\$608,420
Year to Date (as of 12/31/17)	Actual Expense	\$578,315	\$586,377	\$626,539	\$639,707
	Balance	<b>\$44,092</b>	<b>-\$28,666</b>	<b>\$3,245</b>	<b>-\$31,287</b>
Operating Account Balance 12/31/17 <b>\$57,950</b>					

*Patsy Attaway, Business Manager*

# February 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>4</b> BP ✓ Between Services 7:30 Praise Tm rehrs! 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Srv	<b>5</b> 7:30 Chapel Chair clng 9:00 Calico Spec Proj 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:45 Women's Chorus 5:30 Vision Team 6:00 Venture Crew BSA 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	<b>6</b> 7:30 Chapel Chair clng 6:00 Cub Scts DenMtg 6:00 SPRC	<b>7</b> 8:00 Quilters 8:30 Men's Emmaus 9:30 UMW Board Mtng 1:00 Disciple IV 3:15 Chancel Bells 4:00 Prayer Mtg 4:45 Chancel Choir 5:30 MidWeek Manna 6:30 YouthLife	<b>1</b> 9:00 Old Sew&Sews 11:23 Golf-Highlands	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 8:30-Amp Big Book 9:30 PACK SHACK 
<b>11</b> <b>SCOUT SUNDAY</b> 7:30 Praise Tm rehrs! 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service 12:00 Thuma Shower 2:00 Finance Team 4:00 Church Council	<b>12</b> 9:30 DAR 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:45 Women's Chorus 1:30 Friends of Christ 5:30 Abram Shep Grp 6:00 Vntre CrwComMtg 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	<b>13</b> 9:00 PEO-BR 1:00 Sarah Circle 6:00 Trustees 6:00 Cub Scts DenMtg	<b>14</b> ASH WEDNESDAY 8:00 Quilters 8:30 Men's Emmaus 9:00 Calico Spec Proj 11:45 Lenten Serv/Lunch 1:00 Disciple IV 3:15 Chancel Bells 4:00 Fisher Bible Study 4:00 Prayer Mtg 4:45 Chancel Choir 5:30 Lenten Suppr/Service 6:30 UMM Dinner	<b>15</b> 11:06 Golf-Scotsdale 2:30 Beautiful Colors	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 8:00 VBS Presentation 8:30 Amp Big Book 10:00 SAR 2:00 BSA Banquet
<b>18</b> 7:00 Handbell Practice 7:30 Praise Tm rehrs! 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service	<b>19</b> 9:00 Martha Circle 9:45 Staff Mtng 11:00 PEO-CD 12:45 Womens Chorus 6:00 Venture Crew 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	<b>20</b> 1:00 Naomi Circle 1:00 BV Book Club 4:00 Disaster Response 6:00 BSA DenMtg	<b>21</b> 8:00 Quilters 8:30 Men's Emmaus 9:00 Calico Anytimers 11:45 Lenten Serv&Lunch 1:00 Disciple IV 3:15 Chancel Bells 4:00 Fisher Bible Study 4:00 Prayer Mtg 4:45 Chancel Choir 5:30 MidWeek Manna	<b>22</b> 11:06 Golf-Scotsdale 2:00 BVPD Safety Trning 4:00 Small Group Ldrs	<b>23</b> Youth to Veritas thru Sun	<b>24</b> 8:30 Amp Big Book 9:00 Andante Festival
<b>25</b> 7:30 Praise Team Rehrs 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service	<b>26</b> 9:00 Calico Cut-Ups 9:45 Staff Meeting 12:45 Women's Chrus 1:30 Friends of Christ 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	<b>27</b> 3:00 by Library Board 4:00 Lake Charles Mtng 6:00 BSA Pack Mtng	<b>28</b> 8:00 Quilters 8:30 Men's Emmaus 9:00 Dog Beds 11:45 Lenten Serv&Lunch 1:00 Disciple IV 3:15 Chancel Bells 4:00 Fisher Bible Study 4:00 Prayer Mtg 4:45 Chancel Choir 5:30 MidWeek Manna	<b>1</b> 9:00 Old Sew&Sews 11:06 Golf-Highlands	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 8:30 Amp Big Book 9:00 PEO Area Lunchn 9:00 Avalon SG



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## ***To the Home of ...***

### ***For Lent . . .***

- . . . Give up temper: Substitute a forgiving spirit.*
- . . . Give up complaining: Substitute thanks for your home, family, job, health.*
- . . . Give up worry: Substitute total trust in the Almighty.*
- . . . Give up gossip: Substitute kind words and understanding action.*
- . . . Give up TV one night a week: Substitute a visit to a shut-in or someone in the hospital.*
- . . . Give up animosity toward a neighbor or fellow worker: Substitute an attitude of love.*
- . . . Give up envy: Substitute a compliment.*
- . . . Give up an extra 15 minutes in bed: Substitute prayer and Bible reading.*
- . . . Give up an hour on Sunday of fun and personal gratification: Substitute that time in church.*
- . . . Give up fear for a loved one: Substitute a visual image of the way God would have them live.*
- . . . Give up "giving up" on yourself when you slip ~ start over again.*