



The Good News

February 2019

Midweek Manna activities for everyone

Wednesdays Meal ~ 5:30pm & Classes ~ 6:30pm

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

Small Study Groups

- ◇ *"Simon Peter" ~ Adam Hamilton Study ~ Ken Swanson 1/16-2/27
- ◇ Modern-Day Parables ~ Rev. Jim Rowland 1/16-2/20
- ◇ *Women's Bible Study ~ the Wesley Challenge
- ◇ Religion in Art ~ Kim Davenport 2/6-2/27
- ◇ *Disciple I / 12-week Fast-track ~ Rev. Cathy Luck 1/16-4/24
- ◇ Spiritual Gifts ~ Serving from the Heart ~ Rev. Brenda 2/13-4/10
- ◇ "China Cry" ~ DVD study-stories of faith ~ Jean Meadows 3/13,3/27,4/3

*Books for these classes are available in the Office

Small Craft Groups (classes in Becker Hall after Dinner)

- ◇ Color Your Way to Calm: Adult Coloring
- Classes also on Lower Level: *YouthLife* (7th grade-HS) ~ Youth Room
Children Pre-K thru 6th Grade ~ Room 20 Infants & Toddlers ~ Toddler Room

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

Sign up for classes and dinner at the tables
in the Narthex and in Becker Hall, or in the Office.



EMERGENCY VITAL INFORMATION FORMS

are available in the office. There have been several instances where it was necessary for the church to contact family members and we had no contact information. **PLEASE** fill out one of these forms and return it to the office. The information will be kept on file for the use of the pastors only. If we already have your information but it has not been updated lately, please fill out a new form to make sure what we have is current. Thank you for taking the time to do this.



Glimpses of Grace

Rev. Jeanne Williams, Senior Pastor

I can't help but to think of love when I think of the month of February. It is, after all, the month that we celebrate St. Valentine with our very commercial chocolates, flowers, and dinners out. The month of February also is the month of my husband's birthday, which reminds me how grateful I am for our love. I also remember how much I love our church family and how much you love each other.

As, perhaps one of the most famous verses of the Bible says, "*And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.*" (1 Corinthians 13:13) or "*love your neighbor as you love yourself.*" (Matthew 19:19) The Bible is full of love and I even think the whole thing - from Genesis to Revelation - is God's love story with humanity. I also think that God continues to write our love story with God every single day.

God is continuing to write the love story of my family. I wish to share with you, our church family, that we are in the process of becoming an open home for adoption through The Call and the Dept. of Children and Family Services of Arkansas. We have been through a vetting process and training, and we are now waiting for our home study and a final walk-through of our home at this point. We do not know the timing of these appointments, but we do know they will be soon. Once we are declared open, we wait for God's timing for a child who needs our love. We are seeking a child age 5 or younger. We have decided to tell our church families about our journey as we are at the point in time when we could walk in on a Sunday morning with a kiddo, and figured that probably wouldn't be the best time to try to explain the situation. We also covet your prayers for the child, for the birth family, and for us as we continue in the process. All of this remains in God's hands and timing, and we are excited about this chapter of our love story.

I also believe God is still writing the love story of our church family. There is always someone in your circle who needs to know about God's love. I invite you to pray for God to show you who that is and how you may share God's love with them. It may or may not be an invitation to join us on Sunday morning. It may be an invitation to join you while working on a mission project. It could even be an invitation to join us for dinner at Mid-Week Manna.

In God's grace and love,
Rev. Jeanne

NEWSLETTER FINANCIAL INFORMATION for YEAR-END 2018

	2018 Actual	2018 Budget
Month of December Income	\$98,963.48	\$42,328.26
Month of December Expenses	\$89,673.22	\$45,526.49
Difference	\$9,290.26	(\$3,198.23)
Year to Date (as of 12/31/18) Income	\$614,946.06	\$507,940.00
Year to Date (as of 12/31/18) Expense	\$614,613.28	\$546,317.00
Difference	\$332.78	(\$38,377.00)

WE DID IT!!! We ended the year in the BLACK. Thanks to all of you who made it happen, through 13th month giving and those who just gave a little (or a lot) extra. Thank You!!



JOINING in the JOURNEY TOGETHER

Rev. Brenda Wideman, Associate Pastor

"Gone South ~
Back for the March Newsletter."
Pastor Brenda



In Pastor Brenda's absence, our guest contributor is Elaine Detlefsen. Elaine has been a member of FUMCBV since 2001. She is a Congregational Care Minister, a dedicated member of Prayer Shawl, Co-Chair of Sarah Circle, a weekly Office Angel, sings in both the BV Women's Chorus and our Chancel Choir, and teaches the Seekers Adult Sunday School Class.

*He that dwells in the secret place of the Most High
Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. PSALM 91*

Pastor Brenda is away for a few days so I have an opportunity to talk about her ministry in action.

Last April she led our Congregational Care Team to the annual conference for training new participants from around the country. It was held at the Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas. There were six of our church members attending: Dave Broers, Pat Fox, Maryann Johnson, Judy Kaufmann, Pastor Brenda and me.

On the second day we were tired and hungry after a full morning of instruction and I was glad to be up and moving quickly toward the lunch line when, suddenly, I lost my balance and fell forward landing on my chest and chin. Very quickly someone was holding me steady and telling me he was a former army EMT, and for me to be still as he held me until the ambulance arrived. I thought, "Thank you, God."

When we arrived at the hospital the first person I saw was Pastor Brenda! How lovely that was. Then in the emergency room she introduced me to the chaplain from the Church of the Resurrection. So then I had two chaplains praying for me in addition to our own team. How lovely!

I had two broken ribs and a very sore chin. It was determined that I should spend the night in the hospital, which I did with Brenda at my side until bedtime. And she was there the next morning, bright and early. What a model of a caregiver she is!

She had already called my daughter. Brenda let me know that the entire assembly was praying for me. Although I was in pain, it was so reassuring to have her there. We had a good laugh that if an accident had to happen, it was good to be at a Caregiver's Conference. AMEN!

Elaine Detlefsen



Growing Disciples

Danielle Norgaard,
NextGen Director

My kids are geniuses. And so are yours. "Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will spend its whole life believing that it is stupid." ~ Albert Einstein

What an affirming message for kids who struggle with our society's limited definition of childhood success.

Kids basically have 4 ways to be declared a pint-sized success. Society's Magic 4:

1. Be an athlete.
2. Be a music or art prodigy.
3. Be really attractive.
4. Get really good grades in school.

When they meet one or more of these criteria, life is easier. They get kudos and gold stars and blue ribbons and good report cards. People smile at them more often. They have more friends. Their parents brag in their hearing or put bumper stickers on their minivans.

The truth is, there are many, many ways to be a success. Our kids need to hear this. Over and over. And we need to believe it.

How do we help our kids find their inner superheroes?

The best place to start is right where they are. "*What the world needs now*" is whatever gift your child brings to the table. If he's a fish, let him be a fish. If he's a tree climber, let him climb that tree. God created each of us with the exact gifts, abilities, and passions we need to become who He has called us to be and to equip us to do the work He has planned for us.

We have to learn to value whatever it is that makes our kids special. We have to look beyond society's Magic 4 and celebrate our kids' inherent awesomeness, even if they have two left feet, can't play a note or hold a paintbrush, and have giant Charlie Brown heads.

If we value more than the Magic 4, our kids will too.

Danielle

PS. . . .HELP WANTED!

The Children and Youth Sunday School and Mid-Week Manna classes are in need of volunteer substitute teachers once in a while. Please contact me at my work e-mail danielle@lovelearnlead.com to sign up/get on the list?

MEDIA MUSINGS

Kacy Spears,
Director of Communications



Why Media?

As people try to re-center themselves, find purpose, or seek new opportunities, they are often prompted to stop and ask WHY. "*Why am I doing this? Why does this matter?*"

So, "Why media?"

Media is fast-paced, simultaneously in the moment as well as predictive, and the results are usually measurable. Church media is all of the above and also an act of service. Any act that is done for the betterment of the church, to me, is an act of service. Media is more than just what you see on Sundays. Media includes photography, social media, electronic visuals (used in Midweek Manna, for example), and more.

Why is media important to the church?

Through the use of media, we can reach neighbors that have never even seen our church. We can broadcast our services to homebound members or those channel surfing on a Sunday or Wednesday morning. Through media, we are opening our doors without having to unlock our physical doors. Therefore, media is an outreach ministry. We're reaching out beyond our members, beyond our church walls, to reach those who need the church. Equally as important, media allows us to easily communicate to those who regularly attend our church through weekly emails, Facebook posts, and through our website.

What can I do to help the media ministry?

If you are interested in helping the media ministry, there are several volunteer opportunities available. We're in need of people to focus the camera during services, to turn the sound on and off, to adjust lighting, to manage the slides that are shown on the screen, and to help set up technology in Midweek Manna classrooms. **Absolutely No prior experience is necessary!** We've had an amazing number of volunteers step up this past year, and we'd like to expand that opportunity to more of you! Contact Kacy Spears at kacy@lovelearnlead.com, or by calling the church office to ask questions about media ministry, or to coordinate a training time.

Kacy



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. Please send your information to Brenda Wideman, Congregational Care Minister: brenda@lovelearnlead.com, or 855-1158.

MILESTONES

Bob and Dorothy Schuster — made a donation to the *Snack Packs for Back Packs* program in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary, Tuesday, January 15th.



Earl and Bette Cummings — also made a donation to the *Snack Packs for Back Packs* program, in celebration of their 11th wedding anniversary Sunday, January 20th.



Andrea Vogel — graduated from the University of Texas, San Antonio December 16th. Roy and Jan Vogel attended that day to help celebrate this milestone with their granddaughter and family. Prayers of thanksgiving for Andrea's success!

BIRTHS

Henry Liam Herford was born Sunday, January 20th. He is the first grandson of Connie Hinton, and we lift this wonderful family in our prayers.

RELOCATION

Ralph & Mona Johnson had been members at FUMCBV since 1990 and moved to North Carolina in 2016 to be closer to family. They recently moved into a retirement center. Their new address is: Gracious Retirement Living Center, 205 S.E. Service Road #234, Southern Pines, NC 28387. They would love to hear from you!



IN MEMORIAM

Billy Jay Jerman — passed away Friday, January 18th. Services were held at the Resurrection Cemetery Chapel in Oklahoma City on Saturday, January 26th. Billy and Carlene had been members since 1985 and recently moved to Oklahoma to be near family. Please keep Carlene and their family in your prayers. Condolence may be sent to her c/o Jerry Jerman, 3948 Waverly Dr., Norman, OK, 73072.



Raymond Vogel — brother of Roy Vogel, passed away on December 17th in Fountain Hills, AZ. Roy and Jan traveled to the memorial service, held Saturday the 22nd of December in Sac City, Iowa. Prayers for the Vogel families.



SAVE THESE DATES for HELPING HANDS

Saturday work days for 2019 are
March 2, June 29, and October 26.

Helping Hands finished the year similar to previous years by helping residents of Benton County with donations of over one million dollars, helping people with everything from food to help with utility & medical bills, rent, and gas & bus expenses.

If you've been looking for a Charity where you can give your time instead of just donating money, this is the place for you! It takes no special skills to work at the back dock accepting donations, just some muscle and determination. If you like the feel of money, try cashiering! If you like talking to people, be a bagger. If you like straightening things and shopping at the same time, work on the sales floor.

Be watching the bulletins a couple weeks before the work dates for ways you can help. If you have any questions, call Verna Bottjen, 876-1392.



SAVE YOUR PULL-TABS for Ronald McDonald House Charities

There are collection containers in Becker Hall, Narthex & Office. Our Scouts are collecting these through the middle of April.



From the Organ Console Broc Hite

Organist/Associate Director of Music



Chopin and Bach is my pairing for Piano Postludes in February 2019. I originally wanted to learn all four Chopin Scherzi for February but realized that might consume every moment of my life for weeks. So instead, you'll get two of them now, along with two more Bach Preludes and Fugues from the Well-Tempered Clavier, Book One. I'll do the other two in May. Although my pairing of the two composers was just arbitrary, research shows that the Well-Tempered Clavier had a profound effect on Chopin. I even found a Website where the pianist pairs a specific Bach prelude with its similar Chopin étude or nocturne. Perhaps there's a future recital opportunity there!

During my vacation, I spent several days in New York City and attended Evensong and the afternoon recital at historic St. Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue. I was so thrilled to hear the brand-new 103-rank Dobson organ, which replaced an instrument that was installed even before the world-famous boys' choir school was established in 1919! I confess that the all-English recital program was mostly unfamiliar. So, during the month of February, I'll start to remedy that by presenting some English works. I'll continue to mix in some of my favorite compositions by Alexandre Guilmant, which I started to play in January.

I hope that you will attend my organ/piano recital *Ode to the Moon* on Sunday, February 3rd, at 12:10 p.m. I will also offer it via Facebook Live, so even if you can't attend in person, you can hear the stream either during the event or afterward via the archive. I tentatively plan to offer a piano recital in March, but I have no more details yet. I'll be sure to let you know about that event as well as others through my Website and social media!

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

On Facebook and Instagram: @BrocKeysPedals

Broc



**Please be in prayer for,
and in support of, our
church administrative
leaders as they lead us
through this next year.**

LAY LEADER'S MESSAGE

We are in February already, and everything is moving fast. All the church committees are in place and up and running, and some new chairpersons have taken over. Goals for 2019 have been established and a positive thrust is on the move.

The Church Council, which consists of all the chairpersons of the various committees and includes 18 members, is the governing body of the church. All activities of the church and all decisions pass before the church council, are discussed and voted on.

It's good to get to know the chair people and let your voice and ideas be known. You can always call me and we can take the time to discuss the direction of the church and your thoughts as we move forward. I recently came across a quote I enjoyed and wanted to share it with you. "Quit looking for a better church. Make the church you are at better by being a better church member."

I believe it is all about us doing the best we can as we come to God's church.
Lou Kaufmann



As the newly elected president of our United Methodist Men's organization, I look forward to leading this wonderful men's group in 2019. I

would also like to again thank Lou Kaufmann for his dedication and leadership of the organization these past two years.

As we move forward into the new year we will continue to enhance the program even more with our monthly series of informative guest speakers and more fun activities for the group participation during the year. It's all about fellowship.

I extend a welcoming hand of discipleship and friendship to "all" the men of FUMCBV. "You're already a member"!! Come join with your fellow Knights for Christ, the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm for good food and fellowship with the men of our church family.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 13th at 6:30 in Becker Hall. Gene Grainger, who was a paramedic for 35 years, will be speaking about Community Risk Reduction and developing a guide for conducting a Community Risk Assessment. Rhythm & Q caters the meal and it will be wonderful as always. Please make your reservations no later than noon, Monday, February 11th by calling the church office (855-1158).

Yours in Christ, Art Lawless



OUR FAMILY



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

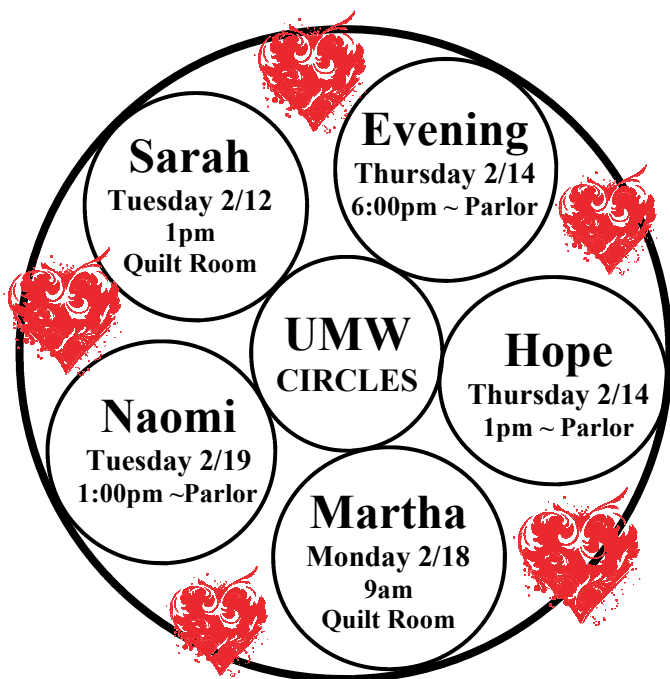
- 2 ♥♥ Dick & Genie Schupp
- 17 ♥♥ Gary & Delores Grosnickle

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 ♥ Jane Potts
- 2 ♥ Bette Cummings
- 3 ♥ Lynn Dove
- 3 ♥ Keith Prueitt
- 4 ♥ David Patterson
- 4 ♥ Rose Taylor
- 5 ♥ Mabel Ashline
- 7 ♥ Chuck Hurl
- 8 ♥ Nita May

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS (cont.)

- 8 ♥ Ella Pittman
- 8 ♥ Dee Wresche
- 9 ♥ Leslie Magee
- 9 ♥ Meichelle Ray
- 10 ♥ Lynn Johns
- 10 ♥ Tiffany May
- 10 ♥ Diane Rolph
- 11 ♥ Judy Kaufmann
- 11 ♥ Charlene Rayburn
- 13 ♥ Amy Gilmore
- 13 ♥ Jill Hale
- 13 ♥ Jazzlyn Hickman
- 13 ♥ Heath Williams
- 14 ♥ Marilyn Frisby
- 17 ♥ Bea Johnson
- 17 ♥ Gretchen Magee
- 17 ♥ Hunter Roath
- 18 ♥ Caroline Perdue
- 19 ♥ Laney Baker
- 20 ♥ Jerrie Gallamore
- 21 ♥ Matthew Sandusky
- 23 ♥ Phoebe Bader
- 24 ♥ Ted Ivy
- 25 ♥ J.R. Anderson
- 26 ♥ Peg Johnson
- 27 ♥ Rod Alford
- 27 ♥ Kathy Ayres
- 28 ♥ Zoe Bryson
- 28 ♥ Sean Crider
- 28 ♥ Jacob Norgaard



LOST & FOUND

There is a plethora of glasses (14 pairs) and 6 umbrellas that need to be claimed or they are going to the Lions Club and in the Rummage sale. There are also various keys, earrings, and other miscellaneous items in the office.

Please come see if anything is yours!



The STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Why I quit Tithing (and Why You Should, Too)

Larry Poole, Director of Generosity, Northpark Church, Raleigh, NC

Most people simply don't understand *tithing*. To many Christians, it seems like some sort of country club due. Another bill in the long list of monthly expenses.

Giving is supposed to be an act of worship that draws you closer to the heart of God.

Then why is it that the concept of tithing, giving the first 10 percent of one's income, has become so divisive in the church?

When it comes to tithing, Christians debate questions like:

- *Is tithing still even required? Wasn't it an Old Testament law? Didn't Christ abolish the law with His death and resurrection?*
- *Should I tithe off the gross or net of my income?*
- *Does God really expect me to tithe if I'm struggling in my personal finances?*
- *I "tithe" my time to the church. Isn't that enough?*

These questions all have the same recurring theme—what's the least I can give and still receive God's blessings. When you debate these questions, you totally miss the point.

Biblical generosity isn't about giving the minimum. It's about surrendering it all to an all-powerful, all-loving God.

A God who gave everything in his son Jesus Christ (John 3:16)

Randy Alcorn said it best: "*Giving affirms Christ's lordship. It dethrones me and exalts Him.*"

Bull's-eye!

I used to write checks to my church that looked like this: \$112.14. To the penny. Nothing more. Nothing less.

"There's my 10 percent God. Hopefully that'll cover the upkeep in Heaven until my next paycheck. Now bless me."

I didn't get it. God didn't need my money.

God wanted proof that He was first in my life. He wanted me to trust Him completely. He wanted to grow my faith.

And yes, He wanted to bless my finances tremendously. But only if I trusted Him completely.

As I began to mature in my spiritual walk, it all started to make sense.

Everything belongs to God (Psalm 24:1). The more I trust him with my finances, the more He can use me to reveal His glory. The more I get to be a conduit for His miracles, the more my faith gets to be tested and grown.

And that's why I quit tithing.

Don't hear me wrong. I still give the first 10 percent of my income to God through my local church. I think 10 percent is a great starting point.

But I've started asking a different question. A question that's radically changing my life.

It's no longer, "*How much should I give?*" Instead, I've started asking, "*How much should I keep?*"

And I'm no different from you. I'm an average guy. I'm not a millionaire. I'm not expecting a windfall of cash from a rich relative any time in the near future.

I just recognize that my God is sufficient to meet and **exceed** all my needs.

I believe God when He says: "*Test me in this,*" says the Lord Almighty, "*and see if I will not throw open the flood gates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.*" (Malachi 3:10b)

When the Holy Spirit prompts me, I respond.

It's simple.

I can't say it's always easy. But I can promise you that it's taking me to spiritual heights I've never experienced before.

The character of God is being revealed to me in a whole new way.

Is it possible that you're limiting God with your giving?

Maybe you're obedient with the first 10 percent, but completely unwilling when the Holy Spirit prompts you further.

Instead of being comfortable, maybe it's time for you to give in a way that's going to require **FAITH** again.

It probably won't be easy. But it will be worth it.

God doesn't just want your first 10 percent. He wants your whole heart.

The ENDOWMENT CORNER

by Dave Broers, Endowment Chair, 2013~2018

All of us are indebted to the past...to those who precede us. We drink from wells we have not dug. We enjoy liberties we have not won. We share faith whose foundations we have not laid.

And at the same time, all of us are seeds of the future...of those who succeed us. We dream dreams. We see visions. We hold convictions. We make decisions through a glass darkly. Their fruition is one we know only others who follow us shall behold.

Bella Vista First United Methodist Church started our endowment in November 1997 by Pastor Wendell Dorman and Chairman Rod Alford.

The 12/31/18 market value balance of the Endowment Fund is \$1,026,405. FUMCBV year donations have been \$275, current income of \$15,933 with disbursements of \$14,500. The available income is \$16,565.

It is intended that income of the Fund not be used for ongoing church operating expenses. Rather, the undesignated income earned by the Fund shall be allocated to assist in the maintenance, welfare and improvement of the buildings and property of a capital nature. To assist in the ministries of the Church with considerations towards new and/or exploratory ministries.

Recent projects supported by income on principal have included the following:

- 2011-11/11 \$5,910 Paint front and west side of the church
\$17,900 HVAC's
- 2012-4/12 \$8,300 HVAC
7/12 \$3,800 Grease Trap
- 2013-8/13 \$10,000 HVAC-two units
11/13 \$8,000 HVAC
- 2014-No Disbursements
- 2015-No Disbursements
- 2016-10/16 \$18,000 HVAC
- 2017-2/17 \$6,000 Congregational Care Ministries
5/17 \$4,000 Sr. Pastor Down Payment Residence (Paid Back)
5/17 \$6,700 HVAC outside kitchen
\$1,279.80 Carpet Sr. Pastor's office
- 2018-5/18 \$7,000 Repaving & Striping lower parking lot \$11,000 total
7/18 \$7,500 Replace HVAC Becker Hall

What can you do about the endowment fund? The laws of the land permit every person to choose how to dispose of his or her worldly possessions. Law, custom and conscience say that it is right and proper for us to make grateful gifts to those dear to us. Tax laws make giving to the church both economical and philanthropic. By your giving, you can benefit many others, while securing happiness and satisfaction for yourself.

The endowment fund is a unique vessel of Christianity stewardship beyond one's lifetime, toward the mission and ministry of Bella Vista First United Methodist Church by generations beyond our own. We hope you consider a gift at the right time and way for you...informed, of course, by appropriate legal and financial counsel.

As I transition out of the role as chairman of the Endowment Committee, I wanted to take a moment to thank you all for your continued support. As I depart, I am excited to say I will be leaving you in very capable hands with incoming chairman for 2019, David Schroeder.

Blessings, Dave Broers



THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the amazing love offering gift and for the many other gifts you gave to me and my family (Janet- check my grammar) this Christmas season. The best gift is the ability to serve alongside each of you as we make disciples of Jesus Christ. I pray for you daily, and I am excited for this new year and what God has in store for us! Blessings,
Rev. Jeanne

I am totally overwhelmed by the wonderful greetings I have received for my birthday by mail, e-mail, phone calls, and personal visits—many from people I have not heard from in a while. Thank you, everyone!
Marion Kornis

Many thanks to my church family!! Hospital visits, prayers, cards, calls, food, and ride home were greatly appreciated. I'm feeling much better and am looking forward to a good New Year at FUMCBV. Thanks again, and blessings to all.
Phoebe Bader

I want to thank everyone who has supported me and helped Lloyd in these past few month. Your prayers and concern have been appreciated.
Lynn Muirhead

Your FUMCBV Staff wishes to thank you, our church family, for your generosity this Christmas season in giving to our love offering gift. It is our joy to serve with you and we appreciate the extra love at the end of the year. May God bless you!
 FUMCBV Staff

JOB BOOK

Have you seen a burned-out bulb somewhere, or a faucet leaking, or any other "something that needs to be fixed"? There is a JOB BOOK in the office where you can fill out a job request form. The Trustees check this book frequently, and try to fix whatever needs to be fixed—but if they don't know about it, it won't get done! Everyone can be the eyes and ears of the church. Thanks!

BOOK NOOK



DVD: MOVIES

THE NATIVITY STORY

The journey of a lifetime, A story for all time.

FICTION:

CHRISTMAS AT THE MYSTERIOUS BOOKSHOP by Otto Penzler "Tis the season to be deadly. Stories of mistletoe and mayhem from 17 authors.

MAEVE'S TIMES by Maeve Binchy
 Selections of writings from the Irish Times.

LARGE-PRINT FICTION:

THE FALLEN by David Baldacci
 When one mistake could cost him everything-Decker finds that his memory may not be so trustworthy after all.

ROBERT B. PARKER'S BLOOD FEUD by Mike Lupica Sunny is dragged into the thick of Ritchie's family business as she searches for answers and tries to stop a mob war.



Please don't forget about our ongoing mission project! 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 !

Fill the Banks !

Feed a Child !

MEALS ON WHEELS Month is in **JUNE** this year. Think about finding a delivery partner and be sure to sign up for a few days when the time comes. Darrell will keep us posted as to when he needs us.

FEBRUARY 2019

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
3	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 12:00 Organ/Piano Recit	4	9:00 Calico Spec Projec 10:30 Staff Meeting 12:30 Women's Chorus 6:00 Disciple I 6:00 Girl Scouts 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	5	Bella Vista Fire Department Training 8am-4pm 6:00 Scouts	6	8:00 Quilters 8:30 Men's Emmaus 9:00 Disciple II 9:30 UMW Board 3:15 Chancel Bells 4:00 Prayer Mtg 4:45 Chancel Choir 5:30 Manna Dinner 6:00 Confirmation Class 6:30 MidWeek Classes 6:30 Youth Life 6:30 Broc.rehearse	7	Becker Hall All Week 9:00 Old Sew&Sews 9:00 Jesus in Gospels 10:00 Prayer Shawl 12:30 Caregivers Support 6:30 Scouts 6:00 PM Youth Lock in 9:00AM	8	8:30 Amp Big Book 6:00 Broc rehearse	9	8:00 Quilts of Valor 8:30 Amp Big Book 6:00 Broc rehearse
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Prayer

Shawl Ministry

... has moved to Friday mornings at 10:00am in the Parlor. 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

Desiderata

GO PLACIDLY amid the noise and the haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence.
As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons.
Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others.
Be yourself. Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth.
Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself.
You are a child of the universe no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here.
And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.
Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be. And whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul.
With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.

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