



The Good News

January , 2010

You'll soon notice a major change to LeadLearnLove.com, the official website for FUMCBV. There will be improved design and organization of information and several functional enhancements for first-time and returning visitors. For example, the newsletter you're reading right now will be available online to read a few days before you receive your copy in the mail! Stay tuned for more information!

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Ringling in the New Year with our Youth

We hit the ground running, well — actually walking, through the Winter Wonderland Christmas Parade in Bentonville on December 5. Many of the youth painted banners and decorated the church bus. The youth are already planning for next year and want to begin right after Trunk or Treat to do a float. Oh, and LOTS more candy because we ran out half way through the parade. This was a great and fun outreach event for the teens. Several of the youth signed up to participate in ringing bells for the Salvation Army in front of Allen's Supermarket on December 21.



December 19, we watched as the Children and Youth (and yes some children at heart) put on The Second Annual Children's Christmas Play. Jon and Jessica Mendoza did an amazing job putting it all together, the children were just delightful, and all had a great time! Thank you to everyone who helped make it happen: the wonderful people who wrote the script, to the bakers who made cookies, the angles who made the angel's costumes and the children. Without the help of all of you, this would not have happened.



On Sundays, the youth meet and sit together in the Contemporary Service and enjoy a few Praise songs before heading downstairs for Bible Study. On Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., we have our mid-week group meeting. Any youth grades 7-12 are welcome!!!! We are also in the process of looking into youth group t-shirts to be designed.

In January, the youth group will begin the Souper Bowl for Caring project. More information on this will come in the weekly bulletins. The first of our monthly 'Fun Friday' trips, we will be attending the premiere of the movie "To Save A Life" on January 22. This movie was written by a Youth Pastor and is a powerful and inspirational movie that hits on teen issues of cliques/popularity, depression, and suicide with the story of one boy's struggles that occur when he changes his entire life to take the Christian road after his childhood friend commits suicide. Check out the trailer at www.tosavealifemovie.com. We will have our first of our monthly 'Service Saturdays' on Jan 16. The service/mission work is still to be announced.



CHILDREN AND YOUTH



GLAD TO BE HERE!

Hello, my name is Danette Baker and I am so thrilled to have been given the opportunity of being the new Director of Youth Ministries.

I have been married to Eric for 15 years and have 3 girls...Kamryn, 14, Kaci, 11, and Kyler, 3. We both grew up in NWA and graduated from Rogers High School. We lived in San Diego, CA and Virginia Beach, VA while Eric was serving in the Navy. In 2002, we returned to NWA to finish raising our girls.

I just can't tell you how happy I am to be a part of this exciting time of growth in the church. Everyone has been just so wonderful!!

Next month in this section, I will begin to highlight one teen per month, a 'Youth for the Month'.

A NOTE TO PARENTS

I am so blessed to be working with your teens. They are all so warm and funny and have the greatest personalities. We are going to have an awesome year. I look forward to getting to know all of you much better. If you have not done so already, please return the contact, permission, and medical forms for my files. This will keep any delays from occurring when we take outings/ service trips or if an emergency happens. Thanks so much for bringing your great kids to youth group!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

I am in need of an extra person or two at EVERY meeting, outing, or service day. We will meet each Wednesday in January at 6-7:30 p.m. for youth meetings; January 16 for Service Saturday and Friday, January 22 for a movie event in Rogers.

It will not require any planning on your part, just your time of the meeting or event. So, if you feel a call to lend a few short hours once a month to our youth, please let me know when you would like to help out. My number is 925-8210. Thanks, Danette



CHILDREN'S CORNER

Pardon our dust while we evolve.... Over the next few weeks you might see some changes taking place in the children's Sunday School area. We are going to start using a rotation model Sunday School. In this style of class, the children will study the same story for four weeks (maybe more depending on the topic). Each week they will be doing different activities. There are movies to watch, games to play, science experiments to test, art to create, songs to sing and maybe even some skits to act out. This type of learning reinforces the lesson and the hope is that they retain it longer. If you have any questions, you can call me at 479-381-3806 or email me cjdrish@gmail.com.

Items we are looking for old records, sheet music, dark velvet curtains, any colors of spray paint, old picture frames (any size or shape, the more ornate the better)



STATE OF THE CHURCH

The church has endured the transition of Pastors and we are finding our footing. We have been able to build on the firm foundation started by the previous pastor, Rev. David Fleming.

The first building block was to put feet on the church vision of **Lead, Learn, Love**. Our mission: **To Equip Generations to Become Spiritually Maturing Christians**. From this, new ministries and directions have evolved:

EDUCATION

WOW Wednesdays

10 weeks of fellowship dinners, 6 classes with over 96 participating

Sunday Evening Women's study

Experiential Worship Study

Purpose to form and educate a creative worship team

Computerized Check in System for Children

MINISTRIES

Homebound Communion

Angel Food Ministries

Blankets for Hope

PHYSICAL RENOVATIONS

Becker Hall (lowering of stage, new screens and sound system)

Sanctuary (addition of electric screens and projectors)

Parking Lot Renovation

Preparing Halls for Art Exhibits

Re-designing Children and Youth areas

STAFF ADDITIONS AND CHANGES

Director of Children's Ministries

(new position) Director of Youth Ministries

Worship Leader for Contemporary Service

New Associate for Pastoral Care

New Web Page Design (to launch in January 2010)



With these new ministries plus all the continuing ministries, this is one busy church. Because of the nature of the congregation we are intentional about offering ministries, studies and committees for those who do not drive at night and those who can not come during the day. There has also been intentional effort to embrace open communication and harmonious behavior (with a lot of laughter thrown in for good measure).

Just like learning to drive around Bella Vista, I am continually surprised and delighted about uncovering new and exciting pathways this church is traveling. It is my firm belief that God calls a church together. The excitement comes from being aware of and helping to equip the vision God has implanted in the hearts of our people. May it be so!

Pastor Sara



MISSIONS

PAK A SAK 2009

Thanks to the generosity of our church family we have helped hundreds of needy families in Benton County during 2009. In the last 12 months Pak-a-Sak collected 4319 items of food with an estimated value of \$6,544.96. We received \$1,055.00 thru the offering plate, plus Mountain of Food funds of \$71.62, which allowed us to purchase 10 Thanksgiving Dinners for the Bentonville Schools Parents as Teachers Program for distribution to families in crisis. For Christmas we provided hams for ten Gravette Grade School families. We provided Harp's \$100.00 gift cards to N.W.A. Women's Shelter, Youth Bridge, Havenwood, NWA Children's Shelter, Salvation Army, Restoration Village, and Souls Harbor to help with the holiday dinners. To close the account for the year a Harp's Gift card for \$166.89 was purchased which will be used to buy items for the Backpack program at Cooper Elementary.

The Mission Team thanks all who have helped make this outreach such a success. I want to thank ALL the volunteers who have been so faithful in sorting, counting, and packing each month. You have made my job so much easier.

Sue Nebrig

Pak-A-Sak for January 2010

Habitat for Humanity will be the recipient of our collection on January 17. The families they serve are clients who have received homes through Habitat and in this uncertain employment climate occasionally need assistance with food. Their pantry is in need of all types of non-perishable food items.

MISSION OF THE MONTH



The Missions Committee thanks you for your continued generous support of the Angel Tree. A special thanks to Ed and Barbara Jenner, Greg Franklin and Mark Redden for their work in helping to deliver your gifts to Sharing and Caring at the Benton County Fairgrounds.

I am happy to report that the Goat Bank was again filled in short order. The order has been submitted for the purchase of another goat from Heifer International.

*Ralph and Mona Johnson
Special Mission Project Coordinators*

SHOEBOX

We are in the process of mailing out an information sheet to all of the new volunteers who signed up for the 2010 year. When completed, the form can be returned to the gold box on the Shoebox cabinet in Becker Hall. This process takes some time, but we will need and use everyone who has signed up. For those who have volunteered before we will use your information from last year. If the information has changed, you will find blank forms under the box in Becker Hall. Please update with current information and place in the box.



Praise to our Volunteers and Donors

As of December 14, we delivered 367 boxes and are still delivering. We also were able to donate over 400 pairs of cotton gloves to Salvation Army-Bentonville and Seven Hills Homeless Shelter thanks to generous donations by the family of Ward and Dorothy Reed and the Abram Shepherd Group. May God Bless you for this special gift.

Deliveries were made this month by Bobby Cox, Dorothy Peters, Ralph Johnson, Bud Henke, Karen Roenfeld, and Diane Verville. Thank you!

NEEDS

Travel size shampoo, socks, band-aids, zip lock bags and powdered laundry detergent.

*As always in His Service
The Shoebox Ministry Team*



BOOK NOOK

LARGE PRINT FICTION:

SANTA CLAWED by Rita Mae Brown

When Harry and her husband, Fair, fetch this year's tree, they find the one they've chosen grimly decorated with a dead body.

A QUILTER'S HOLIDAY by Jennifer Chiaverini

The day after Thanksgiving marks the beginning of quilting season at Elm Creek Manor. This year, Sylvia Bergstrom Compson has asked her friends to create quilt blocks representative of their holiday hopes and wishes. But not everyone is feeling hopeful.

THE LOST QUILTER by Jennifer Chiaverini

Sylvia Compson grew up on stories of her courageous great-great-aunt, Gerda, who made enormous efforts on behalf of runaway slaves. But a stash of letters discovered hidden in an old desk reveal startling events of which she had no idea.

CHRISTMAS LETTERS by Debbie Macomber

Katherine O'Conner often spends her days at a cozy café on Blossom Street in Seattle where she writes Christmas letters for other people. But to Dr. Wynn Jeffries, Christmas means lies and deception. Then Wynn and Katherine discover that love means accepting your differences.

THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS by Debbie Macomber

For Cassie Beaumont, it's meeting her perfect match. She wants a husband and kids and so far nothing has worked. What's left? A professional matchmaker in the name of Simon Dodson.

A BLUE AND GRAY CHRISTMAS by Joan Medlicott

A cache of letters nestled in a box unearthed by Max, Hannah's husband, are not only old, they date back to the Civil War era and reveal an astonishing story that holds Grace, Hannah, and Amelia spellbound.

THE CHRISTMAS COOKIE CLUB by Ann Pearlman

The Christmas Cookie Club is a delectable ode to friendship. For as twelve women gather to drink wine, talk and dazzle each other with their sweet confections, they confirm that the most important ingredient is love. Recipes included.

THE CHRISTMAS SECRET by Donna VanLiere

When a struggling single mother saves the life of an elderly woman, she sets into motion events that test her faith and set her on the path to finding true love.

FICTION:

TRUE BLUE by David Baldacci (Donation)

A mysterious high-profile homicide in the nation's capital collides with the dark side of national security.

THE PILOT'S WIFE by Anita Shreve (Donation)

A pilot's wife is taught to be prepared for the late-night knock at the door. But when Kathryn receives word that her husband's plane has exploded near the coast of Ireland, she confronts new revelations about her husband.

ANNA KARENINA by Leo Tolstoy (Donation)

WAR AND PEACE by Leo Tolstoy (Donation)

NON-FICTION:

MAKING LOVE LAST A LIFETIME by Adam Hamilton
Marriage is a calling from God, a lifelong mission of service and caring and ministry to another human being.

THE ELUSIVE MR. WESLEY by Richard Heitzenrater

The premise of this book is simple. How can we know the real John Wesley? Heitzenrater explains why it is so difficult and describes the principles of such a quest.

THE REASON FOR GOD by Timothy Keller

Keller uses literature, philosophy, real-life conversations and reasoning to explain how faith in a Christian God is a soundly rational belief.

THEN SINGS MY SOUL by Robert J. Morgan

One hundred fifty (150) of the world's greatest hymn stories.

The UMW Reading Program Book List is available in the Library along with a synopsis of each book. The list will be given to each Circle Chair and Reading Program Chair at the next Executive Committee Meeting. Happy Reading in 2010!



FIRST FRIENDS



When asked, "What do you like best about your church?" many people quickly answer "The people!" We sometimes think it is the responsibility of the pastor or the staff to reach out to perspective members. And to a point, that is true. However, we know that if people don't feel welcome and valued, they will probably not stay, regardless of how good the sermon is or how many programs the church has to offer. That is why we started First Friends a few years ago. Most of you were members here long before we had such a program. Some of you are visiting now, wanting to make sure that this church and these people are where you want to settle. "First Friends" was established to shorten the time it takes for new members to feel like family.

As a potential member, we will invite a person or family that you have already met to become your First Friends. If you are a member, we will invite you to become a First Friend when we perceive some similar interests or backgrounds with the person or family joining.

Ideally, the relationship begins on the Sunday morning when the First Friends stand with the new members as they join the church. From that day forward, for about the first six months, the First Friends will help the new members feel welcome, introduce them to others in the church, and answer any questions that may arise in their early months.

While this is an extremely important task, it need not take a great deal of time. And because we all participate in different things within our church, each First Friend will mentor the new members based on their own personalities and involvements. Below are some of the things First Friends can do to help new members make this important transition to our church:

- Plan some way to get together in the first couple of weeks after they join our fellowship – visit in their home, invite them to yours, take them to lunch after church, or invite them for coffee.
- Listen – take time to get to know them; what do they enjoy? What are they anxious about? Be a friend.
- Meet them after church to introduce them to two or three new people each week for a month.
- Invite them to attend a church-wide event. Include them in a ministry you are involved in; join them as they attend a Circle meeting, a fellowship dinner, a UMW luncheon or UMM dinner.
- Invite them to join your Sunday School class, or help them visit several Sunday School classes so they can decide which one is best for them.
- Contact them by phone or note at least once a month for 3 or 4 months.
- Let a staff member know if the new member(s) have any special needs.
- Accompany them to the New Member Orientation. Following the meeting, be their host at the potluck dinner held in their honor.

If you know someone who is about to join the church, offer to be their First Friends. If you are asked to be First Friends for someone, please consider how your efforts can reveal Christ working in our church. Thanks for helping us with our hospitality! *-Jan Lowe*



EDUCATION

WOW Wednesdays is Back...

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, January 20, as we kick off the Winter WOW Wednesdays. Ed Jenner, Education Steward is finalizing a line-up of short courses and workshops that will take us up to Easter. If you have a recommendation for a class or workshop, or if you would be willing to facilitate one of the classes, please contact Ed Jenner as soon as possible.

Our Youth and Children's directors will also have special offerings, beginning January 13.

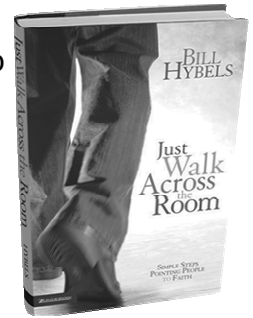
Watch the Sunday bulletins for a flyer describing the offerings, times, facilitators, etc. Plan to come early each Wednesday for a light supper.

A tentative list of classes being offered include:

- **John Wesley** — a six-week study on John Wesley, the major themes of his theology, the spread of Wesleyanism to North America, and renewal in the Wesleyan tradition.
- **Attitude is Your Paintbrush** – a book by Jim Moore that inspires readers to transform negative, pessimistic attitudes into positive, optimistic attitudes centered on the love and hope of Jesus Christ.
- **Meet the Methodists** – A concise look at United Methodist history and doctrine. Includes study guide.
- **Top Ten List for Christians** – Another Jim Moore book that offers ten witty and wise reminders of the real priorities in life – God's priorities for faithful living. It will encourage you to live each day with faith, hope, love, joy, trust and commitment.
- **FaithLink** – a study for those who want to apply their Methodist beliefs to current faith issues and world events. It will motivate us to consider our personal views on important contemporary issues, and encourage us to act on them. This class will be led by Ed Jenner.

February Workshop at Mt. Sequoyah

The church bus will be heading to Mt. Sequoyah for a workshop based on the book by Bill Hybels entitled "Just Walk Across the Room." The workshop is scheduled for Feb 19 and 20. Details will be provided in future church bulletins. Many of us shy away from even the word Evangelism. Before you stop reading, read an excerpt from an introduction to the book the workshop is based on:



What if you knew that by simply crossing the room and saying hello to someone, you could change that person's life forever? Just a few steps to make an eternal difference. It has nothing to do with methods and everything to do with taking a genuine interest in another human being. All you need is a heart that's in tune with the Holy Spirit and a willingness to venture out of your "Circle of Comfort" and into another person's life. Just Walk Across the Room brings personal evangelism into the twenty-first century. Building on the solid foundation laid in Becoming a Contagious Christian, Bill Hybels shows how you can participate in the model first set by Jesus, who stepped down from heaven 2,000 years ago to bring hope and redemption to broken people living in a fallen world. Now it's your turn. With fresh perspectives from his own reflections and experiences collected during his most recent decade of ministry, Bill Hybels shows with convincing and inspiring clarity the power of this personal, richly relational approach to evangelism. The stakes are high. The implications are eternal. And you may be only a conversation away from having an eternal impact on someone's life-if you will just walk across the room.

Pastor Sara plans to lead the congregation in a special study of this book, immediately following Easter. Come to the workshop in February to get a head start.



UMW 2010 READING PROGRAM BOOK LIST:

EDUCATION FOR MISSION: CATEGORY I

A CREDIBLE WITNESS by Brenda Salter McNeil (269.2)
 CECILIA'S YEAR by Susan and Denise Gonzales
 Abraham
 ARMANDO AND THE BLUE TARP SCHOOL by Edith
 Hope Fine (FIC)
 PRAYERS AND PONDERINGS by Residents of Brooks-
 Howell Home (LP) (242)
 WHERE MERCY FAILS by Chris Herlinger (363.8)
 (BONUS BOOK: counts as 2 books)
 A LOVE AFFAIR WITH INDIA by Martha Chamberlain
 GOD TRUSTED A WOMAN by Cynthia B. Astle (BIO)

NURTURING FOR COMMUNITY: CATEGORY II

AM I A COLOR TOO? By Heidi Cole (FIC)
 LOUIS SOCKALEXIS by Bill Wise (BIO)
 LIVING WITH PURPOSE IN A WORN-OUT BODY by
 Missy Buchanan (LP)(242.6)
 NO TURNING BACK by Gurdon Brewster (BIO)
 CARING FOR MOTHER by Virginia Stem Owens (259)
 SOMETHING TO SING ABOUT by C.C. Payne (FIC)

SOCIAL ACTION: CATEGORY III

SACRED SPARK by Rev. Lisa K. Sykes (371.94)
 (BONUS counts as 2 books)
 CAN WE TALK ABOUT RACE? By Beverly Daniel Tatum
 THE ROAD OF LOST INNOCENCE by Somaly Mam
 I WISH I KNEW WANT TO DO?! By Beth Carls (362.7)
 THE SUICIDAL PLANET by Mayer Hillman (LP) (363.7)

SPIRITUAL GROWTH: CATEGORY IV

CHRISTIANS IN CONFLICT by Everett Leadingham
 GREAT JOY by Kate DiCamillo (FIC)
 JOHN LEWIS IN THE LEAD by Jim Haskins (BIO)
 LOCKED UP by Don Beisswenger (BIO)
 A MONK IN THE INNER CITY by Mary Lou Kownacki
 THREE SIMPLE RULES by Rueben P. Job (296)
 DOES GOD KNOW HOW TO TIE SHOES? By Nancy
 Carlstrom (FIC)
 HAVE A LITTLE FAITH by Mitch Albom (LP) (296.7)
 FEARLESS by Max Lucado (LP) (248)

CHURCH COUNCIL FOR 2010

As an "Every Member in Ministry" church, we have the privilege and responsibility to share our gifts in many ways. The following individuals have answered the call to share their special gifts in leadership capacities in the following committees and ministries for 2010.

Church Council Chair - Cliff Jenkins
 Vice Chair – Ed Jenner
 Lay Leader - Jim Prather
 Lay Member to Annual Conf. - Jim Prather
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 Evangelism Steward - Juanita Franklin
 Prayer Ministry Steward - Marilyn Hertel
 Congregational Care - Miriam Stocks
 Education - Ed Jenner
 Mission Steward - Maryann Johnson
 Library Committee - Helen Claire Bothwell

In the coming months, each member will share a little about themselves, why they felt called to serve and introduce us to their committee or ministry.

Janice Smith is traveling to Rio Bravo again this year. She pays her own expenses, but we hope some of you will make a contribution to help build casitas (each one is \$2,700) or help support a scholarship or their Vacation Bible School. Please mark your check -
 Janice Smith/Rio Bravo.



FELLOWSHIP



Metfield Methodists will meet on January 11 at the Metfield clubhouse at 8:30 a.m. Please bring any ideas that you might have for this year's gatherings. If you are unable to attend send your ideas to Cheryl at chetsgolf@sbcgobal.net Plan to order off the menu when you arrive.

CARE Meeting

Come And Receive Encouragement as well as a lot of helpful information Wednesday, January 20 in the Chapel at 10:30 a.m. Rod Alford will be the presenter and you don't want to miss this opportunity to learn valuable ways to help organize your life.

Mark Your Calendar!

Tuesday January 12 — Care and Share trailer will be in the upper parking lot.

Friday January 15 — Newsletter Deadline.

Sunday January 17 — Pak-A-Sak Sunday.

Monday January 18 — Church Council meets at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel.

Wednesday January 20 — WOW Wednesdays! Winter session begins.

Thursday January 21 — Library Board Meeting 1:15 p.m. in the Library.

Every Thursday at 4:00 p.m. P.A.C.E. (People with Arthritis Can Exercise) group meets in Becker Hall.



James and Vicki Forrest transferred their membership from St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Pine Bluff, AR on Sunday, December 13. St. Luke's is a small church and they had the opportunity to be very

involved in ministry there.

James is retired from the manufacturing industry, and Vicki from teaching kindergarten. They have two children, each married, and four grandchildren between them. With both families living close by, they will be able to spend some of that retirement time spoiling the grandkids.

James is an avid golfer – yes, even winter, although Vicki says he reserves the right to be discriminating if the weather is just too cold. Vicki loves to read, and they both are looking forward to some travel. Take a few minutes to introduce yourself to them and let them know how much we appreciate them being a part of our family.



David and Andrea Hanson are pleased to announce the safe arrival of babies Brynn, a girl, and Sawyer, a boy, on December 30, 2009. Babies, parents and big sister Hannah are all doing great. Thank you for all the prayers and good wishes!



UMM and UMW



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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The UMW year begins with planning for a new year of mission and ministry. Our officers meet early in the month to look at what will be happening during the whole year. We look for opportunities to be in ministry in familiar and new ways. January is the month when UMW members make their pledge commitment for 2010. While proceeds from our annual Bazaar, Rummage Sale and other fundraisers help support our mission efforts here in our local church and in the surrounding community, pledges are our only source of income for programming for the year. Those who are members of a circle can make their pledge at their January circle meeting. Others who wish to support the work of United Methodist Women will receive a letter and may send in a pledge as well. All of the funds raised support the work of UMW here, in our district, our conference and beyond. Our budget for 2010 is \$8,370. Please be as generous as you can.

JANUARY CIRCLE MEETINGS PROGRAM - PLEDGE All Circles meet in the Chapel

Charity	January 12, 9:00 a.m.
Hope	January 14, 1:00 p.m.
Martha	January 19, 9:00 a.m.
Naomi	January 19, 1:30 p.m.
Sarah	January 12, 1:00 p.m.
Evening	January 21, 6:30 p.m.

Special Mission Recognition

Each year, our local UMW presents four Special Mission Recognitions pins to individuals nominated by our members. Each award represents a contribution to the mission work of United Methodist Women.

The 2009 recipients were honored at our December luncheon. They were Pat Jenkins, Maryann Johnson, Diane Verville and Pat Pershing. Congratulations to each of these women for the contributions they make to the life of our church and community.



UMW VALENTINES TABLE SETTING DINNER

You won't want to miss an opportunity to get out in February to enjoy a good meal, entertainment, and a chance to help support area charities.

Friday, February 12

6:30 pm

Becker Hall

Tickets - \$12.50 per person

What is a Table Setting Dinner?

It is a variety of table setting themes provided by individual UMW ladies, using their personal china and unique creativity. All proceeds benefit UMW local charities.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

Our first meeting for 2010 will be January 13 at 6:30 p.m. in Becker Hall. Guest speaker is Darrell Bowman, POA fisheries biologist. Our caterer for 2010 will be Papa Mike and the first meal will be sliced beef brisket, potatoes, a vegetable, salad, dessert and ice tea or coffee. Set aside this evening for food and fellowship.



Thank you for the many notes and cards you sent to me after John's death. They were much appreciated. This is a very caring church.

Love, Harmony Ford

Praise God, Prayer works!

Thank you everyone for your kind words of encouragement and many prayers. Thank you for the prayer shawl it is lovely. Thanks to all the many Birthday cards for Max's 90th Birthday. The diagnoses are the same, but we thank the Lord for this much improvement. Max came home Oct. 27th and can now walk without his walker. What a blessing from the Lord, for this and our wonderful church family! We have lived here 24 years. This is the most loving, caring Methodist church we have belonged to. Thanks go to Verle and Sara for their visits, and prayers. Keep them coming! We will be praying for you, Also. Calls and visits are welcome!

In Christian love, Lee and Max Rowilson

Angel Food Ministry would like to thank all of those who contributed Memorials to Garland Spurgin. He worked hard to bring this ministry to our church. The funds will be used to expand this ministry in his honor. Thank You.

For my friends at First United Methodist: I want to thank you for the prayer shawl you gave me on leaving. It has taken me quite a while to get organized here, but I am settled now. I miss all my friends and the activities at church. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Gladys Buckius

We thank all of our church family for the words of comfort, the many cards, flowers, plants and prayers for our family after the November 8 death of our youngest daughter. You have been a great help for our grief and recovery during this trying time.

J.N. and Jackie Voorhees

The staff of First UMC Bella Vista, thanks you all for your generous gifts this Christmas Season. God Bless you all!

HELP WANTED

Sanctified Classifieds

Need an Auto Angel driver to run errands for the church. Mostly to Sam's to pick up supplies – usually about twice a month. A personal Sam's card is included. Please contact the Board of Directors.

Coordinator for the Sunday Morning Coffee Service – schedules have been done for first six months of 2010. Have Contemporary Worship Coffee Team Leader. Need 8:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Team Leaders. The Coordinator will oversee the Coffee Makers, the three team leaders, ensuring training is completed and Team Leaders have adequate staffing. Interested people please see Jan Lowe.

Volunteers for the 10:45AM Coffee Service. Please contact Jan Lowe.

Team Leader to oversee Potlucks at the church, usually the 4th Sunday of the month. Contact Jan Lowe.

Volunteer to change the outdoor sign near Lancashire Rd. Will be responsible for every other week.

Volunteer to come to the church every week and water plants and flowers throughout the church.

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Newsletter Deadline: 15th of the month

FORWARDING ADDRESS REQUESTED

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WEDNESDAYS

**Classes Begin
January 20, 2010**

Watch for class offerings