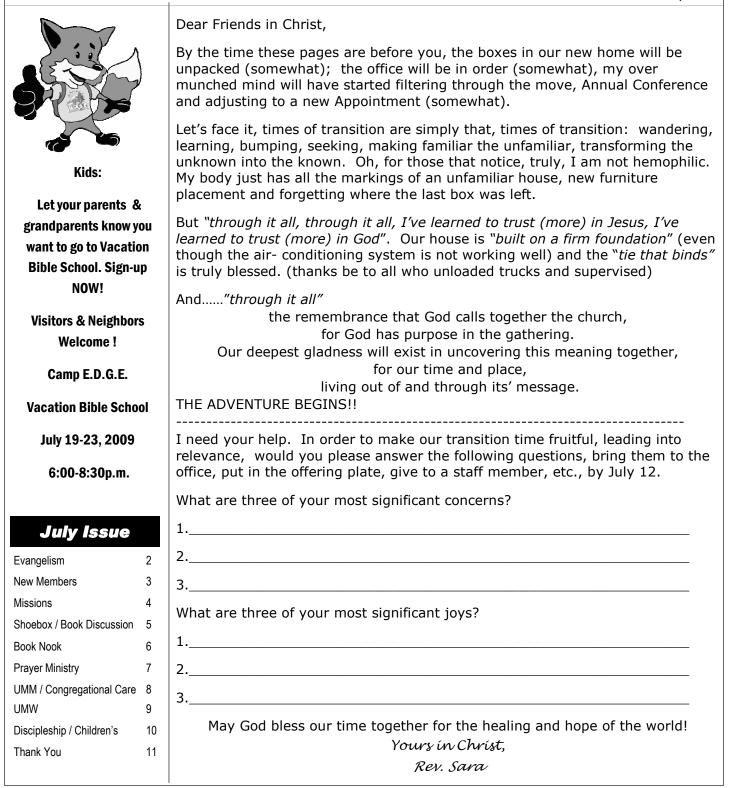
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF BELLA VISTA

The Good News

July 2009





EVANGELISM IN GOOD HANDS

The love of our God is so great that we want to share it with others. The first part of our mission statement is leading others to Christ. This not only means sharing the good news of Jesus with those who have never heard it before, but also helping people find a community of faith that will nurture them to a deeper relationship with Christ.

Thank you to all of those at FUMC, BV that have worked so diligently over the past few years to reach out in the name of our church. We have opened the doors of the church to a growing community and invited folks to joins us on our journey of faith.

Rod Alford has been a cornerstone in the ministries of evangelism. He will become the steward for these ministries as I depart. Rod will be looking for others to assist him, and will be mentoring those who will take on new roles of leadership.

Everyone can share in the responsibility of inviting others to our church, look around your neighborhood for children that would have a great time at Vacation Bible School in July. In August as families prepare to go back to school, it is a great time to get back in a routine that includes weekly worship. Make plans now to help with Trunk or Treat on Oct. 31, this has been one of our most successful outreach events and is always so much fun!

We are called to be faithful in the work that God has given us, whether it is preparing the soil, planting the seeds, tending the garden or taking part in the harvest. Keep up the good work of making disciples for Jesus Christ.

Karla Hefty

OUTREACH TO CHILDREN AGE 4 TO GRADE 7



Our church openly invites all the children in Bella Vista to Vacation Bible School. Consider inviting your grandchildren, your

children's friends, and neighbor children to attend. All are welcome.

July 19-23, 2009 6:00-8:30p.m.

Each Day learn a new Bible verse while singing rocking contemporary music, playing recreational games, experiencing mindboggling science activities, creating challenging crafts, and more!

Note to Parents:

Please register your children now, so the planning and purchasing committee can provide materials for all the participants.

Once your child has registered, you will receive a letter from the Vacation Bible School Coordinator, Dixie Young. The letter will explain the new dropoff and pick-up Safe Sanctuary policies as well as give you other useful information.

When you drop-off your children in the Narthex, the children will go to their age groups with a group leader. After VBS, the group leader will bring the group to the Narthex for parent pick-up.



NEW MEMBERS

ANGIE RADER

Angela (Angie) Rader is one of the newest members to join our church. She has become a regular at the contemporary worship. Angie is the daughter of members, Bill & Vicki Hoye. She has three children, ages 19 to 24.



Angie Rader

Angie transferred her membership from another church in Bella Vista. She has always taken a very active role in church, and has wasted no time in getting acclimated here at FUMC. She is our Tuesday afternoon Office Angel, and her first time to volunteer to help with potlucks was for the Fleming Farewell – we were concerned the crowds might be a little overwhelming, but she assured me, she is used to it. She loves the children and plans to help with children's ministry. She has already become a member of the Evening Circle.

Angie may already be familiar to some of you, as she worked at Medicap Pharmacy as a pharmacy technician for almost six years before they closed their doors last month. So, Angie has joined too many others in looking for other employment. But she will keep busy. Besides what she does here, she also volunteers at Loving Choices Pregnancy Center. And in her spare, spare time, she loves to garden.

When you see Angie, make sure she knows how much we appreciate her choosing FUMC as her church home.

JIM BROWN

Jim's grandson Tristan asked if they could come to church together after attending our Trunk or Treat Halloween Party.

Originally from the Amarillo, Texas, area, he worked



Jim Brown

many years and retired from Pentex in Amarillo; the company assembles and disassembles nuclear weapons. An IT job with Dell/Citibank brought Jim to Bella Vista. He moved on to an IT position with Dell/National Citibank, and most recently he's working with IBM on a Wal-Mart project. Since turning 62, Jim says things are good, he is semi-retired, drawing social security, a pension and working on contracts.

Jim helped with the confirmation class trip as a chaperone for the Youth Group. Tristan can count on his grandpa to be there for him.

Jim and Tristan attend the contemporary service. When you see Jim around the church, please give him a FUMC welcome.

MANY NEW MEMBERS

Praise God for the blessings that flow from His love. We have so many new members that the main focus of the August newsletter will be to introduce them to you.

Here are some of the new members who will be featured next month: Morgan Blevins, the Harrel Family, Mason Jones, Stephanie Randolph, Kolby Williams, the Calcotes and many more!

MISSIONS

food donation.

ANGEL FOOD

The Angel Food program offers fresh food for reasonable prices. Choose from the following boxes: meat, seafood, vegetable, fruit, or a variety box. Menus available. Prices generally range from \$22.00-\$35.00.

Call: Marion Korns 855-3302 Truday Baird 876-2112 June order dates: Sunday 7/5 Sunday 7/12 Pick-up: Saturday 7/18 9:30-10:30am

MISSION OF THE MONTH



July Mission of the Month is Benton County Children's Advocacy Center.

This agency aids in successful prosecution of perpetrators,

provides consistent follow-up to child abuse reports, medical and mental health referrals for victims and provides compassionate support for child abuse victims.

MOUNTAIN OF FOOD

On behalf of the Missions Ministry Team, we wish to thank the congregation for their support of the Mountain of Food Ministry. As in the past, it was again a very successful effort. You gave \$4,293.11 which enabled the committee to purchase 272 cases of food for the food pantries which included Helping Hands, Souls Harbor, Care & Share and the Arkansas Rice Depot. A special thank you goes to the following people who helped in the ordering, picking up of food at Harps and distribution: Jim & Yati Bryan, Tim Ireland, Ralph Wallace, Gregg Franklin, Sandy Fitch, Jack Collins and Mona & Ralph Johnson.

GOAT BANK

The Mission Committee would like to thank the congregation for their generosity in filling the Goat Bank twice. We are now able to purchase a Water Buffalo.

PAK A SAK

Sunday July 19 is Pak-a-Sak Sunday. We will be delivering our donated items to Care and Share in Gravette to help restock their food pantry. With school out and children not receiving two free meals a day at school, the request for assistance has increased. Non-perishable food items are needed, especially cereal, peanut butter, dried beans, rice, soups and fruit. Questions?? Sue Nebrig @ 855-9269

The first six months of 2009 Pak-a-Sak have reflected current prices and economy. We are so grateful for all who are so willing to support our Pak-a-Sak program. Collections through May total 1920 items (estimated value of \$2764.00) and contributions through the church \$323.00.

The remainder of the year we will be delivering to: Care & Share in July, one in August our collection will again go to the Bentonville School. In September, Havenwood will be our recipient and in October, Souls Harbor, a men's shelter in Rogers will receive our collection. In November, just before Thanksgiving we will collect food items for Oasis Food Bank located here in Bella Vista which helps many families in Bella Vista each Wednesday from 10 am to 1 pm. In December, we always remember the precious children at the NWA Children's Shelter with our

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SHOEBOX MINISTRY





Thank you to the following volunteers for preparing and packing boys' and girls' shoe boxes for summer

delivery: Carleen Jerman, Diane Miller, Nancy Devan, Mil Davidson, Carolyn Butler, Mabel Ashline, MaryAnn Ziettlow, Erma Blosser, Lynn Muirhead, Lillian Timmons, Mona Johnson, Bedetta Valentine, Charlene Rayburn, and Eunice Chambers. Your work made sure that many needy children will have many new toiletries, new socks and other goodies.

Velda Berning, Diane Verville, Cheryl Campbell, Karen Roenfeld and Vicki Schroeder packed 30 baby boxes used during the summer. God Bless all of you for making sure that 30 babies have diapers, pacifiers, and other needs met.

Shoebox presented a program explaining our ministry to the Needlework Club of Bella Vista at their June luncheon held at the Crumpet Tea

Room. What a lovely group of ladies. We received phone calls in the days after the presentation offering help and information on gathering items for our shoeboxes. Items were brought to the luncheon for donation as well as shoeboxes. This group meets on Mondays at Riordan Hall and welcomes new members.

A part of Shoebox will be going with Pastor David to his new church. We have compiled a booklet he has requested with information about starting a Shoebox Ministry in Pine Bluff. We are excited to send a small part of our church with him that will help those in need in a new area.

Lastly, a reminder that SHOEBOX will be CLOSED during the month of July. Please hold donations, if you can. A table is available downstairs for emergency donations.

> As Always, In His Service, The Shoebox Ministry Team



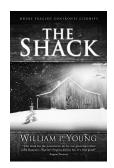
John Wesley said to a preacher of another denomination when they could not reach agreement on a theological point, "If your heart is as my heart, then take my hand." We will not all be in agreement on all points, but if

we share our views and listen to the views of others we will all grow spiritually. That was my hope when we began a discussion of the book "The Shack." It has been a wonderful time of sharing and learning.

BOOK DISCUSSION

It has been a small group learning time too. What a blessing to become a little more acquainted with one another as we share around the tables. The leadership of our church is

searching for more ways to make small group gatherings more accessible and appealing. We think this was a positive step in the right direction. Watch the newsletter for more opportunities in the coming months.



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LARGE PRINT FICTION:

THE LOST MEMOIRS OF JANE AUSTEN by Syrie James ~ This novel delves into the secrets of Jane Austen's life. It gives us untold insights into her mind and heart.

JUST TAKE MY HEART by Mary Higgins Clark ~ An actress was murdered in North Jersey. The county prosecutor asked Emily Wallace, one of the county attorneys, to handle the case. It is very complicated and keeps everyone in suspense.

SUMMER ON BLOSSOM STREET by Debbie Macomber ~ Lydia Cortez is excited about Knit to Quit, the class for people looking to make a new start. Lydia knows all too well how complicated life can be dealing with her increasingly frail mother and now she and Brad have become parents to a defiant 12 year old.

ARCTIC DRIFT by Clive and Dirk Cussler ~ NUMA Director Dirk Pitt has reason to believe that an incident with our closest ally could erupt into an actual shooting war.

WHILE MY SISTER SLEEPS by Barbara Delinsky ~ Despite her successful career in horticulture, Molly Snow still lives in the shadow of her sister. After learning that Robin had a massive heart attack and may never regain consciousness, Molly's parents cannot cope. What she finds shatters some of her most cherished beliefs.

THE GEOMETRY OF SISTERS by Luanne Ric ~ Maggie is tortured by memories. Her husband died a year ago and the following day her daughter, Carrie, took off for no reason.

PUZZLE: (Donation) WATER WHEEL 550 pieces 13" x 19"

NON-FICTION:

BOOK NOOK

MOMENTS THAT TAKE YOUR BREATH AWAY by James W. Moore (248.8) (Donation) ~ As you explore this book, it tells of many different kinds of moments that take your breath away. It is Moore's hope and prayer that we will all become more aware of and receptive to the breathtaking moments God has in store for us.

FICTION:

THE ROAD HOME by Tommy Tenney ~ A mother and daughter-in-law, after losing husbands, decided to make the trip from Las Vegas back to Pennsylvania. With very little money and an old car, this is their experiences of being accepted into the Mennonite Community that was Ruth's home.

THE PRESENCE by Bill Myers ~ A diverse group of unusual characters is airlifted to a remote mountain lodge. They hope to participate in a séance connecting them to the spirit world. David Kauffman and his teenage son have joined to debunk a world class psychic and expose her as a hoax.

TEXAS NEIGHBORS by Debra White Smith ~ Three Texas couples come together amidst mystery chance encounters and heartbreaks that try their faith.

RESCUED by John Bevere ~ A father trapped in a terrible underwater accident and a son desperate to do something to save him. A digital readout ticking down toward certain death and a fate more horrible still. In the ultimate rescue operation, life or death is just the beginning.

DVD: (Donation) HARRY POTTER AND THE PRISONER OF AZKAHBAN

ACTS: A GUIDE TO PRAYER



Do you ever have a problem when you feel a strong desire to speak with Father God, but somehow, when you try to begin you find only a jumble of thoughts are flying through your mind?

The following guide may help you organize your thoughts that you may better express yourself. God hears and understands regardless of how poorly we feel we've done (actually He knows the desires of our hearts, and understands them better than we do) but *you* need to pray in a way that leaves you refreshed, calm and blessed.

Assume a comfortable posture in a quiet place, take several deep, cleansing breaths, and wait quietly until your body, mind and spirit are still and then begin by addressing God, prepared to give Him all your mind's attention and your heart's affection.

There are many ways to stay focused, the following anagram – ACTS, is only one; it spells out the sequence and function of each phase of your prayer and it's biblical basis.

ADORATION: To worship and acknowledge the majesty of God. "*Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise."* ~ *Psalm 48:1*

CONFESSION: Go directly to God to acknowledge your sins and seek His forgiveness. "*If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us."* ~ 1 John 1:9

THANKSGIVING: Acknowledge the abundant blessings of God. "*Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever."* ~ 1 Chronicles 16:34

SUPPLICATION: To present our requests to God, trusting in His will with obedience. "*Trust in the Lord. . .and He will direct your paths."* ~ *Proverbs 3:5-6*

Remember, this is merely a guide. Always follow the leading of the Holy Spirit within.

In His love, Marílyn Hertel

PRAYER SHAWLS KEEP YOU WARM

Feeling chilly in church? The Prayer Shawl Ministry has a few triangular-shaped shawls made especially for the purpose of making you more comfortable. They are hanging in the shawl closet to the left as you exit the Sanctuary. Feel free to pick one up before church, or ask an usher for help. Please return the shawls before you leave. Our summer break is 4th of July—Labor Day. We welcome all knitters and crocheters of all skill levels and we'll teach you too. Please join us every Tuesday at 1 pm in Room 5. Attendance is optional. No roll call. You may knit at home, just put your name on your shawl when you turn it in. If you have any questions call 855-7245. See you in September.

> In His Love, Joyce Cox

UNITED METHODIST MEN

UNITED METHODIST The United Methodist Women will have their annual rummage sale on Saturday August 8. The ladies have asked the Men to assist with various aspects of the sale. At the June UMM meeting, the men in attendance had the opportunity to sign up for helping with the set up and take down for the event. However, there is still the need for a few additional men. On Friday August 7, there is the need for two men and a pickup to haul 2 or 3 grocery carts from Allen's Grocery Store to the church and return them on Saturday after the sale. The second need is on sale day Saturday August 8 from 8 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. There is a need for 3 men to work the sale for the purpose of helping shoppers carry out purchased items.

Several different men could do shift work throughout the course of the day to fulfill this need. If you have time available and can help out with one of the opportunities to serve, contact John Koonce at 855-1799.

JULY MEETING

The July MM meeting is schedule for Wednesday July 8 at 6:30 p.m. in Becker Hall. The menu is Oven Fried Chicken, Potato Salad, Corn on the Cob, Tossed Salad, French Bread and Dessert. Verle Shoemaker will give the devotion. The program speaker is Donna Miles from Bella Vista Animal Shelter. Her talk is about the operation of the animal shelter and she may bring a resident or two with her.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

C.A.R.E.

The Come and Receive Encouragement group is having a meeting July 15th in the Chapel at 10:00. There will be light refreshments and time for prayer and sharing. This is for anyone who has suffered a loss. The loss could be a job, a loved one, a divorce or any other loss. We want to help you in the healing process and look forward to seeing you July 15.

SINGLES OUT

Mark July 28 on your calendar for Singles Out Lunch & Movies.

For more information: Peggy Gamble 855-3565 or Garland Spurgin 855-4114

SHEPHERD GROUPS

FAITH 5

Faithful 5 Shepherd Group will meet at the Country Club on Saturday, July 11 at 11:30am for lunch. Contact Eunice Albers at 855-6489 for more information.

AUTO ANGELS

Please be advised that anyone needing the assistance of the Auto Angels during the period July 6 through July 19, 2009 should contact the church office at 855-1158 or Judy Bilyeu at 876-2345 to make arrangements. After July 20, please contact the church office 855-1158 or Keith Prueitt at 876-5753.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



It's summertime and the living is BUSY! Though most of our UMW circles take a vacation for the summer before resuming their monthly meetings in September, UMW doesn't

rest. There are still plenty of opportunities to be in mission.

+ Look for the signs posted around the church about Bazaar workshops and plan to attend one or more. There WILL be something YOU can do and it all supports mission work in our community.

+ Check out the many books in the church library that are part of the UMW reading program. Pick up a brochure and see if you can qualify for one of the reading categories. Reports are due by August 1 so you have plenty

+ What are you working on for the Bazaar? If

of time to read before then.

you aren't a crafty person, you might consider making a donation to the Bazaar fund to help pay for supplies. Every little bit helps.

+ Check out the UMW Online website at <u>http://</u> <u>UMWOnline.org</u>. You can learn a lot about mission work around the world without leaving your home.

+ Pray for the work of UMW here in Bella Vista and around the world.

+ Plan to attend our September 23 UMW
meeting when we'll hear about the work of Ten
Thousand Villages at Mt. Sequoyah and have an
opportunity to shop for fair trade goods.
+ Consider being one of the group to attend
Assembly 2010 in St. Louis!

If you need more ideas, talk to any of the UMW members in our church. Enjoy your summer!

Jean Justice, UMW President

BAZAAR NEWS

There will be a form in the Library during July & August if you who would like to make pies for the Bazaar Lunch Room. This is open to any church member who bakes.

Items needed are Baskets, Small Kitchen items like measuring spoons & cups, spatulas, Soup & Coffee Mugs & holiday ornaments. Nice Jewelry, china, & other gently used items that can be used in the Dignified Discards Booth, large and small plants will be welcomed by the Garden Booth, Books, puzzles, DVD's, CD's, games will be added to the Book Booth, both at the Rummage Sale and Bazaar. Please contact B.J. Raney or me if you have an item that could be used for the Silent Auction.

See signs around church for workshop times.

Please continue working on your projects at home, when completed they can be brought to the quilt room and left on the back table. They will be priced and safely put away. Please include your name and approximate cost or price you would like put on it (this is helpful to the pricing committee). We have 4 more sets of towels to be embroidered, if you can help please let me know.

Remember the Rummage Sale is August 8. We will start receiving items on August 3 for sorting & pricing. In July, please use the form in the library to tell us the days and times you can help with the Rummage Sale (preparation & sale day). Remember the proceeds from these two events goes to help local charities.

Karen Roenfeld



IN HIS FOOTSTEPS



Disciple Bible Studies for Fall 2009

Thanks to all who completed the

information requested on the survey that was inserted in the June 7 church bulletin. As was indicated in the survey, this was an attempt to find out which classes church members have already completed, which Disciple Bible Study you would be interested in taking and when you would prefer to attend classes.

Based on the results of the survey the following Disciple studies are being planned to start in September. There will be an information meeting prior to the start of each study group. A Disciple 1 class will be held during daytime hours probably on Wednesdays. A Disciple 4 class will be held on Friday mornings. Both of these classes will meet based on the number of persons who have already indicated an interest in these two studies and the ability of those persons to come to an agreement on a time. There is room for more students in each of these.

There is also an interest in a Disciple 2 class to meet on Sunday afternoons (possibly at 2 or 3 o'clock), but a few more people need to indicate an interest in order to form this class.

If you have any interest at all in one of these studies or a different one, please fill out a survey – they are still available in the Church office, or see Alan Packard on Sunday morning between 7:30 and 10:45 a.m. at the table in the Narthex. Don't wait until Fall and say "I really wanted to be a part of a Disciple study but I didn't fill out a form" or "The times the classes meet won't fit my schedule."

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Good news! We have been quite concerned with the clergy move coming up that we would lose our Early Childhood Awareness class led by Karla Hefty.

This week we had a capable lady, Carrie Drish, volunteer who is being trained by Karla. She will be assisted by Morgan Blevins and Madeline Scheiderer, two of our youth who have recently joined the church. What a blessing! Thanks. We are still in need of other volunteers to work in the Children's Discipleship area. If you can give an hour a month or more, see Pastor Doris.

Another area that is in transition is the youth group. Pastor David and Karla have been the leaders of this group. Janelle Engle has volunteered to lead, and will always be able to use ideas and assistance.

Maybe you would like to host the group one evening. The meetings are set for 5:30 - 7 p.m. on Sunday evenings. Interested? See Pastor Doris or Janelle Engle.

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for your generous contribution of home baked cookies for our Annual Conference's Pastor's Reception. We heard so many wonderful comments on how good they were.

Raíanna Shríver, Central -Rogers

THANK YOU!!

Pastor David, for sitting with Bob at Mercy Hospital during my knee replacement surgery and for your visits with communion to my room at Highlands Healthcare.

Pastor Doris, for your many visits and delivery of the beautiful, soft, blue prayer shawl from the prayer shawl ministry.

And to all the many friends in our church family who visited, phoned, sent cards, love and prayers my way.

Shírley Kennedy

Our Heartfelt "Thank you" goes to Layne Anderson and Jackie Voorhees for sharing their paintings. They will be in the library for the next few months.

B Johnson

To My Bella Vista Friends!

Many thanks to you special people for everyone's thoughtful visits, calls, cards & prayers, during my stay in the hospital and rehab.

Special blessings for our "Faithful Knitters" for the beautiful prayer shawl, delivered to me in person by Rev. Doris.

Thanks also to the Auto Angels for their help when needed. They too are special.

And special thanks to Rev. David and Rev Doris for their visits and prayers.

Wayne Doty & Carmen

Dear Church Members,

We at Helping Hands wish to express our thanks for your recent donation of 68 cases of food and your continued support of Helping Hands. Through partnerships with caring people just like you we are continuing to meet the needs presented to us each year.

As you may know, we are an organization that was designed primarily to help the less fortunate within our community. We help where other organizations are unable to. Last year Helping Hands gave out close to 1.8 million dollars in aid to those with a need in our area. So, as you can see partnerships such as yours really do help to make a difference.

Thank you again, for your contribution. We look forward to your continued support.

Bíll Crawford

Dear First Methodist Church Family & Friends, I wish to express the many feelings I and my family have for this great congregation. The support and showing of love from you all to us during Jerry's illness and sudden death, will be remembered forever.

We thank Rev. David and Rev. Doris for their visits when he was in the hospital, for being here in our home the morning he passed away. Also wish to thank you all for the lovely cards, calls, prayers, Memorial donations and food. Then on Monday June 8, for the lovely Memorial service. I am proud to be a thirteen year member of this church.

Margaret Phillips and family

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To the Home of ...

Please come to the POT LUCK

Help us welcome

Pastor Sara and Bill Bainbridge

Sunday, July 12

5:30 pm



Bring a dish to share & your own place setting.