



The Good News

July, 2013



FAITH WALK with Bro. Jaimie Alexander

When I was a child, I enjoyed the stories about Winnie the Pooh and the other characters. I wore "Winnie the Pooh" children's clothing from Sears and Roebuck and had an Eeyore stuffed donkey. Most of us remember who Winnie the Pooh is, but do you remember anything about Eeyore? Eeyore is a pessimistic, gloomy, depressed, old grey stuffed donkey who often loses his detachable tail that has a pink bow on the end and is attached with a nail. He is a friend of Pooh. He always expects misfortune to happen to him, accepts it when it does, and rarely even tries to prevent it. Eeyore is capable of compassion for others even though he often looks on the dismal side of everything.

Do you know any persons who have Eeyore's characteristics? You may not have to look very hard. I have sadly discovered that there are persons like Eeyore everywhere. When I am with persons like this, I become aware of how the Eeyore mentality can affect my mentality. So, I guard my heart and my mind so that I do not let a negative attitude corrupt my way of thinking and acting. In James 1:2-5 we read, "Consider it pure joy, my brothers whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything." No one likes hard times or difficult choices. Rarely, do I meet someone who wants to face the unwanted times of perseverance. I realize we cannot always control the negative situations of life, but we can control our "Eeyore"-like attitudes at all times of life. Eeyore attitudes and the virtues of the Christian faith are not compatible. As followers of Christ, we daily strive to develop His mind and His heart. It is a constant daily discipline and exercise. In 2 Timothy 1:7 we are reminded that "God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but of a spirit of power, of love, and of self discipline". So have an attitude of joy, peace, trust, and openness to God's faithfulness. Prayerfully ask God to develop within you the heart and mind of His Son! Don't be an Eeyore, be a Beacon of Joy filled with Christ's love!

Thank you for your support of the "Summer Seersucker Social"!

I am so sorry I did not count how many cakes, pies, loaves of bread, dozens of cinnamon rolls and cookies, cheesecakes, and other desserts that were donated by the wonderful bakers of our church family for the dessert auction at the Summer Seersucker Social, because there were so many! I want to thank everyone who worked hard on this event to make it into a fun evening of praise and worship. The Well Worship team, Kitchen Team, Auction Team, Children's Games Leaders, Bakers, and Bidders combined their efforts together to raise funds to upgrade the sound system in Becker Hall. I am thankful to report we raised the 4,000 dollars needed!

God is faithful!
Seersucker Sam (aka Bro. Jaimie)



FAMILY BIBLE CAMP





OFF AND RUNNING with Pastor Lee

Summer has finally arrived! Soon we will be begging for the cooler weather of fall. Until then there is plenty to do. Our youth group is working to stay involved within the community in several ways this summer. Each month we have a Wednesday morning volunteer opportunity here in Bella Vista plus Vacation Bible School at the Highlands Church. We will also have a luncheon for the Cooper Elementary School faculty and Staff the week of August 12-16. It is tentatively set for Wednesday the 14th. The youth can always use additional adult volunteers if anyone would like to share in their mission work.



Wednesday June 26: Youth Volunteer Opportunity at Village House adult day care 10:00 a.m. to Noon.

Wednesday July 17: Youth Volunteer Opportunity at Concordia 10:00 a.m. to Noon.

Wednesday July 24: VBS at Highlands Church, please consider signing up to volunteer

Wednesday August 7: Youth Volunteer Opportunity at Bella Vista Animal Shelter 10:00 a.m. to Noon. Time is subject to change based on needs at the animal Shelter.

Wednesday August 14: Youth Volunteer Opportunity at Luncheon for faculty and staff of Cooper Elementary.

Our youth will also be planning a special event for early fall, probably October, to raise money for the Imagine No Malaria campaign. I'll have further details in August.

Thank You!!

I can't express how grateful I am to our entire congregation for all that you have done for me over the past two years that have lead up to my ordination. I believe every single person has offered me congratulations. Many have congratulated me over and over. I have received cards, gifts and handshakes galore. I owe a special thank you to Brother Jaimie and all his efforts to make sure my ordination was special. I have received a tremendous outpouring of love and financial contributions for gifts also. With all that you have given me I have purchased a new robe, which I wore at ordination, stoles, a new Bible, Bible study software and a small computer. All of you have blessed me over and over. I pray that my service here will continue to be a blessing for each of you and our community and God. Thank you!

Faithfully,

Pastor Lee

The District Committee on Superintendency will host a

"Welcome Reception"

and would like to extend a special invitation to our new clergy to join us. We will also use this time to welcome Bud to the Northwest District.

Feel free to attend!

For: Bud Reeves, NW DS, and new Clergy in Northwest AR area

When: Sunday, July 21 from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm @ First UMC, Springdale

Location: 206 West Johnson, Springdale AR 72764



EDUCATION

DISCIPLE



BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH BIBLE STUDY

Disciple Bible Study classes will continue in the 2013-2014 year, with the following classes scheduled for those who qualify: Disciple 2 will be offered on Wednesday mornings from September 18 through the middle of May. In order to enroll for this class, you must have completed Disciple 1 and be prepared for the 32 weeks of study. Disciple 2 deals with Genesis and Exodus from the Old Testament, and Luke and Acts from the New Testament. The class focuses on the beginnings of the Hebrew faith and the beginnings of our Christian faith, and expands our knowledge of the Bible and how to put it to use in our daily lives.

Disciple 4 will be offered on Friday mornings from September 20 through the middle of May. In order to enroll for Disciple 4, you must have completed Disciple 1, 2 and 3. Disciple 4 deals with the church in distress - dealing with the writings in the Old Testament that come after the Prophets, but before the coming of Jesus, and in the New Testament those that come after Paul's letters and closes with Revelation. Disciple 4 closes the Disciple Bible Study program, but leaves us with the insights into Bible that will provide us with the strength and courage to face our lives' challenges for years to come.

Disciple 1- Introduction to the Bible - an overview of what we can find in the Bible may be offered if there is enough interest. For a quality program, we need at least eight people who will commit to the study. There are a couple of options for Disciple 1. First, a 34 week evening option is possible. This

could be scheduled at the most convenient time for the interested students, but it would be from 6:30 to 9:00 or 7:00 to 9:30 what ever evening was chosen. A second option is possible that would shorten the class to 17 weeks, but extend it over two years. This option would involve meeting Monday or Tuesday mornings from the first week in November to the last week in March. This way, we would study the Old Testament portion of the study in one year, and the New Testament portion the following year. This option is quite viable and would shorten the commitment each year.

If you have any questions, contact Alan Packard - 855-1168 or owlsnest5855@sbcglobal.net

Yours in Christ,

Alan Packard

WHY IS UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE IMPORTANT?

A MESSAGE FROM Pastor Albert Fisher

Understanding the Bible is important because the Bible is God's Word. When we open the Bible, we read God's message to us. What could be more important than understanding what the Creator of the universe has to say?

We seek understanding of the Bible for the same reason a man seeks to understand a love letter from his sweetheart. God loves us and desires to restore our relationship with Him ([Matthew 23:37](#)). God communicates His love to us in the Bible ([John 3:16](#); [1 John 3:1](#); [4:10](#)).

We seek understanding of the Bible for the same reason a soldier seeks to understand a dispatch from his commander. Obeying God's commands brings honor to Him and guides us in the way of life (Psalm 119). Those commands are found in the Bible ([John 14:15](#)).



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Why is understanding the Bible important?

We seek understanding of the Bible for the same reason a mechanic seeks to understand a repair manual. Things go wrong in this world, and the Bible not only diagnoses the problem (sin) but also points out the solution (faith in Christ). "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" ([Romans 6:23](#)).

We seek understanding of the Bible for the same reason a driver seeks to understand traffic signals. The Bible gives us guidance through life, showing us the road of safety and wisdom ([Psalm 119:11, 105](#)).

We seek understanding of the Bible for the same reason someone in the path of a storm seeks to understand the weather report. The Bible predicts what the end times will be like, sounding a clear warning of impending judgment (Matthew 24-25) and how to avoid it ([Romans 8:1](#)).

We seek understanding of the Bible for the same reason an avid reader seeks to understand his favorite author's books. The Bible reveals to us the person and glory of God, as expressed in His Son, Jesus Christ ([John 1:1-18](#)). The more we read and understand the Bible, the more intimately we know the Author.

Are you seeking to understand the Bible?

Understanding the Bible is important because the Bible is God's Word. When we open the Bible, we read God's message to us. What could be more important than understanding what the Creator of the universe has to say? In 2 Timothy 3:16-17 Paul tells us: "Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another—showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God's way. Through the Word we are put together and shaped up for the tasks God has for us," (MSG).

As Philip was traveling to Gaza, the Holy Spirit led him to a man who was reading a portion of Isaiah. Philip approached the man, saw what he was reading, and asked this very important question: "Do you understand what you are reading?" ([Acts 8:30](#)). Philip knew that *understanding* was the starting point for faith. Without understanding the Bible, we cannot apply it, obey it, or believe it.





OUR FAMILY



Each month, this space will be used to tell you about the people who are part of our church family. If you know of a birthday, anniversary, graduation, hole in one, community recognition, someone moving away or moving in, whatever the rest of the church might like to know to keep up with folks, let me know so I can include the information in these pages. Send your information to Jan Lowe, Minister of Congregational Care at jan@lovelearnlead.com, or call me at the church, 855-1158 or 531-0381.

Timothy & Christy

Harris joined our church on April 28. Their First Friends are John & Jean Justice. They have been in AR for 13 years, longest time anywhere in their 30 years of marriage, so this is home for them. They have also lived in England, NM, TX, PA, VA, MS, and NC.



Tim was 10 years in the U.S. Air Force, then 21 years with WalMart. He is adjunct professor (Leadership and Ethics) at JBU Grad School of Business. Christy taught preschool, raised their two boys and then went to work at Walgreens. Currently, she enjoys being home with her mom just across the street.

Tim is a fitness enthusiast—Ironman Tough Mudder competitor and Crossfit contender. To wind down, he plays the trumpet, and he plays a little golf. You'd probably be safer challenging him to a game of golf than a run or a bike ride.

Christy enjoys going to movies, walking local trails and spending time with her dogs Jack & Rambo.

Son William (26), and wife Courtney live in NC, and he is Capt in U.S. Army at Ft. Bragg. Son Donovan (23) lives in Charlotte, NC, and is preparing for a November wedding. We are so pleased that Tim and Christy have made this their church home.

Helen Randolph is a delightful addition to our church family as of April 28. She is the mom of Christy Harris, and recently moved just across the

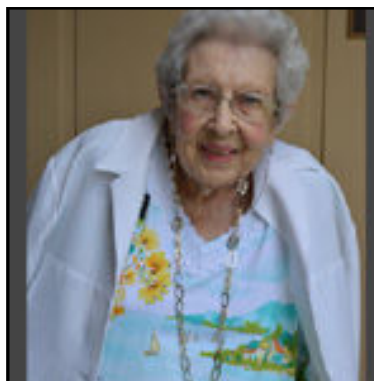
street from Christy and Tim.

Helen became active in the church before Tim and Christy did. She heard about the Thursday morning workdays at the church for the UMW October Bazaar, and came to check it out. She is now a regular as she cuts and sews, and glues to help get ready for the Bazaar.

Helen was an actress in her past, and yearns to have an opportunity to play a role in some local performance. Her First Friend is Carolyn Sutton.



Ann McClellan became a member of First United



Methodist Church on June 2. She comes to the last service on Sundays and has been so pleased with all the people she has met. She feels that the people here are very friendly and polite and helpful.

Ann was born in Hutchinson, KS. She was a dental assistant in Syracuse, KS before she retired.

Ann lives at Concordia Independent Living. She enjoys taking walks, watching programs like Lawrence Welk and is able to relax when she listens

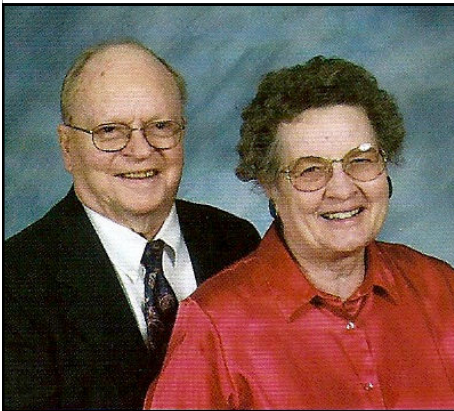


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to music and watches the birds and beautiful scenery, in general.

She is close to her family. She moved here to be closer to her one son and her daughter-in-law. She has a second son who lives in Garden City, KS.

Take time to say hello to Ann the next time you see her at the 10:45 Sunday service.



Jack Gowing, age 87, died on June 4, 2013 at Highlands Healthcare and Nursing Home. His wife, Pauline is still living at Highlands. A lovely service was held in the Chapel at FUMC,

officiated by Pastor Lee Myane. The family was surprised by the outpouring of friends who came to honor Jack. A reception followed the service.

GOING ONCE, GOING TWICE, GOING THREE TIMES..... SUMMER SEERSUCKER SOCIAL, CONCERT, AND DESSERT AUCTION

What a great way to start the summer. The Praise Band was at their very best putting out their contemporary sound. Brother Jaimie was at his best as the auctioneer with a goal of making \$4000 before the night was over. Nearly fifty desserts were donated and paraded through the audience between music sets throughout the evening. It was not unusual for two or three people to bid against each other on a pie or cake that finally sold for close to \$200. Pastor Albert Fisher's already famous cheesecakes both brought a couple of the highest bids. And when one sold for \$165, the losing bidder promised to pay another \$165 if Albert would make one more. Melodee Neukircher was most surprised when her chocolate chip cookies sold for \$40 a dozen - twice! Bro. Jaimie is the only one who can make you laugh while you are giving him money. Final totals are not in, but it seems we will be able to purchase the upgrades to the sound system in Becker Hall. Thanks to everyone who participated!

PRAYER SHAWLS

Two prayer shawls were given in June:

Ken Watson was given a prayer shawl by Bro. Jaimie, as he made preparations for surgery on June 27. Our prayers are with Ken and wife, Bonnie.

The church grieves with **Albert Fisher** in the death of his daughter, Kimberly Kleiman, who had suffered cardiac arrest last Friday, June 21. Kimberly, just 40, was married to Chris. She died on Monday, June 24, 2013. A Memorial Service will be held in Pennsylvania on Friday, July, 5. Albert will be presented with a prayer shawl upon his return to Bella Vista. Please pray for Albert, Chris Kleiman and all those who mourn her loss.





OUR FAMILY

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 04 Bill & Dana Rhodes
- 06 Wanda & Jim Abbott
- 11 Dale & Nancy Veach
- 13 Jim & Mary Verkest
- 14 Charles & Florence Hill
- 15 Gary & Donna Davis
- 22 Sean & Kristin Crider
- 23 Roger & Bonita Vrieze
- 25 Ed & Barbara Jenner
- 26 Ewart & Elizabeth Scarff
- 27 Will & Robin Scheiderer
- 28 Claude & Jessie Bradley

JULY BIRTHDAYS (CONT'D)

- 07 Javier Sampson (5)
- 08 Chet Campbell
- 09 Carmen Phillips
- 10 Layne Anderson
- 11 Leota Rowilson
- 13 Juanita Prior
- 14 Bergie Dyson
- 14 Albert Fisher
- 15 Merle Lantz
- 16 Kenneth Hammerstrom
- 18 Verle Shoemaker
- 19 Noah Pittman
- 20 Silas Myane (13)
- 22 Donald Gersema
- 25 Jim Bryan
- 25 Barbara Humphreville
- 27 Jack Kolbe
- 27 Katrina Sparlin
- 29 Connor Gurganus (14)
- 29 Andrea Myane
- 30 Ivaleen Seward
- 31 Kenneth Fisher
- 31 Pamela Pittman

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Sue Nebrig
- 01 Rebecca Scheiderer (7)
- 03 Wanda Holliday
- 04 Julie Fischer
- 05 Selena Smith (5)
- 05 Sandy Fitch
- 05 Pat Fox
- 05 Marcie Mershon
- 06 Eunice Albers
- 07 LaVon Fryer
- 07 Dorothy Phillips



OUR FAMILY

"It's a God Thing"

Recently, I had the pleasure of sitting down with Neal and Vicky Jones to hear more about a gift of a cross that had been presented to Bro. Jaimie by their grandchildren during Family Bible Camp. Vicky and husband Neal have always been spiritual people, and when they heard about the Family Bible Camp, they were hoping that their grandchildren, Mason and Nathan might enjoy participating. They had no idea just how much the two boys would enjoy it. After the first day of camp, Mason asked his grandfather if he could make a cross to give to the church. Grandpa Neal could not have been happier and immediately agreed to help as much as he was needed. After learning of Mason's idea, his brother, Nathan, decided he wanted to join Mason in helping create the cross. Under grandpa's supervision, the grandsons brought their idea to life. The boys did all the work except for using the wood saw. Mr. Jones helped out with that. The boys took the cross and gave it to Bro. Jaimie Alexander for the church to have; Bro. Jaimie was overjoyed and accepted the gift on behalf of the church. Mason went home that night and said that "it was the best day of his life." The cross will hang in the Children's area.



To me it seemed like a "God Thing", and then Mrs. Vicky shared her own story with me of how she has experienced God's almighty, everlasting powers. In December 2009, Vicky received the terrible news that she had lung cancer. Vicky was able to look to her father in heaven for strength to conquer such a heinous disease. One day, Vicky received a phone call from a friend who told her that her cancer is gone. When Vicky asks how she knew that, her friend responds by saying, "God told me."

Vicky went for a CT scan and her cancer was still there. When Vicky told her friend, she just responded by saying "just give it time." In the later months Vicky's next CT scan showed that her cancer was in remission. Her cancer has been in remission in February of 2013. This whole circumstance has made Vicky Jones grow in her relationship with God as well as have a new perspective on life which is to never take anything for granted.

Trey Mardis, Intern

"What God Told Us To Do"

Mr. Chet Campbell has been a member of the FUMC at Bella Vista for ten years. Chet and his wife, Cheryl, joined the church in October of 2003. Mr. Campbell has committed his life to helping out the community in every way possible. Many of you already know that he is

the one responsible for most of the setting up and taking down of chairs and tables in Becker Hall at our church. Outside the church, he is a member of the Early Response Team (ERT), Lions, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes organizations. His helping hand has reached



all the way to Honduras, a place that had a unique impact on him. In 1996, he was in Honduras for a week helping test people's eyesight and providing them with prescription glasses. He was impacted by the extreme poverty of the people there. He remembers that one of the guys that he tested was barefoot. He does all this because he finds it highly fulfilling and, above all, likes to help people out. He does this because in his opinion this is "what God told us to do."

Trey Mardis, Intern



REPORT FROM ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Bishop Gary Mueller and Lay Leader Karen Mann jointly addressed the Arkansas Conference as part of the Monday morning worship. Bishop Mueller stressed that we must move from imagining a ministry to doing ministry to being the church. God wants us to do it by discerning, discipling, daring and dogged determination.

Church members need to experience a spiritual revival since we can only share what we have experienced. There is a need for us to let our light shine forth in our day to day activities so those we meet see a difference in us. Then we may really be able to make disciples for Christ.

The pastors and representatives from FUMCBV attended the general worship sessions sitting as a united group. Each represented our church family in individual small group sessions on various topics.

Bishop Thomas Bickerton is often called Dr. Malaria. That normally wouldn't be a compliment, but since he speaks around the world to spread the news about our mission Imagine No Malaria he has come to accept the name as a positive reflection of his efforts. In 2008 the United Methodist Church established a goal to raise \$75 million dollars to stop Malaria by 2015. By this month the campaign will have raised over \$50 Million dollars.

At the beginning of the Imagine No Malaria campaign, a child was dying somewhere in the world every 30 seconds! The campaign is making a difference which is being documented. There is still much to be done and funds to be raised and we can help!

We were surprised and very pleased to learn the Bella Vista First United Methodist Church was recognized for churches with an average attendance over 300 in the NW District. Churches from each district were recognized based on how they performed on the current measures of Congregational Vitality.

A significant event was held Tuesday evening. Bishop Gary Mueller emphasized that we are in the Kingdom of God business. We must



count on Jesus' transforming love and get personal with Jesus. Following the message we were privileged to see Pastor Lee and six others be ordained. Brother Jaimie shared in the laying on of hands as Pastor Lee was ordained. The service was extremely meaningful for everyone, but for Pastor Lee it must have been a bit overwhelming with so many of his family, friends and church family members present! Pastor Lee did seem much more relaxed at the reception following the ordination as he was greeted with handshakes, hugs and so many words of congratulations.

This was my first opportunity to attend and participate in an annual conference for the UMC. It was certainly my privilege and honor to represent my church family at the 2013 Arkansas Conference held in Little Rock. I have been touched by our mission Imagine No Malaria and will contribute at least \$20.00 every month to help erase this deadly disease. It is a 100 percent preventable, treatable & beatable disease! **WE CAN MAKE A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD!**

God Bless Each Of Us As We Labor To Do God's Work,

Maryann Johnson
Lay Leader



BOOK NOOK

LARGE-PRINT FICTION:

INFERNO by Dan Brown

The author takes readers deep into the heart of Italy...guiding them through a landscape inspired by one of history's most ominous literary classics.

BOOKS IN SERIES:

STRIKING A MATCH SERIES by Tracie Peterson

EMBERS OF LOVE

HEARTS AGLOW

HOPE REKINDLED

9/11 SERIES by Karen Kingsbury

ONE TUESDAY MORNING

BEYOND TUESDAY MORNING

REMEMBER TUESDAY MORNING

MARTA'S LEGACY by Francine Rivers

HER MOTHER'S HOPE

HER DAUGHTER'S DREAM

A STEP OF FAITH by Richard Paul Evans (LP)

Book 4 in the Walk Series.

BOOK REVIEWS

For years, I have enjoyed the use of the First Methodist Church library. I am a mystery "nut" and read almost every one that comes in. I enjoyed every one that I have read. Some of my favorite authors include Mary Higgins Clark, Carol Higgins Clark Clive Cussler, Dick Francis, Ann B. Ross, and J. A. Jance. My wife reads and enjoys different types of books. The library appeals to many people with different tastes. Thanks for being there.

VERN BLADON

Are you a traveler? Have you driven your RV or pulled a Trailer from coast to coast, trying to see all 48 states? Maybe you've even traveled north to Alaska. If so, you've probably driven lots of interstates. **"Blue Highways" by Wm. Least Heat Moon** tries to "do" a great many states by avoiding the interstates. He finds many old and obscure places, as well as rare and precious people. He circles the "lower 48" from coast to gulf and back along the Canadian border. You'll enjoy his ramblings – both verbal and spatial.

RUTH IRELAND

UMW Rummage Sale

Saturday, August 3rd

8:00am ~ 2:00pm-Becker Hall

Clothing Boutique ~ Sporting Goods ~ Appliances

Kitchenware ~ Tools ~ Toys ~ Books

Something for Everyone!

Food is available

Proceeds benefit local charities

Please drop off your donated items

the week of July 29–August 2

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday—9:00am to 4:00pm

Wednesday—9:00am to 6:30pm

Please make sure your items are clean,
in good condition, and in working order!

Any questions, contact Co Ellen 696-4625





MISSIONS

SHOEBOX MINISTRY

Ronald McDonald Family Room

The first Ronald McDonald Family Room in Northwest Arkansas will open in Mercy Medical Center on July 16. There will be four bedrooms with baths, a large family room with a kitchen where dinner will be served each night. This will enable families with a sick or injured child to be able to stay near their child for an extended time.

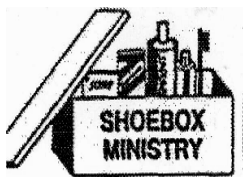
Shoebox is partnering with them to provide all of their travel size toiletries. The generous donations made by church members and members of the local communities are making it possible for Shoebox to reach out and help those in need in our community.

Deliveries

236 shoe boxes were delivered last month.

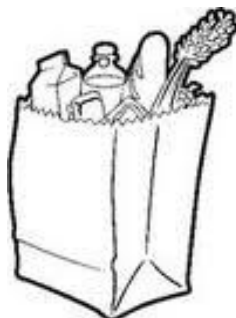
July Vacation

As we have done each year, Shoebox will be closed for vacation during July. We ask that if possible, you hold your donations during this time. Emergency deliveries will be made if requested.



As always in His service,
The Shoebox Ministry Team

PAK A SAK



Sunday July 21 we will be collecting non perishable food items for Care and Share in Gravette. In the summer the need is especially great with all the children out of school. All types of food are needed, especially cereal, canned fruit, pasta, sauce, and soups.

VOLUNTEER IN MISSION TRAINING

1. July 13 - Disaster Response Early Response Team Training for those who want to help clean out flooded homes, tarp damaged roofs, remove debris, etc early after a storm.
2. July 13 - Volunteers in Mission Team Leader training for those who want to lead a mission team.
3. Sept 21 - Disaster Operations for those who will be and those who want to serve helping operate a disaster response for the church on a district and/or conference level.
4. Oct 7-10 - SCJ Disaster Response Academy for everything from the beginner to advanced responders

Contact Ed Jenner or Sandy Fitch if you are interested in attending any of these trainings.

MISSION OF THE MONTH NWA WOMEN'S SHELTER

The Northwest Arkansas Women's Shelter is committed to serving victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and empowering them to build lives free of violence. We provide a 24-hour crisis phone line, emergency shelter, support services, court advocacy, children's advocacy and programming, community education, and outreach services in Northwest Arkansas





FELLOWSHIP

UMW RUMMAGE SALE

Many ways to Help

The church RUMMAGE SALE will be held on Saturday August 3. We need items that are clean and in good working order for all departments of the sale.

Volunteers are needed for all areas, the day of the sale and each day July 29 thru August 2. Sign up sheets can be found on the UMW bulletin board at the back of Becker Hall, in the library or the church office.

We also need home baked cookies, packaged 3 to a sandwich bag to sell.

Your unwanted items will become someone else's treasure and the UMW can support local missions. Contact Co Ellen Sterwald at 479 696 4625 if you have questions.

Caregiver's Support Group

The July 8 meeting will convene in the chapel at 9:00 a.m. The presentation will be geared towards maintaining proper nutrition during the senior years. A healthy diet boosts the immune system thus reducing infection, and helps prevent or reduce complications from other health problems such as heart disease and diabetes. The presentation will be made by Janell Cook, registered dietitian. Her topic is "***Nourishing your Body and Soul... or How to Care for Yourself when Caring for Others***". This will be an information packed session with the opportunity to ask questions. Whether or not you currently serve as a caregiver for a family member, you should attend this session if you have questions regarding diet as related to health issues.

Shepherd Group One is having a Potluck Party at 5:00 p.m. Sunday, July 21. Pat Mayer has reserved the Highland Park Club House. Members are asked to bring a dish to share, their own tableware, and cards or board games to enjoy after a brief business meeting. The hosts are the Larsens and Barron/Clapps. Please RSVP to 876-1864 or 876-6729.

Metfield Methodists

July 13, Saturday, breakfast at 9:00 a.m. at Papa Mike's. Please let the Forrests know if you will attend by Wednesday July 10 and we will make reservations (email or call 268-6772)

First UMC Bella Vista is now available on AT&T U-verse

In addition to the broadcast available on Cox (channel 222), First UMC Bella Vista's early worship service is now available on AT&T U-verse. The Sunday morning broadcast will continue to begin at 10:00 a.m. on both Cox and AT&T U-verse. If you are an AT&T U-verse customer, the broadcast can be seen by turning to channel 99 and selecting "Bella Vista Community Television" (or the channel referring to "Bella Vista").



Cox cable customers can continue to tune-in on digital channel 222.

We love to see everyone in church, but for those who can't get out, we are pleased to be able to offer this alternative worship experience to you.



THANK YOU

UMW would like to thank all the women of the church for their generous participation in the Bakeless Bake Sale. We are able to add over \$2,500 to our funds that will be donated to many different local charities. We also appreciate all the help various individuals gave in making UMW Sunday a success. It is our hope that everyone understands better all the good work that this organization accomplishes locally and throughout the world and that more women will wish to be an Active part of this group.

UMW

Thank you so much for the many boxes of food you donated to Care & Share of Gravette. We do so appreciate the wonderful gesture of kindness. Very Sincerely,

Care & Share

On behalf of the Missions Committee, we want to thank the congregation for their generous support of the Mountain of Food Ministry. Your commitment to this ministry has been overwhelming and has set a new record of \$6,023, which enabled the church to purchase 308 cases of food items. This food has been distributed to the charitable organizations for the replenishment of their food pantries. These organizations have expressed their sincere thanks for loving support.



Ralph & Mona Johnson

How in the world can a Mere "thank you" contain all that I feel for this church congregation for all the cards, phone calls, visits, flowers, and especially the prayers and concern from all of you, our church family during my recent health problem. Jaimie, Lee, Jan, and Maryann, you were so special to me with your personal calls. I couldn't have come this far without you. *Juanita Reed (& Dennis, too)*

MAY 2013 FINANCIAL DATA

			*=	- Endowment
Month to date (as of 05/31/13)		Budgeted Receipts		\$47,202
Month to date (as of 05/31/13)		Actual Receipts	*	\$41,485
Month to date (as of 05/31/13)		Actual Expenses		\$53,496
Year to date		Budgeted Expenses		\$254,105
Year to date		Actual Receipts	*	\$238,027
Year to date		Actual Expenses		\$245,434

July 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p> <p>10:00 Staff Meeting 10:15 Golf-Scotsdale</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:15 Golf-Scotsdale 10:30 Concordia Bible 6:00 VBS Planning at Highlands UMC</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:30 Bible Study 9:00 Quilters 6:00 Prayer Service 7:00 Crossword Youth</p>	<p>4</p> <p>CHURCH CLOSED</p>  <p>HAPPY 4TH OF JULY TO YOU AND YOURS</p>	<p>5</p> <p>CHURCH CLOSED</p>	<p>6</p>	
<p>7</p> <p>BPV between services 7:30 Praise Tm rehrs! 8:00 Traditional Srvce 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Srvce</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8:00 Golf-Country Club 9:00 Caregiver Support 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 Calico Cut-ups Brd 6:30 Finance</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:30 PEO 8:37 Golf-Brittany 10:30 Concordia Bible 1:30 Member Meeting 5:30 Agape SG 5:30 Bd of Directors 6:00 VBS Planning at Highlands UMC</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8:30 Bible Study 9:00 Quilters 9:30 Missions Meeting 1:00 Guest Followup 6:00 Prayer Service 6:30 UMM Dinner 7:00 Crossword Youth</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8:00 Men's Chorus 9:00 Bazaar Workshop 10:58 Mens Golf</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:00 Metfld Methodst</p>
<p>14</p> <p>7:30 Praise Tm rehrs! 8:00 Traditional Srvce 9:30 "The Well" Srvce 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Srvce 3:00 Concordia Service</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:59 Golf-Dogwood 8:00 CARE & SHARE TRLR 10:00 Staff Meeting 10:00 Village House</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:15 Golf-Country Club 10:30 Concordia Bible 1:00 BV Book Club 3:00 Endowment 6:00 VBS Planning at Highlands UMC</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8:30 Bible Study 9:00 Quilters 5:30 Avalon-Omega SG 6:00 Prayer Service 7:00 Crossword Youth</p>	<p>18</p> <p>8:00 Men's Chorus 9:00 Bazaar Workshop 10:58 Golf-Highlands 6:30 SPRC</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21</p> <p>VBS-Highlands UMC PAK-A-SAK</p> <p>7:30 Praise Tm rehrs! 8:00 Traditional Srvce 9:30 "The Well" Srvce 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Srvce 5:00 SG ONE 6:00 VBS</p>	<p>22</p> <p>VBS-Highlands UMC</p> <p>7:00 Golf-Highlands 8:00 Preschl 4-yr olds 9:00 Caregiver Support 10:00 Staff Meeting 10:30 Calico Cut-ups 6:00 VBS</p>	<p>23</p> <p>VBS-Highlands UMC</p> <p>8:00 Preschl 4-yr olds 10:30 Concordia Bible 10:41 Golf-Berksdale 6:00 VBS</p>	<p>24</p> <p>VBS-Highlands UMC</p> <p>8:00 Preschl 4-yr olds 8:30 Bible Study 9:00 Quilters 6:00 Prayer Service 6:00 VBS</p>	<p>25</p> <p>VBS-Highlands UMC</p> <p>8:00 Preschl 4-yr olds 8:00 Men's Chorus 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshop 10:24 Golf-Kingsdale 6:00 VBS</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8:00 Preschl 4-yr olds</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p> <p>7:30 Praise Tm rehrs! 8:00 Traditional Srvce 9:30 "The Well" Srvce 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Srvce</p>	<p>29</p> <p>8:25 Golf-Country Club 10:00 Staff Meeting</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:15 Golf-Scotsdale 10:30 Concordia Bible</p>	<p>31</p> <p>8:30 Bible Study 9:00 Quilters 6:00 Prayer Service 7:00 Crossword Youth</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>UMW RUMMAGE SALE 8:00~2:00 Becker Hall</p>

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6-8 P.M.  **JULY 21-25**
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The graphic features a colorful illustration of a castle with yellow towers and red flags, set against a backdrop of green hills and a blue sky with clouds. A red banner with the text 'Where Kids Stand Strong for God' is draped across the scene. The text is presented in a bold, serif font, with the event details and contact information highlighted in red. A small cartoon mouse character is positioned between the time and date information.