

# The Good News

July, 2015

**Reminder ~ ONE SERVICE ONLY, SUNDAY JULY 5TH, at 10:00am**

*Fumcbv*

*Welcomes*

*Rev. Judy Rudd~Platt*

*and her husband Rev. Dixon Platt*

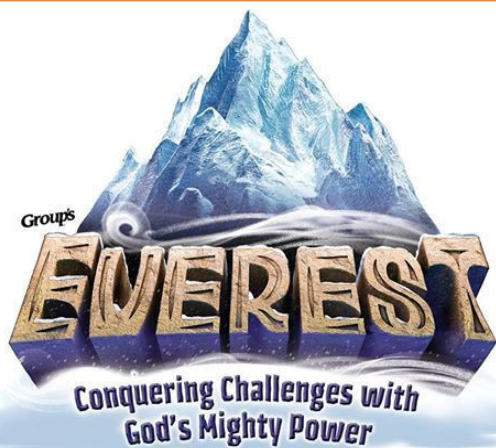
*(Pastor of Elm Springs UMC)*

*as she becomes a part of our church family*

*as our new Associate Pastor*



*Please join us for Sunday Worship, July 12  
for Pastor Judy's first sermon at Fumcbv,  
and that afternoon from 3:00pm ~ 5:00pm for a  
WELCOME RECEPTION in Becker Hall*



**2015 VBS**  
**Sunday, July 19 thru**  
**Thursday July 23**  
**6:00pm ~ 8:15pm**

**Music**  
**Crafts**  
**Snacks**  
**Recreation**  
**Story Time**

**age 3 through 6th grade ~ sign up in the Office  
or online at [www.lovelearnlead.com](http://www.lovelearnlead.com)**



## FAITH WALK

with Brother Jaimie Alexander, Senior Pastor

The month of July is a month that brings new opportunities for the FUMC BV family. One of the big changes is our privilege to finally welcome Rev. Judy Rudd-Platt as the new associate pastor. Some of Pastor Judy's responsibilities will be supporting David Hanson (Director of Youth Ministries), Kristen Crider (Director of Children's Ministries), and Angie Rader (Director of Childcare Ministries) as we seek to grow and strengthen these areas, as well as the overall church's vision to Love God, Learn to know God, and Lead to others to

Christ. She will be involved in visitation, leading worship, preaching, spiritual growth, etc. The church staff and myself look forward to welcoming Pastor Judy on board, as I know you do, also. Pastor Judy will preach her inaugural sermon on Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> in all three services. That afternoon there will be an informal come-and-go reception from 3pm to 5pm to welcome Pastor Judy and to meet her husband, Rev. Dixon Platt who is pastor at Elm Springs UMC.

This month we will also have Vacation Bible School July 19<sup>th</sup> thru July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6pm to 8:15 pm. It will be five days of welcoming children and families to Mt. Everest VBS as children learn about conquering challenges with God's mighty power. Help spread the word and invite children to attend. If you would like to volunteer to help in any way (examples: being a crew leader, working in the kitchen, helping with registration, greeting, or even writing thank you notes to person attending) please contact Kristen Crider [Kristen@lovelearnlead.com](mailto:Kristen@lovelearnlead.com) or call the church office 479 855-1158.

Also during July, plans are underway for the Church Rummage Sale sponsored by the United Methodist Women being held on Saturday, August 1st in Becker Hall, as well as *SuperCharged* being held on Friday August 14th from 6pm to 8pm. Volunteer help is needed for both of these events. You can read more about these events in this copy of the newsletter.

Some of you have asked about the effect of the United States Supreme Court ruling legalizing same gender marriage on the United Methodist Church. To put it simply, the decision changes nothing with regards to church discipline. The only authority to change church discipline and policy is General Conference. General conference will meet in 2016, and I feel sure the Supreme Court's ruling will cause much debate.

I want to thank you for the send off you offered to Pastor Zach and his family in June. I witnessed your thoughtfulness you offered him through words of appreciation and all the cards you presented to him.

I hope you will make every effort to be in worship this month! In July attendance dips which is to be expected because of vacations, but if you are in town I hope you will be in worship. Thank you for your faithfulness in supporting the ministries of the church at all times, but especially during the summer months.

God is faithful! *Bro. Jaimie* Don't just come to church, Be the CHURCH!

◆ P.S.

During a sermon in June, I told about having excellent hot water cornbread at a funeral dinner in Louisiana. Several people asked about the cornbread and how it was made. Patsy Attaway, our church treasurer, found a recipe for hot water cornbread that I would like to share with you.

### Old Fashioned Hot Water Cornbread

**Ingredients:** 2 cups yellow cornmeal, 1-1<sup>1/2</sup> teaspoon salt, 2 cups water, boiling, 1-2 cups vegetable oil, 1-2 tablespoons bacon grease (optional)

**Directions:** (1) Heat enough oil/grease in a large iron skillet or heavy bottom skillet on high heat. (Oil needs to come half way up the side of the skillet.) (2) In a medium bowl, mix together cornmeal and salt. (3) Stir in enough boiling hot water that the cornmeal mixture comes together enough to spoon (not too thick and not too thin, kinda like creamy mashed potatoes). (4) As soon as the oil in the skillet is hot, but not smoking, spoon hot cornmeal mixture in your hands that have been dipped in hot/warm water and then gently place the mixture in the hot oil. (5) Fry each in hot oil, turning once, until crisp and golden brown, about 5 minutes. (6) Drain on paper towels.

**Note:** The Hot Water Cornmeal will be really tender, if you try not to handle the cornmeal mixture with your hand so much. Wet your hands with hot/warm water in between spooning it!



## JOINING in the JOURNEY TOGETHER

Brenda Wideman, Minister of Grief Support & Spiritual Growth

“The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.”

Psalm 121:8

### Going and Coming Home

I cannot believe only a month has passed since last writing. I feel as if I have been on a bazillion journeys since then, like at least a year must have gone by. I travelled to Dallas for Perkins graduation. This gathering with my family and Perkins friends to celebrate the completion of our journey through seminary was, needless to say, a joyous weekend. The worship, the eating together, the music, the messages of the speakers, the smiles, the hugs, the laughter filled me full with the love of our God. Then almost immediately my husband and I went on a journey to a faraway land, to Germany, Switzerland, Austria, and a day trip to Slovakia. The beauty of that part of the world filled me full once again with the love of our God as Creator as we visited the mountains and rivers and cities filled with gorgeous architecture and amazing history from so many centuries. We travelled, ate, laughed, and danced (I danced the polka) with about 30 others from around the United States. Over the two weeks we got to know each other's stories, each person unique and wonderful to come to know. Then most recently I travelled to Hot Springs for Annual Conference, the gathering of Arkansas Methodists from all over the state. What a blessing to worship with and visit and spend time with folks from our church and my “old” church in Fayetteville and folks in Methodism around the state. How wonderfully inspiring it is to hear of the many things our United Methodist Church has done and will do in Arkansas and around the world. This year we gathered in “A Call to Spiritual Revival” and our spirits were revived in the messages of the preachers, the lifting of the worship songs, and the breaking of bread together. It has been a wonderful month. Yet even in the inspiration of celebrating seminary completed, of travelling to new places and being in the presence of new and familiar folks, of worshipping and listening to awakening messages, my revived soul is at peace when I come home, home to my house and family in Fayetteville and to my church family here at First United Methodist in Bella Vista. I've spent the past few days resting in the glory of it all, of where God was present in all of it, where the love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ was seen in the hearts of so many folks. Our loving God watches over our going away and our coming home and blesses us with new and familiar people and places and circumstances to grow and revive our spirits. I look forward to growing with you in the months ahead as I return as part of the staff – Minister of Grief Support and Spiritual Growth. I invite you to join us in our next grief support group which will begin meeting in August. We will hold an informational session in the next few weeks; be looking for more details in the Sunday bulletin. I pray that your spirit will be revived and will grow in God's love and grace and peace in your comings and goings during this month of July and throughout the summer. Come Holy Spirit Come!

Blessings, *Brenda*





## VISTA KIDS

with Kristin Crider, Director of Children's Ministries



There is nothing that captures childhood more than the long summer days July brings us. Whether we take this time to escape with our family or take a few days off just to be at home, the hot days of July beg us to play in the water and have fun in the sun! In July, we are celebrating youth in Sunday School with our unit "Never Too Young", where we explore the children of the bible and the impact they can have on others. Our bible verse is from 1 Timothy 4:12 "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young". Young or old, we all have something to share!

July will be the last month our children will stay in their current classroom assignments. The first Sunday in August is Promotion Sunday! The United Methodist Women have purchased bibles to present to our new 4th and 5th graders during The Well service. If your child is receiving a bible, please mark this special day on your calendar to be in church. We will have lunch following Sunday School in Becker Hall for all the children and their families.

Vacation Bible School is soon upon us! Please contact the office to sign up to help or stop by our base camp in Becker Hall to find a way to donate resources or time! Our mission this session is Kid-to-Kid...where children reach out to others to help provide bibles worldwide. We specifically need help on our missions team, kitchen crew, set up, registration and a few more teaching spots. Please consider donating your time to reach out to the children of the Bella Vista Community. Everest VBS will be held July 19-23 from 6 pm - 8:15. Please contact Kristin at 417-456-0334 with any VBS questions or email Kristin@lovelearnlead.com.

Our children learned about taking care of God's Creations in June. We talked about taking care of the earth, our resources, ourselves and others. Our church offers each of us an opportunity to be a caretaker of God's creations! Find a way to take care of God's creations today! *Kristin*



A community-wide celebration for all ages will be hosted by FUMCBV August 14th from 6:00 to 8:00pm.

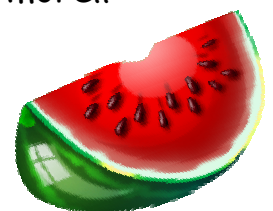
This is a collaborative event from Children, Youth, UMM and UMW, and we will need lots of help from everyone in the congregation!

There will be Live Music, Games, Inflatable Slide, Bella Vista Emergency Responders, Finger Printing, Haircuts, Vision Screening, and much more!!

Hotdogs, chips, drinks and watermelon will be available for all -

Sign-up sheet is in the Office for volunteers.

If you have other ideas, please call Maryann Johnson 721-9987





## Youth Life

with David Hanson, Director of Youth Ministries



I hope you have enjoyed all my posts on Facebook while we were away at *YOUTH15-GO ON* in Orlando.. I can't express my thanks enough to you all. You all have supported us with prayers and gifts. I have witnessed amazing things this week among our youth, but there is so much to still be done. All I can say is I am blessed to be part of FUMC Bella Vista.

- ◆ Who went? FUMC Bella Vista had 8 youth ~ Dalton, Ray, Wesley, Aaron, Adam, Cyrus, Tiffany, & Devon and 3 adults ~ David, Sandy, and Janet
- ◆ Where was *YOUTH15-GO ON*? We drove about nineteen hours one-way to Orlando Florida to attend *YOUTH15-GO ON* at the Marriott World Center. We had some great times along the way.
- ◆ What is *YOUTH15-GO ON*? It is this year's international event for United Methodist Youth and their leaders, held every 4 years. It is where people experience the breadth and depth of the United Methodist Church, are sharpened by one another, and are equipped to experience and express their faith in new and vibrant ways.
- ◆ What does it mean to 'Go On'? The Wesleyan Movement began because of the foundational idea that faith produces inward and outward holiness. In other words, the faith you have calls you to put it into action. When you go on to take action because of your faith, it is one way to show God that you do love your neighbor. Learning about God, Jesus, the church, etc. are all good things – but when you go on to serve others because of what you've learned – that's when you become a disciple who can change the world.

*YOUTH15* is about experiencing and participating. *YOUTH15* is both interactive and participatory – everything at the event invites people to experience a taste of discipleship by showing and practicing the acts of piety and mercy on site. By practicing at *YOUTH15*, youth and their leaders can GO ON to keep doing acts of piety and mercy back in their home churches and communities.

The acts of piety and mercy are both individual and communal, both private and public. The acts of piety & mercy do not take place in any particular order; they are experienced differently by everyone as a means of going on to perfection and Christian maturity. After the event part of *YOUTH15* is finished, participants should go on to their home churches full of passion and ideas to live out their faith in new ways at home.

*YOUTH15* provides a foundation for discipleship rooted in the Wesleyan tradition. This is an opportunity for youth to understand the roots of our Wesleyan faith and the things that make it special and unique.

### Highlights of *YOUTH15*

- We participated in 3 missions: We helped "feed the funnel" two of the days. Day one we took part in packing 21,000 meals. Day two we helped with 16,000 meals. All together we helped with 37,000 meals of the 65,000 that were packaged this week. We also helped with sacking up potatoes.
- ARUMC Bishop Gary Mueller was a formidable presence at *YOUTH15*, conducting a communion service for approximately 5,000 at the Friday evening worship service, and the reaffirmation of Baptism for the same group on Saturday evening. He was also very accessible to all those from Arkansas who wanted to meet and get to know him.
- Tiffany May shed 10" of her locks (and a few tears!) for "Locks of Love", a program which takes donated hair and makes wigs for those who loose their hair through disease.
- Many personal experiences too numerous to list. We will invite all of you to share in our journey soon.

The trip was filled with a lifetime of memories, new friends, and places we've never been. Blessings to you all - we would never have been able to do it without your support financially and prayerfully.

*David*



# Snapshots from *YOUTH15-GO ON* ~ June 23-27



Sandy & David help serve Communion



"Cats, Cats & More Cats" from Bishop Mueller



Janet, Dalton, Sandy, Wes, Aaron, Adam, Tiffany, Devon & Cyrus feed the funnel!



Bishop Mueller, Janet, Sandy, Wes, Devon, Tiffany, Aaron, David, Dalton, Cyrus, Adam & Ray



Dalton in one of the small group sessions



Devon, Wes, Cyrus, Tiffany, Ray, & Dalton on the road again!



Aaron, Adam, Sandy, Ray, Dalton, David, Devon & Wes grabbing a snack at Universal



Arkansas sunset!



Tiffany loses 10" of her hair for "Locks of Love" & gets a new do!

BEFORE



Preparing "Potato Bags"



Janet & Sandy working in the "Command Center"



One of many awesome Christian Rock Concerts



The many faces of Methodism



Everywhere, a sea of Youth!



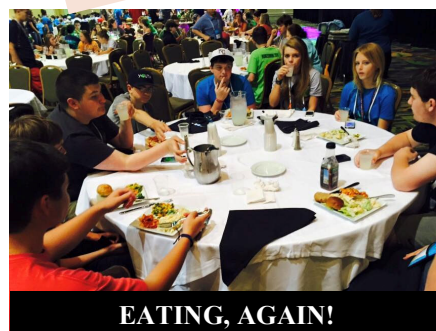
Ray keeps the rice supply flowing!



Adam, Wes & Dalton Feed the Funnel



Watching the surfers at Cocoa Beach



EATING, AGAIN!



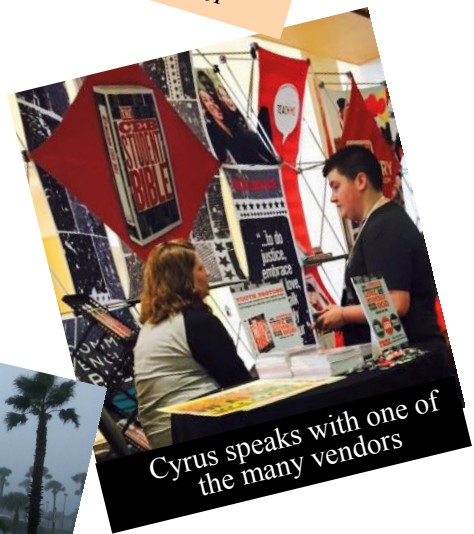
Ray in another small group



Sandy preparing Funnel bags



Rain, Rain, go away!!!



Cyrus speaks with one of the many vendors



## OUR FAMILY



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

### SOARING SOLOS

Where singles come together for fellowship and fun)

**July 11, Saturday, at 8:30am**, breakfast and fellowship at Papa Mikes.

**July 26, Sunday, 5:00pm**, Dinner and a Movie in Becker Hall. Each person will bring some item needed to make up a complete meal. Call Jan at 531-0381 to choose which item you will bring. The sooner you call the more things there will be to choose from.

To sign up for any of the above activities or to be added to the e-mail list for notification of upcoming activities and events, contact Jan at [jan@lovelearnlead.com](mailto:jan@lovelearnlead.com), or call Jan at 531-0381. Church members are encouraged to invite others to join in our activities. You don't have to be a member of our church to participate in outings, just single.

### EOIM

### EVERY ONE IN MINISTRY

Find a ministry where you can serve in your church ~ BE the CHURCH.

### PRAYER SHAWLS

The Prayer Shawl group members, who usually meet every Tuesday morning at 10am, will take off for the summer and come together again as a group in the fall. However, many of the knitters will continue their work from home and bring their finished shawls in to be labeled and prayed over before being presented to some special person.

A few months ago our group began knitting Prayer Coverlets in white and pastel colors to be given to newborns or babies who are seriously ill.

You can request that a prayer shawl be given to a church or family member, or a friend who is dealing with the death of a loved one, or a serious illness or injury.

Prayer Shawls provide warmth and comfort but are not for sale. However, you can make a donation to this ministry to help defray the cost of materials. If paying by check, make it payable to the church. In the Memo section, write *Prayer Shawl Ministry*.

### SANCTIFIED CLASSIFIEDS

**Sunday Office Angel** ~ Are you able to volunteer at the Reception Desk in the Office on Sunday mornings, addressing the needs of members and guests? You will greet those who come in with a warm smile and a willing attitude, answer questions, sign people up for various happenings at the church.

7:30—8am Filled

9—9:30

10—10:45am

11:45—12:15pm

Please contact Jan Lowe.

### CARE & SHARE TRAILER

Upper Parking Lot

Monday July 20th ~ 7:00a-1:00p



## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Jon & Jessica Mendoza
- 11 Dale & Nancy Veach
- 13 Rev. Jim & Mary Verkest
- 14 Charles & Florence Hill
- 18 Mike & Terrie Crandall
- 20 Stan & Melodee Neukircher
- 22 Sean & Kristin Crider
- 22 Jack & Kay Dunn
- 23 Roger & Bonita Vrieze
- 25 Ed & Barbara Jenner
- 27 Dick & Karen Bacon

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Sue Nebrig
- 1 Allan Ward
- 3 Wanda Holliday
- 3 Matt Morgan
- 5 Selena Smith Rodrigues
- 5 Sandy Fitch
- 5 Pat Fox
- 5 Marcie Mershon
- 6 Eunice Albers
- 6 Judith McVickers
- 7 LaVon Fryer
- 7 Javier Sampson
- 8 Chet Campbell
- 8 Helen McBride

## JULY BIRTHDAYS (CONT'D)

- 9 Jennifer Lehmann
- 9 Carmen Phillips
- 10 Layne Anderson
- 11 Leota Rowlison
- 13 Stan Neukircher
- 13 Juanita Prior
- 13 Alan Yount
- 14 Bergie Dyson
- 14 Albert Fisher
- 14 Katie Hickman
- 15 Merle Lantz
- 16 Kenneth Hammerstrom
- 17 Dorothy Phillips
- 17 Carol Zurn
- 18 Verle Shoemaker
- 19 Noah Pittman
- 22 Donald Gersema
- 25 Barbara Humphreville
- 25 M.J. Rhein
- 26 Austin Hanna
- 27 Jack Kolbe
- 27 Katrina Sparlin
- 29 Connor Gurganus
- 30 Jacqueline Goff-Beahm
- 30 Melodee Neukircher
- 30 Ivaleen Seward
- 31 Kenneth Fisher
- 31 Pamela Pittman



## BOOK NOOK

## UMW

### BOOKS IN SERIES:

HEIRS OF ACADIA SERIES by T. Davis & Isabella Bunn

Book 3: THE NOBLE FUGITIVE

Book 4: THE NIGHT ANGEL

Book 5: FALCONER'S QUEST

### LARGE-PRINT FICTION:

THE CAVENDON WOMEN by Barbara Taylor Bradford

As the family members come together, secrets, problems, joys, and sorrows are revealed.

### BIOGRAPHY:

A WIDOW, A CHIHUAHUA, & HARRY TRUMAN by Mary Beth Crain

A story of love, loss. And love again.

### NON-FICTION:

FOREVER, ERMA by Erma Bombeck

Best-loved writings from America's favorite humorist.

### FICTION:

MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE by Nicholas Sparks

Thrown to the waves, and to fate, a bottle was found just 3 weeks after it was tossed.

SACRED SINS by Nora Roberts

A young woman is found strangled with a priest's white silk amice pulled taut around her throat.

THE JESTER by James Patterson

A classic tale of good against evil and the search for love.

MY GAL SUNDAY by Mary Higgins Clark

Henry and Sunday make a formidable team of sleuths.

THE CAT WHO LIVED HIGH by Lilian Jackson Braun

Koko discovers hidden bloodstains in the living room.

THE CAT WHO WENT BANANAS by Lilian Jackson Braun

The atmosphere is dampened by the suspicious death of an out-of-town actor and the mysterious theft of a rare book.

### Attention UMW Reading Program participants:

Your completed form must be placed in the shoebox in the library by August 10, 2015.

Thank you!

## UMW RUMMAGE SALE

UMW Annual Rummage Sale is fast approaching. The date is August 1st, 8AM to 1PM in Becker Hall.

### Our needs are:

\*Men and Youth to help with set-up on Sunday evening July 26 at 6 PM.

\*Women to help price and organize items, Monday the 27th thru Thursday the 30th, anytime between 9AM and 2PM.

\*Day of sale workers beginning at 7:30 AM.

\*Men and Youth to help with tear down and clean-up beginning at 1 PM. Becker Hall needs to look like nothing out of the ordinary happened.

We also need your clean and in working order discards for the following departments:

Linens, Kitchenware, Toys, Books, Knickknacks, Holiday Items, Tools & yard items, Electronics (with the manuals) These items can be dropped off during church office hours July 27, 28, or 29.

**NO TV'S.** Also NO clothing or large pieces of furniture.

Clean grocery, Walmart bags for purchases.

All donations are greatly appreciated as they help the women continue to support our local charities. Questions, suggestions or to volunteer call Co Ellen Sterwald at 721-2902

### Bazaar Request

The Bazaar Workshop is moving along creating all kinds of items for the sale day on Saturday, October 3. Please keep that date and the few days before, open as an opportunity to help in making a lot of money for local charities. But in the meantime, we have a need for just a couple of other things. Our sewing machines are giving us some trouble so we were wondering if anyone has a machine in good working order that you no longer need and would be willing to contribute. And then, we can use a few large, clear plastic jars at least 26 oz. size or larger such as Peanut Butter jars. Contact Verna 876-1392 Thanks for all your support!



## Notes from the ARUMC Annual Conference with Maryann Johnson, Congregational Lay Leader Conference Delegate

A Call to Spiritual Revival was the Conference theme. Sunday evening Rev. Paul Rasmussen, senior pastor at Highland Park United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas preached on the topic "Wake Up!" We need to make the most of every opportunity. We must be busy building the Kingdom of God. Attendance has dropped dramatically in many churches in recent years. More people are saying they aren't affiliated with any church.

Bishop Gary Mueller reminded us we can't fix "it" on our own. Spiritual Revival is a gift of the Holy Spirit! We must fall in love with Jesus - deeply in love and get serious about Spiritual Revival.

We are challenged to connect with the people who were previously churched and those who were never churched now called the "nones". We need to build relationships and share Jesus' love through our church.

I have been trying to find individuals at First United Methodist Church of Bella Vista who are willing to find ways to bring in those from our community who need to know Jesus as their personal savior. The love of God works, but we need to bring them in so we can share the Good News with them. If you are interested in assisting in finding ways to reach unchurched or never-churched please call Maryann Johnson (721-9987).

*Imagine No Malaria* has been very successful and now we can help with another program specifically for Arkansas. The new program is called 200,000 Reasons to fight childhood hunger. This is a 3-year initiative of the United Methodists of Arkansas to significantly reduce childhood hunger in Arkansas.

The name means in Arkansas, 1 in every 4 children experiences hunger every day. That represents nearly 200,000 children who live in all 75 counties of our state. No child should grow up hungry here and we can continue to find ways to help like the backpack program for Cooper Elementary and other local schools. In John 21:17 Jesus said, "Feed my lambs". Those "lambs" are the children we must feed and be sure they are not hungry.



It was a privilege for me to attend the Annual Conference. Thank you for allowing me to represent laity for the third year.

God Bless Each Of Us As We Continue To Work To Make Disciples For Christ

*Maryann Johnson*, Lay Leader

*Those attending from our church were Associate Pastor Judy Rudd-Platt, Sr. Pastor Jaimie Alexander, Lay Leader Maryann Johnson, Lay Delegate Jim Prather, Brenda Wideman, Minister of Grief Support/Spiritual Growth, and Jan Lowe, Minister of Congregational Care.*





## MISSIONS

### Pak A Sak

Sunday, July 19 our collection of non-perishable food will be delivered to Care and Share in Gravette. Families who get assistance with free school meals are in need of extra help during the summer break from school. All types of food is needed, especially cereal, canned fruit, pasta, dried beans, peanut butter, and soups.



### Helping Hands Report

As many of you know, our church joins about 20 other churches in the area in supporting the Helping Hands resale shop. We do this not only with monetary donations but by encouraging volunteer workers during the week and then manning a couple Saturdays a year with volunteers. Last year, Helping Hands gave help to the needy valued over \$2 million!

Our first work day this year was June 6 and we want to thank these folks for participating: Sue Nebrig, Maryann Johnson, Vicki Forrest, Mickey Shank and those who braved the excessively busy and hot receiving area, Darlene O'Brien, Darrell Bottjen, Jack Hollingworth, Dennis Reed, James Forrest and Carmen Phillips. We had a slim crew, but they did an admirable job!

These folks have been dedicated to this mission for years and we would like to encourage our younger and newer folks who are looking for a good "hands on" way to help the less fortunate to join us for our next scheduled work day on Saturday, October 24.

*Verna Bottjen & Shirley Wenger*



**Can You Help?** We have 14 people this year giving of their time to work at the UMCOR Sager Brown Mission Warehouse for the first week of September. This trip involves travel expenses and room & board fees for each individual of several hundred dollars. If those of you who are not able to attend would be interested in helping with these expenses, it would be greatly appreciated. Please indicate "Sager Brown" on your checks or credit card donations. Many Thanks in advance!

### MISSION OF THE MONTH

**Youth Bridge** is a non-profit agency that serves over 3,000 youths and their



families each year in the areas of abuse, neglect, addiction, homelessness, mental health issues and behavioral problems. Our services range anywhere from providing an immediate safe haven, to individualized treatment plans, aftercare and support, prevention programs to offering transitional living. Youth related substance abuse, homelessness, and behavioral problems are not limited to select zip codes, social economic groups or certain geographic areas of northern Arkansas. These are our neighbors and our children's friends that need help. Youth Bridge is there to help turn the lives of troubled youth around and guide them back to a productive life. It is a community problem that requires a community solution.

Values are the foundation of our organization.

In everything we do, we believe that all youth should have the opportunity to reach their full potential. The work we do is to serve those youth that are impacted by circumstances that may have an adverse effect on their well-being. Our goal is to provide safe, supportive, and empowering services to teens and their families that will give them the tools and inspiration to resolve their crisis and prepare them to achieve lasting personal changes that will allow them to lead healthy and productive lives. From prevention to aftercare services, Youth Bridge is there every step of the way by providing the best care and therapeutic support, innovative services and activities, guidance and hope to each and every youth we encounter.

### Shoebox Ministry

Shoebox Ministry is giving you a small reminder that we are closed during month of July for vacation, except for an emergency shelter order. Also, we are no longer collecting empty pill bottles.





**DOUGLAS GRANT**

has been elected commander of American Legion Post 341 in Bella Vista. Doug served in the United States Air Force from 1970-78 and was stationed in Illinois, South Carolina



and Southeast Asia, and is a Vietnam-era veteran. A West Virginia native, Doug came to Bella Vista in 2007. He joined the Legion in 2008 and has previously served as second and first vice commanders. Doug says the Legion is a "big family" working toward a common goal. "We want this organization to be a strong presence in the community. We want veterans to know we're here for them, their spouses and children. Anything we can do to help a vet, we're going to do that!" He and his wife, Martha, attend the contemporary service.



**UMM** invite all men of the church to their July dinner meeting Wednesday, July 8th at 6:30pm in Becker Hall. The speaker is Trisha Ayers, the Community

Outreach Coordinator for *Village House*, our Mission of the Month for June. The meal will be Chicken-fried Steak, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, salad, and drink catered by Papa Mike. Reservations need to be made no later than Sunday, July 5th either through the phone tree or by calling Jim Belcoff, 616-6738.



**Time to Order Church Shirts!**

(custom printing by Jerry Snow-Pop's Customs)

**T-Shirts are \$10**

**Polos are \$15**

**Sweatshirts are \$18**

(Add \$2 for sizes 2x and up)

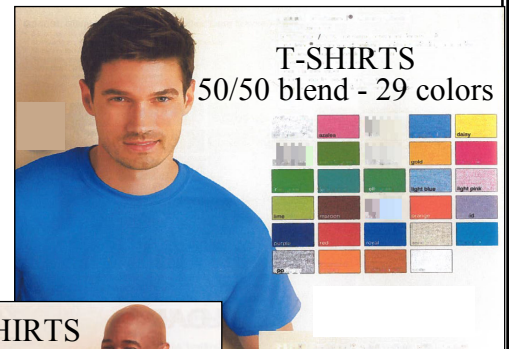
**Canvas Totes are also available for \$14**

**See samples in the office. . . .**

**Order sheets are available in the office.**

**Please pay when you order!**

**Deadline for ordering is Friday, July 24.**





# THANK YOU

I want to thank Brother Jaimie and the congregation for the prayers, cards, and friendship extended following my surgery. The hospital visit by Brenda was greatly appreciated, as was the home visit by Jan delivering the prayer shawl prepared by the ladies of the church. Why one suffers with cold after surgery is a question and the shawl is an answer. Thank You!

*J.R. Anderson*

Thank you so very much for the warm Prayer Shawl. It is very appreciated, as I have chills 24/7. Thanks so much for all the prayers and cards from my wonderful friends at FUMCBV. Love and blessings to all.

*JoAnn Handel*

**HAPPYS SHEPHERD GROUP** will be attending an Ice Cream Social at the home of David & Carol Stanley on Wednesday, July 15 at 6:00pm

**AVALON SHEPHERD GROUP** will travel to Monte Ne for dinner, Wednesday, July 15th.

**METFIELD METHODISTS SHEPHERD GROUP** will meet for breakfast at 9:00am Saturday, July 24th, at the Acropolis Restaurant in Bentonville.

There is quite an accumulation of plates, containers, cake pans, etc, in the "collection corner" of the Kitchen. If you have brought something to share during one of our recent events, please check to see if anything in the corner belongs to you. Whatever is left there after Sunday, July 19, will be donated to the Rummage Sale and you will have to pay to get it back!



### Newsletter May 2015 FINANCIAL DATA

		* = - Endowment	2015 Budget	Compare 2014
Month to date (as of 5/31/15)	Actual Receipts	*\$60,864	*\$54,317	*\$48,184
Month to date (as of 5/31/15)	Actual Expenses	\$53,924	\$54,317	\$53,717
	Month of MAY	\$ 6,940		<b>-\$5,533</b>
<b>Year to date</b>	Actual Receipts	*\$301,108	*\$217,268	*\$279,427
<b>Year to date</b>	Actual Expenses	\$264,529	\$217.268	\$267,110
	YTD	\$ 36,579		\$12,317

Operating Account Balance 05/31/15 \$11,379

# July 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
ONE COMBINED SERVICE 10:00	10:00 Staff Meeting 1:14 Golf-Kingswood 6:00 By the Book AA	11:32 Golf-Scotsdale 6:30 Men's Chorus	7:30 Men's Emmaus 8:30 Bible Study 9:00 Quilters 9:30 Mission Meeting 5:00 Prayer Service 6:30 UMMI Dinner 7:00 Youth Life	9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp 10:24 Golf-Berksdale	9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp 10:24 Golf-Highlands	9:00 Amp Big Book
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
BP✓ between services 7:30 Praise Tm rehrl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service	9:00 Caregivers Support 9:16 Golf-BVCC 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 Calico Cut-ups Brd 4:00 Guest Follow-up 6:00 By the Book AA 6:00 Finance Comm	8:37 Golf-Brittany 9:00 PEO-BR 1:30 Member Mtng 6:30 Men's Chorus	7:30 Men's Emmaus 8:30 Bible Study 9:00 Quilters 9:30 Mission Mtng 5:00 Prayer Service 5:30 Avalon Monte Ne 7:00 Youth Life	9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp 10:24 Golf-Highlands 6:30 SPRC		9:00 Amp Big Book
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<b>PAK A SAK</b> 7:30 Praise Tm rehrl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service <b>6:00 VBS</b>	8:00 CARE & SHARE 9:16 Golf-Scotsdale 10:00 Staff Meeting 5:30 Brd of Directors 6:00 By the Book AA <b>6:00 VBS</b>	11:30 Moving Forward 11:32 Golf-Berksdale 1:00 BV Book Club 6:30 Men's Chorus <b>6:00 VBS</b>	7:30 Men's Emmaus 8:30 Bible Study 9:00 Quilters 5:00 Prayer Service <b>6:00 VBS</b>	9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp 10:24 Golf-Dogwood <b>6:00 VBS</b>		9:00 Amp Big Book 9:00 MM SG
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
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			<p>1 CHURCH CLOSED</p>			

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**Newsletter Deadline: 15th of the month**

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## **UMW Rummage Sale**

**Saturday, August 1st**

**8:00am ~ 1:00pm-Becker Hall**

Knickknacks ~ Linens ~ Sporting Goods

Kitchenware ~ Electronics

Tools ~ Toys ~ Books

**Something for Everyone!**

**Food is available**

**Proceeds benefit local charities**

Please drop off your donated items

the week of July 27—July 31

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

Wednesday—9:00am to 6:30pm

Carts available in the parking lot near Becker Hall

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

**(NO Clothing, Furniture, or TV's, PLEASE!)**

Any questions, contact Co Ellen 721-2902

