



The Good News

July 2017

**The Church will be closed Monday, July 3rd & Tuesday, July 4th~
Have a safe and fun holiday with family and friends.**

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Welcomes

*Rev. Jeanne Williams,
her husband Rev. Heath Williams,
and daughter Natalie to our church family,
as she becomes our new Senior Pastor.
Rev. Jeanne's first Sunday with us will be
July 2nd, when she will preach in all services.*



*Sunday, July 16th at 12:15pm UMW will host
a Salad & Dessert/Card Potluck Reception
for Rev. Jeanne.
Everyone is invited!*



2017 VBS

We are created by God, built for a purpose!

SUNDAY, July 23 thru THURSDAY, July 27

6pm ~ 8pm

Creative Crafts ~ Music ~ Snacks ~ Recreation

Age 3 through 6th grade

Call the Office (855-1158) to register

Volunteers Wanted and Needed!! Please sign up in the Office.



Glimpses of Grace

Rev. Jeanne Williams, Senior Pastor

Hello! I am so excited to be your new senior pastor! Heath, Natalie, and I moved June 12th to Bentonville. We are finally getting settled in and are ready to hit the ground running as July begins. I am grateful for those who have reached out already to welcome us with food, hugs, and offers of help!

In the coming weeks, you will be invited to attend a coffee gathering hosted by members of the Staff Pastor-Parish Relations Committee. We are going to have several of these so I can get to know each of you a little better. I want to hear your stories about Bella Vista First United Methodist Church. I will ask you four questions during these coffee hours: What are our strengths? What are our weaknesses? Where are our opportunities? What's stopping us from achieving these opportunities?

Begin thinking about these questions. I encourage you to discuss them with your classes and friends. Please bring your entire family, as youth and children have opinions, too! I'm looking forward to visiting with each of you in the coming weeks. Please know that you don't have to wait for a coffee gathering to have a cup with me! I am happy to meet with you at any time. My door is always open!

A little bit of information you may find helpful:

- With a Kindergartner and a commuting husband, it will take us a bit to settle into our daily schedule and routine. Please be patient with us as we discern what works for our family during this stage of life.
- Friday is my Sabbath Day with my family; However, I'm available when I'm on-call.

This week is a short week in the office as we celebrate Independence Day. I like celebrating our national freedom, but I like celebrating even more the freedom I have because of my life in Christ.

In Galatians 3:23-28, it says,

²³Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. (NRSV)

We are one in Christ Jesus. We are free from sin because of our faith in Christ Jesus. Now, that is something we can all celebrate! Have a safe holiday and see you Sunday, July 2nd for Holy Communion and the first sermon in our Stories of Summer series!

Blessings, *Rev. Jeanne*

Praying Our Way Forward

Pray for our United Methodist Church on Tuesday, July 18th from 8:00am to 9:00am

The world-wide United Methodist Church is uniting in prayer in 2017 as we look to the future of our church. Conferences all over the world are in prayer together. We are asking to be led by God to fulfill the mission of our church more effectively and to be one in Christ. We are asking that the work of the "Commission on a Way Forward" be led by God to find a way in God's wisdom to see the path forward as we examine our Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality and explore options that help maintain and strengthen the unity of the church.

"The purpose of "Praying Our Way Forward" is to ask and listen for God's guidance at this important time in the life of our church," Bishop Gary E. Mueller said. "The United Methodists of Arkansas are a people of prayer and I have confidence you will join with others across the globe in praying for the Church." Our Arkansas Conference will be uniting in prayer on the week of July 16 and First United Methodist Church of Bella Vista specifically will be joining with others in prayer on the morning of Tuesday, July 18th from 8:00am to 9:00am. Please lift your heart-felt prayers to our Lord during this important time of prayer.





JOINING in the JOURNEY TOGETHER

Rev. Brenda Wideman, Associate Pastor



New Relationships of Caring

And again Jesus said to him, “*Simon son of John, do you love me?*” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” And Jesus replied, “*Tend my sheep.*” (John 21:16 NRSV)

On Sunday, June 11, a new caring ministry was begun in the life of our church family. Congregational Care Ministers (CCM's), Elaine Detlefsen, Maryann Johnson, Kandi Mount, and Jim Rowland, were commissioned by Bro. Jaimie, giving them full authority to care for the Lord's sheep, members of our church family, in ways that are in partnership with the pastors of the church. All Christians, laity and clergy, are in ministry for our Lord, called to use their individual gifts and graces in Christ's ministry of outreaching love. CCM's have a heart for God's people which is rooted in their strong heart for our Lord. Caring which a CCM shares is more than giving a ride, taking a meal, or sending a card. It involves creating a relationship of trust, compassion, and encouragement with another. In our broken world, this caring involves joining in the journey with another, regardless of the type of journey. Through this relationship of trust and compassion on the shared journey, space is made for God to be present. And when we make space for God, God always shows up, providing the healing and restoration of spirit and relationship which we all seek; which we all need to heal our brokenness. CCM's have no agenda but to share the good news of the love of Christ in the lives of others.

CCM's have spent the winter months studying the theology of care, prayer, listening, boundaries, hospital and in-home visitation. They have grown spiritually and relationally. They have bonded as a ministry team in these discussions and in the training they received at the Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City. As the new year unfolds, they will begin working in conjunction with Rev. Jeanne and Pastor Brenda to provide relationships of caring within our church family when a pastor cannot be present. We expect this ministry of caring to grow, as many of you are touched along the way and as more of you are called into this relationship with others. As the invitation to become a part of this ministry is extended in the coming months, we pray you will consider joining in the journey to tend the sheep of our Lord and in echoing the chorus, “Here I am Lord, I will hold your people in my heart.”

Blessings, *Pastor Brenda*





YOUTH LIFE

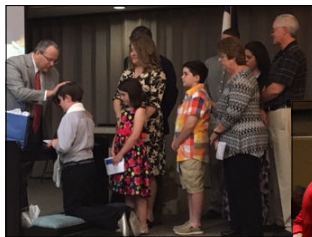
Austin Curtis,
Director of Youth Ministries

Not too much going on as far as activities in July for the youth. There are many FUMC youth that will be attending some camps this month. I am looking at possibly doing a camping trip with the youth the last weekend of the month 28th-29th. These dates will be confirmed and all will be notified once decided. We continue to teach and learn about being mission minded as we go throughout the month. The FUMC Youth goal is to do a local mission, followed by an out of state next year, and then Uganda in 2019. As you all know this will be quite expensive, so the kids are coming up with some creative service and fundraising projects. This month there will be some Servant Leadership days for the youth to have the opportunity to serve church members at their homes for cleanup or yard work. A list is being created as we speak. If you need things done around the house or yard that the youth could possibly help with, please contact me. We look forward to serving and learning, so until next month God Bless!

Dear God,

Please be with the FUMC Youth as they continue to learn more about you, and more about what it means to live a life for you. As they learn more and more about what it takes to be mission minded, God I ask that you touch their hearts, convict them to want to serve. God, be with them and their families and friends, and may they be the influencers rather than the influenced. Be with our church as it is about to go through a transition. As we go through this transition, help us to be bold, patient, and committed. Thank you God. We love you, AMEN

Be Blessed, *Austin*



VISTA KIDS

Angie Rader,
Director of Children's Ministries



WOW! June was a very bittersweet month. I turned a year older, and we said our goodbyes to Bro. Jamie and Pastor Judy. The Aloha party was wonderful and a great send-off for 2 great pastors. We are very excited to welcome Rev. Jeanne Williams and her family.

Now we are working on July, which is a very busy month. VBS is Sunday, July 23rd to Thursday, July 27th from 6 to 8 pm. Our theme is "Makers Fun Factory -We are created by God." We will have dinner for the volunteers and their families from 5 to 6 pm from Monday thru Thursday, prepared by our wonderful Ms. Phyllis. There are many areas to volunteer. There is a sign up sheet in the Office if you would like to be a part of VBS. We will have decorating and building days on Saturday, July 15th and Saturday, July 22nd starting at 10 am.

Summer is a wonderful time to do so many things. Ms. Carly and I are working on cleaning and organizing the down stairs. We have a special project for the members of the Church coming up. Stay tuned for more exciting news. We are still in need of people to help with Sunday School and Child Care. If you would like to know more, please call me or send me a email. As always, if you have any question or concerns or ideas, please come talk to me.

Thanks for all who helped with Promotion Sunday. It was a great time and great food by Ms. Phyllis and her crew. Thanks again, Teachers, for all you do!!!

In his Service, *Ms. Angie*





MAKING CONNECTIONS

Amy Gilmore, Director of Community Life & Connections

Thank you to everyone who helped organize, set up, and clean up the Aloha Potluck. I believe we are sending the pastors off with so much love they will never forget the fabulous congregation at FUMCBV. We couldn't have done it without YOU! The UMW will be hosting a welcome "Salad and Dessert" potluck for Rev. Jeanne and her family on July 16th at 12:15 – or after 3rd service. Please bring a cold salad or dessert dish to share so we can give a proper FUMCBV welcome.

Rev Jeanne will be meeting with the congregation in small groups over the next few weeks. You will receive an email invitation if we have an email address on file or a mailed invitation if we don't. This will include the date, time, and location you are scheduled to meet. This will be a time for her to gather information and get to know the congregation as she begins her journey in Bella Vista. I hope you will be able to attend.

First UMC Blue Springs youth will be staying in the church July 6-July 10. The youth and chaperones will be joining us in worship on July 9th, so if you see one of them, be sure to say "Hi!" They will be doing some mission work while they are here. They will have time to do work for our members, if needed. This group is middle school age and they do not have resources for large jobs. However, they are eager to tackle small jobs that may need done around your house – washing windows, yard work, moving boxes, etc. If you have anything like this that needs to be done, please let me know (amy@lovelearnlead.com) or the church office 855-1158 and I will make arrangements.



What a busy, exciting month filled with food, fellowship, and even a musical! We were so blessed to have the Agape singers from



Memorial Drive UMC in Houston, TX here to perform "Esther." The singers were youth from 6th grade through high school and they were fabulous. They previewed their performance in the 10:45 service (I was sorry to miss it) and then had a delicious lunch prepared by Phyllis Robinson, Marion Korn, Sue Nebrig, and Phoebe Bader. After they were full, the whole youth group jumped in to unload and set up the elaborate stage complete with lights, sound system, and amazing decorations and props.

Our anxious and hungry crowd flooded Becker Hall and quickly settled in for another delicious meal prepared by Phyllis, Marion, Sue, and Phoebe with additional assistance provided by Janelle Engle. After all the guests were fed, the lights went down and the music was turned up. The youth sang and danced and had the crowd mesmerized with their wonderful performance as they told the story of "Esther."

After a standing ovation, we were able to meet and greet with the performers and share a few stories. Then, once again their entire group jumped in and took down the stage, lights, and curtains. They put away costumes and loaded up the truck. It was truly wonderful to see how well they worked, played, and performed together. The Holy Spirit is alive and working through each one of them.

I want to thank everyone who helped me see this through from the beginning including: Jill Hale, Janet Walton, Alan Yount, and Phyllis Robinson. Also, everyone who helped set up for dinner, prepare dinner, distribute posters, and clean-up – the Holy Spirit is alive and working through each of you as well. Thank you all for "Being the Church!"

Amy G



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 Brenda Wideman, Congregational Care Minister at brenda@lovelearnlead.com or 855-1158.

NEW MEMBERS and BAPTISMS

We were so excited to welcome six youth to our church family through confirmation and baptism. Drew Baker was confirmed on Sunday, May 28. Caleb Adler, Piper Engle,



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and Madhura Roath were confirmed on June 4. Drew, Piper, and Madhura were also baptized. What a blessed event for them to become a part of Christ's family and our family on those days.

MILESTONES

Ken and Angie Jones celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 1st. They were married on June 1, 1957 in the Methodist Church in Floyd, New Mexico. They have five children - Robert, Mike, Stan, Carolyn Justus, and Cindy Watts, and 6 grandchildren. They have been a part of our church family for about 20 years and are active in the Young@Heart Shepherd Group and in our traditional worship service. A donation has been made to the church in honor of their anniversary.



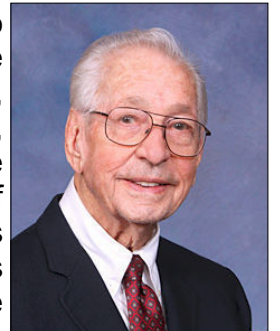
Shirley Hofmann celebrated her 90th birthday on Wednesday, June 14th at a party at her home surrounded by family and friends. She was born on a little farm outside of Canfield, Ohio and has 3 children, Debbie, Priscilla, and Chris and 6 grandchildren. Shirley



has been a part of our church family for about eleven years, where she has been an active member of our Chancel Choir and the Abram Shepherd Group. A donation to the music ministry has been made in celebration of this milestone.

RELOCATIONS

Jack Collins has moved to the Arkansas Veterans Home in Fayetteville as of Tuesday, June 13th. His daughter, Mary Scrimiger, came to the church office to let us know of this change in her dad's residence. We will miss seeing Jack in worship for he has been a faithful member since 2004. Please keep Jack and Mary in your prayers during this new season in their lives. Jack's new address is: Arkansas Veterans Home at Fayetteville, Room 600A, 1179 N. College Ave., Fayetteville, AR 72703.



PRAYER REQUESTS

As a church family we lift each other up in prayer for both our collective joys and our concerns. Prayer requests should be sent to Brenda Wideman at brenda@lovelearnlead.com or 855-1158 or to Peggy Stout at pegdewitt@yahoo.com or 531-3433. You may also complete a Prayer Request Card in the Narthex or Becker Hall and drop it in the Prayer Boxes there. They are checked daily.



OUR FAMILY

IN MEMORIUM

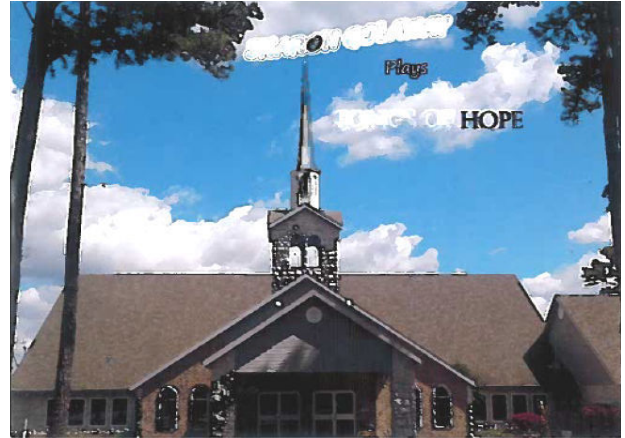
Ann McClellan passed away Thursday, June 1, 2017 at Circle of Life Hospice in Bentonville. She had been a member with us for about four years. She moved in January from Brookfield here in Bella Vista to Legacy Village Apartments, Bentonville. Unfortunately, at that time she was no longer able to be with us in worship as she had in the past because of the distance. The time of her services has not yet been announced. Cards may be sent to the family: c/o Wayne A. McClellan, #2 Sibsey Ave., Bella Vista AR 72714. Please keep her sons, Wayne and Dale, and her entire family in your prayers as they grieve the loss of Ann.



Marian Best passed away Thursday, June 1, 2017 at Circle of Life Hospice in Bentonville. Marian had been a member with us since 2013. The details of her service have not been announced. Cards can be sent to her family c/o Cheryl Hartshorn, 16 Sunderland Drive, Bella Vista, 72714. Please keep her children, Russell, Beverly and Cheryl and her entire family in your prayers at this time.

Donald and Barbara Gersema have both passed away within the last month. Donald passed away on May 3, 2017 and Barbara on June 2, 2017. Services for them will be held in Iowa at a later date. Please keep their daughters Vicki and Donna in your prayers as they mourn the loss of both of their parents. Cards can be sent to the family at 4006 Midway Dr., Waterloo, Iowa 50701

Chris Lewis—son of Dorothy Schuster, passed away on June 15th in Little Rock after a brief and unexpected illness. Please be in prayer for Dorothy, Bob and all of Chris's family as they grieve his loss.



Sharon Golaway has a new CD titled "Songs of Hope", with 13 hymns played on the piano as only she can play. They are available in the office for \$15.

ACTIVITIES COMING IN JULY

2 Serve Shepherd Group is scheduled for a 4th of July outing at Blowing Springs Park at the Community Band concert at 7:00 PM. Phyllis Widle will reserve one table for us to have a picnic meal at the far left near the creek (just across the bridge). You can purchase a meal there starting at 5:30 PM or bring your own. We suggest you bring your own lawn chairs for the concert. Please let Dick & Sonnie Andersen know by Monday, July 3 whether you plan to attend.

AVALON SHEPHERD GROUP will meet at Monte Ne for dinner on Wednesday, July 26 at 5 P.M.

ABRAM SHEPHERD GROUP gathers the 2nd Monday each month in the Chapel @ 5:30pm. Come to enjoy a delicious meal and great fellowship.

BEAUTIFUL COLORS EMMAUS GROUP meets the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Chapel at 2:30pm. If you have gone through the Emmaus experience, you are welcome to join us.

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(EVERY ONE IN MINISTRY)
 Discover how you can make a difference
 in the life of our church by joining
 with others in service.

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Jon & Jessica Mendoza
- 8 Bill & Jane Potts
- 9 Curt & Olivia Olson
- 11 Dale & Nancy Veach
- 13 Rev. Jim & Mary Verkest
- 14 Charles & Florence Hill
- 20 Stan & Melodee Neukircher
- 22 Sean & Kristin Crider
- 22 Jack & Kay Dunn
- 25 Ed & Barbara Jenner
- 26 Bob & Jan Shaw
- 27 Dick & Karen Bacon
- 30 Rick & Dena Mayes

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Sue Nebrig
- 1 Allan Ward
- 3 Archie Birkner
- 3 Jacqueline Goff-Beahm
- 3 Wanda Holliday
- 3 Mary Kennedy
- 4 Earl Kennedy
- 5 Sandy Fitch
- 5 Pat Fox
- 5 Lou Kaufmann
- 6 Eunice Albers
- 6 Judith McVickers
- 7 LaVon Fryer
- 7 Javi Sampson
- 7 Allison Totten

JULY BIRTHDAYS *(continued)*

- 8 Chet Campbell
- 8 Helen McBride
- 9 Jennifer Lehmann
- 9 Carmen Phillips
- 10 Layne Anderson
- 11 Leota Rowlison
- 13 Stan Neukircher
- 13 Juanita Prior
- 14 Bergie Dyson
- 14 Albert Fisher
- 14 Katie Hickman
- 15 Merle Lantz
- 16 Kenneth Hammarstrom
- 17 Dorothy Phillips
- 17 Beverly Thuma
- 17 Carol Zurn
- 18 Verle Shoemaker
- 18 Alan Yount
- 19 Noah Pittman
- 25 M.J. Rhein
- 26 Austin Hanna
- 27 Jack Kolbe
- 27 Jamey Rowland
- 27 Katrina Sparlin
- 29 Connor Gurganus
- 30 Melodee Neukircher
- 30 Ivaleen Seward
- 31 Kenneth Fisher
- 31 Pamela Pittman



JULY DINNER MEETING

Our speaker for the July meeting on Wednesday, July 12th at 6:30pm is Ron Evans, currently secretary of the Amateur Radio Club better known as HAM Radio. Ham radio reaches around the world, developing contacts and friends in places you would not ever expect, faced with situations you are not familiar with and having to react quickly in order to help and serve. Ron will share stories that will amaze you. Dinner will be catered by Rhythm & Q and expect a mouth watering repast. Contact Lou Kaufmann at 366-1291 or at lou@krrealty.com or the church office (855-1158) no later than Monday, July 10th.

BAZAAR WORKSHOP NEWS

Circles are not meeting for the next couple of months - not to worry. You can still meet with friends and have a great time on Thursdays in the Craft Room at church. We only have three months left to put together the best of what we have for the Saturday, October 7 Bazaar. Volunteers still needed for cutting, gluing, hand and machine sewing, painting, sorting, and many other tasks to keep us on schedule. If you can't work on Thursdays, see Darleen O'Brien 281 781-3838 or Jan Lowe 531-0381 for a job you can take home to complete at your leisure, or choose your own.

Do you have a talent you can share - card or jewelry making, painting or woodworking? We still need crafts for Halloween, Fall, Thanksgiving, and Christmas themes, including place mats, table decorations, kitchen carry-alls, and more. If you are going to work from home, we especially need scrubbies, knitted or crocheted dish clothes, embroidered dish towels (we'll provide the imprinted towels), baby sweaters and blankets, winter scarves and hats. You get the picture.

HEAR YE, HEAR YE!

UMW ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE...

... is fast approaching. The date is August 5th, 8:00am to 1:00pm in Becker Hall.

Our people needs are:

- ** Men and Youth to help with set-up on Sunday evening July 30th at 6 pm.
- ** Women to help price and organize items, Monday July 31 thru Thursday August 3rd anytime between 9am and 2pm.
- ** Day of sale, workers beginning at 7:30am on Saturday the 5th
- ** Men and Youth to help with tear down and clean-up beginning at 1pm on the 5th. Becker Hall needs to be ready for Sunday morning worship at end of the day.

We also need your **CLEAN** and **IN WORKING ORDER** discards for the following departments:

- *Linens *Kitchenware *Toys *Books
- *Knickknacks *Holiday Items *Tools
- *Gardening/Yard Items *Electronics (with manuals)

NO TV'S, CLOTHING, or LARGE ITEMS (of any kind)

DROP OFFS can be made during church office hours (8am-4:30pm) at Meals on Wheels entrance, Monday, July 31st thru Thursday August 3rd.

Clean grocery or Wal-mart bags for purchases.



All donations are greatly appreciated, as they help the women continue to support our church and local charities.

Questions, suggestions, or to volunteer, call Co Ellen Sterwald 721-2902. There is also a sign-up sheet in the office.

The finance committee will keep our Church Family informed on a regular basis concerning our Church's finances in a number of different ways. This includes a new email address at the Church website where questions or comments may be addressed. All questions will be answered by email or phone call.. The email address is financecomm@lovelearnlead.com.



MISSIONS



Habitat for Humanity®

One of the local missions FUMCBV supports is Habitat for Humanity of Benton

County. Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit housing organization working locally and in nearly 1,400 communities across the United States and in approximately 70 countries around the world. Habitat's



vision is of a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Habitat works toward this vision by building and improving homes in partnership with individuals and families in need of a decent and affordable place to live. Habitat for Humanity ReStores are

nonprofit home improvement stores and donation centers that sell new and gently used furniture, home accessories, building materials and



appliances to the public at a fraction of the retail price. Proceeds are used to build homes and improve communities locally and around the world. Our local ReStore is located at 1212 N. Walton Blvd. in Bentonville.

Several members of our church worked on the last HfH build in Centerton. The crew of Chet Campbell, John Justice, Jack Dunn, and Ted Ivy built a large

storage shed for the new homeowners. Martha Circle members brought lunch for the workers.

If you would like to help on the next "build", talk to any of our involved members. If swinging a hammer is not your thing, they can always use volunteers in the ReStore.



Martha Circle and friends

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.



MISSIONS



PAK A SAK

Care and Share Food Pantry in Gravette will be receiving our collections of **NON PERISHABLE** food items on Sunday July 16th. Families who get assistance during the school year with the free school meals are in need of extra help during the summer months when their children are home. All types of food are needed, especially cereal, canned fruits and vegetables, pasta, peanut butter, dried beans & soups.

SHOEBOX MINISTRIES

Diane Cox will be stepping down as Coordinator of Shoebox effective September 1. She has been a valuable volunteer since 2005. This is a vital mission to many of the shelters in NWA, and would be greatly missed if it ceased to exist. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this position. She will be available to help train and guide you through the process.

As always in His service,
The Shoebox Ministry Team



Helping Hands The second of our three work days for 2017 is fast approaching. **Saturday, July 22nd**, we will again have

the opportunity to help out the Helping Hands Resale Shop by accepting donations, cashiering, bagging and organizing. As usual, we need guys in the morning, 8 am to noon and both guys and gals in the afternoon, 12 pm to 4 pm. This organization provides over \$2 million in assistance to local residents each year! This is a great opportunity to participate in a "hands on" mission.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the office or if you have any questions see Verna Bottjen or Shirley Wenger.

"Snack Packs for Back Packs" BANKS

When Cooper School first opened 10 years ago, only 40 students were eligible for the "Snack Pack for Back Pack" program. This program provides healthy, easy to prepare foods for school age children over the weekend. The school counselor places a "snack pack" of eight to ten items into the student's back pack on Friday afternoon so the child has food over the weekend.

Due to changes in demographics and school boundaries, Cooper School now provides 140+ students with these much needed hunger packs each Friday.

FUMCBV has been asked to be a part of this very necessary program, beginning with the 2017-18 school year. We'll be responsible for 20 students each week. Other churches and the Samaritan Center in Rogers are picking up the balance of the students in need. We've done the math. We've prayed. We've conferenced. And we feel this is a project that we are being called to do.

You'll notice the "goat banks" are out full time - one in the hallway across from the Library and one in the west hallway by the entrance to Becker Hall. The Mission Team's focus is on raising funds now so that each month after school begins, our goal will be met. We estimate that it will take approximately \$150-\$200 per month to pack 80 healthy food bags. This last month we collected lots of quarters ~ and we now also have boxes at each station to collect folding quarters!!! You also can write a check (put "Snack-Pack" in the memo) or pay on Sunday with your credit/debit card. But still more is needed and will be, especially after school begins in August.



Bring your quarters !

Fill the Banks !

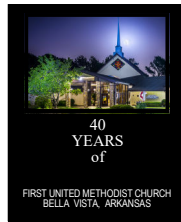
Feed a Child !



Our Cookbooks are in Demand!

We sold out our first run of 40th Anniversary cookbooks in 3 weeks at the beginning of this year, and we have had several requests to order more—so we have! There are 104 different contributors of about 400 recipes, most of which have been cooked for some event here at the church over the years. Find one that you have already tasted and thought “....mmmm...that was yummy-wish I had the recipe!” Now you can have it—and many more.

The books are \$20 each, and will be arriving soon. You can put your name on a reservation list in the office. Be the first (or maybe the second!) in your neighborhood to own this collector's item!



Book Hook

LARGE-PRINT FICTION:

A MOTHER'S LOVE by Charlotte Hubbard

A compelling story about a family in upheaval and a woman looking for strength.

THE BROKEN ROAD by Richard Paul Evans

Celebrity Charles James can't shake his nightmare of walking down a broken highway.

IF NOT FOR YOU by Debbie Macomber

Beth's love life leaves something to be desired until Sam enters her life.

AGAINST ALL ODDS by Danielle Steel

Kate must learn that she can't protect her children from their choices; she can only love them as they are.

THE NIGHT THE LIGHT WENT OUT

by Karen White

In a town like Sweet Apple, where sins and secrets are as likely to be found behind the walls of a gated mansion as in the dark woods, appearance is everything.

THE FIX by David Baldacci

Amos Decker witnesses a murder just outside FBI headquarters.

FICTION:

I HEARD THAT SONG BEFORE

by Mary Higgins Clark

In a riveting psychological thriller, the author takes the reader deep into the mysteries of the human mind where memories may be the most dangerous things of all.

ATTENTION UMW READING PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS:

Please return your list with the plan you have completed, to the library no later than August 11th. Thank you!



The Care and Share trailer will be in our upper parking lot on Monday, July 17th from 7:00am til about 1:00pm. What is sold in the Care and Share Thrift Store and Food Pantry in Gravette is all donated items, and the profits go to support those in need in western Benton County. The clothes and other items you are unable to donate to our UMW Rummage Sale could be dropped off for their trailer.



THANK YOU

From the Organ Console

Broc Hite, Organist/Associate Director of Music

I am preparing to play Dudley Buck's Concert Variations on the Star-Spangled Banner for postlude on July 2nd. It's a little frightening since they are virtuoso variations with some very difficult passages. Hopefully, my hardship will bring some joy to you! Dudley Buck was the first honorary president of the American Guild of Organists in 1896, and this is his most famous composition.

For the rest of the month, I'm going to keep it low key with a lot of wedding music that I sadly don't get to play anymore. In the five years I have been at First Methodist, there has been exactly one wedding with organ music. I invite you to pick your favorites, and let me know what you'd choose if you could do it all over again!

For the month of August, I will embark on the second set of Schubert Impromptus, Op. 142. Though these pieces are really a continuation of the first set, they are noticeably more complex, and thus, more difficult to play. Why write about them now? Well, I'll be practicing them all month to make sure they're ready to go!

Broc

Karen and I would like to thank all our church friends and staff at FUMC for your prayers, cards, and calls to our home, and personal visits to the hospital during her Gallbladder and Kidney surgeries. We were blessed in so many ways! She is recovering very well at home. Also, we really appreciate those who prepared and delivered the delicious meals on Wednesdays. Thanks to all! God Bless!

Lynn and Karen Dove

Dear Friends, Words cannot express my appreciation for all the kindness shown me after my auto accident. To Bro. Jaimie, Judy, and Brenda for calls and visits and the beautiful prayer shawl. To the many others who brought food, visited, called, and sent cards. Blessings to all. I hope to be back in Church soon.

Deloris Sernett

I am sending a great big "Thank You" to everyone who helped me celebrate my 90th birthday on June 14th. The love and support in this church means so much.

Sincerely, *Shirley Hofmann*

I just want to update you on my mother, Mary Patrick. She has adjusted fairly well to her move back to Iowa. She misses all of you and her activities in Bella Vista, but has settled well. She enjoys the time spent with her great-grandchildren—she now has 4! A new little girl was added in April. By coincidence, they named her "Cora", which happened to be my grandmother's name, but my daughter had no clue about that. . . God's work at hand?? We think so! Thank you all!

Julie Howe

(Cards may be sent to Mary at:)

C/O Julie Howe

1326 Pond St

Burlington, IA 52601



May

Mission of the Month

Thanks to all who made the May Mountain of Food a success. The total collected was \$5,308.71.

Recipients of our proceeds were:

- Helping Hands, Bentonville
- Living Waters Food Pantry, Centerton
- Care & Share, Gravette
- Shepherd's Pantry, BV Lutheran Church
- Oasis Food Bank, Bella Vista
- UMC, Decatur

Your Missions Team



THANK YOU



The last few weeks have been fast and furious. You have been so gracious to me. Over the past six years we have shared our lives together and have written a beautiful story of God’s grace and love.

You have been “The Church” for others and you have been “The Church” for me. Thank you so much for all the farewell cards, gifts, cookies, hand-crafted creations, and all the expressions of your love and support.

I look forward to hearing how you and Pastor Jeanne are growing in ministry and mission in the years to come. I carry you in my heart and I am praying for you. I cannot tell you “Thank You” enough!

God is Faithful!

Bro Jaimie

Be the Church . . .

Jeremiah 29:11 reminds us, “For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.”

Two years ago, you became part of God’s plan of a future with hope for me when I arrived as your new associate pastor. Thank you for accepting me, loving me, teaching me, encouraging me, and praying for me these last two years as I continued to live into my call as a minister. I am forever grateful for the fingerprints you have left on my heart and the strength and wisdom you have brought to my future ministry. Now you are part of God’s plan for welfare and a future with hope as Reverend Jeanne Williams arrives. May you continue to boldly follow the Holy Spirit’s guidance, loving, learning and leading as you make disciples who make disciples for the transformation of the world. Thank you FUMCBV. You will always be in my heart.




Pastor Judy

Newsletter ~ May 2017 Financial Data

| | | 2017 | 2017 | Compare | 2017 |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|
| | | Actual | Budget | 2016 | Year-end |
| | | | | Actual | Budget |
| Month to date (as of 5/31/17) | Actual Receipts | \$47,529 | \$50,701 | \$57,132 | |
| Month to date (as of 5/31/17) | Actual Expense | \$52,066 | \$53,307 | \$52,831 | |
| | Balance | -\$4,537 | -\$2,606 | \$4,301 | |
| Year to Date | Actual Receipts | \$268,577 | \$253,505 | \$261,031 | \$608,420 |
| Year to Date | Actual Expense | \$249,118 | \$266,535 | \$259,368 | \$639,707 |
| | Balance | \$13,459 | | \$1,663 | -\$31,287 |
| Operating Account Balance 5/31/17 = \$11,084 | | | | | |
| Patsy Attaway , Treasurer | | | | | |

JULY 2017

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|---|---|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| <p>2</p> <p>BP ✓ between services 7:30 Praise Tm rehrsl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Srv</p> | <p>3 CHURCH CLOSED</p>  | <p>4 CHURCH CLOSED</p> | <p>5</p> <p>8:00 Quilters 10:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 Men's Emmaus 4:45 Prayer Meeting 6:30 YouthLife</p> | <p>6 Blue Springs</p> <p>9:00 Bazaar Workshop 10:07 Golf-Berksdale</p> | <p>7 Youth through Sunday</p> | <p>1</p> <p>9:00 Amp Big Book</p> <hr/> <p>8</p> <p>9:00 Amp Big Book</p> |
| <p>9</p> <p>7:30 Praise Tm rehrsl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service</p> | <p>10</p> <p>8:08 Golf-Dogwood 10:00 Calico Brd Mtng 10:00 Staff Meeting 5:30 Abram SG 6:00 Finance Mtng 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus</p> | <p>11</p> <p>9:00 Workshop Prep 9:00 PEO-BR 9:41 Golf-Highlands</p> | <p>12</p> <p>8:00 Quilters 9:00 Calico Spec Proj 9:30 Missions Meeting 1:00 Men's Emmaus 4:45 Prayer Mtg 6:30 UMW Dinner 6:30 YouthLife</p> | <p>13</p> <p>9:00 Workshop Prep 10:07 Golf-Scotsdale</p> | <p>14</p> <p>10:00 AIAnon</p> | <p>15</p> <p>9:00 Amp Big Book</p> |
| <p>16 PAK-A-SAK</p> <p>7:05 Bell Practice 7:30 Praise Tm rehrsl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Srv 12:15 Reception/Potluck 2:00 SPRC</p> | <p>17</p> <p>7:00 Golf-Scotsdale 7:00 CARE & SHARE 9:00 Calico Cut-ups 10:00 Staff Meeting 11:00 PEO-CD 5:30 Bi Brd of Directirs 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus</p> | <p>18</p> <p>8:00 Berksdale 9:00 Workshp Prep 10:00 Caregiver Supprt 1:00 BV Book Club</p> | <p>19</p> <p>8:00 Quilters 10:00 Calico Anytimers 1:00 Men's Emmaus 4:45 Prayer Meeting 6:30 YouthLife</p> | <p>20</p> <p>9:00 Bazaar Wkshp 9:33 Golf-Highlands 2:30 Emmaus Colors</p> | <p>21</p> | <p>22</p> <p>8:00 Helping Hands 9:00 Amp Big Book</p> |
| <p>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ~ 6:00pm-8:00pm ~ Sunday, July 23rd thru Thursday, July 27th</p> | | | | | | |
| <p>23</p> <p>7:30 Praise Tm rehrsl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service</p> | <p>24</p> <p>7:00 Golf-Kingswood 10:00 Staff Meeting 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus</p> | <p>25</p> <p>9:00 Workshop Prep 9:37 Golf-Brittany 3:00 BV Library Brd</p> | <p>26</p> <p>8:00 Quilters 9:00 Dog Beds 1:00 Men's Emmaus 4:45 Prayer Meeting 5:00 Avalon SG</p> | <p>27</p> <p>9:00 Bazaar Wkshp 9:33 Golf-Kingsdale</p> | <p>28</p> | <p>29</p> <p>9:00 Amp Big Book</p> |
| <p>30</p> <p>7:30 Praise Tm rehrsl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service</p> | <p>31</p> <p>7:00 Golf-Highlands 10:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 BV Travel Club 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus</p> | <p>1</p> | <p>2</p> | <p>3</p> | <p>4</p> | <p>5 Rummage Sale</p>  |

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Newsletter Deadline: 20th of the month

To the Home of ...

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UMW Rummage Sale

Saturday, August 5th

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

Monday, July 31—Thursday, August 3rd

8:00am ~ 4:30pm

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

