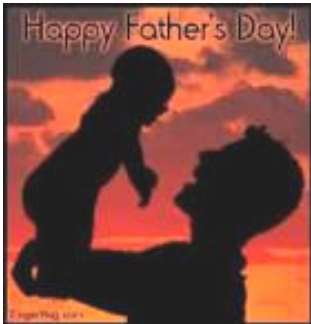




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FAITH WALK

With

Bro. Jaimie J. Alexander

" My heart says of you, seek his face! Your face, Lord, I will seek." Psalm 27:8



This week I realized that almost half of the year has passed. I thought to myself how can it already be June. How has the school year ended so fast? How has Memorial Day already passed when it should still be Valentine's Day? I realized once again how quickly days fill up with things to do, places to be, and duties to fulfill. It seems to be a lesson I am always having to re-learn, that time passes quickly and one has to make the most of the time given to nurture a relationship with God.

If I needed dialysis due to kidney disease and had to be at the hospital three times a week for a treatment at 9:00 a.m., I am sure I would not let anything get in the way of my treatment. I would know that my life depended upon my keeping my appointment. That is the way we should view our time in developing our relationship with God. The quality of our life is greatly affected by the time we spend with God, and God should have a place of priority in our daily schedule. Perhaps because God is ever available, we think we can spend time with Him later, so we choose to respond to what seems urgent, instead of giving God a place of priority in our lives. But if we spend more time with God, we would see the beauty of God's presence in everything in our day. When we invest in God's presence, we sow good seed into our lives that will produce a harvest of blessing.

The Psalmist reminds us in Psalm 27:8 to seek God. God's presence in our life is a vital necessity. As we are persistent about making time for God, we will arrive at the point where we understand more of God's Word, are more comfortable with our prayer life, and are being transformed in God's presence. We do not want to spend our time running ahead of God, but spend our time with God and experience the blessings that will follow. Spending time with God causes us to be sensitive to the love God wants to show us and wants us to show to others. This summer I invite you to make it a daily practice to spend time with God, to be in worship regularly, and to make an effort to show God's love to others in everything you do. The evidence of our investment will show in the spiritual health of our lives and of our church.

God is faithful! *Bro. Jaimie J. Alexander, Senior Pastor*

FINANCE CORNER

Month-to-date (as of 4/30/12)	Budgeted Expenses	\$50,806
Month-to-date (as of 4/30/12)	Actual Receipts	\$55,697
Year-to-date	Budgeted Expenses.	\$203,223
Year-to-date	Actual Receipts	\$195,176
Year-to-date	Actual Expenses.	\$196,763

If you are interested in having your contribution automatically deducted from your checking or savings account, see the link to the form on the church's website, or you may pick up a form in the office.

Please welcome Patsy Attaway as the new Treasurer. Feel free to stop by and introduce yourself. She will be a great addition to the FUMC staff.



OFF AND RUNNING

with Pastor Lee Myane

If you have been looking for spring, you missed it! Summer is here. The kids are out of school. Don't blink or you might miss summer, too. I have been trying to prepare for summer and even fall. Some of that preparation has been looking for opportunities where our members and guests can serve in mission and ministry.

Last week I met with Matt Young. Matt is our principal at Cooper Elementary. I wanted to get a



better understanding of what was happening at Cooper, and particularly what our children might be lacking or needing. We talked about volunteer opportunities, new

projects, existing programs and even gardening. I'm positive Matt has high expectations for our church family. I'm sure of this because Matt and I met and visited over pancakes at the United Methodist Men's (UMM) pancake day. It was inspiring for me to visit about mission opportunities in the midst of such a large and organized event within our church. Matt was also impressed. We both seemed to gather energy as we ate our pancakes and discussed the possibilities for service in our community.

Here are a few items that we discussed.

Bronco Buddies: you can volunteer to be Bronco Buddy at Cooper, where you can spend approximately one hour per week with a student who needs help with studies or may simply need attention. Our elementary schools have programs put on by the different classes in each grade on Friday mornings. At Cooper it is called Roundup. At TJ Elementary they call this time *Rise and Shine*. Whatever the name, parents are invited, but often cannot come due to work or other responsibilities. As a Bronco Buddy, you could fill this void for a student. Having an adult present at school is always special for the children.

Running Club: Cooper would like to have a running club for the children, to encourage fitness and discipline. Access to the Bella Vista walking trail is a great opportunity.



After School Tutoring:

Forth grade math is hard, but we could handle it! All children need practice reading.

Parents Night Out:

Churches often provide opportunities for parents to have a break where they host children one evening a month. We could have that opportunity and possibly even provide that service at the school

Drama Ministry:

Elementary school is great time to help children express themselves and become comfortable with crowds.

Fishing Ministry and Outdoor Classrooms:

Cooper has outdoor classrooms and access to Lake Bella Vista. If you enjoy the outdoors, pass that experience along to a child.

Crochet Club:

Crochet club is a lunchtime activity that the children love. It takes less than an hour to have an activity for the children during their lunch break.

Garden Construction:

I'm in the process of designing some outdoor spaces outside the classrooms along the rear of the school. Volunteer groups such as our youth group, shepherd groups or others, will be able construct these spaces.

Backpacks:

Currently needy children receive backpacks with nonperishable food to help them through the weekend. During the summer this ministry is not available. There are possibilities to help at least a few children receive food through the summer. Cooper has at least 20 students that could be considered homeless or transient. (cont. next page)



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Families in Need:

Cooper is in the process of establishing a room with food and supplies for needy families. We have the opportunity to be a primary contributor to this ministry.

If you are interested in any of these ministry opportunities, please let me know. This summer will be a great time to get organized and more active in the children's lives at Cooper Elementary and our other schools. If you would like your church group, circle, shepherd group, UMM, UMW, etc to hear directly from Matt let me know. He is happy to be a speaker at meetings or events.

Faithfully in Christ,

Pastor Lee, Associate Pastor



VBS is coming right along. If you haven't heard yet, this year will be a joint venture with Highlands Church!!

VBS is being held
July 22 - July 26

from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m., for age 3 thru 6th graders. We will also be accepting five special needs children. We are really pushing pre-registration for all of our children this year, just so we have an idea of how many we could have. So please PRE-REGISTER your children on line at www.overboard.cokesburyvbs.com/fumcbv. We still need LOTS of volunteers to help in many different areas; you too can register- www.overboard.cokesburyvbs.com/fumcbv or talk to Carrie Drish.

JUNE Mission of the Month

The Children's Advocacy Center of Benton County

CAC of Benton County offers hope to the Children and Families of Northwest Arkansas. The mission of CAC is to provide a safe place for child abuse victims and their families to receive comprehensive services from dedicated professional interviewers, nurses, counselors and advocates in a child-friendly atmosphere through a coordinated team approach.

CAC is available 24/7 to serve all Benton County child abuse victims under age 18 after a report has been made to the child abuse hotline. They provide a safe space and over a dozen specially trained staff and providers who can meet with the child and non-offending family members for counseling and support groups at our center. All services are provided at no charge to the family.

In 2010, they opened 584 cases, conducted 572 forensic interviews, performed 162 forensic medical exams and provided 1,354 hours of counseling. Since the center opened in 2000, prosecution of child abuse cases has increased over 2,000 percent in Benton County. There were 65 child sexual abuse crime cases either tried or pled this past year. Benton County reported 1,507 cases in physical, sexual abuse, neglect or a combination of all three and had 399 cases substantiated as true.



MISSIONS



VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION

The planning for our six-day VIM working trip to the UMCOR (United Methodist Commission on Relief) Sager-Brown Depot in Baldwin, Louisiana scheduled for October 14 – 19, 2012 is well along. However, we still need additional volunteers who are willing to spend a week helping others in need. The work will mainly consist of assembling functional “kits” of emergency supplies which UMCOR will ship to distressed areas wherever in the world they are needed. While at Sager-Brown, VIM team members stay in comfortable quarters and enjoy delicious meals prepared and served in a terrific dining facility by a professional staff.

We have reserved 14 “slots,” of which only about six have already been spoken for. If you would care to go, please call the church office at 855-1158 or e-mail Ed Jenner at edjenner@cox.net.

Putting our faith into action is at the very heart of our Christian calling. The New Testament instructs His followers to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, give shelter to the homeless, heal the sick, care for the widows, and nurture the children. Through VIM, every person in the church has the opportunity to serve and live their lives more faithfully. When you reach out and use what God has given, you will experience a profound life-transformation.

We realize that not everyone is physically capable of handling the rigors and work demands of this mission trip. However, anyone can become a member of the VIM team by providing funds to offset the costs of a trip. Accordingly, we want to thank those who have already answered our initial call for donations, but we still need about \$2000 more. There is an account maintained by the FUMC Bella Vista Finance Office for VIM needs. If you wish to participate, please make out checks to Bella Vista FUMC with “VIM” written in the lower left hand corner memo section.



PAK A SAK

With school out for the summer there is a greater need from families whose children usually receive assistance with up to two meals a day from their schools. Sunday, June 17, we will be collecting non-perishable food items for HELPING HANDS. There are many children who are very thankful we care enough to help provide food for them.

For those who prefer to give a monetary donation to HELPING HANDS in cash or check for their pantry, this is the perfect time to make that donation. Please be aware they have the ability to buy bulk food at a cost of 17 cents a pound. This will really stretch the value of your Pak A Sak gift.

SHOEBOX MINISTRY

Volunteers

Thank you to volunteers Cheryl Campbell, Jan Abbott, Dana Rhodes, Catherine Hollan, Carlene Jerman, Co Ellen Sterwald, and Karen Roenfeld for packing the Mother's Day gift bags this year. Forty gift bags were distributed to the following shelters: Havenwood, Restoration Village, Peace at Home Family Shelter, and Benton County Women's Shelter.

Delivery

134 shoe boxes were delivered in April.

Sunshine Sacks

Sunshine Sacks for the 2011-2012 school year have been delivered. A big thank you to James and Vicki Forrest who delivered each month. A total of 450 sacks were delivered to students in need this year.

Contributions

We are so grateful to everyone who donated to Shoebox as the "April Mission of the Month". God Bless you for helping this ministry to continue to help those in need.

Going on Vacation

As usual, we will be going on vacation during the month of July. If you can, hold your donations until we get back we would appreciate it.

As always in His Service,

The Shoebox Ministry Team Leaders



BOOK NOOK



It's been several months since we've had a Book Nook update—lots of new reading available in our Library. Thanks to all who work so diligently to keep our Library up to date!

FICTION:

NEW BEGINNINGS by Charlotte Carter
 LONGING by Karen Kingsbury
 LOVING by Karen Kingsbury
 PLAIN PERFECT by Beth Wiseman
 PLAIN PURSUIT by Beth Wiseman
 PLAIN PROMISE by Beth Wiseman
 PERSONAL INJURIES by Scott Turow
 THE FRUMIOUS BANDERSNATCH by Ed McBain
 THE BOOK THIEF by Markus Zusak
 TURNABOUT'S FAIR PLAY by Kaye Dacus
 THE NAVIGATOR by Clive Cussler
 FORD COUNTY STORIES by John Grisham
 THE KEEPER by Suzanne Fisher
 ROOM by Emma Donoghue
 WISCONSIN WEDDINGS by Andrea Boeshaar
 PAPER ROSES by Amanda Cabot
 SCATTERED PETALS by Amanda Cabot
 TOMORROW'S GARDEN by Amanda Cabot
 SURRENDER BAY by Denise Hunter
 THE CONVENIENT GROOM by Denise Hunter
 DRIFTWOOD LANE by Denise Hunter

LARGE PRINT FICTION:

THE BODIES LEFT BEHIND by Jeffery Deaver
 DEEP BLACK by Stephen Coonts
 IN THE COMPANY OF OTHERS by Jan Karon
 A FALL TOGETHER by Jennifer O'Neill
 A WINTER OF WONDERS by Jennifer O'Neill
 A LATE SPRING FROST by Jennifer O'Neill

JUVENILE FICTION:

WHAT'S HAPPENING TO GRANDPA? By Maria Shriver

NEW CD:

MUSIC TO YOUR EARS: A collection of Holiday music

NON-FICTION:

SIGNING EXACT ENGLISH by Gerilee Gustason (371)
 SACRED STORIES by Charles Simpkinson (291.4)
 CHAPEL IN THE SKY by Charles Goff (212)
 WHEN CHRISTIANS GET IT WRONG by Adam Hamilton (239.7)
 FRIENDSHIP FOR GROWNUPS by Lisa Whelchel (241.67)
 YOUR PERSONALITY AND THE SPIRITUAL LIFE by Reginald Johnson (248.4)
 101 HYMN STORIES by Kenneth Osbeck (783.9)
 APPLES OF GOLD by Jo Petty (813)
 HEART TO HEART by Joe Wheeler (813)
 THE TRAVELER'S GIFT by Andy Andrews (813.54)
 THROUGH GATES OF SPLENDOR by Elisabeth Elliot (818)
 ACTS OF DISCOVERY by Albert Furtwangler (917.804)

EVANGELISM

At the end of April we manned a table at the Cooper PTO Spring Carnival with the help of two confirmands (Jessica Patterson & Silas Myane) and one youth (Kaci Baker), who made contact with many Bella Vista families! We even got a call from a Cooper parent wanting more information about our VBS this summer! We were very surprised to have Strike, the Nationals mascot, come over and play our fishing game with us!!



We will be having another Evangelism meeting in June—watch the bulletin for more information!

Carrie J. Drish, Evangelism Chairman



GREEN TEAM

"Resurrection-- God's Recycling Plan"

Found in book entitled *Green Church* by
Rebekah Simon-Peter in our church library.

In May 2011, the Green Team met for the first time. We have been a small group, but every member has contributed so much to our purpose. In the past year, with the help of the congregation and several successful adoption programs, much progress has been made. The most significant one has been the reduction of Kilowatt usage and dollars spent on energy. That is the result of the purchase of more programmable thermostats and someone knowing what all needed to be done to enhance the efficiency of our heating and cooling system.

Recycle efforts have been enhanced from collection of unused bulletins, office paper, tin cans, to providing containers for water bottles and aluminum cans (be sure to rinse them out before depositing them in the containers). Tips for your home and for the church are shared on the power point announcements and summarized in the monthly newsletter. Carroll Electric did an energy audit and almost all suggestions have been implemented. Information has been shared about recycling and neutralizing battery-operated equipment and equipment with an electric plug. A few motion sensors for lights have been installed. Work has been done on the doors and more is to be done. Since the first of the year, the use of Styrofoam cups has been discontinued. CFL light bulbs are now being used where possible.

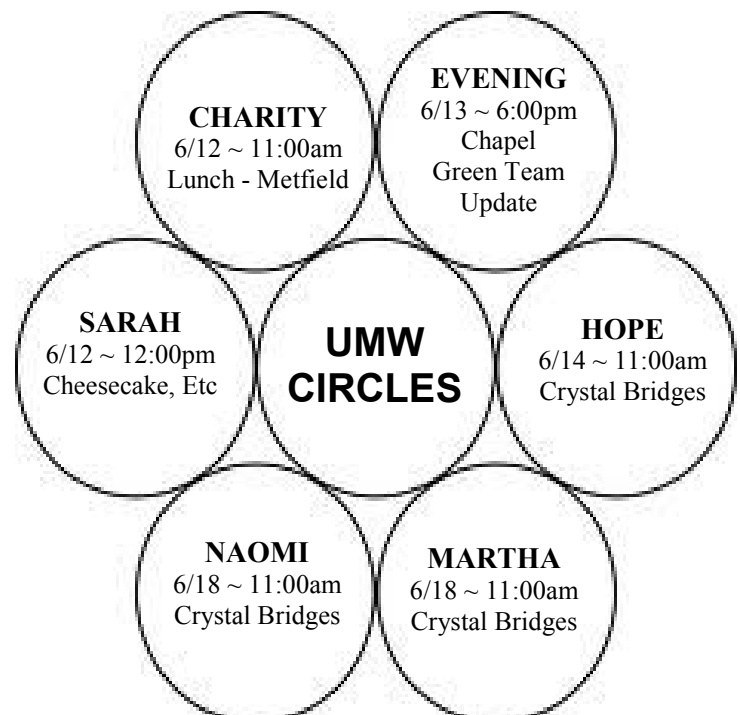
We are committed to continuing our efforts in being good stewards of our planet Earth. Thank you for sharing and supporting the efforts of the Green Team!!

UMM & UMW

The UNITED METHODIST MEN will meet for dinner Wednesday, June 13 at 6:30pm in Becker Hall. The Speaker will be Bear Chaney, Benton County Assessor. If you need to make/change/cancel your reservation, please contact Stan Tague (876-2301) no later than Sunday, June 10.

UMW members are now volunteering at the AARP Recycle Center to earn grant money for UMW.

Members may volunteer and record their names and time worked on the 1st Church UMW page in the volunteer log. Jean Justice and Elaine Detlefsen had fun sorting office paper and cardboard.





UMW

UMW STYLE SHOW AND DINNER

The June Quarterly meeting of the UMW will be June 27 starting at 6:30 p.m. The evening meeting, set to accommodate younger and working women, will feature a Style Show with clothes selected from BELK in Rogers. Participants for the Style Show will be children, teens, and adults selected from our congregation.



Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit, & Dessert will be served. Tickets for the event are \$7.00, and will be sold following worship services during the month of June. Tickets may also be purchased in the church office. Deadline for tickets is Sunday June 24.

BABYSITTING WILL BE AVAILABLE for children 5 years and under. No meal will be provided for those in the nursery.

UMW Annual Rummage Sale

The UMW's annual rummage sale is scheduled for Saturday August 4th, in Becker Hall from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Please be thinking about items you no longer need that can be donated for the sale. We will accept books, games, puzzles, toys, DVDs, CDs, kitchen, linen, electronics, knickknacks, holiday decor, garden, sporting goods, tools, & furniture. We are planning a boutique area, for hanging clothes, scarves, purses, jewelry and other accessories that are in like new condition. We will collect and store items starting in July. Storage is limited, but, if you have items that need to be stored immediately please contact Katie Anderson at 586-4430.

Bazaar News

As well as the workshops proceeding every Thursday morning, it is time to start thinking about which plants we can get ready for sale in the Garden Center this year. And as usual, we will be making gift baskets, so we can use any donations such as kitchen gadgets, pretty dish towels and dish cloths, hot pads etc. as well as small candles, figurines or novelty items. These need to be new or like-new. You can leave them in the Quilt Room but please label them for the Bazaar. We will also start pricing finished items this month, so if you have anything you've been working on at home, you can bring it in and we would appreciate it if you could give us an idea of what price you would like us to put on it.

Ladies, you have probably received a Bakeless Bake Sale letter by now. We hope you can help us out with this quick and easy way of increasing our giving to all the charities we support. Thanks so much for all your help!

Verna & Mabel



CHILDREN

This school year has really seemed to fly by. I remember like yesterday sending them all to school after last summer! Where has the time gone? Let me take the opportunity to let you know what is going on over the next few months.

June 27-30 we will be going on our 2nd Summer Mission Trip to Pine Bluff. We will be working at *Neighbor-2-Neighbor* helping serve lunch, handing out food in the food pantry and hanging clothes in the store. We will also be helping out at the Salvation Army, pricing and hanging clothes as well. This is going to be a great trip, so in the month of June please be in prayer for our kids. I was thinking about having some local mission work around the area for any of the children who would be interested in seeing what we do on our mission trips. If you are interested in helping, have an idea of what we could do, or you child would like to be involved, please let me know!

August will be our Back-2-School BBQ. I will have more information for that event closer to that time. Just watch your bulletin.

On May 11 the Friday Night Club (FNC) had the final meeting of the year. We ended up having a lock-in right here at the church. We invited the 4th graders just so they could see what it is all about. We had such a great time!! It was nice to spend some time with the children that are going to be moving on to youth group. To Silas, Emma, Dalton, Tiffany, Mark, Erica, Connor, and Jessica, I am so proud of each and every one of you. Every one of you is such an amazing person. I will miss you all. Have fun in Youth!! God Bless!!

Carrie J. Drish

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YOUTH

Summer is here! We have a lot going on this summer. We are studying Philippians in Sunday morning class for the month of June. We are also welcoming eight upcoming 7th graders to CrossWord on June 1st with an Amazing Race. The summer is packed full with hosting the TX mission group to dinner and swimming at Kingsland pool on June 13th. If anyone would like to help us serve, please contact me. We have several mission days set up over the summer here in NWA. On June 26th, we are serving at the Samaritan House in their soup kitchen. On July 10th, we will be doing a day of activities with children at the Benton County Children's Shelter. We will spend a couple days constructing and planting gardens on the grounds of Cooper Elementary. Pastor Lee is designing them for us. As always, CrossWord will be assisting with VBS again this summer. To end the summer, we will be traveling to NLR to participate in the Walk for Children that is sponsored by and benefits Methodist Family Health. We will hold a car wash on Sunday, July 15th to raise money to be given from our group at the walk. We will leave the morning of Friday, August 3rd to travel down and work the afternoon at the Arkansas Rice Depot, as we did two summers ago, then participate at the Walk and then attend the conference's Youth Service Fund Lock-In at Wild River Country Water Park. This will be an overnight trip and return on Saturday, August 4th. I am asking for male chaperones beginning now. If you are interested, please contact me. Thank you for all the support for our first high school graduate, Kamryn Baker, last month at her graduate reception. She received a lot of advice and encouragement. Until next month.....

In Christ,

Danette Baker,

Director of Youth Ministry





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 me, Jan Lowe at jan@lovelearnlead.com, or call me at the church, 855-1158 or 531-0381.

Dennis & Marilyn Cox

Name sound familiar? **Dennis and Marilyn** were members of this church till about seven years ago when they moved to California. Now they are back—moved into their old neighborhood and back to their old church—we like that!



Three couples from Forrest Hills couldn't decide who would be their "First Friends", so all of them are—the

John's, the Pranke's, and the Larson's.

The Cox's shared that their favorite thing to do is to travel. They have plenty of company for that retirement activity.

We are just glad they have come back. Take time to meet them when they are not traveling. And get re-acquainted if you've been around more than seven years.

June Wedding Anniversaries

1	Roy & Jan Vogel
1	J.D. & Gladys Jutte
2	Chris & Melinda Murphy
3	Bill & Aggie Danenhauer
10	Tad & Haylee Meagher
20	Keith & Lesa Barber

June Birthdays

1	Ron Rakow
3	Bill Danenhauer
4	Ron Paullin
9	Judy Bilyeu
10	Juanita Clark
12	Ralph Johnson
12	Oliver Kiesel
12	Angie Rader
12	Miriam Stocks
13	Jean Hendrix
14	Lynda Berk
15	Eugene B. May
16	Jim Belcoff
20	Marjorie Plunk
22	Carrie Drish
23	Melinda Murphy
23	Robin Scheiderer
23	Ryan Swanson (3)
24	Alexis Jorgensen (13)
25	Owen Jones



OUR FAMILY

Charlotte & Harris Manuel

Charlotte Manuel joined our church on May 6 at the 10:45 service. They bought property near Jane, MO about four years ago and have been building a cabin ever since. It is nearly done, and all paid for. They downsized from 1800 plus sq.ft. to 500 sq ft., and they're loving it.



Charlotte and her husband, Harris have built almost all of the home themselves. Harris's son is helping with some of the final work, which will include a guest house for visitors.

Charlotte retired after 40 years in accounting. Harris retired from the Springdale school system in Special Education. He has one son, and she has two kids and seven grandkids.

The Manuel's like to take day trips to estate and garage sales. They enjoy antiques, gardening, arts and crafts, and card games.

Charlotte started working as an office angel the week she joined. And she is good! She also has joined the Bazaar crafters on Thursdays. We are so glad to have Charlotte and her husband Harris become a part of our family. Welcome!

Jim Belcoff

Jim Belcoff joined our church on May 6 at the 8am service. He has retired here after a career with Wal-Mart International Division.

He has lived in California, New Mexico, Texas, Arkansas, Argentina, and Puerto Rico.

Jim's wife died in November last year. He has four sons and seventeen grandchildren. I bet that will keep him traveling, just to visit the grandkids.

Jim does like to golf and has met many of our members on the golf course.

Jim is in good hands with Vicki and James Forrest as his "First Friends."



Welcome, Jim. We look forward to getting to know you.

Deaths in May Are Felt By All

Five of our members died between April 28 and May 15. The impact was felt by families, friends, church members and also our clergy.

Occasionally, we can say, "It was a blessing", but more often we say, "It was a shock, or completely unexpected." Regardless, we are left to find ways to move forward.

Please read about member's deaths on the next page.



OUR FAMILY

Gail Louise Baldus died on April 28, after an illness that had continued the better part of three years. She was at Legacy Village, Hospice when she died. She can be proud of the four sons she raised. This church family will miss her.



Marlyce Joan Wallace Roth died on April 30, unexpectedly in her home. She lived with son Michael Roth and his wife Cathy Luck. She had been looking forward to spending time with family in Iowa. Her funeral was in Mason City, Iowa at the Wesley United Methodist Church. Her gentle way will be missed by us.



Helen Claire Disbrow Bothwell died on May 5. She had lived at Concordia and then was transferred to Highlands Healthcare, where she lived for less than a year before she died. Helen Claire was recognized at a Memorial Service for her love of learning, music, and golf. She was an active member of the Eastern Star and P.E.O. We are sorry to see her go.



Lee Johnson died unexpectedly on May 9 at Mercy Medical Center after a short illness. He had struggled with heart complications for many years, but always with his wife, Maryann by his side. Some of us did not realize Lee had been the lead singer in his own band, the Blue Echo some years ago.



Timothy Patrick Ireland died on May 15 following complications from heart surgery. Tim had been caregiver for his wife Judy since she had become ill several years ago. Many said what a kind hearted soul Tim was. Judy will be moving to California with their daughter, Maureen Pockett and her family.



TEXAS YOUTH TO ARRIVE JUNE 10

We've talked about it for weeks now. Over fifty youth and twenty plus adults will arrive at our church on June 10 late afternoon. They will be sleeping in the lower area of the church, and showering at Riordan and Branchwood.

Many of you have already signed up for needed work at your home and some have already been confirmed the work will be done.

Our youth will host a cookout and swim party on Wednesday night while they are here.

We will have a church-wide potluck on Thursday night in their honor. They will take a little time during the meal to tell us about their ministry and what it means to them. They will also show pictures of them doing their jobs here.

We've already filled the list of those who will launder their towels while they are here.

Come and help us make them feel welcome!

VBS Wish List

- Blue Plastic Tablecloths
- Crepe Paper—any color
- Blue Cellophane or Plastic Wrap
- Dessert plates-any color
- Chenille stems
- Spray paint-any color
- Pool noodles
- Goggles
- Fins
- Underwater Masks
- Bubble machines
- Styrofoam coolers
- Bath scrunchies
- Loofah sponges
- Empty 2-liter bottles
- Mini Christmas lights
- Fishing Nets
- Paddles
- Black lights
- Appliance Boxes
- Leis
- Coffee Filters
- Scrap Plywood
- Paper Towel Tubes



THANK YOU

Big thank you to the men and women who helped with the Methodist Men's Pancake Day, and a special thank you to those who helped with cleanup.

Stan Tague, Jack Kolbe & Ken Swanson

The family of Minta Boblenz Johnson would like to thank our Church family for cards, gifts, prayers and thoughts during her illness and memorial.

There's so much about our Church family that lets others see God's goodness and love shining through. That's why this thank you is really a prayer that His blessings will shine upon each of you.

The Boblenz Family ~

Janet, Janice (Lang), and Chuck

Thank you to this congregation for all your thoughtfulness while I was hospitalized and while I am recovering at home; the visit and call from Bro. Jaimie, visit from Pastor Lee and others, all the cards, the PRAYERS and food – they all have been a big part in my healing and recovery. Your love has blessed me in many ways.

Leveta Tunnell

To all my dear friends at the Church,

Words cannot express my thanks for the cards, flowers, notes, and prayers for me while I was sick. I was overwhelmed and humbled by your support. One of the favorite things I received was the birthday book signed by everyone. I still enjoy looking at everyone's comments and rereading it from time to time. A special thanks to Diane and Bill Miller for making the book. Someone once said, "We have the family we are born with and the family we acquire along the way." Thank you so much to my church family that I have been blessed with along my path.

Warmest regards, *Pat Reid*



We thank our wonderful congregation for coming forward for the May Mission of the Month, **MOUNTAIN OF FOOD**. We were able to raise \$5,740.78, with which we have purchased jars & bags & boxes & cans filled with food to be distributed to Helping Hands, The Arkansas Rice Depot, Souls Harbor, and Care & Share for their food pantries. Special thanks go to Joe & Margie Bowen, Ed & Barb Jenner, Ralph Wallace, Ed Fischer, John Justice, Chet Campbell, and Ewart Scarff for helping load, unload and deliver our purchases. *Ralph & Mona Johnson*

Metfield Methodists will meet Monday, June 11 at 6:30 p.m. for a potluck picnic at the Metfield Park Pavilion. Table wear and drinks will be provided. Monday, July 9 they will meet for breakfast at 8:30 a.m. at Papa Mike's.

Agape Shepherd Group will attend a Naturals game Friday, June 8. Meet the bus at the church at 5:30 p.m. For ticket information call Bob or Shirley Kennedy at 855-9641.

Naomi Circle will be going to Crystal Bridges Museum on Monday, June 18. Meet at 10:15 a.m. in the Upper Church parking Lot. For more information contact Millie Davidson at 855-6007.

Mark C. Kennedy, grandson of Bob and Shirley Kennedy received a Bachelor of Science in Business Marketing degree from the University of Kansas on May 11 in Lawrence, KS. Way to go, Mark!



Our Family



Patsy Attaway is our new treasurer and already feels right at home in her new position. Patsy's husband, Albert Fisher, is retiring this month after over 40 years in the ministry. They are in the process of moving here from Texas and fell in love with Bella Vista when they

were looking for a place to retire close to children and grandchildren in Springdale. Patsy and Albert have been married fifteen years. She has a son and three granddaughters and he has two daughters and two grandchildren. She grew up in the Texarkana area and has divided loyalties between Texas and Arkansas, but is ready to settle down here. She admits to an addiction to crafts of all kinds, so the Bazaar ladies need to grab her. She has been very involved in the financial ministries of Albert's churches and looks forward to her future here as our treasurer. We welcome Patsy and Albert to FUMCBV.

The moving van arrives the second week of June to whisk **Amy Gilmore** and her family to a new life in Lexington, South Carolina. Amy's husband, James is settling in to his new position as Regional General Manager for Wal-Mart for the entire state. The family has made many



moves over the years from east coast to the mid-west, as James has been promoted. They all hope this will be the last move for quite a while. Amy, Alec and Jenna look forward to many trips to the beach this summer and exploring their new hometown. We will miss Amy's financial expertise, but more than that, we will miss her warm personality and bright smile. We wish the Gilmores the very best in their new home!

We'd like you to meet one of the new members of our staff, Mr. **BROC HITE**.

Our new organist/pianist, Broc comes to us with an outstanding background and qualifications. He holds Bachelor's degrees in music from the New England Conservatory of



Music in Boston and Purchase College (State University of New York) in Purchase, NY. He also has a Master's degree in Piano Accompanying from the Julliard School of Music in New York City and a Master's in Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Connecticut in Stamford, CT.

Before moving to Arkansas in 2010, Broc served as an organist and choral director for a number of years for churches in New York and Connecticut, and from 1995 -2001 was the accompanist for the Danbury Concert Chorus, a community chorus of 80 voices in Danbury, CT. He is recognized as a "Certified Colleague" by the American Guild of Organists (AGO).

Broc's secret identity (sorry, his day job) is as a Supply Chain Analyst for Unilever Corporation in their Wal-Mart support offices in Rogers. For the last two years he has worked as a free-lance part-time substitute organist for several churches in the area, including FUMC-BV. He says he enjoys working for churches and believes it fulfills the musical and spiritual needs in his life.

We're very pleased that Broc has joined our music staff and we encourage everyone to meet him and make him feel welcome.

Yours in Christ,

Larry Zehring

Director of Music Ministries

JUNE 2012

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
		4 8:00-3:00 BLOOD DRIVE 10:00 Staff Mtng 10:15 Men's Golf		5 10:30 Concordia Bible 11:06 Men's Golf 1:00 Prayer Shawl 6:30 Brd of Directors		6 8:30 Bible Study 9:00 Quilters 9:00 Audit 11:00 UMW Board Meeting 11:00 Quilter's potluck 1:00 Guest Followup 6:00 Prayer Service 7:00 S.A.L.T 7:00 Crossword Youth		7 8:00 Men's Chorus 9:00 Bazaar Workshop 10:49 Men's Golf 6:30 Church Council		8 5:30 AGAPE to Naturals BB game		9 8:30 - 2:00 ALL CHURCH WORK DAY	
3 BP✓between services 7:30 Praise Team rehrs 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 OT Bible Study 10:45 Traditional Service		11 Texas Youth Annual Conf -16th 9:00 Caregiver's Suppo 10:32 Men's Golf 12:00 Calico Cut-ups Bnd 5:30 Abrams SG		12 Texas Youth VOTING - all day 9:00 Charity Circle 9:30 Men's Golf 10:30 Concordia Bible 1:00 Prayer Shawl 1:00 Sarah Circle 5:30 Agape SG		13 Texas Youth 8:30 - Bible Study 9:00 Quilters 9:30 Member meeting 2:00 Mission Mtng 6:00 Prayer Service 6:00 Evening Circle 6:30 UMM Dinner 7:00 Crossword Youth		14 Texas Youth 7:00 Men's Golf 8:00 Men's Chorus 9:00 Bazaar Workshop 1:00 HOPE Circle 6:00 Texas all-church POTLUCK		15 Texas Youth		16 10:00 AAUW Lunch 10:00 Safe Sanctuary Trng	
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Return Service Requested

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Family Style Show & Dinner

Hosted by United Methodist Women

Participants chosen from our congregation will model clothes provided by Belk Clothing Store from Rogers.

Tickets are \$7⁰⁰ and will be sold following church services during the month of June.

Date: Wednesday, June 27, 2012

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Becker Hall, First UMC Bella Vista



Nursery available for children 5 and younger



GIVE BLOOD

**First United Methodist Church
Becker Hall**

Monday, June 4th

9:00am ~ 3:00pm

Free cholesterol screening

Please bring photo identification
with you.

Eat well and drink plenty of fluids
prior to the blood drive.