

# The Good News

June, 2016

I would like to share with you both the letter from our Arkansas Bishop (below) and my thoughts about the happenings of General Conference. (page 2)

*Bro. Jaimie J. Alexander*, Senior Pastor

May 24, 2016

## #WeAreMore: A word from the Bishop

General Conference is over. What happened—or didn't—during those 11 days in Portland during which 864 delegates came together to make missional, legislative and financial decisions makes a difference. Here are some of my take-a-ways.



We chose to stand united for the sake of staying in mission. Our gathering reflected our global nature more than ever before. We committed to continuing our work in the Four Areas of Focus, and adopted bold new goals for the next four years: to make a million new disciples of Jesus Christ; to engage three million leaders to make a difference in the world; to transform 400 communities for vital abundant living; to reach a million children with life-saving health interventions; and to double the number of vital congregations. We added five new bishops and doubled our investment in theological education in Africa.

For the first time, a General Conference appealed to the Council of Bishops to lead legislatively as well as spiritually. We bishops have humbly accepted this challenge as we appoint a special commission to engage in finding a way of moving forward, including the possible crafting of legislation related to human sexuality that may be presented at a called session of General Conference prior to 2020.

While this work is carried out, the prohibitions outlined in church law still exist, as does the process for addressing violations. There is, however, a desire to explore alternatives as we seek a deeper and healthier unity as members of the Body of Christ. It is my prayer that the Holy Spirit will enable the commission and the Council of Bishops to offer a powerful witness to the world about what it means to live in unity in a world that finds it increasingly easy to divide, blame and hate.

When all is said and done, however, we are more than demonstrations, parliamentary maneuvering, budgets, legislation and whatever the media reports about us. I personally witnessed this in our Arkansas delegation. While there are striking differences of opinion on key issues, they modeled what it means to be joined together in the Body of Christ as they laughed, supported each other and prayed together. I was proud of them, and I know you are as well.

What is true about our delegation is also true about our Conference. We are more when we continue to focus on spiritual revival. We are more when we seek to "Grow by One." We are more when we get involved in "200,000 Reasons" in order to ensure that no child goes to bed hungry in our state. We are more when we engage the mission field right outside our churches.

In closing, I return home from General Conference reminded of three very important things. First, I love you. Second, I am grateful to serve in ministry with you. And third, I am ready to roll up my sleeves as we continue to create vital congregations that make disciples of Jesus Christ, who make disciples equipped to transform lives, communities and the world.

Grace and peace,

Gary E. Mueller, Bishop, Arkansas Conference



## FAITH WALK

Brother Jaimie Alexander, Senior Pastor

General Conference 2016 has ended after 10 days of meetings, worship, debate, and decision making. One of the great take-a-ways I have is that the United Methodist Church is a Global Church more than we have traditionally thought. It seems, from an analysis of multiple votes on various issues that I am told that the United Methodist Church has taken a decisive step in a more orthodox direction, and certainly a more global direction. The presence of non-American delegates was more powerfully felt and from comments to reporters one gets the sense that African members especially now have a stronger voice in the process of the church more than ever. Our global connection has not only been retained or grown cold but has deepened and is stronger. The strength of the UMC is now clearly in the hands of the global church. The African church, growing at significant rates, now holds the power in our denomination. The General Conference is scheduled for the first time outside the U.S. (in 2024 in Manila, Philippines, followed by 2028 in Harare, Zimbabwe). The UMC grew by a total of 1.2 million members in the last four years, mostly outside the U.S. The Africa Central Conference has grown by 329 percent, while in the United States the denomination has declined by 11 percent. I celebrate that God is working in wonderful and unseen ways to bring about a world-wide body of believers! Spiritual revival is taking place in ways we have not encountered before.

Other happenings at General Conference that I have read about and watched by livestream where:

An overwhelmingly strong vote (75% to 25%) disaffiliated the UMC from the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice. This represents a significant shift in thinking for the global Church.

The church continues to pursue important justice and mercy issues including human trafficking, stamping out killer diseases like malaria and AIDS, environmental stewardship, and the sanctity of human life.

The language of the Book of Discipline around issues of human sexuality remains as it is. Other votes related to this issue were shelved in favor of a future conversation guided by the Council of Bishops after further study.

The Conference defeated motions to separate the American Church from the global Church. The call to remain a global Church became one of the more important themes of the Conference.

The body of the Conference requested and received the leadership of the Council of Bishops on the issue of human sexuality. A commission was formed which has been charged with studying the issue and developing a strategy for graceful exit and disaffiliation for those who disagree with its findings.

A disaffiliation-with-property proposal passed a committee vote, signaling support for an eventual conversation about this. While that proposal did not make it to the floor of the Conference, it should be a priority of the Bishops' commission to explore this option.

The margins in the votes on key issues signal that the weight of opinion has shifted toward a more orthodox theology.

Both the University Senate and Judicial Council received a number of new members who are more theologically orthodox. For the first time, the chair of the Judicial Council is not an American.

A proposal was made and accepted requiring bishops to hold one another accountable for decisions in their individual Conferences.

The charge to the Council of Bishops has no definition beyond the formation of a commission. No timeline or specific goals other than the discussion of human sexuality were assigned to this commission.

Approval was given to begin the development of a New Hymnal.

June 19<sup>th</sup> through June 22<sup>nd</sup> the Arkansas Annual Conference will be held in Hot Springs, Arkansas, We will learn more there about General Conference and what forms of ministry God is using in Arkansas to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World. FUMCBV will be represented by the three pastors as well as Jim Prather, and Vicki & James Forrest. One of the highlights of this Annual Conference will be the commissioning of Pastor Judy as a Provisional Elder and Pastor Brenda as a Provisional Deacon at a Service of Ordination on Tuesday evening, June 21 at 7:30. You are invited to attend this service. It would be great to get together for a meal before the service or refreshments following the service with those who attend. Let me know if you are attending and would like to get together!

God is Faithful! *Bro. Jaimie*



## *Listening with Ears of the Heart*

Associate Pastor Judy Rudd-Platt

For most of us, our first encounter with pilgrims occurred in elementary school. We learned that they were men and women who wore funny hats and came over on the Mayflower to establish a new life in America. They were a brave, adventuresome people of faith who sought a new home where they could freely worship God as they chose. For many, many years, this was the only image of a pilgrim I knew.

As I grew in my faith, I became familiar with another image of a pilgrim – an image of a person who seeks a deeper, more intimate friendship with his or her Creator. Our United Methodist Hymnal holds a prayer by St. Augustine that beautifully describes this yearning. “Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they find rest in thee” (UMH 423). For many of us, life is a pilgrimage of our restless hearts seeking our home in God. In recent weeks, I noticed that several of our hymns and praise songs have described a journey of the heart which seeks the peace and contentment that is found only in God through Jesus Christ. “Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage” (Psalm 84:5).

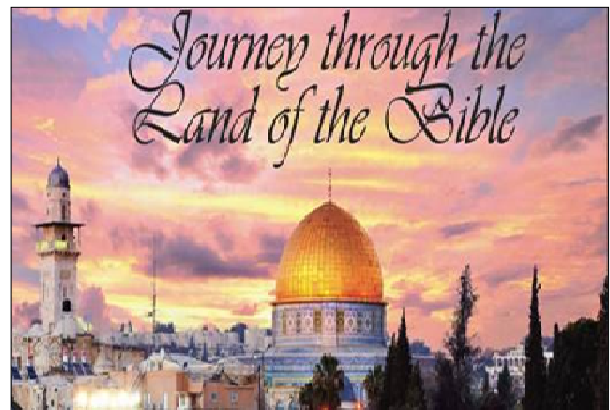
Pilgrimages occur in all shapes and sizes. Some are as simple as taking a “closer walk with thee” in the familiar surroundings of everyday life. Other pilgrimages involve committed preparation, extensive travel and the exercise of muscles and faith. I have encountered both in my life, but a recent opportunity to share about my experiences on the Camino de Santiago in the fall of 2014 revived the importance pilgrimages have had in my life. When we are intentional about our journey of faith, whether it is in the everyday occurrences of life or a planned time away, we have the opportunity to know our Creator more fully and to be more fully known.

Two opportunities for pilgrimage in the company of our brothers and sisters in Christ are quickly approaching. The first is the Women’s Retreat on July 30<sup>th</sup>. We will journey to Eureka Springs for an intentional day of being in the presence of God and embracing our belovedness as sisters and co-heirs with Christ. The second is a pilgrimage to the Holy Land September 21-October 1, 2016 with Bishop Mueller. Pilgrims on this Holy Land pilgrimage will walk in the way of Jesus and our Christian forbearers in such places as Jericho, Qumran, Masada, Bethlehem, the Jordan River, Galilee, Nazareth, Cana, Samaria and Jerusalem.

If your heart is restless and seeking rest in God, you may consider one or both of these pilgrimages. For more information, please contact me. *Pastor Judy*



*Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>*



*September 21<sup>st</sup> ~ October 1<sup>st</sup>*



## *JOINING in the JOURNEY TOGETHER*

Brenda Wideman

### **A Season of New Beginnings**

Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.  
See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?  
I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

(Isaiah 43:18-19 NIV)

This summer seems to be a season of new beginnings in the life of my family. We have four weddings happening between April 30 and October 15; our daughter is finishing her bachelor's degree at the UofA and anticipating changing jobs; my mother has just made a gigantic move from the Eastern Shore of Maryland, where she has always lived, to independent living here in northwest Arkansas; and I will be commissioned as a provisional deacon at our Annual Conference, stepping toward the call God has placed on my heart. Each one of these milestones is marked by both excitement and hope and by fear and trembling.

It can be so scary to start something new. There is a lot of pressure to live up to expectations; what if it doesn't work out? Starting something new often means letting go of something old. Whether the something old was comfortable or unbelievably difficult, the new thing is different than what we are used to and venturing into the unknown is scary. And yet our God does not want us to stand still, to mark time, to remain stagnant. God wants us to grow into and through the seasons of life, through the seasons of new beginnings. God tells us that we are not to dwell on the past, but to perceive the hope in the new things that are springing up. Maybe it is as simple as trying a new hobby, planting summer flowers, or starting a new morning devotional. Maybe it is harder like moving far away from our lifetime home to be closer to family who love us and need to be near us at this point in life. Or maybe harder like going through with that medical procedure we have been avoiding for so long. Where is God active in your life? Take the time to look for God's presence and direction. Look for where God is making a way in the wilderness of your life and step forward to drink from the living water that streams in the wasteland. Do not fear, for perfect love casts out fear. May you join in the journey together with our God who loves you and wants what is best for you. I pray the love of our Lord and Savior will help you to have the courage this day to take the next step of your journey into new beginnings.

Blessings, *Brenda*

### **July 30<sup>th</sup> Women's Retreat in Eureka Springs**

Join us as we journey to Christview Retreat Center overlooking the beautiful mountains of Eureka Springs. Using Henri Nouwen's book, *Life of the Beloved*, we will experience God's abiding love and desire for our hearts through fellowship, food, laughter, prayer, creativity and more.

The cost is \$30 per woman which includes lunch, supplies and the book. Payment is appreciated at the time of registration. We will leave at 8:00 am and return by 8:00 pm. Unfortunately, space is limited to the first 20 women with seating for 14 on the bus. Please contact the church to reserve your space for this special time of retreat with your sisters in Christ, and let us know if you plan to ride the bus

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Judy.



## YOUTH LIFE

David Hanson  
Director of Youth Ministries

The youth are wrapping up the school year. We had two successful Youth graduate from high school and will be pursuing the real world. Please keep these two in your prayers as they transition to this next stage in their life. We can all remember the growing pains we had when leaving a life that we were so routinely comfortable with.

I want to send out a special thank you to all the individuals who have made a donation for the youth to attend the disaster relief camp in Kansas this summer. I'm proud to report that I am going to be registering three youth to attend the camp. Your donations will help support them in the registrations, meals and travels. When they complete this camp, they will be able to start volunteering in some of the disasters that our wonderful state and country are consistently faced with, and to know how to work with individuals who have been affected by such a horrific disaster. As we enter this wonderful season of summer, I pray and hope only the best for all you.

Some additional notes—the youth are back to their normal schedule on Wednesday nights. We meet at 7pm, have a dinner, then we have our Bible study time and we wrap up our fellowship gathering at around 8:30 PM. Feel free to stop by any Wednesday to hang out with the youth or to share any insight or faith driven stories that you think they would benefit from. We are also planning a July trip to Silver Dollar City if anybody wants to join us. It is a chance for everyone to get out and enjoy the summer with some great friends and members of our church. Lastly, if you have any work that needs to be done at your house please notify me a few weeks in advance so I can try to get a youth scheduled to come over and help. Please email me at [dwhanso@gmail.com](mailto:dwhanso@gmail.com) or call me at 479-601-1028.

Thank you and God bless.

*David*

## VISTA KIDS

Kristin Crider  
Director of Children's Ministries




June is the real deal - whether you are newly freed from school or living another blessed day with your family, working or in retirement, you can't help but feel some excitement that summertime is here! It's hard not to make a few plans in the summer for the sole purpose of FUN...whether the lake, beach or beyond, summer days are to be enjoyed. The Bible says in Proverbs 17:22 that "a happy heart is good medicine and a cheerful mind works healing..." Isn't that so true? Studies have shown that laughter causes the release of endorphins, raises your energy levels, strengthens your immune system and its basically an internal aerobic exercise! If you are reading this newsletter just as it came out, there is still time to plan some (or some more) fun for yourself this summer and take a few moments to look around this world and enjoy!

Around church, the children and their mommas have been extended a special invitation to join UMW for their evening quarterly dinner and program on Wednesday, June 22 at 6:00pm in Becker Hall. We will eat and enjoy some special music from the children. Also, there will be many preparations for our upcoming VBS - Egypt! VBS is a great way to inject a little FUN in your summer! Whether you are serving, being served or just sitting and watching, I urge you to come, meet someone new and surly make a few friendships along the way. VBS will be July 10-14.

Enjoy your days, and have a happy heart!

With love, *Kristin*



**2016 VBS**  
**Sunday July 10 thru**  
**Thursday, July 14**  
**6:00pm ~ 8:15pm**  
**Music~Snacks~Recreation~Story**  
**Time**



## 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](mailto:brenda@lovelearnlead.com) or 855-1158.

### NEW MEMBERS



#### **Rich and Shirley Severson**

It's official; Rich and Shirley have joined our church family. They have been worshipping with us for many years and have been very active in our family fellowship. They have now officially transferred their

membership from the Storm Lake, Iowa UMC where their family worshipped for many years. We are delighted they have taken this step and hope you let them know you are delighted, too.

**Jo Bain**—joined our church family May 1. She and her husband attended First UMC in Prairie Grove for 32 years and she feels as if she is coming home by becoming a part of our church fellowship. Before retiring, she worked in her late husband's dental office and held a real estate



license. Now that she is retired, she keeps busy with learning: learning new art techniques, learning ways to put her faith into action, learning by reading and being in a Sunday School class. She also stays close to family and friends and has a unique 40-year relationship with a Mexican extended family—two generations of international students from the UofA. Find Jo and let her know you are glad she is here with us.

**Nancy Schriener** — also joined us on May 1. She moved here with her late husband, Lynn, to downsize and to enjoy the beauty of this area. They had lived in the Dallas area where she taught school and helped open two new schools in the growing Plano, TX school district. She loves to do



crossword puzzles and to decorate. She has recently embraced her earlier childhood by taking up coloring again. She also volunteers at the Literacy Council of Benton County. She admits that her family and friends here in Bella Vista and her family in Virginia are the main interest in her life. Be sure to extend a warm welcome to Nancy.

**Jim Rowland**—retired United Methodist Pastor and member of the Arkansas Conference, has joined our church family as an affiliate. Jim has been a chaplain for many years and brings many gifts to our congregation. He is now a part of the Praise Team and is worshipping with us in *The Well* service. Welcome, Jim!



### BIRTHS

**Fraya Rose Hickman** - was born Tuesday, May 10th in LaMarque, TX. Her parents are Benjamin and Courtney Hickman, and the proud great-grandmother is Juanita Prior.

### BAPTISMS

**Vivianne Lynn Sackman** was baptized in *The Well* service May 1 on her 1st birthday. She is the daughter of Tim and Brittney Sackman, who were married by Bro. Jaimie a few years ago.





## OUR FAMILY

### DEATHS

**Please keep all of these families in your prayers as they journey through the grief of their loss.**

**Ivan Poeschl** – passed away on Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> in Lincoln, Nebraska. He and his wife Virginia were members with us until they moved to Lincoln in September of 2013. A memorial service will be held at a future date. Please keep Virginia and the family in your prayers. Cards can be sent to 3001 S. 51st St. Unit 2207, Lincoln, NE 68506-3488



**Marcie Mershon** – passed away Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> in McKinney, TX, where she had moved last summer to be close to her daughter. A graveside service will be held Saturday, June 25 at Bella Vista Cemetery at 11am. Cards can be sent to: Suzanne Bell, 916 Crystal Springs Drive, Allen, TX 75013

**Harmony Ford** – passed away on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, at her home here in Bella Vista. Harmony had been in poor health for some time and was unable to be in worship with us. Please keep her family and friends in prayer during this difficult time. A service will be scheduled at a future date.



**Winston (Bud) Henke and Dorothy (Dottie) Kropp-Henke** - were tragically killed in an automobile accident in Missouri on Monday, May 23 as they were returning home from a trip to Wichita. Services will be held Saturday, May 28 at 2:00pm in our Sanctuary. Please be in

prayer for their family and us, their church family, as we grieve the sudden loss of this dear couple.

### MEMORIAL SERVICE

Church friends of Ann Cass, who passed away last September, are invited to a memorial service to honor her on Sunday, June 12 at 1:00pm at St. Andrew's UMC, 15050 W. Maple Rd, Omaha, NE. There will be a time of fellowship and a lunch following the service. Please contact her daughter, Beth Ann Schneider (bethaschn@hotmail.com or (952)237-0243 ) if you plan to attend.

### MARRIAGES

**Jon & Cindy Korns** - were married in our sanctuary Thursday, May 19 by Bro. Jaimie Alexander. Jon is the son of Marion Korns. He and Cindy are already on their way back to China, where Jon has been employed for several years. Best wishes to the new Korns family!



### ACTIVITIES COMING IN JUNE

**YOUNG at HEART Shepherd Group** will meet at the Acropolis in Bentonville for breakfast on Saturday, June 4 at 8:30am.

**METFIELD METHODISTS Shepherd Group** will be meeting for breakfast on Saturday, June 18 at 9am at The Egg and I in Rogers.

**2 SERVE Shepherd Group** will meet for the Memorial Day Concert on Monday, May 30 at Blowing Springs Park. Concert begins at 7 PM. You can purchase a meal there between 5:30 and 6:45 PM from Rotary who provide picnic food (or bring your own meal). We suggest being there about 6 PM. at our usual table on the far left side where we have been in the past. We suggest you bring folding chairs to enjoy the concert.

You are invited to join the  
Praise Team  
on Sunday, June 5th ~ 2:00pm at  
Innesfree Retirement Center  
(301 So. 24th St. Rogers)  
as they entertain and sing for  
and with the residents.





## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Richard & Jill Hale
- 1 John & Gladys Jutte
- 1 Roy & Jan Vogel
- 2 Chris & Melinda Murphy
- 3 Bill & Aggie Danenhauer
- 5 Les & Gretchen Magee
- 8 Bobby & "G" Billingsley
- 8 Larry & Charlene Marshall
- 8 Larry & Diane Rolph
- 10 Jack & Jan Kolbe
- 16 Tom & Molly Harris
- 21 George & Mary Ann Tompkins
- 21 Ed & Betty Weider
- 22 Wayne & Kelly Parham
- 22 Rick & Rose Taylor
- 23 Noah & Pamela Pittman
- 27 Jim & Sue Prather

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Rick Taylor
- 2 Doug Adamson
- 2 Dennis Cox
- 2 Gail Phillips
- 2 Austin Roath
- 2 Suzanne Shoemaker
- 3 Bill Danenhauer
- 3 Hal Shope
- 3 Carol Tomlinson
- 4 Ron Paullin
- 5 Janie Koonce
- 6 Marilyn Adamson
- 6 Dixie Young
- 7 Terra Gagner

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS (CONT'D)

- 8 Marcia Bohn
- 8 Brenna Drindak
- 9 Judy Bilyeu
- 9 Zach Mendoza
- 9 Tiffany Sampson
- 10 Juanita Clark
- 11 Jerre Barron
- 11 Laura Duncan
- 12 Ralph Johnson
- 12 Linda Moore
- 12 Angie Rader
- 12 Miriam Stocks
- 13 Shalyn DeGraf
- 13 Jean Hendrix
- 14 Lynda Berk
- 14 Pat Cooper
- 14 Shirley Hofmann
- 15 Judy Duncan
- 15 Sandy Larsen
- 15 Janice Vogel
- 16 Jim Belcoff
- 17 Tim Harris
- 17 Peggy Stout
- 17 Zoe Stucker
- 19 Kandi Mount
- 20 Bruce Fleming
- 23 Melinda Murphy
- 24 Michael Duden
- 24 Alexis Jorgensen
- 25 Owen Jones
- 27 Christy Harris
- 28 Abby Hamrin
- 29 Steve Sandusky





## What's Happening!

Amy Gilmore, Director of Community Life and Connections

### CPR TRAINING! June 23 9:00 a.m.

We will be having CPR training on June 23 at 9:00 a.m. in the chapel. If you attend, you will get certified in CPR and will learn how to use the AED machine. Please let the office know if you will be attending. If you are interested, but not able to attend at that time, we may be able to offer an evening class that same day. This is a great opportunity to get training in a safe, comfortable environment.



On Sunday, June 26 there will be a group of young adults and youth coming from Blue Springs, Missouri, to do an afternoon of mission work. Some of the things they are willing to do include: minor building repair, painting, window cleaning, sorting/organizing, or extra yard work. They will worship with us in the morning and then get to work in the afternoon. This is a different group than the Texas Youth, so the job requests need to go directly through Amy Gilmore and can be on a somewhat smaller scale. If you have weeding, mulching, or trimming that needs to get done and you are not able to do it yourself, please email me; if your windows are in need of a good cleaning and you can't climb a ladder, please email me; if you are needing to clear out a garage or basement, please email me. If you aren't in need of assistance, but know someone who is, pass their information along to me. It is so wonderful to have these groups coming to our area, willing to get their hands dirty and help people in our community. Let's make sure we keep them busy. My email address is amy@lovelearnlead.com, or you can leave me a message at 855-1158.



### TEXAS YOUTH POTLUCK

As you have heard and read about, the Texas Youth are coming! They will be taking over our church for the week of June 12-18. I am so appreciative of those who have volunteered to wash towels, to bring snacks, and those who have turned in applications. On Thursday, June 16th at 6:00pm we are hosting a church-wide potluck for the youth so we can hear about what they have been doing during their time in NW Arkansas. I hope you will plan on attending, to continue our support for this wonderful group.



*You are  
Cordially  
Invited to a  
reception  
& card party  
for*

*Bill & Aggie Danenhauer  
as they Celebrate their  
60th wedding anniversary  
Sunday, June 5th ~ 1-3 pm  
in the Chapel*

*The couple requests no presents, please ~  
only your presence*



## MISSIONS

### PAK-A-SAK

Sunday June 19 our collections of food will go to HELPING HANDS. With school out for the summer there is a great need from families whose children usually receive assistance with two meals each day during the school year provided through federal lunch programs. All types of nonperishable food is needed.



*FOR THOSE WHO PREFER TO GIVE A DONATION TO HELPING HANDS IN CASH/CHECK/ DEBIT CARD FOR THE PANTRY, PLEASE BE AWARE THEY ARE ABLE TO PURCHASE BULK FOOD AT 17 CENTS PER POUND. THIS WILL STRETCH YOUR PAK-A-SAK GIFT.*

### SHOEBOX

Just a reminder: Shoebox will be on vacation for the month of July. This is our annual vacation time with the exception of Emergency requests from shelters or disaster needs. Please hold your donations until August.



As always in His service,

*The Shoebox Ministry Team*

### News from *Helping Hands* Next **WORKING DAY** will be **JULY 23**

The 40th Anniversary celebration in April went extremely well, probably aided by gorgeous weather. Turnout was so great that the 350 free hotdogs were consumed before noon and over 600 drinks were given out by closing time! And the 40% off sale produced a very substantial sales income! Fun was had by all!

It is a pleasure to report that requests for financial & food assistance has been down so far this year, though that may increase when school lets out. Although sales have also been moderate, we continue to give 85 cents of every dollar earned back into the community.

Did you know that 20% discounts are given to military personnel on Mondays and all First Responder employees on Wednesdays? Spread the word. Also, programs are already in place with Pea Ridge and Gravette schools to provide coats or other needed clothing, and work is in progress to assist with other area schools.

The Benton Co. Master Gardeners have begun work on HH property to grow fresh produce to be distributed through the Food Pantry this year.

So, many good things are happening at this facility. We hope you will continue to shop and support this great organization.

### June Mission of the Month

#### **McGehee, Arkansas Disaster Long Term Recovery & Repairs**

A severe thunderstorm warning of March 16, 2016 was followed by an 11" downpour that flooded McGehee, Arkansas. For the majority of those in the flooded area, it was the first time to see flood waters pouring into the homes they had worked hard to own. Many of those homeowners are at a point in life where they are living on fixed incomes and without a FEMA declaration to help homeowners, the cost of flood repairs is out of reach. As a community of faith, FUMCBV is inviting you to be a part of this mission project as together we offer tangible hope and love to those who really need our help. Our FUMC volunteer-in-mission team will be serving in McGehee from July 17-23 and each volunteer has committed to pay for their own participation costs. Your gift will be used to purchase building materials and, when combined with volunteer labor, it has the ability to restore lives following a disaster. Through your contribution and prayers, you will become a vital part of this ministry as together we love, learn and lead in witness to others in McGehee in Christ's name.

If you are interested in being a part of the volunteer-in-mission team or for more information, please contact team leaders Richard and Linda Stewart at 316-706-2384 (cell) or by email at [richard\\_linda\\_stewart@hotmail.com](mailto:richard_linda_stewart@hotmail.com) before 6/10. Serving on a mission team can be life changing, not just for those who are served, but also for those who become involved!



## UMM

## UMW

**UNITED METHODIST MEN** - invite all men of the church to their monthly dinner meeting on Wednesday, June 8th at 6:30pm in Becker Hall. The menu will be catered by Papa Mike's. The program will be presented by our own Bill Danenhauer as he tells tales and regales his experiences as a Denver Bronco of the NFL. Your reservation needs to be made no later than Sunday, June 5th. If you miss the Phone Tree, please call Jim Belcoff at 616-6738 for reservations or more information about UMM.

### Attention all (male) golfers!

Our summer leagues have begun and we are always looking for more golfers! Our three leagues consist of two 18-hole leagues, Mondays & Thursdays, and one 9-hole league on Tuesdays. All three leagues are "play by the week" leagues. You are not required to commit the entire summer, or find a substitute if you have to miss a week. Contact Alan Packard, Chet Campbell, Darrell Bottjen, or James Forrest if you are interested.

### UMW SUNDAY IS COMING!

June 19, FUMCBV will celebrate UMW Sunday! Our worship services will be filled with appreciation of the dedication of women's service to the Methodist Church, as well as a special time of celebration of the children in our congregation. You won't want to miss this special day of worship!



### UMW SUNDAY SINGERS!

Once again the women of the church are invited to be part of the *WOMEN OF SONG* chorus for the UMW Sunday services on June 19th. Plans are for the group to sing two songs during the first and third services. You can opt to sing at either or both church services.

One rehearsal will be held Wednesday, June 15th at 4 PM in the sanctuary. To indicate your participation and to ensure enough music is ready, please contact Judie Packard at 426-8114 or [owlsnest5855@sbcglobal.net](mailto:owlsnest5855@sbcglobal.net) soon.

**UMW CIRCLES**

- Sarah**  
Tuesday 6/14  
1pm ~ Chapel
- Naomi**  
Tuesday 6/21  
1:00pm ~ Chapel
- Evening**  
Thursday 6/9  
6:30pm ~ Chapel
- Hope**  
Thursday 6/9  
1pm ~ Chapel
- Martha**  
Monday 6/20  
9am ~ Quilt Rm

### UMW Dinner Meeting

June 22 ~ 6:30pm ~ Becker Hall

The menu will be: Mostaccoli & Meatballs, Green Salad, Italian Bread, and Dessert

The cost for the evening is: Adults - \$7:00  
Children in the program are No Charge.

The Program is titled "Put Your Arms Around the World" and is presented by Mariana Pop and Amna Tariq, who will speak about their experiences of immigrating to the United States from their home countries of Romania and Pakistan.

Children from our Sunday school classes will provide music relating to the program.

Tickets will be available the first 3 Sundays of June between services in the Narthex and in the office during the week.



## BOOK NOOK



### BOOKS IN SERIES:

MYSTERIES OF SILVER PEAK

SERIES by Carole Jefferson

BOOK 1: A MOUNTAIN OF MYSTERIES

BOOK 2: NOBODY'S SAFE

BOOK 3: SILVER SURPRISE

BOOK 4: WILDFIRE

BOOK 5: A LODE OF SECRETS

BOOK 6: TIME WILL TELL

BOOK 7: A CODE OF HONOR

BOOK 8: EMPTY SADDLE

BOOK 9: REUNION DANCE

BOOK 10: THE COUNTERFEIT CAPER

### LARGE-PRINT FICTION:

THE LAST MILE by David Baldacci

Convicted murderer, Melvin Mars is counting down the days until his execution when someone else confesses to his crime.

### NON-FICTION:

FRIENDS TO THE END by Bradley Trevor Greive (177)

The true value of friendship.

**LUNCH WITH THE PASTORS** will be held Sunday, June 5th in the Chapel immediately following the last service (12:15pm) If you are a visitor, have recently joined, or would just like to know more about this church and to have a chance to visit with our pastors one-on-one, please plan to attend. Childcare is available and children are welcome to join us for lunch. (About 1½ hours, including lunch). Please call the office if you are coming, so we can plan how much to prepare.

## EDUCATION

### FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN THE THEOLOGY OF OUR FOUNDER JOHN WESLEY!



Starting on June 13th, the Golden Links Sunday School class will begin a study of a book by Steve Harper entitled "The Way to Heaven ~ the gospel according to John Wesley". Our class meets in the Chapel at 9:30 each Sunday and discusses Biblical or topical material pertaining to our faith journey. This study will allow us to look into the teaching of the man who developed the Methodist movement in the 18th century.

It seemed that this study might be of interest to more than just the current members of our class and we have decided to make an open invitation to everyone in the congregation who might wish to learn more about Wesley and the Methodist movement to join us. If you are interested in taking part in this study, all you have to do is come to the Chapel at 9:30 on June 13th or contact Alan Packard, Dixie or Gene Young or the Church Office.



The **WESLEY Adult Sunday School class** has disbanded for the summer.

In its place,  
**Rev. Albert Fisher will teach the class "SPIRITUAL GIFTS",**  
 which will meet at the same time  
 in the same place,  
 9:30am every Sunday in the Quilt Room.



## From the Organ Console

Broc Hite, Organist/Associate Director of Music

I am planning to explore some of the compositions by Edwin Henry Lemare (1865-1934), whose career I could most easily describe as the Rachmaninoff of the organ. There are many similarities between the two composers. Though Lemare was born in England, not Russia, both settled and died in Los Angeles at age 69. They were prolific composers and recitalists for their instrument. Their music is of a late romantic style, since they were born within a few years of each other.

Lemare composed more secular than sacred music, which supported his later career as a concert organist versus his earlier career as a church musician. Though the majority of pieces I will play are sacred in nature, I will play as postludes several compositions that were clearly composed for concert use. You heard one of these in May, the light and airy "Concert Gavotte".

Please let me know how you like Lemare!

*Broc*



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

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Set aside your cast offs.  
More news next month.  
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## THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone for the thoughtfulness extended to us during our illnesses. We really appreciated the cards, calls, prayers and food and the visits from Pastor Jaimie, Pastor Judy and Pastor Brenda. It is such a blessing to belong to such a caring church family. Thank you again.

*Jim & Ginger Hudson*

We are so very thankful for our FUMCBV of 18 years. We both have had hospital visits followed by healing time spent at Highlands Rehab. So many of our church friends came to visit and we are especially grateful for Bro. Jaimie, Pastor Brenda and Pastor Judy stopping by. Receiving the beautiful quilt is a special gift from the ladies of our church. Blessings to everyone at our church.

*Duane & Marilyn Pommerenke*

Dear Bro Jaimie,

Thank you so much for the use of the church for the combined Men's Chorus/Women's Chorus concert. We know there was extra work with bringing out more chairs and having such a lovely large audience. Please tell everyone who helped, how sincerely we appreciate it.

*Bella Vista Women's Chorus*

Dear FUMC Family,

A very special "thank you" to all who helped make our Wednesday Nights ministry, "Midweek Manna" an outstanding success. Thank you to all who participated in the physical, spiritual and social nourishment we received this spring. A special thank you to all who fed us: One SG, Sunrise SG, Agape SG, Metfield Methodist SG, 2 Serve SG, Avalon SG, Believers SG, Evening Circle, Abram SG, Good 18 SG, Brother Jaimie, Jan Lowe and FUMC Staff. Thanks to all our support team: Amy Gilmore, Jan Walton, Alan Yount, Troy Jorgensen, Chet Campbell and Darren Bottjen. Gratitude goes to our children's support team: Kristin Crider, Marianne Zotti, Hal Shope, Linda & Richard Stewart, Carly Engle, Judy Bilyeu, Maddie Hamrin, Don & Kathy Jones, Doug Grant and Elaine Detlefsen. A very special thank you to our small group leaders who shared their time, talents and gifts with all who gathered: Kandi Mount, Sandy Fitch, Stan Robinson, David & Andrea Hanson, Pastor Brenda, Rob & Cheryl Whitesides, Lou Kaufmann, Pastor Judy, Darleen O'Brien, Sandy Larsen, Marlene Clapp, Verna Bottjen, Gail Phillips, Kathy Ayers, Shirley Wenger. Last, but certainly not least, a heartfelt thank you to the United Methodist Men who traded places with the Midweek Manna groups and graciously allowed them to meet in Becker Hall.

Plans for the fall are in the works! We will launch our fall Midweek Manna in late August or early September, so keep an eye out in the bulletin, newsletter and emails for the exact dates! If you have an a topic or activity you would like to see offered, please contact me.

*Pastor Judy*

*May the love and peace of Christ keep guide you until we gather again for Midweek Manna in the fall.*

### April 2016 FINANCIAL DATA

		* = -Endowment	2016 Budget	Compare 2015 2015
Month to date (as of 4/30/16)	Actual Receipts	*\$48,794	*\$54,326	*\$54,890
Month to date (as of 4/30/16)	Actual Expenses	\$52,578	\$54,326	\$52,890
	Month of APRIL	-\$3,784		\$ 2,000
<b>Year to date</b>	Actual Receipts	*\$203,893	*\$217,304	*\$240,245
<b>Year to date</b>	Actual Expenses	\$206,391	\$217,304	\$210,605
	YTD	-\$2,498		\$ 29,640

Operating Account Balance 4/30/2016 **-\$9,439**

# JUNE 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 9:00 Quilters 9:30 UMW Brd Meeting 12:00 Fisher Bible Stdy 5:00 Prayer Meeting 7:00 Youth Life	2 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp 9:00 Old Sew&Sews 9:07 Golf-BVCC 1:00 Carpet Cleaning	3 8:30 Believers Disciple	4 8:30 Yng at Heart SG 9:00 Amp Big Book
5 BP✓ between services 7:30 Praise Tm rehrl 8:00 Traditional Srvice 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Srvice 12:15 Lunch with Pastors 1:00 Danenhauer Recpt. 2:00 Innesfree Sing	6 8:59 Golf-Highlands 9:00 Calico Projects 10:00 Staff Meeting 11:00 PEO-CD 12:45 Women's Chorus 4:30 Handbell Ensmbl 6:30 Men's Chorus 6:30 By the Book AA	7 9:37 Golf-Brittany	8 9:00 Calico Special Pro. 9:00 Quilters 9:00 Mission Meeting 12:00 Fisher Bible Stdy 5:00 Prayer Meeting 6:30 UMM Dinner 7:00 Youth Life	9 9:00 Bazaar Workshop 9:07 Golf-BVCC 1:00 Hope Circle 6:30 Evening Circle	10 8:30 Believers Disciple 11:30 Preschl Brd Mtng	11 9:00 Amp Big Book 3:00 AA Graduation
12 7:30 Praise Tm rehrl 8:00 Traditional Srvice 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Srvice 3:00 Concordia Service	13 <b>TEXAS</b> 9:00 Caregivers Support 9:24 Golf-Berksdale 9:30 DAR 10:00 Village Hs service 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 Calico board 12:45 Women's Chorus 4:30 Handbell Ensmbl 6:30 Men's Chorus	14 <b>YOUTH</b> 9:00 PEO-BR 9:41 Highlands 1:00 Sarah Circle 6:00 Church Council	15 <b>ALL</b> 8:00 Calico Special Proj 9:00 Quilters 12:00 Fisher Bible Stdy 4:00 UMW Singers Reh 5:00 Prayer Meeting	16 <b>WEEK</b> 9:00 Bazaar Workshop 9:07 Golf - Berksdale 7:00 Kester Wedding	17 8:30 Believers Disciple	18 9:00 Amp Big Book
19 <b>UMW SUNDAY PAK-A-SAK FATHER'S DAY</b> 7:30 Praise Tm rehrl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service	20 <b>ANNUAL</b> 9:00 <b>BLOODMOBILE</b> 9:00 Martha Circle 9:24 Golf-BVCC 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:45 Women's Chorus 4:30 Handbell Ensmbl 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	21 <b>CONFERENCE</b> 8:59 Golf-Brittany 11:30 Mving Frwrld Lunch 1:00 Naomi Circle 1:00 BV Book Club	22 <b>HOT SPRINGS</b> 9:00 CalC Dog Beds 9:00 Quilters 12:00 Fisher Bible Stdy 5:00 Prayer Meeting 6:00 UMW Dinner 7:00 Youth Life	23 9:00 Bazaar Workshop 9:00 CPR Training 9:07 Golf-Dogwood	24 8:30 Believers Disciple	25 9:00 Amp Big Book 11:00 Mershon Servc
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