



# The Good News

June 2017



## Promotion Sunday ~ June 4th ~ in *The Well Service* (9:30am)

- **RECOGNIZE** our Children and Youth as they move up to their next level
- **CONFIRM** the six members of this year's Confirmation Class:  
Caleb Adler Drew Baker Piper Engle Alec Gilmore Jenna Gilmore Madhura Roath
- **CONGRATULATE** our graduating Senior ~ Alexis Jorgensen
- **BAPTISMS**
- **COMMUNION**
- **HONOR** Teachers, Volunteers & Parents in a luncheon for them in Becker Hall following the service

### Confirmation Class: Growing Disciples in Christ

This spring, six of our youth participated in weekly confirmation classes led by all three pastors as well as a weekend Confirmation Camp hosted by the Arkansas Conference. Each of these events was preparing them to be confirmed as faithful members of the United Methodist Church. Together they have studied about creation, sin and evil, the Wesleyan tradition, the Holy Trinity, Sacraments, baptismal and affirmation of faith vows, missions, creeds, the Bible and prayer among other topics. On May 28<sup>th</sup>, Drew Baker will be baptized and confirmed in the faith in *The Well* service. On June 4<sup>th</sup>, Piper Engle and Madhura Roath will be baptized; Piper and Madhura along with Alec Gilmore, Jenna Gilmore, and Caleb Adler will be confirmed in their faith in *The Well* service. Please welcome them and join them on May 28<sup>th</sup> and June 4<sup>th</sup> as they celebrate their commitment to live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.



### *Alexis Jorgensen ~ class of 2017*



Alexis has always worked hard on her education and especially during the last four years at Bentonville High School. Her efforts have paid off! She earned a BHS Academic Achievement Award for maintaining a 4.0 GPA, and has been awarded an Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship along with a Community Scholarship from Coca-Cola. She plans to utilize the scholarships to earn an Associate of Arts degree at Northwest Arkansas Community College, then transfer to the University of Arkansas to major in Elementary Education. At BHS, she discovered her love for working with and teaching students new skills that will help them grow and develop into knowledgeable adults.

Alexis lives with her parents Troy and Brenda Jorgensen and younger sister, Chloe. The whole family loves to spend time together doing anything from watching movies to solving puzzles to swimming and playing racquetball. We know that Alexis will succeed no matter what path she chooses in her future. We wish her the best!



## FAITH WALK

Brother Jaimie J. Alexander, Senior Pastor

*I'm so glad we had this time together,  
Just to have a laugh, or sing a song.  
Seems we just get started and before you know it,  
Comes the time we have to say, "So long".*

These are the words of the song Carol Burnett sung weekly at the close of her CBS Saturday night variety show of my childhood. These words seem so appropriate to say to each of you, as I move from being your Senior Pastor for the past six years. In 2011, I arrived to a church full of strangers and in 2017 I leave with a church full of family and friends. It has been a gift to be in relationship with each of you as we have worked together to be the CHURCH by loving, learning, and leading. We have celebrated life in Christ together through births and deaths, sermons and serving, missions and ministry, and lots of laughs and some tears. One of the saddest times for me was the sudden death of Dottie and Bud Henke in their car crash and some of the happiest times were the healings that people experienced when it was no doubt that they had received a miracle. You have encouraged me, accepted me, cared for me, put up with me, and laughed with me.

First United Methodist Church is a church of disciples seeking to serve Christ. Thank you to each of you for all the ways you have served in ministry. I also want to thank the tremendous staff that I have worked with over these years. The staff is so dedicated to the mission of the church. They care about you. Their salaries are low, but their dedication and loyalty to the church is at the highest level. They do what they do because they love Christ and they love people. It has been a pleasure to serve with fellow pastors Judy Rudd, Brenda Wideman, Lee Myane, Zach Underwood and staff members Janet Walton, Troy Jorgensen, Larry Zehring, Amy Gilmore, Patsy Attaway, Alan Yount, Dawn Thompson, Shannon Wicker, Garrett Greer, Austin Curtis, Angie Rader and Broc Hite. I cannot thank former staff member Jan Lowe enough for all she did to support me for 4 years. Jan made getting started at the church such an ease. Janet Walton has been my faithful sidekick for the past six years as my secretary. She continually amazes me with her energy, work ethic, and support! I depend on Janet so very much. Sadly, this year we experienced the death of long time staff member Marge Smith. I have to tell you I miss her daily. She was such a fun mess with a sharp witty tongue. I think of her so much. David Hanson, Kristen Crider, Carrie Drish, and Danette Baker also have been a part of the staff over these years, helping to raise up children and youth in faith in Christ. Each of these persons has been such a great support and I am personally grateful for all you have helped me to learn.

June 25<sup>th</sup> will be my final day as your senior pastor. That morning we will celebrate in worship and that evening we will have the pleasure of hosting the Dinner Theater Show "*Esther*", presented by youth from Memorial Drive UMC in Houston Texas. The past weeks and the coming weeks have the same theme, "Transition". I will finish packing up my office so it can be carpeted and painted for Jeanne Williams, the new senior pastor, I will be saying good bye, and will be moving my belongings to Texarkana. I ask for your prayers in these coming days.

My Grandma Alexander used to say "I hate to know you are coming because I know you are going to leave". That expresses how I feel as I leave you!

God is faithful!

*Bro. Jaimie*



## Listening with Ears of the Heart

Judy Rudd, Associate Pastor

As a little girl, I loved going to Warren in south Arkansas to visit my grandmother, aunt and uncle. Warren was a small town where everyone knew who you were or to whom you belonged. It was a town in which most people did not lock their houses, and you could ride your bike from the swimming pool to the park and everywhere in between without worry or fear. I would tag along with my uncle to shoot guns out on the prairie or walk uptown to the post office. I could spend hours sitting on the front porch swing with my aunt, speaking to every person who passed. It was a sleepy little town except every June when the county celebrated the Bradley County Pink Tomato festival.

The thing I hated most about visiting my grandmother, aunt and uncle in Warren was piling in the car on Sunday afternoon and driving away. My spirits began sinking on Sunday morning as I gathered my things. When the dreaded time of departure arrived and we exchanged hugs in front of the house, I held on tighter and longer, hoping that somehow there would be a change of events and we could stay longer. We never did. When the time came to pull away, I tried to hide the tears that had begun to overflow my eyes. I hated leaving the place that held such a deep sense of comfort and peace for me.

Leaving my church family here in Bella Vista holds similar feelings of anxiety and sadness. I pondered the ease of being swept away in a whirlwind like Elijah, but I realized that an abrupt departure would deprive us both of the opportunity to tell you how much you have meant to me. From the day I arrived on July 5, 2015, you have loved and supported me in living into my call as an Elder in the United Methodist Church. You have encouraged me in my gifts for ministry and have extended grace in my challenges. You have loved, comforted and reassured me as I have grown in Christ and grown as your pastor. You have blessed me in more ways than I can ever express. (Okay, you have also exasperated me at times too, as I'm sure I have you!) But as I have traveled a journey of heart-wrenching sorrow and upheaval over the last several months, your prayers and words of encouragement have given me strength and hope.

Here are some of the cards that I have received over my time with you here at First United Methodist Church of Bella Vista. They are cards of welcome, thank you, congratulations, encouragement and celebration. They are a reflection of the love I have received while serving among you. Thank you for allowing me the privilege and blessing of serving with you the past two years.

May God bless you abundantly in your faithful ministry as Christ's disciples who make disciples who are equipped to transform lives, communities and the world.

*Pastor Judy*







## *JOINING in the JOURNEY TOGETHER*

Brenda Wideman, Associate Pastor

### **Tradition – a Firm Foundation for the Future**

*So, friends, take a firm stand, feet on the ground and head high. Keep a tight grip on the traditions you were taught, whether in personal conversation or by our letter. May Jesus himself and God our Father, who reached out in love and surprised you with gifts of unending help and confidence, put a fresh heart in you, invigorate your work, enliven your speech.*

2 Thessalonians 2:15-17 The Message

My husband, Bob, and I recently travelled to Guatemala and found ourselves immersed in the Mayan culture there, a culture that extends back many centuries before Christ and reached its height in the years 300-900 after Christ. This society had a rich tradition which included a fully developed written numbering system (including a symbol for zero), a written language with phonetic symbols in hieroglyphs, and a creation story and resurrection story much like the ones we know from our tradition. We also learned about the current Mayan culture, which consists of a historically agricultural society of folks working to improve their station in life and putting their emphasis on hard work and education to better their society. The people are gracious to outsiders and full of hope for the future.

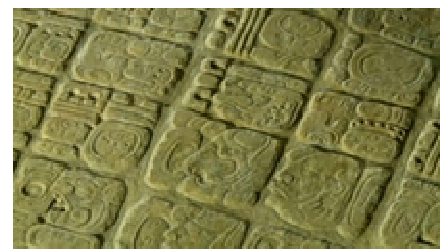
It only takes a fresh perspective like this to help one to reflect on our own society and on its strengths. John Wesley, the founder of our Methodist approach to faith, saw the development of faith as an interaction between four components: Scripture, Tradition, Reason, and Experience. He had a very practical outlook on how we as human beings come to understand our God. Scripture and the tradition of our faith are the foundations on which we stand; these shape who we are and where we come from. It provides the rock on which we move into the future. As the scripture says, it *“helps us take a firm stand with feet on the ground and head high.”* It *“puts a fresh heart in you, invigorates your work, and enlivens your speech.”*

There is no more important time to realize this than during times of transition. We see a lot of transition in June. When a person graduates from high school or college, when a couple marries, when a new baby is born, when a new job is begun; these are times when one reflects on where they have come from (their past traditions) and where they are being called to for the future.

We as Methodists have a rich tradition filled with love, mercy, and grace. We have a tradition that builds churches from the gifts of the clergy combined with the gifts of laity; we are all in ministry together. We have a tradition that brings in a new pastor more regularly than in other denominations; brings in a new pastor with typically a different set of gifts and graces, with new ideas and another perspective that brings new life and hope for the future. We must step out of our comfort zones to do this, but in doing so, new opportunities abound and new growth flourishes.

In this coming month of June, as we bid “Aloha - Goodbye” to two of our current pastors, Bro. Jaimie and Pastor Judy, and bid “Aloha - Welcome” to our new pastor, Rev. Jeanne, may we reflect on our strong foundation of the past and look with the excitement of a fresh heart toward our future. In this, be prepared for the surprising gifts that God will supply in unending measure! May we all join in the journey together as we move forward with hope and promise of the church we are being called to become.

Blessings, *Pastor Brenda*





## VISTA KIDS

Angie Rader,  
Director of Children's Ministries

Welcome to June. I can not believe we are almost half way through the year. The kids are so excited for school to be out.

I want to say a big "thank you" to everyone who prayed for my family and me during the time of my daughter's wedding. It was a great comfort.

June 4th is promotion Sunday. During 2nd service, we will be giving Bibles to the children who are going into the 4th grade. We will also recognize the Confirmation Class and our graduating senior, Alexis Jorgensen. After 2nd service, we will have a lunch in Becker Hall, for all of the children, youth, and all of their families. We will also have an appreciation basket for our Sunday School teachers. This is a way to say thank you for all they have done for your children over the years.

VBS will be Sunday, July, 23rd through Thursday, July 30th from 6-8pm. If you would like to help, please let me, Jessica Mendoza, or the Church office know. We can use all the help we can get, to give our children and those who come from the community a wonderful VBS experience. Enjoy your day and have a blessed Summer.

In his service, *Ms. Angie*

## YOUTH LIFE

Austin Curtis,  
Director of Youth Ministries



Our FUMC YouthLife Group continues to work on being MISSION MINDED. The idea of our continued study of being Mission Minded is to prepare and equip the youth with the essential tools to go out into the mission field. Within our studies the youth are learning about missions carried out in the bible, in history, and current missionaries today. Scripture plays a very important role in missions, so this will be another thorough topic covered. We will also be covering hot topics as well as ways to respond when asked the tough questions involved in witnessing. Another very important tool we will be working on is individual testimonies. The goal is to do an In-State mission trip followed by an out of state mission trip (Alaska), which will then be followed by our out of country mission trip (Uganda). The mission trips will consist of everything from building relationships, to disaster relief. The youth are very excited and we can't wait to move forward.

### Upcoming Fundraiser Plans:

Car Wash ~ Bake Sale ~ Kibo Walk

### Upcoming Service Projects:

Church Clean Up ~ Date Night ~ Formal Ball ~ Ice Cream Social

### Upcoming Youth Events:

Camping Trips in June and July ~ Hiking Trip

### Prayer:

*Our Most Gracious Heavenly Father, Please be with the FUMC Youth group as they proceed to dig deeper into your word, and into your world. Help them prepare themselves for upcoming events Lord. Help myself as well as the church to equip them with the tools necessary to build your kingdom one relationship at a time. Help them to see you in the world surrounding them. Give them hope, peace, comfort, but most of all courage. Courage to be different and to let your light shine brightly so others may see you through them. AMEN.*

Be Blessed, *Austin*



**2017 VBS**  
**SUNDAY, July 23 thru**  
**Thursday, July 27**  
**6pm ~ 8pm**  
**Creative Crafts ~ Music**  
**Snacks ~ Recreation**  
**Age 3 through 6th grade**

**Volunteers Wanted and Needed!!**

**Sign up in the Office**



## 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.

### MILESTONES

**Wilda Tague**—celebrated her 99th birthday on May 5th. What a blessing to celebrate with her family in this milestone. She lives with her daughter Marilyn Roach & Hal. Son Stan & Mary moved to Arizona last year, but were here to help Wilda celebrate. She has been a member of FUMCBV since 1987.



### RELOCATIONS



**Joe and Donna Vermillion** have relocated back to Joplin, MO. They joined our church on January 29th and have been very active members in the short time they were here. They will be missed! You can get in touch with them at 2424 S. Michigan Ave, Joplin, MO 64804

### In Memoriam

Former member **Norma Richart** passed away May 1st at the Masonic Home in Plattsmouth, NE. She and husband John were faithful members of FUMCBV from 1988 until they moved to the Omaha area to be close to family in 2009. She was an active member of UMW and other committees within our church.



### *Roy & Jan Vogel*

are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary June 1st. They were married in Storm Lake, Iowa at the First Methodist Church by Rev. Earl Burgess on June 1, 1952. The Vogels have three sons, Wes of Greeley, CO, Brian

and wife Geno of San Antonio, TX, and Lee and wife Julie of Spencer, IA., and four grandchildren. They have been very active members of FUMCBV for 26 years.

In celebration of their anniversary, they have given a donation to Prayer Shawl Ministry.

### *J D & Gladys Jutte*

are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary this month. They were married at the First Baptist Church of Wayland, MO. On June 1st, 1952. They have three children, Jeff and wife Melanie and Patti and husband Lance Shirey who all live in Dallas, and Debra and husband Randy Fischer of McHenry, IL. The Juttes have 7 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. They have been members of FUMCBV since 1992 and are involved in many of our ministries.

A donation has been made to the Music Ministry in celebration of their anniversary.







## OUR FAMILY

### GROUP ACTIVITIES in JUNE

**METFIELD METHODISTS SG** members are holding their annual picnic at the Metfield Pavilion on Tuesday, June 13 at 6:00pm. Bring a dish to share!

**EVENING CIRCLE** is meeting at Katrina Sparlin's home at 6:00pm on Thursday, June 8.

**HOPE CIRCLE** is meeting at the church at 11:00am Thursday June 8th to carpool to lunch at the Crumpet Tea Room.

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

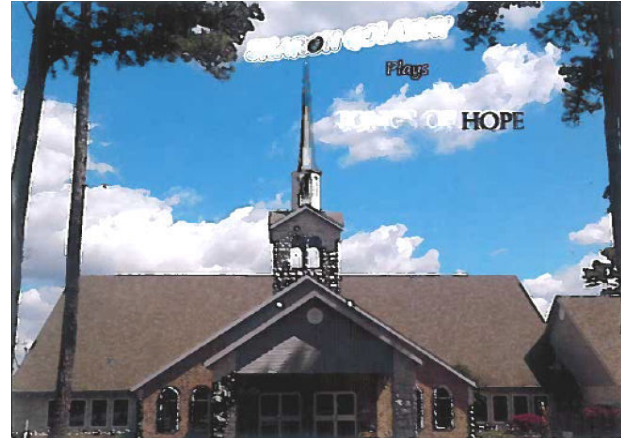
**BEAUTIFUL COLORS EMMAUS GROUP** meets the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Chapel at 2:30pm. If you have gone through the Emmaus experience, you are welcome to join us.

**UMW BAZAAR WORKSHOPS** meet each Thursday from 9:00am to 2:00pm. You are welcome to stay for as little or as long as you want until 2:00 pm. Fun, food, and great fellowship is had by all. Many different craft projects are going at the same time and you will find something that you will enjoy doing. Our end products are sold at our Bazaar in October and all profits are used to help fund many local charities.

#### NEEDS for the BAZAAR WORKSHOPS!!

Clay Pots ~ 1/2-Pint Fruit Jars ~  
Bowling Balls

Please put them under the Missions table in the Narthex or one of the tables in the Craft Room.



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.



### **WANTED! FATHER'S DAY PHOTOS**

Please bring in a photo of you and your Father (or separate ones of you and separate ones of your Dad if you don't have any of you together) if we do not already have them on file. Deadline for Fathers is Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. Remember, if you have children, you are the parent and we can use pictures of you and your children. Please bring them to the office, labeled on the back as to who they are, your name, and your usual service—the photos will be returned. A video will be shown on Fathers' Day honoring these very important people in our lives.





## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Richard & Jill Hale
- 1 John & Gladys Jutte
- 1 Roy & Jan Vogel
- 2 Chris & Melinda Murphy
- 3 Bill & Aggie Danenhauer
- 3 Jim & Jamey Rowland
- 4 Nathan & Michelle Forst
- 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 Wieder
- 22 Wayne & Kelly Parham
- 22 Rick & Rose Taylor
- 23 Noah & Pamela Pittman
- 27 Jim & Sue Prather
- 29 James & Beverly Thuma

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Rick Taylor
- 2 Doug Adamson
- 2 Dennis Cox
- 2 Austin Roath
- 2 Suzanne Shoemaker
- 3 Bill Danenhauer
- 3 Hal Shope
- 3 Carol Tomlinson
- 4 Ron Paullin
- 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 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
- 19 Lindsey Mardis
- 19 Kandi Mount
- 19 Joe Vermillion
- 20 Bruce Fleming
- 23 Melinda Murphy
- 24 Michael Duden
- 24 Alexis Jorgensen
- 22 Owen Jones
- 26 Olivia Olson
- 27 Christy Harris
- 28 Abby Hamrin
- 28 Jim Rowland
- 29 Steve Sandusky







## UNITED METHODIST MEN

### JUNE DINNER MEETING

Our speaker for the June UMM meeting is Les Dozier, who will be talking about "Send the Word - Change a Life". He will be sharing stories on the Bible and how his ministry has expanded throughout the world. In the Philippines, a man received a New Testament and accepted Christ as his Savior. He became a pastor and had 5 sons. The 5 sons became pastors and had 15 grandsons. The 15 grandsons also became pastors. The 3 generations of pastors were responsible in planting over 300 churches in the Philippines. Dinner will be catered by Rhythm & Q. Our Ladies Appreciation Dinner was a huge success with 130 in attendance. Look forward to seeing all the men on Wednesday, June 14, in Becker Hall. Please contact the Church office (855-1158) or Lou Kaufmann (366-1291) or [lou@krrealty.com](mailto:lou@krrealty.com) to make your reservation.

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN . . .



. . . will sponsor the church's annual rummage sale on Saturday August 5th. This is a HUGE undertaking! Manpower will be needed for set up and tear down.

Please begin to set aside your cast offs now. We welcome all types of items EXCEPT clothing, televisions, furniture and other large items.

Donations of your time are always welcome. Our storage is limited, so we ask you keep things at home until the week of the sale.

If you are moving or have other circumstances please call, and we'll try to accommodate your needs.

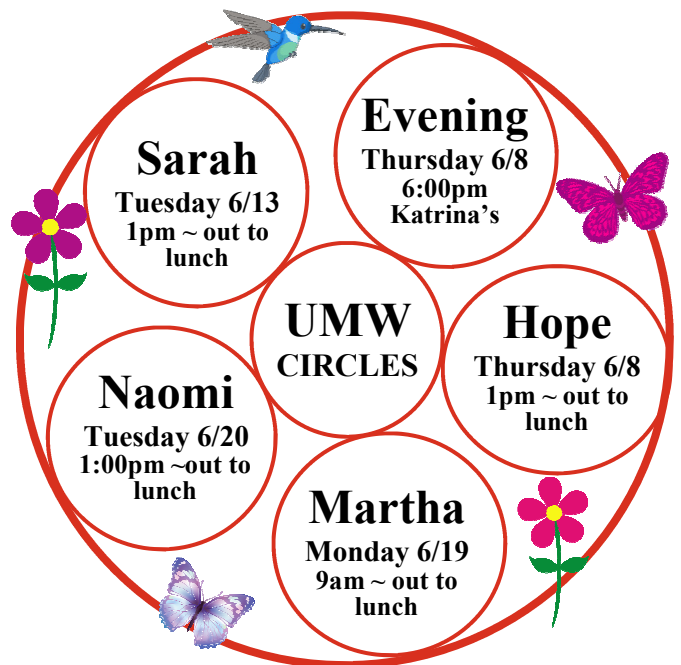
Ideas? Questions? Call Co Ellen Sterwald @ 721 2902.



### UMW Quarterly Luncheon

The Summer Quarterly Luncheon will be June 28th at 11:45 A.M. The Program will be brought by Bill & Bobbi Platt, on his career with NASA during the GLORY DAYS of our Space Exploration. Bill was a Space Craft Communicator during the Mercury Project, as a Booster Systems Engineer during the Gemini Program, and Flight Director during the Gemini Apollo Program.

Chef Salad, Roll and Dessert will be served. Cost is \$7.00 and the deadline for making reservations is Sunday, June 25th. **EVERYONE IN OUR CHURCH AND GUESTS are welcome** to come and enjoy a lovely lunch, and listen to a very interesting program. Make reservation with circles or call Sue Nebrig at 855-9269.



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](mailto:financecomm@lovelearnlead.com).



## CONNECTIONS with Amy G

**EOIM - Everyone in Ministry** - *I am getting ready to put together the EOIM ministry Sunday Worship schedule for the second half of the year. Please let me know if you have specific dates when you will be out of town or otherwise unable to volunteer. We have had so many changes already this year and I would like to have as much correct information as possible to make a clean schedule. Situations come up and changes will be made and that is okay. Thank you so much for your continued commitment to these ministries and for helping to make our church so welcoming.*

First UMC Blue Springs youth will be headed our way again in early July. They will be staying in the church and doing some missions 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](mailto:amy@lovelearnlead.com)) or the church office 855-1158 and I will make arrangements.

Don't forget about the "ALOHA" potluck for Bro. Jaimie and Pastor Judy on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm in Becker Hall. Meat will be provided by Rhythm & Q, and we need you pull out your favorite recipe (it doesn't have to be Hawaiian!) to share. You are welcome to wear your Hawaiian shirt and/or grass skirt as we share in fellowship and a fun to send off our beloved pastors – an evening they won't soon forget.

An "Aloha/Love" offering is being accepted for each of them to help offset moving and other expenses and we invite you to bring it to the church office before the potluck or that evening as a card shower.

## June Mission of the Month



Village House is a non-profit Adult Day Program dedicated to enriching the lives of participants and to providing affordable respite for caregivers.

### Fast Facts:

- Village House has been in operation since 1988 and is licensed by the State of Arkansas. It is an ARChoices provider and a Specialized Center for Dementia Care.
- Village House is the **only** Adult Day Program in Northwest Arkansas and available to you Monday thru Friday 8am-5pm. The **ONLY** program in all of Northwest Arkansas.

You might call us a "Senior Life Enrichment Center" when you see the fun, hear the music, and experience the caring and friendship.

Our program is designed to maximize the abilities of each participant. We provide the comforts of home with assistance in ADLs (activities of daily living). Village House is a Dementia Care Center with a Certified Dementia Practitioner, Certified Nurse Assistants (CNAs), and Life Enrichment Professionals. Village House provides smaller 'ratio care' (5 to 1) than required by the State (8 to 1).



## MISSIONS

### PAK A SAK

Sunday June 19th our collection of food will go to HELPING HANDS. With school out for the summer, there is a great need from families with children who usually receive assistance with 2 meals a day during the school year provided thru the Federal Lunch Program. All types of food is needed.

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

### SHOEBOX MINISTRIES

Shoebox joined Hope Circle to provide new special women's products such as makeup, lipstick, lotion, bath items, slipper socks, and various stationary items at their May meeting in gift bags topped with colorful tissue paper for each woman at Oasis Ministry.



Thank you to everyone who gave donations to Shoebox during the month of May. We no longer are accepting prescription bottles. We have a large supply and urge you to take them to one of the recycling centers.

Martha Circle completed the last Sunshine Sacks for this school year. If your circle or group would like to do one of these projects at one of your meetings please contact Cheryl Campbell, Karen Roenfeld or Diane Cox.

Lastly, Diane Cox will be stepping down as Coordinator of Shoebox effective September 1. She has been a volunteer since 2005. 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*

### "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 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 40 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 beginning to raise funds now. We estimate that it will take approximately \$300 per month (1200 quarters!) to pack 160 healthy food bags. This last month we collected lots of quarters ~ keep up the good work!!! But still more are needed and will be, especially after school begins in August.

**Bring your  
quarters !**

**Fill the  
Banks !**

**Feed a  
Child !**







## HELPING HANDS

Thank You to Our Helping Hands Workers!

We had a good time back on March 25<sup>th</sup>, once again helping at the Helping Hands Resale Shop. A big "Thank You" to the 14 volunteers who hauled in donations, cashiered and bagged for the customers and tidied up the sales floor. This organization helps with free food and financial assistance for many Benton County needy people. This is a great opportunity if you like "hands on" mission work. Our **next assigned day will be Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. There will be a sign-up sheet in the office.** There are two shifts—from 9:30-12:30 (mostly men to help unload) and 12:30-4:00 (for anyone) Any questions, see Verna Bottjen or Shirley Wenger.

## Sager Brown Trip

The weather was beautiful, the work plentiful, and the fellowship a blessing! If you missed our updates on the church Facebook page, I'll just say it was a GREAT trip. Just talk to any of the participants; myself and Darrell Bottjen, Cheryl & Chet Campbell, Keith & Co Ellen Sterwald, Mabel Ashline, Elaine Detlefsen, Barb Jenner & Alan Yount. With the new dorm available, there were 69 volunteers from 6 churches, more than any of the other 5 times I've been there but they kept us all busy, regardless of skill level, doing the regular things such as assembling kits and working in the sewing room. But they also had several more easy working opportunities in the surrounding community as well as construction jobs on site and around town. And we got to participate in the distribution of food which they do only once a month, as well as witnessing a truck loading of \$280,483 worth of kits to be shipped to Nicaragua. So, perhaps you can join us on our **trip next year** scheduled for **Oct. 28 – Nov 2, 2018**. Any questions, see Verna.

## Book Nook



### FICTION:

➤ *AN IRISH DOCTOR in PEACE and AT WAR*  
by Patrick Taylor

Dr. O'Reilly has prescriptions for whatever ails you . . . until a secret from the past threatens his own peace of mind.

➤ *THE NIGHT CREW* by John Sandford  
Sandford introduces a new cast of characters and sets a brand new level of suspense. A thriller at its best.

➤ *THE DEVIL'S CODE* by John Sandford  
A masterpiece of suspense- a richly layered novel, filled with the unexpected.

➤ *PRIVATE LONDON* by James Patterson  
Private goes on the hunt for London's most feared killer since Jack the Ripper.

### NON-FICTION:

➤ *SAGER BROWN, SACRED GROUND*  
by A. Craig Fisher (978)

The history of Sager Brown in Baldwin, LA

### UMW READING PROGRAM ~ CATEGORY III

➤ *IN EVERY PEW SITS A BROKEN HEART*  
by Ruth Graham

Behind every face is a story and the story is not always pleasant.





## It's a Musical Dinner Theater

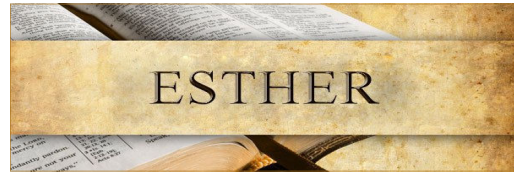
### From the Organ Console

Broc Hite, Organist/Associate Director of Music

I missed the opportunity to update you in May, so here's a summary of both May and June! I mentioned in April that I would start playing each of the Schubert Impromptus, Opus 90, as postludes beginning on April 30th. That cycle ended on Sunday, May 28th. I also took a break from Bach's *Orgelbüchlein*, since there was a gap between Easter and Pentecost. That cycle resumes on June 4th. For the rest of May, I played newly acquired music, including two Fauré arrangements, and some miniature student pieces for offertory by 20th century French organist and composer Marcel Dupré.

Since I buy much of my organ music second hand through the mail, I don't always know the treasures that will be in every book. Such is a collection of English organ music from the late 18th century. Several of the compositions are by Samuel Wesley, son of Charles and nephew of John. In his day, he was known as the English Mozart. Who knew? For the month of June, I'll play some Wesley and works of his contemporaries.

Further down the road, a special postlude awaits you if you attend on July 2nd!



Save the date!  
June 25th ~ 5:00pm

A youth group from Memorial Drive UMC, Houston, TX will be here on **June 25<sup>th</sup>** to perform the musical "Esther." Our church is only one of four in the area where they are performing and we are so excited! Here's what they have to say:

*"The musical comedy Esther takes a fun fresh look at the Book of Esther and puts a comic twist on the story in the Old Testament. The script follows the setting of the Persian Empire 483 BC. King Xerxes had conquered all of the known world at the time with exception of Greece. Jerusalem was destroyed and the Hebrews taken captive. From this scenario emerges of one lovely orphan girl who was raised by her older cousin Mordecai. She eventually rises to become the queen of Persia and saves her people from an impending holocaust."*

We are using this as an opportunity to have a fundraiser for our church building needs. Phyllis will be cooking a fabulous meal and tickets will go on sale June 1<sup>st</sup> for \$12.00 each. Invite your neighbors and friends, but remember seating will be limited, so plan ahead.

Be on the lookout for posters and promotional videos this month.



## THANK YOU

Dear FUMC Family,

A very special "thank you" to all who helped make Midweek Manna another outstanding success! We are grateful to all who participated in the physical, spiritual and social nourishment we received this spring. A special thank you to our Kitchen Krew and Dessert Divas and Deputies: Phyllis Robinson, Stan Robinson, Marion Korn, Sue Nebrig, Rod Alford, Phoebe Bader, Donna Gaudet, M J Rhein, Kathy Ayres, Herb Ayres, Cheryl Campbell, Chet Campbell, Donna Vermillion, Joe Vermillion, Margie Bowen, Joe Bowen and Jan Walton. 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: Angie Rader, Pam Pittman, Judy Bilyeu, and Maddie Hamrin. A very special thank you to our small group leaders who shared their time, talents and gifts with all who gathered: Alan Yount, Stan Robinson, Amy Gilmore, Kathy Ayres, Darleen O'Brien, Jan Lowe and Elaine Detlefsen. We are also grateful for group presentations by Troy Jorgenson, Jack Dunn and Sandy Fitch. Many thanks also to Diane Cox who coordinated speakers for Living Single with Confidence.

A new ministry of providing meals to our homebound members and members in need of additional help was birthed this spring through Midweek Manna. In addition to our gratitude to our Kitchen Krew and Dessert chefs for providing the meal, we are also are thankful to our meal delivery coordinators and drivers: Co Ellen Sterwald, Keith Sterwald, Bette Cummings, Jim and Sue Prather, Nancy Spangler, Lynn and Karen Dove, Dena Mayes, Roger and Allison Totten, Jan Walton and James and Vicki Forrest.

Midweek Manna provides a perfect opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to join you for a meal, fellowship and study on Wednesday evenings. Over the summer, make plans to invite someone to join you for Midweek Manna in the fall.

*May the love and peace of Christ keep guide you, Pastor Judy*

Hopefully there is no quota for the number of prayers a person needs during a year. Continuing on my journey of fixing a long term hearing loss, I'm so thankful for your prayerful support and for a most welcome prayer shawl. Thanks for staying with me during this process.

*Keith Prueitt*

It is hard to say "Good-Bye" to my Bella Vista Family. Heartfelt thanks for your Hugs, Prayers, Cards, and Phone Calls.

Many Thanks for all the supplies (paper towel rolls, empty thread spools, yarn, scraps of material, coffee and oatmeal containers, Christmas cards, picture calendars, etc.) for my Gravette School Pre-Kindergarten class for the last 26 years. You helped so many children learn how to use their imagination.

This summer I will be moving to Broken Arrow, Oklahoma due to my slow rare t-cell Leukemia (which is benign at this time and gives me a life span of 5 to 10years). My Family Gang—son Larry and his wife Jerilyn, 6 adult grandchildren and 9 1/2 great grandchildren—live in surrounding towns.

Wishing all of you a life filled with all God's blessings!!

*With love, Mil Davidson*

### Newsletter ~ April 2017 Financial Data

		2017	2017	Compare	2017
		Actual	Budget	2016	Year-end
				Actual	Budget
Month to date (as of 4/30/17)	Actual Receipts	\$57,167	\$50,701	\$48,798	
Month to date (as of 4/30/17)	Actual Expense	\$48,457	\$53,307	\$52,726	
	Balance	<b>\$8,710</b>	<b>-\$2,606</b>	<b>-\$3,928</b>	
Year to Date	Actual Receipts	\$215,071	\$202,804	\$203,899	\$608,420
Year to Date	Actual Expense	\$197,050	\$213,228	\$200,131	\$639,707
	Balance	<b>\$18,021</b>		<b>\$3,768</b>	<b>-\$31,287</b>

Operating Account Balance 4/30/17 = **\$17,951** Again, keeping expenses low is what is saving us!

*Patsy Attaway, Treasurer*



# JUNE 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 9:00 Old Sew&Sews 9:00 Bazaar Workshop 10:07 Golf- Kingswood 2:00 Thur. Small Grp	2	3 9:00 Amp Big Book
4 <b>PROMOTION SUNDAY</b>	5	6	7	8	9	10
BP ✓ between services 7:30 Praise Tm rehrl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service 11:15 Prmotion Luncheon	8:00 Golf-Dogwood 9:00 Calico Spec Proj 10:00 Staff Meeting 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	9:00 Workshop Prep 10:00 Caregivers Spprt 10:07 Golf -BVCC	8:00 Quilters 9:00 Healthy Living Wlk 9:30 UMW Board Mtng 1:00 Men's Emmaus 1:00 Disciple 3 4:45 Prayer Meeting 6:30 Youth Life	8:33 Golf- Scotsdale 9:00 Bazaar Workshop 1:00 Hope Circle 6:00 Evening Circle	11:30 Preschool Bd Mtg	9:00 Amp Big Book 9:00 Recording
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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18 <b>PAK-A-SAK FATHER'S DAY UMW SUNDAY</b>	19	20	21	22	23	24
7:05 Hndbls Practice 7:30 Praise Team Rehrl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Srv	7:00 Golf-Highlands 9:00 <b>BLOODMOBILE</b> 9:00 Martha Circle 11:00 PEO-CD 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	9:00 Workshop Prep 9:38 Golf-Scotsdale 10:00 Caregivrs Supprt 1:00 Naomi Circle 1:00 BV Book Club	8:00 Quilters 9:00 Calico Anytime 9:00 Healthy Living Wlk 1:00 Men's Emmaus 4:45 Prayer Meetng 6:30 YouthLife	9:00 Bazaar Wkshp 9:33 Golf-Highlands		9:00 Amp Big Book 5:00 AA Annivrsry Dnrr
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***To the Home of ...***

**“ALOHA” means  
“Hello” and “Good-bye”.**

As you all know, we are saying “Aloha” to Bro. Jaimie and Pastor Judy at the end of June. The SPR committee is hosting a Hawaiian themed potluck for them on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm in Becker Hall. Meat will be provided, so pull out your favorite recipe (it doesn't have to be Hawaiian!) and “pastor story”, and let's share in fellowship and fun as we say “ALOHA” to our beloved pastors.

They will be missed!

## **SALUTE A VETERAN**

**GIVE  
BLOOD**

**Free T-Shirt for  
all  
Participants**



**The BLOOD-  
MOBILE will be in our Parking Lot  
Monday, June 19 from 9-1**

**Photo ID required. Please eat well and drink  
plenty of fluids prior to giving blood.**

**Community Blood Center  
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