



The Good News

JUNE 2018

Activities and Articles You won't want to miss in June!
Read all about them inside . . .



June 19th is a red-letter day for our Pastor Brenda Wideman. After many years of blood, sweat, and tears she is being ordained as a Deacon in the United Methodist Church family. There are three ways you can help her celebrate. The first is by being at the ARUMC Annual Conference in Hot Springs at 7:30 the night of Tuesday, June 19th to witness in person her ordination. The second is to be in Becker Hall that same night & time, as the ordination ceremonies will be live-streamed on our gi-normous screen. There will be light refreshments served. And the third is an all-church family pot-luck/card party on Sunday, June 24th at 5:30 in Becker Hall to honor Pastor Brenda for her hard work and the devotion she has shown to our church family. Lou Kaufmann will be Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Get out your favorite recipe to share, bring a card of good wishes, and come prepared for good food, fun, and fellowship as we congratulate Pastor Brenda on this momentous occasion.



Join us in the continuing
"Celebration of the Christian Home"
Sunday, June 17

We need pictures of your family (however you define "Family") to share as we continue to celebrate the Christian Home. If you did not submit a family photo when we celebrated "Family" on Mother's Day, please consider submitting one as we continue our celebration on Fathers Day, June 17th. Please e-mail (to: jwalton@lovelearnlead.com) or bring to the office your pictures no later than Sunday, June 10th, so that we may add them to our video that we will be producing for that day. The Family video we showed in May had some wonderful family photos and we would like to add yours. Please share your family with us, too! Your photos will be returned.



Spring Fling





Glimpses of Grace

Rev. Jeanne Williams, Senior Pastor

You might have seen or heard the United Methodist Church in the news in the last month. Some of you are well aware of the Commission on the Way Forward and all that it entails, and some of you are likely unaware. I'm going to do my best to inform you of this entire situation and point you to other resources if you want more information.

At the 2016 General Conference of the United Methodist Church (meets every four years and is the global meeting of our denomination), legislation was brought forward to alter our current Book of Discipline wording concerning homosexual language. The three points currently in our Book of Discipline in consideration are: 1. Self-avowed, practicing homosexuals cannot be ordained; 2. Ordained clergy cannot marry homosexuals; and 3. Local churches cannot hold homosexual marriages on church property. The General Conference asked the Council of Bishops to put together a Commission to study this topic, make proposals back to the Council of Bishops, and to hold a called General Conference in February of 2019.

The Commission on a Way Forward came up with three models for the Council of Bishops to consider. (Link below) Earlier this year, we were all invited to attend a session in our district to hear about the models and to give some feedback. Several of our members attended. Two weeks ago, the Council of Bishops met and decided to favor Model Two – the One Church model – for the called session in 2019, but they are also proposing the other two models so the body can discuss and vote on all three. (News release link below)

The bottom line? No one knows anything! And we won't really know anything until after the called session in Feb. 2019. Even then, we may not really know or fathom the impact at the local church level for some time. I can honestly say that there are pros and cons to each model; much discussion and prayer has happened and will continue to happen; and that there is an obvious difference of opinions on this subject.

For clarification, I will continue to follow our current Book of Discipline. I will continue to lead our church in being disciples and making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. And I will continue to pray for those who will make these difficult decisions for our denomination. I ask that you join me in prayer and that if you have any questions, please contact me. If I don't know the answer, I'll help you look for one!

Explanation of Models:

<http://www.umc.org/news-and-media/way-forward-fleshing-out-3-possible-futures>

Bishops' recommendation:

<http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/united-methodist-bishops-recommend-a-way-forward>

*Both of these links are surrounded by other articles and information.

Blessings,
Rev. Jeanne

HELP WANTED ~ DIRECTOR OF MEDIA MINISTRY

Position open: June 29, 2018

We are looking for someone to fulfill a wide range of media responsibilities including Sunday morning production, website maintenance, and maintaining our online presence. For a full job description and more details, please contact Rev. Jeanne Williams at jeanne@lovelearnlead.com.



JOINING in the JOURNEY TOGETHER

Brenda Wideman, Associate Pastor



Ordination, Deacon and Red Shoes

On Tuesday, June 19th, at the Arkansas Annual Conference in Hot Springs, I will be ordained by Bishop Gary E. Mueller. The United Methodist Church recognizes that there are those within the church community whose gifts, evidence of God's grace, promise of future usefulness, and response to God's call, set them apart for leadership and ordained ministry within the community.

The journey toward ordination is a long and arduous process. There is affirmation of the call, which my home church of Sequoyah UMC in Fayetteville provided. There are 3-4 years of seminary education, which I did in Dallas at Perkins School of Theology. There is a 2 or more year residency with service at a given local church, which I did here at FUMCBV. There are district committees and conference committees whose purpose it is to oversee the lengthy written and oral exams in order to ascertain gifts and readiness for servant leadership. All in all, ordination typically is a many year process before one may be deemed ready for the final Bishop blessing. It will have been 8 years from my call to my ordination. Obviously, this is not something to be taken lightly. All ordained clergy, female and male, young and old, have received a call such as this and have been through this vetting process. Thankfully, we each are blessed in that God walks with us and grows us through it all.

I will be ordained as a deacon in full connection. As a deacon, I am called to servant ministries; called to ministries of justice and compassion; called to walk back and forth on the bridge between the church and the world, representing the church to those in the world and bringing the concerns of the world to the church for its ministry in the world. Elders are called to order (administer) the local church, I am not called to that, so I will never be a senior pastor nor 'have my own church.' Deacon stoles rest over the shoulder, rather than around the neck, as elder stoles do. You will see the difference when I wear stoles. Deacons can have their primary ministry in churches (as I do), as chaplains, as teachers, as music ministers, as spiritual directors, in non-profit community organizations, and in many other church/world capacities. Ministry that bridges the church with the world fits my calling, especially since I spent 27 years in the world and away from the church. Reflection on my life's journey has revealed God's continual presence and relationship in all seasons of my life. I have experienced that God's love, justice, and hand of grace extend to all people of all nations, in all places, and at all times. God is in all aspects of our lives; I have lived this and helping folks to see this is a major aspect of my calling.

The United Methodist Church has been ordaining women for 62 years, since 1956. Even though a woman's voice in ministry has been present since the early church, women find achieving acceptance of women as clergy can still be difficult. Acknowledging this struggle, you will see that the women clergy of the Arkansas Conference will wear red shoes for the ordination ceremony. This tradition extends back to the legacy of Georgia Harkness (1891-1974), the first professional female theologian in the United States. She was proud of the story of her great-grandmother, Abigail, who as a devout and outspoken Quaker, broke the mold and wore a red coat in protest of those who would suppress the voices of women. Because of her 'worldliness', Abigail, and her husband, Daniel, were dismissed from the Society of Friends. The red shoes acknowledge the importance of a women's theological voice in the Church and in the World. I will wear red shoes on the Tuesday of my ordination.

I thank you for your prayers for the ordination to which I have been called; I thank you for your acceptance of the calling of a deacon to bridge the church and the world; and I thank you for your support of a woman's theological voice and your understanding of the significance of the red shoes when Rev. Jeanne and I wear them. Thank you to each of you for joining in the journey with me!

Blessings, Pastor Brenda



VISTA KIDS

Angie Rader,
Director of Children's Ministries

Welcome to Summer. It is already getting hot outside, but I love it!! Looking forward to the pool opening and I know the

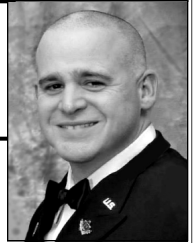
kids are looking forward to school being out. We have a few events happening this Summer. **Promotion Sunday** will be Sunday, June 3rd at 12 noon in the Parlor/Chapel. We will have food and the children will graduate into their next class. **VBS** will be July 22nd to the 26th from 6 to 8:15 pm. We will have sign up sheets starting June 3rd, and you can also register your kids and/or volunteer at <https://rrr.cokesburyvbs.com/bvfumc>.

This is a big program which includes the whole community so we need lots of volunteers. The theme is *Rolling River Rampage*. We do need to borrow some items if possible from our Church members. We need canoes, kayaks, rafting gear, life jackets, camping gear (no tents), sleeping bags, paddles and large sheets of cardboard. If you could help us in anyway that would be great. We will put your names on items and you make pick them up after July 26th. We are happy to have Ms. Beverly back. Evelyn is a beautiful baby!! We are looking for someone to teach 2 and 3rd grade. If you would like to help or know of anyone who would, please let the Church office or me know. Thanks so much for your help in our Children's program. It means so much to us all. As always, if you have any questions or concerns on our program or anything, please let us know.

In his Service, Ms. Angie

YOUTHLIFE

Austin Curtis,
Youth Ministries Director



The month of May was a busy one. We celebrated a much needed Mother's Day for all of those mom's who put up with us, and we also got to celebrate one-chapter-closed-and-another-one-opened for some of our Youth. Tiffany, Emma, and Jacob all graduated from High School and will be moving forward with their lives. Please pray that God continues to put the right people in their life, as well as encourage them when you can. The youth have also been busy designing their own Mission, Vision, and Slogan for the youth group. They are as follows:

Mission Statement: *To expand and deepen our knowledge of God's word to prepare ourselves to resist temptations of life, and share our new found knowledge of God with others.*

Vision: *To create a safe Godly environment and grow spiritually by connecting with Christ and others.*

Slogan: *God's students today, His leaders tomorrow.*

I am very proud of how the youth have stepped up and started owning processes. As we take on June, we will have one service day for the youth to step up in our community and serve some of those in the church who need help. There will be a roster made and placed in the office. If anyone is needing assistance around their house please go to office or call to let us know what your needs are. There will also be one *Spoke-n-Word* ministry bike ride in June to make up for the one in May we could not have. We look forward to another fantastic month.

Be Blessed, Austin



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 22 ~ 26 6:00~8:15pm

Creative Crafts ~ Bible Study ~ Music ~ Snacks ~ Recreation

Age 3 through 6th grade

Register your kids and/or to volunteer

on-line at <https://rrr.cokesburyvbs.com/bvfumc>

Volunteers Wanted and Needed!! Please sign up on-line, or at the tables on Sunday, or in the Office during the week



Thank you to all who served at the church-wide cleanup May 19, 2018

Thanks to all who helped on All-Church Work Day

Please don't forget our **Snack Pack Back Packs** for Cooper School students during the summer. Snack Packs will not be delivered during the summer, but will resume again when school begins in August. However, in order to continue to fulfill our commitment to 20 students per week-end during the school year, we will need to accumulate a reserve. Please drop your spare quarters in the tubes, or a check or \$5 bills in the box on the tables with back packs on them in the hall by the Library and the Becker Hall entrance. Believe it or not, there are many hungry children who live amongst us right here in Bella Vista, and you can help them not go hungry on the weekends next school year. Thank you for your generosity!



OPEN POA BOARD POSITION

To any Bella Vista Property Owners ~ The POA Board is seeking candidates for an open position; this position is for an interim director serving a one year term. According to Bylaws Article III, Section 6. *...any Member in good standing may request to be considered for service as an interim director by submitting a resume and being interviewed by the remaining directors.*

Candidates should submit a resume by June 6, 2018, at 5:00 p.m., to Leia Bush, Corporate Secretary at leiab@bvpoa.com.

Interviews with the Board will take place on June 12, 2018, beginning at 11:00 a.m. The POA Board will vote to elect the interim director at the Regular Board Meeting on June 28, 2018. Please contact Leia Bush with any questions.



Be on the lookout for a child to adopt for VBS. More information coming soon!





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. Please send your information to Brenda Wideman, Congregational Care Minister at brenda@lovelearnlead.com or 855-1158.

NEW MEMBERS

Bill and Connie Wilson—retired to Bella Vista from Iowa in 2016. They joined FUMCBV on Sunday, April 29. Bill is a retired teacher and principal and Connie operated her own dance studio for 42 years. They chose Bella Vista because it is half-way between their children and grandchildren in Texas and their friends and relatives back in Iowa. It is also close to Branson which they visit every 2-3 months. They love being outside and maintaining their house and yard. We are grateful for that love, because they have already jumped in and planted flowers and updated flower beds in our church yard.

Terry and Cynthia Augspurger joined our church family on Sunday May 6. They had retired to Bella Vista back in October after visiting Terry's parents here for the past 30 years. They decided to become a part of FUMCBV after enjoying our worship as visitors over the course of those many years. Terry thrives on singing and hopes to play in a band. Cynthia hopes to find more time quilting and to join a Bible study group. Together they love to spend time with grandchildren and bike and kayak in the area.

Connie Knauss is a retired surgical nurse. She also joined our church family on May 6. After house sitting for friends in the area, she decided to retire here because folks are so friendly and there are so many activities for retired people. She loves to do crafts of all kinds, loves to paint, and has done some quilting. She is already involved in our Thursday morning Bazaar workshop.



Theresa Bowers has been attending the Well service for a while, and helped with Vacation Bible School last summer. She was led to join our church family on Pentecost Sunday, May 20. She lives in Anderson, Missouri and will soon work in Neosho during the week. She is mom to Melanie and mother-in-law to Sarah, our Director of Media Ministries. She is also the grandmother to Kendrick and Charlie. All of this wonderful family is a part of our church family, too! She loves farming with her family and Tennessee Lady Vol Basketball (sorry Razorback fans!)

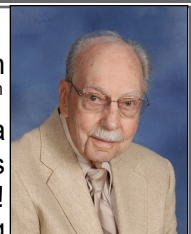
Carolyn Perdue joined our church family on Sunday, May 20th. She and her husband moved to Bella Vista in 2005. She had been attending the Baptist church with her husband until her husband recently passed away. She is returning to her Methodist roots by joining FUMCBV. She is a retired teacher, having taught 2nd and 3rd grade reading in the past. She happens to be the sister of Curtis Brooks and often sits with Curtis and Barbara at the 8:00am service.

Welcome to all our new members. What a blessing it is to have each of them here with us!

MILESTONES

To Friends of Pressley Williams ~

His family is holding a drop-in 100th Birthday Celebration Saturday, June 9th (his actual 100th birthday) at Papa Mike's from 4-7 pm. Everyone in his FUMCBV church family is invited! Pressley joined our church family along



with his wife, Verda, in December of 1987. Verda passed away in 1996, and lately Press has not been able to attend worship due to his health. However, he faithfully joins us via our TV broadcast. Press is a past champion bowler and an avid golfer, and would love to share this special day with you. There is a basket in the office for birthday cards, and if you would like to drop one by (even if you don't know him), they will be delivered to Press on his special day.





OUR FAMILY

We celebrated three high school graduates in our congregation on May 13, **Tiffany May, Emma Kell, and Jacob Norgaard.** Tiffany graduated from Gravette High School and will be attending the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville next year, after a summer abroad. Emma graduated from Bentonville High School and will also attend University of Arkansas in the fall. Jacob was home schooled and is not yet sure of his plans for next year.

Shannon Wicker – our Praise Team Director, graduated Summa Cum Laude at the University of Central Arkansas spring commencement ceremonies on May 5th. She received a Master of Music Education degree.

Congratulations to all of our graduates!

IN MEMORIUM

Martha Hogue – passed away Saturday, April 28, at Willard Walker Home Hospice in Fayetteville. She had fallen, which took her to the hospital and then her health quickly declined. She and her husband Glenn, who passed away four months ago, became members with us in 1986. Her memorial service was held Wednesday, May 2 in our sanctuary. Please keep Martha's three sons, David, Jim, and Michael, and all of her family in your prayers as they mourn her loss.

Stephanie Harris – passed away Tuesday, May 1, in Bentonville. Stephanie is the daughter of Phyllis and Stan Robinson and she had been worshipping with us as well as being a part of our classes and dinners at Wednesday Midweek Manna. Her service was held Monday, May 7 in our sanctuary. Please keep Phyllis and Stan, Stephanie's three boys, CJ, Pierce, and Ethan, and all of her family in your prayers as they grieve in this difficult time.

BIRTHS

- ◇ Reed August Kennedy, the first great-grandson of Bob and Shirley Kennedy was born on May 10th in Liberal Kansas.
- ◇ Kinsey Anne Edlefsen, the 5th great-grandchild of Nancy Spangler, was born on May 22.

We wish the very best to these beautiful new members of God's family, as they grow into what they will become.

GROUP ACTIVITIES IN JUNE

SOLOS DINNER & MUSEUM TOUR ~ Friday, June 15th the Solos will journey to Pineville, Mo. for dinner at the American Legion which serves a delicious dinner including main course, vegetables, salad, roll, desert, & drink for \$7.00, cash. After dinner they will be visiting the Pineville Museum for a private guided tour by Judy Duncan, who is on the Museum Board. We will leave the church at 4:30 P.M. to car pool to dinner & the tour. Please let Sue Nebrig (855-9269) or Judy Knadle (855-6645) know if you plan to go, so that we will be able to plan car pooling and let the ladies at the Legion know how many will be attending. If you have never been a part of our SOLO'S activities all singles are welcome. It is a great way to get together with other singles in our church.

Sarah Circle - everyone will meet Tuesday, June 12, at 12:30 for lunch at BV Bar and Grill (Country Club). You MUST sign up with menu choice by Sunday, June 10th. The menu and sign up sheet are in the church library.

Hope Circle - will meet Thursday, June 14, at the church at 10:45 to car pool for lunch at River Grill.














Evening Circle - will meet Thursday, June 14 at 6 PM for a Potluck at Katrina 's house.

Naomi Circle - will all meet Tuesday, June 19 at 11:00 at the BV Bar & Grill (Country Club).

Martha Circle - will meet at the church on Wednesday, June 20th at 10:30 to carpool to the Wooden Spoon for lunch, and then on to Day Spring. (note different day than normal)



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

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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
20 Andrew & Rachel Smith
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

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- 1 Rick Taylor
2 Doug Adamson
2 Dennis Cox
2 Austin Roath
2 Suzanne Shoemaker
3 Bill Danenhauer
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3 Carol Tomlinson
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9 Zach Mendoza
9 Sarah Reynolds
9 Tiffany Sampson
9 PRESSLEY WILLIAMS (100)
10 Juanita Clark
11 Jerre Barron
11 Laura Duncan
12 Ralph Johnson
12 Angie Rader
12 Miriam Stocks
14 Lynda Berk
14 Pat Cooper
14 Shirley Hofmann
15 Judy Duncan
15 Sandy Larsen
15 Janice Vogel
16 Jim Belcoff
16 Joey Smith
17 Tim Harris
17 Peggy Stout
18 Jeanne Williams
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20 Bruce Fleming
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**UNITED METHODIST
MEN**

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The next meeting of the United Methodist Men is Wednesday, June 13 at 6:30 pm in Becker Hall. Our program is one that you might find interesting because of all the changes being done and contemplated for the future. Tom Judson, General Manager of the POA will be with us to share all that is going on within our community. If you have questions or concerns, you may not want to miss this one, especially if you are a golfer. Come for a great meeting and hear some other exciting news. Rhythm & Q will cater the dinner and you know how good that will be. Remember Ladies Night Out and how tasty that was. For reservation, call the Church office (855-1158) or Lou Kaufmann (366-1291) or email him at lou@krrealty.com.

Sarah
Tuesday 6/12
12:30pm~BV
Bar & Grill

Hope
Thursday 6/14
10:45am~Church
River Grill

Naomi
Tuesday 6/19
11:00am~BV
Bar & Grill

**UMW
CIRCLES**

Evening
Thursday 6/14
6:00pm~Potluck
Katrina's

Martha
Monday 6/18
Wooden Spoon
Day Spring
10:30am

BAZAAR NEWS

The UMW ladies want to thank the UMM for allowing us to sell our Spring Bazaar items at their Pancake Breakfast this past month. We made \$906, so that will certainly help our Mission work. Thank you again.

Our Workshops are coming along nicely. We have some new ladies join us that we appreciate very much, along with our faithful crew and their sewing and crafting abilities. If you are free on Thursday, anytime between 9 and 2 please come join us—we will find something for you to do – plus a lot of smiles, laughs, and fellowship time. Also there are some kits to finish up in Becker Hall, so if you would like to take some home to work on, please help yourselves and return when finished to the quilt room downstairs. If you have a need for jars for making jams, jelly, pickled items etc. please contact Sue Nebrig.

Hope you plant ladies have started your new plants for the Bazaar in October. Any questions please contact us.

Karen, Nancy & Darleen

LAY LEADERS MESSAGE

As the new Lay Leader for our church, I am very honored to accept this position. As I research all that was required with the job, I discovered it was a lot of work but then I also realized that we have a Lot of Church. Judy and I have been members for thirteen years and we love the people and the church. Judy's parents were members of the church going back to the early eighties. I take this new job very seriously and will do all I can to fulfill this obligation in the most positive way that I can. The Church has some wonderful goals that we will share with everyone and working together, I know that we can achieve them. I will be available to everyone to talk about any subject or issues they have in mind. Just call me at 366-1291 and we will plan to get together.

Lou Kaufmann



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U M W SUMMER LUNCHEON

The Quarterly Luncheon will be Wednesday, June 27th at 11:45 A.M. in Becker Hall. The Program will be presented by Olivia Olson who will speak about **VETERAN HISTORY PROJECT INTERVIEWS** that she is doing for the United States Library of Congress. With our country's 4th of July celebration so close this will be a very patriotic program that will interest **ALL MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION AND GUESTS**. Chicken Salad, orange roll, fruit and desert will be served. Cost is \$7.00 and the deadline for making reservations is Sunday June 24th. Make reservations with your circle or call Sue Nebrig at 855-9269.

EMERGENCY VITAL INFORMATION FORMS

are available in the office. There have been instances lately where it was necessary for the church to contact family members and we had no contact information. **PLEASE** fill out one of these forms and return it to the office. The information will be kept on file for the use of the pastors only. If we already have your information but it has not been updated lately, please fill out a new form to make sure what we have is current. Thank you for taking the time to do this.

GET YOUR RED OF STUFF!

Begin Now To Set
Aside Your Usable
Discards For the

UMW
RUMMAGE
SALE

Saturday, AUGUST 4th

If you don't have room to store
your donations, we do have
some limited space available—
call Verna Bottjen 876-1392

No Clothes, TVs or
Furniture ~ please have it
clean and in working order.

THANKS !



MISSIONS



What is Sager Brown? It is an UMCOR (United Methodist Committee On Relief) sponsored depot in Baldwin, Louisiana that is the headquarters for their relief supply operations. Approximately \$4 million in supplies are shipped each year from the depot to people in need around the world and across the US. They also reach out to the local Baldwin community through housing rehabilitation and food distribution programs. The more than 2,000 volunteers who come through Sager Brown each year make this all happen.

Our church has been sending VIM (Volunteer in Missions) teams of around 12 members for many years. It does involve some personal expenses including charges for lodging and meals provided on the 23 acre campus. For this year, we do have scholarship money available for one person. Work consists primarily of assembling relief kits but there is also a wide range of work opportunities allowing for all kinds of physical abilities on campus & in the community. We are scheduled to send a team this year from **October 27 through November 2nd**, so we will be looking for volunteers in the next couple months. There will be an information meeting with a PowerPoint presentation Sunday, June 24 at 12 noon in room 6, but if you have any questions now, talk to **Verna Bottjen – 876-1392**.

Please consider becoming part of this working team. We have lots of fun & fellowship as well as doing good work.



June Mission of the Month

VILLAGE HOUSE

is a nonprofit adult day program dedicated to enriching the lives of participants and providing affordable respite for caregivers.

The center provides care for individuals who may no longer feel comfortable staying at home by themselves. Persons with memory problems, Alzheimer's disease, stroke victims, arthritis sufferers or persons with other ailments and needs are welcome at Village House.

Village House offers its supervised programs of activities of daily living, but who do not require nursing care. An interview with the family and prospective participant is conducted by the director to assess appropriate placement.

Village House was established in 1988 and is licensed by the State of Arkansas Department of Human Services. They are certified to accept Elder Choice/Medicaid Participants.

Your donation to Village House will help provide services for senior members of our community in a safe, loving and happy environment.

Village House began as a volunteer organization and volunteering continues every day. From direct care workers to musicians to crafters or program presenters, Village House needs your help and support.



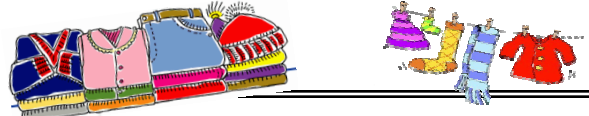
Does This TAX LAW Apply to You??

Good news for our Church members who use traditional IRA investments to make donations to First United Methodist Church of Bella Vista. You can now do that without having to pay federal taxes on a distribution, per the 2017 Tax bill. The following is from Kiplinger Financial:

"People older than 70½ can transfer up to \$100,000 per year from their traditional IRAs to charity, which can count as their required minimum distribution, but is not taxable if they follow the rules for a qualified charitable distribution (QCD). (This doesn't apply to a Roth IRA, which has tax-free withdrawals and no required distributions.) The gift stays out of your adjusted gross income only if you make a direct transfer from your IRA to the charity. It doesn't count as a tax-free transfer if you withdraw the money first and then make a donation to the charity. Ask your IRA administrator what steps you need to take, because the procedures can vary from firm to firm."

Since this process is somewhat complicated, please talk to your tax preparer and IRA administrator so you can give to Your Church and not have to pay federal taxes on that distribution. The charitable gift will remain as a tax deduction.

Submitted by Finance Committee members



WHAT'S IN YOR CLOSET?? VBS Clothing Drive Needs Our Help!

I know school just got out and most of the kids and teachers don't even want to think about a new school year, yet, however we have been tasked to help with a huge need in Benton County. The Samaritan Shop – located in Rogers – is a provider of clothing to those who are less fortunate. One of their busiest times is "Back-to-school". They are currently running low on kid's clothes and have asked for our help. Between now and VBS, please sort your clothes and bring those gently used items to the church during VBS week (July 22-26). They are happy to take adult clothes, too. They sell them in their shop and the proceeds are used to buy food for "Snack Pack for Back Packs", which we are familiar with here at FUMCBV. Since we don't sell clothing at our annual rummage sale, this is a good way to recycle and clean out those closets.

PRAYER REQUESTS



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

For those who watch our services at home ~ the 8:00am Sunday Service

is now broadcast on ATT U-Verse Channel 99 and Cox Channel 222 at **11:00am** on **Sunday** and **Wednesday**.





Book Nook



from the Organ Console



Broc Hite,
Organist/Associate Director of Music

BOOKS IN SERIES

TEAROOM MYSTERIES:

- Book 21: *TURNING THE TABLES* by Anne Marie Rodgers
- Book 22: *IN TOO DEEP* by Elizabeth Adams

FICTION

A PIECE OF THE WORLD by Christina Baker Kline
A powerful story of the women behind the Andrew Wyeth's painting "Christina's World".

As I write this newsletter we are halfway through Spring Fling! We had just four singers for the voice recital, but we put together a nice program, nonetheless. I really enjoy giving these mini-recitals periodically after our church services are finished for the day. The feedback from the audience and the participants alike is positive and that we should continue it! And so we will, perhaps sometime early this fall. Meanwhile, my piano recital is still scheduled on Sunday, June 3rd, at noon in Becker Hall. I hope you can join me then!

As soon as the second quarter Piano Postludes wraps up on June 3rd, a reworking of three major pieces by César Franck takes the emphasis for the rest of June, starting on the 10th. This Belgian/French composer really charted his own course during the Romantic period, establishing a French harmonic style that greatly influenced impressionism as well as early modernism.

Although it technically starts on July 2nd, both Larry and I are excited about the upcoming national convention of the American Guild of Organists. Though recent conventions have taken place in Nashville, Houston, and Dallas, there has never been one so close to home. In fact, our local chapter in NW Arkansas is the nearest chapter to Kansas City that is directly south, reachable by just one Interstate highway.

It's not too soon to let me know if you have a favorite you'd like to hear for Christmas in July! Let's have some fun and use social media to reach me:

On Facebook: [facebook.com/BrocKeysPedals](https://www.facebook.com/BrocKeysPedals)

On Instagram: @BrocKeysPedals

Please also remember to check out my music Website at <https://brochite.com> Broc



SUNDAY, JUNE 10th ~ 3:00pm in the Sanctuary

This magnificent Brass Band played in our Sanctuary in December and March, and if you were unable to attend one of these performances, you missed two wonderful concerts. Please join us next Sunday at 3:00pm in the Sanctuary to experience for yourself. You will not be disappointed. This is a free-will offering concert brought to you by FUMCBV's Wesley Concert Series.



THANK YOU

"There is a sweet, sweet spirit in this place, and I know it is the spirit of The Lord."

- ✦ It has been in the countless ways that members and staff have given comfort and support to me and my family during the illness and death of my son, Patrick.
- ✦ It was in the comforting memorial service led by Pastors Jeanne and Brenda as a tribute of Praise and Thanksgiving for the life of Patrick, and in the beautiful solo by Jack Kolbe as he sang "In the Garden".
- ✦ It was in the hospitality of the reception after the service by Martha Circle, and the dinner hosted by the 2Serve Shepherd group.

With grateful thanks and appreciation for all the kindness given to me and my family during this time of sadness. *Helen McBride.*



Dear Friends ~ Thank you so much for the hospitality extended to us as we gathered for a "Musical Potluck" on April 28th. The generous use of your facilities made our brunch cozy and delicious, and the Sanctuary was perfect as we moved to the musical component of the morning. We appreciate your promoting musical fellowship and learning in NW Arkansas.

Jeannie Lee, Sub Dean, American Guild of Organists

Dear Church Family,

There are not enough words to express our appreciation this church has shown our family in this time of loss of our daughter Stephanie. The prayers, cards, calls & visits have been deeply appreciated. We have truly felt the prayers, the love of the people of First United Methodist Church of Bella Vista. For all those who helped with the reception, we thank you and appreciate all you did. And a big thank you to Rev. Jeanne, Pastor Brenda and the staff for the beautiful Celebration of Life Service.

Stan & Phyllis Robinson

Once again our church is helping the hungry in our community. Together we raised \$5,396.17 to purchase 214 cases of food to serve seven food bank in our area, including: H2O-Living Waters UMC Centerton, Decatur UMC, St. Bernard's of Bella Vista, Oasis Food Bank-Village Bible Church, Shepherd's Pantry at Bella Vista Lutheran Church, Care & Share Pantry in Gravette, and Helping Hands. Thank you all who participated and are serving as Christ's disciples. *FUMCBV Mission Team*



Newsletter May 2018 Financial Data

		2018	2018	Compare	
		Actual	Budget	2017	
				Actual	
Month to Date (as of 5/31/18)	Actual Receipts	\$42,222	\$44,913	\$47,602	
Month to Date (as of 5/31/18)	Actual Expense	\$47,473	\$47,424	\$52,066	
		-\$ 5,251	-\$ 2,511	-\$ 4,464	
				2017	2018
				YTD	Year-End
				Actual	Budget
Year to Date	Actual Receipts	\$232,152	\$224,567	\$262,802	\$538,960
Year to Date	Actual Expense	\$240,114	\$237,113	\$249,118	\$569,070
		-\$ 7,962	-\$12,546	\$13,684	-30,110

Operating Account Balance 5/31/2018 = \$63,127
Patsy Attaway, Business Manager

JUNE 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 BP ✓ Between Services 7:30 Praise Tm rehrl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Sv 12:00 Spring Flng Conct 12:00 Promotion Lunchn 3:00 NW Dist Mtng-Rgrs	4 7:00 Men's Golf-BVCC 9:00 Calico Spec Projects 10:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Venture Crew-BSA 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	5 12:00 Men's Golf-Berksdale 6:00 SPRC	6 8:00 Quilters 9:30 UMW Board Mtng 4:00 Prayer Mtg 6:30 Youth Life	7 7:51 Men's Golf-Dogwood 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshop 12:30 Caregivers Support	1 8:30 Men's Emmaus 10:00 Prayer Shawl	2 8:30 Amp Big Book
10 7:30 Praise Tm rehrl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service 3:00 Musicworks Brss Bnd	11 7:00 Men's Golf-Dogwood 8:00 Staff Retreat 1:30 Friends of Christ 5:30 Abram Shep Grp 6:00 Vntr CrewBrd/Mtng 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	12 9:00 PEO-BR 10:15 Men's Golf-BVCC 1:00 Sarah Circle 6:00 Trustees	13 8:00 Quilters 9:00 Calico Newbies 4:00 Prayer Mtg 6:30 UMM Dinner 6:30 YouthLife	14 7:00 Men's Golf-Highland 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshop 9:30 Mission Comm 1:00 Hope Circle 6:00 Evening Circle	15 8:30 Men's Emmaus 10:00 Prayer Shawl	16 8:30 Amp Big Book 10:00 SAR
17 7:30 Praise Team Rehrs 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service 4:00 Calico Camp set-up	18 7:00 Men's Gif-BVCC 8:00 Calico Kids Camp 9:00 Martha Circle 9:00 BLOOD/MOBILE 10:00 Staff Mtng 11:00 PEO-CD 6:00 Venture Crew-BSA 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	19 8:00 Calico Kids Camp 8:59 Men's Golf-Berksdale 1:00 Naomi Circle 1:00 BV Book Club 7:00 Ordination party	20 8:00 Quilters 8:00 Calico Kids Camp 4:00 Prayer Mtg 6:30 Youth Life	21 7:50 Men's Gif-Berksdale 8:00 Calico Kids Camp 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshop 2:30 Beautiful Colors	22 8:00 Calico Kids Camp 8:30 Men's Emmaus 9:30 Village Al-Anon 10:00 Prayer Shawl	23 8:30 Amp Big Book 3:00 AA Promotn Dinnr
24 7:30 Praise Team Rehrs 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service 12:00 Sagerbrown Phing 5:30 Pastr Brenda Potluck	25 7:00 Men's Golf-BVCC 9:00 Calico Cut-ups 10:00 Staff Meeting 1:30 Friends of Christ 6:00 BV Travel Club 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	26 11:06 Men's Golf-Scotsdale 3:00 BV Library Board	27 8:00 Quilters 9:00 Calico Dog Beds 11:45 UMW Luncheon 4:00 Prayer Mtg 6:30 Youth Life	28 7:00 Men's Golf-Dogwood 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshop	29 8:30 Men's Emmaus 10:00 Prayer Shawl	30 8:30 Amp Big Book



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Newsletter Deadline: 20th of the month


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because every drop tells a story

Please help make a difference in
OUR community
by **GIVING BLOOD** if you are able.

Monday, June 18, 2018
9:00am ~ 1:00pm
Bloodmobile in Parking Lot
Free Cholesterol Screening

Please bring photo identification~
Eat well and drink plenty of fluids
prior to the blood drive

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