



# The Good News

JUNE 2021

## We have a **NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE!**

As we continue to monitor and adjust our gatherings in relation to the pandemic, we are excited to move Contemporary Worship back to Sunday morning. A reminder that this begins on June 6<sup>th</sup> along with the addition of Sunday School for all ages! If you are interested in or are part of a current adult class, please contact Amy Gilmore so we can have an idea of what rooms need to be ready.

- 9:00 – Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:00 – Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 – *The Well* Contemporary Worship in Becker Hall

Our worship and small group policies will still be in place.  
Please refer to the latest communication regarding them.



## JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION

Please join us on Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 AM in the parking lot for one worship service with a bring-your-own picnic fellowship time following the service. We will have some socially distanced games, a Patriotic Concert by our musicians, and some good ole fun! Bring your own food and beverage, and a blanket or chairs. We also humbly request everyone pray for no rain!



## Knights of the North Castle VBS

On June 27 thru July 1 we will be offering a One-Room VBS program from 5:30-8:00 PM for children Pre-K (age 4) – rising 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Nursery care will not be available. Weather permitting, we will hold VBS outdoors. Rain location: Becker Hall.

North Castle is hidden in a frozen land. The King's valiant Knights are on a quest in search of the King's Armor. But the armor isn't what they think it is. Knights of the North Castle: Quest for the King's Armor invites children to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's power! Kids will take on the role of brave Knights and begin their quest each session by opening the King's Book. They'll explore Old and New Testament stories and discover different pieces of protective armor – the Belt of Truth, the Breastplate of Justice, the Shoes of Peace, the Shield of Faith, and the Helmet of Salvation – at work in the lives of familiar Bible characters, and explore how that armor works in their own faith lives as they follow and serve God.

Our Quest for the King's Armor is based on Ephesians 6:10-20. Paul wrote a letter from prison. He sent it to some of the followers of Jesus. Paraphrased, he said this, "Be strong because God is always with you. Like soldiers wear armor and carry shields to keep safe, we can wear the armor of God. It's not real armor, but it can help us face hard things. When we speak with truth, stand up for justice, and spread the good news, we are wearing the armor of God. When we have faith, it's like we are carrying the shield of God. When we follow Jesus and the Holy Spirit, it's like we are wearing a helmet. Say prayers all the time. Keep showing up as faithful followers of Jesus. Pray for each other, and pray for me."

For those who cannot attend VBS in person, Ms. Renee has an at-home VBS program available.

**Registration forms are available online at <http://fumc-bella-vista.mycokesburyvbs.com>**

**VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED! All training and materials will be provided.**

**Please see the BACK PAGE for more VBS information**





## *Glimpses of Grace*

Rev. Jeanne Williams, Senior Pastor

The Arkansas United Methodist Annual Conference will meet on June 2-4 at the Hot Springs Convention Center. Last year, our Annual Conference was held via zoom, so many are looking forward to seeing friends from across the connection this year. Except! This year, we have the option of attending virtually or in-person. Rev. Jeanne will be in Hot Springs while Pastor Brenda and our lay members, Ken Swanson and Judy Bilyeu, are attending virtually. We also have two district equalization lay members attending, Amy Gilmore and David Williams. David is also participating with the in-house worship band each day at conference! The conference will be live-streamed for its entirety at [arumc.org](http://arumc.org). A schedule can also be found there.

This annual conference will mark the beginning of my 5<sup>th</sup> year of being your senior pastor. I am so excited for the possibilities and opportunities that await us this year as we come out of the pandemic! I want to issue you an invitation. If you were nudged by the Holy Spirit during this last year to address a certain need or issue in our community, or with an idea for ministry of any kind, please let me know. I'd love to begin a new ministry with you! I've already heard of a few: community garden, a coffee drive-through in our upper parking lot, a Blessings Box (already completed!), an after school program for older elementary/middle school kids ... I can't guarantee that all of these will happen, but let's discuss them!

We'll also be launching our new Discipleship program that encompasses all aspects of our spiritual life towards the end of the summer. I am excited that all of our ministries will be included on your personal journey with Jesus – from Generosity to Community Life!

I very much love our church family and I do believe God has amazing things planned for us. It is our job to listen, and then act as God leads us!

Blessings!

*Rev. Jeanne*

### **SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING**

Before any staff and/or volunteer may participate in any church-sponsored event or program that will involve direct contact with children, youth or impaired adults, they must complete a Safe Sanctuary training. This will be offered in upcoming weeks to accommodate new staff and all volunteers who will have direct contact with children and youth. This will **include, but is not limited to, all new staff members, Sunday School volunteers, Ozark Mission Project adult campers, VBS volunteers.** It is also open to anyone who is considering involvement with our children or youth.

#### **TRAINING DATES:**

**Thursday, June 3 at 6:30 PM (or) Saturday, June 5 at 10:30 am**

Training will take place in the FUMC-BV Parlor and will last approximately one hour.

\*Masks and Social Distancing guidelines are still in place.

Questions or to register: Please contact Renee van Dyke

(479)855-1158 or [renee@fumcbellavista.com](mailto:renee@fumcbellavista.com)



## *JOINING in the JOURNEY TOGETHER*

Rev. Brenda Wideman, Associate Pastor

### **The Ministry of Caring**

*And again Jesus said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." And Jesus replied, "Tend my sheep."*

(John 21:16 NRSV)

Jesus was a healer. In compassion, he took care of those in need. As he spoke to Simon Peter in those last days, he commissioned Peter to carry on that ministry of caring. We consider Peter as the Rock of the church and the ministry of caring is a crucial part of what binds the church and all people together. There are those within a community of faith who have a heart for God's people. It is rooted in their strong heart for the Lord. Caring of this type is more than giving a ride, taking a meal, sending a card. It involves creating a relationship of trust, compassion, and encouragement with another. In our broken world, this caring involves joining in the journey with another, regardless of the type of journey. Through this relationship of trust and compassion on the shared journey, space is made for God to be present. And when we make space for God, God always shows up. God provides the healing and restoration of spirit and relationship which we all seek, which we all need, to heal our brokenness. Caring such as this has no agenda but to share the Good News of the love of Christ in the lives of others.

More than four years ago, we began a Congregational Care Ministry (CCM) here at FUMCBV. The CCMs are a team of laity who work in partnership with the pastors as a part of the church's ministry of care for those in the church family. During the isolation of the pandemic, more and more folks have needed to experience the love of Christ extended to them by another caring human being. Folks in our community and around the world have grown more lonely, more isolated, more stressed, and more anxious over the past year plus of the pandemic. Our team of CCMs has provided faithful care during this and continues to do so.

We are excited to announce that this coming summer, we will host a Caring Congregation seminar which will train and equip those with the gifts and graces to be CCMs. This training will be held the weekend of August 27-28. It will be led by the Rev. Karen Lampe, the author, developer and implementor of this highly successful ministry at the Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City. During the training, new CCM's grow in ways of understating the 1) theology of care, 2) listening, 3) prayer, 4) boundaries, and 5) visitation. They grow spiritually and relationally as well. This seminar will not only allow us to add to our team, but we will be inviting other churches in our Arkansas UM Conference to join us, as well. Opening the seminar statewide will spread this caring ministry to churches big and small in Arkansas.

If this sounds like the ministry that God has gifted you to do, I invite you to come talk to me about the qualifications to become a CCM and the expectations once you become one. God calls each of us into ministry, laity and pastors; God may be calling you to this. I pray those who are feeling a nudge to this type of a call to prayerfully consider joining us in the journey of this caring ministry.

May God's blessings be on those who are called to serve in this way and on those who will be served as a result,

Blessings, *Pastor Brenda*





## COMMUNITY LIFE

## 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, Associate Pastor of Congregational Care** at 479-855-1158 or [brenda@fumcbellavista.com](mailto:brenda@fumcbellavista.com)

## JOYS

**The Joy of celebrating the Birth of the Church and the arrival of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.**



**The Joy of New Life in grandbabies and Family!**



Dashel was born 4-17-21. His 'big' brother Teddy was born 3-26-20. . . . both during the pandemic. The boys were born to Sandy Fitch's son, John,



and daughter-in-law, Rachel, in Denver, CO. This first post-pandemic trip for Sandy to bond with these little ones for the first time, and to see her brother and sister in Colorado, and also to Wyoming to see her grandson Trent and his parents, Gram and April, was pure delight!

## NEW MEMBERS

**Elizabeth 'Friskey' Kennedy** joined our church family on Wednesday, May 19th at Contemporary Worship. She moved to Bella Vista from Memphis, TN more than a year ago. She attended with us as a guest just before the pandemic broke out and has waited over a year to officially join with us. Her unique name is a gift from her older brother, Don Hall, when she was born. He was very upset at her arrival and refused to call her by her given name. He made up his own name and it has stuck with her for her whole life. We are *definitely delighted* she is here! Be sure to greet her when you see her.



**Jim and Paula Phillips** became our newest members on Sunday, May 23rd. They have moved to Bella Vista to be closer to family. After attending in-person worship as guests with us they decided to become part of our church family. They enjoy many activities, including fishing, travel with friends and family, and theater. They were very active in their UM church in Missouri and are expecting to do the same with us. Be sure to introduce yourself and welcome them as part of our family.

## RELOCATIONS

**Ivia Coakley** – mother of MJ Rhein, has moved back to Minnesota to be able to be closer to more of MJ's family. Her home sold quickly and she relocated as of May 12th Please keep her, and MJ and Donna, in prayers during this transition. You may send cards to 6060 Oxboro Ave. N, Oak Park Heights, MN 55082

**Anny Weber** – wife of Dave, has relocated to Village on the Park memory care in Bentonville. Dave is anticipating moving to the assisted living there to be close to Anny as soon as he is able to sell their home. Please keep Anny and Dave in prayers in this transition.





COMMUNITY LIFE



OUR FAMILY

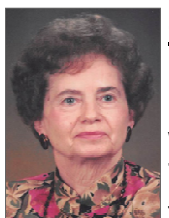


IN MEMORIUM

**Joyce Horle** – passed away on May 6, 2021 at home with family by her side. Joyce and her husband Reid, were members with us for over 25 years until they moved back to Wisconsin in 2018 to be closer to family. Please keep

Reid and his family in your prayers in their loss. Cards can be sent to: Reid Horle, Oak Ridge Place, 1700 So. Teut Rd. #1206, Burlington, WI 53105

**Mark Krysl** – passed away suddenly and unexpectedly in Las Vegas, NV on Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. Mark and his wife Linda were active members with us from 1999 through 2019. Please keep Linda and all of the family in your prayers as they grieve Mark's loss. Cards of sympathy can be mailed to Linda at: 24 Stonehaven Dr., BV 72715.



**Christa Uttecht** - passed away December 18, 2020 in Albion, NE. She met and married her husband, Ruben when he was in the service in Germany. They moved around to many locations, finally retiring to Bella Vista in 1990 where she became an active member of FUMCBV. Christa moved to Nebraska after Ruben passed away in 2011 to be closer to family. Rev. Jeanne officiated at a family graveside service for Christa here in Bella Vista on Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Laura Albright** – mother of Bridgit, a close family member in Renee van Dyke's family, passed away very suddenly and unexpectedly on Saturday, May 8. Rev. Renee travelled to Des Moines, IA to officiate the memorial service held on Friday, May 14. Please keep Bridgit, Neva, and all of Laura's family in your prayers as they mourn her passing.

**Blanche Hethcox** - aunt of Rachel Smith, passed away Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Please be in prayer for her family and Rachel as they mourn her passing.



**Nextgen Newscast**

Renee van Dyke, Nextgen Director

**\*ALL NEXTGEN ACTIVITIES WILL FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES SET FORTH BY THE FUMC-BV BOARD OF TRUSTEES\***

Masks are to be worn by all children age 2 and older while indoors; Masks may be removed for outdoor activities; ALL adults must mask when working with unvaccinated children.

**Sunday School** - In-classroom Sunday School resumes on June 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am! Zoom Sunday School will continue to be available at 8:00am.

Your Sunday School staff:

- Preschool: Ms. Destanee Collins
- K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade: Mrs. Judy Bilyeu
- 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade: Mrs. Jessica & Mr. Jon Mendoza
- 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade: Ms. Renee van Dyke

Zoom Sunday School: Ms. Renee van Dyke

Updated registration will be requested of all participants. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR ALL GRADE LEVELS!! All training & materials will be provided.**

**Youth Group**

All Youth, rising 7<sup>th</sup> grade – high school, are invited to attend Youth Group. Beginning on Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup> we will meet at 6:30 PM in the downstairs Youth Room. We are currently brainstorming activities and studies. Join us for fun & fellowship as we seek creative ways to be the face of God in our community. **ADULT VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!** What's the difference between Youth Sunday School and Youth Group, you might ask. Simply put, Sunday School is a more structured learning time with a Bible lesson and discussion. Youth Group is more of a Christ-centered fellowship time. We do things like book studies, FUN! Fundraisers, help with worship, mission projects, attend youth events and concerts. Please join us and check it out!

Our Youth and Adult OMP Campers wish to thank you for your support. We would also like to thank Thrivent Financial for a \$250 Thrivent Action Grant to cover our meal expenses.

**NextGen Prayer Requests**

- Sunday School and VBS volunteers, as well as those who might consider volunteering
- Sunday School and VBS participants
- Youth and Adult Campers participating in Ozark Mission Project June 20-24~Hope Markley, Julia Forst, Alec Gilmore, Andrew Smith, Renee van Dyke

**Ms. Renee will be out of the office from July 2-10.**

Blessings, *Ms. Renee*

**VBS information is on the FRONT & BACK PAGES**



## COMMUNITY LIFE

**LAY LEADER'S MESSAGE**

Dave Broers, Lay Leader

Sit a moment and reflect on the question that pastor Brenda asks each Congregational Care Minister each month. The question is not; Are you happy? Are you ok? Are you well? Are you stress free? It's, "Is it well with your soul?" (She will ask us the other ones as well.) Are you at peace with God? Are you at peace with yourself, or with your family, coworkers or neighbors?

If not, what do you need to change in your life? If you look at your key ring, do you own all that is represented there or does it own you? Questions like this bring me back to priorities! How are you doing with your checkbook? What does your calendar look like? When are you taking time to listen to God? And just be with God? Are you able to stop or slow down all the doing? Are you able to just be you? Do you like being alone with you?

It is a good time of to ask yourself a few questions in the quiet of your prayer time. In Mathew 21:37-40, Jesus is asked what the greatest commandment is in the Law. He states: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is: "Love your neighbor as yourself." All the laws and prophets hang on these two commandments.

If we work on nothing else this year, this would be a good place to rest, study and pray. I know I'm asking a lot of questions, but we must slow down enough to not only ask them, but to truly answer them. Sometimes I gloss over them because I might not want to hear the answer. Sometimes I want to be satisfied with my answer, and not God's answer. Am I really loving him with all my heart, all my soul and with all of my mind? If I was, what would be different in my life? Each of us must answer it for ourselves. So my prayer for you, all of you, is to take time. Sit with your Lord and Savior. Love Him. Truly Love HIM. And then ask yourself, "Is it well with your soul?"

Peace and blessings. . . *Dave*

Artie Lawless,  
UMM President

Care for each other!



Hello Methodist Men!

Hard to believe it's June already. 2021 is flying by.

Almost half the year has passed. In June we celebrate Father's Day. Praise and blessings to those who are Dads, Granddads, Stepdads, and those who take children under their wing like a dad.

There are many historical references to fathers in our past. Such as, the visionary men who guided us at the very beginning of our country. Men like Washington, Jefferson, and Adams. We refer to them as the "Founding Fathers".

The Bible talks about Dads in many verses. One I like is Proverbs 17:6. Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers. Simply put, as you brag about your "grandkids", so your "kids" should brag about you. Another powerful reference to a Dad is the lead words into a prayer we say every Sunday: "Our Father" who art in Heaven hallowed be thy name...

Catholics refer to the Pope as the "Holy Father" of the church. We also celebrate a very special birthday on the 28<sup>th</sup> of this Month, the Birth of John Wesley, the Father of the Independent Methodist movement that continues to this day.

So, what does God expect of Fathers? Here's a few...Fathers lead families, Fathers protect, Fathers are examples, Fathers are guides, Fathers give stability, Fathers are loving, Fathers take pride in their children, and finally Fathers reflect Gods Love.

It's a big job that's not always easy. When it gets tough close your eyes, look to heaven and say, "I need your guidance, Father ... like a good dad, He'll hear you and reply ... Just listen quietly.

Many Blessings. . . *Artie*

**Bedtime Books and Blessings**

Join Ms. Renee and her dog, Angel, on Facebook at **FUMC Bella Vista Families & Children** Sunday evenings at 6:00 PM for storytime!

Put on your jammies, grab your favorite stuffed animal and meet her on Facebook as she does a live reading from a wonderful book each week. We hope you'll join us!



## 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
- 20 Andrew & Rachel Smith
- 22 Rick & Rose Taylor
- 23 Noah & Pamela Pittman
- 24 Robert & Candi Stickney
- 24 Kenneth & Ashdon Wilson
- 27 Jim & Sue Prather

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Rick Taylor
- 2 Doug Adamson
- 2 Dennis Cox
- 2 Suzanne Shoemaker

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS (CONT'D)

- 3 Bill Danenhauer
- 3 Hal Shope
- 3 Carol Tomlinson
- 6 Marilyn Adamson
- 6 Dixie Young
- 8 Marcia Bohn
- 9 Judy Bilyeu
- 9 Zach Mendoza
- 10 Juanita Clark
- 11 Jerre Barron
- 11 Laura Duncan O'Malley
- 12 Angie Rader
- 12 Miriam Stocks
- 14 Pat Cooper
- 14 Shirley Hofmann
- 15 Judy Duncan
- 15 Janice Vogel
- 16 Jim Belcoff
- 16 Joey Smith
- 18 Jeanne Williams
- 19 Kandi Mount
- 20 Bruce Fleming
- 23 Melinda Murphy
- 28 Jim Rowland
- 29 Steve Sandusky

If your anniversary or birthday is in June and you are not listed here, please call the Office and leave a message, so we can add you to the list for next year.

## OUTREACH ~ Scouting



Our Chloe Light passed her Eagle Board of Review 5-20-2021. Now she is among the top 4% earning Scouting BSA's highest honor! Second Female to earn Eagle Scout Rank in Cornerstone District within time limit of 2 years and during covid19. "Thanks" goes to many including her big brother and Eagle Mentor, Caleb Light. Her project included building and installing the Little Library on the property of FUMCBV for all to enjoy.

Chloe is the first Eagle Scout from Troop 3410G Bella Vista, Arkansas—with thanks to Scoutmaster Malinda Cobb Pitts.

*Katherine Auld*, Committee Chair







**GENEROSITY**

**MISSIONS**

**Stewardship Corner**

**Summary of a Good Steward**

David L. Heetland, in his book *Creating Generous Congregations*, said, “The steward is not someone intent on preserving his or her own life. Rather, the steward is one who invests oneself in things beyond self—in the causes of Christ—and who in the process discovers life at its deepest richest level.”

The proper attitude in giving will help us establish a healthy lifestyle of giving. We should not give to God just because we fear that He will punish us or just because it is a good thing to do or fulfill the law. Giving to God and His church is not a donation or a contribution to charity. Giving to God reflects our love, loyalty, faithfulness, and commitment in action. The ultimate attitude of giving should come from the overflowing love and gratitude, and thanksgiving to our Lord.

“O Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own. I know, My God, that you search the heart and take pleasure in uprightness; in the uprightness of my heart, I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to you.” 1 Chronicle 29:16-17

*Ken Swanson*, Finance Committee Chair



**Please don't forget about our ongoing mission project !  
SNACK PACKS for BACK PACKS...**

is our on-going commitment to provide 20 snack packs per week for students of Cooper

Elementary who are in need of food for the week-end. We need your help!

**Bring your quarters !  
Write a check ! Feed a Child !**



**OUR AUTO ANGEL MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!**

If you are able and willing, please consider becoming an Auto Angel. There are many in our church family who do not drive, or may be temporarily unable to drive. There are very few times during the year that you would be called upon, but our current Angel list is becoming short. For more information, please contact Pastor Brenda at 855-1158 or [brenda@fumcbellavista.com](mailto:brenda@fumcbellavista.com).

After their monthly circle meeting on May 17th, **Martha Circle** packed 80 Sunshine Hygiene Bags for Cooper School students for our Shoebox Ministries program.

**June 2021 Newsletter ~ April 2021 Financial Data**

		2021 Actual	2021 Budget
Month of April Contributions	*Income	\$30,058.33	\$36,709.76
Month of April	Expenses	\$40,994.10	\$47,059.66
	Difference	<b>(\$10,935.77)</b>	<b>(\$10,349.90)</b>
Year to Date (as of 4/30/21)	*Income	\$133,714.32	\$146,839.36
Year to Date (as of 4/30/21)	Expenses	\$169,617.24	\$188,238.64
	Difference	<b>(\$35,902.92)</b>	<b>(\$41,399.28)</b>

\* Income does not include Missions or Endowment Interest

*Amy Gilmore*, Church Administrator



**FAITH FORMATION**

**WORSHIP**



***Amy's Anecdotes***  
Amy Gilmore, Church Administrator

**Women's Bible Study Group** – Lysa Terkeurst's study *Forgiving What You Can't Forget* "Have you ever felt stuck in a cycle of unresolved pain, playing offenses over and over in your mind? You can't go on like this, but you don't know what to do next? Lysa has discovered how to let go of bound up resentment and overcome the resistance to forgiving people who aren't willing to make things right." This six week study will take place via Zoom starting on June 6 at 7:00 pm. If you are interested, please let Amy Gilmore know at [amy@fumcbellavista.com](mailto:amy@fumcbellavista.com) or 479-855-1158.

**A study for anyone and everyone** – *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* "The cross and the lynching tree are the two most emotionally charged symbols in the history of the African American community. James H. Cone explores these symbols and interconnection in the history and souls of black folk. They both represent the worst in human beings and at the same time a thirst for life that refused to let the worst determine our final meaning." This six week study will take place in a hybrid setting – both zoom and in person – starting June 3 at 1:00pm. Liz Emis will be leading it. (See her bio info below). If you are interested, please contact Amy at [amy@fumcbellavista.com](mailto:amy@fumcbellavista.com) or 479-855-1158.

Liz Emis has worshiped in the Methodist tradition since 2011, officially joined the Methodist church in 2017, and has attended First United Methodist Church Downtown Bentonville since 2019. She experiences the Divine both within her, in the relationships she cultivates, and in experiencing ways to foster new relationships between other people. She facilitates children's ministry classes for kids ages 0-9, experiencing children as uniquely crafted humans with voices, insights, and spiritual connections containing all they need to thrive. Her role, she says, is to encourage that divine recognition and ensure as few veils as possible are placed between the child and their evolving relationship with God. She sits on her church's mission committee, establishing *HomeGrown*, a food-related relationship program between FUMC and Havenwood Women's Center to promote cross-experiential relationship and connection between both locations' people, child and adult. Most recently, the women and children of Havenwood planted a fruit and vegetable garden on site with the help of their new friends at FUMC. She holds a BA in Print Journalism and Government and Politics from the University of Maryland, College Park, and has begun the process of discernment toward studying to become a Deacon focused on children's ministry. She facilitates an adult faith study group



**From the Organ Console**  
Broc Hite, Organist/Pianist

June is a new beginning at First UMC as Contemporary Worship moves back to Sunday morning for the first time in 15 months. The band has a new sound under the leadership of David Williams, with me on the piano for close to a year. Playing piano in this style is different since we work from either lead sheets or chord charts versus fully-notated scores.

For those of you who enjoyed the Spanish piano music in my Piano Postludes in May, you will hear the continuation of the Granados Spanish Dances in August. As some of you know, I teach piano in Rogers. My spring studio recital was held a couple of weeks ago in Becker Hall. Among the performers were three students who advanced to the finals of the annual festival of the Arkansas State Music Teachers Association. It was great to hear the Mason and Hamlin piano from the audience for a change.

The summer months usually bring lighter organ music, but I'm going in the opposite direction this year. Everything organ-related has been shortened to accommodate shorter online services. That includes hymns, preludes, and postludes. This year, the Casavant is 50 years old, which includes its first installation in a Lutheran Church in Kansas City, Kansas. There are plans for programs to celebrate in the fall when we are hopefully past most Covid restrictions.

Plans are already being made for the Fourth of July, which lands on Sunday this year. The outdoor celebration following the service will be some festive music provided by several friends and me. If you're in town, I hope you'll help us celebrate.

Please join me online!  
On the Web: <https://brochite.com>  
On Facebook and Instagram: @BrocKeysPedals

*Broc*

**Worship Services for the Month of June:**

- June 6** – Last Sunday for *From God's Story to Our Story* series. We will celebrate Holy Communion
- June 13** – Rev. Brenda is preaching
- June 20** – United Methodist Women Sunday and Father's Day
- June 27** – We begin a new series based on *The Three Simple Rules* by Ruben Job.



## COMMUNITY LIFE

### What's the (Hi)Story?

Jill Hale, FUMC Historian

I was thrilled to hear from a couple of people with memories about the beautiful DOVE stained-glass window in the sanctuary. Thank you so much!

The first memory was from Barbara Brooks. She said the installers thought it was an angel. They put the window in upside down. It had to be removed and reinstalled. Look at the dove and think of it turned the other way. You'll see the angel.



Merle Lantz emailed me with the following lovely story: Ivan thought it might be of interest to some to learn what happened on the installation. Ivan was the general contractor on building of the sanctuary, but everyone was interested in seeing the arrival of the window. With a lot of anticipation. But lo and behold, it wouldn't fit unless the dove flew sideways, so back to the maker. The second shipment came and guess what? It didn't survive the shipment. It came in about 1001 pieces (just a guess, ha). So, third time's a charm, as they say.



For July, we will move into the Chapel/Parlor and take a look at the stained-glass window over the altar there. Please send me any memories you have about the installation of that window. I would also welcome any additional information about the dove window in the sanctuary or about the Becker Hall cross. My contact information is [rjhale68@cox.net](mailto:rjhale68@cox.net) or 479-344-6074.



*Jill*

**Young at Heart Shepherd Group** met at Papa Mike's for a 8:30 Breakfast on May 8th, with 10 members enjoying a time of visiting, being together, and laughing. Our June 12th get-together will be same time, same place.



May has been one interesting month with all the rain - it makes me wonder what our summer will be like? When I look at all the beautiful flowers blooming and the trees so green, I thank GOD for all the rain that has given us such beautiful landscapes to enjoy - rain or shine. We can always find a blessing in each day that the Lord has made for us. Every day I am grateful to be alive and healed from my injuries to enjoy another day.

*Darleen*

Here is a schedule for UMW gatherings in June:

- **June 2nd @ 9:30 am** - Chapel - Board Meeting
- **June 8th @ 12:30** - **Sarah Circle** will meet at Tanyard Creek Pavilion for a picnic—bring your own picnic lunch & beverage—dessert will be served.
- **June 15th @ 11:00** - **Naomi Circle** will meet at the Highland Parkway Clubhouse for a salad lunch. Bring your own place setting and drink. You will receive phone calls and an email for further info.
- **June 17th @ 6:00 pm** - **Evening Circle** will gather at the church for Bring Your Own Brown Bag supper and beverage. Not sure about location, depends on the weather, will be announced closer to date.
- **June 28th @ 10:00am** - **Martha Circle** will meet to carpool to the Wooden Spoon for lunch.
- **June 20th - UMW Sunday** - Both services, more information to follow. We will need volunteers, so please let your Circle Leader know if you will be able to help in any area. We will need Greeters, Ushers, Readers, etc.
- **June 23rd @ 1:00 pm** Unit Meeting is in Becker Hall. NO food will be served.

Joanne Connors will present an INTERESTING PROGRAM on her 36 years of experience serving with *Mercy Ships*. Currently, *Mercy Ships* serves nations in West Africa, providing lifesaving surgery to the suffering and poor. Joanne will tell us about their work and her time spent in this great Christian mission. Quoting Desmond Tutu, "They work miracles in the medical field alleviating suffering and bringing hope... Their volunteers exemplify love and compassion."

We encourage ALL women to attend by making reservations by June 20 with your circle or by calling 563-505-6975. Childcare will be provided with prior notification.

As usual, there will be no Circle meetings or Board meetings during the months of July and August.

COMMUNITY LIFE



Book Hook



THANK YOU

Please look around your home for any FUMCBV Library books you may have checked out. We have many that were checked out as long as two years ago. If you are through reading, please return them to the Library or the tub under the Portico, so that others may check them out to enjoy .

**Attention all UMW Reading Program participants:** August 11th is the last day I can accept the information as to what program you completed (I, II, III, or IV). You can leave this information in the shoebox in the church library, email me [jdvbellavista@yahoo.com](mailto:jdvbellavista@yahoo.com) or call me at 479-876-1676. Thank you. *Diane Verville*

**THANK YOU, Phoebe Bader,** for the magnificent job you have done over many years in coordinating the monthly mailing of the *Good News* newsletter! Our Members just expect the newsletter to appear in their mailbox at the end of every month, without realizing how much time and effort it takes for a crew to copy, fold, seal, label, sort, and bulk mail copies for everyone. It is a Labor of Love for which Phoebe has been ever faithful in fulfilling, always with a smile and a willingness to serve. But she now feels it is time to give someone else a chance. Our church is blessed to have volunteers such as Phoebe to fill in gaps when & where needed. Please contact Jan in the office if you would be able to help with this one-morning-a-month project. Happy retirement, Phoebe!! Bless You!



**DISCIPLE**

REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE

After 31 weeks of zoom study, the 2000/2021 class of Disciple III met for their final class in person in the Parlor on April 26th. Those completing the study were: Dave Broers, Pat Fox, Jill Hale, Judy Kaufmann, and Jan Walton. The class was facilitated by Sandy Fitch, and there are plans to begin a Disciple IV class in the fall.

**Best Choice.**



Did you know that UMW can support local charities with money earned from saving **BEST CHOICE** bar code labels ?

This past year has made it difficult to gather labels from UMW members because of few in-person meetings. This is such an easy way to participate in mission giving so we're asking EVERYONE to help out.

Please consider choosing *Best Choice* products, clipping off the bar codes, and either hold on to them until things open up, or if you visit the church now and then, drop them in the **RED BOX** located on a shelf in the Library.

My family and I would like to Thank all of our friends at FUMCBV for the cards, prayers, prayer shawl and calls during Charles' illness and passing. All of you have been a God-send to us. Thanks to Rev. Jeanne and Pastor Brenda for a beautiful service at the Bella Vista Funeral Home. We are thankful for all of you ~ you lifted us up in this difficult time. God bless. . .

*Florence Hill and Family*







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***To the Home of ...***



**WILL YOU PLEASE TAKE ME HOME?**

Approximately 35 children will attend our VBS this year, with an estimated cost of \$875. (\$25 per child)

**As a Church,** we can help to make this an amazing memory for our children!

Please stop by our table in the Narthex or Becker Hall and pick out your favorite paper doll to sponsor a child.

Each one has been carefully decorated by a child in our church.

Place your donation (*any amount helps*) in the Castle box on the table.

Then, take me home, place me in a highly visible place and continue to pray for me!



**Sunday, June 27 ~ Thursday, July 1**

**Please read Ms. Renee's article on the front page all about how you can support VBS this year. We need your help!**