



# The Good News

March, 2010



Time Change

Remember to  
Spring  
Forward!  
Sunday  
March 14

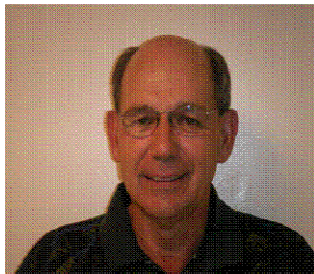
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### Al Yanik to resign

Sad, yes, but true—Al Yanik who has been on the church staff as treasurer for the past nine years, will retire from this part-time job effective March 15.

He will be sorely missed, not just because he is a great guy, but because he has kept us in line, financially, for the past nine years. He asks the



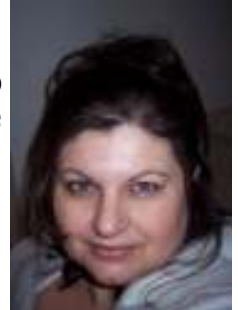
questions no one wants to hear; he finds the holes in our best laid plans, usually before we get in trouble.

After surviving a recent heart surgery, it is no wonder he will re-evaluate just how he spends his time. There is no doubt that he will get back on the golf course as soon as his doctors ok it.

The SPRC is seeking a replacement for Yanik's position. Interested candidates should fax or e-mail the church office.

### Brenda Jorgensen leaves for different job

Brenda, you know, the shy one who doesn't have much to say...that is, until she was hired as the Church Secretary last June. Then we all found out what a witty, wonderful person she is.



In the short time she has been in her position, she has organized the office, gotten to know many people in the church and gotten us used to her high level of computer expertise.

Brenda had a great opportunity to take a job with Benchmark, doing work more similar to what she had been used to, but most important, she will get full benefits, including medical in her new job. Brenda's last day is March 5.

SPRC is seeking a replacement. Interested candidates should fax or e-mail the church office.

### Lent is...

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or volunteering and giving of themselves for others. The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan. Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter" celebration of Jesus' victory over sin and death.

Lent is a time to search out the blocks in our lives -- the habits, thoughts or

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## CHILDREN

In February the children (even those in the nursery) sent Valentines Day cards to the soldiers in Iraq as a service project. This was so much fun. It gave the children time to be together, learn from each other, and to talk about love. The unit that received them really appreciated what we did.

*Here comes Peter Cotton Tail hoppin' down the bunny trail...*

We will be having an egg hunt on Easter Sunday. The hunt will be starting at 9:00 a.m. right after the first service and will be done by 9:30. Parents please bring your cameras so you can take pictures. The Easter bunny will also be in attendance that day and the children will be able to get their pictures taken with the Bunny after the hunt.

For the Easter Egg hunt we could use some small items to put into the eggs; candy, small toys, stickers, or anything else you think would be able to fit in an egg.

Thank you for your continued support of this growing ministry. What we do is so important and the help that you all provide make it possible!

Miss Carrie



Chloe Jorgensen helped paint the lower level walls during one of the painting days held recently.

## CROSSWORD

### *Service/Mission News*

In February, the youth collected soup cans for the Souper Bowl of Caring project on Super Bowl Sunday February 7. A total of 25 canned goods and \$406.61 was collected. They donated that money to the following charities to help fight hunger: \$100 to Helping Hands in Bentonville along with the canned goods, \$100 to NWA Children's Shelter, \$100 to Youth Bridge teen shelter and \$106.61 to the Haiti Relief Fund through our church. They also worked and helped out at the UMW Valentine's Dinner on Feb 12.

In March, CrossWord youth group will be hosting a St. Patrick's Day Dinner to be held in Becker Hall on Wed. March 17. Dinner will be served starting at 5:00 p.m. and ending at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person or \$12 per family. The youth will be using the proceeds from the dinner to help with the costs to attend Young Christians Weekend in Branson in late March. They will be selling tickets on Sundays, March 7 and 14, and at WOW Wednesdays, March 3 and 7. For more info, please call or email me Danette Baker 925-8210 or [fumcbvcrossword@cox.net](mailto:fumcbvcrossword@cox.net)

### *Fellowship and Faith News*

Several members of the youth group attended Leadership Rocks, a youth conference tour in Rogers at The Church at Pinnacle Hills in February. The kids attended the Friday night portion and went back again for all day Saturday. This was a very exciting time for them and for me—to be worshipping God with HUNDREDS of teens from NWA.

We have just finished up our study on the book of James in Sunday School. We will begin our SHAPE class for the youth during Sunday school starting on February 21 and continuing beyond Holy Week. On Wednesday nights in CrossWord, we have been working through our curriculum follow-up from To Save a Life movie.

Hope you all have a blessed month!

Danette



## CHURCH TO LAUNCH NEW WEB PAGE MARCH 1

"Our mission is to equip generations to become spiritually maturing Christians."



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**Sunday Schedule**  
Traditional Worship: 8:00am & 10:45am  
Contemporary Worship: 9:30am [MORE](#)

[HOME](#) [ABOUT US](#) [NEWSLETTER](#) [NEWS & EVENTS](#) [MEDIA](#) [CARE & HELP](#) [CONTACT US](#)

### WOW Wednesdays! 10 Weeks of Wednesdays

Learn and grow as Christians while enjoying supper, fellowship, and a variety of classes!

January 20th thru March 24th

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)



March 1 is the launch date of the new and improved official website for FUMCBV. The new website will be available at the same URL we're all used to, [www.LeadLearnLove.com](http://www.LeadLearnLove.com), and will completely replace the old one. The view above shows the home page, that will have movement and a more user friendly layout to get around. Other features of our new website include:

- Improved organization of information
- No more outside ads interfering with our own news.
- Eliminated the monthly leasing fee of our previous website.

- The new website is more economical to maintain.
- Information will be updated regularly.
- Confidential messages can be sent to the church on matters such as Counseling, Visitation, Prayer Needs, Employment, etc.
- Church closings for weather or other conditions will be posted on the web page first.

Troy Jorgensen designed the new webpage and will maintain it for us. The church office is anxious to get your feedback and/or suggestions. We will pass ideas on to Troy. We are anxious to get your feedback and suggestions.



## Lent Is... cont'd from front cover

patterns that weigh us down and deaden our hearts. In that sense, Lent is a heavy season. But it is also a time to choose one of those deadening blocks and to clear it gently away, allowing natural love to flow back and forth again between ourselves and God. Lent is an invitation to self-examination, not as an end in itself, but as a means to a fuller life.

This Lenten season, we are focusing on bringing ourselves closer to God by knowing ourselves more completely through a church-wide Lenten Study called "S.H.A.P.E." We will explore the unique gifts given to each us by God: Our Spiritual Gifts; our Hearth; our Abilities; our Personalities and our Experiences. This is a small group study and there is a time of day and day of the week that should fit nearly every schedule. If you haven't yet signed up for a class, it's not too late. Stop by the church office and do it today.

On Wednesday mornings we will gather in Becker Hall at 7:30 a.m. for a light breakfast and fellowship. Following breakfast, we will have a short devotional with prayer, hymn singing and a message. Pastor Sara will teach her session of S.H.A.P.E. following the service. All activities will take place in Becker Hall.

As we prepare ourselves for the joyous time of Easter, remember to offer the opportunity to know God to your friends, neighbors, family members and strangers. Give them the gift that keeps on giving — the saving grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

NON-FICTION

## BOOK NOOK

2009 DAILY GUIDEPOSTS (362) (Donation)  
A spirit-lifting devotional

SAME KIND OF DIFFERENT AS ME (362) by Ron Hall (Donation)  
A modern-day slave, an international art dealer and the unlikely woman who bound them together.

KATHRYN KUHLMAN: HER SPIRITUAL LEGACY AND IT'S IMPACT ON MY LIFE by Benny Hinn (220) (Donation)  
This book tells how Benny Hinn's life was impacted by Kathryn Kuhlman's legacy.

THE FAITH OF THE AMERICAN SOLDIER by Stephen Mansfield (220) (Donation)  
What goes through the mind of an American warrior, spiritually and religiously, when facing the enemy?

THERE'S A HOLE IN YOUR SOUL THAT ONLY GOD CAN FILL by James Moore (248.4) (Donation)  
How is it that we can have everything in the world and still feel that we have nothing at all? God never meant life to be boring. Christ came to show us how to live life to the fullest.

CHARTING THE END TIMES by Tim LaHaye (236.9) (Donation)  
A visual guide to understanding Bible prophecy.

JEWS, GENTILES AND THE CHURCH by David Larsen (231.7) (Donation)  
The story of humanity for Jews and Gentiles is a twicetold tale. There is one plot and God wrote it.

GIVE ME A 'J' by Arthur Blessitt (220) (Donation)  
Blessitt shares what he has learned after nearly six decades of sharing Christ with people of different backgrounds.

SOME FOLKS FEEL THE RAIN, OTHERS JUST GET WET by James Moore (248.4) (Donation)  
Some folks are aware of what's going on around them. But many people today don't celebrate; they just cope. Moore shows us how our time on earth is a gracious gift from God.



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



### *UMW Luncheon*

The United Methodist Women will hold their luncheon on Wednesday, March 24. The program will be presented by Donna Roche who will be talking about the "Quilts of Valor" program. You will not want to miss this worthwhile, timely and much needed endeavor which Donna has started in Northwest Arkansas. Also, Highlands United Methodist Women will be joining us for this luncheon.

The menu will be chicken and rice soup, salad, and cake. Price for the lunch is \$7.00. Reservations need to be turned in to Lynn Prueitt (876-5753) by Friday, March 19. Payment for the luncheon and name tags will be available in the Narthex beginning at 11:00 a.m. There will be quiet time and devotions in the sanctuary at 11:45 a.m. prior to the luncheon at 12:00 noon.

Circle chairs are reminded to send a list of people who will attend the luncheon to Elaine Detlefsen by Friday, March 19, either by e-mail (be2detlefsen@cox.net) or by leaving the list in the UMW box in the office.

**MARK YOUR CALENDER;**  
**RUMMAGE SALE DATE: AUGUST 7, 2010**  
**BAZAAR: OCTOBER 2, 2010**

A meeting is planned for the Rummage Sale and Bazaar for 2010 on March 10 at 9:30 a.m. in Becker Hall. If you have chaired a committee in the past or are willing to help this year in anyway, please come and give us your ideas and suggestions. We will be starting our usual workshops after this meeting. We have combined this meeting to save having you come to another meeting.

Thanks, Pat Jenkins and Verna Bottjen

### ADDITIONS TO THE UMW READING PROGRAM:

**STONES INTO SCHOOLS** by Greg Mortenson (371.8) (Donation) (Cat. I)

This book picks up where "Three Cups of Tea" left off. It traces the Central Asia Institute's efforts to work in a whole new country, the secluded Northeast corner of Afghanistan.

**PLAY WITH ME** by Sally Miller (248.4) (Cat. II)  
 Longtime friends discover that hanging out in the park, building snowmen and dealing with dirty diapers and ear infections can connect women to God and each other in deeply spiritual ways.

**A LIFE-SHAPING PRAYER** by Paul Wesley Chilcote (242) (Cat. III)

52 meditations in the Wesleyan Spirit.

**MY TUMMY TALKED IN CHURCH TODAY** by Christy Colby Heno (242) (Cat. III)

This collection of poems, Scriptures, reflections and prayers will bring joy and understanding to children and adults.

### Church Women United World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer, sponsored by Church Women United, will be celebrated at Bella Vista Community Church, 75 East Lancashire Blvd. in Bella Vista on Friday, March 5, 2010. Dessert will be served at 12:30, followed at 1:00 p.m. by the program. This is an ecumenical movement of women of many faith traditions and many nations who come together to observe a common day of prayer. All women in the community are invited to attend.

The theme for the day is "Let everything that has breath praise God". The program was written by the women of Cameroon, Africa. They invite us to the country described as "Africa in Miniature" because of its many plants and animals unique to the African Continent.

Please bring non-perishable food items for the Bella Vista Oasis Food Pantry.



## VALENTINE DINNER

The United Methodist Women held a very special Dinner on February 12 in Becker Hall. Twenty members used their own china, silverware and imaginations to set a table for the dinner. Some tables presented simple taste and others went all out, but all expressed the personalities of their hosts.

Pat Jenkins and Jan Lowe, along with a wonderful kitchen crew, prepared a delicious meal which was served by each hostess. Over 1000 appetizers, and 250 handmade rolls helped to make the evening special. Members of the church CrossWords Youth group assisted in serving and making sure that supplies were on hand for each table.

Musical entertainment was provided by The Good Guys, a musical trio made up of our own Cliff Jenkins, Mark Anderson and Larry McDaniels. Connie McDaniels, Larry's wife, also offered a song of her own composition. Even Minnie Pearl (wonderfully portrayed by Katie Anderson) joined us to lighten up the evening and tell us how to get a man!

A total of 160 tickets were sold for this event. Funds generated will go toward local mission support.







## MISSIONS

### Pak-A-Sak

Our collection of food in March will be delivered to the Salvation Army in Bentonville. This is a homeless shelter for men, women, and children. They are in need of all types of food especially canned fruits, cereal, juices, and coffee. Just a reminder to check the expiration dates on any items you donate. We cannot deliver items that are past their "use by" date. Your generosity is appreciated by the agency's we serve in our area.



### Mission of the Month

Habitat for Humanity of Benton County, Inc. is a non-denominational Christian housing ministry with the objective of eliminating poverty housing from within Benton County and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience as well as action. In addition to building houses, Habitat for Humanity helps to build relationships with families and the community that result in a sense of belonging to the community for the new homeowner.

We currently have three homes scheduled for 2010. One for March in Bentonville, June in Centerton and September in Rogers at the Trails. As sponsors become available we will schedule more homes to be built.

### Angel Food

The Angel Food Ministry of First United Methodist Church and its partner churches, Highlands Christian, Heritage Baptist and Community Church are slowly increasing participation each month. We encourage all members to consider trying a unit of Angel Food. There are a variety of packages for you to choose from at a reasonable cost. Menus are available for the following month on distribution days. Orders are also accepted online now as well as via phone.



The Church Angel program within the Angel Food Ministry is thriving. Fourteen families were assisted in December and January with special Church Angel Boxes that included a unit of Angel Food as well as some extras. We are always seeking names of those in need and anyone can nominate someone to be put on the Church Angel list. Donations for this ministry are kept anonymous if desired. You can purchase an entire unit or make a donation of any size. Food will be distributed to one on our list as funds are available. Over \$1300.00 of food was distributed to those in need during 2009. The need continues to grow and this ministry strives to help those who are identified as being in need.

March 15 at noon is the order deadline, with distribution the 20th. All are welcome to join us on distribution day to see how things operate or to volunteer in this ministry.

### Goat Bank

The goat bank will be in Becker Hall

the first Sunday in March. The goal is to fill the bank and buy six rabbits for a place in the world where the need is great. Please save those quarters and drop them in the goat bank. God blesses those who share with the less fortunate.







## RIO BRAVO MISSION TRIP

The generosity of so many of our church family is quite awesome. Your individual contributions have totaled in excess of \$1,000 for the VIM trip to Rio Bravo, Mexico. This is in addition to the contribution from the UMW Unit and the Golden Links Sunday School class. We hardly know how to thank you adequately. We do appreciate you so very much. Three families that were helped are now sleeping in a much better home than they had the first of February. We joined with a team from Oklahoma and completed a total of three casitas. The family that Janelle worked with was particularly in dire need. The mother and three sons were living in a burned out shell of their former home for a year. They had only three walls and a tarp that covered only a portion of the roof. While we were there, it was raining and quite cold. They moved in before it was totally finished, but picked a cold rainy night to sleep under a roof for the first time in a long while.

We were able to attend a church service Sunday evening. After the sermon, our group was invited to the alter rail to kneel. The entire congregation came forward, laid hands on our shoulders and offered blessings for us. It was very moving. I only wish that I knew what they said. Janelle understands Spanish much better than I do.

Sunday a luncheon was held for the scholarship students and their families. The students were from elementary age through college. Mayra, the medical student that the Northwest District UMW team has sponsored (\$200.00 per month) since high school, was there. She has one more year in medical school and a year of internship. The team will continue to sponsor her until she is finished. She comes from a very poor family and would never have been able to go this far without help. She brought her grades (all A's and B's) to share with us. Her words of appreciation were very emotional for her, her family and for us. Besides Mayra, there were four other girls in college on scholarship. There were about 40 who receiving scholarships. The scholarships other than Mayra's are coordinated by the Jasper, AR church.

We had vacation bible school for two days. The entire trip was very rewarding and as last year we received many more blessings than we gave. The pastor from the church where we attended the service came with us to dedicate the houses and to bless the homes, as well as the house warming gifts. He is very supportive of the Hands Together Mexico Mission.

Thank you once again for helping us to make a difference.

*Janice Smith and Janelle Engle*

## FROM BROKENNESS TO BEAUTY

Have you ever wondered what to do with those broken pieces of favorite pottery, jewelry or watches? We have so many things in our lives that are broken but just can't stand to throw them away. Your church needs and wants them.

During Holy Week, Kim Williams will place, arrange, and grout these treasures onto a cross that will hang on the back wall of the stage of Becker Hall. Can you think of a more beautiful symbol of our brokenness being turned into beauty in our Lord Jesus Christ?

Jack Kolbe will be constructing the cross of oak wood that matches the wood throughout our church. Also, there will be a book for you to sign describing your piece/s and their meaning in your life.



## UNITED METHODIST MEN

We're going to have a "mystery" guest speaker for the March 10 Methodist Men's dinner. Our menu will be center cut pork chops, a vegetable, salad, desert and drinks. The dinner cost is \$8.00. Come join us for excellent food and great fellowship.

Our Spring Pancake Breakfast will be May 7, and tickets will be available. Be sure to let us know how many packages of tickets you need.

### United Methodist Men's Summer Golf

Although the weather at the present time is not conducive to golfing, summer is on the way and we need to organize the various leagues that are available to our Methodist men.



Going on the basis of weekly organization, the first league is an 18-hole league which plays each Monday beginning on April 5th. After many years of faithful service, Dan Chase has passed the "baton" to a new league manager – Alan Packard. So, for information regarding the Monday league; contact Alan (855-1168) or Ken Swanson (876-1126). Information sheets will be distributed to all players in mid March.

Next in order is a new 9-hole league which will play on Tuesdays beginning April 6th. This is really an attempt to re-activate the 9-hole league which has been active in the past, for those golfers that wish to participate but do not feel they can handle an 18-hole league. For information regarding this group, contact Alan Packard (855-1168) or Eldon Cox (855-7245). Information sheets for this league will also be distributed to all players in mid March.

Finally, is our 18-hole league which plays on Thursdays, this group will continue under the leadership of Ken Swanson. For information regarding this league, contact Ken (876-1126) or Alan Packard (855-1168). Information sheets will be distributed in mid March.

If you are interested in playing golf with any of these groups, be sure to contact one of the individuals listed. All of the leagues will be organized as a "week to week" commitment. There will be no set teams or the necessity to secure a substitute.



Closest to the Hole United Methodist Men Golf  
Sponsored by Papa Murphy's Take N' Bake Pizza

November - Gil Temple - 2, Alan Packard  
December - John Justice  
January - Verle Shoemaker



## THANK YOU

Thank you for all the cards, good wishes and prayers offered up for me during my recent by-pass surgery and recovery. I especially appreciate the prayer shawl, and the visits from the Pastors and church staff and friends. Your special concern helped carry me through. Bless you -

*Al Yanik*

### UMW WOMEN!

Thank you so much for all of the work to make our first "Table Setting Dinner" such a success. So many of you put in so much time, effort and plain hard work toward this dinner.

Thanks to all of you that were willing to pack up your treasures and bring them to the church and share them with the rest of us and then take them home dirty. What dedication! Every table was beautiful.

Special thanks, go to our food people who worked in the kitchen so many hours, especially Jan Lowe. The reception in the Chapel was a very nice surprise, Thanks to Rod and Arlene Alford who hosted.

The Band and Katy Anderson were a special treat. Thank you so much!

Honestly there are so many people to thank I am afraid I will leave someone out. It was so nice of the young people to come up and work with us. We really appreciate you! Please just know how much you are appreciated by me and all of your fellow Church Members.

*Pat Jenkins*

A big Thanks to Sandy Fitch, who manages to edit and put together the newsletter, in spite of all the things she has on her plate. She does a great job of continually giving us a real professional newsletter. She has a great attitude, is easy to work with, and a joy to have on our team.

*Jan Lowe and Brenda Jorgensen*

## FELLOWSHIP

- The Metfield Methodist Shepherd group will meet at 8:30 a.m. the Metfield Club on March 8. Please order from the menu when you first arrive.
- WOW Wednesday suppers happen every Wednesday night beginning at 5:15pm. Come and enjoy your neighbors company over a meal for only \$5. Then stay for a class or just stay awhile and visit.

## SANCTIFIED CLASSIFIEDS

**Wanted: "Pitch Hitter" Audio Operators.** Will be fully trained to operate audio equipment in the Sanctuary and Becker Hall. This is a *very* part time position, only needed for special services or activities. Time commitment is for day-time hours. If interested, please contact Sandy Fitch at 855-9960.

**8am Sunday Greeter Team Leader** needed immediately. All greeters have been assigned—just need to remind people, get replacements when needed, assign them areas to greet on Sunday morning, and provide instructions for those who are new to greeting.

**Lord, keep your arm  
around my shoulder  
& your hand over my mouth**



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

## **CrossWord Youth fundraiser**

### **St. Patrick's Day Dinner Wednesday, March 17**

Come anytime between  
5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. for dinner  
Cost \$5 per person or \$12 per family

*Tickets on sale Sunday mornings and  
Wednesday evenings.*

#### ***Menu***

***Jan's Irish Beef Stew***

***Colcannon***

*(mashed potatoes with bacon and cabbage)*

***Larry Zehring's Irish Soda Bread***

***Salad***

***Dessert***

*(proceeds will help our youth to fund a trip to Branson  
in March for "Young Christians Weekend")*

## **Lenten Sermon Topics**

Join us all through Lent as we strive to be closer to  
God by knowing ourselves through "S.H.A.P.E."

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| February 28 | "Unwrapping Your Spiritual Gifts"<br>1 Corinthians 12:4-6<br>Ephesians 2:10 |
| March 7     | "Following Your Heart"<br>Proverbs 27:19                                    |
| March 14    | "Using Your Abilities"<br>Romans 12:6<br>Hebrews 13:21                      |
| March 21    | "Purpose of Your Personality"<br>Mark 12:30                                 |
| March 28    | "Employing Your Experiences"<br>Romans 8:28<br>Deuteronomy 11:2             |