



The Good News

March, 2013



FAITH WALK with Brother Jaimie Alexander

“Don’t just come to church, Be the CHURCH” is a statement that I frequently say when we close a worship service and include at the end of emails. The statement is not unique to me. I first saw that statement on the back of someone’s t-shirt when I was in a cafe. It struck a chord in my heart. For months I have been saying it, but lately you have joined me in stating it when we close the services. It is exciting to hear the voices of the congregation echo, **“Be the CHURCH!”**. To be the church is more than a statement, it means revealing the love and ministry of Jesus Christ to people as well as being open to leadership of the Holy Spirit. God is faithful to provide each of us opportunities to be the CHURCH. We are God’s Church when we touch lives through the sharing of God’s word, mission outreach, and offer love in Jesus name to people in many different ways. At the February United Methodist Men’s Dinner (UMM), I marveled at all the ministries and organizations that touch lives that the men’s ministry is committed too. The UMM as well as the United Methodist Women, the Missions Committee, the Juvenile Detention Center Ministry, the Prayer Ministry, Shepherd Groups and many other ministries and groups in the church are dedicated to touching lives for Christ. Yet there is still so much more for us to do. Here are examples of ways you have been to church in the past month:

Through your gifts to the pastor’s discretionary fund and donations from caring people in the congregation, we were able to partner with another church in Fayetteville to help a family get back into their home after being evicted due to their lives being turned upside down because of illness. One of the persons in the family who has paid all the bills in the past is dying with cancer. The family was forced to live in their car.

Martha Circle, Hope Circle, Jan Lowe and a faithful group of volunteers have prepared lunches for the Lenten Luncheons in February. Naomi, Sarah, Evening, Marlene Clapp and team will prepare lunches for the March Lenten Lunches.

The Juvenile Detention Center Ministry made two Saturday visits this past month. They served, prepared and lunch to the youth and were able to bear witness to the love of Christ. Two young person’s came to faith in Christ during their visits.

Through your donations to February Mission of the Month we will give \$912.00 to The U of A Wesley Foundation.

The Metfield Methodist Shepherd Group sponsored a Ugly Towel Contest to raise support for the Bella Vista Animal Shelter. 80 Towels were entered into the contest and then the towels and pet supplies were donated to the animal shelter.

The Sarah Circle, Agape Shepherd Group, Faith 5 Shepherd Group, One Shepherd Group and a team of volunteers have prepared receptions and provided food for families who have experienced the death of loved ones.

Different people have helped at the church by taking out the trash, shoveling snow, building shelves, maintaining the building, cleaning the kitchen, washing dishes, moving tables, setting up chairs, and the list goes on!

The Special Needs Ministry hosted a Friday Night Love and Lent service for children with special needs that was well attended by persons within and outside the church.

You financially and prayerfully supported Pastor Lee Myane on a Weeklong Medical Mission Trip to Guatemala.

You spent many hours in prayer, praying for others.

We hosted a Pizza with the Pastor Lunch for new members and visitors. We have welcomed 18 persons into the church family during January and February.

These are just a few of the things you have done to “Be the Church” this month. As the church, you have done so many other things, yet there is more for us to do. We are very dependent upon the leadership of the Holy Spirit to guide, direct, and lead us. As we continue our Lenten Journey to the victory of Easter’s Empty Tomb, I invite you to join with me in being the church and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ in as many ways as you are called to as His disciple. We are in the Cast of Characters of the Easter Story that we will continue to focus on in our Lenten journey during March. **Don’t just come to church. BE the CHURCH!**

God is Faithful!

Bro. Jaimie



OFF AND RUNNING

with
Pastor Lee Myane



Having just arrived back from my mission trip to Guatemala, I would like to thank everyone in our church for the tremendous support that I received. I don't have all the numbers yet, but 34 individuals traveled together to Guatemala City, Guatemala on February 16th. We left the Ft. Smith Airport at 6AM and arrived at our final destination of that day, Chichicastenango, at 7PM. After our long day of travel that included a four hour bus ride, we ate dinner together and prepared our bags and supplies for the week. Rev. Claire Caldwell from FUMC Fort Smith remained in Chichicastenango with 16 members of our team. Her team consisted of a medical group and a construction group. During their time they treated patients and worked to improve the buildings at the medical clinic at Chichicastenango.

I led our second team about three hours north of the town of Cunan. Cunan is a much smaller town high in the mountains of Guatemala. Our team consisted of doctors, nurses, dentists, dental assistants and other support individuals. Our 18 members from Arkansas were joined by six Spanish translators. Upon our arrival in Cunan we were also joined by five Quiche translators. Quiche is one of many native Mayan dialects. We needed all the translators to communicate accurately with the people as we gathered medical and dental information in order to treat them. Each day our team of three doctors saw at least 100 people and the dental team often saw more than 50 people. By the end of the week, we had seen almost 800 patients. Many had never been to a doctor or dentist. All of our patients received vitamins and as much medicine as we could provide. Severe problems were treated when possible and then the patients were sent as free referrals to the clinic in Chichicastenango. Our United Methodist Volunteers In Mission (VIM) contributions help guarantee that people could receive the medical and dental attention they needed.

Each evening after a long day of working to serve the needs of the community our group gathered for our evening meal and a time of devotion and reflection. I started each evening with a short devotion and then helped our group share what they had experienced that day. We began each day with a word or concept that would direct our thoughts. Our words included: world, wonder, evil, live and vision. We answered questions that ranged from, "Why are you here?" to "How has this trip changed your understanding of the world?". Our translators also participated in our devotional and reflection time. They were often willing to share their gratitude for the work we were doing and pride in the ability to participate.

My role during our daily activities was mainly escorting people through our process. I worked with many of the local people and translators to make sure individuals and families had the appropriate paperwork to receive services. I also escorted the people to the doctors and dentists and our pharmacy area. When we had plenty of people waiting on the doctors and dentists I would play with the many children that were always present and would work with our different leaders to make sure they had everything they needed. As a facilitator, I was able to interact with all of our team and our VIM host each day.

Some time in the next couple of months our mission group here at FUMC Bella Vista will host a presentation time where I will give a more detailed description of my time in Guatemala. It will be extremely exciting to share my pictures and stories. The people of Guatemala that we served were extremely poor, but kind and gracious. I'm proud to have been able to serve them for even just a few days and I owe a debt of gratitude to our church for allowing me to serve and providing me the means to serve.

Each Sunday during our offering time I mention people who live on less than a dollar a day. In Guatemala I met these people and they are beautiful, kind and appreciative of all that we do.

Thank you for the opportunity and I pray some of you will have the same experience in the future.

Faithfully,

Pastor Lee



PASSOVER EVENT

HERITAGE CHURCH PARTNERS WITH ALMA MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY WIDE PASSOVER EVENT

"CELEBRATE MESSIAH IN THE PASSOVER"

FRIDAY, MARCH 29th

CHARLES DYER ARENA, ALMA HIGH SCHOOL

5:00 PM Jerusalem Market Opens

6:30 PM Formal Celebration Begins

The Alma Ministerial Alliance will join forces with Heritage United Methodist Church, Van Buren, to host a large scale event which will recall the final meal Jesus shared with the disciples before His crucifixion. The Passover meal, called a "Seder", includes symbolic foods used to help tell the story of the exodus of the children of Israel from Egypt. Following the Seder, guests will enjoy a fully catered meal of Jewish foods including Matzo Ball Soup and Roast Lamb and vegetables, traditionally served at Passover.

The evening will also include special music, dance, and a reenactment of Jesus at the Last Supper. Special guest artists for the evening will be Pete and Kay Williams who direct "Acts of Praise" in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. The Williams' have constructed a spectacular set of banners honoring the 12 Tribes of Israel. These banners have been displayed in the Great Synagogue of Jerusalem, and will be processed as a part of the evening's pageantry. Arrows International, a dance company based in Oklahoma City, and directed by Jeff and Natalie Lewis, will also appear. The Lewis's have traveled with their company to Israel, China, England, Puerto Rico and South America, using dance as a ministry outreach. They have also worked as choreographers alongside Chuck King, Minister of Worship Arts at Heritage, who for many years directed the music for the Feast of Tabernacles Celebration in Jerusalem.

The Heritage Children's Ministries will also open a "Jerusalem Market" beginning at 5 pm. Children will be able to visit stalls offering typical crafts and foods in an ancient middle-eastern market. Costumed "money changers" will provide shekels for them to spend in the stalls.

Tickets for "Messiah in the Passover" must be purchased in advance, and are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and children under 18. To purchase tickets, visit the Heritage Church website: www.heritagevb.org Heritage Church is located at 1604 Pointer Trail in Van Buren. Reverend Wes Hilliard serves as Lead Pastor.





UNITED METHODIST MEN AND WOMEN

Methodist Men SUMMER GOLF LEAGUES

Attention all (male) golfers! Summer is just around the corner and our golf leagues are always looking for more golfers!

Starting week of April 1 our three leagues begin play - two 18 hole leagues, Monday and Thursday; and one 9 hole league on Tuesdays. All three leagues are "play by the week" leagues. You are not required to commit the entire summer, or find a substitute if you have to miss a week. You tell us each week if you can play the next week and that's it. Score cards with handicaps are prepared for each week, so there is no need for the Captain to get handicaps and make out scorecards. Rosters are prepared each week and e-mailed to you before we play. All you have to do is show up and have a good time.



As stated earlier, the Monday and Thursday leagues play 18 holes, moving around the six courses in the city. A detailed schedule will be distributed to all players in March. You do not have to play both Monday and Thursday, the choice is yours. You can choose to play only Mondays or only Thursdays, or play in either of the 18 hole leagues and join the group on Tuesdays to get in a more relaxed 9 holes. We are extremely flexible in regard to helping you fit some fun and exercise into your schedule.

If any of this sounds interesting (or is too confusing), contact: Alan Packard 855-1168, Chet Campbell 876-5172, or Eldon Cox 268-5319 to get more information.

The **UMM MONTHLY DINNER** and meeting will be held Wednesday, March 13 at 6:30pm. The menu will be a Papa Mike sliced Brisket dinner with all the trimmings. The program will be presented by Glen Hogue on former member Irv Deihl. If you have don't make reservations through the phone tree and need to make, change, or cancel, please call Alan Packard.

UMW UNIT LUNCHEON

The Spring Luncheon of the UMW will be held Wednesday, March 27. This year we will be combining our Luncheon with the last Lenten Service at 11:45 in the sanctuary. The luncheon will immediately follow at 12:15 in Becker Hall. Vegetable Beef Soup, Dessert, and Drink will be served. Cost will be a donation (recommended amount of \$3.00) *Our* program after the luncheon will be presented by Rev. Martha Taylor who will speak on "**IMAGINE NO MALARIA**" **PROJECT. EVERYONE IN OUR CHURCH AND GUEST ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE LENTEN SERVICE, THEN JOIN US FOR LUNCH the last Wednesday before Easter.**

Bazaar News

Workshops are starting again every Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to about 2:00 p.m. Coffee and snacks are available and bring a sack lunch if you can stay the whole time. We try to have projects for all ranges of talent, but the best part is the fellowship. We also try to have kits available to take home to complete. Many supplies are available if you have something of your own you would like to make. We appreciate all the help we can get. It takes many hands for a successful Bazaar.

We have a committee of ladies organizing the making of projects for our sale on October 5th this year. They are: March = Betty Reynolds and Judy Bilyeu. April = Gladys Jutte and Bette Cummings. May = Gladys Jutte and Nita Wallace. June = Judy Bilyeu and Marlene Clapp. July = Betty Reynolds and Nita Wallace. August = Jan Kolbe and Marlene Clapp.

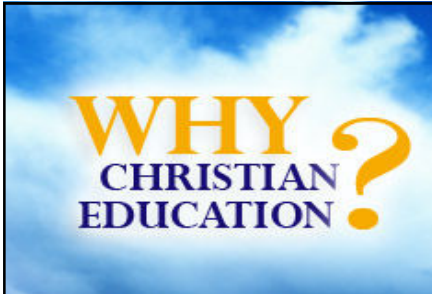
We're looking forward to getting back to work and enjoying many good times so we can help support many local charities.

Verna Bottjen and Mabel Ashline



ADULT EDUCATION

The "Why" of Christian Education



"The church must teach or die" is an old adage that reminds us that the Christian faith may always be only one generation away from extinction. In its ministry of education, the congregation is able to fulfill its ancient commission to teach persons in this generation the understandings, traditions, faith, and life-styles of the Christian community (see Matthew 28:19-20).

At the same time, the demands of the gospel are very personal. The message of the Christian gospel is for each person living here and now. Christian education is essential to the nurturing of persons in the knowledge and understanding of what it means to be a Christian in today's world. Church education has the unique responsibility of enabling Christians to know the faith they profess and to respond to that faith by living in a deliberate manner as God's people, as those who make decisions and act in the light of their belief.

Why Christian Education?

- Christian Education takes the Bible seriously.
- Christian Education that teaches a Christian worldview can make a positive difference.
- Christian Education provides a strong foundation in a world of shifting values and morals.
- Christian Education recognizes God's sovereignty, Christ's Kingship and God's claims over all of creation.
- Christian Education encourages critical thinking by having the courage to explore God's Word with other world views.
- Christian Education develops a firm foundation in God, His Word and His world preparing us to live daily a Christ centered life style.
- Christian Education identifies our unique, God given gifts and talents and challenges us to achieve their amazing potential.
- Christian Education enables us to become a whole person whose aim is to grow in Christ-likeness.

In a word, the purposes and the values of Christian Education come to focus on the Lord Jesus Christ "whom God made our wisdom" (1 Cor. 1:30). Christian Education is to "have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that [you] may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Colossians 2:2-3, NIV).

Rev. Albert Fisher
Adult Education Steward

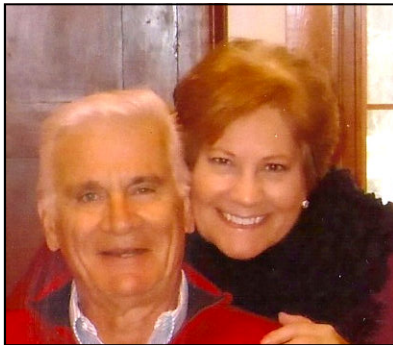


OUR FAMILY



Each month, this space will be used to tell you about the people who are part of our church family. If you know of a birthday, anniversary, graduation, hole in one, 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 Jan Lowe, Congregational Care Minister at jan@lovelearnlead.com, or call me at the church, 855-1158 or 531-0381.



Don and Lois McMahon became members of FUMCBV on February 3. They have lived in Bella Vista since August 2009, when

they moved here from Gainesville, GA.

Before moving here, Don was the Plant Manager at Pet Life Foods. Lois was in Corporate Banking for two banks in Gainesville.

Originally from Iowa, they have lived in Michigan, and Gainesville GA. They have two children and seven grandchildren. Their number one joy is spending time with their kids and grandkids, and friends. Don enjoys golf, fishing, and computers. Lois likes to read, listen to music, decorating, and entertaining friends. We are so glad to welcome them as friends in this family.

Terry & Linda Davis had been coming to our church for about six months before joining. Terry has been playing guitar in our Contemporary Service, The Well. Linda began playing in the Chancel Bell Choir. Once they became hooked musically, they just had to join. The day was February 3. Cathy Luck, longtime friend, serves as their First Friend.



The Davis's are no strangers to this area, having lived in Bentonville since 1973. They call Northwest Arkansas home. Both of them grew up in Fayetteville, both attended U of A. Terry worked for Cooper Communities from 1972 to 1990, and for Wal-Mart since 1990. Linda has been an Avon Rep for 33 years, and was a stay-at-home-mom to raise 3 kids. Now she and Terry enjoy five grandkids. Their children have all stayed in Arkansas. They enjoy camping, gardening, fishing, music and spending time with the kids and grandkids. Terry is quite the bread maker, and we took advantage of his talent by getting him (and Linda) to bake 40 loaves of bread to give to Concordia resident church members at a recent afternoon party.



Bryan & Carrie Roath with children, **Blake, Austin, Hunter, and Madhura** became members at the contemporary service on February 10. The Roaths have lived in Bella Vista for the past 9 years. They met in Fayetteville at Central UMC on Dickson



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Street, and have been married for 19 years. Bryan is originally from Lyons, KS; Carrie, from Yellville, AR. Bryan graduated from Kansas State U with a BS in Industrial Engineering. Carrie attended the U of A, Fayetteville. Bryan works for Datalogic Scanning as a project manager and systems consultant on the Wal-Mart account. Carrie is an office manager for Probest L.L.C.—Keepplastics.



The Roath Family

From the left: Blake, Carrie, Madhura, Bryan, Hunter, and Austin

Blake, age 17 and Austin, age 15, both attend Bentonville High school; Hunter, 12, goes to Baker Middle School. Madhura, who is 8, attends Baker Elementary.

The Roaths are an outdoor family...depending on what the season is, they like biking, football, baseball, track, softball, fishing and hunting. What a nice bunch of kids they have! The Roaths, wanting to get involved in the church right away, volunteered to trade off every other week, helping the Bowens clean the kitchen and clean the Sunday cups. Welcome, Bryan, Carrie, Blake, Austin, Hunter, and Madhura. We are really glad you are here.

Pat Wolter became a member of FUMCBV on February 10. She attends the 10:45 am service, but she also likes attending the contemporary service from time to time. She, too, has been coming for several months before making the commitment to



be a member. Pat grew up in Dallas. The only other places she has lived is Arlington, TX and Bella Vista. She had a career in nursing for 30 years before retiring in 2012. Her last 8 1/2 years was working at the home office of Wal-Mart. Pat has one son, and one grandson, both living in Texas. For enjoyment, Pat likes reading, singing, cooking, and sharing with friends. She also enjoys being a part of church activities. Pat comes to us on Transfer of Membership from another Denomination.

Edgar (Jim) & Mary Verkest joined FUMC, BV on February 24. They have been slowly



moving from Stevens Point, WI. We are fortunate to have Jim, a retired Methodist Minister, who will want to find ways to use his experience in service for our church. Mary was a church secretary and a florist. She

has already begun to revive the Bouquets to Buds ministry. Most of their time has been spent in Wisconsin, but they also lived in Nebraska, Minnesota, Connecticut, Louisiana, and Iowa. They have three children and two grandchildren.

Their interests include golf, reading, and serving in church. We welcome Jim and Mary to our church,. They attend The Well contemporary service at 9:30am. Their First Friends are Rod and Arlene Alford.



OUR FAMILY

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 Steve & Sandy Larsen
- 13 Don & Lois McMahan
- 14 Leroy & Joann Handel
- 17 Ron & Delores Rakow
- 21 Ken & Carrie Drish
- 21 Bud & Dorothy Henke
- 22 Bobby & Diane Cox
- 29 Carmen & Dorothy Phillips

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Juanita Dittmer
- 1 Heather Sweeney
- 2 Linda Davis
- 2 Trent Humphrey (3)
- 3 Dale Dalton (13)
- 4 Dana Rhodes
- 5 Pastor Lee Myane
- 5 Tatum Potts (5)
- 8 Shirley Bostrom
- 9 Laurie Pearson
- 11 Claude Bradley
- 12 Brandt May
- 14 Ara Mae Calhoun

MARCH BIRTHDAYS (CONT)

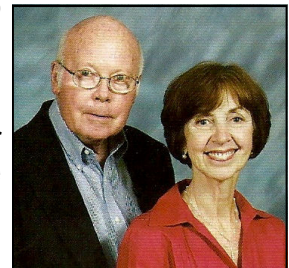
- 14 Kim McGee
- 15 Roy Lange
- 16 Patricia Rusterholz
- 17 Ralph Wallace
- 18 Cynthia Bonds
- 18 Devon Presley (16)
- 20 Wynona Anderson
- 20 Terry Davis
- 22 Dylen Lehmann (7)
- 23 Carmen Heck
- 24 Marge Smith
- 25 Michael Anderson (11)
- 25 Mil Davidson
- 25 Lucas Hollan (3)
- 27 Tim Smith
- 28 Janelle Engle
- 28 Judy Knadle
- 28 Mike Patrick
- 28 Lillian Timmons
- 29 Kim Williams
- 30 Marilyn Cox
- 30 Mona Johnson
- 31 Kim Norton

PRAYER SHAWLS



Margaret (Peg) Johnson was given a prayer shawl by Bro. Jaimie Alexander in mid-February. She has been in and out of the hospital three or four times mostly during the month of February and we hope is finally released from rehab at Highlands Healthcare. Our prayers continue to be with her.

Shirley Davenport was given a prayer shawl by Bro. Jaimie Alexander during one of her trips to Mercy while doctors worked to resolve her medical concerns. She is home, and doing much better. Her husband, Rex, died on January 20. A memorial service for him will be held with family in May.





OUR FAMILY

Don and Audrey Chew

moved to Ohio with more fanfare than they really wanted. Just days before the planned move to be near family, Don fell and broke his hip. After a short stay in the hospital, he was sent to Highlands Healthcare for rehab. Once the family was given the OK by doctors, their son arranged for his company's plane to take them to Ohio, where they can be given the care they need. We are sorry to see them leave, but know they are happy in their new home.



Paul Johnson passed away on February 10, following a short stay at Bentonville Circle of Life. **A service is planned for Saturday, March 16 at 2pm, at FUMCBV** when family and friends will gather to celebrate his life. Please pray for Gloria and extended family who mourn his loss.



~ WE REMEMBER ~



Bill Youngman, who died on December 16, 2012, just weeks after moving to Idaho, was celebrated by family and friends in a memorial service that took place on February 18 at our church. Esther has since returned to Boise to live with family.

Keith Albers, died January 29, 2013 at Regency Hospital in Fayetteville. A memorial service was held for Keith on Saturday, February 2, at FUMC, BV. Bro. Jaimie Alexander officiated the service. Please keep Eunice and family in your thoughts and prayers



Patricia Ann (Pat) Potts died on Sunday, February 17, at Bentonville Circle of Life, after a lengthy illness at home. A memorial service was held at the church on Friday, February 22. Bro. Jaimie Alexander officiated. Please be in prayer for church members, Steve Potts, Michael Potts, and their extended family as they begin to adjust to this transition in their lives.



Leroy (Roy) Young died on February 19 while being cared for through Hospice at Highlands Healthcare. **A service is planned for March 9, at 10am, at the Bella Vista Funeral Home.** Bro. Jaimie Alexander will assist in the service. Please be in prayer for Pat and other family members who mourn his



BOOK NOOK



UMW READING PROGRAM BOOKS:

(A Synopsis Available In Library)

CATEGORY I: EDUCATION FOR MISSION

EVERYDAY JUSTICE By Julie Clawson
 HOW COFFEE SAVED MY LIFE By Ellie Roscher
 RUBBLE NATION By Chris Herlinger
 I AM HUTTERITE By Mary-Ann Kirkby
 ONE WORLD KIDS COOKBOOK By Sean Mendez
 CRY OF THE GIRAFFE By Judie Oron

CATEGORY II: NURTURING FOR COMMUNITY

ALONE AND INVISIBLE NO MORE By Allan S. Teel
 EVERY DAY IS A GOOD DAY By Wilma Mankiller
 LOVE IN A HEADSCARF By Shelina Zahra
 Janmohamed
 MIND ON THE RUN By Dottie Pacharis
 PLAIN WISDOM By Cindy Woodsmall
 FATTY LEGS By Christy Jordan-Fenton

CATEGORY III: SOCIAL ACTION

MAKE POVERTY PERSONAL By Ash Barker
 THE POWER OF HALF By Kevin Salwen
 WHY AFRICA MATTERS By Cedric Mayson
 ONLY THE MOUNTAINS DO NOT MOVE By Jan
 Reynolds
 THE MANGROVE TREE By Susan L. Roth
 ONE SIMPLE ACT By Debbie Macomber

CATEGORY IV: SPIRITUAL GROWTH

PRAYING FOR STRANGERS By River Jordan
 RELUCTANT PILGRIM By Enuma Okoro
 PSALMS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN By Marie-Helene
 Delval
 PERMISSION TO SPEAK FREELY By Anne Jackson
 WHEN CHRISTIANS GET IT WRONG By Adam
 Hamilton

CATEGORY V: LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

DO IT ANYWAY By Courtney E. Martin
 HER PLACE AT THE TABLE By Deborah M. Kolb
 OUTCASTS UNITED By Warren St. John
 THIS WILL BE REMEMBERED OF HER By Megan
 Mckenna
 AGATHA'S FEATHER BED By Carmen Agra Deedy

DO HARD THINGS By Alex And Brett Harris

JUVENILE:

TELL ME THE STORY By Max Lucado (200)
 This Ancient Story Of Mankind Belongs To Us And
 To Our Children – Enabling Us To Know The
 Meaning Of Our Lives.

NON-FICTION:

THE MAKER'S DIET By Jordan S. Rubin
 The 40 Day Health Experience That Will Change
 Your Life Forever.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY:

BREAKING NIGHT By Liz Murray
 A Memoir Of A Young Woman Who At Age 15 Was
 Living On The Streets And Who Eventually Made It
 Into Harvard.

FICTION:

DAMAGE CONTROL By J.A. Jance
 Arizona Sheriff Joanna Brady Confronts Two
 Complex Cases In This Novel Of Suspense.
 THE CHAPERONE By Laura Moriarty
 Inspired By The Life Of Silent-Film Star Louise
 Brooks, The Story Of Two Women Who Could Not
 Be More Different And The Summer That Changed
 Them Both.
 AN AMISH HOLIDAY By Cynthia Keller
 Two Heartwarming Tales: "An Amish Christmas" &
 "A Plain And Fancy Christmas"
 AN AMISH KITCHEN By Beth Wiseman
 The Amish Kitchen Is The Heart Of The Home And
 The Ideal Setting For Stories Of Love And Hope.
 AMISH WHITE CHRISTMAS PIE By Wanda
 Brunstetter
 Holiday Desserts Sweeten Bitter Hearts.

BOOKS IN A SERIES:

AS CLOSE AS MY HEART By Camy Tang
 Book 24 In Patchwork Mysteries Series



2013 CHURCH OPERATING BUDGET

Our 2013 church operating budget has been unanimously approved by the Church Council on January 28, 2013. This operating budget was developed with a lot of prayers and several revamps keeping in mind that we need to expand Gods work at the same time doing it as efficiently as possible. The final budget is:

Operating expenses	\$602,153
<u>Estimated budget receipts</u>	<u>\$580,330</u>
Estimated shortfall	-\$ 21.823

January 2013 financials show a shortfall of **\$4291.**

It is our prayer that:

- **Church ministries find a way to do their ministries under budget.**
- **Giving for 2013 exceeds our estimates.**

The Finance Committee

JANUARY 2013 FINANCIAL DATA

Month to date

Budgeted Expenses	\$45,542
Actual Receipts*	\$41,251

Year to date

Budgeted Expenses	\$48,361
Actual Receipts*	\$41,251
Actual Expense	\$45,542

*=Minus Endowment Interest Income

Patsy Attaway, Treasurer

First United Methodist Church of Bella Vista



The Green Church Project

Finding ways to be better stewards of all of our resources

- ◆ The U.S. produces **40billion** plastic bottles each year which required **17.6million** barrels of oil – enough to fuel **1.5million** cars a year and generating **2.5million** tons of carbon dioxide.
- ◆ 9 out of 10 water bottles end up as garbage or litter, which equals **30million** bottles and costs cities **\$70million** every year in costs related to trash cleanup and landfills.
- ◆ It could take over 1,000 years for a plastic bottle to biodegrade (naturally decompose.)
- ◆ Bottled water costs thousands of times more than tap water to produce.
- ◆ The process of manufacturing a plastic water bottle requires three times the amount of water that it contains.
- ◆ A re-usable stainless steel water bottle is environmentally friendly and costs about \$5. Look in the sporting goods aisle.

Source: *Going Blue* by Cathryn Berger Kaye and Philippe Cousteau (Minneapolis, MN: Free Spirit Publishing, Inc., 2010). Available in our church library in UMW Reading Program books.

*Shepherd Group Leaders
Annual Luncheon and Meeting
Thursday, April 4, 11:30am
Chapel*



Ages 2 ~ 7

**Easter Egg Hunt and
Pancake Breakfast
for**

**Participants and their Families
Saturday, March 23 9:00am ~ 11:00am**
Sign-up sheet in the office for volunteer tasks
Contact Carrie Drish with any questions

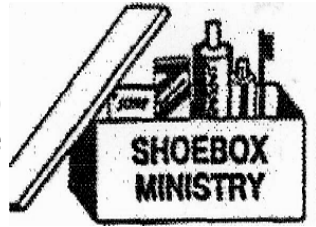


MISSIONS

Shoebox Ministry

Deliveries

279 shoe boxes and 50 Sunshine Sacks were delivered last month. Thanks to Bud Henke, Cheryl Campbell, Ed Jenner, Ralph Johnson and Diane Cox for delivering to Hanna House, N.W. Arkansas Children's Center, Cooper Elementary School, Salvation Army-Bentonville, Salvation Army-Fayetteville, Souls Harbor, Seven Hills, and Youth Bridge.



Volunteers

Thank you to Arlene Alford and Phoebe Bader for wrapping wash cloths to be used in the children's shoebox pack. Also a big thank you to the members of Martha Circle for packing Sunshine Sacks at their January and February meetings. We think they should be called the "Sunshine Circle"!

Volunteers Mary Patrick, Mike Patrick, Tom Harris, and Cheryl Campbell met on February 4 to pre-pack, and volunteers Nancy DeVan, Mona Johnson, Carlene Jerman, Karen McMillen, Joyce Connell, Bud Henke, Shirley Haufe, Judy Knadle, Karen Roenfeld and Cheryl Campbell met on February 5 to pack boy's and girl's shoe boxes. As we were out of boxes we cannot thank you enough for filling our shelves with new boxes.

Current Needs

Fold-over sandwich bags, small note pads or sticky note pads, quart size zip lock bags, sturdy large rubber bands. Also if any one would like to wrap soap bars at home, please contact one of the team leaders, Cheryl Campbell, Vicki Schroeder, Karen Roenfeld or Diane Cox.

2012 Year Report

The item and estimated value totals for 2012 were as follows: 1,866 shoe boxes at \$26,124.00, 535

Sunshine Sacks \$799.85, 142 gift boxes to Legacy Village Elder Houses \$1257.00, misc. items such as sponsoring of Glen Duffy Elementary Hygiene Week, men's hats, gloves, tarps, large toiletry bottles, clothing, Mother's Day gift bags, and bulk donations conservatively totaling \$5,000.00. Total estimate values for 2012 was \$33,331.85. All unusable recyclable items are taken to AARP Recycling Center.

*As always in His service,
The Shoebox Ministry Team*

Pak A Sak

Salvation Army in Bentonville will be our recipient in March for Pak A Sak. This is a homeless shelter for men, women, and children. They are in need of all types of food, especially canned fruit, juice, coffee, cereal, peanut butter, pasta, & spaghetti sauce. Thank you in advance for the generosity of all of you to the less fortunate in Benton County.



Helping Hands

FUMC is scheduled for two working days at Helping Hands this year: May 11 and September 21. Put these dates on your calendar so when we begin signup, we will have a full house. Helping Hands is also always in need of volunteers on any day of the week. Any help is appreciated. Of every dollar donated to Helping Hands, 87¢ is returned to the community. 6,171 more people were served in 2012 than in 2011. There continues to be great need in our area. Need any more information, please talk to Verna Bottjen or Julie Fischer.





MEALS ON WHEELS 2013 MISSION REPORT



The First United Methodist Church was responsible for meal delivery during January . The weather was most cooperative and the thirty-eight volunteers successfully completed our mission commitment. These very generous people donated their time (and expensive gas) to deliver 712 hot and/or frozen meals to program clients. There were three daily delivery routes (East, West, and Central) that averaged 14 hilly, winding miles which means that these volunteers traveled about 925 miles during the month.

I wish to express a sincere and heartfelt **THANK YOU** to everyone that participated this year. May GOD BLESS and continue to keep a watchful eye over all these local saints.

Also, I need a back-up person to step in should I have an emergency or illness. If anyone is interested or knows someone who might be willing to assist, call me 479-1392.

Our next delivery month will be **APRIL 2014**.
Thank you, Darrell Bottjen

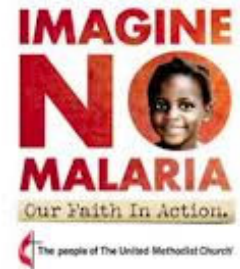
The Goat Bank

The Goat Bank will be back in March and look what we plan to purchase. . . .



Gift of a Gardener's Basket

Malaria claims a life in Africa every 60 seconds and causes economic and human trials for those who survive. The Imagine No Malaria initiative puts our faith into action by empowering the people of Africa to build capacity and infrastructure through prevention, education, treatment and behavior change communication.



In addition to its current pledge to match dollars raised by local churches up to \$333,000, UMFA has decided to give \$1 to INM per email sent to malaria@umfa.org during Lent. If you send us an email to this address before the end of March, you'll be helping end this 100% preventable and treatable disease.



Mission of the Month

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BENTON COUNTY

Habitat for Humanity of Benton County , Inc. is a non-denominational Christian housing ministry with the objective of elimination 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 seek to serve those in Benton County that are in need of affordable housing.

Habitat of Benton County has built to date 68 homes providing over 180 family members a simple decent place to live.

Your donations to this mission of the month will be used as part of the Apostle Build home planned for this fall in Bentonville. Our contributions will be added to those of other churches in the area to provide a family in need of decent, affordable housing a new home.



THANK YOU

Thank you, thank you to each and every one of you who had made such a memorable time of my life. It started out 90 days before my birthday. Yes, I have been aware that I will be 90 on February 17 but when my daughters asked me last summer "What do you want to do for your birthday?" I said "Surprise me!" I have been receiving birthday gifts every day from my family 90 days before my birthday!

As if that wasn't enough, the daughters managed to pull off a surprise reception at the Church. The first I knew about it was at church Sunday morning just a couple of hours before the event. Friends and family all made this a delightful party.

Cards began to flow from all over the country. It has been a delight to hear from so many of you and with some interesting recalling of past years. Forgive me for not writing to each of you but all hold a special place in my heart.
With my love – *Beverly Johnson*

Many thanks for all your prayers, cards and visits by Brother Jaimie and Jan Lowe while I was in the hospital and at home with type A flu. Hope to soon be able to make my appearance at Sunday Morning Church.

Virginia Poeschl

A big THANK YOU to [First United Methodist Church of Bella Vista](#) for food donations to fill our pantry! We are grateful to you for helping feed our residents and their children.

Restoration Village (posted on Facebook!)

Mission Ministry –

I would like to thank everyone in leadership with our Missions ministry. I would like to thank you for your time and commitment to all that you do and also for your attention to my needs and the needs of those around us. Thank you for the donation for my trip to Guatemala. I am looking forward to presenting what we accomplish there – *Pastor Lee*

ORDER YOUR EASTER LILY

BEGINNING SUNDAY, MARCH 10

You may purchase an Easter Lilly plant in honor or memory of a loved one. They will be seen during our worship services through Easter morning, and there will be a special recognition insert in the Easter Sunday bulletin. You may take your lily home after the last service Easter Sunday.



The Ugly Towel Contest was a success!!!!

We collected 80 towels, kitty litter, dog bones, and a few other items. Thank you to all who participated! The Bella Vista Animal Shelter was very appreciative of all items.

AND THE WINNERS ARE: (dubious as that distinction is!)



1st Place: **Glen & Martha Hogue** a \$50 gift certificate from Gusano's;

2nd Place: **Fred & Sue Nebrig** a \$25 gift certificate from Hook, Line & BBQ;

3rd Place: **Earl & Bette Cummings** a \$20 gift certificate from Duffers.



March 2013

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY			
3	BPV between services 7:30 Praise Tm rehrsl 8:00 Traditional Srvice 9:30 "The Well" Srvice 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Srvice 5:00 Mutiny of Excess 6:00 Youth Meetings	4	10:00 Staff Meeting 12:45 Women's Chorus	5	10:00 Prayer Shawl 10:30 Concordia Bible 1:00 Andante	6	8:30 - Bible Study 8:30 - Disciples I 9:00 Quilters 9:30 UMW Brd Mtng 11:45 Lenten Serv/Lunch 1:00 Guest Followup 3:45 Chancel Bells 6:00 Prayer Service 6:00 Youth Choir 7:00 Crossword Youth	7	8:00 Men's Chorus 9:00 Bazaar Workshop 11:00 Mens Golf 6:30 Choir Rehearsal	1	8:00 Clean Carpet 9:00 Disciples II	2			
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