

The Good News

March, 2015

FUMCBV Lenten and Easter activities

February 18 ~ Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary, at 11:45am followed by luncheon, and at 6:00pm

February 25 thru April 1 ~ Wednesday Lenten services at 11:45am, followed by a luncheon prepared by UMW Circles

March 15 ~ Wesley Series Concert - 3:00pm in the Sanctuary
Catherine (Kei) Fukuda, violin, with Broc Hite, Piano

March 21 ~ Children's Pancake Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt,
Breakfast begins at 8:30am - Hunt begins at 9:30am

March 29 ~ Palm Sunday

March 31 ~ Holy Week Special *Baptism by Immersion Service* - 7:00pm
Bella Vista Assembly of God Church (1771 Forrest Hills Blvd)

April 2 ~ Maundy Thursday Service - 6:30pm

April 3 ~ Good Friday Service - 6:30pm

April 4 ~ Bell Vista Combined Church Choirs - 7:00pm performance of
"Stabat Mater" by Rossini, with full orchestra & soloists
(Old High Middle School, 406 NW 2nd St., Bentonville)

April 5 ~ Easter Sunday Sunrise Service Metfield Clubhouse - 7:00am
Easter Sunday Services:
Sanctuary 8:00am & 10:45am (traditional services)
Becker Hall 9:30am (contemporary services)





FAITH WALK

with Senior Pastor, Brother Jaimie J. Alexander

Do you desire to be baptized? Would you like to be baptized by sprinkling? Would you like to be baptized by immersion? On Tuesday evening, March 31 at 7:00pm there will be a special Baptism Service for persons desiring to be baptized by sprinkling or by immersion. We have baptismal founts in both the Sanctuary and in Becker Hall for baptism by sprinkling, but because there is not a baptistery for persons desiring to be immersed in our sanctuary, we have been invited to use the baptistery in the Sanctuary of Bella Vista Assembly of God for this service. If you would like to be baptized at this special Holy Week Baptismal Service,

please contact the pastors at 855-1158 to visit about your desire and to set up a time to meet for conversation.

- Romans 6:3-6:6 tells us that through baptism we become like him in death and life.
- 1 Corinthians 12:13 declares that we were made part of one body through baptism.
- Galatians 3:27 reads, "For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ."

Baptism is the rite of admission into the covenant community, taking the place of circumcision, which marked the children of Israel. (Colossians 2:11-12) According to John Wesley, the founder of Methodism: "It is the initiatory sacrament, which enters us into covenant with God. It was instituted by Christ, who alone has power to institute a proper sacrament; . . . And it was instituted in the room of circumcision. For, as that was a sign and seal of God's covenant, so is this."

Baptism is a rite demonstrating the washing away of the guilt of Original Sin (into which all people are born). Romans 5:14 discusses Original Sin; Ephesians 5:26 refers to baptism's cleansing. John Wesley wrote: "What are the benefits we receive by baptism? . . . The first of these is, the washing away the guilt of original sin, by the application of the merits of Christ's death." Baptism is the rite by which God's Spirit begins a new life for a person, adopting him/her into the family of God. (John 3:5, Galatians 3:26-27) John Wesley wrote: "And this regeneration which our Church in so many places ascribes to baptism is . . . being "grafted into the body of Christ's Church, we are made the children of God by adoption and grace." This is grounded on the plain words of our Lord: "Except a man be born again of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." From "A Treatise on Baptism"

We believe modes of sprinkling, pouring, and immersion are valid so long as water is used and that a person is baptized "in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit" as Christ commanded. (Matthew 28:19)

From the beginning, baptism has been the door through which one enters the church. It was inconceivable to many that one could respond to God's grace by reciting the renunciations, affirming one's faith in Christ and loyalty to the Kingdom, without joining the fellowship of those who are committed to mature in that faith. Because baptism is a sacrament of God's grace and a covenant that God has initiated, it should not be repeated. However, God's continuing and patient forgiveness, God's prevenient grace, will prompt us to renew the commitment first made at our baptism. At such a time, instead of rebaptism, The United Methodist Church offers the ritual for the reaffirmation of baptismal vows, which implies that, while God remains faithful to God's half of the covenant, we are not always faithful to our promises. Our half of the covenant is to confess Christ as our Savior, trust in his grace, serve him as Lord in the church, and carry out his mission against evil, injustice, and oppression. The word sacrament is the Latin translation of the Greek word *mysterion*. From the early days of the church, baptism was associated with the mystery that surrounds God's action in our lives. That means that at best our words can only circumscribe what happens, but not define it. We cannot rationally explain why God would love us "while we were yet sinners" and give his only begotten Son that we should not perish but have eternal life. That is the most sacred and unfathomable mystery of all. We can experience God's grace at any time and in any place, but in the sacrament of baptism we routinely experience that amazing grace.

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God is Faithful!

Bro. Jaimie

Don't just come to church, be the church!



Epistles from Pastor Zach with Associate Pastor, Zach Underwood



Blessed are those who mourn...For they will be comforted. (Matthew 5:4)

Have you ever thought about this? Why are we blessed when we mourn and how are we comforted? It's not something that we think of that much, or at least I don't. Over my eight years of ministry, I have been a part of people's lives as they mourn. As they mourn the death of a family member or friend, as they mourn a sudden change that has taken place and leaves them wishing for the good ole days. Whatever may bring on the state of mournfulness, it often does not seem like a time to thank God or think about how we are blessed.

In my almost 8 years of ministry, I have done 33 funerals, assisted a few others, and been to countless more in my lifetime. As I look out on the congregation, I see plenty of mourning and don't think much about the blessing. But at the last funeral, I was a part of I got to thinking about this scripture. I realized I was looking at it the wrong way. Yes, all of these people were mourning because of this human loss, but maybe, just maybe, the blessing comes from the memories, the moments shared with this person, a life that was well lived that led to the moment of sadness when they were gone. As, Dr. Seuss once said, "don't cry because its over. Smile because it happened."

So the next time you are at a funeral, or have some major life change and you are in that state of mournfulness, may you take comfort in knowing that you are blessed because of the memories and because your heavenly father is comforting you.

Pastor Zach



Congratulations to our own **Connor Klein** for becoming an Eagle Scout Wednesday, February 25th. Connor is joined by his family, Madison, Elaine, and Chris. Bro. Jaimie had the privilege of being a part of the ceremony.



JOINING in the JOURNEY TOGETHER

with

Brenda Wideman, Ministerial Intern



Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

(Matthew 11:28-30)

The gift of Rest

Just a few days ago, we had our first snowfall of the season. It was of such a magnitude that all the local schools and universities were closed, all the local churches were closed, and many businesses were also closed. Most of us were completely snowed in, so we could not go anywhere, if we had wanted to do so. All of the typical hustle and bustle of our lives came to a screeching halt.

What a blessing a snow day is. What I mean is the kind of day where we are forced to abandon the tyranny of the demands of daily life, the tyranny that drives us and becomes our idol; the kind of day where we are forced to slow down, even completely stop, where we must take time to “be” rather than to “do.” Some of us have trouble dealing with that kind of a day; some of us relish it and welcome it with open arms. Sometimes I am one and sometimes I am the other. On that Monday, February 16, I welcomed it with open arms. Neither my husband nor I could leave. Our driveway, which is long and steep, was completely covered with a layer of snow on top of ice. It was totally impassible.

I sat in my warm, fuzzy robe lingering over my tea until noon. We put out lots of bird seed; and the birds of every variety spent the day feeding on our back deck. We saw male and female cardinals, blue jays, chickadees, doves, tufted titmice, finches, sparrows, several varieties of woodpeckers, and squirrels, as well. They all shared the seed and I marveled at the unity in their diversity. I marveled in their diversity – so many colors, the reds, the blues, the golds, the greys, the pinks, the tans and browns, each unique and beautiful. The beauty of the snow and the colors of the birds made a gorgeous picture. Before the snow, I had been carrying my own version of heavy burdens. But on Monday, I had received the gentle gift of a “snow day”, a day to put that all aside and to reflect on the beauty and wonder of our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. My soul was at rest. All of us need to experience the gentleness of that kind of yoke, no ego to “do”, only humility to “be”. I pray that you will also find a way to be able to leave the burdens of this world behind, to take Jesus’ yoke upon yourself, and to grow closer to our God during this Lenten season.

Blessings, Brenda

When Mourning Dawns:

Living Your Way Fully Through the Seasons of Your Grief

A 9-week journey through the experiences of grief from the withering of Autumn to the hopeful new growth of Summer.

Our group journey begins Monday, March 2nd at 5:00pm in the Chapel.



VISTA KIDS

Knowing that spring is drawing near gives us hope and warm hearts amidst our chilly hands and feet! Each day that passes brings us deeper into 2015 and our plans and dreams for this year are ours to make happen today! If you haven't considered being part of one of our leadership teams for the 2015 FUMC family & community events, please take the time today to reach out and say, "Yes!". Whether it be the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt, to VBS or Trunk or Treat, these events are a church-wide outreach into our community! You may either let the office know you will help or email me at kristin@lovelearnlead.com.

The children spent all of February learning about miracles Jesus performed during his ministry. From turning water to wine to walking on water, we explored how faith can make us more than what we are on our own. Our memory verse was, "Jesus replied, "My father is still working, and I am working too" John 5:17. The children were invited to recite the memory verse at the end of the month for a small reward! In March, we will focus on God being with us in difficult times and follow Jesus' life up to Palm Sunday. Our children are learning God's word and making bonds with each other every Sunday from 9:45-10:45, and we invite you to share in this heartwarming time.

The Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 21 is our upcoming event! The UMM have graciously donated their talents and time to serve another pancake breakfast to all the children and families! The Easter Bunny will be hopping around and we will have several hunts during the morning time. We would love to have a group offer to help with a cake walk again and maybe a crafting area! Please contact me or the office if you and a group of friends will take this on.

What an exciting time to be a Christian - Easter allows us to renew our faith every year and be amazed at the wonders of our world. May each of us find a spring delight in the upcoming weeks - in our hearts and in the nature surrounding our lives.

Blessings,

Kristen Crider

Director of Children's Ministries



YOUTH LIFE

This past month Brother Jaimie has graced us with some great messages about relationships. I have learned a lot and have witnessed some beautiful relationships in our church and community. I am truly blessed to be among you all. The Youth have been blessed this past month. The summer youth mission trip/gathering has been booked. They will be attending Youth 2015 in Orlando Florida, June 24-28, 2015. It is the national gathering for United Methodist Youth and Youth Leaders, and it only happens every four years. We will be planning a small mission stop on the way to Florida.

Some exciting events that are also coming up. VERITAS 2015 is in Hot Springs March 7 and 8. This is a gathering for Methodist Youth in the state of Arkansas. They gather to worship and to meet new people. Another event is Young Christian Weekend at Silver Dollar City March 27th.

I want to send out a special thanks to all those who have sponsored youth to attend the 2015 mission trip. There are still opportunities to sponsor a youth. Cost is \$350 each. Another great opportunity that is available for the youth is the 2015 disaster relief response team camp in Kansas City. We will have two or three youth attending this camp. It will be the first week in July. Keep your eyes out for some exciting events. The youth are planning some great opportunities to raise money for their mission trips.

Ways to support or help the youth:

- Wednesday night lite meals (serve 10-15) drop off around 6:45pm. Sign up in the church office.
- We need a microwave for youth room
- Chaperones - Female for the Mission trip and Silver Dollar City
- Cash donations to support youth outings and travel to and from Mission trip Make check out to FUMCBV and "Youth" in the memo section.
- The most important need is PRAYERS!!!! The youth are always on the go and in need of love and support. Any way you want to show support for the youth is welcomed.

Please contact me at dwhanso@gmail.com or (479) 601-1028 if you have any ideas or questions.

God Bless,

David Hanson

Director of Youth Ministries





UNITED METHODIST WOMEN AND MEN

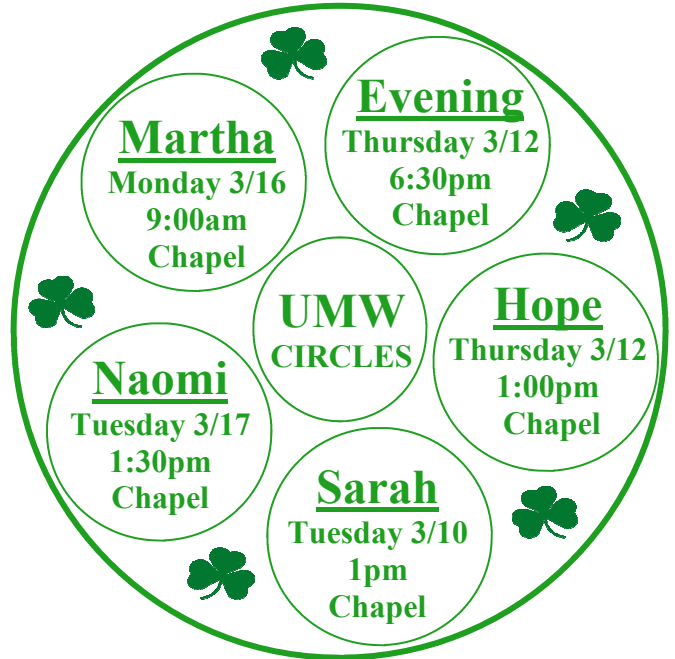
Ready, Set, GO!

BAZAAR WORKSHOPS are ready to start once more beginning Thursday, March 12th. We will meet every Thursday morning from 9:00am till 2:00pm in the Quilting Room downstairs. Drinks and snacks are available and bring a sack lunch if you can stay the whole time. We have projects for all ranges of talent, but the best part is the fellowship.

If you can't make the workshop, there are some home projects - tea towels to embroider or pattern ideas on a table in Becker Hall by the UMW Bulletin Board. We have a couple ideas for crocheters, especially those willing to learn how to make Scrubbies. We appreciate all the help we can get because it takes many hands for a successful Bazaar.

As in the past, we appreciate everyone's help in collecting supplies. We are always looking for new, unused household items; pot holders, kitchen tools, teacups, mugs, nick knacks etc. for the themed gift baskets. Just label them "for Bazaar" and leave in the Quilting Room or Office.

Remember, you don't have to attend the workshops to make things for the Bazaar. If you knit, crochet, paint, bead, make cards, stained glass, sew or quilt, grow plants, do woodwork, needlework, photography, pottery....well...you get the idea... please consider making a few items for the Bazaar (sale date = Oct 3) We would appreciate your coordinating with Verna 876-1392 ahead of time so we don't get a lot of duplicate items.



UMW SPRING LUNCHEON

Our Spring Luncheon on March 25th will again be combined with the Lenten Service beginning at 11:45 A.M. in the sanctuary. The luncheon will follow at 12:15 P.M. in Becker Hall with Homemade Tomato Soup, Sandwich, and dessert, prepared by Marlene Clapp. Cost will be by donation (suggested \$3.00). After the Luncheon, there will be a short business meeting. We hope everyone will attend the Lenten Service and join us for lunch.

UNITED METHODIST MEN United Methodist Men invite all men of the church to their monthly dinner meeting on Wednesday, March 11 at 6:30pm in Becker Hall. The menu will be lasagna, green beans and salad catered by Papa Mike's . They are very pleased to announce John Rice as their program presenter. John is a member of our church and attends our contemporary service. He completed something that most of us can only dream of doing. John rode his bicycle from San Diego California to Florida (3,600 miles), which he completed last summer. He will be discussing the motivation for the trip and the preparation required for this major accomplishment. Your reservation needs to be made no later than Sunday, March 8. If you miss the Phone Tree, please call Jim Belcoff at 616-6738 for reservations or more information about UMM.

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, Mondays & Thursdays; 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. Contact Alan Packard, Chet Campbell or James Forrest if you are interested.



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 5  Stephen & Paula Carter
- 10  Steven & Sandy Larsen
- 10  Roy & Leveta Tunnell
- 13  Don & Lois MCMahon
- 17  Jeremy & Jeni McIntyre
- 18  Bob & Helen McBride
- 21  Bud & Dorothy Henke
- 28  Hal Shope & Marianne Zotti
- 29  Carmen & Dorothy Phillips
- 30  Brian & Cathy Wilmoth

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1  Juanita Dittmer
- 1  Heather Sweeney
- 2  Linda Davis
- 2  Trent Humphrey
- 3  Dalton Dale
- 5  Tatum Potts
- 5  Bob Walker
- 7  Frank Kostal
- 8  Shirley Bostrom
- 12  Brandt May
- 14  Ara Mae Calhoun

MARCH BIRTHDAYS (cont)

- 14  Kimberly McGee
- 15  Roy Lange
- 17  John Lindsey
- 17  Ralph Wallace
- 18  Devon Presley
- 20  Terry Davis
- 22  Dylen Lehmann
- 23  Carmen Heck
- 24  Marge Smith 
- 25  Ron Caldwell
- 25  Mildred Davidson
- 25  Naomi Stephen
- 27  Linda Ivy
- 27  Tim Smith
- 28  Janelle Engle
- 28  Sydney Hanna
- 28  Judy Knadle
- 28  Lillian Timmons
- 29  Phyllis Robinson
- 29  Kim Williams
- 30  Marilyn Cox
- 30  Mona Johnson
- 31  Jennifer Stucker



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 Jan Lowe, Congregational Care Minister at jan@lovelearnlead.com, or 531-0381 or 855-1158.

NEW MEMBERS

Jack and Kay Dunn

joined our church at the 10:45 service on Sunday, February 8.

Jack and Kay grew up on farms in S.E. Arkansas. She is a grad of University of Tulsa; he from Arkansas State. She taught 7th grade language arts, and he worked in management of various manufacturing plants in the packaging industry.



They now call N.W. Arkansas their home. They moved to Bella Vista for the golf, the lakes, clear running water, and the four seasons. Bro. Jaimie may have had something to do with their coming to FUMC, as they knew him in another church.

Kay is a novice golfer, she enjoys reading, gardening, and cooking, singing and music, and cruising. Jack likes to golf, fish, garden, play video games, and cruising.

Kay spends time scanning and organizing family photos and reading. Jack spends his free time golfing, anything outdoors, and gaming. We are glad you are here, Jack and Kay.

Darleen O'Brien joined our church on February 15, at the 10:45am service. She is a member of the Abram Shepherd Group. Jan Lowe is her First Friend. Darleen moved to Bella Vista from Texas, where she lived all of her life. Darleen has three sons, two living in Texas and one living in North West Arkansas. Between them they have 12 grandchildren for her to spoil.



Darleen spent her working career as secretary, office manager, and finally area manager for a marketing company before retiring in April of 2014, shortly after the death of her husband of almost 30 years. She has become very involved in the church in the few months she has been here.

Please welcome Darleen when you see her.

William "Mike" and Terrie Crandall joined the church on February 22 at the 10:45am service. Mary Johnson is their First Friend. They have been coming here for six years.

Mike works in Accounting for the Benton County Government. Prior to moving here, he was Senior Fiscal Coordinator for Orange County Government. He also has a degree in Criminal Justice. Terrie is a housewife.



They lived in Orlando, FL for 53 years and are beginning to call Bella Vista home, after visiting Mike's family here over the years.

Mike's passion is buying and selling Classic Cars.

Terrie enjoys being a housewife, sewing, and baking and trying out new recipes in the kitchen. She loves to walk and traveling to new places. She also likes to investigate and learn about things that are new to



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Mike and Terrie have six children between them, three grandchildren, and one on the way. Thanks for making FUMC of Bella Vista your home, Mike and Terrie.



Rob and Cheryl Whitesides became members on February 22 at the 10:45am service. They are members of the Abram Shepherd Group. Rob and Cheryl moved to Bella Vista from Gatesville, TX after retiring—he, from banking, and she from Exec. Secretary.

Rob is a certified Lay Speaker, and experienced in ERT for UMCOR. He enjoys fishing, bird hunting, reading, and helping others. Cheryl tell us she likes to walk, read, cross stitch, snorkeling, and helping others. She also follows the Yankees. If that isn't enough, they spend time with their children, grandchildren, and pets.

Billy and Sandra Beverage became members of FUMC at The Well service on February 22, 2015. Their First Friends are Dale and Nancy Veach who are their neighbors and the ones who invited them to come here to FUMC; they are members of the "One" Shepherd Group. Sandra is not particular but her name is pronounced *Sondra*.

They are both retired; him from Boeing Aircraft, and her from School Office Administrator. Home was Udall, KS for 36 years—today home is Bella Vista. They bought a lot on B.V. in 1986 and finally got to move here after they retired in 2012. They both like to golf and look forward to eventually joining a golf league. They also like to spend time on the lake, fishing, working around the house, crafts, cards and other table games. Billy is a Mason and a Shriner. Eventually, they will do some traveling, and look forward to making many new friends.

Please make them feel welcome when you meet them.



BIRTHS

Lincoln Joseph Morgan, was born to Matt and Lori Morgan at 10:48am on Feb 12, Abraham Lincoln's birth date. He weighed 9 lb 8 oz and was 21" long. His sisters, Ava and Jayden have welcomed him as much as mom and dad.



Welcome the newest FUMCBV baby! **Bennett Pittman** arrived at at 4:53am on Thursday, February 26, weighing 8 pounds on the dot. Bennett's proud parents are Pamela and Noah Pittman.

DEATHS

Alfred Bilyeu, father of Dr. James Bilyeu, died on Feb 6. Services were held on Feb 10 at the First United Methodist Church of Assumption, IL.

Doug Toay, son of Rene Bladon, died Feb 2. Please be in prayer for Doug's family as they grieve his loss. A service is planned to be held in Cedar Falls, IA.

Agnes Forrest, 94, mother of James Forrest, died Saturday, Feb 21 at Chapel Woods Nursing Center in Warren, AR. She had been ill for some time. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, Feb 25 at Frazer Chapel. Our prayers go out to James and family.

Rita Fischer, member of our church, died Feb 19 at a hospital in Little Rock, AR. There will be a service at a later date in Tulsa, Oklahoma



OUR FAMILY

SOARING SOLOS

(Where singles come together for fellowship and fun)

Twenty-two of the **Solo's** met at the American Legion for breakfast on Saturday morning, Feb 14. A group attended the Rogers Little Theatre performance of *Legally Blonde* on Feb 22, and enjoyed dinner at Appleby's afterward.

March Plans:

March 14, Saturday, 9am—Breakfast at Mimi's.

March 29, Sunday, 5pm, Chapel—Potluck

Entre will be provided (Pack Shack Meal). Your job is to bring a side dish, salad or dessert to compliment the entre.

To sign up for any of the above activities or to be added to the e-mail list for notification of upcoming activities and events, contact Jan Lowe at jan@lovelearnlead.com, or call Jan at 531-0381. Church members are encouraged to invite others to join in our activities. You don't have to be a member of our church to participate in outings, just single.

NEW NAME

for

Every Member in Ministry

It seems we've been working on a new name for Every Member in Ministry for months now. After 15 formal suggestions and more discussion than I want to admit to, we've come up with a name that we will begin using as of March 1. **Every One in Ministry (EOIM).** **Bragging rights for the new name go to Jim and Sue Prather.** Two others later came up with the same suggestion—Maryann Johnson and Cathy Luck.

Ask Kelly Liddekee to explain her thinking behind the suggestion of *ROOTS*. Well done. Karen Roenfeld suggested *Be The Church* as our new name; certainly a phrase we can all identify with.

The new name will come out on the catalog soon, and the web page and other internet access points will reflect the change within a few months.

We are happy with the new name and we are grateful to Jim and Sue Prather for their suggestion

SANCTIFIED CLASSIFIEDS

Volunteer Opportunities within the Church

Sunday Office Angel If you are willing to volunteer any time between 7:30am and noon on Sunday mornings to work in the office addressing the needs of members and guests, we will work with you based on your availability. Greet those who come in with a warm smile and a willing attitude; answer questions or find out and get back to them; sign people up for various happenings at the church. Contact Janet Walton.

Worship Steward—this position oversees the ministries under the Worship umbrella. The primary responsibility of the Worship Steward is to interact with the Team Leaders of the particular areas they are responsible for, such as Ushers, Greeters, Altar Guild, Acolytes, etc. The pastoral staff will provide guidance to the person who feels led to take on this responsibility. Please contact Jan Lowe for more information.

Advanced Computer Skills needed to prepare existing New Member forms so that they can be accessed from our web page, completed and returned to the church office on-line. Please see Jan Lowe if you are interested in talking about this opportunity.

Short-term, temporary Visitors needed.

We'd like to establish a list of people who are willing to be called from time to time to sit with someone for a couple hours, or take someone to the grocery store or go for them. This service would be offered as a temporary assist or a few days or weeks until more permanent arrangement can be made. It is sometimes needed when someone is released from hospital or rehab. Contact Jan Lowe.



MISSIONS

Shoebox Ministry Deliveries

This is a combined total for the months of January and February. The total number of boxes delivered was 476. Miscellaneous items such as baby clothing, children's under garments, socks shoeboxes for young women, girls and boys were delivered by Ed Jenner, Karen Dove, Ralph Johnson, Cheryl Campbell, Karen Roenfeld and Diane Cox to the various area shelters.

Work at Home Volunteers

Thank you to Phoebe Bader for wrapping toothbrushes that will be placed in shoeboxes.

A pack is being planned for the "Hygiene Week" items for Glen Duffy Elementary. A list of volunteers used will be in the April newsletter

Donations

Thank you:

- to the United Methodist Women for their generous donation. We cannot thank you enough for your continued support.
- St. Theodore's Church for the mittens gloves and hats collected during the month of December, and to Karen Schroll for her hand-knit caps, so that hands and heads of our area children can be kept warm. This has been so far an especially cold winter and many of our children are waiting to be picked up by school buses in the mornings.

A reminder to those who donate to Shoebox Ministry by making a notation in the memo box of their checks made out and given to the church directly. We do not receive any kind of notification of these donations other than the monetary amount. We are grateful for your donation, but are not able to thank you personally with a written acknowledgement.

Thank you to all who donate their travel size items and other useful items to us. Besides the shelters, items are sent to the troops, individuals, and groups in need.

As always in His service
The Shoebox Ministry
Team Leaders



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Salvation Army in Bentonville is our recipient of food on March 15th. This shelter serves men, women, and families in need of a temporary place to stay, which is warm, safe, and serves hot meals. The shelter needs all types of pantry food especially canned fruit, juice, cereal, peanut butter, pasta, soup, sauces, and coffee. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO THE LESS FORTUNATE IN BENTON COUNTY.



Juvenile Detention Meal Ministry

Matthew 25:37-40

"Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'"

We have a small, dedicated group of volunteers who prepare a home cooked meal and deliver it to the Benton County Juvenile Detention Center in Bentonville. We then spend an hour or so, visiting with the young people who find themselves incarcerated at the JDC. As of now, we only visit about four times a year, but there is an opportunity to increase the number of our visits. If you would be interested in spending about two hours once every other month on a Saturday to visit, encourage and engage with young people who are in need of support and understanding – this is a ministry for you. Volunteers must pass a background check.

Please contact Amy O Fulton, Carole Boyd, Diane Verville, Peggy Stout or Sandy Fitch for more information. It doesn't take much time – and the rewards are immeasurable.





Mission of the Month



The mission of U of A Wesley is to reach out and receive students into a community of faith in Jesus Christ; to strengthen their relationships with God, each other, and the church; to nurture them as maturing leaders and disciples of Jesus Christ; and to equip and support their Christian witness and service at the University of Arkansas and beyond.

The U of A Wesley offers weekly worship and bible studies. They do outreach on campus and beyond. They offer place for students to share and build their faith. They even recently participated in a Feed the Funnel party with the Pack Shack!

In 2013, the University of Arkansas offered to swap the Maple Street property for a new tract of land on Lindell Ave. With this move comes freedom from debt and the opportunity to design and build a new Wesley House close to the heart of campus. Wesley moved to a temporary location for offices and small group ministry during the transition.

In 2014, under the direction of the Bishop and his Cabinet, the Wesley ministry forged a more explicit partnership with Central United Methodist Church, which agrees to take a primary role among Conference churches in the funding and oversight of U of A Wesley. Rev. Emily Burch is appointed to serve as Wesley's Director while continuing as Central's College Pastor.

We celebrate 90 years of faithful outreach on the campus of the University of Arkansas and we prayerfully look forward to the next 90 years! Come join the story of what God is doing through us.

PARKINSONS SUPPORT GROUP meets at United Lutheran Church (100 Cooper Rd) on the 2nd Thursday each month at 3:00p.m. for dessert, coffee, information, and support. Next meeting is Thursday, March 12. All are welcome.

Caregivers Support Group Meeting Monday, March 9th, 9 a.m., Room #23

A diagnosis of some type of Dementia (which includes Alzheimer's) goes well beyond memory problems; it literally means "brain failure". As the disease progresses, the time will be reached when there will no longer be a close intimate relationship the couple once enjoyed. The spouse serving as caregiver will typically develop feelings of loneliness due to lack of intimacy, which adds additional stress and even feelings of resentment. Counselor Cyndie Lyon, L.C.S.W., will present information and answer questions on the topic **"Beyond a Dementia Diagnosis – Dealing with Issues of Loneliness and Lack of Intimacy"**. If you are a caregiver for a spouse, this session will contain vital information for you.



Sager Brown **VIM Team Trip**

Our VIM working trip to the UMCOR (United Methodist Commission on Relief) Sager Brown Depot in Baldwin, Louisiana is scheduled for August 28-September 5. We have 12 slots reserved for our church and if you think you might be interested, please call the church office or contact Jim Prather at jamesprather@cox.net. The work consists of assembling functional "kits" of emergency supplies which are shipped to distressed areas around the world, sorting donated materials, sewing needed items such as school bags, possibly working out in the community repairing homes and building ramps, and distributing food boxes. No matter your ability or agility, there is a job for everyone! Team members stay in comfortable quarters and enjoy delicious (and bountiful) meals prepared and served in a wonderful dining area by a professional staff. There is plenty of fellowship time every evening with other teams after the work is done. Putting our faith into action is at the very heart of our Christian calling. Through VIM every person in the church has the opportunity to serve and live their lives more faithfully.



Wesley Concert Series

TWENTY YEARS AND COUNTING! That's right, our Wesley Series programs are beginning their 20th year, and first up for 2015 is a concert featuring violinist Catherine Kei Fukuda accompanied by our own Organist/Pianist, Broc Hite. The concert is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 15 and will feature music by Beethoven, Debussy, Dvorak, Ysaye and Whitman.

Catherine Kei Fukuda is a violinist, music educator and passionate advocate for music as a vehicle for social change. She began her musical studies at the age of five at a local Suzuki program in Connecticut and continued her training in New York and at the Hartt School of Music in Hartford, CT. She holds a BA degree from Swarthmore College with a double major in Biology and Music, a MM degree in Violin Performance from Kent State University, and has recently completed her Artist Certificate in Violin Performance at UMKC .

Playing chamber music is her greatest pleasure, but she also enjoys playing in orchestras. She has appeared with a number of different orchestras, notably the Akron and Mansfield Symphonies in Ohio as well as the Kansas City Symphony and the Britt Festival Orchestra. She has taught violin lessons at the Académie Lafayette for the last three years and will shortly expand her teaching schedule to include lessons at the 57th Street Violin Academy in Kansas City.

Broc Hite is a native of the Hudson River Valley in New York. He holds a BA degree in Piano Performance from Purchase College in Purchase, New York and a MM degree in Piano Accompanying from the Julliard School in New York City. He also holds an MBA degree in Computer Sciences from the University of Connecticut.

Broc has held several positions as Organist/Pianist and Music Director for several churches and has appeared as an accompanist for the Danbury, CT Concert Chorus and on radio station WQXR in New York City. He has taught piano at the Rockland Conservatory of Music and in Spring Valley, NY. He became our Organist/Pianist and Associate Director of Music Ministries in 2012.

So mark your calendars! Sunday, March 15th at 3:00 p.m. It's our PLATINUM ANNIVERSARY - Don't miss it!



The Heart of the Ozarks Emmaus and Chrysalis community is part of the world wide

WALK to EMMAUS spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders. The program's approach seriously considers the model of Christ's servanthood and encourages Christ's disciples to act in ways appropriate to being "a servant of all."

The Walk to Emmaus experience begins with a 72-hour short course in Christianity, comprised of fifteen talks by lay and clergy on the themes of God's grace, disciplines of Christian discipleship, and what it means to be the church. The course is wrapped in prayer and meditation, special times of worship and daily celebration of Holy Communion. The "Emmaus community," made up of those who have attended an Emmaus weekend, support the 72-hour experience with a prayer vigil, by preparing and serving meals, and other acts of love and self-giving. The Emmaus Walk typically begins Thursday evening and concludes Sunday evening. Men and women attend separate weekends.

The Chrysalis Flight experience is similar to the Walk to Emmaus but is designed for teens between the school ages of entering their sophomore year of High School to graduating seniors

Contact Jan Lowe, Peggy DeWitt, or Sandy Fitch, for more information.

Men's & Women's Spring Walks
Camp Siloam, Siloam Springs, AR
Men's Date: April 23-26 2015
Women's Date: April 30 – May 3, 2015
We've got dates for Chrysalis this summer!
Girls' Flight 8-11 at Harrison FUMC
Boys' Flight 15-18 at Harrison FUMC

Jerry Leonard, is the Walk to Emmaus coordinator at The Highlands (UMC) Church in Bella Vista. They have an Emmaus Gathering at their church the first Thursday of every month at 6:00pm in their Fellowship Hall. Emmaus Gatherings include music by their Contemporary Praise Team, a speaker, communion, great fellowship and snacks. It is for anyone who has completed the Walk to Emmaus or is interested in finding out more about completing a Walk to Emmaus. If you are interested, please mark your calendar to attend the next Gathering on March 5 at 6pm. Their church is located at 371 Glasgow Rd Here at FUMCBV, Jan Lowe can provide materials that explain more about The Walk To Emmaus, or refer you to people in our church who have completed the walk.



THANK YOU

The Bible Reminds Us to Ask in God's Name

I want you to know I have had a wonderful response to the announcement that Rev. Zack Underwood made requesting cards to be made for the Bereavement Program and given to me. Every month the faithful members of this mission send out 10-14 cards or booklets. I have received some beautiful handmade cards and I know more are on the way because I've been told by some church members to expect them.

I am always so thankful for my church family and this is just one more reason why. A request was made and the response is so positive.

God Bless each of you for all you do for our church and for all who are responding to the request for cards!

Special thanks from the members of the committee who send out the cards for those dealing with grief in our church.

Thanks & God Bless,
Maryann Johnson


We wish to thank you, the congregation of FUMCBV and SPRC, for your generous Love Offering contributions. At the end of our job descriptions is a line that says "...and other duties as assigned". All of us on your staff are assigned the duty of helping in any way we can. It is nice to be acknowledged for the work we do for you, our Church Family. You are loved. . . May God bless you all. *The Staff at FUMCBV*

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to you, our church family, for the many cards, calls and prayers for us and our family as we mourn the loss of my father Wilbur Benoy. Also for your care and concern for my Mom, Pearl as she continues to come to terms with her cancer. Your actions certainly confirm you are truly "being the church".
Thank you, Co- Ellen & Keith Sterwald

The family of Harold Fitch thanks everyone for their thoughtfulness and care during Harold's illness and passing. Your visits, cards, hugs, food, prayers and laughter lifted us up and made us realize just how much he was loved and will be missed. Blessings—
The whole Fitch Family

JANUARY 2015 FINANCIAL DATA				
		* = Less Endowment	2015 Budget	Compare 2014
Month to date (as of 1/31/15)	Actual Receipts	*\$59,562	*\$54,317	*\$56,048
Month to date (as of 1/31/15)	Actual Expenses	\$51,606	\$54,317	\$52,202
	Month of January	\$7,956		\$3,846
Year to date	Actual Receipts	*\$59,562	*\$582,164	*\$56,048
Year to date	Actual Expenses	\$51,606	\$582,164	\$52,202
	YTD	\$7,956		\$3,846
Operating Account Balance 1/31/15		-\$5,971		

MARCH 2015

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
1	BP ✓ between services 7:30 Praise Tm rehrsl 8:00 Traditional Srvice 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Srvice 3:00 Concordia Worship	2	10:00 Village House 10:00 Staff Meeting 11:30 PEO-CD 12:45 Women's Chorus 5:00 Grief Ministry 6:00 By the Book AA	3	8:30 Disciple III 10:00 Prayer Shawl 1:00 Disciple I 4:00 Fisher Bible Study	4	7:30 Men's Emmaus 8:30 Bible Study 9:00 Quilters 9:30 UMW Board Mtng 11:45 Lent Service/Lunch 3:40 Chancel Bells 5:00 Confirmation Cls 5:00 Prayer Service 6:30 Choir Practice 7:00 Youth Life	5	8:00 Men's Chorus 11:00 Golf-Berksdale 12:00 Epic of Eden 4:50 Sanctuary Bells	6	9:00 Gospel Bible Stdy 9:00 2 Serve SG 6:00 True Beauty Conf	7	Youth to Veritas 8:30 True Beauty 8:30 Young at Heart 9:00 Amp Big Book
8	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS <i>Turn your clocks forward 1 hour</i> 7:30 Praise Tm rehrsl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service	9	9:00 Caregivers Supprt 9:30 DAR 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 Calico Cut-ups Brd 12:45 Women's Chorus 4:00 Guest Followup 5:00 Grief Ministry 6:00 By the Book AA 6:00 Finance Committee	10	8:30 Disciple III 9:00 PEO-BR 10:00 Prayer Shawl 1:00 Sarah Circle 1:00 Disciple I 1:30 Member Mtng 4:00 Fisher Bible Study 5:30 Brd of Dir	11	7:30 Men's Emmaus 8:30 Bible Study 9:00 Quilters 9:30 Mission Mtng 11:45 Lent Service/Lunch 3:40 Chancel Bells 5:00 Confirmation Cls 5:00 Prayer Service 6:30 Choir Practice 6:30 UMM Dinner 7:00 Youth Life	12	8:00 Men's Chorus 11:00 Golf-Kingswood 12:00 Epic of Eden 1:00 Hope Circle 4:50 Sanctuary Bells 6:30 Evening Circle	13	9:00 Gospels Study 11:30 Preschl Brd Mtng	14	9:00 Amp Big Book 9:00 Baptism 12:00 Wesley Series class
15	PAK A SAK 7:05 Handbell Practice 7:30 Praise Tm rehrsl 8:00 Traditional Srvice 9:30 "The Well" Srvice 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Srvice 3:00 Wesley Series	16	9:00 Martha Circle 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 PEO-CD 12:45 Women's Chorus 5:00 Grief Ministry 6:00 By the Book AA	17	 8:30 Disciple III 10:00 Prayer Shawl 11:30 Moving Forward 1:00 Disciple I 1:00 BV Book Club 1:00 Naomi Circle 4:00 Fisher Bible Study	18	Men's Emmaus Bible Study 9:00 Quilters 11:45 Lent Service/Lunch 3:40 Chancel Bells 5:00 Confirmation Cls 5:30 Prayer Service 6:30 Choir Practice 7:00 Youth Life	19	8:00 Men's Chorus 10:00 Golf-Highlands 12:00 Epic of Eden 4:50 Sanctuary Bells 6:30 Memorial Comm	20	9:00 Gospels Study	21	9:00 Amp Big Book Easter Egg Hunt & Pancake Breakfast
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29	PALM SUNDAY 7:30 Praise Tm rehrsl 8:00 Traditional Srvice 9:30 "The Well" Srvice 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Srvice 5:00 Soaring Solos Ptlick	30	10:00 Staff Meeting 12:45 Women's Chorus 5:00 Wideman Grief 6:00 By the Book AA	31	8:30 Disciple III 10:00 Prayer Shawl 1:00 Disciple I 4:00 Fisher Bible Study								

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Newsletter Deadline: 15th of the month

Return service requested

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Easter Egg Hunt!

First United Methodist Church of Bella Vista
20 Boyce Dr., Bella Vista, AR 72715

Date: Saturday, March 21, 2015

Pancake Breakfast: No cost, donations accepted: 8:30-11:00 am

Egg Hunt:

- 9:30 am: Toddlers
- 10:00 am: Pre-K
- 10:30 am: 1st-3rd Grade
- 10:45 am: 4th-6th Grade: Scavenger Hunt

Easter Bunny will be attending!

ORDER YOUR EASTER LILY or TULIP

through March 29

You may purchase an Easter Lilly or Tulip plant in honor or memory of a loved one.

The plants will be displayed during Holy Week through Easter morning ~ there will be a special recognition insert in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

You may take your plant home after the last service Easter Sunday.

Cost is \$12.00

Sign up in the church office or in the Narthex on Sunday mornings

