



# The Good News

March, 2016

## *FUMCBV Lenten, Easter, & Church activities*

**February 10** ~ Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary, at 11:45am followed by luncheon, and at 6:00pm

**February 17 thru March 23** ~ Wednesday Lenten services at 11:45am, followed by a luncheon prepared by UMW Circles

**March 12** ~ Children's Pancake Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt, Breakfast begins at 8:30am - Hunts begins at 9:00am (see back page)

**March 13** ~ Daylight Savings begins (turn you clocks forward 1 hour)

**March 20** ~ Palm Sunday

**March 24** ~ Maundy Thursday Worship Service - 6:30pm

**March 25** ~ Good Friday Worship Service - 6:30pm

**March 27** ~ Easter Sunday Sunrise Service Bella Vista Country Club (Café Amici) - 7:00am

Easter Sunday Worship Services:

Sanctuary 8:00am & 10:45am (traditional services)

Becker Hall 9:30am (contemporary services)

**Midweek Manna** ~ every Wednesday evening through May beginning at 6:00pm - light supper followed by classes and activities for all ages (see Sunday bulletins for weekly classes & activities)





## FAITH WALK

with Brother Jaimie J. Alexander, Senior Pastor

As we journey through the Lenten Season, we are looking at the Resurrection of Jesus from the different points of view of the four gospel writers as well as Paul and Peter. Because of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, we focus on death, but our focus on death is full of hope and joy not sorrow and pain. Our focus on death is different because of the victory of Jesus Christ!

Honestly though, we do not always look at death from the Easter point of view of joy not sorrow, hope and not pain when the death of someone precious to us dies. When we encounter grief and the feeling of loss related to death we cry, feel numb, experience hurt and even shock. The followers of Christ experienced these emotions over the death of Christ, but His resurrection changed their view of death. They became overcome with joy, peace and new understandings of the prophetic words Jesus had spoken about his resurrection and eternal life. They then realized what Jesus had been teaching them over the last three years of his ministry.

In my early childhood, I was taught in Sunday School by a lady who loved Jesus and because of her devoted faith she shared the love of Jesus. Peggy Logan was the first Sunday School teacher I remember in my life at the First United Methodist Church of Heber Springs. I was about 4 years old when she was my teacher and she taught us about the love of Jesus and the death and resurrection of Jesus in a very basic way. She helped form in me a victorious resurrection view of death. I have celebrated her teaching of word of God in my life as child and numberless times as adult. Her influence in my life did not end in my childhood but continued in my adult life. In the first church where I served as pastor, she and my grandmother came for a weekend visit and attended a mission encounter weekend we were having. As my grandmother grew older and less able to be mobile, Peggy visited her weekly, often delivering "The Upper room" Devotional to her and always praying with Grandma. All Peggy's life she lived, taught, and believed the truth of resurrections victory. It was during the second week this Lenten season that Peggy Logan experienced the resurrection of death into eternal life. So today I view her death not with sorrow and grief but with victory because of the resurrection of Christ. Do you have a Easter victory point of view of Death? I hope you do so that you can celebrate death through Easter's Truth!



God is Faithful!

*Bro. Jaimie*

Don't just come to church, BE the Church

Dear Brethren,

We bring you greetings from Kibo Group, Jinja Uganda. All of us here send our love and are grateful and thankful for the love gifts and prayers that you sent our way through Brother Jaimie.

We are delighted and blessed to know that we have an army of Brothers and Sisters praying for us here in Uganda. Even though we are miles apart we are/remain thankful to God for you and for bringing us together through Brother Jaimie. Brother Jaimie has been such a blessing to us, bringing so much joy, love and light in the laughter that he carries. His humility is so amazing and we want to say you all are very blessed to have him as your pastor and we continue to pray for you all, that God may answer your every desire.

We at Kibo are also very grateful for the opportunity God has given us to touch and change the lives of people in our communities and we do not take that for granted. We take pride in what we do and are very grateful to God.

We conclude by saying we love you all and keep you in our prayers (1Timothy 2:1) as you do the game for us. Thank you!

God Bless you ALL! From ALL of us at Kibo Group # 243





## Listening with Ears of the Heart

Associate Pastor Judy Rudd-Platt

By the time this newsletter is published, we will be just over a third of the way through Lent. Our mini-Easters each Sunday in the midst of self-reflection, repentance and transformation continue to provide us hope of celebrating the resurrection come Easter morning. Although some people prefer to skip the heaviness inherent in traversing Lent, I have always embraced it as a time for the Holy Spirit to do a *new work* in me. It is a time when I seek the Spirit's illumination of my thoughts and patterns which act as obstacles to my relationships with God and others. Without this season of intentionally searching for the things that impede my spiritual growth, I keep doing the same thing over and over again expecting a different result. (By the way, some refer to this as the definition of insanity!)

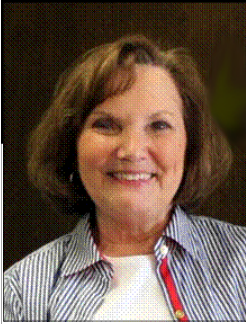
One of the ways I have made myself open and available to the transforming presence of the Holy Spirit is through the on-line study entitled *Relent: Preparing for Spiritual Revival*. At the time I am writing this article, we are in the second week of the five week study. The first week our topic was *ReRelease*, and this week it is *ReCeive*. As we approach Holy Week, we will also explore *ReLate*, *ReNew* and *ReStore*. To open our hearts and minds to the movement of the Holy Spirit each week, we are experiencing a new form of prayer as part of our daily participation. The first week was centering prayer, and this week we are using breath prayer. Through praying and sharing together, this on-line small group is growing in its awareness of the Holy Spirit's presence and movement while experiencing the transformative power of the Holy Spirit. We have room for more seekers!

These past few months, we have been blessed by the opportunity to grow through our small group ministries. We express our gratitude to Maryann Johnson and Larry Rolph for leading two of our Lenten studies. Many thanks as well to everyone who has graciously given of their time and energy to make our Wednesday Night small group ministry, *Midweek Manna*, a success. Thank you to our small group leaders, Stan Robinson, Rob and Cheryl Whiteside, David and Andrea Hanson, Kandi Mount, Sandy Fitch, Brenda Wideman, Kristin Crider, Darleen O'Brien, Sandy Larson, Marlene Clapp, Verna Bottjen and Gail Phillips. Thank you to our Shepherd Groups who have served and will serve our meals: Shepherd One, Sunrise, Agape, Metfield Methodists, 2 Serve, Avalon, Believers, Abram and Good 18. Also, thank you to all the other volunteers and staff who have helped us in front of and behind the scenes. Because of the outpouring of help and support, *Midweek Manna* will continue through May!

As we travel through these next few weeks to Easter Sunday, consider how the Holy Spirit is inviting you to experience a *new work* both individually and as a member of our beloved church. Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

### MIDWEEK MANNA





## *JOINING in the JOURNEY TOGETHER*

Brenda Wideman, Minister of Congregational Care & Grief Support

### **Resurrection that Comes in the Mourning**

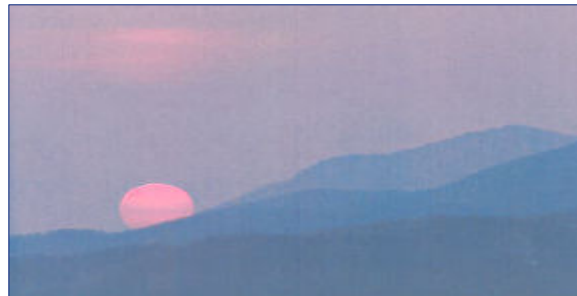
When we are in the midst of grief, be it grief as a result of death or as a result of another type of loss, we cannot see how we will ever get through it. The night seems so dark. The struggles, the pain, the tears may not seem to ever subside. And just when we think it is getting better, we are hit with another wave of grief that seems to put us right back in the midst of the darkness.

As I type, the first daffodils are beginning to bloom in my yard. As I looked longingly on those first blooms and anticipated the ones yet to come, I was reminded of the resurrection that can come in the mourning. The pain of loss feels like winter, winter that is cold and blustery, where no green or life can be seen anywhere we look. Things look so bleak; there appears to be no hope. And yet as the Creator's touch brings warmer temperatures, new life that has been buried deep within the earth begins to emerge. It emerges gradually and there may be times when a new snow knocks it back. There are times when we wonder how the struggle of new life can even poke out, for the ground is dry and hard. The fallen dead leaves of last autumn are so thick and deep, blocking out the sun, that it seems impossible that any growth is possible.

Grief is like that. We struggle with it, deep within, and just when we think there is no hope, God's healing touch brings a word or a picture or a hug that feeds the new life waiting within. Resurrection **is** possible in the mourning. It is possible when we open ourselves up to the journey and the vision of new life, when we open ourselves up to God and the touch of the Holy Spirit that is waiting to heal our brokenness. New life will not be identical to the old, but it will be life that is new and vibrant, nonetheless.

If you are experiencing grief due to loss in your life, we invite you to join us for "When Mourning Dawns", a 10-week grief support group. This group will meet on Tuesdays, 5:30-7pm, beginning March 15<sup>th</sup>, in the Chapel. We walk together through our grief in ways where we strive to understand what grief is, how the mourning process can be beneficial, and as we find ways to open our hearts to the healing that God makes available to us through God's love. If you are curious, but not ready to commit to the group, come join us on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm in the Chapel, as those who have taken this journey in the past come to share their stories.

Blessings, *Brenda*



*"When Mourning Dawns: Living Your Way Fully through the Seasons of Your Grief"*



## VISTA KIDS

Kristen Crider, Director of Children's Ministries

## YOUTH LIFE

David Hanson, Director of Youth Ministries

I write to you today in my actual church office. The office was created as part of the renovation done to the children and youth section of the church. I find myself unlocking the door and working from this office more and more these days! There are many reasons this church provides us an opportunity to come, be together and do good work. Wednesday nights at FUMC is just another way you can call a place that many meet together home.

Looking forward, we will continue to meet on Wednesday Nights. The children will be introduced to a missions viewpoint around the world and in our backyard. We are currently studying missions and the people who do its work from Haiti. We also have planned a unit in April about Disaster Relief with some real live missionaries that worship with us Sundays!

**The Easter Egg hunt is Saturday, March 12** with a more compact schedule! Pancake breakfast, followed by 4 hunts for toddlers to 6th grade. We need helpers for each hunt, a craft table and youthful energy to disperse and hide eggs! Please see the Easter Egg Hunt graphic for the times and email me at [kristin@lovelearnlead.com](mailto:kristin@lovelearnlead.com) to volunteer your time on March 12th! We will again support the mission of the NET, Inc. organization by ordering our eggs from their workshop facility in Marshfield MO. These eggs are assembled at 6 different local sheltered workshops for the disabled and supports approximately 120 disabled individuals through their work. Donations are appreciated, and should be marked as "Egg Hunt", Children's Ministry and dropped off at the office. Our cost for eggs this year will be approximately \$300 and will reach an estimated 200 individuals on the morning of March 12! Many thanks to the UMM for offering the pancakes and to all of those who will be the hands and feet of Jesus through this event!

Finally, a special request from all of us who teach the children on Sunday mornings during the 9:30 service. We are looking for a loving buddy to many of our children. A buddy will come down with the children and be with them through the children's Sunday School time. Please contact the office or email me at [kristin@lovelearnlead.com](mailto:kristin@lovelearnlead.com) if you would spend some of your Sunday's buddying with a child from 10:00 am - 10:30 am.

*Kristin*

The youth are really enjoying some time with Pastor Judy as I lead a family study on Wednesday. They are currently discussing and leaning about Temptations. My favorite verse in the Bible dealing with temptations is from Matthew 26:41 "*Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.*" With the craziness of our world and the ongoing changes, we need to keep focused on God's will for us and not fall into all the temptations we are faced with daily. Prayer is a great tool to help guide the youth though these tough times. The youth are faced with so much these days compared to the past. Temptations have always been around, but they look different in each generation. What doesn't change is how to work through them. God is our salvation and strength no matter what. I hope you all keep praying for the youth each day to overcome any evil they may come across.

Upcoming event. March 3 and 4 Pastor Judy and I will be taking a group of four youth to the Arkansas Annual Youth Conference in Hot Springs called Veratas. Please pray for a safe trip and that the youth grow in their faith.

Mission trip 2016: This year we are not taking a mission trip but are attending a week long disaster relief camp in Kansas, through *All Things New Ministry*. This camp will help our youth become trained, skilled and knowledgeable in helping out when disasters happened close to home. I am hoping to take four to five youth to this. The cost for the week long camp is \$400. If anyone wants to sponsor a youth to attend please see Pastor Judy or me.

Lastly, we are so grateful and appreciative for all the love in prayer and gifts that the church gives to the youth. Please let us know how we can every assist you.

Love you all,

*David*





## OUR FAMILY

Each month this space is used to tell about the people who are part of our church family. If you know of a graduation, community recognition, someone moving away or moving in, whatever the rest of the church might like to know to keep up with folks, let me know so I can include the information in these pages. Send your information to Brenda Wideman, Congregational Care Minister at [brenda@lovelearnlead.com](mailto:brenda@lovelearnlead.com) or 855-1158.

### BIRTHS

**We are excited to report new life in our church's immediate and extended families. We welcome:**

**Jenna Marie Quezadaros**—fourteenth grandchild of Gail and Duane Phillips, was born January 6th, at 3 in the afternoon. She weighed 7 lbs. and was 20 1/2 inches long. Her momma, Sarah, big brothers and sisters Jorgen, Jady, and Julia are excited she is here. You can welcome Jenna Marie at the Well Service where the proud grandparents will probably be cuddling her. Congratulations to all!



### DEATHS

**Please keep all of these families in your prayers as they journey through the grief of their loss.**



**Merlon 'Mert' Weed**—passed away Saturday, January 30 at HealthSouth Rehab in Fayetteville after a short illness. He and Shirley had been married 61 years. Please keep Shirley, their three children, Jeri, Linda, and Steve, Mert's sister Shirley McConnell and the entire family in your prayers

**Jessie Mae Bradley**—passed away Sunday, February 7 at Arkansas Hospice Ottenheimer Center in Little Rock. Her services were held in Little Rock on February 12 and 13. Please keep her sister-in-law Kitty, her niece Sharon, nephew Floyd, and her friends here at FUMC in your prayers during this time of loss.



**Eleanor Dunsmoor**—passed away Friday, February 19th in Ottumwa, Iowa. She had moved there this past October to be close to her daughter. A visitation was held Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield, Iowa; a graveside service was on Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at the IOOF Cemetery in Bloomfield. Please keep her daughters, Lisa and Vicki, her extended family, and her friends in your prayers. Cards may be sent to Lisa Wagler, 306 West Jefferson St., Bloomfield, IA 52537.

**Joyce Cox** - passed away Thursday, February 25 at Circle of Life Legacy Village in Bentonville. Her memorial service will be held Monday, February 29 at 2:00pm in our sanctuary. Joyce and her husband Eldon have been members of FUMCBV since 1992. Please keep Eldon, their family, and their many friends at FUMCBV in your prayers.



**Lavina Ramey**—mother of Rose Taylor, passed away peacefully at Legacy Village early in the morning of Wednesday, January 27th. The family had gathered to surround her in her last moments and together travelled to Danville, IL, where Lavina's remains were placed to rest. Please keep Rose and Rick and the family in your prayers as they journey together in this loss.

**Carolyn Grace**—older sister of Bill Danenhauer, passed away in January in Colorado. Bill and Aggie travelled to Denver where they gathered with family to celebrate Carolyn's life. Please keep them in prayer.

**David Williams**—brother of Peggy Gamble, passed away Wednesday, February 17th, in San Antonio, TX. Please keep Peggy and her family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of David.



## OUR FAMILY

**Tuesday, March 1st, please exercise your right (privilege) to vote!!** (can do in Becker Hall 7a-7:30p)

### ACTIVITIES COMING in March

**SUNRISE SHEPHERD GROUP** will have a Potluck Brunch on Friday, March 18, at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel. Bring a breakfast dish and your own table service. Coffee will be provided. For questions contact Lynn Prueitt, 876-5753, or [jlprueitt@gmail.com](mailto:jlprueitt@gmail.com).

**SOARING SOLOS** has a tentative date scheduled to see the movie *Risen* at Sugar Creek Theater on March 5 at 1:25 p.m. After the movie they will go to Gusano's for an early supper. Please call Mabel Ashline if you are going so she can make reservations. Only one outing is planned in March due to all the activities at church.

**SHEPHERD GROUP ONE** Friday, March 18 at 5:30pm in the Chapel - Soup Tasting Party, Good Old Socializing & Trivia Fun Think about your favorite soup. We would like get 10–12 Crock Pots going. Beverages and Desserts will be available. There will be Judging & Prizes for: \*Most unusual, \*Best Presentation & \*Best Crowd Pleaser  
Please Contact us:

1-If you plan on attending

2-If you want to bring a soup

Steve & Sandy Larsen: 876-1864

[steve.larsen@rocketmail.com](mailto:steve.larsen@rocketmail.com) or

David & Marilyn Frisby: 715-6013 [mfrisby@mac.com](mailto:mfrisby@mac.com)

## Lost & Found

*Come to the office to check out the "small items" we are accumulating, including several pairs of eyeglasses, earrings, rings, bracelets, etc. Check out the coat rack across from the library if you are missing a coat, jacket, or sweater, and in the box above for other miscellaneous "stuff"!*

### Please Don't Toss That Old Phone!!!

During the month of March we will be collecting un-used cell phones to be donated to *CELL PHONES FOR SOLDIERS*, a non-profit organization that refurbishes cell phone and distributes them to soldiers overseas. Look through your desk drawers, dig up those old phones and bring them to the office. There is a collection box under the Missions Table in the Narthex. Please (if you still have them) also bring any chargers or cords associated with the phone you bring in.

Since 2004 Cell Phones for Soldiers has donated 220 million minutes and 11.7 million cell phones to active and retired military personnel. Help us support those who often put their lives on the line to help keep our country free.



### MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**AV Worship Assistance**— Do you like technology? Well, we have a ministry for you! Help out during Sunday Worship in any of the three services with the soundboard or video camera or computer. All you need is a willing spirit; we will happily train you. Help is also needed to deliver the worship recording from the first service to the local TV station. Talk to Troy or Alan in the AV booth for details.

**Sunday Office Hostess**— Do you have a friendly face and helping attitude? We would love to have you welcome and assist folks who come to the church office on Sunday during the 10:45 Worship service. Talk to Janet in the church office—855-1158 for more details.



## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Stephen & Paula Carter  
 10 Steve & Sandy Larsen  
 13 Don & Lois McMahan  
 14 LeRoy & JoAnn Handel  
 17 Roger & Allison Totten  
 18 Bob & Helen McBride  
 21 Bud & Dorothy Kropp-Henke  
 28 Marshall & Jacque Goff-Beahm  
 28 Hal Shope & Marianne Zotti  
 29 Carmen & Dorothy Phillips  
 30 Brian & Cathy Wilmoth

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Juanita Dittmer  
 2 Linda Davis  
 2 James Gilmore  
 2 Trent Humphrey  
 3 Dalton Dale  
 3 Layton Magee  
 5 Tatum Potts  
 5 Bob Walker  
 7 Frank Kostal  
 12 Vickee Fleming  
 12 Brandt May

## 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 Mildred Davidson  
 26 Cindy Snow  
 26 Naomi Stephen  
 26 Frances Temple  
 25 Tim Smith  
 28 Janelle Engle  
 28 Sydney Hanna  
 28 Judy Knadle  
 28 Lillian Timmons  
 29 Kim Davenport  
 29 Phyllis Robinson  
 29 Brenda Wideman  
 30 Marilyn Cox  
 30 Mona Johnson  
 31 Jennifer Stucker





## BOOK NOOK

### BOOKS IN SERIES:

AMISH BRIDES OF PINECRAFT by Shelley Shepard Gray

Book 1: THE PROMISE OF PALM GROVE

Book 2: THE PROPOSAL OF SIESTA KEY

Book 3: A WEDDING AT THE ORANGE BLOSSOM INN

THE GUARDIAN TRILOGY by Nora Roberts

Book 1: STARS OF FORTUNE

THE INN BOONSBORO TRILOGY by Nora Roberts

Book 1: THE NEXT ALWAYS

Book 2: THE LAST BOYFRIEND

Book 3: THE PERFECT HOPE

### LARGE-PRINT FICTION:

FAMILY PICTURES by Jane Green

As dark truths from the past are revealed, will Sylvie and Maggie be able to learn forgiveness?

THE HEALING by Jonathan Odell

Grieving over the loss of her child, Amanda takes a newborn slave child to raise as her own.

THE GUEST BOOK by Marybeth Whalen

Macy asks God to help her find the boy she never forgot.

BLUE by Danielle Steel

Ginny pieces her life back together after an accident and tries to find meaning in her existence as a human rights worker.

EVE by Wm. Paul Young

A shipping container washes ashore with a woman inside.

PLAYING WITH FIRE by Tess Gerritsen

Her quest beckons Julia to Venice where she uncovers a dark and dangerous secret.

ALL DRESSED IN WHITE by Mary Higgins Clark

Whoever is behind Amanda's disappearance plans to keep the truth hidden "until death do us part".....

POINT BLANK by Fern Michaels

Members of the Sisterhood always stand together.

### FICTION:

THE LONGEST RIDE by Nicholas Sparks

The remarkable love story of two couples whose lives intersect in profound and surprising ways.



## UMW

### BAZAAR WORK SHOPS will be STARTING MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>

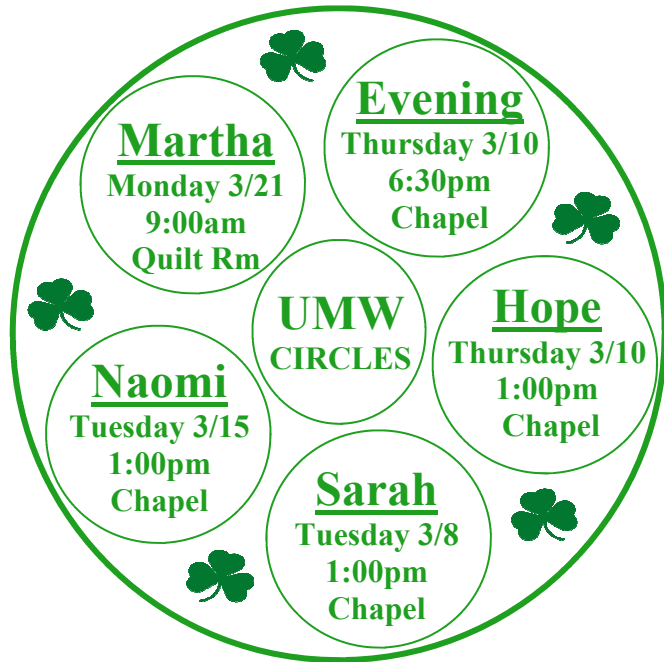
This is when the women of the Church meet downstairs in the Quilting Room to create and assemble items for sale at our October Bazaar. Time is spent socializing, eating snacks and having fun making these items. We meet from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. every Thursday and you can come and go as your schedule allows. Bring a sack lunch if you can stay during the noon hour. We appreciate new people and ideas, or come and see what we do or need and do some work at home. Also needed are small - new - items that we can use in our gift baskets such as mugs, teacups, kitchen utensils, desk items, sewing tools or anything to make up a basket with a theme. We have a need ONLY for wide mouth quart jars and half pint jelly jars. Look in Becker Hall and see the items that are ready to take home and finish - they are on a card table in the back.


Also - we have beautiful homemade cards in the Library above the computer table and also a few food items left. Ladies, and gentlemen, if you have a green thumb don't forget to start your plants for the sale in October, also. Hope to see you March 3rd.

### UMW SPRING LUNCHEON

The Spring Luncheon of the UMW will be held Wednesday, March 23. This year we will be combining our Luncheon with the last Lenten Noon Service to be held at 11:45 in the sanctuary. A luncheon will immediately follow at 12:15 in Becker Hall. Turkey Noodle Soup and Ham and Bean Soup, Dessert, and Drink will be served. Cost will be "free will offering". Following lunch there will be a short business meeting for UMW members.





U of A  
**WESLEY**  
 COLLEGE  MINISTRY

## 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. 2013

Under the direction of the Bishop and his Cabinet, the Wesley ministry forges 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.

Although U of A Wesley is a shared ministry of Central UMC and the Arkansas United Methodist Churches, both of which have made a significant financial commitment to our ministry, we rely on second-mile giving from other churches, alumni and friends of our ministry to fund our operating budget. Your gift to our Operating Fund provides vital resources for staffing through interns and our programmatic outreach to campus through our weekly events and special projects such as mission trips.

Save the date for the Consecration of the new Wesley House on April 24, 2016 at 2:30 PM at the Wesley House on 520 Lindell Avenue, Fayetteville. To date we have roughly \$1.6 million toward the \$2 million needed for the Wesley House project. Your gift to our Building Fund will allow us to build a debt-free facility that will enable us to do ministry for many years to come. Your gift to our Making Our House A Home campaign will help us purchase furniture and appliances to fill our beautiful new building.

You can visit our website at <http://uawesley.com/> to see how your donation can be used for specific items to furnish our new home.

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!

**UNITED METHODIST MEN** invite all men of the church to their monthly dinner meeting on Wednesday, March 9 at 6:30pm in the Chapel.

The dinner menu is Chicken Fried Steak, Scalloped Potatoes, Corn & Salad catered by Papa Mike's.

The program will be presented by Jack Eaton, the Executive Director of the Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Benton County, and C.S. Carrington, a scholarship recipient.

Your reservation needs to be made no later than Sunday, March 6. 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!

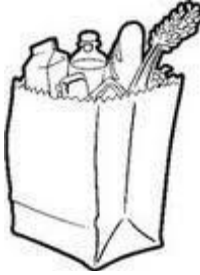
Starting the week of April 4, our three leagues begin summer play - two 18 hole leagues, Mondays & Thursdays; and one 9 hole league on Tuesdays. All three leagues are "play by the week" leagues. You are not required to commit the entire summer, or find a substitute if you have to miss a week. Contact Alan Packard, Chet Campbell, James Forrest, or Darrell Bottjen if you are interested.



## MISSIONS

### Pak A Sak

Salvation Army in Bentonville will receive our collection of food on March 20th. The shelter serves families, men, and women in need of temporary shelter, which is warm, safe, and serves hot meals. All types of non-perishable food items are needed especially fruit, cereal, peanut butter, pasta, soup, and coffee. Thank you for your continued generosity to the less fortunate of Benton County.



### LOOKING for a WAY to MAKE a DIFFERENCE?

**YOU - YES, YOU!**

After years of dedicated service to the Pak A Sak mission project, Sue Nebrig is ready to train her replacements. This vital mission project requires a heart for mission, a bit of record-keeping, a bit of organization, a bit of your time, and a sense of humor. This project is perfect for a couple or team. Pak A Sak collection and sorting happens on the third Sunday of each month and takes about 40 minutes on Sunday morning (usually after the Well service.) Delivery of the collected food to the various agencies we support usually happens on the following Monday and takes about an hour.

If you feel the Holy Spirit calling you to become more involved in a mission field, this may be the mission for you. Miss Sue is more than willing to train you and offer her years of expertise and support as you become familiar with the project. There is a vital and active volunteer base in place for this program. And the FUMCBV Mission team is ready to welcome you and support you. Contact Sue Nebrig at 855-9269 or Sandy Fitch at 426-5361.

### Shoebox

Thank heaven for mild winters. Those who are homeless have such a hard time in the winter months. We delivered hats and gloves to be given out to children in various areas such as right here in Bella Vista, Pea Ridge, Noel, Centerton, and Gravette. We will continue until the threat of cold, wet weather is past.

Thank you to the United Methodist Women for their generous donation. As we told them in our note of thanks, it has been decided to provide shampoo, soap, lotion, conditioner, toothbrushes and toothpaste for "Hygiene Week" in April to the 412 students that make up K thru 2nd grades at Glenn Duffy Elementary School in Gravette. We have been providing these items for several years now with the help of our church member organizations. Please give yourselves a pat on the back. You have given so much to provide for so many.

We will be calling on some of our volunteers to help pack and get things ready for their project. Thank you to the "Sunshine Ladies" in Martha Circle for their continued circle time packing of Sunshine Sacks. The count unfortunately is up to 78 sacks per month to the qualified students at Cooper Elementary School.

Shoebboxes delivered in January totaled 232 to various shelters in the area. Most of the boxes are men's boxes with women's next and boy's, girl's and babies follow.

### Contributions

We NO LONGER will be accepting women's cosmetic items such as make-up, moisturizers and items not used in shoe boxes. Men's items such as shoe horns, after shave, mouthwashes of any kind, dental floss, shoe polish cloths are examples of these items. The American Legion no longer takes these items through the Vista newspaper. We used to take these items there for distribution. Thank you for your understanding. We hope to be able to find a donation site for these items in the future.

As always in His Service,

*The Shoebox Ministry Team*





# MISSIONS



## BOX TOP BONANZA!

Red Bird Mission has been the recipient of your generosity and diligence in cutting out and saving box tops and labels. In January, Mary Patrick sent in over 8,000 to Red Bird. Last year the mission was able to purchase a new van with the thousands of box tops they had received. Please keep up the good work of saving your labels! You may deposit them in their box in the church library. Thanks also, to the Circles who help every month to cut and trim the many labels collected from the recycle center.



Best Choice UPC



## Habitat for Humanity Shed-building crew John Justice, Chet Campbell, Jack Dunn

Our FUMCBV church family has a dedicated group of volunteers who are involved in nearly every Benton County Habitat project. Their specialty is building a shed for each family. All skill levels are needed for a Habitat build. If you can hold a paint brush, a hammer or saw or shovel, or cook a meal – you can be involved with a build. If you have a few hours available, you can volunteer at the Habitat ReStore or in the office, located at 1212 N. Walton Blvd in Bentonville (across from the “new” Harps).



## save the date Wesley House Consecration Service

Sunday, April 24 2016 at 2:30pm  
520 Lindell Ave, Fayetteville AR 72701 ~ 479-442-1820

All are invited to Save the Date for the Consecration Service celebrating the opening of UofA Wesley’s new 8,000sq.ft. ministry facility. UofA Wesley, a United Methodist college ministry at the University of Arkansas, draws its mission from John 15:1-17 and exists to help university students CONNECT, GROW, and BEAR FRUIT in their life in Christ during the college experience. For more information about the service or to help with furnishing the new Wesley facility by making a gift, visit the ministry’s website at [uawesley.com](http://uawesley.com). We hope to see you there!

*Rachel Boatz*, Administrator  
U of A Wesley College Ministry

## THE BETTER TO SEE YOU WITH. . .

Two of our FUMCBV members are dedicated members of the Bella Vista Lions Club who perform free eye-testing for young children. **Ken Swanson** and **Mary Patrick** go to places like Sunshine School, Kids for the Future, Children’s Shelter, Charter Kids, and Centerton Schools. Since November, these two have tested 565 children and referred 101 of these for further diagnosis. Because of their dedication, these children will have a much better chance of success in school and in life with better vision.



**2 Thumbs up to Ken & Mary!!**



**Arkansas Gives,** which is in its second year, has set April 7, 2016 as Arkansas Gives Day, a day to help nonprofits grow

stronger by encouraging our entire state to donate on a single day. This is an opportunity for you to make a financial donation to the Bella Vista Courtesy Van through [ArkansasGives.org](http://ArkansasGives.org) which will allow the courtesy van to receive bonus dollars from a \$250,000 pool. What a wonderful way to make your donation dollars grow. Last year we received \$7624 in donations and earned \$968 from the bonus pool.

A minimum of \$25.00 may be given via your credit card by logging into [ArkansasGives.Org](http://ArkansasGives.Org) between 8 AM and 8 PM on Thursday, April 7, 2016. Arkansas Gives will send you an official tax receipt from the Arkansas Community Foundation when your donation is received. The Bella Vista Courtesy Van Board of Directors thanks you for your continued support.

*Becky Fox, Board President*

**WEDNESDAY QUILT GROUP NEWS**

Wednesday mornings a group of about 10 ladies meet in the quilt room downstairs to hand quilt finished quilt tops that others have made and brought in to be completed. This is a very social group; however, support of missions is the primary goal. Their flexible hours are from 8:00 until 2:00PM.

The group was started in 1982 by Ruby Presley. While none of the charter members are still with us, several of the present ones have been quilting together nearly that long. We keep three quilts in the process of completion at any one time. In each of the last two years we have contributed \$3000 to missions selected by the group. We invite anyone who is interested to join us.

If you have a quilt top you would like to have quilted contact Dorothy Day at 855-7006.



**HISTORY HELP!**

As this year progresses, if you see or have anything for 2016 that you feel should be included in the church history book, please drop those items off at the office. I have a slot set up above the one that contains church directory updates. Items might include photos, newspaper or other articles, obituaries, announcements, programs from any events. Thanks so much for your help!

*Jill Hale, Historian*

**DON'T FORGET!!!**

Daylight Savings Time begins



Spring Forward

Sunday, March 13



## THANK YOU

To the members and Staff of the First United Methodist Church,





I would like to thank the congregation of this caring church for all the cards, prayers, donations, attendance and the kinds words during and after the illness and passing of my husband, Mert. Thanks also to those who provided and served all the good food. It was much appreciated. A special huge thanks to Brenda for her care for our family and the nice service. We are hearing many well-deserved compliments on our church and the beautiful memorial. *Shirley Weed & Family*

### JANUARY 2016 FINANCIAL DATA

		* = -Endowment	2016 Budget	Compare 2015
Month to date (as of 1/31/16)	Actual Receipts	*\$61,741	*\$54,326	*\$59,845
Month to date (as of 1/31/16)	Actual Expenses	\$50,271	\$54,326	\$51,606
	Month of JAN	\$11,470		\$ 8,239
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	YTD	\$11,470		\$ 8,239

Operating Account Balance 1/31/16    **\$11,184**

# March 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> 7:00 Voting Here 11:40 Golf-Highlands	<b>2</b> Men's Emmaus Bible Study 9:00 Disciple IV 9:00 Quilters 9:30 UMW Brd Meeting 9:30 <i>John</i> Lenten Stdv 11:45 Service/Lunch 2:30 Disciple II 3:15 Chancel Bells 5:00 Prayer Meeting 6:00 Midweek Manna 6:45 Youth Life	<b>3</b> 9:00 Old Sew and Sews 11:06 Men's Golf 4:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 Living Sober AA	<b>4</b> 8:30 Believers Disciple 9:00 Van Go-Go Girls	<b>5</b> 8:30 Young Heart 9:00 Andante 9:00 Amp Big Book 1:00 Soaring Solos
<b>6</b> BP✓ between services 7:30 Praise Tm rehrl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Serv 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Serv	<b>7</b> 10:00 Staff Meeting 11:00 PEO-CD 12:45 Women's Chorus 4:50 Handbell Ensmbl 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	<b>8</b> 9:00 PEO-BR 11:40 Golf-Berksdale 1:00 Sarah Circle 1:30 Member Mtg 5:00 Grief Group	<b>9</b> Men's Emmaus Bible Study 9:00 Disciple IV 9:00 Quilters 9:00 Newbees 9:30 <i>John</i> Lenten Study 11:45 Service/Lunch 2:30 Disciple II 3:15 Chancel Bells 5:00 Prayer Meeting 6:00 Midweek Manna 6:30 UMM Dinner 6:45 Youth Life	<b>10</b> 11:06 Golf-Kingswood 1:00 Hope Circle 4:00 Chancel Choir 6:30 Evening Circle 7:00 Living Sober AA	<b>11</b> 8:30 Believers Disciple 11:30 Preschl Brd Mtng	<b>12</b> 8:30 Easter Egg Ht 8:30 Pancake Brk 9:00 Amp Big Book 9:00 Helping Hand 
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<b>20</b> <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> ~Pak A Sak~ 7:05 Chancel Bells 7:30 Praise Tm rehrl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service	<b>21</b> <b>SPRING</b> Martha Circle 10:00 Staff Meeting 10:30 PEO Planning 11:00 PEO-CD 12:45 Women's Chorus 4:50 Handbell Ensmbl 5:30 Brd Directors 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	<b>22</b> <b>BREAK</b> 6:30 Run Off Voting 11:40 Golf-Kingswood 3:00 BV Library Brd 5:00 Grief Group	<b>23</b> <b>ALL</b> Men's Emmaus Bible Study 8:30 Bible Study 9:00 Disciple IV 9:00 Quilters 11:45 Service/Lunch 2:30 Disciple II 3:15 Chancel Bells 5:00 Prayer Meeting 6:00 Midweek Manna	<b>24</b> <b>THIS MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> 11:06 Golf-Dogwood 12:30 Vacation Rentals 4:00 Chancel Choir 6:30 Worship Service 7:00 Living Sober AA	<b>25</b> <b>WEEK GOOD FRIDAY</b> 8:30 Believers Disciple 6:30 Worship service	<b>26</b> 9:00 Amp Big Book
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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

**Easter Egg Hunt!**

**First United Methodist Church**  
20 Boyce Drive, Bella Vista

**Saturday, March 12, 2016**

**Pancake Breakfast**  
8:30am-10:00am  
(donations accepted)

**Egg Hunt**

9:30am: 3 years & younger (in the Atrium)  
9:45am: Pre-K & K (in the Playground area)  
9:45am: 1st-3rd Grade (outside of Playground)  
9:00am 4th-6th Grade: Scavenger Hunt  
(starts in Becker Hall)

*Easter Bunny will be attending!*

**ORDER YOUR EASTER LILY or TULIP**  
through March 20

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 \$13.00 each

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

