



The Good News

MARCH 2017

Worship Services and Activities through the Season of Lent

Each Wednesday from 11:45am to 12:15pm during Lent there will be a mid-day worship service, followed by a light lunch served and hosted by FUMCBV Staff and the various UMW Circles.

Lenten Sermon Series: "CROSS PURPOSE!"

3/1	Ash Wednesday Services 11:45am & 6:00pm ~ Luncheon following 11:45 service (Staff)
3/5	Cross Purpose! Prepared and Anointed!
3/8	11:45am ~ Service & Luncheon (Hope Circle)
3/12	Cross Purpose! To Proclaim Good News to the Poor!
3/15	11:45am ~ Service & Luncheon (Naomi Circle)
3/19	Cross Purpose! Sent by God!
3/22	11:45am ~ Service & Luncheon (UMW Board—quarterly luncheon)
3/26	Cross Purpose! To Proclaim Freedom for the Prisoners!
3/29	11:45am ~ Service & Luncheon (Evening Circle)
4/2	Cross Purpose! Recovery of Sight for the Blind!
4/5	11:45am ~ Service & Luncheon (Sarah Circle)
4/8	Easter Egg Hunt
4/9	Palm Sunday ~ Cross Purpose! Set the Oppressed Free!
4/12	11:45am ~ Service & Luncheon (Martha Circle)
4/13	Maundy Thursday Worship Service ~ Lord's Last Supper will be celebrated (6:30pm)
4/14	Good Friday Tenebrae Service: Choir Cantata: "Requim"
4/16	Easter Sunrise Service ~ 7:00am ~ Metfield Clubhouse
4/16	Easter Sunday ~ Cross Purpose! PROCLAIM!!!! 8:00am ~ 9:30am, ~ 10:45am services

MIDWEEK MANNA Wednesday evenings begin with a full supper at 5:30pm for everyone. Classes and activities for all ages begin at 6:30pm and end about 7:30/45. There are also Lenten Classes available at times other than Wednesday evenings. (see page 9). There will be NO MEAL, CLASSES, or ACTIVITIES Wednesday, March 1st. Please join your church family in the Sanctuary that evening at 6:00pm for Ash Wednesday services.



FAITH WALK

Brother Jaimie J. Alexander, Senior Pastor

Lent 2017 CROSS PURPOSE!

We normally think of the word cross-purpose as an opposing or contrary purpose. If people are at cross-purposes they are conflicting; opposed; disagreeing with each other. If we have an internal argument taking place within ourselves we say we are at cross purposes with ourselves. But during Lent 2017, we will be referring to the words “Cross Purpose” with a different meaning as we look at both the purpose of Jesus and the purpose of the cross. In Luke 4:18-19 we read the words of Jesus as he declares his prophetic purpose, “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me, to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” From Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday we will intentionally focus on this purpose of Christ as stated in Luke and we look at the purpose of the Cross, because both have a cross purpose of salvation. I hope you will attend Cross Purpose Midday Wednesday Services from 11:45 to 12:15 from March 1 thru April 12, the March 1st Cross Purpose Ash Wednesday services at 11:45 and 6:00pm, Cross Purpose Maundy Thursday Service at 6:30 April 13, Cross Purpose Good Friday Service at 6:30 on April 14, and Easter services at 7am, 8 am, 9:30 am, and 10:45 am on April 15.



Meet Ugandan Friends that WE will host March 29 thru 30!!!

I am excited to announce that Harriet Kefeza and Alex Walyomu of Kibo Group Uganda will be our special guests at FUMCBV March 29- 30. Harriet and Alex will be present for you to come meet, visit with, and hear speak during that time. Speaking events will be announced once their schedule is determined. Kibo Group Uganda is the overseas mission that FUMCBV supports. Uganda is full of people working hard to be



healthy in every aspect of their lives. Kibo Group helps them be more effective in the work they are already doing through our Christian faith and ethics. I am so thankful for the missions concern of FUMCBV and its outreach to persons both locally and abroad. In my two trips to Uganda, I have gotten to know Harriet and Alex. I am so excited for you to know them and, believe me, you will be blessed to know them!

God is faithful!

Bro. Jaimie

Don't just come to church, BE the CHURCH!



Listening with Ears of the Heart

Judy Rudd-Platt, Associate Pastor

We have been praying for revival, renewal and the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our lives, our church and our denomination during the month of February. We have prayed for a fresh experience of God's grace and love in our midst. We have even prayed boldly at times that the Holy Spirit will grant us a new vision as well as courage and strength to carry out the vision we receive. But how do we know when the Holy Spirit is present and guiding us? How can we be sure that the nudges and inspiration are coming from the Holy Spirit and not our desires based on self-serving motives or the fear of change?

One of my seminary professors told a story of an aging church who was complaining that they were not growing. They also complained about the "young folk" who were selfishly focusing on themselves and were not involved in church as they should be. (To be clear, I am not referring to our church!) As their pastor, my professor suggested that they look for the movement of the Holy Spirit outside the walls of their church. He suggested that they look for the places where the young people are involved, where they are serving people in need, where they are gathering together for fellowship, and where they are seeking teachings and wisdom and there, perhaps, they will find where the Spirit is moving. I have never forgotten his wise counsel.

I do not presume to discern the movement of the Holy Spirit any better or more accurately than anyone else. But leaning on my professor's counsel, I look *outside* the places where I think the Holy Spirit should be present. I deeply listen to people as they share about their passions and heart's desires. I expect the Holy Spirit's movements to be revealed in the lives of people I encounter. With holy anticipation, I expect the Holy Spirit to be revealed when sought.

One of the helpful criteria I use to discern where the Spirit may be moving is our Arkansas Conference trajectory: "*Creating vital congregations that make disciples of Jesus Christ who make disciples, equipped to transform lives, communities and the world.*"

Just a few of the places I have seen the Holy Spirit moving so far this year are:

- Small group leaders who have been trained and equipped to lead small groups who make disciples who make disciples;
- Laity inspired suggestions for Midweek Manna topics that have provided opportunities to invite friends and neighbors to our church;
- A desire to be the hands and feet of Christ by delivering meals to our homebound and church family in need of extra support; and
- Youth and children inspired to serve their church family.

Where have you seen the Holy Spirit moving? Where is the Holy Spirit stirring you?

As you continue in prayer for revival in your life, the life of our church and the future of our denomination, I invite you to use this prayer which is prayed often on the Walk to Emmaus and Face to Face retreats:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy your consolations. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor Judy



JOINING in the JOURNEY TOGETHER

Brenda Wideman, Associate Pastor

Cross Purpose – To Know and Bear our Pain

“They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha. It was nine o’clock in the morning when they crucified him. And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice ‘*Eloi, Eloi, lema Sabachthani?*’, which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.” Mark 15:22,25,34,37

How many times have you thought that God has forsaken you or has no idea what you are going through? How many times have you heard someone say, “He knows your pain,” and you thought, “Yeh, right, I bet not.” Read the scripture again.

Jesus came to earth for so many reasons that we could never write them all down. But one reason we can see in this scripture is that Christ came to demonstrate to us that he knows our pain and he knows the human condition of feeling abandoned in times of trouble. In his humanity, Jesus wept as Mary and Martha grieved the loss of their brother and his friend, Lazarus. In his humanity, Jesus comforted his mother by asking John, his disciple, to look after her, even as she watched the horror of Jesus’ death. In his humanity, Jesus endured being beaten and mocked and spat upon and tortured and ultimately being put to death by crucifixion. To say that he “went through it” is a tremendous understatement. Jesus **does** know our pain. He knew worldly pain of many types while on earth.

But the good news is this - that is not the end of the story! In his divinity, Jesus healed the sick; he made the lame to walk; he gave sight to the blind. In his divinity, Jesus calmed the storm. In his divinity, Jesus gave release to the captives and let the oppressed go free. In his divinity, Jesus raised those who were dead to new life. In his divinity, Christ himself is risen from the dead and continues to heal, to give sight, to release us from our captivity and give new life, even today!

What brokenness is holding you captive this day? What grief from losses in your life are you holding on to? Come join us as we journey together through this grief, as we share our stories and support each other in Christ’s love, as we allow the healing touch of a Savior who knows our pain to bring new life to even us. I invite you to join our grief support group as we experience “When Mourning Dawns: Living Your Way Fully through the Seasons of Your Grief.” This journey will show us what grief is and what it is not. It will help you with practical ways to cope with grief in this world. It will allow you to look within, to open your spirit to the Hope and Healing that comes from a loving Lord and Savior who is with us, that comes from a Savior who has walked the journey and will lift the burden from your weary soul. We will meet Tuesday evenings from 5:30 to 7:00 pm in the Chapel beginning March 14 and lasting for 10 weeks. Come lay your pain at the foot of the Cross. Let **Him** bear the pain which is robbing **you** of Hope and Life. Come Join in the Journey with us. I pray I will see you there.

Blessings, *Pastor Brenda*





VISTA KIDS

Angie Rader, Director of Children's Ministries

This has certainly been a great year so far! I love this warm winter. We have had 2 interesting months in children's ministry since the beginning of the year, with a variety of activities. Thank you so much for your support in the children and youth *Future Chefs* cooking class. The kids had a great time, and so did the adults. Thanks to all the adults for their hard work and teaching skills! We are already planning our next cooking class and will let you know when that will be. Midweek Manna on Wednesday evenings is also going very well. We usually have about 13 kids who join us for dinner and stay for class downstairs. They are doing such a great job with learning the books of the Bible and the pledges. If anyone would like to help, we would love to have you with us for about an hour of class Wednesday evenings. We are very excited about the spring cleaning going on downstairs. Thank you to all who are helping with this. We are working on plans for the Easter Egg hunt, which will be Saturday, April 8th. Please put this on your schedule. Donations of empty plastic Easter Eggs would be greatly appreciated. There will be boxes in the Narthex and Becker Hall to collect these. More details will follow soon.

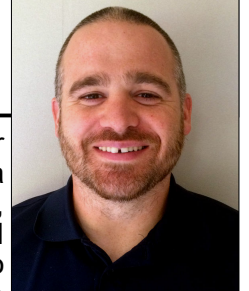
Vacation Bible School is the week of Sunday, July 23rd through Thursday, July 27th this year. There is a planning meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 16th at 6:00pm in Room 23 (lower level) We have a lot of wonderful activities planned for the children, and as always, we will need lots of volunteers. We need donations of cardboard, paint, and other items—you'll get a "wish list" soon.

Again, thank you all so much for your love and support. It makes my job very easy. Have a wonderful month and a happy spring. As always, my door is always open to you.

In his service, *Ms. Angie*

YOUTH LIFE

Austin Curtis, Director of Youth Ministries



The youth and I want to send out a big "THANK YOU" to everyone who supported our Valentine's Day dinner at the church on February 11th. With adult supervision, the youth and a few of the children had a great time preparing homemade rolls, salad, chicken parmesan, spaghetti, spaghetti squash and green beans. They also made brownies, berry cobbler and gluten free cookies for dessert. The youth set the tables, took orders and served the meals to each of the tables. Several of the youth commented on how much fun it was to actually serve meals they had pretended to serve when they were younger! They also worked hard to make sure that Becker Hall was clean and set up for Sunday service. We could not have done it without the cheerful and tireless efforts of our adult supervisors and guides: Angie Rader, Phyllis Robinson, Marion Kornes and Katrina Sparlin. They kept the chaos in the kitchen down to a low roar!

Thank you to the person who purchased the wood-burning picture of the coffee cup which was donated to benefit the youth ministries. Thank you also to all those who purchased leftover meals on Sunday. All together, after expenses, we made \$296 for future youth mission trips! Again, a big "THANK YOU" to all who supported our youth in this service project.

Upcoming Events:

Friday, March 17th ~ Lock-In at the Church

Saturday, April 1st ~ Young Christian's Weekend at Silver Dollar City

Confirmation Corner

Confirmation classes will begin on Wednesday, March 8th at 6:30pm. The confirmands will meet on Wednesday evenings during March before going to Camp Tanako for Confirmation Camp Friday, March 31st – Sunday, April 2nd. They will complete their studies in April after they return from camp. Five of our youth are going through confirmation, so please hold them in prayer. *Austin*



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, or 855-1158.

NEW MEMBERS

Joe and Donna Vermillion — joined our church family on January 29th. They are both retired counselors and are spending time in retirement in Bible studies, home projects, yard work and reading. They are a part of our Disciple 3 class, Prayer Ministry, and Kitchen Cleanup Crew. Wow! It is exciting that they are already so involved. They worship at the 8am Traditional Service. Be sure to introduce yourself the next time you see them. Welcome Joe and Donna!



J.D. and Glenna Pickens — became our newest members on February 19th. They both grew up on a farm and in small towns, but moved here in retirement to be close to family and because of the beauty and the golf. Now that they are here, Glenna enjoys sewing, needlework, bird

watching and the outdoors. J.D. enjoys golf and just having fun. They worship in the 8am Traditional service. Be sure to give them a warm welcome when you see them.

Cheryl Meyer—also became one of our newest members on February 19th. Cheryl has joined right in as part of the Abrams Shepherd Group, helping with a luncheon and other SG activities. She owned a beauty shop for 20 years. She has 2 wonderful adult children and is proud of her 3 grandchildren. Gardening, reading, sewing, stained glass, kayaking, walking, dancing, and especially spending time with her family keep her busy and happy. Please give a warm welcome to Cheryl when you see her.

DEATHS

Clarence Williams—passed away on Saturday, January 28th at Jamestown Health and Rehab Center where he had been a resident for several years. His memorial service was on Saturday, February 4th at 2pm in our sanctuary with a reception immediately following in Becker Hall. Please pray for his wife, Harriet, who is a resident at Highlands Health Care and for his children Ann, Bob, Dave, and for all of the family.



Lois Wakefield—Passed away early Saturday, February 11, at Ashley Health and Rehabilitation in Rogers. Lois had been at Ashley for rehab since she was released from Mercy Hospital after contracting pneumonia in early January. A graveside service was held Saturday, February 25th at Center Grove Cemetery in Tarkio, MO, where Lois will be buried next to her husband. Please keep her daughters, Jeannie and Susie, and the entire family in your prayers as they mourn. Cards can be sent to: Family of Lois Wakefield, c/o Jeannie Ray, 2050 S. Cherry Hills Dr., Fayetteville, AR 72701



Jean Moline – sister of Joyce Horle, passed away in Viroqua, Wisconsin on Sunday, January 15. Please pray for Joyce, Reid, and Joyce's family as they mourn the loss of Jean.

Yvonne Elliott—half-sister of Bob Schuster, passed away in Florida, on Thursday, January 25th. She was only 64 years old. Please pray for Bob and for his family. Bob is in grief for the loss of two sisters in only two weeks.

Ben Fred Yount – older brother of Alan Yount, passed away in Federal Way, Washington, on Saturday, February 11. He was a Vietnam veteran and retired from the U.S. Air Force. Please pray for his wife of 56 years, Mary Lee, and the entire family, as they mourn his passing.

Diana Cain – friend and spiritual mentor for 20 years of Pastor Judy Rudd-Platt, passed away in a tragic one-car accident on Friday, February 10th. Pastor Judy travelled to Little Rock to preside at the Celebration of Life on Wednesday, February 15th. Please keep Diana's husband, Tom, her son and daughter, Pastor Judy, and all the family in prayers at this difficult time.



OUR FAMILY

Anniversaries of Note!



Ralph & Nita Wallace

The Wallaces celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, February 22nd. They were married in Winfield, Kansas on February 22, 1952. They have

been very active members of FUMCBV since 2008.



Gary & Delores Grosnickle

The Grosnickles celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on February 17th. They were married at the First United Methodist Church in Boone, Iowa on February 17, 1957. They



moved to Bella Vista in 1984 and have been active members of FUMCBV since that year.

Congratulations to both of these couples for defying the modern odds of long-lasting marriages.

ACTIVITIES COMING IN MARCH

YOUNG AT HEART SHEPHERD GROUP - will meet for breakfast Saturday, March 4 at 8:30 AM at The Acropolis Restaurant in Bentonville (by the north Harp's on N. Walton Blvd.)

ABRAM SHEPHERD GROUP - their March Gathering will be on the 13th @ 5:30pm in the Chapel. The menu for the evening is Irish Beef Stew with sides & dessert. Please RSVP to Darleen O'Brien 281-781-3838 so we can have enough food. Hope to see all ASG there. Our February gathering was fun and everyone had a good time.

SHEPHERD GROUP ONE—St. Patrick's Day is coming and it offers a great chance for us to all get together! So, we have arranged to go to Papa Mike's to celebrate the holiday. Our celebration will commence at Papa Mike's on **Thursday March 16th** at 6:00 PM with a dinner of Irish Stew, Irish Soda Bread, salad, and desert all prepared by Papa Mike, along with other revelry! Price will be \$11 (Including tax and tip). Please let us know if you will be able to attend and join in the fun! Please RSVP by contacting: Chuck Whittenberg at 479-715-6484 or via e-mail chuck.whittenberg@gmail.com

SOLOS— will meet March 19th at 2:00 P.M. in the Chapel to see the movie "The Robe" (the *old* version!) It will be a pot luck meal too, so bring something to share.

METFIELD METHODIST SG—will travel to Haven 55 in Pineville for dinner on Friday, March 24 at 5:00pm. More details coming soon.

A CUP WITH A PURPOSE

Our sisters in Christ at the Oasis community have opened a second coffee shop on the Northwest Arkansas Community College campus. These are great locations to meet with friends or small groups of up to 15; to enjoy wonderful coffee, espressos, lattes and the like, and all at a reasonable price. What a great way to support the Oasis women as they grow their lives and their community into the wholeness God created them to be!



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 Steven & Sandy Larsen
 13 Don & Lois McMahan
 14 LeRoy & JoAnn Handel
 17 Roger & Allison Totten
 28 Marshall & Jacqueline Goff-Beahm
 28 Hal Shope & Marianne Zotti
 29 Carmen & Dorothy Phillips
 30 Brian & Cathy Wilmoth

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

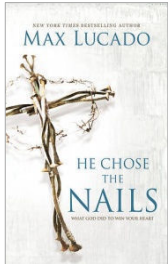
- 2 Linda Davis
 2 James Gilmore
 2 Trent Humphrey
 2 Curt Olson
 3 Dalton Dale
 3 Layton Magee
 5 Tatum Potts
 5 Bob Walker
 7 Frank Kostal
 7 Wanda Williams
 12 Vickee Fleming
 12 Brandt May

MARCH BIRTHDAYS (cont)

- 14 Kimberly McGee
 17 John Lindsey
 17 Ralph Wallace
 18 Devon Presley
 20 Terry Davis
 22 Dylen Lehmann
 23 Donna Brown
 23 Carmen Heck
 24 Marge Smith
 25 Mil Davidson
 26 Cindy Snow
 26 Naomi Stephen
 26 Frances Temple
 27 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

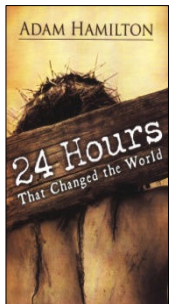


Studies for the Season of Lent



*He Chose the Nails:
What God Did to Win Your Heart*
by Max Lucado
Sundays, March 5 - April 9
9:30-10:30am

Kandi Mount will lead this five-session video Bible study, in which you join Max Lucado as he explores the many gifts that Christ provided to us at his crucifixion. These include not only the gift of the cross, but also the gift of the thorns that pierced his brow, the nails that tore his flesh, the seamless robe that he removed for us and the empty tomb where he forever defeated sin and death.



24 Hours That Changed the World
by Adam Hamilton
Wednesdays, March 8 – April 19
6:30-8:30pm

Maryann Johnson leads this Lenten study in which Adam Hamilton helps you experience and understand the significance of Jesus' suffering and death like never before. In his usual straightforward yet easy, conversational style that speaks to both long-time Christians and those who are simply curious about the story of Christ's crucifixion, Hamilton draws on insights from history, archaeology, geography, and the Bible as he retraces the day that changed human history. In the DVD, you visit the sites where those earth-shaking events took place, and you walk where Jesus walked along the road that led to the pain and triumph of the cross.

For Lent . . .

- ✓ Give up temper: *Substitute a forgiving spirit.*
- ✓ Give up complaining: *Substitute thanks for your home, family, job, health.*
- ✓ Give up worry: *Substitute total trust in the Almighty.*
- ✓ Give up gossip: *Substitute kind words and understanding action.*
- ✓ Give up TV one night a week: *Substitute a visit to a shut-in or someone in the hospital.*
- ✓ Give up animosity toward a neighbor or fellow worker: *Substitute an attitude of love.*
- ✓ Give up envy: *Substitute a compliment.*
- ✓ Give up an extra 15 minutes in bed: *Substitute prayer and Bible reading.*
- ✓ Give up an hour on Sunday of fun and personal gratification: *Substitute that time in church.*
- ✓ Give up fear for a loved one: *Substitute a visual image of the way God would have them live.*
- ✓ Give up "giving up" on yourself when you slip ~ *start over again.*

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"! All glasses will be given to the Lion's Club after March 15th, so come claim yours!



MISSIONS

FOOD MINISTRIES at FUMCBV

- * **Pak A Sak**—a different recipient entity every month (see article below about typical needs—food collected through-out the month, packed on the 3rd Sunday, and distributed that week)
- * **Snack Packs for the Back Packs**—Cooper School Daily & week-end take-home back packs for those who need extra food—Goat Bank Quarters go for this program.
- * **Midweek Manna Homebound dinner delivery**
- * **Pack Shack**—annual pack of 10-15 thousand meals
- * **Emergency Food Supplies available** for those deemed needy by the pastors

PAK A SAK

Salvation Army in Bentonville will receive our collection of food on March 19th. The Shelter serves men, women, and families in need of temporary housing. The shelter is in need of all types of non-perishable pantry food especially coffee, cereal, peanut butter, pasta, sauces, soup, & canned fruit. **The Mission Team thanks all for their generosity to help the less fortunate in Benton Co.**



HELPING HANDS NEEDED

For those of you who are not acquainted with how our church helps support the Helping Hands Resale Shop, it's a great hands-on mission. The first of our three work days for 2017 is fast approaching. On **Saturday, March 25th**, we will again have the opportunity to help out the Helping Hands Resale Shop by accepting donations, cashiering, bagging & organizing. As usual, we need guys in the morning and both guys and gals in the afternoon. This organization provides over \$2 million in assistance to local residents each year!

There will be a signup sheet in the office or if you have any questions see Verna Bottjen or Shirley Wenger.

P.S. Put **July 22 & Nov 18** on your calendar for the next chances to assist with this hands-on mission.



U of A

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. In 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 was 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.

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!

"Throughout the month of March, FUMCBV will be collecting a special offering each Sunday for the U of A Wesley College Ministry. Wesley's mission is to help students CONNECT, GROW, and BEAR FRUIT in their life in Christ during their college years. The special offering will be split between Wesley's Missions (10%), Operating (45%), and Building (45%) funds. For more information on our ministry, please visit [uawesley.com!](http://uawesley.com/)"



Book Nook



from the Organ Console

Broc Hite,
Organist/Associate Director of Music

BOOKS IN SERIES:

AMISH INN MYSTERIES SERIES:

Book 6: LAW & OLD ORDER by Jan Fields

SUGARCREEK AMISH MYSTERIES SERIES:

Book 12: SHOO, FLY, SHOO!

by Amy Lillard

Book 13: EARTHLY TREASURES

by AnnaLisa Daughety

LARGE PRINT FICTION:

THE CHRISTMAS VISITOR by Linda Byler

An Amish mystery.

THE WHISTLER by John Grisham

A high stakes thrill ride through the darkest corners of the Sunshine State.

BECAUSE YOU'RE MINE by Colleen Coble

Amid the beauty of Charleston, not all is as it seems.

I want to thank you for the positive feedback from playing some piano music of Mendelssohn in addition to the organ for my preludes, offertories, and postludes during February. It was a difficult decision to make since I always want to explore new organ pieces since we are so blessed to have one of the nicest and largest pipe organs in the area. Based on this success, I'm planning to play the Schubert Impromptus, Opus 90, each week starting after Easter in late April.

For March, I will continue working through the little organ book of Bach, adding in other pieces based on Lenten themes. The Wesley Series Concerts resume in March with the Lyrique Quintette, a woodwind quintet from the University of Arkansas that made their debut here last spring. In April, the clarinetist from that group will join a cellist and me to play duos and trios that I hope you will enjoy.

DAR Award Recipient



On Monday, February 13, the Lovely Purchase Chapter of DAR surprised our John Justice with the Community Service Award for many years of unselfish and tireless service he has given to entities within our community and throughout Northwest Arkansas. Representatives from several agencies he has work with, including AARP Recycle Center and Habitat for Humanity gave stirring endorsements of how John has helped those who have needed their services. John is truly a model of what it means to "BE the CHURCH"!

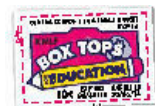
BOX TOP BONANZA!

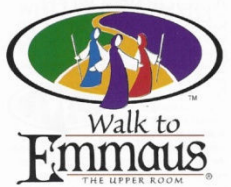


Red Bird Mission has been the recipient of your generosity and diligence in cutting out and saving box tops and labels.

Mary Patrick was so faithful in collecting and sorting thousands of labels over the years, and others have stepped up to fill her shoes. 2 years ago Red Bird 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 the Red box on the shelf 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. FYI—Campbell's products have discontinued their label rebate program, so you no longer need to cut off their UPC codes..

Best Choice UPC





Walk to Emmaus

The walk to Emmaus is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation that begins with a three-day retreat. Through worship, small groups, fun and fellowship, participants are renewed and revived in their love of Jesus Christ. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed to you through other believers. Following the three-day retreat, participants are joined in small groups to support each other in their ongoing walk with Christ.

The objective of Emmaus is to inspire, challenge, and equip the local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, communities and places of work. Emmaus lifts up a way for our grace-filled lives to be lived and shared with others!

A men's walk and a women's walk are scheduled in April at Camp Siloam in Siloam Springs, AR

Men's Walk

Thursday, April 20 - Sunday, April 23rd

Women's Walk

Thursday, April 27 - Sunday, April 30th

If you are interested in attending one of these walks or need more information about a walk, please contact Sandy Fitch or Pastor Judy.

MidWeek Manna Class Information

Living Single with Confidence

The Wednesday night small group, Living Single with Confidence has been a great success! Both single and married folks have benefited from such topics as Basic Finances, Simple Home Repair Tips, and Basic Technology Tips. The topics for March promise to be equally as helpful for all who attend.

March 8th Emergency Help Devices and In-Home Medical Assistance

March 15th Police and Fire Department Services

March 22nd Benton County Extension Service
Cooking Tips

March 29th AARP Driver Refresher Course Info
Make a note of the topics on your calendar, or better yet, post them on your refrigerator door. We'll see you on Wednesday nights in March!

Bella Vista ~ My Hometown will take a brief intermission for Lent. It will resume on April 19th with a program by Kay Curry on the trails in Bella Vista and a 2 mile hike on April 26th. Mark April 19th and 26th on your calendar. You don't want to miss this!

Healthy Living

Healthy Living Meeting Is Changing Times for Lent.

Have your New Year's resolutions long since gone by the wayside? Have you wanted to eat healthier food and/or exercise more but have had difficulties following through with your intentions? If you answered "yes" to either of these questions, you might want to join with others in your church family who are also trying to make healthier life-style decisions. On Wednesday mornings, a group of folks are meeting at Lake Bella Vista (the parking lot off of Hwy 71) to walk for about an hour. Different groups walk at different paces, but we share in fellowship and encouragement as we walk. Later in the morning, a group of folks meet to share tips on making healthier life choices, encourage and uplift one another and share in a healthy snack. If you desire to receive and share encouragement with others as you make healthier choices, join us in March. The new times are:

Walk at Lake Bella Vista 9:00am

Meeting in the Chapel 10:30am

Please join us as we strive to make a better "ME" in 2017.



UMM & UMW

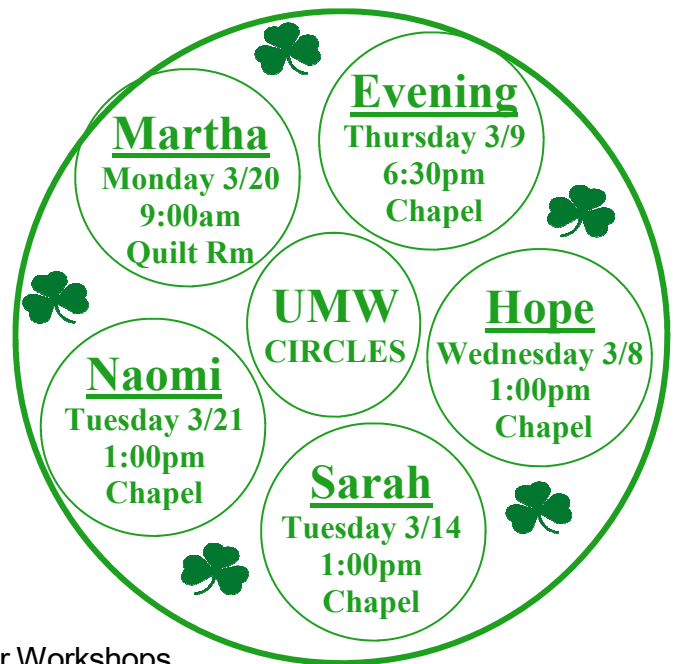
UNITED METHODIST MEN United Methodist Men invite all men of the church to their monthly dinner meeting on Wednesday, March 8 at 6:30pm in the Chapel. The February meeting was very successful. Attendance increased to 37 members who enjoyed the tasty meal catered by Rhythm & Q. Mike Frost shared excellent ideas with us about things we need to prepare for, and received many questions.

The speaker for the March meeting will be Travis Stephens, Economic Development Director for Bella Vista. He will share the latest happenings regarding the growth of the business base in our city. If you want to hear what is really going on in Bella Vista, this is a meeting you will want to attend

To make a reservation, call Lou Kaufmann at 855-0909 or 366-1291 or email lou@krrealty.com or simply call the church office. Looking forward to seeing all the men of the church on Wednesday, March 8 at 6:30pm in the Chapel.

UMW SPRING LUNCHEON

The Spring Luncheon of the UMW will be held Wednesday, March 22nd. Again, this year we will be combining our Luncheon with the Lenten Noon Service to be held at 11:45 in the sanctuary. Our luncheon will immediately follow in Becker Hall. Turkey Noodle Soup and Ham and Bean Soup, Dessert, and Drink will be served. Cost will be "free will offering". Following the lunch there will be a short business meeting for UMW members.



UMW Bazaar Workshops to Begin

Thursday, March 2 is the first day of this year's Bazaar Workshops.

We'll meet every Thursday from 9am to 2pm in the Craft Room on the Lower Level. Bring a sack lunch and enjoy the fellowship as we work on a variety of crafts.

Crafters are also needed at the UMW Craft Table during Mid-Week Manna on Wednesday evenings following the 5:30pm meal.

Our crafts require all skill levels from the very basic to fine-quality. We need folks who can do machine or hand sewing, knitting, crocheting, embroidery, ironing, gluing, and any number of other tasks.

If you want to work from home, see Darleen O'Brien or Jan Lowe for suggestions of what might be needed or for help in getting started if you are new to the workshops. Let us know ahead of time what you plan to work on so we can anticipate costs and numbers of items needed.



THANK YOU

We would like to thank all of our friends and the staff at FUMC for the prayers, love, and support you have given all of us throughout our daughter-in-law Lauren's illness and death. Although in New York, Lauren followed FUMC through sermons and the newsletter on line and knew she and Curt were lifted up by your prayers. Thank you all.

In Christ's Love, *Jim and Judy Bilyeu*

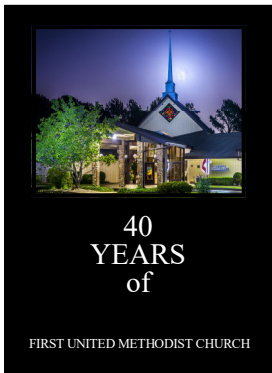
Thank You ALL,
I wish to THANK EVERYONE in our church family for all the prayers, thoughts, cards and calls. I know I am very blessed to have been excepted into this FUMCBV church family and I Thank GOD everyday for each of you. I ended up having 3 procedures and they all were successful.

Blessings to each of you, *Darleen O'Brien*

To Sue Nebrig, Jean Meadows and the congregation at 1st United Methodist Church of BV; We are most grateful for your continued kindness and support of Restoration Village and the women and children we serve. Your most recent donation of food items for our pantry through your PAK-A-SAK program overwhelmed us with your generosity and donation of such a variety of items. The children loved the small boxes of cereal – that was a real treat – the assortment of canned foods, dry foods . . . even a jar of jalapenos. Wow, what thoughtfulness. Most of all, our hearts have been overwhelmed by your love and your giving spirit for over 20 years.

You are a BLESSING! Thank you for sharing in our mission of: Restoring Dignity – Renewing Hope – Rebuilding Lives.

Gratefully – *David and Beverly Engle*




The "40Years of Potluck" Cookbook committee thanks everyone who contributed recipes to and/or purchased a (or more than one) cookbook. We sold 225 cookbooks in about 3 weeks!! We will be placing another order soon, for those of you who missed out the first time around. The profits from the cookbook sales will be going toward needs within FUMCBV. You are awesome, and we look forward to enjoying the results of your finding just the right recipe for our next get-together. Thanks, again! We couldn't have done it without you!

Allison, Elaine, Judi, Wanda, & Janet

Newsletter January 2017 Financial Data					
		2017 Actual	2017 Budget	Compare 2016 Actual	2017 Year-end Budget
Month to date (as of 1/31/17)	Actual Receipts	\$56,906	\$50,127	\$61,741	
Month to date (as of 1/31/17)	Actual Expense	\$51,278	\$53,307	\$50,271	
	Balance	\$5,628	\$3,180	\$11,470	
	Year to Date Actual Receipts	\$56,906	\$50,127	\$61,741	\$608,420
	Year to Date Actual Expense	\$51,278	\$53,307	\$50,271	\$639,707
	Balance	\$5,628	\$3,180	\$11,470	\$31,287
Operating Account Balance 1/31/17 \$13,060					
<i>Patsy Attaway, Treasurer</i>					

MARCH 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 ASH WEDNESDAY Quilters 9:00 Disciple I 9:30 UMW Board 10:30 Healthy Living 11:45 Lenten SRV/Lunch 1:00 Disciple III 3:30 Chancel Bells 4:45 Prayer Meeting 5:00 Chancel Choir 6:00 Worship Service	2 9:00 Old Sew and Sews 9:00 Bazaar Workshop 11:06 Golf-Highlands 2:00 Thurs Small Grp	3 9:00 Jesus in Gospel	4 8:30 Young at Heart 9:00 Amp Big Book AA 11:00 PEO Founders
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**SUNDAY,
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ORDER YOUR EASTER LILY or TULIP

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

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