



The Good News

March 2019

Worship Services and Activities through the Season of Lent

Each Tuesday 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 UMW and the various UMW Circles.

Lenten Sermon Series: "The Gospel of Nobodies!"

3/6	11:45am & 6:30pm ~ Ash Wednesday Services
3/10	The Gospel of Nobodies ~ The Night Shift Worker
3/12	11:45am ~ Worship Service & Luncheon (Evening Circle)
3/17	The Gospel of Nobodies ~ The Disabled and Sick
3/19	11:45am ~ Worship Service & Luncheon (Naomi Circle)
3/24	The Gospel of Nobodies ~ The Prodigal
3/26	11:45am ~ Worship Service & Luncheon (UMW Board—quarterly luncheon)
3/31	The Gospel of Nobodies ~ The Shamed and Judged
4/2	11:45am ~ Worship Service & Luncheon (Naomi Circle)
4/7	The Gospel of Nobodies ~ The Homeless Beggars
4/9	11:45am ~ Worship Service & Luncheon (Martha Circle)
4/13	10:00 ~ Easter Egg Hunt
4/14	Palm Sunday ~ The Gospel of Nobodies ~ The Thief on the Cross
4/16	11:45am ~ Worship Service & Luncheon (Sarah Circle)
4/18	6:30pm ~ Maundy Thursday Worship Service ~ Lord's Last Supper will be celebrated
4/19	12:00 & 6:30pm ~ Good Friday Worship Service
4/21	Easter Sunrise Service ~ 6:45am ~ Metfield Clubhouse
4/21	Easter Sunday ~ The Gospel of Nobodies ~ The Worst Thing is Never the Last Thing 8:00am ~ 9:30am ~ 10:45am Worship 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 7:30/7:45. There will be NO MEAL, NO CLASSES, and NO ACTIVITIES on Wednesday, March 6th. Please join your church family in the Sanctuary that evening at 6:30pm for Ash Wednesday services.



Glimpses of Grace

Rev. Jeanne Williams, Senior Pastor

General Conference 2019 has happened. By the time you read this, I will be back home, in my own bed, and at my desk again. I must say that being present while our church decided on our future was an emotional roller coaster. I am going to attempt to summarize what happened and the “now what?”

The General Conference took a day to be in prayer together on Saturday, Feb. 23. We began the Legislative work on Sunday where the body first prioritized the order in which they wanted to perfect in legislation the some 100 petitions presented to the body. The vote revealed that petitions pertaining to clergy retirement were top priority, followed by the “Traditional Plan” body of petitions, then two plans that allow for those who disagree with the “plan” passed how they may graciously leave the denomination. And the “One Church Plan” was prioritized as fifth.

The Legislative Committee, made of the entire 864 delegates, met on Sunday afternoon and the entirety of Monday. The petitions for clergy retirement funds, the Traditional Plan, and the two disaffiliation plans, were “perfected” in legislation while the One Church Plan didn’t make it out of Legislative Committee. As a reminder, the One Church Plan was one of the two plans the Commission on the Way Forward submitted to the Council of Bishops and that the Council announced they were in support of last May.

Tuesday morning, we began the Plenary portion of the Conference. The Traditional Plan as it was passed out of the Legislative Committee was deemed unconstitutional in several places overnight by the Judicial Council. The Wespeth Benefits petition was passed, and then we moved to the disaffiliation plans. One of them was amended and passed and we were on to try to make the unconstitutional parts of the Traditional Plan constitutional before our hard deadline of 6:30 PM. (The monster trucks show started coming in at midnight that night!)

A minority report was given to the body to substitute the One Church Plan for the Traditional Plan and that was voted down. The body then spent the remaining time on the Traditional Plan. The vote was called at 6:15 PM and it was passed as it stood. Two more items that happened: a referral to the Judicial Council to review all work passed in Plenary and deem it constitutional or not, and a referral to the Ethics Committee on whether or not bribery took place of some delegations in order to gain their vote.

For some, this feels like a victory. For others, it feels like a heartbreaking disappointment. Still others are scratching their heads and asking, “What’s going on?” We have examples of each in our church. And we love you, however you feel about the actions of General Conference. We want every single person to know that he or she is a valued member of our church body.

So what does this all mean? We are a global church with varying cultures. We are a deeply divided global church. Most every vote was a 55%/45% split. Some reports say that if the United States UMC delegates had taken a separate vote, the One Church Plan would have passed by nearly 75% in favor. We do not know what parts of anything passed will actually go into our doctrine until the Judicial Council meets in April.

For our local church, this means:

1. Our ministry and character of our church will not change. We will have church this Sunday. We will continue to teach the children, encourage the youth, take care of the sick and dying, and reach out in love to the community. Our focus will stay on Jesus and his Gospel of love, grace, mercy, and power. We will continue to be open to all people and welcome everyone into our midst.
2. We will abide by the Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church. We have a very diverse congregation, and the only way to order our life together is to stay in covenant. There are parts of the Book of Discipline that each of us could disagree with. It will continue to change as we move forward, just as it has for every General Conference in our history.
3. It was announced that our Annual Conference will host several regional town hall meetings in the coming months to explain, debrief, and answer questions. When we know the details of these, we will publicize and invite anyone who wishes to attend.

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JOINING in the JOURNEY TOGETHER

Rev. Brenda Wideman, Associate Pastor

Blessed are You who Weep Now

During the month of February, Rev. Jeanne has been sharing with us reflections from the Gospel of Luke for the sermon series “#SeeAllThePeople.” In this series, we come to realize that Jesus saw ALL the people, the sick, the poor, the hungry, the down-hearted. He not only saw them, he heard them. He heard their voice, their cries for help. He reached out to them and assured them that he would bring comfort and healing. In Luke 6:21b Jesus told the crowd, **“Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.”**

How many of us are weeping? How many are weeping for losses in our lives, weeping for losses of loved-ones who have died or who are estranged from us, weeping for loss of purpose, loss of security, loss of health, loss of self? How many of us need to find healing that will, once again, lead to laughter? Adam Hamilton writes in his book *Why?* that when God sees those who need love and healing, God sends God’s people to walk with us in that need, and to bring compassion and encouragement in that need.

Have you ever been a part of a support group, a support group where your voice is heard, where you are supported in your journey in ways that bring hope and healing, and ultimately in ways that bring the laughter of new life? If you are weeping today, I invite you to join us in our Grief Support Group which will begin meeting Tuesday, March 12. In this group, each participant is treated as a unique individual who has a unique walk through their circumstance of grief. Each participant is treated with respect and caring. During this 8-week session, we will discuss what grief is, how it affects us, how it is a season similar to the seasons of the year, and how we can find hope and healing on the other side of our pain.

When Mourning Dawns – Living your Way through the Seasons of Your Grief
Tuesdays, beginning March 12, 5:30-7:00pm ~ In the Chapel
Refreshments Provided



I also invite you to bring a friend, for there are many of us, inside and outside of the church, who are walking silently through grief and need to have our voices heard. Jesus sees us and hears us and sends others who care. *Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.* (Matthew 5:4 NRSV) Yes, we **are** truly blessed when we join in this journey together, a journey of caring relationships which bring comfort.

Blessings, Pastor Brenda

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4. It is very important that our congregation pull together, love one another and communicate the truth about what a great church we have and what a great God we serve. There are fellow church members who disagree with you on this issue, no matter what your opinion is. Our call is to love one another as Christ has loved us. We want to emphasize love, grace, unity, and peace; not discord, conflict, bitterness, or strife. We have not had much negativity leading up to the General Conference, we certainly don’t want to exhibit destructive behavior now. In your conversations with those outside the church, let it be known what a wonderful, loving, warm, and welcoming church we have, despite what the press and social media are saying about the United Methodist Church in general right now.

These have been difficult days. I witnessed a very somber ending to General Conference as even those who wished for the Traditional Plan to pass were in tears over the deep divide and hurt caused by this Conference. I ask that you pray for our denomination, our church, your pastors, staff, lay leaders, and one another.

Blessings, love, and grace,

Rev. Jeanne



MEDIA MUSINGS

Kacy Spears,
Director of Communications

Kacy has invited her media volunteers to write about their experience. Allan Hagan is the first guest contributor.

MEDIA VOLUNTEER
GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

ALLAN HAGAN

When I was asked to write a short article regarding my involvement with the Media Ministry at First United Methodist Church, I think of our church's, "Love, Learn, Lead." I think about Rev. Jeanne speaking about spiritual gifts, service to God and our church. I think about taking God's word outside the walls of our church.



I see being apart of our media ministry as a part of my walk in discipleship. Media can be voice in our community. So much of our society is dependant on our phones, computers and internet today. Our media ministry is taking God's word to all these platforms. Keeping all our members linked, informed and connected. Examples being, Every service is streamed live to anyone not able to attend in person. We have a website, emails, Facebook, church newsletters and all the printed works, just to name a few.

It's only natural that I serve the media ministry for media has been my life's work, but I invite you to look into serving our media ministry. There are so many areas that one could serve. Helping give our church a voice in our digital society, help keeping our members connected, linked and informed. Being a digital disciple in a digital society.

Allan Hagan

EASTER CANDY NEEDED for our community Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 13th. All individually wrapped, nut-free candy small enough to fit in the plastic eggs is accepted. (we have plenty of eggs! - just not enough candy!) There are black barrels in the Narthex and Becker Hall for your donations. Thank You!



From the Organ Console
Broc Hite
Organist/Associate Director of Music



I'm preparing a short piano recital in Becker Hall on Sunday, March 3rd, at 12:10 p.m. It includes what we know as the Twinkle, Twinkle variations of Mozart, though he never knew that title. After that, I present the harsh six months of fall and winter from Tchaikovsky's The Seasons, after playing the spring and summer months last year. Each of these miniatures reveals a mood from Russian life and Tchaikovsky's musical language.

The highlight of my service playing will be on St. Patrick's Day, which is on Sunday, March 17th. Both composers featured were born in Dublin, though they didn't stay in Ireland for long. My prelude is a piano nocturne by John Field, who invented the nocturne, though it was made famous by Chopin. Field spent most of his career in Russia following musical study with Muzio Clementi in London beginning at age 11. The postlude is by Charles V. Stanford, who moved to England for his college education and career. He wrote a hymn tune, still in the Episcopal Hymnal, that sets the words of the ancient Irish prayer "St. Patrick's Breastplate." Stanford then composed an elaborate fantasy on his own hymn tune, which is the third and concluding movement of his Fourth Organ Sonata. I played the second movement, "Tema con Variazioni", in February.

For the balance of the month, I'll continue playing some of Alexandre Guilmant's works. Plus, I'll start exploring a collection of Bach chorale preludes that I found while looking through my own scores. The collection of 33 pieces itself was itself discovered by Bach scholar Christoph Wolff in 1984 among an unmarked collection of musical scores donated 117 years earlier to Yale. The so-called Neumeister Chorales are early works, but they contain indications of the musical genius that emerged in later compositions.

Please join me online!

On the Web: <https://brochite.com>

On Facebook and Instagram: @BrocKeysPedals

Broc



OUR FAMILY

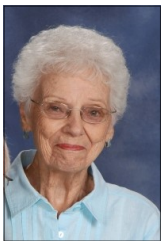
Each month this space is used to tell about the people who are part of our church family. If you know of a graduation, community recognition, someone moving away or moving in, whatever the rest of the church might like to know to keep up with folks, let me know so I can include the information in these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

MILESTONES

Gary and Delores Grosnickle - celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary on Sunday, February 17th. In honor of this joy, they made a special donation to the church.



RELOCATIONS



Carlene Jerman – will be moving into her own place in assisted living close to her son. Her new address will be Silver Elm Estates, Room #16, 2100 36th Ave. NW, Norman OK, 73072. Please continue to keep her in prayers.

Caroline Perdue – has relocated to be closer to her children. She will be moving into assisted living in April. She wanted to share that she will miss this church family for it is so much like the church she belonged to for 15 years. She is Curtis Brooks' sister and had been worshipping with us for over a year. She can be contacted during this move at her daughter's address: 1020 S. 12th St., Canadian, TX, 79014 or on her cell phone 479-586-1927. Please keep her in prayers in this transition.

IN MEMORIAM

Kenn Benson – brother of Kandi Mount and Stephen Grider, passed away in Oklahoma City on Wednesday, January 30th. Kandi presided at Kenn's memorial service on Saturday, February 9 in Moore, Oklahoma. Please be in prayer for Kandi, Stephen, and Kenn's family as they mourn their loss.

SHOEBOX MINISTRY UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who has supported Shoebox Ministry with their time and/or donations of items or gifts to purchase these items.

We continue to support those who are homeless or temporarily displaced in Northwest Arkansas. These shoeboxes are packed by area churches as well as FUMCBV with travel size toiletries. They deliver the boxes to us monthly for distribution. Area shelters are contacted monthly and then we deliver to them as requested. Extra items donated that are not placed in boxes are then sent to the shelter where they can be used. Full size items, tarps, clothing items are an example. There is a home for everything!


Another project, our Sunshine Packs, certain basic items such as soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo and lotion are packed in a quart-size zip-lock bag by the ladies in Martha Circle each month. They are then taken to Cooper Elementary School. Children eligible for the snack pack program are given one of these Sunshine packs.

Many items we use need to be purchased. Your monetary donations, no matter how small, fill this need. Again, thank you for your continued support of this ministry. There are not enough words to describe what these items mean to a child.

As always in HIS service,
The Shoebox Ministry Team

SOLOS ~ will meet Wednesday March 13 for a brunch in the Parlor from 10:00am-Noon. Please respond if you are planning to attend by giving your Mother's first name. You can e-mail or call Nancy by March 8th, nanlew3215@att.net or 876-6751. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Jerilyn and Nancy



SAVE YOUR PULL-TABS for Ronald McDonald House Charities

There are collection containers in Becker Hall, Narthex & Office.

Our Scouts are collecting these through the middle of April.



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.*

LAY LEADER'S MESSAGE

As I write this message, the results of the General Conference in St. Louis are not known to me yet. Last night at Bible Study, we discussed the situation as it relates to the Bible and as it relates in today's time. One of the thoughts that I have had as we discussed the Old Testament going back some 6,000 years, is that we, as humans, haven't changed all that much. That's a little scary. It seems that we haven't learned much from history, and that has been said many times.

Watched a sermon the other day by Rev. Adam Hamilton of the Church of the Resurrection as it relates to the conference and what he basically talked about was "change". As we have been studying the Bible lately in depth, at my current age, I have been changing my thoughts about things I believe to be true. Change can happen at any age and at any tone. As someone said to me recently, "We can have differences and still love each other." I don't know if I am just getting mellow with age, or smarter. I would prefer to think smarter. Where are your thoughts taking you these days?

Lou Kaufmann



Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 13th at 6:30 in the Parlor. The speaker will be Laurel Lamb, curator of the U of A museum. She will be bringing fossils found in the area and speaking about the geological history of Arkansas. Rhythm & Q caters the meal and it will be wonderful as always. Please make your reservations no later than noon, Monday, March 11th by calling the church office (855-1158).

Yours in Christ, Artie Lawless



Please don't forget about our ongoing mission project! **SNACK PACKS for BACK PACKS**

is our on-going commitment to provide 20 snack packs per week for students of Cooper Elementary who are in need of food for the week-end. We need your help!



The youth-sponsored Sock and Underwear Drive was a massive success! Over the course of a month, you donated 351 pairs of socks and 240 pairs of underwear that were distributed to 7Hills Homeless Center, Shoebox Ministry, and the Salvation Army! Thank you for your generosity and for helping our homeless brothers and sisters!



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 Stephen & Sandy Larsen
- 13 Don & Lois McMahon
- 14 LeRoy & JoAnn Handel
- 17 Roger & Allison Totten
- 28 Hal Shope & Marianne Zotti
- 29 Carmen & Dorothy Phillips
- 30 Brian & Cathy Wilmoth

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Linda Davis
- 2 James Gilmore
- 2 Kathryn Kelley
- 2 Curt Olson
- 3 Layton Magee
- 3 Preston Magee
- 3 Evelyn Thuma
- 5 Tatum Potts
- 7 Frank Kostal
- 7 Wanda Williams
- 10 Linda Hyde
- 12 Vickie Fleming
- 12 Brandt May

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- (cont)
- 14 Kimberly McGee
 - 16 Lora Burch
 - 17 John Lindsey
 - 17 Ralph Wallace
 - 18 Devon Presley
 - 20 Terry Davis
 - 22 Dylen Lehmann
 - 23 Donna Brown
 - 23 Carmen Heck
 - 25 Mil Davidson
 - 26 Naomi Hagan
 - 26 Frances Temple
 - 27 Tim Smith
 - 28 Janelle Engle
 - 28 Sydney Hanna
 - 28 Judy Knadle
 - 28 Cheryl Meyer
 - 29 Sarah Bowers
 - 29 Kim Davenport
 - 29 Phyllis Robinson
 - 29 Brenda Wideman
 - 30 Marilyn Cox

The STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Reflection: The Stewardship of Lent

When I was a child growing up in the Shenandoah Valley, I recall that our Lutheran church focused on two aspects of the sacrificial nature of Lent. One was a mite box. My Parents placed it on the kitchen table, and each day they would put coins in it. I don't recall that I put any coins in the box. I watched. The second thing was no meat on Friday. You need to understand that this was a big deal in our house - my parents raised all of our food including all the meat. We ate a lot of meat, especially beef. No meat at dinner was noticeable. My brothers complained. That was noticeable too.

Somewhere along the line, I developed a dislike for Lent. Who likes to do without something they love? "Where's the beef?" could have been my motto. In our early thirties my husband John and I were living in Columbia, SC. I was the volunteer Christian Education Director at our small church, and I confessed to our Rector, Bob, that I didn't like Lent. He asked why, and I explained that I just couldn't make the connection between giving up something and the theology of Lent. "What's giving up chocolate got to do with my spiritual life?" I asked. The Senior Warden chimed in that he was giving up ax murders for Lent. "See," I said to Bob, "that's my point. He's not even giving up something real for heaven's sakes. What's it got to do with making us better Christians?"

Bob rose to the occasion. Lent, he said is the season that the church has set aside for us to intentionally reflect on our relationship with God, others, and ourselves. It is a time to reflect on those things that bring us closer to God and others, and those things that keep us alienated from God and others. Bob encouraged me to add something to my life in Lent, not take something away. So I began what has since become a yearly discipline. I've added such things as special daily readings, a Lenten retreat, daily worship, a spiritual discipline such as centering prayer and volunteering with the less fortunate.

Clever Bob. By adding these types of disciplines to my life, I began to take away, or give up, other things. Out of one of these Lenten habits I developed the practice of giving away at least two articles of clothing every time I buy a new one. It's a small thing that has made a big impact in my life. Another time I developed the habit of the mite box! (Isn't it amazing what children learn by just watching?!) Now I give away additional monies in Lent.

Another time I gave away old grievances, and rebuilt some relationships. I'd never pledged to the church, so one year I said, "Shoot, I'll make a 6 week Lenten pledge to the church and we'll see how THAT works!" It worked. I can't not pledge anymore. Giving draws me closer to God because I have to do without some of the material things of this life that I love. And when I move them out of the way, God moves in.

We are here as God's stewards. You and I are called to learn generosity by giving. We are called to model it for children.

Carolyn Moomaw Chilton
Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Richmond, Virginia

Due to governmental regulation, the *Meals on Wheels* program has elected to implement a new procedure. The administrators of federal assistance programs have determined that ALL persons interacting with Medicare & Medicaid recipients (i.e. meals on wheels delivery people) must have passed a detailed background check. To comply with this mandate, would require all people in Bella Vista that drive and/or deliver meals to pass this background check. *Meals on Wheels* Administrators have decided that it would be more financially sound to hire three full time permanent drivers for the Bella Vista routes rather than pay \$15 for each of the many, many background checks that would be required. Meals will continue to be prepared at the Benton County Senior Center, but beginning April 1, 2019 the newly hired drivers will depart from the Senior Center and will be responsible for delivering all meals in a timely manner.



Therefore, with this new governmental requirement and the above decision to hire drivers, the Churches of Bella Vista will no longer be directly involved in this area's *Meals on Wheels* program. If anyone wants to stay active in this community program, please contact the Benton County Senior Center (273-7348) and they will explain how you can assist with this or any other available program.

I sincerely thank everyone who has been a loyal supporter and participant in the *Meals on Wheels* program over the past 25+ years.

THANK YOU and GOD BLESS YOU!!!

Darrell Bottjen



Book Nook

FICTION

PEOPLE I MET AT the GATES of HEAVEN by Don Piper – Sequel to *90 Minutes in Heaven*.

LARGE-PRINT FICTION

THE NEXT PERSON YOU MEET IN HEAVEN by Mitch Albom - Sequel to *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*.

THE WIDOWS by Jess Montgomery
Two women, one husband, and the secret life he lived.

SAFE AND SOUND by Fern Michaels
Isabelle befriends an 8 year old genius who is in deep danger.

WHO I AM WITH YOU by Robin Lee Hatcher
This book weaves together a modern day romance with Jessica's great grandfather's story from the 1930's.

AUDIO BOOK

CORDINA'S CROWN JEWEL by Nora Roberts
7 hours 23 minutes of listening time.

BOOKS IN SERIES

TALES FROM IVY HILL SERIES by Julie Klassen
Book 3: *THE BRIDE OF IVY GREEN*

2019 UMW READING PROGRAM BOOKS

EDUCATION FOR MISSIONS (Category I)
ONE:UNITY IN A DIVIDED WORLD by Deidra Riggs (305.89)
THREADING MY PRAYER RUG by Sebeeha Rehman (305.89)

NURTURING FOR COMMUNITY (Category II)
THE SAME SKY by Amanda Eyre Ward (FIC)
NO ONE ELSE LIKE YOU by Siska Goeminne (FIC)
HOPE FOR THE FUTURE by Shannon Daley-Harris (252)
WHEN DID EVERYONE ELSE GET SO OLD? by Jennifer Grant (248.8)

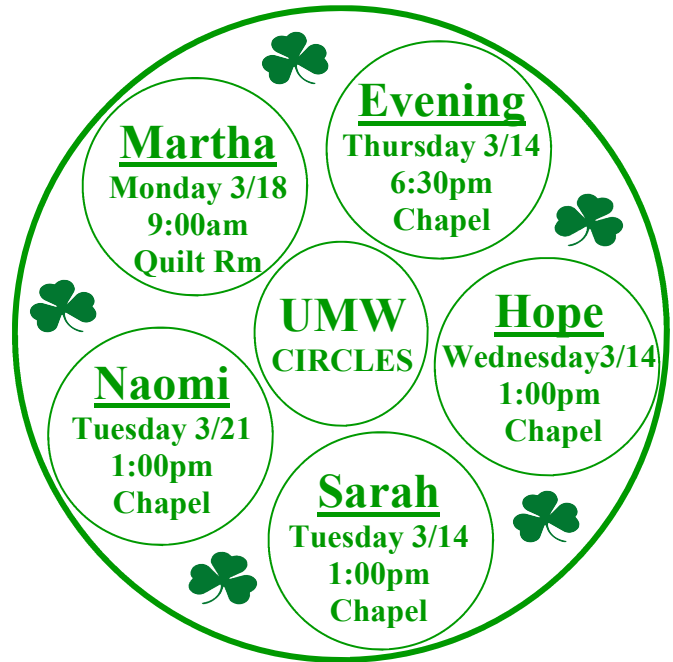
SOCIAL ACTION (Category III)
WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? by Martin Luther King Jr (900)
WALKING ON LAVA by Dark Mountain Project (810.8)

SPIRITUAL GROWTH (Category IV)
NOBODY CRIES WHEN WE DIE by Patrick B Reyes (331.7)
ALL AROUND US by Xelena Gonzalez (FIC)

LEADERSHIP (Category V)
RED by Jan DeKinder (FIC)
FRESH EXPRESSIONS by Kenneth H Carter Jr (267)
ELEANOR by Harold Ivan Smith (973.9)
STEP UP TO THE PLATE by Uma Krishnaswami (FIC)

A synopsis of the UMW books is in the binder on top of the card catalog.

HAPPY READING!!



The **UMW Spring Luncheon** will be held Tuesday, March 26th. 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, and everyone is invited. Turkey Soup, Salad, 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

It's time to start thinking about this year's BAZAAR already! It will take place on Saturday, October 5th. Mark that on your calendar!

So now we need to get started on making the items to sell. Workshops will start on March 7th in the Quilt Room, from 9:00am until about 2:00pm, with coffee and snacks as usual. Bring a sack lunch if you plan to stay the whole time. We try to have projects for all ranges of talents, and the fellowship is wonderful.

We can always use ideas, or perhaps you just want to do your own projects at home. We try to have supplies available for you to complete at home if you prefer. Speak with Darleen O'Brien 281-781-3838 or Judy Bilyeu 479-721-9460 for questions or information.

We hope to see many energetic faces with all kinds of creative ideas on Thursday morning, March 7th.

Darleen O'Brien & Linda Hyde,
Bazaar Co-Chairs



THANK YOU

To our Faith Family at FUMCBV,
We cannot begin to find the words to express our gratitude for all you've done to ease our journey. . . from the prayers and notes, to the kind words and the delicious meals, to the WalMart gift card, and so much more. Thank you, our Brothers and Sisters. We are blessed. Grace and Peace to you,
Roger & Renee van Dyke

I want to thank you all for the sympathy cards and the prayers and kind words. Thanks to Rev. Jeanne and Rev. Brenda for their calls. I miss and love all of you! My new & final address (I hope) is:

Silver Elms
2100 36th Ave. NW
Norman, OK 73072

Thank You! *Carlene Jerman*

Thank You, Church Family, for all the love, prayers, cards, and support shown me during a very difficult time in my life. We all experience storms in our lives, and having each of you share the journey has made all the difference. You glorify God by your love.
Pat Wolter



Please be in prayer for, and in support of, our church administrative leaders as they lead us through this next year.

Midweek Manna activities for everyone

Wednesdays Meal ~ 5:30pm & Classes ~ 6:30pm

Dinner: \$5/Adult & \$3/Child under 10 ~ Family maximum \$15

Small Study Groups

- ◇ *Women's Bible Study ~ *Present over Perfect*
- ◇ *Disciple I / 12-week Fast-track ~ Rev. Cathy Luck thru 5/1
- ◇ Spiritual Gifts ~ *Serving from the Heart* ~ Rev. Brenda & Jill Hale thru 4/27
- ◇ "China Cry" ~ DVD study-stories of faith ~ Jean Meadows thru 4/34/3
- ◇ Mobile Dentistry ~ 4/24

*Books for these classes are available in the Office

Small Craft Groups (classes in Becker Hall after Dinner)

- ◇ Color Your Way to Calm: Adult Coloring
 - ◇ Easter Craft ~ Kathy Ayres ~ 4/3
- Classes also on Lower Level: *YouthLife* (7th grade-HS) ~ Youth Room
Children Pre-K thru 6th Grade ~ Room 20 Infants & Toddlers ~ Toddler Room

You are welcome to share a meal with us,
whether or not you are taking a class!

Sign up for classes and dinner in the Office.

The John Brown University Cathedral Choir

will kick off their spring tour with a concert on Friday, March 15 at 6:30 p.m. at Village Baptist Church, 380 Glasgow Road in Bella Vista. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, call 479-855-7775 or visit the church website at www.vbconline.net

MARCH 2019

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
3	Bp ✓ Between Services 7:30 Praise Tm rehrsl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Srv 12:00 Piano Recital 4:00 CHURCH COUNCIL	4	9:00 Calico Spec Project 10:30 Staff Meeting 12:30 Women's Chorus 6:00 Disciple I 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	5	11:30 Ministerial Allian 6:00 Scouts	6	ASH WEDNESDAY	7	9:00 Bazaar Workshop 9:00 Old Sew&Sews 12:30 Caregivers Support 6:30 Scouts	8	9:00 Jesus in Gospels 10:00 Prayer Shawl 11:30 PreSchool Brd 4:00 Pinewood set-up	9	8:00 Pinewood Derby 8:30 Amp Big Book 6:00 Broc rehearse
10	<b style="background-color: yellow;">10 SPRING FORWARD WESLEY SUNDAY 7:30 Praise Team Rehr 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service 2:00 FINANCE 4:00 ALL-Staff Meeting	11	9:00 DAR 10:30 Staff Meeting 12:30 Women's Chorus 1:00 Calico Board 1:30 Friends of Christ 5:30 Abram Shep Grp 6:00 Disciple I 6:00 Girl Scouts 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	12	9:00 PEO-BR 11:45 Lenten Service/Ln 1:00 Sarah Circle 5:30 Grief Support 6:00 Scouts 6:00 SPRC	13	Quilters Men's Emmaus 9:00 Calico Newbies 9:00 Disciple II 10:00 Solos Brunch 3:15 Chancel Bells 4:00 Prayer Mtg 4:45 Chancel Choir 5:30 Manna Dinner 6:00 Confirmation Class 6:30 UMM Dinner 6:30 Youth Life 6:30 MidWeek Classes 6:30 Broc rehearse	14	9:00 Bazaar Workshop 10:00 TRUSTEES 1:00 Hope Circle 4:00 Small Grp leaders 6:00 Evening Circle 6:30 Scouts	15	9:00 Jesus in Gospels 10:00 Prayer Shawl	16	8:30 Amp Big Book 10:00 SAR 6:00 Broc rehearse
17	7:00 Handbell Rehears 7:30 Praise Team Rehr 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service 12:00 Irish Eyes Piano 12:30 CCM Meeting	18	9:00 Martha Circle 10:30 Staff Meeting 11:00 PEO-CD 12:30 Women's Chorus 6:00 Disciple I 6:30 By the Book AA 6:30 Men's Chorus	19	11:45 Lenten Service/Ln 1:00 Naomi Circle 1:00 BV Book Club 5:30 Grief Support 6:00 Scouts	20	SPRING BREAK	21	9:00 Bazaar Workshop 1:00 Vacation Rentals 2:30 Emmaus Beautfl Clrs	22	9:00 Jesus in Gospels 10:00 Prayer Shawl	23	8:30 Amp Big Book 6:00 Broc rehearse
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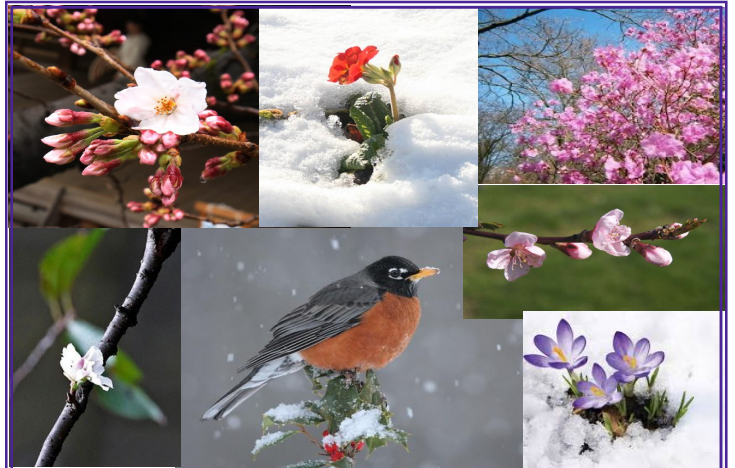
DON'T FORGET!!!

Daylight Savings Time
begins



**Spring
Forward**

**Sunday,
March 10th**



It's Almost Spring

Broc Hite, Pianist

Sunday, March 3, 2019

12:10pm ~ Becker Hall

Music of Tchaikovsky & Mozart