



# The Good News

MARCH 2021



## METHODIST FAMILY HEALTH Our Mission Project during Lent February 17 ~ March 30

*For where your treasure is, there also will be your heart.* (Matthew 6:21)

This Lenten season, shift your focus to where your treasure is and what you can do to change someone's life. This year, our mission focus will be on Methodist Family Health, a holistic health facility that depends on donations. Methodist Family Health offers inpatient psychiatric hospitalization for children ages 3 to 17, outpatient counseling clinics, grief counseling services, therapeutic day treatment programs for kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> grade, and more. During their *Get Up & Give* Drive, they ask for necessities to keep their facilities running. Each of the last 2 years, we have collected over 600 items for Methodist Family Health's *Get Up & Give* Drive! Let's see what we can do THIS year! We have divided their shopping list into the 6 weeks of Lent. If you choose to donate, please bring your items during your specified week and deposit them in the bins in the Portico. Methodist Family Health requests that all donations be new items. Thank you for your generosity and provision! **We are a little behind in collections because of the inclement weather we recently had for a couple of weeks, so we could really use your help!**

### Methodist Family Health Shopping List

#### **Household Items (Week 1 ~ Feb. 17-23)**

- Paper towels and napkins
- Small laundry baskets
- Laundry hampers with lids
- Plastic hangers and bins (shoebox size)

#### **Baby Care (Week 2 ~ Feb. 24-Mar. 2)**

- Diapers for all sizes
- Baby wash
- Baby Tylenol
- Thermometers
- A&D ointment and Vaseline (small jars)
- Infant nail clippers and nasal aspirators

#### **Feminine Hygiene (Week 2 ~ Feb. 24-Mar. 2)**

- Tampons and pads (all sizes)
- Panty liners

#### **Bath Items (Week 2 ~ Feb. 24-Mar. 2)**

- White towels and wash cloths
- Individual shower caddies
- Body wash, shampoo and conditioner
- Shaving cream and disposable razors
- Deodorant (solid or non-aerosol spray)
- Toilet tissue and facial tissue (like Kleenex)

#### **Bedding (white/TWIN-SIZE only) (Week 3 ~ Mar. 3-9)**

- Sheets, pillows and pillow cases
- Mattress pads
- Comforter sets and bedspreads

#### **School Supplies (Week 4 ~ Mar. 10-16)**

- Backpacks in clear and solid colors
- Pens, pencils, pencil boxes, crayons
- Non-spiral and composition notebooks & journals
- Canvases, paintbrushes and art sets
- Perler bead supplies and kits

#### **Books and Toys (Week 5 ~ Mar. 17-23)**

- Paperback books for young adults (book series are particularly needed)
- Paperback Bibles and devotionals – Please visit [MethodistFamily.org/Ways-to-Give](http://MethodistFamily.org/Ways-to-Give) for a list of those we use most often in our locations
- Coloring books for adults
- Cards and board games
- Xbox and Playstation games
- Hot wheels cars and road mats
- Building blocks of all kinds (Legos, etc.)
- Basketballs, footballs, soccer balls, volleyballs

#### **Clothing (Week 6 ~ Mar. 24-30)**

- Men and boys boxers and briefs in all sizes
- Women's panties in size 7-14
- Non-underwire bras in size 24-40, cups B, C, D, DD
- Socks in all adult sizes
- Sweatpants, sweatshirts (no hoods), t-shirts, pajamas, jackets and shorts for men and women in sizes small to 4XL
- Khaki pants and hunter green polo shirts in all child and adult sizes (used for school uniforms)
- Slip-on and Velcro tennis shoes (no laces) in adult sizes 5-14

#### **Gift Cards**

- Walmart, Visa, and Amazon in any amount

#### **Donate Monetary Funds**

- Write a check to FUMCBV and put MFH on the memo line. All donations will be forwarded to them.

**For questions or concerns, please call 501-906-4201 or email [CMcCreight@MethodistFamily.org](mailto:CMcCreight@MethodistFamily.org).**



# Glimpses of Grace

Rev. Jeanne Williams, Senior Pastor

Well, I am certainly surprised that we are able to gather for in-person activities again since just a mere month ago, I was hopeful for mid-April! What a happy and joyous development this is! Of course, we have to remain vigilant and flexible as we continue to watch these new strains and as the weather turns nicer, allowing more people to gather outside. I'm also hopeful as I hear of more and more church members being able to be vaccinated, too!

It seems that our "year-long Lent" may truly end with a joyful Easter celebration yet! Speaking of, we know that far more people will want to attend worship on Easter Sunday than what we can safely accommodate indoors. So we are offering a parking lot worship service at 8:00 AM on Easter morning. We will broadcast the service over our FM transmitter and also use our PA system. The participants will be outside. You're invited to stay in your vehicle, or to bring a lawn chair and sit in front of your vehicle. We know you will want the opportunity to visit with friends so we ask that you remember to remain 6 feet apart as you do so. We will still have a traditional Easter worship service online at 9:30 that morning for those who are uncomfortable attending in person, or who just want more Easter celebration!

As we celebrate, I do wish to remember the many who have lost their life to covid-19 and their families and friends. We have had more than a few from our church family and extended church family who have felt the painful loss of a loved one due to this disease.

Our journey through this pandemic continues to be very much like our journey through Lent. Lent is a time of preparation, of self-reflection and evaluation. I have heard story after story of how you have had time to prioritize your life - your soul - during this pandemic. My prayer continues to be that we don't run from these learnings and feelings too quickly; that we continue to let our life be shaped by these soul-searching times. We are often told that it is in the times of trial that we grow closer to God as we learn to rely more on God in those times.

So, beloveds, the time for rejoicing is near, but don't rush it. Remember to stop and file away the things you have learned about yourself during this journey (both Lent and pandemic), so that when we come to celebrate the Resurrection, we may truly feel the joy bubbling up and over us!

Blessings!

*Rev. Jeanne*

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 \* **Have you had your** \*  
 \* **Covid vaccination yet?** \*  
 \* Please see the insert in today's *Good* \*  
 \* *News* about an opportunity for you right \*  
 \* here in Bella Vista on Thurs, March 4th. \*  
 \* Pastor Brenda has included information \*  
 \* for vaccinations to be given at a clinic \*  
 \* here, but the window of opportunity is \*  
 \* shrinking. If you are interested, please \*  
 \* don't hesitate to check it out! \*  
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 🌴 March 27th Drive-Thru ~ 10-11am 🌴  
 🌴 Come say "Hi" to pastors & staff. 🌴  
 🌴 Palm Sunday service at 9:30am 🌴  
 🌴 Maundy Thursday Service 🌴  
 🌴 Good Friday Service 🌴  
 🌴 Easter Sunrise Service ~ 8:00am 🌴  
 🌴 in the parking lot 🌴  
 🌴 Easter Service online 9:30am 🌴  
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## *JOINING in the JOURNEY TOGETHER*

Rev. Brenda Wideman, Associate Pastor

### Seasons

*There's a season for everything and a time for every matter under the heavens:  
a time for giving birth and a time for dying, a time for planting and a time for uprooting what was planted,  
a time for killing and a time for healing, a time for tearing down and a time for building up,  
a time for crying and a time for laughing, a time for mourning and a time for dancing,  
a time for throwing stones and a time for gathering stones, a time for embracing and a time for avoiding embraces,  
a time for searching and a time for losing, a time for keeping and a time for throwing away,  
a time for tearing and a time for repairing, a time for keeping silent and a time for speaking,  
a time for loving and a time for hating, a time for war and a time for peace.*

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (CEB)

We all go through seasons in our lives, seasons that are each unique, seasons that each have a purpose. We go through seasons where we spend more time crying than laughing. seasons where relationships are being split apart and seasons where relationships are being put back together. Sometimes the seasons feel like endings and sometimes they feel like bright new beginnings.

The season of Lent is a time of spiritual preparation, a time of growing closer to our Lord as we journey toward the miracle of Easter. During the season of Lent we are called to let go and we are called to take on. In each of these, we grow, we grow in better understanding of the life-giving ways of our God. In letting go, we grow in trust and we allow our God to take control; in taking on, we grow in relationship with the God who loves us most. And in all of this, we grow in thanksgiving and praise.

Many of us see our discipleship journey as a relational one. We know that loving God and loving each other is the Godly way to live; Christ taught us that. For those who see our faith in this way, this season of isolation has truly been a spiritual crisis. Not being able to be together in worship, in fellowship, and in faith has been like a death in the family, it has been like a death of the family. And we have been in mourning.

But there is hope on the horizon, for it appears a new season is coming. This has been brought on by the arrival of a COVID vaccine and the natural immunities our bodies have developed to the virus. And so, we are seeing a drop in cases, hospitalizations, and deaths caused by the virus.

We **are** entering a new season. The time is coming when we no longer need to be in a season of isolation and spiritual crisis, but we are entering a new season, a season of spiritual renewal, and we can do this together. Although we understand that some of you must continue to guard your health, for those who are able, we invite you to come be together again. We will do so cautiously, so as not to bring on the spread of the virus once again. But we will be together in worship, together in prayer; together in giving of our gifts and our talents in service to our Lord and our neighbors; together in declaring the glory of our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer; together in being the church that Christ calls us to be!

There is a season for everything, no longer a season of crying and mourning, of loneliness and isolation, but now is the season for laughing, and dancing, and rejoicing. Hallelujah!! See you in church as we, once again, **Join in the Journey Together!**

Blessings, *Pastor Brenda*



## 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, Associate Pastor of Congregational Care at 479-855-1158 or [brenda@fumcbellavista.com](mailto:brenda@fumcbellavista.com)

### JOYS

#### Love Your Neighbor



In this time of divisiveness, we know we are a church family who spreads Christ's love as He has called us to do. Display a sign in your yard and encourage your neighborhood to love each other.



#### March Church Gathering—Drive Thru

Join us on Saturday, March 27, from 10 to 11am for a drive-thru in the church parking lot to share smiles, prayers, Communion Elements, etc. with our church family, pastors and staff. Please read Renee's article on page 5 for more information about the event.

Hope to see you there!

### RELOCATIONS



**Jud Brown** – has relocated back to Kansas, to be close to family after the death of his wife, Melba, back in late April. They had been members of FUMCBV since January 2015. You can send cards to his new address: 8233 Clay St. Atchison Ks 66002. Please keep him in prayers in his transition.

#### Wayne & JoAnn Hubbert

have left us for Texas to live close to their family in Houston. This decision was made and their home was sold in less than a week, after having lived in NW Arkansas for over 40 years, and members of FUMCBV since 2016. They left Bella Vista on Saturday, February 20. Please send them a card at their new address to wish them well in this transition: 450 Woodland Square Blvd, Apt 7405, Conroe, TX 77384



### IN MEMORIUM

**Lea Waltz** – 84 year-old sister-in-law of Diane Verville, passed away on January 27<sup>th</sup> after battling COVID and a fall which broke her leg. Please be in prayers for Diane's family as they mourn the loss of Lea.

**Max Jackson** – grandfather of Julianne Darnell, a good friend of Pastor Brenda passed away on January 24<sup>th</sup> in Springdale, AR. Max and his late-wife, Wilma, raised Julianne after the death of Julianne's mother in a hit-and-run accident. Please keep this family in prayers as they mourn the passing of Max.





## *Nextgen Newscast*

Renee van Dyke, Nextgen Director

### **EASTER DRIVE-THROUGH EVENT** **Saturday, March 27, 10 -11am**

*In your Easter bonnet with all the frills upon it,  
you'll be the grandest lady in the Easter parade!*

This year it will be an Easter parade indeed. I shudder to use this phrase however, due to Covid restrictions we have come up with an alternative plan to replace the Easter Egg Hunt. On Saturday March 27 from 10-11am there will be a drive-through event at the church. Members of your FUMC staff will host the event with stations to share greetings, prayers and blessings with you. We will also be giving out palm fronds for Palm Sunday worship and the Easter Bunny will have special goody bags for the children. A kit for at-home worship for Holy Week will be given to all. Candy donations from the congregation are welcome to help defray the Easter Bunny's expenses. They may be dropped off at the church office between now and March 24 between the hours of 9am-1pm. Realizing it's not always possible to attend the event, please let Renee know at [renee@fumcbellavista.com](mailto:renee@fumcbellavista.com) or call the church office so we can get your worship kits and goody bags to you!

### **YOUTH NEWS**

Our Youth Group has been studying "Seven Last Words of Christ from the Cross" by Dr. Ralph F. Wilson in preparation for Holy Week. At the conclusion of this study we plan to make a video production of the Seven Last Words to share on our social media pages. Please stay tuned for more information. All youth are welcome to share in this study Sunday at 4PM on Zoom. Watch for your weekly invite.

In cooperation with UMM, UMW, Boy Scouts and a local Eagle Scout we are preparing to build and stock a Blessings Box (Free Little Food Pantry) that will be installed on the church grounds. This will include a Free Little Library as part of an Eagle Scout project. I am absolutely thrilled with the group effort on this project! When the pantry and library are finished and installed I'll share how you, too, can be an integral part of this project. What a wonderful intergenerational project this is sure to be!

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday School for elementary age children meets at 8:45am on Sunday mornings on Zoom. We've been covering a wide range of topics, learning a few songs, and are now focused on Lent. Please join us through your weekly Zoom invite.

### **BEDTIME BOOKS & BLESSINGS**

Please join me each Sunday evening at 6PM as I share a bedtime story on the FUMC Families & Children Facebook page. After experiencing some technical difficulties I think I have the sharing process down. If your young one has a favorite bedtime story please let me know, so we can share it together.

### **NEWS FROM THE NEXTGEN**

Preparations are being made for that glorious day when we can meet in-person again. Closets are getting a tidy. The Youth Room has been cleaned. Good things are happening. Sunday School teachers: If you would like to tidy your space in advance of our young people's return please contact me to set up a date- [renee@fumcbellavista.com](mailto:renee@fumcbellavista.com) or contact me through the church office. Please remember that masks are required inside the church building. Spring and summer event planning has begun and updates will be shared along the way. I will be calling for volunteers along the way. Please pick up your phone or answer your email if you suspect it could be me. I'd much rather hear a "Holy NO!" than no answer at all.

Blessing to you, *Renee*

**SHEPHERD GROUP ONE** met via zoom on Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> to play bingo. It was easy to play over zoom and the group enjoyed "being together", even if virtually. If another group would like to know the details, just give me a call!



*Judy Bilyeu*



### LAY LEADER'S MESSAGE

Dave Broers, Lay Leader

*"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."*

Psalms 51:10 (KJV)

#### What I've Learned by Fasting During Lent

First, giving up something allows me to make a tangible sacrifice to the Lord. Although certain sacrifices are already present in my life, they're sort of "built in" at this point. I don't often experience giving up something for God on a daily basis. The act of sacrifice reminds me of any commitment to God and my desire to make Him first in my life.

Second, by giving up something I usually enjoy on a daily basis, I have sometimes found myself yearning for that thing. Frankly, I've been tempted to give up my Lenten fast at times (and have in the past). I could easily argue that it's unnecessary (it is optional, after all) and certainly not taught in Scripture. But, though I don't think my effort at fasting makes God love or bless me more, I do think it raises my awareness of how much I depend on other things in life rather than the Lord. I see how easy it is for me to set up all sorts of little idols in my life. Fasting, in some way, helps me surrender my idols to God.

Third, when I give up something I like and then feel an unquenched desire for it, I'm reminded of my neediness as a person. And neediness, I believe, is at the heart of true spirituality. Jesus said:

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven....Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."*

Matthew 5:3,6

Of course feeling hungry for one of life's pleasures isn't quite the same as hungering and thirsting for righteousness. But when I feel hunger, when I sense my neediness for some other thing, I can use this to get in touch with my hunger and need for God.

Fourth, as I continue with my Lenten fast, I find myself less eager for the thing I've given up. Ironically, this makes my fast easier. It's almost something I can take for granted, thus dulling the spiritual impact of the fast. But I'm also gratified to know that one of my little "idols" is being set aside in my heart, as I learn to depend more upon God. I'm experiencing a bit of freedom that makes me gladly thankful for God's grace at work in me.

Blessings, *Dave*



Artie Lawless,  
UMM President

**Friends,  
Continue to  
Check on Friends**

Hello Methodist Men!

As we approach the end of February one word comes to mind: *BRRRR* with a capital B. Marian and I heated up hot cocoa, wrapped up in warm blankets, and cranked up the fireplace. All I can say is "Come on, Spring". I hope this article finds everyone in good health and better spirits as we "slide" into March.

The Good news, more people are receiving their shots, our spirits are getting a much-needed lift, and the Covid virus seems to be abating a bit, maybe to the point where we may be able to gather in small groups again.



We will be celebrating Palm Sunday this month. So, let's travel back in time to Jerusalem, where word has come that Jesus will be arriving soon. There is great excitement and a feeling of joy and anticipation among the people. Even the street has been covered in palm branches.

As we watch from the back of the crowd, Jesus humbly enters on his triumphant ride into the city, we join the throngs of people, cheering, and waving palm branches. Pressing us forward, the crowd is shouting "Hosanna in the Highest", "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the lord". Truly this was the height of Jesus' ministry. It was a glorious moment in time for all.

But, Jesus knew that this moment, this celebration, this journey, would not last. He knew this moment was to be the beginning of "his" journey to the cross in only a few days. Jesus knew his battle would soon be with Satan, with Sin, with Death, and he would triumph over all of them.

Let us never forget the sacrifice, the pain, and the suffering he went thru to save our souls. His love for us is boundless and eternal. Care for each other without judgment or hesitation.

Many Blessings,  
...*Artie*

# OUR FAMILY

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 13 🍀 Don & Lois McMahon
- 14 🍀 LeRoy & JoAnn Handel
- 17 🍀 Roger & Allison Totten
- 17 🍀 Heath & Jeanne Williams
- 28 🍀 Hal Shope & Marianne Zotti
- 29 🍀 Carmen & Dorothy Phillips

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 2 🍀 Linda Davis
- 2 🍀 James Gilmore
- 2 🍀 Kathryn Kelley
- 3 🍀 India Hight
- 3 🍀 Layton Magee
- 3 🍀 Preston Magee
- 5 🍀 Tatum Potts

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS (cont.)

- 6 🍀 Emeree Hight
- 7 🍀 Frank Kostal
- 7 🍀 Wanda Williams
- 10 🍀 Linda Hyde
- 12 🍀 Brandt May
- 16 🍀 Lora Burch
- 17 🍀 John Lindsey
- 17 🍀 Ralph Wallace
- 18 🍀 Devon Presley
- 20 🍀 Terry Davis
- 22 🍀 Dysten Lehmann
- 22 🍀 Candi Stickney
- 23 🍀 Carmen Heck
- 24 🍀 Kimberly McGee
- 26 🍀 Naomi Hagan
- 26 🍀 Frances Temple
- 28 🍀 Janelle Engle
- 28 🍀 Judy Knadle
- 28 🍀 Cheryl Meyer
- 29 🍀 Sarah Bowers
- 29 🍀 Kim Davenport
- 29 🍀 Phyllis Robinson
- 29 🍀 Brenda Wideman
- 30 🍀 Marilyn Cox

### March 2021 Newsletter ~ January 2021 Financial Data

		2021 Actual	2021 Budget
Month of January Contributions -	*Income	\$ 26,254.33	\$ 36,709.76
Month of January -	Expenses	\$ 41,449.05	\$ 47,059.66
	Difference	\$ (15,194.72)	\$ (10,349.90)
Year to Date (as of 1/31/21)	*Income	\$ 26,254.33	\$ 36,709.76
Year to Date (as of 1/31/21)	Expenses	\$ 41,449.05	\$ 47,059.66
	Difference	\$ (15,194.72)	\$ (10,349.90)

*\* Income does not include Missions or Endowment Interest*

**Amy Gilmore**, Church Administrator

### Bedtime Books and Blessings

Join Ms. Renee and her dog, Angel, on Facebook at **FUMC Bella Vista Families & Children**,  
Sunday evenings at 6:00 PM for storytime!



Put on your jammies, grab your favorite stuffed animal and meet her on Facebook as she does a live reading from a wonderful book each week. We hope you'll join us!



## Stewardship Corner

### GOOD STEWARDSHIP--- TRUSTING GOD IN HARD TIMES

First things first, God is the source of all provision, so “honor the Lord with your possessions, and with the first fruits of all your increase; so your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine.” (Proverbs 3:9, 10)

Even unbelievers and non-Christian business people understand and practice charitable giving. Christians should not fearfully hang on to every penny they have, but like the Macedonian believers who had taken up an offering for another church in need, recorded in 2 Corinthians 8:3-4, “they gave as much as they were able and even more than they could afford. No one told them to do it. But they begged and pleaded with us to let them share in this service for God’s people.”

Giving is a joy, and there are always people less fortunate to share with. There can never be a harvest without sowing seeds. A Generous attitude and a cheerful giver is something God can bless.

Adapted from an article from Share Faith.

*Ken Swanson*, Finance Committee Chair



### VETERANS WALL of HONOR

The Veterans Council of NWA, who maintains and upgrades the Veterans Wall of Honor in Bella Vista, is now expanding space in order to accommodate additional memorializing and the recording of veteran names. If you have not yet visited the wall, please make a point to do so in the near future. It is a tribute to all veterans (either living or deceased) who have given so much for the freedoms we enjoy today.



### From the Organ Console Broc Hite, Organist/Pianist

I'm delighted to be working through all six pieces of España that will be released as a Curious Squirrel Online recital in early March. You have been hearing them one by one as Piano Postludes during February, but I couldn't include the fourth and fifth pieces. If you're a fan of the piano, please look for that recital. Also, stay tuned for the next Piano Postludes in May, which will feature the Four Ballades, Opus 10 of Brahms.

On the organ, I switched course in February and included two preludes of Black composers. Florence Price's music is experiencing a renaissance in the U.S.; I found the Adoration via a fellow organist in Tulsa. The piece by H.T. Burleigh was composed for piano, but I think it works particularly well on the organ with little modification.

I'm also trying to play works by American female composers for Women's History Month in March, though that music order hasn't arrived yet. My goal is to be more inclusive with Black and women composers, particularly American ones. That's not to say I'll be turning my back on the greats from Europe. In fact, I'm planning to bring back both the Sarabande for the Morning of Easter by Howells and the Toccata from the Fifth Symphony by Widor. I played both of these on Easter in 2019, and you will hear these again on Easter Sunday, April 4th. Palm Sunday is still undecided.

I received a very nice note from one of our members that was included with a recent offering. She was so kind with remarks about both my piano and organ playing. We have missed all of you during the pandemic and are so happy to see you back in the building now that Covid cases are down. Let's hope that herd immunity is not that far behind!

Thank you for your support of the music program as always! Feel free to drop notes to any of us on the music team in whichever way you like to communicate!

*Broc*

Please join me online!

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






**YOU ARE INVITED TO HABITAT'S INTERFAITH VIRTUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST**



Brew a fresh cup of coffee and join us for a Zoom call on Friday, March 12, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.


Pam Hutcheson, Executive Director of the Northwest Arkansas Continuum of Care, will be the guest speaker. We will also share an update on Habitat's current work in the community. You don't want to miss this!

Please RSVP to receive the meeting link:  
katie@habitatbentoncountyar.org or (479) 321-2381

**ON THE ROAD TO EASTER WORD SEARCH**

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Ash	Holy Week	Palm Branch
Wednesday	Holy Thursday	Forty Days
Sacrifice	Good Friday	Jesus
Almsgiving	Holy Saturday	Passover
Prayer	Easter	Foot Washing
Fasting	Palm Sunday	Resurrection
Lent	Purple	Love



**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.*

**When Mourning Dawns –  
Living your Way through the Seasons of  
Your Grief**

**Thursdays, 6:30-8:00pm Gathering by Zoom ~  
Registration Required**  
Register by calling the church office or online at  
[www.fumcbellavista.com/grief](http://www.fumcbellavista.com/grief)





### What's the (Hi)Story?

Jill Hale, FUMC Historian

This is a new venture by your church historian to bring our history to life through remembering certain items and places in the church. YOU are the memory of the history and are asked to share your precious memories.

The first item is the beautiful cross on the wall in Becker Hall shown in the photograph. Please share your memories of the cross, its creation, and installation by emailing me at [rjhale68@cox.net](mailto:rjhale68@cox.net) or calling me at 479-344-6074. I will include the (hi)story information from the first person to contact me in the next edition.



If space allows, I will include other stories, also. All stories will become part of the permanent history of the church. I hope you enjoy this journey down memory lane!

*Jill*

### Help by Saving Labels!

**Best Choice**



Did you know that UMW can support local charities with money earned from saving **BEST CHOICE** bar code labels ?

This past year has made it difficult to gather labels from UMW members because of few in-person meetings. This is such an easy way to participate in mission giving so we're asking EVERYONE to help out.

Please consider choosing *Best Choice* products, clipping off the bar codes, and either hold on to them until things open up, or if you visit the church now and then, drop them in the **RED BOX** located on a shelf in the Library.



**UMW THANKS YOU !!**



UMW would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year!

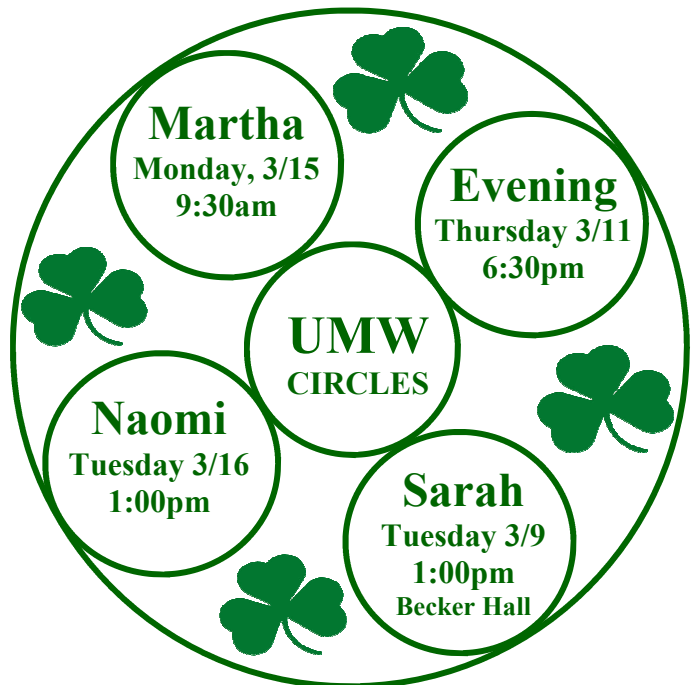
**UMW BOARD MEETING** will be Wednesday, March 3 at 9:30 via zoom. Circles, remember this is Prayer and Self-Denial month. Your circle leaders will fill you in on any other information coming from the board meeting. Keep reading from the women's reading list (available on the counter in the Library). *Barbara B.*

"THANK YOU" to all the generous and faithful UMW members! Your recently received pledges have more than covered our budget of \$5,500.00 for this year. In these times of the unknown, your generosity is heartwarming. *Verna B.*

**SARAH CIRCLE** plans to meet on March 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 in Becker Hall for our Prayer and Self-Denial Service. *Judy B.*

**MARTHA CIRCLE** met in-person in Becker Hall on Monday, February 15 at 9:30 for their Prayer & Self Denial and discussed several other items of interest, such as a possible Rummage Sale. Some of the members then adjourned to the Quilt Room to pack their monthly Sunshine Packs for Cooper School. They will meet again March 15th.

**UMW will have a board meeting Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 AM via Zoom.**





## THANK YOU

To Rev. Jeanne & Church Staff,

Thank you for suggesting that we go caroling—a few of the residents of Concordia Windsor got out our candles and vocal chords, and walked the halls, singing. We only picked up one other participant, but quite a bit of attention. Today, a few others said they would join in next year. Now we will see how many of us survive until next year. It was fun and I just wish we had done it before.

I also want to thank you and all who remembered me when I was hospitalized, and for my fun drive-thru birthday. I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and plan for a Happy New Year this year!

Love to you all, *Ruth Ireland*

My family and I would like to thank all of our friends at FUMCBV. Your kindness and caring during Lloyd's illness and passing has meant a great deal. I also want everyone to know what a wonderful service Pastor Brenda conducted at the National Cemetery for Lloyd. We were grateful for her uplifting message after such a difficult time. She is truly a caring person in all that she does.

*Lynn Muirhead & family*

I wish to send my sincere thanks for all the prayers, cards and calls from church members wishing me happy birthday. The celebration was a bit quieter than last year. Also, my thanks for wishing quick healing from my recent surgery and brief scuffle with staph. The ongoing treatment is much easier to bear knowing so many people are wishing me well.

*Keith Prueitt*

To everyone who sent a card, a text, an email or called me during the last month when I was in quarantine for a positive Covid test. I never experienced any symptoms during that time which I am sure is because God heard your prayers for me. Thank you so much for your concerns and prayers. You are such wonderful friends.

*Chet Campbell*

Friends at FUMCBV, Thank You! Thank you for your continued partnership and helping the American Red Cross save lives. Our goal for your February 25th drive was 17 units of blood—we received 23 donors during the day. You have a beautiful facility for us to be able to use. You are appreciated!

*Cassady Watkins*, ARC Account Manager

Thank you so much for all you do for our kids here at Cooper Elementary School. We are so blessed to be a part of such a loving and caring community. God bless you,

*Buddy Herndon & Jalyn Mayo*,  
Cooper Elementary Counselors



**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!

**Bring your quarters !  
Write a check !  
Feed a Child !**

### PRAYER REQUESTS

As a church family we lift each other up in prayer for both our collective joys and our concerns. Prayer requests and joys should be sent to Brenda Wideman at [brenda@fumcbellavista.com](mailto:brenda@fumcbellavista.com) or 855-1158.





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**Newsletter Deadline: 20th of the month**

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

**DON'T FORGET!!!**

Daylight Savings Time  
 begins



Spring  
 Forward

**Sunday,  
 March 14th**

**Wash Your Hands!**

- #1 WET HANDS**  
WITH WARM WATER
- #2 USE SOAP**  
TO KILL GERMS
- #3 RUB HANDS**  
TOGETHER & LATHER  
(at least 20 seconds)
- #4 SCRUB**  
BETWEEN FINGERS &  
UNDER FINGERNAILS
- #5 RINSE**  
WITH WARM WATER
- #6 DRY**  
WITH CLEAN TOWEL

**Do Your Part;  
 WEAR A MASK**



**MY Mask  
 Protects YOU**



**YOUR Mask  
 Protects ME**