FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF BELLA VISTA



The Good News

May, 2011



ATTENTION!

A Special Church Council meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in Becker Hall.

The agenda will address church finances.

Because of the profound importance of this agenda, all members of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

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Notes from your Pastor Reverend Sara Bainbridge

As many of you have already heard, I am leaving the church as of July and you will have a new Pastor.

Many of you may not know that in the last 3 months I have had suspected thyroid irregularities and then ended up in the hospital with colitis. Thanks be to God, none of this has been a return of cancer. But these instances have caused me to reevaluate where God is calling me at this time in my life. I had thought to be here for several more years, but after many hours of prayer (and non-sleeping), Bill and I have decided that it is best for the church and for me that I retire. Sometimes it takes God hitting us over the head with a base ball bat before we will listen.

I have been hit.

My thrill is I am leaving a church prepared for the future. With the demographic changes of Bella Vista, especially around our church, we have staffed to reach forward for bringing God's continuing message of redemption, not only to our cherished retirees, but now also for younger families, singles and children. Did you know we are live streaming our traditional service and will soon be live streaming our contemporary service? Have you been downstairs to look at the children and youth areas?

My sadness is I am leaving a beautiful congregation steeped in missions with graciousness now on the path of new possibilities. Each one of you has been called by God to be here at this particular time in history. Remember: "God has not given us a spirit of fear but a spirit of power and love and self-discipline. (2Tim 1:7)

Please keep Bill and me in your prayers as we discern God's direction for our lives. We will keep you in our prayers as you proceed onward in Christ's ministry and love.

Many Blessings,

Your Pastor, Sara



CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Children

In May, we will be starting a new unit, "Sharing & Kindness". In this unit we will be doing the following activities:

Art - shared Abstract, Rainbow Fish painting, Kindness Collage

Games - Sharing roll, I went to the Market, Comment Central

Cooking - Dry Soup mix, and Fruits of the Spirit Salad

Movie - Veggie Tales: "Madame Blueberry" and Mother Teresa - Seeing the Face of Jesus Science - Herb Gardens, Keep the Flame Burning, Multiplying Mirrors

Music - Share a little bit of your Love, I Can Serve

The Friday Night Club will hold the final meeting of the school year on June 3. All current 4th, 5th, and 6th graders are invited to attend. We will be having a backward progressive dinner starting at Rev. Sara's house ending at the church for popcorn and a movie.

I would also like to say "thank you" to all of the people who helped with our spaghetti dinner. Because of the hard work you put in, we had a successful fundraiser!

Remember to check the blog for up to date information www.bv1stkids.blogspot.com
Please contact me with any questions, comments, or ideas! cjdrish@gmail.com

Youth

Please look forward to a special youth article next month on all the happenings from April and May. We were very busy with our Spring Spaghetti

Dinner (which was awesome), school testing, Prom, allergies, and preparing for Youth Sunday that we promise to catch up everyone next month with all the wonderful details.



In Christ, Danette

YOUTH SUNDAY MAY 1st

All three services
We look forward to leading you in a
unique service so please come out
that morning and enjoy!!

CrossWord Youth

FINANCE CORNER

Month-to-date (as of 3/31/11)Budgeted Expenses\$51,643Month-to-date (as of 3/31/11)Receipts\$47,398Year-to-dateBudgeted Expenses\$154,928Year-to-dateReceipts\$133,201



Work day is coming. What a great time to serve God by helping clean-up and make minor repairs to our church – His house.

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EVERY MEMBER IN MINISTRY

EVERY MEMBER in MINISTRY to be REVAMPED

Over the next few months a focus group will meet to evaluate the strengths and opportunities of our current EMIM program. We began this program in 2006, and with a little tweaking here and there, it has stayed pretty much the same. It is time to take a look at this program in light of our congregation, it's needs, and be prepared to make changes that will make it a better fit.

There is no doubt that the original concept of the program is solid; every member of the church is expected to be in ministry not just for the growth and life of the church, but for the spiritual growth and life of each person. Any of these ministries are such that you get much more than you give. Are we offering the right opportunities? Do we need to let some of them go? How does this program, in action, help to achieve our Mission Statement?

The group will meet once a month for at least three months. The first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel. If you would be willing to serve on this focus group or if you have ideas that you would like the focus group to consider just e-mail Jan Lowe your thoughts at jan@lovelearnlead.com, or give her a call at 855-1158, or her cell phone at 531-0381.



TECHNOLOGY in WORSHIP

Technology is an amazing thing. Almost any type of program is available on our television sets with just the click of a button. You can even find our 8:00

a.m. worship service broadcast on the Bella Vista Channel (Cox channel 222) every Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m.

None of this would be possible without the dedication of our video technicians. Bob Toney has been the mainstay of this



ministry for many years. Thanks to Bob's dedication, our 8:00 a.m. service has been video taped and taken the to Bella Vista television station every Sunday morning. Members of not only our congregation, but others in our community, have been able to share in our worship services.

As technology has advanced, so has our ability to share our worship services in other ways. Our Director of Media Ministries, Eric Troy Jorgensen, has shared his skills and you can now find our worship services, Lenten services and other special programs on our YouTube Channel (http://www.youtube.com/user/FUMCBV).

You can even "friend" us on Facebook (First United Methodist Church of Bella Vista.)

As of April 17, our Traditional Worship service is broadcast live online every Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m. The video broadcast, referred to as a "Live Stream", is viewable world-wide directly on our website, www.LoveLearnLead.com. Broadcasting live online is 100% free since the video streaming service we're using is supported by occasional advertisements. As we experiment with this feature, we hope to provide a live video stream of the Contemporary and additional Traditional Worship services in the near future.

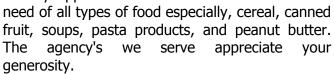
This is truly an example of how new technological advances provide a means for us to reach out globally to "equip generations to become spiritually maturing Christians."



MISSIONS

Pak-a-Sak

May 16, our collection of food will go to Youth Bridge. The home provides safety, shelter, and counseling for troubled youth in Benton County. As all of you are aware, teens have healthy appetites. The shelter is in



Thank you for the outstanding support for Pak-a-Sak in April. Your generosity in April surpassed our collection totals for many a month! The NWA Women's Shelter was so thankful for your contributions as their cupboards were literally bare! Thank you!

If you missed picking up one of the handy Pak-a-Sak refrigerator reminders, more are available in the church office.

Mission of the Month Mountain of Food

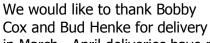
The Mission of the month for May is Mountain of Food. "Order forms" will be placed in the Sunday May, 1 bulletins. You can choose to "order" as many items as you wish from the form - or if you'd rather, just make a cash donation to the project.

As orders are turned in and funds collected, you'll begin to see the cases of canned goods and staples build the "mountain of food" outside of Becker Hall.

At the end of the month, the food will be distributed to Helping Hands, The Arkansas Rice Depot and Souls Harbor for their food banks. Last year, we were able to supply 260 cases of food with a value of \$4,440.90.

Shoebox

Deliveries



in March. April deliveries have not been made as of April newsletter deadline.



Thank you to members of Martha Circle who continue to pack Sunshine Sacks each month. It is such a big help! Welcome to James and Vicki Forrest. They have volunteered to deliver Sunshine Sacks to Cooper Elementary School each month. Thank you, thank you James & Vicki. The number of eligible students climbed to 67, we are not happy to report.

Work Day

A work day was held in April. Thank you to Diane Miller, Julie Fischer, Sue Prather, and Earl and Betty Cummings for sorting and packing miscellaneous items for Gravette Schools, Mother's Day bags and items for the troops. Also, 198 wash cloths were wrapped for shoe boxes.

Baby Boxes

Phoebe Bader and Pat Fox met with us in March to pack 30 baby boxes. We were out and they restocked us for future deliveries.

Needs

Large bars of soap and toothpaste for Youth Bridge. Also feminine products and disposable razors. *Please hold travel size conditioner for now.* We have a large amount and do not want excess to not be used. Thank you.

As always in His service, The Shoebox Ministry Team



igo Green Famcation

Caring for Creation at Mount Sequoyah JUNE 29 - JULY 2, 2011

An affordable family experience. All hands-on environmental camp. Spiritual foundation. Make a difference in God's Green World. Science. Art. Bible Study. Mad Scientist Party. Nature Excursions. Adults and Elementary Aged Children. CEU available. Reserve your spot by June 1st! www.mountsequoyah.org



iGo Green is a "famcation" (family vacation) event that celebrates one another while actively learning ways to take care of creation. Families (even grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins) with elementary aged children interested in the environment are encouraged to attend.

iGo Green Curriculum. Workshops led by certified teachers and instructors. CEU credits available.

CREATE FAMILY MEMORIES YOU WILL NEVER FORGET!

WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS INCLUDE



Educational Excursion Botanical Gardens



An Evening with the Mad Scientist



Instructional Nature Hike Arkansas Audubon



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First 20 families to register get one FREE night stay added to the famcation. Scan code with smart phone.



BOOK NOOK

FICTION:

VANISHING POINT by Marcia Muller (Donation) What happened to Laurel Greenwood? Investigator, Sharon McCone, tries to solve the mystery.

EDGE OF BATTLE by Dale Brown (Donation)
An action-packed techno-thriller that has at its hub the elite anti-terrorist unit called Task Force Talon.

7TH HEAVEN by James Patterson (Donation) The Women's Murder Club's most terrifying case ever.

TAIL SPIN by Catherine Coulter (Donation)
An FBI thriller, full of secrets, mayhem, and murder.

DARK WATER by Sharon Sala (Donation)
Twenty years ago, a killer committed the perfect crime—almost.

SONGS OF THE HUMPBACK WHALE by Jodi Picoult (Donation)

Sometimes finding your own voice is a matter of listening to the heart.

MIDWIVES by Chris Bohjalian (Donation)
A seasoned midwife takes desperate measures to save a baby's life.

CAPTIVATED AND ENTRANCED by Nora Roberts (Donation)

Two classic Donovan stories in one book. The mysterious Donovan cousins share a secret that's been handed down through generations.

CHERISHED MEMORIES by Patti Berg (Donation) Book 9 of the "Stories from Hope Haven Series"

CHRISTMAS MIRACLES by Charlotte Carter (Donation)

Book 10 of the "Stories from Hope Haven Series" Come live, love, pray and hope with these amazing nurses as they face life-and-death challenges and stand in wonderment at the healing power of God's grace.

LARGE PRINT FICTION:

THE MEMORY KEEPER'S DAUGHTER by Kim Edwards (Donation)

On a winter night in Kentucky in 1964 an unexpected blizzard forces Dr. David Henry to deliver his own twins.

LOVE FINDS YOU IN DEADWOOD, SOUTH DAKOTA by Tracey Cross (Donation)

Can love survive in the roughest town in the west?

ANNIE'S RAINBOW by Fern Michaels (Donation)
The same twist of fate that makes a woman rich
beyond her wildest dreams propels her towards
unexpected danger and the real treasure waiting at
the end of Annie's Rainbow.

THE SEVENTEEN SECOND MIRACLE by Jason Wright (Donation)

A story of small kindnesses and life changing miracles.

LARGE PRINT NON-FICTION:

I'M ONLY ONE MAN by Regis Philbin (Donation)
This book is for any of you who have ever wanted to do something but feared you might not be good enough to do it. Go for it. You might surprise yourself.

NON-FICTION:

PATCHWORK by Averil Colby (745) (Donation) This book's chief aim is the essentially practical one of helping workers to design and make their own patchwork.

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ONE NATION by Robert Sullivan (813) (Donation) America remembers September 11, 200l.

NON-FICTION UMW:

THE JOURNEY by Stephanie Hixon (Cat IV) (Donation) NEW TO UMW

This book invites us to venture into stories from the Bible and recent history and discover our own call to and gifts for the journey.

HAITI CHALLENGES AND HOPE by Rev. Dr. Jacques Pierre (Cat III) Donation NEW TO UMW This study invites readers to reflect on how the church can be in mission with the people of Haiti rather than in mission to them.

JUST CHOOSE HAPPINESS by Nell W. Mohney (Cat IV)

Use this guidebook to explore with her these committed choices for joyous and happy living.

WHEN WOMEN WALK ALONE by Cindi McMenamin (248.8)

Finding strength and hope through the seasons of life.

THE FOUR WITNESSES by Robin Griffith-Jones (226)

Why the Gospels present strikingly different visions of Jesus.

DVD'S:

FACES ON FAITH – Wesley Class

A 4 DVD set plus a folder of information taught by Jean Justice in her Sunday School class.

BONHOEFFER: AGENT OF GRACE A 90 minute color presentation on German clergyman, Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

EDUCATION

"Walk to Emmaus"

An Introduction and an Invitation.

Sunday, May 1, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Facilitator - "Walk to Emmaus" Graduates

Please come and meet others who have been on the Walk to Emmaus. Listen to them share what the "Walk" has meant to them. Let them tell you how it may have changed their lives. Ask Questions. Enjoy the fellowship and snacks. And get information about the "Fall Walks" for 2011.

Volunteer Caregiving for the Laity.

Tuesday, May 3, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. or Wednesday, May 11, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

This is a basic training program offered for all members who volunteer to do visitation, or who would like to consider volunteering through this ministry. Come to one of the sessions and review or learn some basic tools for being a great caregiver as you visit and share God's love.

JESUS' PARABLES OF GRACE

The Golden Links Sunday school class will be studying the parables using this book by James Moore.

In his book, we will examine six of Jesus' thought-provoking parables, parables of grace, to see if we can find ourselves and God's truth for us in these parables. We will find out why did Jesus use parables, and how do we unravel them discover their messages.

We would welcome anyone who wants to join us for one or all of these lessons. We meet during Sunday school time in room 23. Dixie Young is the lead teacher.



FELLOWSHIP

The MM Shepherd Group will be going to the Bella Vista Women's Chorus Concert on May 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Church. The tickets are \$8.00. Contact Julie Fischer for more information and tickets. 903-3316.

A big thank you to Myra Baker for hosting the April potluck dinner. 17 members were in attendance.

YOUNG ADULTS AND YOUNG FAMILIES

All young adults and young families are invited to the chapel immediately following



the contemporary service on Sunday, May 1 to discuss and plan our summer and fall activities. Bring your brainstorming skills and your willingness to serve your church.



Pizza winners for Methodist Men's Golf

"Closest to the Pin" for January, February and March:

Bill Danenhauer Alan Packard - 2 Ron Makin - 2 Chet Campbell Charley Hill

Sponsored by Papa Murphy's Take N' Bake Pizza

SOARING SOLOS Fellowship Ministry

We are in the process of reviving the SOARING SOLOS MINISTRY. We started it about two years ago but it didn't get off the ground. We have more single adults in our church who are asking for a small group to connect with. We really need your input as we put this group together to meet special needs of folks in our church.

This new ministry can have at it's core a Sunday School class or a spiritual growth class. Participants are offered support and encouragement as they navigate the single life. We are targeting the "younger-older" single adults in the age bracket from the 50's—70's.

From the core group, fellowship will include meeting in homes, dinners out, movies and plays, and pot luck meals. Book studies, and active recreational activities, such as walking, hiking, bike riding, and other fitness fun things the group chooses to do.

If you think you might be interested, come to a Gathering at Jan Lowe's home on May 14, 6:00 p.m. We'll get to know each other and plan the next few events. Appetizers and Light Buffet will be provided. Call Jan at 531-0381 or email at jan@lovelearnlead.com if you can come, or if you want to be included in future events.



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UMW

The **Rummage Sale** will be held the first weekend in August. We are accepting donations on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Leave the items in the hallway by room 26 (lower level).

All donated items should be clean and in good working order. <u>No shoes or clothing please</u>. If you have questions, call Cheryl Campbell 876-5172

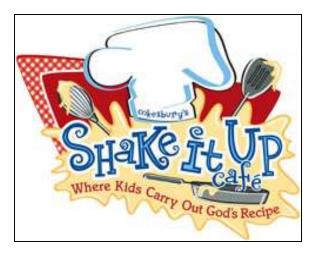
The **Bazaar Workshops** are in process every Thursday morning from 9:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. Bring a sack lunch with you to enjoy. We welcome everyone. This is a fun time with great fellowship. Verna Bottjen has also scheduled Tuesday workshops the first Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. If you have any ideas for a workshop or craft, please contact Pat Jenkins.

Sue Nebrig is in need of glass quart jars - please leave them on the back table in quilt room.

Remember to start your plants for the Garden Center.

The **Bakeless Bake Sale** letters have been sent out to all the women of the church. It is a great way to help the Bazaar and the charities we support.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



July 16 - 19

Invite your Kids, Friends, Neighbors, Grandkids

Call Dixie Young at 855-7106 or let the Church office know if you would like to help.

We have two musical dates to add to your calendar.

The first is an organ concert Sunday, May 15 at 3:00 P.M. in our sanctuary, performed by Jan Van Otterloo. She has performed here before and is being brought back by popular demand. The second is a night of Jazz and dinner on June 12, featuring Dan Knight and the "Usual Suspects". There will be un-interrupted jazz from 6:30P.M.-9:30P.M. and a delicious meal, all for the nominal cost of \$10.00. This is a fundraiser for the NWA Children's Shelter.



MAY 2011 CALENDAR

Please consult this page for meetings and activities for the month of MAY.

Check the weekly bulletin and website (www.lovelearnlead.com) for updated meetings and activities.

- YOUTH SUNDAY Youth and children stay entire service with their families no Sunday School, but nursery will be available
- 1 Blood Pressure Check 9:00 A.M. Chapel
- 1 Communion Service at Concordia 10:00 A.M.
- 1 Walk to Emmaus Introduction 1:00 P.M. Chapel
- Women's Chorus (every Monday)12:30 P.M. Choir Room
- 3 Special Bazaar Workshop (1st Tues. every month) 9:00 A.M. - Quilt Room
- 3 Volunteer Laity Caregiving Training 9:30 A.M. Chapel
- 3 Prayer Shawl (every Tuesday) -1:00 A.M. Room 5
- 3 Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 P.M. Room 6
- 3 National Music Week Sing-a-long 7:00 P.M. - Becker Hall
- 4 Emmaus Reunion (every Wednesday) 8:00 A.M. - Room 22
- 4 Bible Study (every Wednesday) 8:30 A.M. - Room 5
- 4 Disciples I Bible Study (every Wednesday) 9:00 A.M. - Chapel
- 4 UMW Board Meeting 9:30 A.M. Room 23
- 4 Guest Follow-Up meeting 1:00 P.M. Room 5
- 4 Disciples III Bible Study (every Wednesday) 6:00 P.M. - Chapel
- 4 Youth Appreciation Reception 5:00 P.M. Becker
- 5 Bazaar Workshop (every Thursday) 9:00 A.M. - Quilt Room
- 5 Book Study (every Thursday) -10:00 A.M. Room 5
- National Day of Prayer6:30 P.M. Bella Vista Community Church
- 6 Disciples II Bible Study (every Friday) 9:00 A.M. - Room 23
- 6 The Friday Night Club 6:00 P.M. Becker Hall
- 9 Alzheimer's & Dementia Care Support Group9:00 A.M. Room 6 (second & fourth Monday)

- 9 Abrams Shepherd Group 5:30 P.M. Becker Hall
- 9 Church Council Meeting 6:30 P.M. Becker Hall
- 10 Charity Circle 9:00 A.M. Chapel
- 10 Sarah Circle 1:00 P.M. Chapel
- 10 Agape Shepherd Group 5:30 P.M. Chapel
- 11 Member Care Meeting 9:00 A.M. Room 6
- 11 Mission Meeting 9:30 A.M. Room 23
- 11 UMM Board Meeting 5:30 P.M. Room 5
- 11 UMM Dinner 6:30 P.M. Becker Hall
- 11 Volunteer Laity Care giving Training 6:00 P.M. Room 6
- 12 HOPE Circle 1:00 P.M. Chapel
- 13 Mountain of Food Collection through June 6 Becker Hall Hallway
- 14 UMM PANCAKE BREAKFAST- 7:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. Becker Hall
- 15 UMW SUNDAY
- 15 Pak-a-Sak Collection -
- 15 Jan Van Otterloo Organ Concert 3:00 P.M. Sanctuary
- 16 Martha Circle 9:00 A.M. Chapel
- 17 BV Book Club 1:00 P.M. Room 23
- 17 Naomi Circle 1:30 P.M. Chapel
- 19 Evening Circle 6:30 P.M. Chapel
- 21 Angel Food Distribution 10:00 A.M.-12 P.M. Becker
- 22 Youth Car Wash, during Church Parking Lot
- 22 Welcome New Members Pot Luck Noon-Becker Hall
- 30 Memorial Day office closed



~ THANK YOU ~

SPECIAL THANK YOU!!!

Without the help and consideration of the following, the 2011 Masters Final Round Pizza Party would not have been possible:

- Verle Shoemaker, Chet Campbell, and Ed Jenner for donating "Closest to the Hole" Pizza Certificates;
- Papa Murphy's Take and Bake Pizza for allowing the use of these several certificates to help control the total cost;
- Troy Jorgensen for providing the expertise in running the technical equipment to view the game; and,
- Lastly, but by all means not least, Verna Bottjen for baking the pizzas and assisting with party set-up and organization.

I am sure that everyone had a good time and took the opportunity to fellowship with other members of God's community. I sincerely thank the above listed people for helping make the party a success. And finally, I thank God for providing everything (people, skills, financial resources, technology, a comfortable facility etc.) required to host and enjoy this event.

Darrell Bottjen

Much appreciation goes to the dedicated Music Department members for the wonderful music they provided for the many services during Easter time ~ and for their consistently professional performances week after week during the year.

Many thanks to Sandy Fitch and Verna Bottjen for delivering the Easter Lilies and making the beautiful silk arrangements for Easter Sunday.

My family and I would like to thank First United Methodist Church Bella Vista for the wonderful experience of ministry that we have shared with everyone over the last year during my part time appointment. The opportunity to be in ministry while attending seminary has been instrumental in my growth as a person and as a pastor.

It is also a blessing that I will soon complete my seminary studies and receive my Masters of Divinity from Saint Paul School of Theology. Commencement services will be held on Friday May 13, 2011 at Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas at 4:00 p.m.

Shalom, Pastor Lee Myane ~ Andrea, Sílas, Sarah and Sawyer

Dear Friends:

Thank you for all your prayers and cards during my recent illness. It's good to be back in Bella Vista.

Rex Davenport

A very special "Thank You' to Ed & Barbara Jenner and Phoebe Bader for our beautiful new American and Christian flags. Long may they wave!





We're Here to Serve You

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To the Home of ...



Methodist Men
Pancake Day
Saturday, May 14
7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Becker Hall

Pancakes Ham or sausage Coffee, milk, juice \$5.00 per person

Tickets can be bought from any UMM member, at the Church Office, or at the door on Pancake Day

Proceeds support the various missions of the United Methodist Men's Organization.

