



# The Good News

May, 2012



**Mother's Day**  
is Sunday, May 13.  
There will be a video tribute to all of our mothers on that day. Please bring a picture of you and your mother to the office. (separate pictures of each of you, or one with both of you - Gentlemen, this means you, too!) - due by Friday, May 4. We will be careful with the photos ~ they will be returned.



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**VBS is coming soon!!**

**Mark your calendar**  
July 22-26  
We are joining with Highlands Church for an even bigger and better VBS than we had last year. Please come join in the fun.

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Read about many of the mission projects happening in our church ~ if you are not already involved, we need YOU!

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Read about the 8 youth who participated in the most recent Confirmation class. Join us as we celebrate Confirmation with their families, Sunday, May 20 during "The "Well" contemporary service.

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**Texas youth invade NWA**

Over 300 youth from Texas will be in our area June 10-16 performing many mission projects. 50 of these youth will be housed in our church. If you have any jobs that you just can't get to as easily as you used to, and they can wait till the week of June 10, please stop by the office and let us know. We will try to get to as many as we can.

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**How do we look financially??**

**Saturday, May 19**

**ALL-CHURCH WORK DAY**  
We will need all the help we can get!

MISSION: Equipping Generations to Become Spiritually Maturing Christians

PURPOSE: **LOVE** Loving God  
**LEARN** Learning to Know God  
**LEAD** Leading Others to Christ

VISION: All for All in Christ

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## FAITH WALK

With

Bro. Jaimie J. Alexander



The month of May always reminds me of change! School is ending for students and faculty, people are graduating high schools and universities, summer vacations are being planned by families, and sadly more military will be remembered this Memorial Day than last year. Change is always around us. Each day we face change that may be small or it may be very significant in our lives. Change is one of the certainties of life.

The ministry of Jesus Christ focused on change. It was change that caused people's lives to become better. He changed the women at the well's life with a visit; He changed a leper's life with a touch; He changed a desperate woman's life with faith; He changed a hungry crowd with a miracle, and the list of changes He made in people's lives goes on.

Jesus always started where people were but never left them there. He loves people too much to leave them the way they are. In fact, he issues an invitation of change still today to each of us in Matthew 11:28-29. His invitation is "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls". He invites us to come to Him, to give Him our lives, and to have faith that change for the better will take place. Still, today the ministry of Jesus Christ involves change. It involves change in our lives, in our church, and in the Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church.

The question we have to ask ourselves is, "Are we open to our lives being changed by Jesus?" I hope you can answer, "Yes!"

God is Faithful,

*Bro. Jaimie J. Alexander, Senior Pastor*

While getting your coffee and snacks after the services you might have noticed the VBS banner in Becker Hall. WELL, IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!!!!!! This year we are doing things a tad bit differently. OK, so it is going to be a lot different. First, we are partnering with Highlands Church. HUMC has volunteers and only a few children. Even BIGGER - we have set our sights pretty high this year. We are praying for **150** children. You read that correctly. We are going to work at getting 100 more children than we have had in the past. Where are we going to find all of these children, you ask? Well, we need you. We have a stack of VBS flyers in the office, and we would LOVE for you to hand them out to your neighbors and friends. We will also be putting teams together to canvas local neighborhoods. There will be a meeting on May 15 to really get down to the nitty-gritty. Please watch for time and place.



So here is the rest of the information you will need to know: VBS will be July 22 - 26 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. To pre-register your child (3 years old to 5<sup>th</sup> graders) you can go to:

[www.overboard.cokesburyvbs.com/FUMCBV](http://www.overboard.cokesburyvbs.com/FUMCBV). If you want to help you can go to

<http://overboard.cokesburyvbs.com/FUMCBV> and click on the volunteer button or contact Carrie Drish.



# OFF AND RUNNING

with Pastor Lee Myane



April showers bring May flowers. We haven't had a lot of rain but children are blooming. May 20 will be confirmation Sunday! May 19 is Bentonville High School Graduation and Bentonville Schools will dismiss for the summer on Monday May 21. Yes, the last day of school is a Monday. Don't ask. I just report the news.

The big news is the eight confirmands that Brother Jaimie and I have been leading through confirmation classes since February. We will be celebrating with them and their families during the contemporary, "The Well", service on May 20 at 9:30a.m. Please keep all of them in your prayers as we move through May. They are a wonderful group of four young men and four young women. They have been very committed to their classes that meet each Wednesday afternoon right after school. Their parents and grandparents have juggled schedules and worked together with Brother Jaimie and me to make their confirmation experience fun, educational and spiritual.

Our 2012 confirmands are all in the sixth grade. They are **Dalton Dale**, the son of Marcus and Kim Dale, **Erica Baldwin**, daughter of Jason and Missy Baldwin, **Connor Gurganus**, son of Butch and Shelly Gurganus, **Emma Kell**, granddaughter of Diane Verville, **Mark Anderson**, son of Mark and Katie Anderson, **Jessica Patterson**, daughter of Jill Patterson, granddaughter of J.R. and Layne Anderson, **Tiffany May**, granddaughter of Juanita May, and **Silas Myane**, son of Lee and Andrea Myane.

With the end of the school year and the beginning of summer, watch the bulletin and your email for educational opportunities and special summer events that we are currently planning. I would also like to thank everyone who came to support the Easter Sunrise service that we held at the Metfield clubhouse. We had 50 people attend. Many were from the Metfield area and are not affiliated with our church. Next year we will be working to make that service even bigger and better. Our Bella Vista community is growing and changing every day. I'm looking forward to a productive summer of fun, ministry and service within our community.

Faithfully in Christ,  
*Pastor Lee, Associate Pastor*

## FINANCE CORNER

Month-to-date (as of 3/31/12)	Budgeted Expenses . . . . .	\$50,806
Month-to-date (as of 3/31/12)	Actual Receipts . . . . .	\$44,645
Year-to-date	Budgeted Expenses . . . . .	\$152,418
Year-to-date	Actual Receipts . . . . .	\$139,480
Year-to-date	Actual Expenses . . . . .	\$143,949

If you are interested in having your contribution automatically deducted from your checking or savings account, there is a link to the form on the church's website, or you can pick up an application in the office.

Remember this – *a farmer who sows only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will reap a generous crop. 2 Corinthians 9:6*



## CROSSWORD YOUTH

Oh, how this year is flying by already. April was a great month. We held our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Spaghetti dinner with the children's ministry and we served approximately 175 people. Thank you to all who came out and enjoyed a meal and supported our mission fundraiser. Youth Sunday was a success again this year. The kids worked really hard and it was a great service. If you were not able to attend that day, you can watch either the traditional or The Well's service on the church's website, [www.lovelearnlead.com](http://www.lovelearnlead.com)

In Sunday school during May, we will be starting a new series on the book of Philippians. This lesson series will help equip students to serve those around them, helping to meet the spiritual needs of others, while remaining grounded in their own faith by cultivating strong friendships with other believers. This will go hand-in-hand with the mission work we will be doing all summer throughout NWA and within the four state area. On Wednesdays, we are beginning a 5-week series called "Victory in Christ, The Amazing Race". This series also examines Paul's letter to the Philippians. Our Christian walk is like a race in that it requires having an attitude of perseverance until the end, with our focus always being on Christ. Unlike races most people choose to run, with nothing at the end, the amazing race God has given us to run has Him at the finish line.

We have several youth members who had amazing accomplishments last month and we have another again. Morgan Drish was selected to attend UAMS's Pharmacy Camp in Little Rock this summer. It was an extremely competitive process and we are very proud of her, and wish her the best at camp.

### **CrossWord says CONGRATS to our first graduate!!!!**

It's May and that means end of school year and welcoming new members with the 6<sup>th</sup> graders joining us AND it means we have our first high school graduate. Kamryn Baker is 16 years old and has been an extremely active member of CrossWord Youth since October of 2009. She is graduating from Bentonville High School this year. She is an honors student, a member of National Honor Society, secretary of BHS's Thespian Society, ran cross country for BHS black her freshman year, and has been involved with 5 theater productions at BHS either acting or directing. She decided early last fall that she wanted to graduate a year early and has completed the steps to do so. She was offered admission to several colleges, but is accepting a scholarship to the University of Arkansas to major in Theater. She is considering an approved deferment of one year from U of A because she has also been given the rare opportunity to do mission work at a children's orphanage in Malawi Africa with her grandmother who has previously lived as a missionary there. Kamryn says since returning from Nashville on last summer's mission trip that she felt called to mission work with children and has always expressed a desire to go to Africa after hearing of the stories from her grandmother. She is very excited about the opportunities the Lord has placed in front of her and all of us in CrossWord, youth and adults, are proud of her and wish her the best in her new adventures, no matter where the Lord leads her.



### **2012 GRADUATING SENIOR HIGH RECEPTION**

**Sunday, May 6**

**between Services in Becker Hall**

**Please stop by and meet Kamryn Baker**

**Cake and punch will be served**



## EVANGELISM



Rain, snow, sleet or hail could not stop our Easter Egg Hunt on April 7. We had about 50 children and of those, 5 families were of the community. What an amazing day. We even had a surprise visit from the Easter bunny!! Thank you to everyone who helped with that event.

Also in Evangelism news, during the month of April, we were invited to serve the teachers of Cooper School breakfast during testing. FUMCBV was the only outside group to be asked to serve breakfast to the teachers that week. What a privilege. We provided breakfast twice, delivered directly to each classroom. Each teacher was also given one of our LoveLearnLead coffee mugs. Our gesture was greatly appreciated! Thank you!!

### Central Texas Conference Youth Mission Trip Comes to Bella Vista

From June 10 – 16 (Sunday through Saturday), our church will host 50 youth plus adult chaperones from the Central Texas Conference Youth Mission Trip.

If you are an elderly homeowner and need repairs on or around your home, please contact Jan Lowe or come into the church office to complete a Referral Form. Examples of the kind of things they will tackle include window screen repair, wood framing, wheel chair ramps, hand rails, porch deck, Interior flooring, sheet rock, yard work, brush clearing, house painting, roofing: plywood decking, asphalt shingles. No electrical, plumbing or major structural repairs (requires building permit/license).

There is no charge for the work or materials. The youth do this because they love you through Christ and know that as Christians, we are called to help each other. Each youth and adult pay to come on this mission trip.

For questions, please contact Jan Lowe at the church or at 531-0381, or email her at [jan@lovelearnlead.com](mailto:jan@lovelearnlead.com). There is no guarantee they will be able to get all tasks done, but if your home is chosen for repairs, they will contact you in person or by phone before they begin the work.

## HEALTH & WELLNESS

### Living a Healthy Lifestyle with Chronic Illness

A workshop on living with Chronic Illness will be offered this September on Tuesdays for six weeks from September 11 through October 16. The 2-1/2 hour sessions are tentatively scheduled from 2pm till 4:30pm.

The workshop, developed at Stanford University, and recommended by both the national Arthritis and the Diabetes Foundations, will be presented at our church through the benevolence of Mercy Health Systems. Kandi Mount, Deaconess in the Arkansas Conference, along with Mercy Chaplain, Steve Dykes, will co-lead this workshop intended for both caregivers and people with chronic health issues. Sign-up will begin in July. There will be a \$15 charge for the workbook, only available for those who attend the class. For questions, please call Jan Lowe. Class size is limited to 15.

### Volunteer Wellness Coordinator Position

By next month, we should be ready to offer another category of Visitation Volunteer, which falls under the Congregational Care Ministry. We are seeking members who have nursing, hospice, and/or social work backgrounds. They can be active or retired. It also takes a person who is caring, patient, and a good listener. The volunteers will agree to meet with our members in their home or at the hospital or rehab facility. They will be available to help people as they prepare for a hospital stay or change in routine because of medical concerns. They will also be there to help people transition back into their homes by providing clarification about doctor's orders, assist with new medicine regimes or special self care regarding bandages, exercises, etc. We are looking forward to providing this service to our church members.



## PRAYER

Please Read: [Psalm 119:1-176](#)

*I will never forget your commandments, for by them you give me life. [Psalm 119:93]*

In a Bible Study Group, one day we were supposed to read Psalm 119. I'll never forget the day we were supposed to read it. As we opened our Bibles, we looked at each other with raised eyebrows. Were we really going to read all 176 verses of this psalm, the longest in the Psalter? Yes, indeed, we were. So, for about fifteen minutes, we read Psalm 119 aloud, with each person reading a verse as we went around the circle. When we finished, we felt victorious, as if we had climbed a mountain of Scripture.

If you read all of Psalm 119, especially if you take the time to read it out loud, you'll quickly notice a fair amount of repetition. This psalm makes one basic point, again and again and again. In fact, the structure of Psalm 119 is meant to convey a sense of thoroughness and completeness in making this point. It is an acrostic psalm, with twenty-two stanzas that begin with each letter of the Hebrew alphabet, in order. Psalm 119 pulls out all the stops in celebrating God's truth. His Word not only guides our steps and keeps us from getting off course, but also, in a phrase, it gives us life.

Why do we read, study, reflect upon, and pray the Scriptures? Because in them we find life; life with meaning and purpose, life with depth and

truth, life both now and forever. The Word of God guides us so that we might live life to the fullest. It shows us how to find significance in every aspect of life as we live for God and his glory.

**PRAYER:** Gracious God, how I thank you for your written Word. Indeed, as the psalmist says, your commandments have given me life. Thank you for showing me how to live with meaning each day as I see my life connected to your grand work in the world. Thank you for teaching me through Scripture how to be faithful in my workplace, my family, my church, and my community. Thank you for showing me how I can live, not in my own strength, but by your power. How grateful I am for biblical teaching on the Holy Spirit and his gifts. Thank you for revealing the nature and purpose of the church, helping us to be the people of God, a body consistently growing in you as each part is active. Thank you for showing us in Scripture that we are called into your mission, and that we can live out this mission each day in every area of life.

Finally, thank you for revealing in the Bible your love for me, your grace through Christ, and your invitation to live in relationship with you.

All praise be to you, O God, for your Word gives me life! *Amen.*

*Marilyn*

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With the resignation of our organist, Kyle Elmore, effective May 1, we have been able to hire Broc Hite who comes with excellent references, education, and experience. He has played here several times as a substitute for Roiselle and Kyle. We are fortunate that SPRC moved quickly to fill this vacancy with such a highly qualified musician.



### HELP WANTED

**A Sunday School teacher is needed for the Pre-school/Kindergarten class Sunday mornings. Someone who loves children and enjoys reading stories and doing fun crafts would fit perfectly into this part-time position. If this sounds like you, please contact Carrie Drish at 426-5136 or [cjdrish@gmail.com](mailto:cjdrish@gmail.com)**



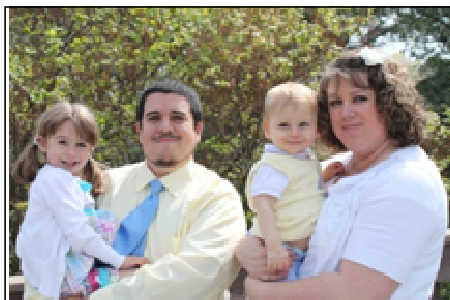
## OUR FAMILY

Each month, this space will be used to tell you about the people who are part of our church family. If you know of a birthday, anniversary, graduation, hole in one, 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 me, Jan Lowe at [jan@lovelearnlead.com](mailto:jan@lovelearnlead.com), or call me at the church, 855-1158 or 531-0381.

**Zachary Forrest Mendoza**, son of Jon and Jessica, and brother of Isabelle, was baptized at the Contemporary Service on Easter. Zach was born on June 9, 2011. Both Jessica and Isabelle were baptized on Easter Sundays.



Baby Zach's baptismal candle was given to the family to be brought out each year on the anniversary of his baptism and lit in memory of that special day in his life.



**The Mendoza's** have spent most of their married life in this church. They have been working in VBS since 2006 and teaching

children's Sunday school since 2007. Jon runs sound for first service and helps with other services as needed. Even with two children, Jon and Jessica manage to serve key roles in the children's ministry. They have made many lifetime friendships here.

We in the church feel fortunate to have them and their children as a part of our family.

### May Wedding Anniversaries

05/01	Howard & Mary Johnson
05/04	Coleman & Sharon Farrar
05/04	Johnny & Charlene Rayburn
05/06	Eric & Danette Baker
05/12	Ron & Janet Walton
05/16	James & Amy Gilmore
05/17	Tom & Ruth Ann Hough
05/28	David & Vanessa Patterson

### May Birthdays

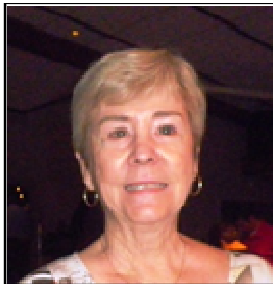
05/01	Mary Johnson
05/05	Vanessa Patterson
05/05	Wilda Tague
05/06	Stan Tague
05/08	Jenna Gilmore
05/09	David Frisby
05/09	Joyce Horle
05/09	Janet Walton
05/10	Bill Miller
05/10	Richard Andersen
05/11	Charles Raney
05/12	Tris Glenn (Patterson)
05/13	Sally Peterson
05/13	Eunice Truman
05/15	Clyde Cheek
05/15	Clarence Williams
05/17	Jill Darling
05/17	Marc Engle
05/17	Harold Plunk
05/19	Jim McMillen
05/21	Mickey Cleveland
05/22	Haylee Meagher
05/22	Brett Potts
05/25	J.D. Highfill
05/26	Lawrence Timmons
05/29	Charlene Irwin



**Pat Reid** celebrated a special birthday on April 4. Bro. Jaimie, Pastor Lee, and Jan Lowe delivered Pat's birthday card to her the day before her birthday. She was so touched by the many good wishes people added to her card. She was warmly welcomed as she visited the church for a short time on Sunday, April 22. She promises to be back full-time soon.



**Juanita (Nita) and Brandt May** joined our church at the Contemporary Worship service on April 1. Sandy Fitch is their "First Friend." They have been coming to the Contemporary service for several years. Their grandchildren, who live with them, both attend the Sunday School classes. Tiffany, 12, is among the eight youth who will be confirmed on May 20. Brittany, 9, is in the 3rd grade at Gravette Upper Elementary.



Juanita May (Brandt was not available for photo)

Brandt retired from the railroad, but still counts model railroading as a hobby. He also enjoys gardening. Nita enjoys reading and playing cards.

We are so glad to have this family, who moved here from Kansas City, as a part of our church.

### **The Praise Team (Contemporary worship)**

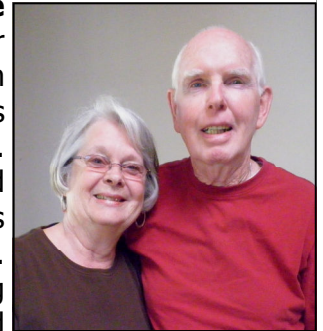
celebrated the coming of summer with a Hamburger Bash on March 31 at the home of Coleman and Sharon Farrar. The hosts provided great burgers and hot dogs, while everyone else brought yummy side dishes. With band members and their families, the gathering spilled out on to the



deck and into the back yard. The kids, who don't usually play together, acted as though they'd been best buds forever, playing on a slip n slide and in the pool. Now that's the way to welcome the warm weather! (The kids, pictured from left to right, Byron Standridge, Farrar's grandson, Abby Hamrin, and Chloe Jorgensen)

### **Jim and LaVonne Schmidt**

joined our church at the 10:45 am service on April 1. Jim is retired from retail sales. He enjoys fishing and travel. LaVonne is retired from banking. She enjoys spending time with family and friends.



They moved here from Dakota City, NE in January of this year, where they were members of the Dakota UMC. They have also called South Dakota, California, and Oklahoma "home".

They have three sons, one daughter, five grandchildren, and two dogs.

### **Cynthia (Cindy) Bonds**

became a member of our church during the 3rd service on March 24, 2012. She moved here from Little Rock, where she was a member of St. James UMC. Cindy is a retired school teacher, but manages to keep quite busy with Bible



Study, crafts, and interior design. She has already joined the Soaring Solos group for singles in the church. If she hasn't made it to the craft room on Thursday mornings, it probably won't take her long. Peggy DeWitt is Cindy's "First Friend". Say "hi" to Cindy when you see her and make her feel welcome.





**Carole Boyd and Amy O. Fulton** joined our church at the Contemporary service on Easter Sunday. Carole came to Bella Vista from Texas about nine years ago to care for her father, and loved it so much, decided to stay. She and Amy both grew up in Texas, at opposite ends of the state, and then became friends as they worked and eventually retired from the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice. Carole also retired from Phillips Petroleum after 20 years.



From the time she walked through our church doors, **Carole** felt like she had come home. She appreciates how quickly she was welcomed here and how easy it has been to get involved. She does not have a Methodist

background, but is eager to understand all about John Wesley and the beliefs and practices of our church. Carole loves fishing, boating, and spending time with their Shetland Sheepdog, Sassy, and also does pet sitting.

**Amy O.** only thought she was retired. She began working for Arvest in the "floater pool" when she moved here nine years ago. But she is looking forward to the day when "every day is a Saturday - a.k.a. permanently retired". Amy O enjoys fishing, working at her new small business, "Amy Os Photography and More". Her hobbies include cooking, reading, singing, playing guitar, and working on arts and crafts. She is already a singer with the Contemporary Praise Band on Sunday mornings.



They attend both the 9:30am and the 10:45am Sunday services. Please take time to welcome them to our church.

## FELLOWSHIP

The **Metfield Methodist Shepherd group** will meet on Monday, May 14, at 8:30 a.m. for breakfast at the Metfield Clubhouse. Order when you arrive. Please bring a photo of your mother. They will use them for a guessing game.



The Metfield Methodists on their recent outing to Har-Bar Village in Oklahoma.

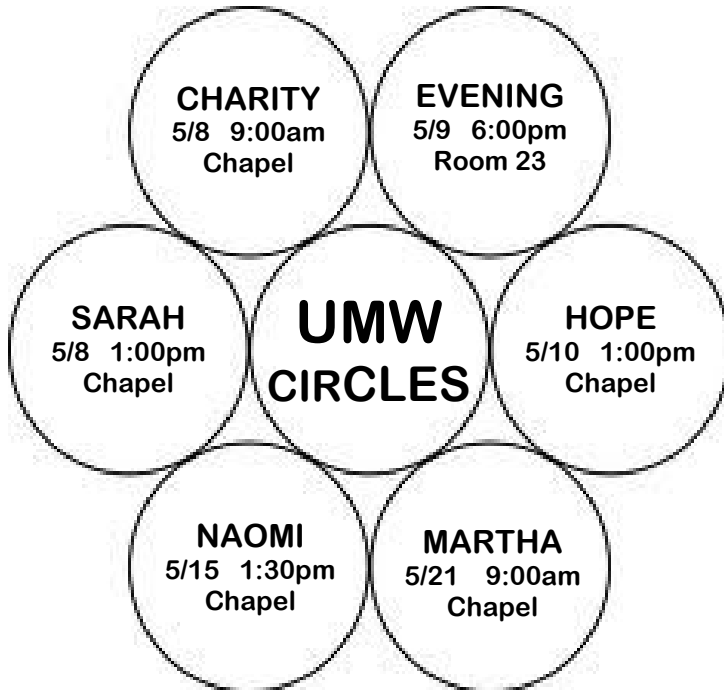
### Shepherd Group Leader Annual Meeting and Appreciation Luncheon. . . .

. . . .was held on April 17 in the Chapel. The best part of the meeting was probably the sharing the leaders did with each other. Some leaders are feeling burned out, but don't want to let their group go. Questions were asked about how the office goes about adding people to a Shepherd Group. Too many people are assigned to a Shepherd Group but never come to a meeting or outing. Some groups are too large to be effective and others are small enough that they could really benefit from a few more members. More feedback came after the meeting was over. Jan Lowe is taking a look at what can be done to resolve some very reasonable concerns. Our goal is to strengthen the Shepherd Groups, which means we have to be ready to make changes to meet the current needs of people.

A luncheon of delicious chicken salad, fresh fruit, and strawberry shortcake was enjoyed by all.



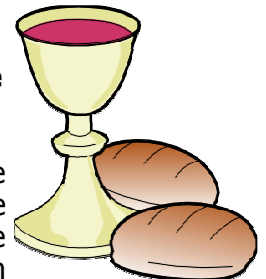
## FELLOWSHIP



## WORSHIP

### HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Will you give one or two hours once a month to visit a homebound person or family and take communion to them on or near Communion Sunday (first Sunday of the month)? We still have three people in the church who have asked for home communion, but we are waiting for you to make a commitment. Training is provided. Please call or see Jan Lowe at the church if you would like more information.



#### How Should You Dispose of Leftover Communion Bread and Juice?

Whether you take communion to the homebound, or you are serving communion in church, there are particular ways to dispose of the leftover bread and juice. For sure, we are not to put either in the trash or down the sink. The preferred way is for the bread to be eaten and the juice to be drunk—by the clergy person, the ones who clean up after the service, or members of the church. The second preferred way is to break the remaining bread into small pieces and spread upon the ground to be eaten by the birds and the critters. The juice should be poured on the ground where it can become a part of the earth again. Hosts or wafers may be saved to be used first the next time communion is served.

**UNITED METHODIST MEN** will meet on Wednesday, May 9 at 6:30 for dinner in Becker Hall. The speaker will be Dr. Liz Ryan, a local acupuncturist. Please make your reservations through the phone tree or contact Stan Tague if you have to make, change, or cancel reservations—no later than Sunday, May 6.

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Don't forget to buy your Pancake Day tickets from any UMM member, or in the office, or at the door the day of the sale (Friday, MAY 4—see back page for details)

Treasurer Amy Gilmore and her family (including Mom, Wanda Williams) will be moving to Lexington, South Carolina within the next few weeks. Amy's husband, James, receive an excellent promotion with Wal-Mart as Regional General Manager for the State of South Carolina. We will miss this very active church family, and we send our very best wishes for them in their new home. Below is a copy of the ad for Amy's position as our church treasurer. If you or someone you know is qualified for this position and is interested, please submit a resume'.

**PART TIME CHURCH TREASURER** wanted for very active church in Bella Vista.

Flexible hours and days. A degree in Finance, Accounting, Business or related field.

Successful experience in a similar position preferred. Will utilize Power Church and Microsoft Office software. Send resume' to: First United Methodist Church, 20 Boyce Drive, Bella Vista, AR 72715, or e-mail resume' to: [fumcbv@lovelearnlead.com](mailto:fumcbv@lovelearnlead.com) by Monday, May 6.



## The Green Church Project

Finding ways to be better stewards of all of our resources

www.4allfree.com



Are you aware that any item that uses batteries as their power source or any item with a plug should NOT go to the landfill? Esco Processing and Recycling will take those items and disassemble them, removing the harmful components for reuse and dispose of the rest responsibly. (See their flyer). The Green Team hopes to do a church wide project to help members dispose of these items in the near future. In the mean time keep items in a box at your house, and not our landfill.

Soon you can watch for a small container in or near the Narthex where you can bring your dead batteries for recycling as well. We are trying to make it as convenient as possible for each of you to dispose of things we each have but in such small quantity we wonder about the significance of our one or two. YOU can make a difference!

On May 5<sup>th</sup> Benton County will again sponsor an event to collect hazardous waste. See POA website and publications for time and place.

A trash can for recycling soda cans and water/soda bottles has been placed in Becker Hall for your convenience. If you belong to a group using the church as their meeting place, please make your members aware of this addition to help get these items recycled and not in the trash.

Thanks for your participation in keeping God's Creation as Great as He created it.

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS!  
Saturday, May 19  
is  
ALL CHURCH  
WORK DAY**

Please look around the church between now and then to find ideas of projects that need to be done. Let the office know, so we can start a list and on the 19th, eliminate as many of these "honey-do"s as possible.

**One major project is to remove bushes and brush at the edge of our property along Lancashire /Hwy 340 so that those traveling that road will be able to see our church.**

**Grab your garden gloves, rubber gloves, polishing and window-washing rags, rakes, mops, buckets, brooms, paint brushes, hedge clippers, and anything else you think of to bring that will help us get the job done of making our church spick-n-span!**

**Hot dogs and other munchies will be available about noon. Please come join the fun day.**

***Many hands make light work!!***



## VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION

The United Methodist Church is at the forefront of providing care, sustenance, and nurturing for people in need everywhere in the world. The Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church is very active in its Volunteers-In-Mission (VIM) Program providing volunteer teams led by trained individuals anywhere in the state, region, nationally, and internationally whenever a disastrous situation so dictates. Outside of Arkansas, the teams work under the auspices of the United Methodist Commission on Relief (UMCOR). UMCOR is normally one of the first organizations to respond when help for people is needed because of a natural, or man-caused, disaster anywhere in the world.

Putting our faith into action is at the very heart of our Christian calling. The New Testament instructs His followers to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, give shelter to the homeless, heal the sick, care for the widows, and nurture the children. Through VIM, every person in the church has the opportunity to serve and live their lives more faithfully. When you reach out and use what God has given us, you will experience a profound life-transformation.

Bella Vista FUMC has a Volunteer-in-Mission Program and a number of trained VIM leaders. In the past, we have responded to the Hurricane disaster areas in Louisiana and Mississippi and we are ready to respond again when the need arises. Our next "hard" scheduled mission will be in October 2012 to Sager Brown UMCOR Depot in Baldwin, LA.

We realize that not everyone is physically capable of handling the rigors and work demands of some of the mission trips. However, everyone can be of great assistance to the VIM program by providing funds to offset the costs of a trip, which can be extensive. There is an account maintained by the FUMC Bella Vista Finance Office for VIM needs. If you wish to participate, please make out checks to Bella Vista FUMC with "VIM" written in the lower left hand corner.

If you would like to become a participant in our VIM Program, contact Ed Jenner, (479) 876-2149.

### MISSION of the MONTH **MOUNTAIN OF FOOD**



You'll find "order forms" for this year's Mountain of Food collection in your Sunday bulletin and around the church. You have the opportunity to choose which items you'd like to purchase - or make a simple cash donation to the Mountain of Food 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" in the hallway outside of Becker Hall.

At the end of the month, the food will be distributed to Helping Hands, The Arkansas Rice Depot, Souls Harbor, and Care and Share for their food banks. Last year, we were able to supply 216 cases of food with a value of \$3,804.62. \$189.21 was collected after the Mountain of Food was purchased and distributed, and so was donated to Pak-a-Sak for their ministry.



## MISSIONS



### PAK A SAK

Sunday April 20 we will deliver our collection of food to Souls Harbor in Rogers. This is a homeless shelter for men who are seeking employment. They are in need of all types of food especially, coffee, pasta, spaghetti sauce, canned meats, & cereal. Thank you so much for your generosity each month.

### SHOEBOX Deliveries

169 shoeboxes were delivered last month. Fifty Sunshine Sacks were delivered to Cooper School. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped with these deliveries.



### Work Day

A work day was held with Judy Knadle, Bedetta Valentine, Phoebe Bader, Diane Miller, Diane Cox, Karen Roenfeld and Cheryl Campbell. The order for Gravette Schools "Hygiene Week" was packed, soap was wrapped, and items shelved. What a great group of volunteer!

### Mother's Day Gift Bags

We will be packing and delivering Mother's Day gift bags to go to various shelters. We will report further in the next newsletter.

### Donations

Thank you and God Bless to all who donated to Shoebox as April "Mission of the Month". Your active participation is what makes this ministry continue to help those in need in Northwest Arkansas.

As always in His service.

*The Shoebox Ministry Team Leaders*

### MEALS ON WHEELS REPORT

Our church, as a participating sponsor of Meals on Wheels in Bella Vista, was responsible for meal delivery during March 2012. The weather cooperated magnificently for the 34 volunteers who successfully completed our commitment. These very generous people donated their time (and their very expensive gas) to deliver approximately 770 meals to program clients. As in prior years, there were three delivery routes that ranged from 12 to 25 hilly, winding miles. These volunteers traveled over 1,100 road miles during the month.

Along with the Meals on Wheels directors, I want to express a sincere and heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who participated this year. May God Bless and continue to keep a watchful eye over all these local saints. Our next delivery month will be JANUARY 2013. Please mark your calendar, and plan to volunteer!

*Darrell Bottjen*

### HELPING HANDS

First we'd like to give a big THANK YOU to all the folks who came to work at Helping Hands on March 24. We had 11 men, 6 women and Chris Kline brought some of his Boy Scouts. It really is an enjoyable experience knowing you're helping such a good cause.

They have been serving approximately 80 to 85 people per day since the beginning of the year, down from 90-110 during the holidays. Unfortunately, the cost of food for the pantry has gone up. Several updates and repairs have been made to the building and several more are planned, much of which is possible with help from Wal-Mart.

Hope to see many of you for our next volunteer day on August 18.

*Verna Bottjen and Julie Fischer*

### A Message from John Justice

Many of you have saved egg cartons for my recycled golf ball sales program for many years. I now have more egg cartons than I can use for the foreseeable future. I thank you for your help and faithful contributions in the past. Please don't bring any more cartons to the church for me.



## THANK YOU

A very special thanks to Bro. Jaimie and Pastor Lee, who went above and beyond in organizing this year's Lenten program. What did we like? The changing of the altar for each Sunday service, the special Wednesday guest speakers, the overall theme, "Never the Same Again," the good preaching, and finally, the way they presented Passion Week. Was there more? Yes, Bro. Jaimie organized the Lenten Devotional. Jan Lowe gets a special thank you for organizing each week's delicious Lenten luncheon, prepared and served by many volunteers.

We thank you.

*Church Members*

We want to thank all of you who participated in the adoption program for carts, dishwasher racks, and cups to help us to do better in meeting our obligations to further sustain God's green earth. Once again this generous congregation quickly met our adoption program goal. There are now 10,000 fewer Styrofoam cups going into our landfill every year. Thank you so very much.

*The Green Team*

I wanted to belatedly thank all the people who visited me and prayed for me during my hospital stay and subsequent rehabilitation at Highland Health Care, while my broken leg was healing. I especially want to acknowledge Brother Jaimie and Pastor Lee and the ladies who make the prayer shawls. My shawl is beautiful and much appreciated. There are many others who kept my spirits up with their visits, including Duane & Marilyn Pommerenke, Jan Lowe, Dick and Mabel Ashline, Nona Stork, and Helen Claire Bothwell. I thank them all, but I'm sure I missed someone. It's great to be back to this caring congregation.

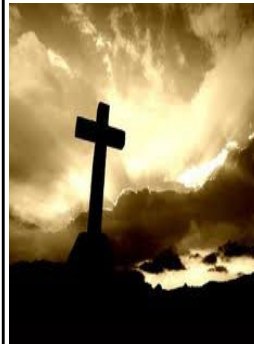
*Peggy Schuette*

There is no way I can express my appreciation of the prayers, love and kindness from this wonderful church that I have received since my surgery. So many times just a phone call or a visit from one of you has made the difference between a good day and a bad day. I am on my way to recovery and then hope I can do my part to help all of you. I never had the feeling God was not looking after me. My love and thanks to each and every one of you!

*Deanna Ballinger*

A very big "Thank You" to all who sent cards and said prayers for us while Joyce was in the hospital in Little Rock. A special "Thanks" to Bro. Jaimie who told friends at St. James UMC and Asbury UMC that we were in Little Rock. We had visits from both churches. We appreciate everyone's concern. Thank you.



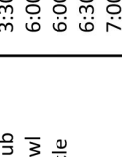
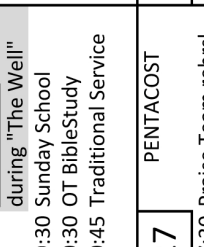
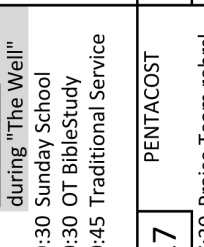

*Reid & Joyce Horle*



**THANK YOU** to the seven authors of the Lenten Devotional for this year. Each one's perspective on the Lenten scriptures helped bring to life what this time is really all about. And as busy as they all are, no one missed a single deadline. Many

thanks to Madeline Scheiderer, Ed Jenner, Andrea Myane, Keith Prueitt, Marilyn Hertel, Sonnie Andersen, and Suzanne Shoemaker. Thank you to Jan Lowe for putting the booklet together each week. Thank you as well to Janet Walton for making sure those of us who wanted the daily devotional by email received it every morning!

# May 2012

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# **United Methodist Men Pancake Day**

**Friday, May 4 ~ 6:30am to 1:00pm**  
**Becker Hall**

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

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

Proceeds help fund UMM mission projects

