



# The Good News

May, 2013

## GRADUATING SENIORS to be Recognized on Sunday, May 12

**Morgan Alyci Drish**, 17, plans to attend the University of Arkansas in Little Rock where she will major in Biology, and then transfer to UAMS (Medical Sciences) to study for a PHD in Pharmacy. She received a Chancellor Leadership Corp Scholarship, and UALR Academic Scholarship. Currently, Morgan is President of Cobblestone, a service driven group. She has worked at Allens' Grocery Store for the past two and a half years.



**Tell us about one or two people who have inspired you.** There have been more than one or two people that have inspired me in my life. There were teachers that inspired me to become a science major. There were people in my life that inspired me to remain true to myself, some because they didn't, and I witnessed the pain it caused them, or because they did, I saw how much easier it made things. Then there are the people in my life that inspired me to live my life closer to God. All of these people inspired me in different ways, and each of them are so important to me; they helped shape who I am and who I hope to become.

**Madeline Elizabeth Scheiderer**, 18, will be working her 4th summer as a lifeguard at the Kingsdale pool. This fall she will start college at NWACC. She plans to major in nursing or a related profession and transfer to the U of A after completing her basic courses. In High School, Madeline has been active in the a cappella choir. She has been in the Glee Club, was selected student of the month 3 times, including Senior student of the month. She takes Guitar lessons. Madeline will receive the AR Challenge Scholarship. **What 'life lessons' have you learned up to this point in your life?** I believe there is a reason for everything. Even when it doesn't make sense, everything that happens, every challenge I face and every decision I make, there is a reason. We are only here on earth for a moment and the things we do, affect ourselves or someone else. I have a purpose. I know that God created all of us for a purpose. Jesus sacrificed for us, to give me and all of us a chance at life. I'm grateful God loves me so much. I know nothing is impossible through my Lord, Savior and Friend, Jesus Christ.



**Kolby Williams**, 18, plans to study Viola Performance at Pittsburg State University in Kansas in the fall. His plan is to achieve a double major in viola performance and music education. He will then work on his Master's in Viola Performance, and later his Doctorate. Although Kolby was involved in some sports and other activities in high school, his passion has been totally on music. He has been a private viola teacher for the past year. His most significant achievements during high school include being the only one who was given 1st Chair for three years in a row in All-State Symphony; he was 1st Chair in the School Orchestra for all four years; he is a Guest Performer at the University of Arkansas Symphony; and he is (we think), the youngest person to be a contract performer in the Arkansas Philharmonic Orchestra, a professional symphony centered in Bentonville, AR.

**What 'life lessons' have you learned up to this point in your life?** I'll share two, and both of them I learned while I was participating in the Eastern Music Festival and Academy last summer. Just being accepted to go there was an honor. I had an opportunity to play for someone of great renown and I completely flopped. I came close to quitting music as a result of that one horrible performance. Eventually I came to understand that you cannot give up on what you love. I can now accept that I am never going to be perfect every time. My second lesson came when a teacher shared an insight with me that chokes me up even now as I speak about it—When you play music, you can't just play the notes on the page; You have to play from inside yourself. The human heart is never wrong about these things.



## FAITH WALK with Brother Jaimie Alexander



"For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

### **Colossians 1:13-14**

One of the things I enjoy doing is posting photographs of church events and members on the church's Facebook page. I recently spent some time on a Saturday afternoon while in the church office posting on Facebook. When I realized I had misspelled a word, I attempted to correct my mistake. Accidently, I erased all the photographs I had posted for several weeks. Not only did I erase what I had posted, but I also erased what others had posted. I tried to retrieve what I had deleted, but was unsuccessful. Troy Jorgensen came to the rescue, but Troy was also unsuccessful. As I thought about what I had done a few days later, God impressed on my heart that, that is what God does to our sins when we ask for forgiveness.

It is through the gift of Jesus Christ for the sacrifice for our sins, that God rescues us from darkness of our sins. Not only does He rescue us, but God also deletes our sins through forgiveness. The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus teach us that sin has no power over our lives when we authentically ask for forgiveness. I heard Corrie ten Boom, a great women of faith who survived a German Concentration Camp during World War II, say that "God cast our sins into the depths of the sea and does not hold them against us anymore when we ask forgiveness". Sadly, we experienced as a nation the result of the sinful decision that resulted in horrible loss of lives due to bombings in Boston, Mass on April 15<sup>th</sup>. We may struggle to understand how God can forgive such an act of terror, but God can. If God forgives that sinful act, we can be assured God forgives all of ours also. The message

of Jesus Christ is a message of redemption, grace, forgiveness, mercy, and love. As we continue to focus on the sermon series, "From the Cross to Pentecost" during May, we will remember what Jesus has given to us through the giving of his life at the cross and through the promise of the Holy Spirit!

God is Faithful!

**Bro. Jaimie**

### **Position Available**

#### **PART-TIME DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY**

...at First United Methodist Church of Bella Vista.

Duties will include, but are not limited to, meeting weekly with youth, creating an environment in which youth will experience spiritual growth, fellowship, and fun. As part of the church staff, this person will be responsible for developing and maintaining creative ministries for all youth, including missions, small group studies, recreational ministries, and discipleship formation. Applicants should have a calling to youth ministry, in addition to strong team-building skills, excellent communication skills, and the ability to relate well with youth, parents, volunteers and persons of all ages. Salary will be based on experience and development of the ministry to youth.

Send letters of interest and resumes to Bro. Jaimie Alexander ([jaimie@lovelearnlead.com](mailto:jaimie@lovelearnlead.com)), 20 Boyce Drive, Bella Vista, Arkansas 72715



## OFF AND RUNNING with Pastor Lee Myane

I hope everyone found my article last month informative. It is a long process to become an ordained elder in our United Methodist Church. May will now be a time of preparation, both for our church and for me. I'm busy preparing for Annual Conference and for our upcoming ministries this summer and into the fall. Currently we are looking for a new director of our youth ministries. I have served as an interim director during our search. Our youth are a growing group and need a strong faithful leader to disciple them for the future of the Church.

During March and April our youth took several trips for fellowship and learning. In late March, we traveled to Alma for a Passover celebration and Seder meal that was served by the Alma Ministerial alliance and Heritage UMC of Van Buren. The youth were able to experience a traditional Seder meal and its relationship to the last supper and our celebration of Easter. It was a great week of learning as we studied the relationship of the Exodus story, Passover, the last supper and how as Christians we connect with our Jewish history.

Our second trip took us to Branson, Missouri and Silver Dollar City. We spent the day at "Young Christians Weekend" where we attended multiple classes led by inspirational Christian leaders. We rode the new roller coasters and attended a concert

by David Crowder. It was a very full day. We left the church at 6:30am and returned that night about 10:30pm.



With both events we had the bus full and needed extra vehicles to get everyone there. We had plenty of adult chaperones and our youth behaved as young disciples should. I'm very proud of them and our church should be proud also. Our group of young people are not only capable but also put into practice what they are learning. As we approach the end of the school year our youth are planning several social events. We will have a movie night, hopefully outdoors. We are also planning a lock-in. Our summer will include several local missions and preparations for a large fund raising event this fall for "Imagine No Malaria".

If you would like to volunteer for a youth event or help teach a class please let me know. I'm always looking for adult leaders and volunteers. Our youth and children deserve our very best. Our church is full of faithful disciples. Please consider discipling the next generation of leaders.  
 Faithfully,  
*Pastor Lee*





## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### DESTINATION MISSION



This is the third year that we will take our older elementary children 3rd - 6th grade on a mission trip. We have worked in Fayetteville serving food at First UM Church's Soup kitchen; helped hand out food at a food pantry in Jonesboro; cooked, served, painted, cleaned, unloaded, restocked and moved boxes at Neighbor to Neighbor in Pine Bluff. What our children can do is nothing short of amazing. These children want to be here with us, getting hot, working hard, without the comforts of home. . They LOVE serving our Lord in any way that they can.

June 26th - 29th we will head to Clinton, Arkansas to stay at Mt Eagle Conference Center. We are still working out some of the details of this trip, because of the tornado that touched down there. We want to do whatever we can do to help, but the safety of our children is most important. The cost of this trip is \$130.00. We use the money that we make from the Spaghetti Dinner to cover the cost, so please don't worry about that. If you would like more information you can check out our Facebook page and download all of the forms at <https://www.facebook.com/Destination.Mission>. If you have any questions, please contact Carrie Drish at 426-5136  
Carrie J. Drish

### FAMILY BIBLE CAMP

This year we have the pleasure of serving our community twice!

We are helping Highlands United Methodist Church with their VBS and we are having our own Family Bible Camp! We will be having our Bible Camp June 16th -21st from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Family Bible Camp? What does that mean? It means that we are inviting people of all ages to our Camp. If you are part of a family with children, you will be a group. If you are part of a family without children we will add you to an appropriate group. This is going to be so much fun for everyone. Our theme is ***Athens: Paul's Dangerous Journey to share the Truth.*** You can check it out at <http://group.com/vbs/athens>.

To register as a participant or as a volunteer you can go to <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/hl/FUMCBV>

The goal is to have 125 people participate in Bible Camp this year. Come join the fun!





## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY, cont'd

The children raised approximately \$70.00 for Nothing in Return from their Lenten collections. I am so very proud of them!! Thanks to all of the children that participated!

On March 23 many of our church families and many more families from the community joined here at FUMCBV for our Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt. We had about 80 children and served about 125 people in total. God really blessed us that day! It was a bit cold and rainy, so we let the youngest children, 0-4, hunt for eggs in the Sanctuary. They were so cute. It was amazing to see the excitement in their eyes. The older children were lucky enough to be able to catch a break between rain clouds and went outside. The children also did a craft, coloring sheets, watched a movie, listened to a story and even had a special visit from the Easter Bunny. What an amazing day! I stood back at one point and just watched all of the children and parents enjoying themselves. These types of activities are the kind that will help expand our church family. Parents need to know that we have a growing children's ministry, including a special needs ministry. We are doing a great job of getting the word out, but we need to do more. I have been really praying about this. I know that the job is way too big for just me. For this ministry to continue to grow, we need to be prepared for many things. We need to be ready for extra children with Sunday School classes that are solid. We need people in the infant and toddler nurseries to hold and love the littlest of God's gifts. We need people to continue to support the activities that hold for our children. Most importantly, we need prayer. Please if you can help out let me know. Also, if you have any ideas I would love to hear them.

Parents: Be on the lookout for "Destination: Mission" summer mission trip information. We will be going to Mt. Eagle June 26 – 29 and staying at the Mt. Eagle Retreat Center. The details are still being worked out, but I think this will be our best trip.

Last but not least, I would like to say a big "thank you" to the UMM who donated a Saturday to help with the pancakes for the Easter Egg Hunt. I think that really rounded out the event nicely.

*Carrie J. Drish*

*Director of Children's Ministry*





## OUR FAMILY

**Marion Best** became a member of our church at the 8am service on March 30. Gladys Jutte is her "First Friend."

Wilbur, Marion's husband will not be joining because of issues with his health. He was a construction worker by trade.

Marion and Wilbur were called "Gypsies" by their grandkids while they spent many years after retirement enjoying life in a 5th wheel, and exploring many parts of the country. One of their favorite places was Yuma, Arizona.

Like so many of us, health concerns led them to put away the 5th wheel and then move to Bella Vista, where one of their daughters was already living. Soon their second daughter joined them here. Their third child, a son, lives in Texas, but manages to get to Bella Vista several times during the year to visit.



They enjoy 5 grandkids and 6 great grandkids, and a couple more step kids.

Marion loves to read, crochet and knit, but doesn't seem to get too much done, with caring for Wilbur.

Please welcome Marion when you see her next time.

**Brett Baldus** joined our church at the 8am service on April 7. Brett is the son of Frank Gail Baldus. His mom, Gail, died one year ago this month. Brett has three brothers, two of them live in the home of their parents along with Brett.

He had been employed at the WalMart home office

working on computers, but is currently on disability.

Brett loves Arkansas and has lived here for the past 15 years. He has also lived in Los Angeles, CA and Houston, TX. He has a love of the outdoors, fishing, sports,



darts, and horseshoes. He wouldn't comment but I was told he is a very good bowler. He enjoys reading, mostly self-help books right now.

Brett is in the process of a divorce. He is anxious to play an active part in the life of the church.

HisFirst Friend, Albert Fisher, will help him get acquainted with the many opportunities to serve. Welcome, Brett.

### PRAYER SHAWLS

Prayer Shawls were given to two people during April.

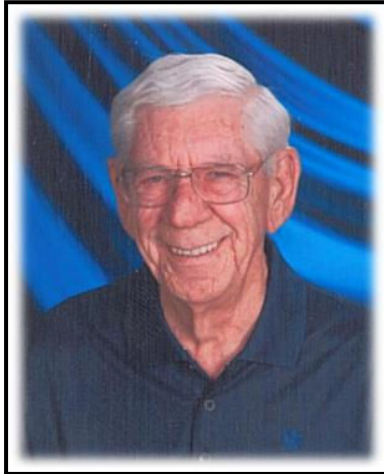
**Dick Ashline** received a prayer shawl from Bro. Jaimie Alexander following his diagnosis of cancer earlier in the month. Please be in prayer for Dick and Mabel as they cope with all of the medical issues before them.

**Don Schuette** received a prayer shawl from Bro. Jaimie Alexander when he was admitted to Northwest Bentonville Medical Center, ICU.



## OUR FAMILY

### THEY WILL BE MISSED



**FRED NEBRIG, 82**, died on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2013 at Circle of Life, Hospice, Springdale. He will surely be missed; not just by Sue and their children and grandchildren, but by the many people from this church and this community who came to the Memorial

Service to celebrate his life on Saturday, April 6. Bro. Jaimie officiated. Many of us marvel that Fred chose to participate fully in the planning of his passing, first and foremost providing for Sue's future, right down to selecting the suit she would wear at his service. For those of us who did not know Fred well, sons Dean and Kenneth shared memories of the dad they grew up with and the man they admired and loved. Please continue prayers for Sue and family as they relish their memories.

**PEG STOFFER** died March 25, 2013 in Topeka Kansas. She and husband, Bob, moved to Topeka a couple months ago. We grieve with Bob, in the loss of Peg, and pray for him and the rest of Peg's family.



**KENNETH WATTS, 90**, died on Saturday, April 6, 2013, at Jamestown Nursing Home and Rehab Center. Kenneth lived at Jamestown with his wife, Kathryn, who remains there. Kenneth and Kathryn

were long time members of the church, but had been homebound for at least 10 years prior to his death. They had been visited regularly by members of our church who also took communion once a month.



A Memorial Service was held at Jamestown Nursing Home. Members of our church along with many of the Jamestown staff attended the service and a reception which followed.

Kenneth was preceded in death by his parents. An only child and having had no children, Kathryn is his only remaining relative.

**DON SCHUETTE** died on Sunday morning, April 21, 2013, following a short illness at Northwest Bentonville.

The church grieves with Peg Schuette, her son, Michael and daughter Nell Nash in the loss of their husband and father.

Don had not been well for some time, and although he had been in the hospital for about three weeks, his death was a surprise to everyone. No final decision was made about a memorial service. Please pray for Peg and her family in the loss of Don.





## OUR FAMILY

### MAY ANNIVERSARIES

01	Howard & Mary Johnson
03	Billy & Carlene Jerman
04	Coleman & Sharon Farrar
04	Johnny & Charlene Rayburn
06	Eric & Danette Baker
06	Steve & Lara Sandusky
08	Darrell & Verna Bottjen
08	Wayne & Jeanette Horner
10	Greg & Juanita Franklin
12	Ron & Janet Walton
22	Jurl & Malinda Hickey
25	Charles & Marian Korn
26	Ralph & Mona Johnson
27	Gene & Dixie Young
28	David & Vanessa Patterson
29	Dennis & Juanita Reed

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

01	Cindy Johnson
01	Mary Johnson
01	Colby McCarthy (12)
05	Mary Patrick
05	Vanessa Patterson
05	Wilda Tague
05	Gene Elsey
07	Lucile Roberts
09	David Frisby
09	Joyce Horle
09	Jean Justice
09	Janet Walton

### MAY BIRTHDAYS (CONT'D)

10	Richard Andersen
10	Joan Dawson
10	Lynden Forst (2)
10	Bill Miller
12	Tris Glenn (9)
13	Joanne Fischbach
13	Patrick Norton
13	Sally Peterson
13	Eunice Truman
15	Clyde Cheek
15	Clarence Williams
17	Jill Darling
17	Marc Engle
17	Harold Plunk
19	Jim McMillen
19	Roy Vogel
20	Cheryl Campbell
20	Ruth Jackson
21	Mickey Cleveland
21	John Justice
22	Haylee Meagher
22	Jessica Patterson (13)
23	Lara Sandusky
25	Rita Fischer
25	J.D. Highfill
26	Larry Timmons
27	Evelyn Weigel
28	Jeneda Mickelson
29	Charlene Irwin
29	Don McMahan
30	Mary Verkest





### OUR FAMILY

### UMW



## Church Work Day May 18! 8am till Noonish

Bring your gloves, buckets,  
cleaning supplies, gardening tools  
and help us give the church  
building and grounds a  
good Spring Cleaning!



### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN BAZAAR NEWS

This may seem like a broken record (for those of you who remember what a record is) but we continue to need help to make our Bazaar items. We have a nice group of ladies showing up on Thursday mornings; just listen for all the laughter and noise coming up from the Quilting room! And again, if you can't make it then, there are still plenty of projects you could work on at home. Just talk to Verna or check out the items in Becker Hall by the UMW Bulletin Board.

Now that Spring has definitely arrived, we can also start thinking about preparing plants for the Garden Center. And finally, you can help by saving some burned out light bulbs for us – the old incandescent, 60 watt kind. Just leave them in the office or on the table by closet#14 in the Quilting Room. Thank you for the many ways you help support our mission projects.



### Mother's Day Photo Deadline— May 3

It's better when you  
smile!

### Father's Day Photo Deadline— June 7



**Evening**  
Wed, 5/8  
6:30p, Quilt Rm

**Martha**  
Monday, 5/20  
9:30a, Chapel

**UMW  
CIRCLES**

**Naomi**  
Tues, 5/21  
1:30p, Chapel

**Hope**  
Thurs. 5/9  
1pm, Chapel

**Sarah**  
Tuesday, 5/14  
1pm, Chapel



## BOOK NOOK

### LARGE-PRINT FICTION:

TRUE BLUE by David Balducci  
 RED VELVET CUPCAKE MURDER  
 by Joanne Fluke

THE STORYTELLER by Jodi Picoult  
 SIX-GUN FURY by Jackson Cole  
 THE SKELETON RIDER by Jackson Cole  
 THE LAWLESS WEST by Louis L'Amour  
 A trio by Louis L'Amour, Zane Grey and Max Brand.

### NON-FICTION:

NIGHT FALL by Nelson DeMille (813.54)  
 Flight 800 has just exploded in midair with 230 souls on board, and the video camera has recorded the last moments of the doomed airliner.  
 A WOMAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART by Elizabeth George (248.8) Genuine peace and joy come when women follow God in every area of their lives.  
 THE RULE OF BENEDICT by Joan Chittister (255.1)  
 This book offers practical and inspiring commentary for our lives today.  
 SOMEBODY FLIP ME PLEASE by Stan Parker (248)  
 When we begin to improve ourselves, our world expands and in that world we can begin to feel happy and content.  
 THE SEVEN LAWS OF TEACHING by John Gregory (371.1) First published in 1884, this classic testifies to the timelessness of its contents. The basic principles of teaching and learning are not subject to the winds of change.  
 THE STRONG FAMILY by Charles Swindoll (248.4)  
 Swindoll shows how wisdom can fill the rooms of your home with love, laughter, mutual respect.... and a treasure chest of memories.  
 RE-CREATE by Ron Luce (248.8)  
 Build a culture in your home stronger than the culture deceiving your kids.  
 A STORY OF GOD AND ALL OF US by Roma Downey (808.3) Experience the Bible from a new and fresh perspective. This novel tells dramatic stories of men and women of scripture.

### FICTION:

STORM PREY by John Sandford  
 A thriller that will keep you on the edge of your chair!

THE ZERO GAME by Brad Meltzer  
 Packed with high-octane suspense and heart-pounding action!  
 THE MOTIVE by John Lescroart  
 San Francisco fireman at their finest.  
 THE FIRST COUNSEL by Brad Meltzer  
 It's a world all of us have heard about but few of us know.  
 THE HUNT CLUB by John Lescroart  
 As the search for Andrea intensifies, Hunt gathers a loose band of friends and associates willing to bend and even break the rules.  
 MISS JULIA TO THE RESCUE by Ann B. Ross  
 Miss Julia simply can't abide sitting idle. What will her next venture be?

### BOOKS IN A SERIES:

HOME TO HICKORY HOLLOW by Beverly Lewis  
 THE FIDDLER  
 THE BRIDESMAID  
 THE GUARDIAN

WESTWARD WINDS by Amanda Cabot  
 Book 2 WAITING FOR SPRING

PATCHWORK MYSTERIES SERIES  
 Book 25 A SPOT OF TROUBLE by Kelly Ann Riley  
 Book 26 THREADS OF LOVE by Susan Page Davis  
 Book 27 SOMETHING BORROWED by Camy Tang

This 4 book series compiled in one volume!  
 BRIDES OF LANCASTER COUNTY by Wanda Brunstetter  
 A MERRY HEART  
 LOOKING FOR A MIRACLE  
 PLAIN AND FANCY  
 THE HOPE CHEST

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 STEVENSON DOYLE  
 HUGO SHAKESPEARE  
 EMERSON TOLSTOI  
 ISBEN WILDE

An 8 book set of the works of 8 great authors.



## FELLOWSHIP

### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

**Pray for America  
Invest in Hope!**

Thursday, May 2, 2013  
6:30 pm

Bella Vista Community Church  
75 E. Lancashire Blvd. Bella Vista, AR

The Ministerial Alliance of Bella Vista  
invites you to join in an Evening of Prayer

**"In His name the Nations  
will put their Hope!"**  
Matt. 12:21

### UNITED METHODIST MEN

The May Men's meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 8 in Becker Hall. The menu is Rosemary Garlic Chicken w/Cheesy Potato Casserole and Salad by Papa Mike's. The program will be "The State of our City", presented by Mayor Frank Anderson.

### Pentecost Sunday is May 19

...50 days after Easter Sunday. The Greek word for Pentecost is "fifty". Pentecost is the day that the church was born. On that day, the Holy Spirit came to fill believers so that they could have the comfort, guidance, and empowerment of God's presence. "The Holy Spirit appeared in the form of "tongues of fire," making red the color we signify with Pentecost Sunday. **This year, on May 19, wear something red to commemorate the presence of the Holy Spirit.**



Metfield Methodists will participate in the church clean-up on May 18 and then go out for ice cream, if they have enough energy left.

### MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT AT ITS FINEST!

The Bella Vista Women's Chorus will perform a concert entitled Broadway and Beyond in our church sanctuary on Friday, May 17, at 7:00 p.m. Tickets will be \$5 and can be purchased from any chorus member or at the door.



Our own Kolby Williams will also be



## MISSIONS

### HELPING HANDS WORK DAY

SATURDAY — MAY 11, 2013

Men needed for 8:00-12:00 shift and 12:00-4:00 shift, and women needed for 12:00-4:00 shift. Sign up in the office if you would like to work.

### PAK A SAK

Sunday, May 19 we will be delivering our donation of food to Souls Harbor in Rogers. This is a shelter for homeless men who are trying to put their lives back together. They are in need of all types of food especially coffee, dried beans, pasta, sauces, canned meat, cereal, & fruit. Thank you so much for your generosity each month.



### JUVENILE DETENTION MINISTRY

One or two Saturdays a month, a few dedicated volunteers prepare a hot, home cooked meal for the residents and staff at the Benton County Juvenile Detention Center. After serving up a delicious home cooked meal, the volunteers spend about an hour just visiting with the kids as a group. Staff is always present and safety is a priority.

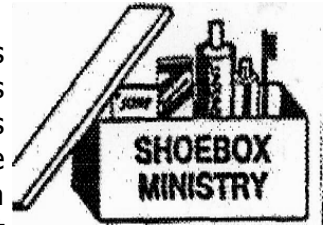
Sometimes the conversation is just fun. Sometimes we guide the conversation toward their future and how they can change for the better. Sometimes, they steer the conversation toward faith and our individual faith journeys. Always the time spent is rewarding and fulfilling.

If you are interested in carrying Christ's love to these least, last and lost, please contact Amy O. Fulton or Sandy Fitch for more information.



### SHOEBOX

As of the due date of this newsletter 226 shoe boxes plus many misc. items have been delivered. We were able to serve Hanna House, Northwest Arkansas Children's Center, Salvation Army Bentonville, Salvation Army-Fayetteville, Seven Hills-Fayetteville, Women's Shelter of Benton County, Youth Bridge-Centerton, and Glen Duffy Elementary-Gravette, and Cooper Elementary School (Sunshine Sacks.)



### Hygiene Week

Due to your continued support we again were able to provide toothbrushes, travel size toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, and soap for 393 students K-2ND grade for their hygiene week. Many of these students lack these hygiene products on a steady basis and look forward to receiving these items. This is our sixth or seventh year to work on this project. Thank you from 393 students!

### Needs

Help! Help! Do you all have any of those tiny ,tiny rubber bands or know where they can be purchased. We have been to Staples, and Office Depot and they do not carry them. We use them to wrap soap and toothbrushes.

As always in His service,  
The Shoebox Ministry Team Leaders

**UNDIE SUNDAY IS  
COMING....**



## MISSIONS, cont'd

### MISSION OF THE MONTH MOUNTAIN OF FOOD



The concept of the Mountain of Food is simple. Take the order form found in your bulletin in May, check the boxes of the items you'd like to purchase. Write a check to cover the cost of the items you've chosen and turn both into the church office (or the collection plate on Sunday morning!) The Mountain of Food begins to build, growing until the end of May.

Once the final purchase has been made, the food will be distributed to Helping Hands, The Arkansas Rice Depot, Souls Harbor and Care and Share to feed the hungry in our area.

Last year, we were able to purchase 243 cases of non-perishable food items for these food pantries. Ralph Johnson has been the faithful leader of the Mountain of Food team for over 10 years. This will be his last year for this mission. Let's make this year's Mountain the biggest yet!



### The Green Church Project

Finding ways to be better stewards of all of our resources

Some cleaning products are toxic to our environment. Try this recipe for an eco-friendly all-purpose cleaner.

#### ALL-PURPOSE CLEANER

- 1 cup water
- 1 tsp. borax\*
- 1/2 tsp. washing soda\*
- 2 Tbsp. lemon juice
- 8 oz. spray bottle

Combine all ingredients in spray bottle; secure lid tightly and shake well to mix. Before each use, shake well again. Spray directly onto surface and wipe with a wet cloth. Refrigerate between uses and replace as needed.

\*Borax and Washing soda (soda ash) are sold with the cleaning supplies in grocery stores.

Source: countrywomanmagazine

#### SANDY'S HOMEMADE LAUNDRY DETERGENT

Ingredients:

- 1 (4 lb 12 oz) [Box of Borax](#)- Found in the detergent aisle
- 1 (3 lb 7 oz) [Box of Arm & Hammer Super Washing Soda](#)- found in the detergent aisle
- 1 (3 lb) [Container of OxyClean](#)- Found in the detergent aisle. (This is optional but I highly recommend adding it)
- 2 bars Fels Naptha Soap Found in the detergent aisle

Directions.

1. Grate Fels Naptha with cheese grater or food processor to a very fine texture.
2. Mix all ingredients together in a large bucket.
3. Use 2 tablespoons per load.
4. Store in an air-tight container

I mix 1/2 recipe at a time. Measurements don't have to be exact. You can use white vinegar as fabric softener. Works very well in High Efficiency Washers as it's naturally low suds and with cold water.



## THANK YOU

We would like to thank all of you who donated to Shoebox as Mission of the Month. We have added some new projects and we have a large amount of boxes going out, mostly men's. We are trying to reach as many of those in need as we can. God Bless all of you for supporting this ministry.

*The Shoebox Ministry Team*

On behalf of our entire extended family, I would like to thank our Bella Vista FUMC family for all your thoughts and prayers, cards and letters, and overwhelming support during the past few months as Fred battled cancer and then began his next journey with Christ on Easter Sunday. The simple displays of kindness and grace shown to me and my family by all of you during this difficult time will always be cherished and remembered.

*Sue Nebrig and Family*

On behalf of the children and youth of our church, I would like to thank Joe and Margie Bowen, Rod Alford, Chet Campbell, Maryann Johnson and Keith Prueitt who joined me to paint the downstairs children and youth areas a clean and bright yellow. Again, thank you so much.

*Carrie Drish*

A big thanks to some folks who worked in the background for the Deborah Lynn Cole concert held on Saturday, April 20. Suzann Wresche did a beautiful job of turning Becker Hall into a spring garden. And thanks also to Nancy and Dale Veach, Marge Smtih, and Jan Lowe, who hosted the reception. Janet Walton went over and above in preparing the program. Thanks again to all of you.

*Larry Zehring*

A more contemporary altar is in place in Becker Hall for "The Well" service at 9:30am on Sundays. The altar, given in memory of my grandmother, Evelyn Alexander, is made up of three nesting tables with crosses etched on the tops and sides. They are a perfect size for displaying and serving the communion elements and the baptismal font.

*Bro. Jaimie Alexander*

A special thanks to Jon Mendoza, who came in on a moments notice and provide sound, lights, and video for all three services on Sunday, April 21 when Troy Jorgensen was too ill to come in. Thanks, Jon.

*Staff*

The church's finances have ended the first quarter on a positive note.

January and February were negative months for our income/expenses but March with Easter season and generous giving put the church's finances positive for the first quarter.

For the remainder of the year we hope and pray that the giving level remains generous so all church obligations can be met.




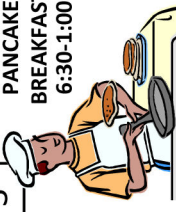




**The Finance Committee**

### MARCH 2013 FINANCIAL DATA

<b>Month to date (as of 03/31/13)</b>	<b>Budgeted Receipts</b>	<b>*= - Endowment</b>	<b>\$48,360</b>
<b>Month to date (as of 03/31/13)</b>	<b>Actual Receipts</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>\$69,454</b>
<b>Year to date</b>	<b>Budgeted Expenses</b>		<b>\$152.463</b>
<b>Year to date</b>	<b>Actual Receipts</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>\$155,972</b>
<b>Year to date</b>	<b>Actual Expenses</b>		<b>\$144.464</b>

*Patsy Attaway, Treasurer*

# MAY 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <b>5</b> 7:30 Praise Tm rehrl 8:00 Traditional Svrc 9:30 The Well Svrc 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Svrc	 <b>6</b> 7:00 Golf-Scotsdale 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:45 Women's Chorus	 <b>7</b> 9:00 Handbell Trio 10:00 Prayer Shwll 10:30 Concordia Bible 10:41 Golf-Country Club	<b>1</b> 8:30 - Bible Study 8:30 Disciples I 9:00 Quilters 9:30 UMW Brd Mtng 3:45 Chancel Bells 6:00 Prayer Service 6:00 Youth Choir 7:00 Crossword Youth	<b>2</b> 9:00 Bazaar Workshop 11:06 Golf-Dogwood 6:30 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 Natl Day of Prayer	<b>3</b>  UMM <b>PANCAKE BREAKFAST</b> <b>6:30-1:00</b> 7:00 Men's Chorus Concert	<b>4</b> 8:30 Old Faithful SG
<b>12</b> <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b> 7:30 Praise Tm rehrl 8:00 Traditional Svrc 9:30 "The Well" Svrc 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Svrc	<b>13</b> 9:00 DAR 9:00 Caregiver's Supprt 10:00 Staff Meeting 10:24 Golf-Country Club 12:00 Calico Cutups Brd 12:45 Women's Chorus 6:30 Finance Comm	<b>14</b> 9:00 PEO 9:00 Handbell Trio 10:00 Prayer Shwll 10:15 Golf-Scotsdale 10:30 Concordia Bible 1:00 Sarah Circle 1:30 Member Meeting 5:30 Agape SG 6:00 Board of Trustees	<b>8</b> 8:30 - Bible Study 8:30 - Disciples I 9:00 Quilters 9:30 Mission Mtng 1:00 Guest Followup 3:45 Chancel Bells 6:00 Prayer Service 6:00 Youth 6:30 UMM Dinner 6:30 Evening Circle	<b>9</b> 8:59 Golf-Country Club 9:00 Bazaar Workshop 9:00 Abram SG-Duffers 1:00 Hope Circle 6:30 Choir Rehearsal	<b>10</b> 9:00 Disciples II 11:30 Pre-school Brd	<b>11</b> <b>HELPING HANDS WORKDAY</b>  7:30 Wesley Series Concert
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## **PANCAKE DAY**

**UNITED METHODIST MEN**

**Friday, May 3**

**6:30am till 1:00pm**



**Pancakes (all  
you can eat!)**

**Sausage or  
ham, apple  
sauce, drink.**

**\$6**

**Proceeds will be used for local mission  
projects.**

**Spring 2013 Sermon Series**

**"From the Cross  
to Pentecost"**

**May 5 Follow Me  
Discipleship**

**May 12 Lessons for Life  
Mother's Day**

**May 19 Shoutin' Time!  
Pentecost**

**Wear RED on May 19**