



The Good News

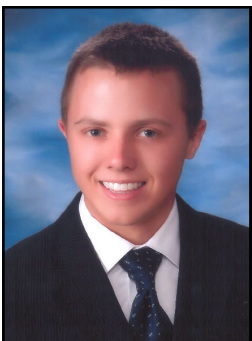
May 2014



2014 Confirmation Class is recognized Sunday, April 27

L to R: Bro Jaimie Alexander, Hunter Roath, Connor Klein, Wesley Gernstetter, John Bokolas, Matthew Sandusky, Sarah Myane, Jamison Toms, Alyssa Wilmoth, & Pastor Lee Myane

FUMCBV Honors our two High School graduates Sunday, May 4



Blake Andrew Roath

Blake is very active at Bentonville High School. He is a member of guitar club, key club, BHS Track, and Peer Helpers, an organization that allows him to help BHS new and at-risk students with problems. Students cannot believe Blake knows every student (all 4150!) on campus by name. He has received math and English awards from his teachers during his years at BHS, and has been awarded an Arkansas Lottery Scholarship. Blake plans to attend N.W.A.C.C. for one year, then transfer to U of A and major in Electrical Engineering. He loves his part-time job at Village Pet Hospital!!

Blake lives with his parents, 2 younger brothers and his sister. The whole family has become very active in the church since they joined a little over a year ago. Blake is active in *Youth Life* and loves FUMCBV, which he feels is his second home. We know whatever path Blake chooses for his future, he will succeed. We wish him well.

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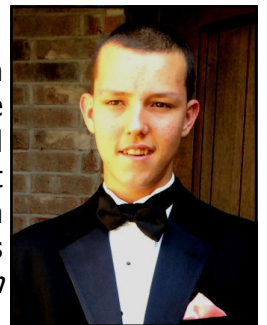
Austin Ray Hanna

Austin has been involved in special Olympics the past five years, winning several gold and silver medals in many sports. At Bentonville High School he is a member of the *Jungle*, and has carried the flag for the *Men in Back* during the football games.

He has also been a Fire Marshall for BHS for the past 3 years.

Austin lives with his parents and two younger sisters. The whole family is very sports and outdoors oriented. Austin can't wait for weekends, when he can ride his mountain bike - which he often does for over 20 miles. He also enjoys playing golf and fly-fishing and, along with the rest of the family, loves Nascar racing.

Austin has become very active in our church and *Youth Life* in the short time he has been attending. He has been an Acolyte several times in the traditional services. We wish Austin the very best with whatever his future holds.





FAITH WALK with Brother Jaimie J. Alexander

This Summer two new persons will join our ministry team as Pastor Lee and his family relocate to Prairie Grove to serve the FUMC of Prairie Grove. Pastor Zach Underwood will be the New Associate Pastor and Mrs. Brenda Wideman will serve in ministry as Perkins Seminary intern for 9 months. I asked both Zach and Brenda to write a introductory letter to the congregation and would like to share those with you. (see pages 4 & 5) Pastor Zach's first Sunday at FUMC Bella Vista will be July 6th and Brenda's first day will be Monday, August 11th.

A Gathering of The Aldersgate Covenant

You are invited to attend!

What is the Aldersgate Covenant?

It is 20 hours of prayer, worship and watching for a revival of the Holy Spirit in our lives and our Church. Not by a typical church meeting. Not with another slickly produced conference. Through worship, prayer, preaching and conversation, people who are serious about revival in the United Methodist Church will seek the Holy Spirit together. Only after we wait together on the Lord will we decide what's next. The fractures in our connection are real and paralyzing. Through institutional and political language we cover up the deeper issue of how far we've moved from our single greatest resource, Jesus Christ. We have a spiritual problem. We need a spiritual revival.

When & Where is the Covenant service? The Service begins at 4:00 p.m. Friday, May 16 until 12:00 p.m. Saturday, May 17 at Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas.

You are invited to be a part of this service as we gather with laity and pastors of varied ages, experiences, and theologies. If the Holy Spirit is stirring you to a different way forward on a personal, congregational and denominational level, come. Preachers for worship include Bishop Violet Fisher, Matt Miofsky, Lisa Yebuah, and Rob Fuquay.

Register to attend at <http://aldersgatecovenant.org/>.



Celebrate "*Pastor Lee, Andrea, Silas, Sarah, & Sawyer Myane Day*" June 1st!

Godpleasers Youth Choir to lead worship!

Sunday June 1st will be a special day at FUMC as we celebrate the ministry of Pastor Lee, Andrea, Silas, Sarah, and Sawyer Myane as they prepare to move to Prairie Grove at the end of June and we welcome the Godpleasers Youth Choir, who will sing at all three services as part of Myane Family's Day of Honor. Godpleasers Youth Choir is a 90 plus member choir of youth from 7th thru the 12th grades from FUMC Heber Springs, Arkansas. The choir has been directed for the past twenty years by Mrs. Chris Schlicker. Following the 10:45 service, there will be a "Churchwide Potluck" beginning at 12:15 in Becker Hall in honor of the Myane Family. There will be a special program during the potluck to honor Pastor Lee and family. Pastor Lee will preach his last sermon at FUMCBV on Sunday June 15 and Holy Communion will be served in all services.

God is faithful!

Bro. Jaimie

Godpleasers Youth Choir





OFF and RUNNING

with
Pastor Lee Myane



I'm very grateful for all the congratulations and prayers my family and I have received since the announcement that I will be the new pastor at First United Methodist Church Prairie Grove, but we still have two months of mission and ministry together. Last month I talked about our need for more small groups. I'll be busy these next couple of months passing on my vision for small groups to our Evangelism Committee and others.

Our church is changing lives and growing. With the transition of leadership in the Associate pastors position we have the opportunity to become even more focused on the mission of our church: to equip generations to become spiritually maturing Christians. All of our family ministries have experienced continuous change and growth this year. Our children have raised thousands of dollars for orphans in India. Our youth are preparing for a mission trip to San Antonio. We have eight new confirmands to instruct as disciples. The school year is coming to a close and we will celebrate graduations and transitions in our Sunday school. Vacation Bible School is in the planning stages and our ministry with children and adults with disabilities continues to gather momentum. These are only a few things happening within our congregation that express who we are. All of our ministries are moving us to love, learn and lead.

Please be in prayer for Pastor Zach, myself and our families as we work together to transition our leadership. Be prepared to continue in service to our church and community.

Faithfully,
Pastor Lee

March 2014 FINANCIAL DATA			2014	Compare
		* = - Endowment	Budget	2013
Month to date (as of 3/31/14)	Actual Receipts	*\$67,332	*\$52,924	*\$69,454
Month to date (as of 3/31/14)	Actual Expenses	\$50,131	\$52,924	\$49,875
		\$17,201		\$19,579
Year to date	Actual Receipts	*\$174,776	*\$158,770	*\$155,972
Year to date	Actual Expenses	\$158,877	\$158,877	\$144,464
		\$15,899		\$11,508

God is good ALL the time!! We are doing very well, regardless of the EXTREME weather and closing the church several Sundays!! Thank you for your faithfulness in giving of your tithes and offerings!



ZACH UNDERWOOD, Associate Pastor



My name is Zach Underwood. I grew up in a small town, Charleston, just outside of Ft. Smith. I grew up in the United Methodist Church: every time the doors were open my family was there. I graduated high school in 1999 and went to Arkansas Tech on an academic and band scholarship.

It was not until upon arriving on the Arkansas Tech campus that I took my faith and relationship with Jesus seriously. I honestly had planned on walking away from God and the church, but it was the Wesley Foundation that helped me see otherwise. I was very active at Wesley, going pretty much every night (I was at Wesley more than I went to class) and became a leader for the FROG group, which was a freshman outreach program. My Senior year at Tech, I had the opportunity to work at the Wesley Foundation as a student intern and this helped confirm my calling into ministry.



I met my wife, Kerry, at the Wesley Foundation. She is a native of Russellville. We were married in December 2004 and then moved to Kentucky for me to continue my seminary work. I graduated from Asbury in 2007 and my first appointment was as Associate Pastor in Greenwood. During that time, Kerry went back to school and got her Masters degree from John Brown University in Marriage and Family Therapy. She, too, shares a passion for helping couples and families. Also, while we were in Greenwood we welcomed our first son, Eli, into the world.

After four years in Greenwood, I was sent to be the Pastor at Grace UMC in Rogers. While at Grace, we have welcomed our second and third sons, Leo and Liam, who are twins, even though they look nothing alike and were appropriately born on April 1, 2012. During our time in NWA, Kerry has been working at the Joshua Center, a Christian-based counseling group that one of her former professors started through his church.



We look forward to this next change in our life. I am excited because I think this role will fit into what I believe are my gifts and graces. I love working with families, youth, and children. I think I do well with building relationships with all whom I minister to and with. I have experience with pastoral care, especially since I have been serving an older congregation. I look forward to getting to know the people of Bella Vista and working together to share the love of Jesus with the community



BRENDA WIDEMAN, Intern

Hello to all of you at Bella Vista First Church,

I am Brenda Wideman, a second career certified candidate for ordained ministry in The United Methodist Church.

I was born and raised Methodist on the Eastern Shore of Maryland in a small town of about 1200 people and in a family of six children with pastors in the family. I am the oldest child and only girl in my family of origin. After having left the church for quite a long time, I returned with a passion for the Lord and for the United Methodist faith community in 1993 when my family and I moved to Fayetteville. My husband Bob and I have three children, Matt, 35 who lives in Dallas and is the father of two precious boys, our only grandchildren; Nathan who has just finished up graduate school at Auburn; and Amanda who is married and living in Rogers. My husband is a research scientist and professor of poultry science at the UofA.



I have been an active member of Sequoyah United Methodist in Fayetteville since moving to Arkansas. I was involved in many lay ministry positions there including Hospitality Team leader for at least 5 years, Acolyte ministry organizer, SPRC, Admin Council, lay delegate to Annual Conference for about 4 years, Women's Bible study leader, UMW president and treasurer, and chancel choir member. I have done short-term mission work in Arkansas with the youth, in Mexico with UMW, and in Tanzania with Rev. Charles Wiggins and his wife Karen. I was unmistakably called to full-time ordained ministry in 2008 after having felt the call but resisted for a number of years prior to that. I have been an MDiv student at SMU Perkins in Dallas since the Spring of 2011 and am now finishing up my academic preparation there. This semester I have been a student in a CPE chaplaincy unit at UT Southwestern Medical School here in Dallas. I am very happy to say that I will be moving back to northwest Arkansas to live full-time with my husband once again at the end of May. The shape of my ministry is still being discerned but I know that my call is to bridge both the church and the world. I also know I am called to preach. I feel as if my call is a hybrid between elder and deacon.

I am very excited about being a part of the faith family with all of you and serving together there as the Lord leads us.

In Christ,
Brenda



YOUTH LIFE

Silver Dollar City's Young Christian Trip was a huge success!

We had about 30 participants. Thanks to everyone for helping make this a wonderful day for everyone



Upcoming events:

May 4: Book study starts 6:00 p.m.

May 23: End of school year lock in.

May 31: Mission Trip Stock Auction BBQ

Mission Trip to San Antonio: The youth will be heading south to help out in many ways. Please let David or Lee know if you want to attend this trip. Cost is \$100 per person.

* **When:** June 21st to June 28th

* **Who:** Anyone 8th grade to adult. (YES!! congregation members are welcome to join us)

* **Cost:** \$100 Deposit due ASAP!

* Mission Trip Stock Dinner May 31. Everyone is invited. BBQ will be served. The Congregation will be presented with 3 options on how you can help.

* What will happen on the mission? A little of everything. Details are being finalized.

Needs: The youth room is in need of a mini fridge. If anyone has one that they would like to donate please leave a message in the office.

I need 1 male and 1 female to lead a 7-8 week book study (*Dare to Dream*) starting May 4th. Please see David if you are interested helping.

Wednesday Night Dinner: We are still looking for volunteers for Wednesday night dinners for youth. There are about 20 kids/adults total. See sign up sheet is in the office. If you want to bring snack or drinks, they are always welcomed.

FUMCBV Youth Life T-Shirts: Youth Life have really nice T-shirts for sale. They are in the office or Youth room, and cost \$20 each.

Again~HUGE Thanks to our wonderful church family!

David Hanson, Youth Director

479-601-1028 dwhanso@gmail.com

VISTA KIDS

I think I can speak for many when I say, "Whew"! The end of April was filled with so much, and there were many who came together to raise up and honor the children and families of this church and our community!



The Easter egg hunt was certainly a memorable day! There were so many beautiful pictures of our children and families on Facebook from that morning! Thank you to all who cooked, cleaned, served, hid eggs, photographed and played with our children that beautiful Saturday morning. And, of course, thank you to our mysterious bunny who was photographed with our kids...that was a HOT job, but brought smiles (and a few tears) to many. We had several new families visiting our church that day and we were able to show them through action that we are a people who care about the hearts and happiness of children.

Palm Sunday was another unbelievable experience of gathering and celebration. Just as the crowds welcomed Jesus and his disciples to Jerusalem with songs and praise, we came together to celebrate our children's mission to benefit St. Catherine's Orphanage in Mumbai, India. We have now raised \$3000 to send to the orphanage! The Roath's story of love was beautifully displayed on screen and many felt the emotion of the fatherless finding an earthly home and coming to know the love and acceptance that God offers us through His love. I hope you all feel that you are part of this mission and know that your gifts will reach a child needing gifts of love, education, clothing and acceptance.

Our next mission block will be for children of special needs. Starting in May, children will be learning about what the bible says about people who look, talk and learn differently than others. Please let the church office know if you would be willing to be a part of a special children's lesson during May or June from 9:45-10:30 a.m. The children will be presenting some special things that they have learned in June.

I pray that as you saw a child waving her palm in April or with a basket of eggs on Easter, you saw the promise of a new generation of Christians growing to love, learn and lead our world and you listen to the voice in your heart urging you to be a part of their life at FUMC of Bella Vista!

Kristin Crider, Director Children's Ministries



OUR FAMILY

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

MAY BIRTHDAYS CONT'D

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
14	Bryan & Katie Hickman
22	Jurl & Malinda Hickey
25	Charles & Marian Kornis
26	Richard & Peggy Henault
26	Ralph & Mona Johnson
27	Gene & Dixie Young

10	Richard Andersen
10	Bill Miller
11	Genie Schupp
12	Mike Liddekee
12	Tris Glenn (10)
13	Joanne Fischbach
13	Sally Peterson
13	Eunice Truman
15	Clyde Cheek
15	Clarence Williams
16	Code McIntyre (13)
17	Marc Engle
19	Jim McMillen
19	Roy Vogel
20	Cheryl Campbell
20	Ruth Jackson
21	Mickey Cleveland
21	John Justice
22	Jessica Patterson (13)
22	Brett Potts (9)
23	Lara Sandusky
25	Rita Fischer
25	J.D. Highfill
27	Evelyn Weigel
28	Jeneda Mickelson
29	Don McMahon
30	Eileen Caldwell
30	Bryan Hickman
30	Charlene Marshall
30	Mary Verkest
31	Larry Marshall

MAY BIRTHDAYS

01	Cindy Johnson
01	Mary Johnson
01	Colby McCarthy (13)
05	Mary Patrick
05	Vanessa Patterson
05	Wilda Tague
06	Stan Tague
07	Lucile Roberts
08	Jacob Smith
09	David Frisby
09	Joyce Horle
09	Charlene Irwin
09	Jean Justice
09	Janet Walton



OUR FAMILY



Each month this space is used to tell about the people who are part of our church family. If you know of a 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 Jan Lowe, Congregational Care Minister at jan@lovelearnlead.com, or 531-0381 or at the church, 855-1158.

NEW MEMBERS



From left to right: Sidney, Madison, Austin, Terra, and Bill.

Bill & Terra Gagner (pronounced *gonyer*) became members of our church on April 20, Easter Sunday at *The Well* service. They were joined by son Austin Hanna (18), a senior at Bentonville High School, and daughter, Sidney Hanna (16) who is a junior at BHS. Madison Hanna (14), the youngest is in the 8th grade at Lincoln Jr. High. Bill's daughter Kayla Gagner(17) lives in Hamden, Maine. The family is nicely finished with Bear, a Labrador Retriever, and Toby, a Silk Terrier.

Their Shepherd Group is Metfield Methodists.

Bill, originally from Maine, is a land surveyor for a landscaping company; Terra, originally from Ft. Smith, AR, works for Hewlett Packard with expertise in computers.

The Gagner's have been married 7 years. They have been searching for a church home for a while and felt like this church will be a good fit for their family.

They love to camp, fish, play golf, and go swimming. They love to watch football, basketball and they LOVE NASCAR! Terra and Sidney enjoy sewing and knitting.

This family, like many others, have more of a problem finding nothing to do than something to do. Please make them feel welcome when you next see them.

Kelly Brooks became a member of FUMC, BV with husband, Bob at her side on April 6, 2014 at *The Well*. He is a member of another faith. Kelly is transferring to us from another church.

Kelly's Shepherd Group is One. Her First Friends are Juanita & Greg Franklin.



Kelly and husband Bob have lived in Bella Vista for about 1 1/2 years, having moved here from Iowa. Bob is enjoying his retirement, which includes golf. Kelly works at Circle of Life in the Medical Administrative Assistance area. She loves nature, lake life on Loch Lomond, biking, kayaking, and trails.



They do manage to get back to Iowa to watch daughter dance with the Iowa Dance Team. Ask her to show you a picture. Welcome Kelly, and Bob too.



OUR FAMILY

Mary Jo Rhein (M.J.), became a member of our church at *The Well* service on April 13. Her First Friends are Amy Fulton and Carole Boyd. Her Shepherd Group is The Happy's.



M.J. grew up in St. Paul, MN, spent 20 years in the U.S. Navy and retired in 1998 after serving as a Senior Chief Hospital Corpsman. She moved her parents to Bella Vista 14 years ago.

M.J. and Donna Gaudet (see below), had travelled for Donna's nursing work, and lived in a motor home for about six years. About eight years ago, they bought a home here in Bella Vista, and are here to stay.

Donna Gaudet joined our church at The Well service on April 13. Her first Friends are Amy Fulton and Carole Boyd. Her Shepherd Group is The Happy's



Donna grew up in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. She spent 23 years moving around the world as a Chief Hospital Corpsman and after her military retirement attended nursing school. She graduated in 2002, and then became an Emergency Room Nurse. She also did travel nursing.

Donna and M.J. have visited here for about six months. Although retired, they are both workers. They have volunteered in several areas, and for now, they will continue to 'try out' other ministries until they each find just the right one. We are delighted to have Donna and M.J. as members of our church family.

DEATHS

Joan Drake died April 7, 2014. Her death was completely unexpected. Members of the church joined with her husband, Bill and their four children and their families to celebrate her life on Saturday, April 12. Sarah Circle held a reception following the service and a meal was provided for the family. Besides being active in Sarah Circle, Joan volunteered as a Sunday morning Coffee Server. She was loved by all who knew her. She will be greatly missed. Memorials can be made to FUMC, BV, or the charity of your choice.

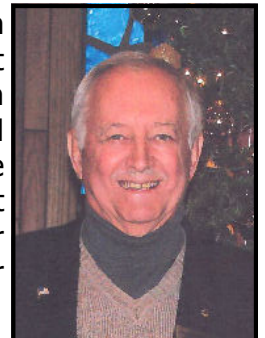


Esther Youngman, long-time member of our church, died on April 7, 2014 in her home in Boise, Idaho. Her son and daughter were at her side. Esther was preceded in death by her beloved husband, William who died Dec. 2012. Esther's obituary stated she was known as a "feisty Southern woman with great tenacity", and I'm



sure those who knew her would agree. Memorials may be made to Bella Vista United Methodist Church, or The Bella Vista Library.

Marvin Mickelson died on April 18, 2014. He had been at Hospice at Circle of Life in Bentonville, AR. A memorial service will be held at the church on May 17, Saturday, at 2pm. Please be in prayer for Marv's wife, Jeneda, and their children as they grieve his loss.





OUR FAMILY



Bonnie Snider, died on Saturday, April 19 following a stay at Hospice , Circle of Life at Legacy Village in Bentonville, AR. Bonnie leaves behind, Bert, her beloved husband. He is living at Concordia Catered Living. Please be in prayer for Bert, their children and extended family as they grieve her loss. A

memorial service will be held at our church on Saturday, June 7 at 2pm in the afternoon.

Patsy Ann Broers, mother of Dave Broers, died April 1, at Hospice House in Harrison AR. Please pray for her husband, Wayne and all of the Broers' family.

MOVING ON

Velda Berning, is moving to Kansas City, KS, but slightly slower than initially planned. She took a fall and suffered a hairline fracture in her leg. She is walking in a boot now, but her plans to leave Bella Vista the last weekend in April remain the same. Guess we'll have to come up with some other way to keep her here. Bro. Jaimie presented Velda with a Prayer Shawl on Easter Sunday. We will

miss her and all she has done for the church and in the church.

Jim and Yati Bryan celebrated their last service with us on Easter Sunday, April 20. Bro. Jaimie presented them with a framed photo of our church stained glass window as a memento of their church family in Bella Vista, AR. They are off to Arizona, where Jim has a brother. Although they are looking forward to their move to Phoenix, it is with sadness they leave us. And all those great cookies and prepared foods from Yati will not be duplicated by anyone else in our church.



PRAYER SHAWLS

Four prayer shawls were given during the month of April for persons who had been hospitalized for serious illness or loss of loved one.

Do not hesitate to call the church to ask if someone has or recommend someone to receive a prayer shawl.

Prayer Shawls are not for sale, but you can make a donation to this ministry to help defray the cost of materials. Make checks payable to the church. In the check Memo section, write *Prayer Shawl Ministry*.

SOARING SOLOS

April was a busy month for the Soaring Solos attending a play at RLT, out to dinner mid month, and a salad potluck followed by a performance by the BV Women's Chorus.

We are looking forward to attending the musical, **Jonah, in Branson, on Saturday, May 3**, while making it a day for shopping, lunching, and bus riding.

We schedule "Dinner Out" based on what our group wants to do. So, join us and enjoy other singles for fun and relaxation. We are still seeking someone who will coordinate the "Dinners Out."

To be added to the e-mail list for notification of upcoming activities and events, just send an e-mail to jan@lovelearnlead.com, or call Jan at 531-0381. Church members are encouraged to invite others to join in our activities. You don't have to be a member of our church to participate in outings, just single.

SHEPHERD GROUP ONE

Bud & Dottie Henke 855-6720, and Steve & Sandy Larsen 876-1864 are hosting an eat-out get-together at Papa Mike's on May 16, 2014 . Mike would like for us to arrive between 5:00 and 5:15 p.m. It is a Friday night, featuring Papa Mike's popular Fish Fry Night - also several other menu choices are available. Please R.S.V.P. one of us by May 12th. He has a very comfortable setting area for us, it will be a great time to visit and catch up with one another.



MISSIONS

SHOEBOX MINISTRY

Deliveries were made to Salvation Army locations in Bentonville, Rogers and Fayetteville. Additional deliveries were taken to Hanna House, Soul's Harbor, Women's Shelter of Benton County, and Youth Bridge. A total of 195 shoeboxes were delivered.



Sixty **Sunshine Sacks** were delivered to Cooper Elementary School. May will be the last month of delivery for the 2013-2014 school year. We will resume again in September,

Contributions

Thank you to Mike and Mary Patrick for their contribution in April. This really helps us in purchasing items needed but not donated.

Volunteers

Thank you "Sunshine Ladies" in Martha Circle for packing the Sunshine Sacks again this month. For those of you new to the church, these women pack these sacks each month for us. They are given to children at Cooper Elementary School who have been identified in need.

The Evening Circle spent time at their last meeting wrapping wash cloths, soap and toothbrushes. Thank you! Thank You!

We are pleased to supply a toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, lotion and shampoo for each of the students in K thru 2nd grade at Glen Duffy Elementary School in Gravette for their "Hygiene Week" program. Your donations help make these projects possible.

Needs

We are almost out of reading material such as Reader's Digest, and Guideposts. Also small soap. They can be left on the Shoebox table downstairs or in the cabinet in Becker Hall.

As always in His service,

The Shoebox Teams Leaders

PAK A SAK

Sunday May 18, our collection of non-perishable food items will be going to Souls Harbor in Rogers. This is a shelter for homeless men who are trying to get their lives back on track. The shelter is in need of all types of food, especially coffee, dried beans, pasta, sauces, canned meats, cereal and fruit. Your generous support each month is very much appreciated by the agencies we serve in Benton County.



The Goat (Bunny) Banks have been filled! Thank you all for your contributions. We will be able purchase six bunnies – which will continue to bless a family in need.



May MISSION of the MONTH MOUNTAIN of FOOD

The month of May is traditionally the month we build the Mountain of Food as our Mission of the Month. We replenish the food pantries at Helping Hands, Souls Harbor, Care and Share and the Arkansas Rice Depot. This is a slow time of year for donations – but it's one of the busiest times for the pantries.

Last year, this congregation gave 308 cases of non-perishable food items to these charities. The total value was over \$6,000.

Order forms will be available in the Narthex, Becker Hall and the church office. Just check off the items you'd like to purchase, attach a check for the amount of your gift and place it in the offering plate or drop it by the church office. It helps if you note "Mountain of Food" in the memo section of your check.





UMW



Bazaar News

OK everyone, we've got a good start at the workshops meeting every Thursday morning starting at 9:00 a.m. with folks coming and going as they have time. Just listen for the laughter and noise coming up from the Quilting Room! We can always use more hands then, or we can find a project for you to do at home. Remember, we're doing this to raise money for many wonderful charities. And in thinking ahead, we will need some new people to take charge of the Country Kitchen area this year (October 4!) We are looking for 3 or 4 people who would be willing to co-ordinate the assembling, pricing and selling of the donated baked items. If you like food, you will be perfect!! Please pray about it and talk to Verna 876-1392 if you are willing.

Also, as a quick note, there is a basket in the Library with some small leftover Bazaar items that would make lovely little gifts – check it out!

UMW's annual rummage sale will be held on Saturday August 2. Please begin to set aside your cast offs now. All things except tv's or large furniture are welcome. Our storage is limited, so we ask you keep things until the week of the sale. If you are moving or have other circumstances please call, we'll work with you. This is a big undertaking, so, a donation of your time is also welcomed. Ideas? Questions? Call Co Ellen Sterwald 721 2902

UMM

UNITED METHODIST MEN - to all men of the church ~ "Ladies Appreciation Night" is Wednesday, May 14 at 6:30pm in Becker Hall. Tickets are \$12.00 each and will be available in the narthex after each service. They may also be purchased in the office during the week. Sunday, May 11 is the last day to make your reservations and buy tickets. Any questions, please call Alan Packard at 426-6211.



UMW 2014

Reading Program List:

EDUCATION FOR MISSIONS: CATEGORY I

A TWIST OF FAITH by John Donnelly
 GROWING UP MUSLIM by Sumbul Ali-Karamali
 ON THIS SPIRIT WALK by Henrietta Mann
 THE DRESSMAKER OF KHAIR KHANA by Galye Tzemach Lemmon (LP)
 RADIO SHANGRI-LA by Lisa Napoli

NURTURING FOR COMMUNITY: CATEGORY II

PLEASE LOOK AFTER MOM by Kyung-Sook Shin
 SILENT STAR by Bill Wise
 WONDER by R. J. Palacio
 UNPLUGGED by Laura Pedersen
 UP by Patricia Ellis Herr
 100 SIMPLE THINGS by Jean Carper
 SIMPLY SALSA by Janet Perez Eckles

SOCIAL ACTION: CATEGORY III

A PLACE AT THE TABLE by Chris Seay
 BREAK THE CYCLE by Tracy S. Deitz
 SHEILA SAYS WE'RE WEIRD by Ruth Ann Smalley
 PUFFLING PATROL by Ted and Betsy Lewin
 WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON? By George Ella Lyon
 DEAR WHITE AMERICA by Tim Wise
 FINDING HIGHER GROUND by Amy Seidl

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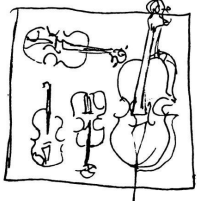
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 YOUR'RE ALREADY AMAZING by Holley Gerth
 STRONG WAS HER FAITH by J. Ellsworth Kalas

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KING PEGGY by Peggelene Bartels
 THE HERD BOY by Nikki Daly
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 GRACE AND GRIT by Lilly Ledbetter
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UPCOMING EVENTS



WESLEY SERIES presents
**The UMKC Conservatory
 Graduate Fellowship
 String Quartet**
Saturday, May 17, 7:00pm

The musicians will be performing selections from Beethoven and Brahms, and will be accompanied by Matthew Siegel on the piano.

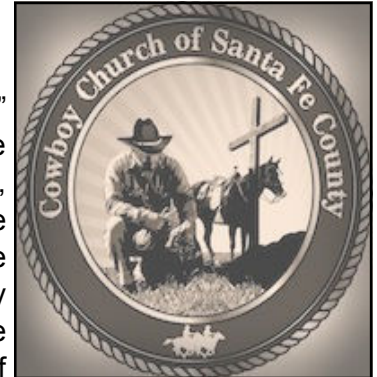
As always, the concert is free and open to everyone. Please join us.



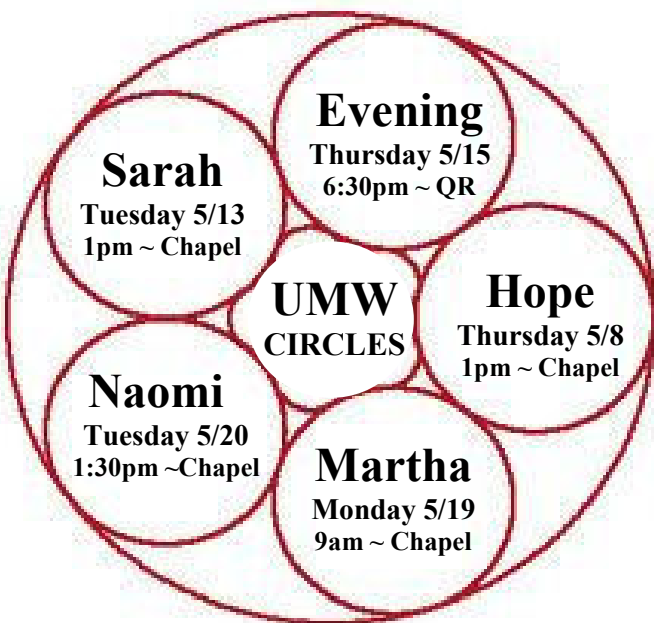
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 by *YOUTH LIFE*.
 Support our youth ministries by buying and wearing one of these fancy Ts. \$20.00 in the office

WELCOME OUR GUEST PASTOR

Pastor Steve "Doc" Timmons will give the message on Sunday, May 4 in all three services. He is the pastor of the Cowboy Church of Santa Fe County (and the son of our Lillian Timmons)



The nondenominational Cowboy Church of Santa Fe County opened in 2011 in a 4H Barn. Indeed, the house of worship bears much of the informality of the churches of yesteryear. "We welcome anyone seeking God. We're unpretentious; we don't care what you wear. You can bring your dog to church here," says Steve "Doc" Timmons, who prefers the title "trail boss" to that of pastor. "A trail boss is the one who leads the cattle drive, who shepherds the flock to where God wants it to be," he notes. When Doc takes to the podium (bookended by saddles) to deliver his message, he invites the congregation to saddle up and join the trail ride to glory, just as their cowboy church predecessors first did on New Mexico's dusty plains more than a century earlier. Please join us in welcoming Pastor Timmons.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Saturday, May 17 is ALL-CHURCH WORK DAY!

We will need all the help we can get! Our biggest project will be to continue to work on our yard, now that the brush along Lancashire has been eliminated so that those who travel that way will be able to see the church. There will be many other projects both inside and out, such as window washing and general spiffing so that the church will sparkle again. There is no job too large or too small ~ something for everyone!!



THANK YOU

Whenever my wife is not feeling well and not able to attend our church's worship services, I make it appoint to visit different churches in the Bella Vista area. Since I am the Chaplin for the Bella Vista Police and Fire Departments (and the Benton County Sheriff's Office) it helps me better understand what is going on in our religious community.

It was a joy to attend your 10:45 a.m. worship service on April 6th. Although it was a good worship service, I believe the mood of the congregation was set by the atmosphere you and your associates set in leading the church. Your people were with you during the service, and were eager to express their joy in being in church on the Lord's Day. I found it to be refreshing to have a congregation so happy to be a part of the worship instead of just sitting back and participating as spectator worshippers.

Let me congratulate you on the many significant programs the church is offering, and your leadership in helping to make them happen.

Let me also thank you for what you do for our police and fire personnel. Sometimes they do not take the time to say "thank you" as often as they should.

Again, thank you for a delightful worship service and being made a part of a joyful time with the Lord. Before I left I took the time to thank God for you and your church, and to ask his blessing upon each of you.

Yours, In His Service

Robert A. Box

What can one man, three women and a chain saw accomplish in 7 hours? Quite a lot! Thank you Ed F, MJ, Amy O and Carole for all your hard work trimming the trees! And to Bob K & Sandy F for trimming the roses.



My heartfelt thanks for all the wonderful prayers, calls, texts, expressions of sympathy and caring compassion that I received from the staff, Sunday school class and congregation. They brought a ray of sunshine to my life during my mother's sickness and death. It's an honor to be a member of BVFUMC!

Blessings, *Dave Broers*




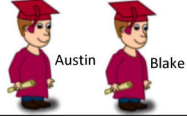



Thanks to all who prayed for me, sent cards, and called during my recent health problems. Your thoughts and prayers held me up during a troublesome time. In Christ, *Helen McBride*



*To Honor your Mother
on Mother's Day
~ May 11 ~*

If we do not already have one, please bring a picture of you and your mother (separate pictures of each of you, or one with both of you) to the office no later than Sunday, May 4th. Any photos brought in after this date will not be included in this year's video. We need to know your name, your mother's name, and your usual attended service (please put this info on the back of the picture) There will be a streaming display of our members and their mothers on Mother's Day to honor those who molded us. Your pictures will be returned to you. Hey Fellows, don't forget, men have mothers, too!! This is for every member, big and small, young and not-so-young not just the ladies!!

May 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 7:00 Golf-Kingswood 8:00 Men's Chorus 9:00 Bazaar Workshop 4:00 Revelation Study	2  UMM PANCAKE BREAKFAST 6:30-1:00	3 8:00 Solos to Jonah 8:30 Old Faithful
4 GRADUATION DAY BP✓ between services 7:30 Praise Tm rehrl 8:00 Traditional Srvice 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Srvice 	5 7:59 Golf-Berksdale 10:00 Staff Meeting 11:00 PEO-CD 12:45 Women's Chorus	6 10:00 Prayer Shawl 10:00 Handbell Trio 11:23 Golf - CC	7 7:30-Men's Emmaus 8:30-Bible Study 8:30 Disciple II 9:00 Quilters 9:30 UMW Board Mtng 11:00 Quilters Potluck 3:40 Chancel Bells 5:30 Prayer Service 6:30 Choir Practice 7:00 Financial Peace 7:00 Youth Life	8 8:00 Men's Chorus 8:59 Golf - Highlands 9:00 Bazaar Workshop 1:00 HOPE Circle 4:00 Revelation Study	9 9:00 Disciple IV 11:30 Pre-School Board	10 3:00 Private Party
11 MOTHER'S DAY 7:30 Praise Tm rehrl 8:00 Traditional Srvice 9:30 "The Well" Srvice 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Srvice 	12 7:59 Golf-Scotsdale 9:00 Caregivers Support 9:00 DAR 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 Calico Cut-ups Brd 12:45 Women's Chorus 2:00 Election Set-up 6:30 Finance Comm	13 ELECTION DAY 9:00 PEO-BR 9:41 Golf-Berksdale 10:00 Prayer Shawl 10:00 Handbell Trio 1:00 Sarah Circle 1:30 Member Meeting 5:30 Agape SG 5:30 Brd of Directors	14 7:30-Men's Emmaus 8:30-Bible Study 8:30 Disciple II 9:00 Quilters 9:30 Missions Meeting 2:00 Guest Followup 3:40 Chancel Bells 5:30 Prayer Service 6:30 UMM Dinner 6:30 Choir Practice 7:00 Youth Life 7:00 Financial Peace	15 8:00 Men's Chorus 8:50 Golf-Scotsdale 9:00 Bazaar Workshop 4:00 Revelation Study 6:30 Evening Circle	16 9:00 Disciple IV	17 ALL CHURCH WORKDAY 2:00 Mickelson Srvc 7:00 Wesley Series 
18 PAK-A-SAK 7:05 Handbell Practice 7:30 Praise Tm rehrl 8:00 Traditional Srvice 9:30 "The Well" Srvice 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Srvice	19 9:00 Martha Circle 10:00 Staff Meeting 11:32 Golf - Kingswood 12:00 Calico Cut-ups 12:00 CD PEO 12:45 Women's Chorus	20 9:41 Golf - CC 10:00 Prayer Shawl 10:00 Handbell Trio 11:30 Moving Forward 1:00 BV Book Club 1:30 Naomi Circle	21 7:30 Men's Emmaus 8:30 Bible Study 9:00 Quilters 3:40 Chancel Bells 5:30 Prayer Service 6:30 Choir Practice 7:00 Youth Life	22 8:00 Men's Chorus 8:25 Golf-CC 9:00 Bazaar Workshop 1:30 UMW Nominating 4:00 Revelation Study	23	24 3:00 Barbershop Concert
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Becker Hall
Friday, May 2
6:30a.m. till 1:00p.m.

\$6 per person

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**National Day of Prayer
Thursday, May 1, 2014, 6:30 p.m.
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Bella Vista Men's Chorus
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Local Pastors, Staff, & Volunteers
Leading the congregation in
responsive readings, music & prayers.